



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
**Fall colors are starting to appear in the Valley. The photo is of trees in the Kohl Center in Pleasanton.**

## Reward Tops \$10,000 For Arrest Of Horses' Killers

The reward posted to catch the unknown person or persons who killed two horses and a cow on Collier Canyon Road is above \$10,000.

Choctaw was a show horse who appeared one time in the Rose Parade and was in many other events, including fund-raisers for charity. Choctaw died instantly. Lucky was a horse who the Rountrees rescued from the Contra Costa animal pound in Martinez. Lucky managed to struggle back to the paddock.

Martha Rountree, whose horses Choctaw and Lucky were killed by gunfire on the night of

Oct. 21, said on Monday that she has been receiving dozens of e-mails and phone calls offering condolences, and expressing hope that the perpetrators can be caught.

The killings occurred on Rountree's property, which is just north of Contra Costa's county border with Alameda County. The Contra Costa sheriff's department is investigating those deaths.

The horses' remains were taken to a laboratory at UC Davis, where the bullets were extracted. Deputies said that the

bullets were from a high-power rifle of a .223 caliber. They will help them to identify the gun, if it is found.

Sheriff's investigators found a eight or nine-foot-long piece of white molding from a 2002 or 2003 Honda Civic or Honda Accord. Jimmy Lee, spokesman for the department, said that if anyone has noticed a white Honda with missing molding, they should call the sheriff's department. However, it's possible that the Honda body part is not related to the horse killings, he said. Beer cans found at the site

are also being investigated.

The reward money is being posted to encourage informants to step forward and identify suspects for the authorities. Rountree said that because Livermore is the nearest city with access to Collier Canyon Road, she thinks the suspect or suspects live there.

She and her husband, Mike, attended the Livermore City Council meeting Monday night with about 35 or 40 concerned neighbors.

Mike Rountree addressed the council. He said, "Our family has

suffered a terrible tragedy from a senseless killing. Our family has been pleased with the strong police response and tremendous show of community support."

Rountree appealed to the council and to Livermore for help in resolving the matter. "I believe the criminals are right here in our city," he declared. In addition to solving the current crime, Rountree asked for help in preventing such crimes in the future.

"There is criminal activity in the rural areas. We are looking for solutions to prevent these sorts

(See REWARD, page 14)

## Improvements to Rt. 84 Finished Three Years Early

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Route 84 Realignment at Pigeon Pass Project. Construction for the \$24 million project began in January 2007 and was opened to traffic Oct. 20, three years ahead of schedule.

Caltrans realigned the highway and used larger radius curves. The roadway profile was lowered to a more gradual six percent, allowing vehicles to maintain higher speeds. A median buffer was added to separate opposing traffic, and the highway was upgraded to include shoulders that meet current standards. New climbing lanes provide faster moving traffic opportunities to pass slower moving vehicles.

Caltrans used an alignment alternative that avoided impacts to an endangered species mitigation site and saved a valuable riparian corridor from being impacted. Erosion controls were used to minimize impacts to the wetlands.

"For those of you who remember the old Route 84, it was winding, steep, and narrow," said Bijan Sartipi, Caltrans Director for District 4. "The posted regulatory speed was 50 mph, but numerous warning signs dropped speeds to 25 mph, 30 mph, and 35 mph. The profile varied up to 10 percent at times, and the shoulders did not meet current standards. Often times you were stuck behind a slow moving truck as it climbed over the pass."

The Route 84 Realignment project was "green" in the sense (See HIGHWAY 84, page 14)

## McNerney Previews Rapid Transit Bus Line

Wheels gave Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) a preview ride of what federal and state money will be doing for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) that will operate beginning in 2010.

McNerney rode the bus Oct. 28, along with Wheels officials and Livermore Councilmember Marj Leider. He was shown the location of future bus stops for BRT, and much of the route that the buses will travel. There will be 24 stops, about one-half as many as there are for the regular 10 bus, which will continue in operation. The wait for BRT rides will be only 3 minutes during peak hours of operation in the commute times.

McNerney had a hand in the \$14 million project. His earmark bill this year brought in \$3 million for the project. Another \$8 million is in a bill to be acted upon in January in Congress. The bill is authorized by the Federal Transit Authority. Wheels executive director Paul Matsuoka said it should have clear sailing. It had early authorization from the Bush administration.

The remaining \$3 million is federal and state money channeled through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Some members of Congress have been under attack for obtaining money for their districts through earmarks. McNerney said in an Independent candidate interview earlier this month that it is part of his job to bring projects and money to his district "as long as they are good, solid projects, and serve a national need and create jobs."

McNerney noted earlier this (See BRT LINE, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
**Mayor Marshall Kamena delivered his annual State of the City talk last week.**

## Budget Challenges Now, Future Looks Good

There are challenges when it comes to the current Livermore city budget. However, as part of his state of the city talk, Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena predicted the situation would start to turn-around in the next year or two.

He based his prediction on several projects expected to be completed during that time period. They include construction of the Sullivan Toyota Dealership and the Prime Outlet facility.

Kamena made his remarks during a Livermore Chamber of

Commerce luncheon last Thursday. He drew a standing ovation when he was introduced for what was his first major public appearance since undergoing treatment for cancer. He declared, "It is really, really great to be back."

He opened his talk with a focus on the budget, noting that while this year was rough from an economic standpoint, the city had planned for a "rainy day" and should do well. "We will maintain the integrity and size of our staff. It is almost impossible to have an expansion.

Sales and property taxes, which make up the majority of the budget revenues, have been impacted by the slowdown."

Kamena expressed a "special distrust" when it comes to the state, which is now taking money from the redevelopment agency. "If that had happened three years ago, Livermore would not have the nice downtown it has today." He told the state, "Stop balancing the budget on the backs of the cities. Redevelopment funds are the life blood of new things.

(See TALK, page 14)

## Charter School Drops Move To Buy Site

Livermore Valley Charter School's plans to build a K-12 complex south of Robertson Park in Livermore have been withdrawn.

The school came up against the current tight bond market, said Bill Batchelor, chief operating officer of the Livermore Charter and Learning Corp., which operates the school. Right now, with high interest rates to pay off a bond, the numbers don't pencil out for the school, he said.

Batchelor did not rule out trying again when financial conditions improve for the bond market.

The school was looking at a Livermore school district site. The land cost was projected to be \$6 million for the 13.5-acre site. The entire package, including all school construction, was estimated to be \$30 million, he

said. The school is currently housed in a former Livermore district school on Sonoma Avenue.

The charter school's intentions for the site near Robertson Park drew strong opposition from neighbors. More than 200 of them signed a petition opposing the applications. The neighbors contend that the site is too small for 1500 students. They pointed to expected traffic increases on streets that are already too narrow to allow cars to pass in both directions at the same time.

Neighbors didn't feel too bad if only a K-5 or K-6 school were built, said neighbor Corene Peterson. The site meets state spatial requirements for an elementary school, but not for the whole K-12 enrollment, she said.

Peterson offered the state stan- (See SCHOOL, page 3)

- The Independent recommends:**  
**Pleasanton Mayor:** Steve Brozosky  
**Pleasanton City Council:** Cindy McGovern (i), Matt Sullivan (i)  
**Pleasanton Measure PP:** Yes  
**Pleasanton Measure QQ:** No  
**Pleasanton School Board:** Chris Grant (i), Rasad Rallapalli, Jamie Yee Hintzke  
**Livermore School Board:** Stewart Gary, Chuck Rogge  
**Measure M (extension of Livermore school parcel tax):** Yes  
**Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board:** Steve Goodman (i), Beth Wilson (i)  
**BART, Ward 5:** Linda Jeffery Sailors  
**Measure WW (extension of EBRPD park bond):** Yes  
**15th Assemly District:** Joan Buchanan  
**11th Congressional District:** Jerry McNerney (i)  
**10th Congressional District:** Ellen Tauscher (i)

## Pleasanton Reverses Vote on Traffic Fee

The Pleasanton City Council voted last week to support the concept of an increase in the Tri-Valley Transportation Committee (TVTC) traffic impact fee. However, the council declined to approve the fee. It was a change from a vote taken at the Sept. 22 meeting approving the fee.

The turn-around in the Pleasanton's position on the fee was in response to votes by the Livermore and Dublin city councils and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to add wording to resolutions approving the fee asking that improvements to Highway 84 be dropped from the funding priority list. The three agencies suggested that priority funding be based on the list es-

tablished by the Triangle Study Committee.

The Pleasanton council was not happy with the proposed change.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan, who represents the city on TVTC, said, "Pleasanton has always been accused of being obstructionists and not willing to work with others in the region. We did work as a region and worked hard to come up with an agreement for the fee. There has to be some level of trust. In this case, we thought we had negotiated an agreement in good faith. Three agencies changed their minds."

Rather than move forward (See FEE, page 4)

## Power Breakfast Slated At Bankhead Theater

Livermore and the Tri-Valley will be featured on Thursday, Nov. 6 at the Bankhead Theater when the San Francisco Business Times presents the Tri-Valley Power Breakfast.

The Bankhead Theater was also recently declared winner of the Structures 2008 real estate award in the Arts and Culture Project category, and will be hon-

ored by the Business Times on Thursday, Nov. 13, 6-8 p.m. at the Rotunda Building, 300 Frank Ogawa Plaza in downtown Oakland.

Livermore's plans for a new 2,000-seat regional theater will be among the discussion topics at the Nov. 6 Tri-Valley Power Breakfast, as will Livermore Val- (See POWER, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
**Foothill High School defeated Granada 38-21 last Friday in EBAL action. In the photo, Nathan Hinke snagged a pass for one of Foothill's scores. The Foothill junior varsity team was also victorious, defeating the Granada JV, 24-17.**

## Quarry Operator Faces Fine In Arroyo Mocho Sediment Pollution

Vulcan Materials faces a \$190,000 fine for pollution of the Arroyo Mocho in April 2007, following a release of approximately 48,000 gallons of sediment laden water from its gravel quarry in Pleasanton. The Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board levied the fine.

It amounted to 500 cubic yards of sediment, which blanketed more than a mile of the arroyo in sediment. The sediment discolored the water for six or eight miles downstream.

Although the spill from a holding pond was not toxic, marine life can have a tough time surviving in heavily sedimented water. The regional board said that dead fish were seen.

Sam Singer, a San Francisco spokesman for Alabama-based Vulcan, said that as far as the company knows, there was one dead fish.

The Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board has set a public hearing for Jan. 14 at its headquarters, 1515 Clay St., Oakland, to act on the matter.

Dave Clegern, a spokesman for the state water quality board in Sacramento, said that Zone 7 Water Agency first reported the arroyo pollution on April 29,

(See QUARRY, page 5)

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**PET OF THE WEEK**  
 It just doesn't get any cuter than Buster! He is a Lab mix puppy looking for his forever home. Like most puppies, he needs lots of training, guidance, patience and love. He is a little shy but he warms right up. If your family is ready for a new (furry) member, visit Valley Humane Society. Dogs are shown Saturdays from 11AM to 2PM. VHS is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for more info.

# Jackson Avenue Elementary Celebrates the End of Remodeling

By Patricia Koning

On the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 22, the entire student body at Jackson Avenue Elementary School gathered on the front lawn to celebrate the grand opening of their newly remodeled school.

"We're very excited that this day has come," said Jackson principal Tammy Rankin. "It feels like a brand new school."

In her remarks, she thanked Director of Facilities Floyd Wilson, Steve Tatum and Dan Pendleton of Pencon, Inc., Rick Watt of PNH Construction, the Jackson PTO for the new sound system and marquee, and Mac Smith for designing the new stinger mascot.

All of the classrooms were redone, along with the multipurpose room and playground blacktop, and the playground was expanded. Jackson opened in 1964 and is one of the older schools in Livermore.

Construction began at the end of the 2006/07 school year and was finished at the beginning of October. The project was funded through Measure L, a three-agency bond that Livermore voters passed in 1999, providing funding for school facility improvements, the Robert Livermore Community Center, and the Civic Center Library.

"It's brought a breath of fresh air to the school. Everything is now so cohesive, beautiful, and clean. I love all the extra storage space," said Jackson kindergarten teacher Barbara Claus.

Claus, who has taught at Jackson for 28 years, said the construction was not as difficult as



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

**A spruced up Jackson Avenue Elementary School sign greeted students.**

the staff expected. "We had to move twice, but they were finished ahead of schedule and the crew was so nice," she said.

On hand for the grand opening were Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller, Executive Director of Student Services and Special Education Bob See, Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations Mike Nagle, and School Board members Bill Dunlop and Anne White.

The school choir led the students in the song, "This school is your school" to the tune of "This land is your land," which had the catchy line "Jackson was built for me and you."

To celebrate the end of the remodeling, Jackson students submitted their best drawings and poetry in a school-wide contest.

Kindergarten Marcella Kumamono and first grader Abhinandan Dhingra won the K/1 coloring contest. Second grader Olivia Tabaracci and third grader Audrey Cordisco won the 2/3 drawing contest. Fourth grader Taylor Potter won the fourth grade poem contest. At the celebration she read her poem, which captured the din of construction and the comparative quiet.

Rankin also announced the dedication of the school office to Gerri Gibson, who was the school secretary for 28 years. Gibson, who retired last year, was at the ceremony, but had no idea she was being honored.

"They just told me I should come today," she said. "I'm quite honored and touched. I really enjoyed the years I spent here."

To conclude the celebration, Rankin cut a large red ribbon with the help of Student Council President Helga Forstreuter, Vice President Claudia Bui, Treasurer Isabella Widmann, and Secretary Chloe Shubin, after which yellow and black balloons were released into the air.

# Recyclers Entry Race to Finish in Derby

By Victoria Kamerzell

Six Livermore residents competed in the Red Bull Soapbox Race in San Francisco on Oct. 18, naming their team "Recyclers." One of the team's members is a welder who created the vehicle from recycled children's bicycles.

The race was judged on speed, showmanship and creativity. All of the soapboxes were required to be human powered and weigh less than 176 pounds.

Dustin Moore, 24, was the Livermore team's driver. He said he entered the race because it gave him and his friends something different to do. He was unaware of the race's lavish prizes including an all-expensive trip to NASCAR. The Recyclers were one of thirty-three teams competing in San Francisco's Mission neighborhood. In addition to participating in the race, each team was required to put together a skit.

On a warm day in San Francisco, thousands of fans packed into Dolores Park to watch the race. Although soapbox racing is historically performed by children, the Red Bull Race, named after the highly caffeinated beverage the company makes, is only open to contestants over eighteen. The crowd of 100,000, which one DJ described as unprecedented, was reflective of the age limitation. The audience was made up of clusters of hip-looking men and women in their twenties along with an occasional parent carrying a baby in a sling or pushing a brightly-colored stroller.

The fastest soapbox racer, Team Trash, broke the U.S. record speeding nearly forty-miles an hour down San Francisco's notoriously steep hills. The Vallejo team got their name from their day job: all of the members of Team Trash work in the sanitation industry. Team Trash built their soapbox to mimic the real garbage trucks from their job. They created an educational skit to teach the audience members about the importance of recycling, and proper disposal of trash.

To protect the racers and give the crowd enough space, the police blocked off several streets.

The course began at 21<sup>st</sup> Street and ended at 18<sup>th</sup> Street. The Recyclers, along with several of the teams, did not build their soapbox with brakes. Stacks of tightly packed hay were pushed against metal barriers to help break the impact of a potential crash. When the team The Breakfast Club descended into the hay, their soapbox fell apart.

The soapboxes came in many different forms such as a Rubik's Cube that was designed to solve itself as it was moved. Three students from San Francisco University built the Rubik's Cube. The driver, Chris Foley, claims he can solve a Rubik's Cube in less than 100 seconds. All three friends said they are obsessed with solving puzzles, and that building a soapbox that would solve its own, seemed like the perfect challenge.

Some of the other soapbox designs included the Star Wars Death Star, a donut on wheels, a slice of pepperoni pizza, and the Golden Gate Bridge. The Tree Huggers, who won second place, created a model redwood tree which the driver literally hugged as he raced it down the course. The Tree Hugger's skit parodied the battle between conservationists and loggers.

Soapbox racing officially began in the United States at the beginning of the twentieth cen-

tury when a reporter, noting that the sport was popular with young children in his Ohio town, started the children's Soap Box Derby in 1932. Red Bull began sponsoring races in 2000 in Belgium. Since then Red Bull has sponsored soapbox races in nearly thirty countries leading to what some say is a revival of adult soapbox racing. The San Francisco race was judged by a celebrity panel including the drag performer Heklina, the executive chef of Incanto and the author of the Offal Good food blog Chris Cosentino and professional surfer Jamie Sterling.

Before the race I asked The Recyclers what they would do if they did not win. Dustin responded, "We'll probably just keep on going" joking that there were many more hills in San Francisco for their soapbox to conquer. The Recyclers did not win the contest. However, upon leaving the event, another team's soapbox was seen being pushed through the street's of the Mission. One passerby yelled out, "Did you win anything?" The team's driver sheepishly answered no as his partner struggled to push him through a light that had just turned green.

To learn more about the Red Bull Soapbox races visit their website at: <http://www.redbullsoapboxusa.com>.

# Deadline Extended to Sign Up for Environmental Incentives Program

Farmers and ranchers can now take advantage of an extended application deadline for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The cut-off date for 2009 EQIP contracts, originally set for October 31, has now been extended until December 5. Local producers can continue to sign up for program benefits at USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices throughout California, including Livermore.

EQIP, a voluntary conservation program funded through the Farm Bill, provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to help them improve their natural resources and land management. Since a new Farm Bill was enacted by Congress earlier this year, rules for implementing this year's EQIP and other programs are still being developed by officials in Washington D.C. NRCS in California has chosen to extend the deadline to allow producers to continue signing up for program benefits while that rulemaking process is completed.

In 2008, California NRCS partnered with farmers and ranch-

ers on nearly \$54 million in conservation cost share contracts. Alameda County was allocated over \$300,000 of that year's funding. The contracts covered a broad spectrum of natural resource enhancements including grazing land management; increasing irrigation efficiency; integrated pest management; riparian protection and wildlife habitat, and more. Assistance can be in the form of structures such as irrigation or livestock water developments, as well as incentive payments for management activities.

"This is a very important conservation program with huge potential to help our farming and ranching community in their stewardship of the land," says NRCS Soil Conservationist Morpheus Anima. "EQIP in Alameda County is an underutilized resource. We hope to reach out to more of our local producers and let them know that this program is available to help meet resource needs on their lands." Last year, all eligible applications were funded for Alameda County.

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Tax Bills Go Out

More than 422,000 secured roll property tax bills for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 amounting to \$2.66 billion dollars were mailed in October 2008 by Alameda County Treasurer and Tax Collector Donald R. White to all real property owners of record in the Alameda County Assessor's Office.

The secured roll taxes are payable by two installments. The first installment is due on November 1, 2008 and is delinquent at 5 p.m. December 10, 2008, after which a 10% delinquent penalty attaches. The second installment is due on February 1, 2009 and is delinquent at 5 p.m. April 10, 2009, after which a 10% delinquent penalty and \$10 cost attaches. Both installments may be paid when the first installment is due.

Real property owners who do not receive their tax bill by November 15, 2008 should notify the Tax Collector's Office by calling (510) 272-6800, or by writing to the office.

Tax bills received for property no longer owned should be forwarded to the new owner or returned to the Tax Collector's Office.

## 300 Pounds of Pharmaceuticals

A medication take-back event conducted Oct. 10 by the Dublin San Ramon Services District diverted more than 300 pounds of pharmaceuticals and mercury from local waterways and landfills. In an informal survey conducted at the event, Tri-Valley residents said they need more disposal options for expired and unwanted medications and would take advantage of permanent drop-off locations.

As advancing technology has made it possible to detect traces of pharmaceutical compounds in the environment, wastewater treatment agencies have become increasingly concerned about proper disposal of household medications.

"It's very difficult and extremely costly to remove some pharmaceuticals from the waste stream. It's much better to prevent pollution at the source," said DSRSD General Manager Bert Michalczuk. "The response to this event shows how important it is to set up permanent local collection sites. This isn't the only answer to pharmaceutical pollution, but it's something we can do right now."

Sixty percent of participants in the one-day event said in an informal survey that they have stockpiled unwanted medications because they didn't know how to dispose of them safely. Nearly all survey respondents (98%) said they were aware of environmental concerns related to disposing of medications in the toilet or trash. They supported a variety of disposal options, including one-time events (81%) and collection sites at pharmacies (76%), police stations (59%), and doctor's offices (51%).

Currently, Tri Valley residents have few options for safe drug disposal. Some pharmacies and doctors will take back medications that they have dispensed. Teleosis Institute (www.teleosis.org) is piloting a take-back program through pharmacies in other parts of the Bay Area. For Alameda County Residents, the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste site in Livermore (www.stopwaste.org) accepts non-controlled medications, as well as syringes/sharps waste in approved sharps containers, and mercury waste. DSRSD contracted with a licensed medical waste hauler to dispose of the medications collected on Oct. 10.

## Nominations Sought

The 16th Annual Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame Luncheon and awards ceremony is set for Saturday, April 25, 2009, at His Lordships restaurant in Berkeley. The event is hosted this year by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women.

Nominations are being accepted for outstanding women in each of 11 categories: Business

and Professions; Community Service; Culture and Art; Education; Environment; Health; Justice; Non-Traditional Careers; Science; Sports and Athletics and Youth.

The deadline for nominations is January 15, 2009.

This year's Women's Hall of Fame inductees will be announced in late February, with the winners to be honored at the April 25, 2009 event. Tickets to the luncheon and awards ceremony are \$75, with proceeds going to programs that help women in Alameda County. Nomination forms can be obtained at www.acgov.org, or by calling the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women at (510) 259-3871.

## Rethink Your Drink Program

The average person eats almost 175 pounds of sugar a year—about half a pound a day? The single biggest source is sugary drinks. The Pleasanton PTA Council thinks it is time to Rethink Your Drink. At last week's board meeting, the PTA donated \$2500 to the Pleasanton Unified School District for the Rethink Your Drink Program.

The Amador and Foothill High School Health and Bioscience Academy students will be adapting materials from the Alameda County's Soda Free Summer program and making presentations to middle school health students. The Rethink Your Drink program raises awareness about the amount of sugar in drinks and educates students about the importance of reducing or eliminating products full of sugar/high fructose corn syrup.

"We are pleased to be able to partner with the school district to raise awareness among our students," says Pleasanton PTA Council President Joan Laursen. "High school students are the perfect messengers to teach younger students about smart drink choices."

The Rethink Your Drink Program is funded by a grant from Kaiser Permanente. For more information, please contact the Pleasanton PTA Council at www.pleasantonpta.org.

## Community Center Leader

Patrons of the Robert Livermore Community Center will soon see a new face leading the Center. Director Rich Lange will retire on Oct. 31, leaving the center in the hands of Sheryl Hardin, currently Assistant Community Center Director.

Hardin, who has been with the District since 1982, will be taking on the newly dedicated position of Senior Recreation Supervisor to encompass the duties of heading the Community Center, as well as special interest classes, facility rentals, marketing and more.

"Sheryl has proven herself over many years at LARPD as a hard-working, smart, knowledgeable and creative professional and will do a great job in her new position," said LARPD General Manager Tim Barry.

Originally hired as a preschool teacher for LARPD, Hardin has since held positions that include coordinating the preschool program and organizing the special events program. She took on her current job in 2003, prior to the opening of the Community Center in 2005. Hardin helped with the interior design and worked with the construction team for five years before the Center opened.

Lange has overseen many of the District's programs and services during his tenure, including the Classes & Programs Brochure, Senior Services, special events and more. In addition to overseeing the opening of the Community Center, notable accomplishments for Lange include the creation of Fitness Day and coordination of the first Fourth of July Celebration.

"Rich has made many lasting contributions to the community through his service with LARPD, especially setting up and running the Robert Livermore Community Center," Barry said. "We'll miss him."

# Axis Awarded \$100,000 Grant

The Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF), a Sutter Health affiliate, recently helped secure \$100,000 in grant funding for Axis Community Health, based in Pleasanton.

The grant represents a portion of the \$2.5 million that Sutter Health awarded in October to 26 medical and dental care centers across Northern California that serve large percentages of low-income, uninsured and underinsured patients.

"Caring for and supporting the communities we serve is a fundamental part of our mission," said Paul DeChant, M.D., president of PAMF's Palomares Division. "We have developed a partnership with Axis and recognize the vital role they play in caring for community members who cannot afford health insurance or basic medical care. We are pleased that our recommendation and endorsement of Axis yielded much needed funds that can be used to help provide care and expand services for low-income, uninsured and underinsured patients in our community."

Axis will use the \$100,000 grant to complete a facility expansion and renovation project at its Pleasanton clinic site. Alameda County and the cities of Pleasanton and Dublin had previously committed funds in support of this project, but Axis had been unable to fully fund the

expansion. The grant from Sutter Health will allow Axis to complete the project and increase its capacity to provide medical care to Tri-Valley residents by 25 percent. The project involves the conversion of an existing office area to three exam rooms, expansion of waiting areas and renovation of bathrooms.

"We are very grateful for this generous donation from Sutter Health and for the Palo Alto Medical Foundation's sponsorship and endorsement of our grant application," said Sue Compton, CEO of Axis. "The expansion and renovation of our Pleasanton Clinic will allow more residents to seek medical care at a time when many of our patients have either lost their health insurance or found it difficult to pay for medical care. We truly appreciate having PAMF as a

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# EDITORIALS

## Prop. 1A — Yes

Proposition 1A would create a high-speed passenger train system in the Livermore-Amador Valley's Altamont Corridor as part of a line running from the San Francisco Transbay Terminal to Los Angeles Union Station.

IA would authorize the state to issue \$9.95 billion in general obligation bonds to finance the system.

We can thank Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty for leading the effort to include the Altamont Corridor in the project. Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena also played a major role launching this endeavor.

The Altamont Corridor would link Merced to Stockton to Oakland and San Francisco, passing through the middle of the Valley, with a big regional rail hub on Greenville Road consisting of ACE, BART and the high-speed train. Six other high-speed corridors are planned, with stations in San Jose, Sacramento, Fresno, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, San Diego and other cities.

It's argued that California is in financial crisis and can't afford a high-speed train.

In our opinion, California cannot afford not to do it. Our state faces daunting challenges centered around the need for environmentally friendly and cost-efficient transportation systems. We can sit back and do nothing, or we can unleash our creative energies and build a train that will transform transportation in a bold and exciting way.

We recommend "yes" on Proposition IA.

## Productive Youth/Adult Partnership

A fledgling local youth/adult partnership named the Tri-Valley Adolescent Health Initiative (TVAHI) is the recent winner of two prestigious state awards.

One award, presented by the League of California Cities at their annual conference, was for engaging youth in local government. TVAHI also received the City, County and Schools Partnership Award for 2008.

Founded in 2005, TVAHI consists of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and the Cities of Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. The group is addressing youth health issues, with a focus on early prevention and family/community empowerment. They've created a Youth Planning Board (YPB), conducted a health survey, secured grants and other funding and obtained widespread adult support from the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

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

Guided by such wise words, TVAHI is certain to enjoy many more achievements in the years to come.

## FEE

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with approving the fee, Sullivan suggested expressing support for the concept of the increased fee, and defer approval of the increase itself until an expenditure plan is adopted.

The council voted unanimously to support that direction. TVTC is comprised of the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, the town of Danville and Alameda and Contra Costa counties. All decisions made by TVTC must be unanimous. Without Pleasanton's support, there would be no increase in the fee.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne declared, "Our developers have been paying this fee with the expectation that Highway 84 would be included in the spending plan. At some point, our neighbors are going to have to stop playing these ridiculous political games and treat these matters as adults would."

The Triangle Study Committee was comprised of representatives from Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton and Alameda County. The committee looked at potential improvements to I-680, I-580 and Highway 84. The three agencies voted to drop Highway 84 from the list of projects. The vote was in response to Pleasanton's failure to agree to extend Stoneridge Drive.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio commented, "I am really troubled by this. The TVTC has nothing to do with the Triangle Study. Why mix the two? It seems to me that this is a way to put Pleasanton's priority further down the list. It feels somewhat like being held hostage."

Councilmember Cindy McGovern pointed out that the Triangle recommendation was a majority vote, which Pleasanton did not support. "I feel Pleasanton has been blind-sided by the proposed change in priorities," McGovern, who was one of the representatives on the Triangle Study Committee noted, "There is a history of this happening. Highway 84 was on the list and was dropped by the other members. I don't have as much trust as I did in working together."

Pleasanton's main priority in transportation improvements are those proposed for Highway 84.

Without assurances that those will remain on the "A" list, the council decided to hold off on approving the fee increase until discussions could be held on the changes proposed by the other jurisdictions.

Sullivan stated "We worked hard, not only to come up with this fee, but also to implement it in a way so as not to overburden businesses. It was important to Pleasanton to have assurance that the 'A' list remain as the priority (including Highway 84). Nobody called me and said they were going to change the priorities. I'm not real happy about it."

Sullivan noted there are two actions TVTC takes. One is to set the fee. The second is to establish the strategic expenditure plan. The fee increase, if approved by all agencies, wouldn't go into effect for a year. "Pleasanton could hold off approving the fee while we work through the issues. Once TVTC comes up with the expenditure plan, we could vote on it and the fee at the same time."

TVTC Chairman Scott Perkins, who represents San Ramon on the committee, urged Pleasanton to approve the fee increase. He said he is supportive of retaining Highway 84 improvements on the "A" list. "The language in the resolutions of the other agencies is not binding. It is important to move forward with the fee structure. Developers need to know what they will be paying," Perkins told the council.

Until there is a new expenditure plan, Perkins said the money would continue to go to projects on the current priority list, which includes Highway 84. He emphasized that a unanimous vote is required to approve any new expenditure plan.

The fee is proposed to remain at its current level of \$2036 for a single family dwelling until 2010 when it would increase to \$3053. The fee would go up again in 2011 to \$4275 per unit. The biggest change would be the elimination of the fee on affordable housing starting in 2009.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said she is hoping the other three agencies will come back to the table and support resolutions with some different language.

## Hosterman, Pentin Top \$20,000 in Campaign Funds

Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and council candidate Jerry Pentin are well ahead of their opponents in collecting campaign funds, both over \$20,000.

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Political Action Committee (BACPAC) reported donations that brought its total to date to \$20,274. Of that total, \$10,000 came from Greenbriar Homes, which also donated \$10,000 to the committee supporting Measure QQ on the November ballot. Greenbriar is the developer who is planning homes in the southeast hills of Pleasanton.

Measure QQ, Citizens for Ridgeline Protection Committee, also received \$10,000 from the Home Builders Association of Northern California PAC and \$10,000 from Juanita Del Arroz, who lists herself as a homemaker and property owner.

The donations reported last week cover the period from Nov. 1 to the 18. All of the candidates in Pleasanton have signed pledges to limit campaign spending to \$38,529 per candidate. The limit is voluntary and does not apply to committees.

Hosterman, who is seeking her third term, reported \$14,004 in donations during the period to bring her total to date to \$26,662. Among her donations are \$5000 from Belinda Sarich, who lists no occupation, \$1000 from the California Apartment Association PAC, \$500 each from the Electrical Workers Local 595 PAC, California Real Estate PAC, Mona Shari, Maria Phillips, and Al Lopez, Art Dunkley, \$100 from Ayn Wieskamp. Of her 55 donors, 18 were not Pleasanton residents or businesses. Hosterman paid over \$3800 to campaign consultant, Alliance Campaign Strategies, the group running the Measure QQ campaign.

Her opponent, Steve Brozosky, received \$2515 in cash for a total of \$9705 for the campaign. His top donation was \$500 each from David Acorn and John Martinez. Other donations were \$200 from Ajay and Madhu Dhillon, and \$250 Norma Lemoine, and Charles Lemoine.

Council challenger, Pentin, reported \$9649 in cash and \$3979 in nonmonetary donations to bring his total to date to \$22,236. The majority of the nonmonetary donations were from the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce PAC for campaign literature mailed on his behalf. Pentin listed 81 cash donors, of which 30 do not live in Pleasanton. His top cash donor was the California Real Estate PAC \$500. Other donations were \$200 Ted Fairfield, \$250 William Gates of Top Grade Construction, \$100 Marty Inderbitzen, attorney for the Lin family, \$200 each from Mark Sweeney, Chris Beratlis, Michael Capilla, Frank Capilla, Ronald Capilla, and Pamela Dunkley.

Incumbent Matt Sullivan received \$2945 in cash and \$400 in nonmonetary donations during the reporting period. His total to date is \$10,195. His top donor is planning commissioner Greg O'Connor, who gave \$500; \$250 each came from Mark Emerson, Richard Morse; and \$200 each from Zhigang Chen, Ajay Dhillon, and Carol Cloud. All but one of Sullivan's 34 donations came from Pleasanton residents.

Cindy McGovern, who is seeking her second term on the council, reports \$1939 in cash from 22 Pleasanton residents and a total to date of \$9,474. Tom Reichert gave her campaign \$250 and \$200 came from Ajay and Madhu Dhillon. All other donations were \$100 or below.

In addition to Greenbriar Homes, Pleasanton BACPAC re-

ceived money from the following: \$1000 Ponderosa Homes, \$400 Gail Gilpin, \$500 Joseph Sasek, \$200 Robert Butler, \$100 Brad Hirst, \$100 Peter MacDonald, and \$100 from Sharrell Michelotti. BACPAC reported spending over \$11,000 to prepare and mail materials in support of council candidate Jerry Pentin, mayoral candidate Jennifer Hosterman, and in support of Measure QQ.

### OTHER RACES

In the race for the 11th Congressional District, incumbent Democrat Jerry McNerney has received more than double the contributions collected by Republican Dean Andal, \$2.8 million to \$1.3 million. McNerney reports \$1.8 million in individual contributions and \$931,834 from PACs or other committees. Andal's contributions include \$897,172 from individuals and \$306,094 from PACs or other committees.

Incumbent 10th Congressional District Democrat Ellen Tauscher easily outdistanced her two opponents in donations. Republican Nicholas Gerber reported \$101,183 of which \$73,000 was a loan from himself to his campaign. Peace and Freedom candidate Jeffrey Ketelson's totaled \$4,516 including \$1763 in loans to himself. Tauscher's total is \$1,222,896 with \$846,313 coming from non-party PACs and other committees and \$360,666 from individual contributions.

15th Assembly District candidate Joan Buchanan, Democrat, received \$465,820 during the reporting period, bringing her total for the election to over \$1.4 million in contribution. The Secretary of State website did not show any donations for Republican Abram Wilson.

**OTHER CAMPAIGN NEWS**  
15th Assembly District Demo-

cratic candidate Joan Buchanan (AD 15) has won the support of 16 local and statewide public safety organizations.

"Joan Buchanan will fight for our fire and police budgets - so we can give our local communities the protection they deserve," said Lou Paulson, President of the California Professional Firefighters.

Assembly candidate Joan Buchanan (AD 15) has been endorsed by the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

CHP adds to an already long list of public safety endorsements, which includes Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs Association, Alameda County Firefighters Association, Association of Deputy Sheriffs & District Attorney Investigators, California Fire Chiefs Association, California Professional Firefighters, California State Firefighters Association, CDF Firefighters, Contra Costa County United Professional Firefighters, Contra Costa County Deputy Sheriffs Association, Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters, Livermore Police Officers Association, Peace Officers Research Association, Peace Officers Research Association - Bay Area Chapter, Peace Officers Research Association - Valley Chapter, San Ramon Valley Firefighters Association, and Stockton Professional Firefighters.

The seat is currently held by Republican Guy Houston, who is term limited out of office.

Democratic Assembly candidate Joan Buchanan has also been endorsed by Stockton Mayor Ed Chavez, a Republican.

"If there's one thing we need in the legislature, its practical problem solvers. Joan Buchanan has successfully worked with Republicans and Democrats to get things done. She's exactly what we need," said Chavez.

## MAILBOX

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### Candidates Thanked T. N. Knaggs President

#### Association of Pleasanton Teachers/CTA/NEA

I would like to thank this opportunity to thank the six candidates who are seeking election to the Board of Trustees of the Pleasanton Unified School District. I am impressed with their willingness to invest their own time, and money in the pursuit of a position, which will involve many late-night meetings and countless hours of reading.

As President of the Association of Pleasanton Teachers, I was part of the Selection Committee, which interviewed the candidates and assessed their qualifications for this important task. Each of them demonstrated a passion for education and a determination to improve our schools. However, three stood out from the rest, Chris Grant, Jeff Bowser and Valerie Arkin.

Chris Grant, the incumbent, is doing an excellent job. He has had a profound impact on our district and his continued leadership is essential to its future. Jeff Bowser has served the district in numerous capacities. He understands the issues facing schools in this community. Valerie Arkin is passionate about our kids and she has a desire to focus on local education issues. I feel strongly that the future of education in Pleasanton will be in very good hands if we elect these fine individuals.

### Special Interests Richard C. Duffus Livermore

Recently, President Bush signed an "Appropriations Bill." This bill was advertised as giving our military a 4 percent pay raise to protect us from the "evil Ben Laden" and the Al Qaeda. Attached to this bill was \$5,000,000,000 (that is five billion dollars) in "earmarked pork" that had nothing to do with our security.

The uncontrolled spending by our legislature must be stopped. It has put us, our kids and grandkids in debt to the tune of \$14,000,000,000,000 (that is fourteen trillion dollars).

All this is happening in the face of our country's current economic meltdown. Our legislature still doesn't get it. This madness will continue until all "special interest" lobbyists are banned from any connection with our elected representatives.

### Use of Shadow Cliffs Jeff Durba Pleasanton

Do you realize a private group is using a local taxpayer funded park for profit without any accountability? Shadow Cliffs Open Water Aquatic Team (SOWAT) is a private for-profit swim club operating out of Shadow Cliffs Regional Park. Through an arrangement with the East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD), club members are allowed to swim in Shadow Cliffs lake outside the roped off swim area. Members must pass a swim test, pay a yearly fee, and abide by a set of rules. From the outside, the arrangement seems reasonable, but the devil is in the details.

Club membership is at the sole discretion of two individuals. These two individuals have run the club for 20 years without any oversight. They've dismissed, without review, members they feel violated one of the myriad of rules. EBRPD has taken a hands-off approach to dealing with SOWAT. Despite complaints sent to EBRPD by members, EBRPD has made no changes. SOWAT does not publish any financial statements or provide visibility to the members.

The individuals running SOWAT and EBRPD should allow transparency to their policies, agendas, and finances governing swimming so these unique and valuable water resources can be cherished and utilized by more than a select few.

### Pentin for City Council Victoria Emmons Pleasanton

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation, I have had the privilege of working alongside Jerry Pentin to support the creation of a new Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton. Jerry is a proven and effective leader. That's why I am supporting him for Pleasanton City Council. A 17-year Pleasanton resident, Jerry continues to give back to the community through his involvement in various local civic groups, public commissions and as a business owner.

Jerry will be great for Pleasanton and we need strong leadership right now. Please join me in electing Jerry Pentin for City Council.

### Yes on PP, No on QQ Barry Nelson Pleasanton

Drive to the Santa Rita/I-580 overpass and look over to East Dublin at thousands of houses/apartments. Do you want to have thousands more housing units in Pleasanton, similar to East Dublin? Pleasanton government officials, including the mayor, want to exceed the 1996 voter-approved 29,000 housing unit cap

in order to build those same high-density developments in Pleasanton.

How? They know the public will never vote to raise the housing cap, so they've schemed to make sure that certain housing units won't be counted.

The laundry list of "don't count" criteria is certainly a creative hodgepodge of exclusions: high-density developments; located somewhere near transit; doesn't have a garage; is affordable; located in/near business parks; the owner/tenant exceeds an arbitrary age limit. Their latest scheme is to exclude housing units that have a suitable "carbon footprint."

No "carbon footprint" cash register will magically produce the millions of dollars needed by the school superintendent to buy additional land for unplanned schools, build the schools and hire the teachers needed to educate the children from these "don't count" housing units.

Uncontrolled growth will bankrupt PUSD. Save our schools. Vote "yes" on PP and "no" on QQ.

### Mayor and Housing Cap Phyllis Lee Pleasanton

I just learned that Mayor Hosterman recently approved 350 houses to be built in the Lydixsen elementary attendance area. This school is already full; so where will these children attend school?

And, I just discovered that Mayor Hosterman now wants to increase the allowable housing units in the city without counting them. Back in 1996, the 29,000-unit housing cap was put in place by voters to control Pleasanton's growth. I am angry that politicians with political sleight-of-hand want to waive units from counting against the housing cap so they can exceed the housing cap. What better way to please the developers and keep those out-of-town campaign contributions flowing than to build more houses than the voters want?

So what will the schools do? Put portables on all the campuses to hold the overcapacity of children that were never planned to be here in the first place? No more playgrounds?

To stop school overcrowding, I will vote "yes" for Measure PP and "no" for Measure QQ. And I will vote for representatives who support the voters. Please join me in voting for Steve Brozosky for mayor, and re-elect Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan to city council.

### Save All Ridgelines Anne Fox Pleasanton

Ridgelines have always been important in Pleasanton. Fifteen years ago, in November 1993, Pleasanton voters overwhelmingly adopted the Pleasanton

Ridgelines Area Plan, Measure F, supported by Ben Tarver, Tom Pico and Becky Dennis. It included: "VI-6 New development shall not be constructed on any ridgeline visible from urbanized areas of Pleasanton, Hayward, or Castro Valley in a manner which would make any part of the structure visible above the natural skyline of these ridgelines."

Even though the 1996 General Plan (page II-17) states that in order to preserve the scenic hillside and ridge views of Pleasanton, Main, and the Southeast Hills, and that the Measure F voter-adopted standards apply to all three, the pro-growth City Council majority decided last year that citizen-adopted design standards didn't actually apply to the Southeast Hills.

I am saddened that when the Planning Commission tried to close these loopholes, it was blocked by the city council. Thank goodness the citizens, spending thousands of hours collecting signatures, with Cindy McGovern's and Matt Sullivan's support, have stepped up to do what the mayor and two city council members failed to do.

This November, close the loophole. Vote yes on Measure PP and no on QQ.

### Vote for Brozosky Gina Carter Pleasanton

I am writing this on behalf of many parents who live in Pleasanton, to explain why we support Steve Brozosky and why he will be a great mayor for the city of Pleasanton. Mr. Brozosky has been on the PUSD school board as a trustee for the past couple of years and he has done an excellent job. He understands our school systems, and the needs of our children and he is able to communicate effectively with the parents.

We always see Mr. Brozosky working as a parent volunteer at extracurricular events such as track meets and other sports events, in fact at virtually all school-related events.

Pleasanton is a family-oriented community, where kids come first and we need a mayor who understands the needs of our community and our future generations.

### Sullivan Endorsed Rich Cimino Pleasanton

I am pleased with your endorsement of Matt Sullivan for Pleasanton City Council.

As a current council member, Matt has served the community well and has built a good reputation with the citizens of Pleasanton during his tenure.

Matt has demonstrated his ability to evaluate the issues before our city. He is willing to consider all sides and be flexible when the facts support that. Very importantly, he communicates

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# POWER

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ley Wine Country, the Livermore Valley Film Commission, and the city government's plans for expanding and upgrading the downtown area.

This talk-show-style discussion – with audience participation from start to finish – features a four-person panel that includes Livermore Chamber of Commerce CEO Dale Kaye. On tap for discussion will be the Tri-

Valley's economic status and chief business and cultural opportunities. Besides Livermore, the discussion will also focus on the Tri-Valley cities of Dublin, Pleasanton and San Ramon.

Leading the interactive discussion will be Business Times associate publisher Mike Consol. The panelists are: Dale Kaye, CEO, Livermore Chamber of Commerce; Scott Raty, CEO, Pleasanton Chamber of Com-

merce; Tom Maloney, executive vice president, Staubach Co./ Jones Lange LaSalle; and Susette Clark-Walker, J. Rockcliff Realtors and Vice Chairwoman for economic development, Dublin Chamber of Commerce

A wide range of topics will be covered by the panelists, including: Livermore Valley Wine Country, Livermore Valley Film Commission, the Bankhead Theater, plans for a new regional theater in downtown Livermore, the region's biggest business opportunities, its major real estate development projects, and city- and chamber-specific initiatives to attract and retain business. Other topics include new companies that have migrated to the region, plans for upgrading or creating the cities' downtown areas, the region's top assets and liabilities, its primary retail hubs, the impact of the housing downturn, and the chief political questions facing the region and its cities.

Title sponsor for this event is the United States Postal Service. Also sponsoring the breakfast are AT&T, Wells Fargo Bank, the Bay Area Green Business Program and Studio Blue.

The Tri-Valley Power Breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 6, 7:30-10 a.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St.,

Livermore. Breakfast will be served by Checkers Catering and Special Events, prior to the audience moving into the theater for the main event.

Tickets are \$50 each, or reserved blocks of 10 tickets or more with priority seating can be purchased for \$45 apiece. To register, e-mail [events@bizjournals.com](mailto:events@bizjournals.com), or call events Business Times coordinator Cammie Clark at 925-598-1457, or register online by going to this link: <http://eastbay.bizjournals.com/eastbay/event/4444>

To register for the black-tie-optional Structures 2008 awards ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 13 at the Rotunda Building in downtown Oakland, go the link <http://eastbay.bizjournals.com/eastbay/event/4442>, or call 925-598-1457.

Structures will feature food, drink and networking with the who's who of the local real estate business and related industries. Tickets are \$65 each, or reserved tables of 10 are \$550 each. Catering the event will be Patrick David.

The Structures awards event pays tribute to the region's best architects, developers and builders – and the projects they have added to our landscape. In addition to the Bankhead Theater, Structures 2008 is sponsored by Mechanics Bank (title sponsor), as well as RINA Accountancy Corp. and the law firm of Wendel Rosen Black & Dean.



Joe Rye (right), Executive Director of LAVTA, explains the technical aspects of the new bus rapid transit route to Paul Matsucka (left), Executive Director of LAVTA, and Congressman Jerry McNerney

# BRT LINE

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year, in a comment on BRT, that it's important to connect BART to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), which is a major employer in the valley.

The route, in appealing to many commuters, will ease freeway congestion, and help reduce air pollution sources.

BRT is expected to chop off minutes in dramatic fashion from the current trip. A Route 10 run from the eastern-most stop, LLNL, to the other end at Stoneridge Mall takes 82 minutes. On BRT, it will take 52 minutes. From LLNL to east Dublin BART, the route takes 55 minutes now. That will be cut by BRT to 36 minutes.

Although the regular 10 bus won't be an express with limited stops, it will be speeded up a little by using the same modern technology as the BRT. This equipment will enable drivers to change a light from red to green about five seconds sooner than it will change for vehicles in the automobile lanes. That helps get the bus to the head of the pack in taking off from an intersection, instead of idling at the curb, and waiting for a chance to enter a through-traffic lane.

The driver will also be able to keep a light green for enough time to allow the bus to go through an intersection. The driver will not be able to change a red light to a green light, which is a power given to drivers of emergency vehicles.

When the route opens in April 2010, it will start at LLNL on East

Avenue, go to the Livermore Transit Center, move westward along Railroad Avenue to Isabel Avenue, go north to Airway Boulevard and onto Interstate 580 to Fallon Road in Dublin. It will proceed along Dublin Boulevard to the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station, then continue to Stoneridge Mall. It will stop at the West Dublin BART station when that facility is finished.

Eventually, the bus will be rerouted away from Airway Boulevard, and down Jack London Boulevard instead, where it will go to El Charro Road, and travel over Interstate 580 to Fallon Road. That will keep it off Interstate 580, which is likely to slow the buses down, especially during rush hours. However, Jack London Boulevard does not go through to El Charro yet. That's expected to be done when the outlet mall develops in Livermore near El Charro Road.

# QUARRY

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2007. It was a major release. There were also two smaller releases earlier in the month.

The potential \$190,000 in fines, which will be the subject of the hearing, is much lower than the maximum \$1.5 million that could be levied for all of the violations alleged, said Dyan White, a board spokesperson in the state board's Oakland office. Up to \$95,000 could be paid in the form of in-kind work, namely an environmental project on or near the arroyo.

Vulcan was cooperative with the regional board, and spent \$695,000 on clean-up, which took from May 4, when state Fish & Game approved the clean-up plan, to July 14, 2007.

Singer, the Vulcan spokesman, said that a malfunctioning pump was to blame for the discharge of the sediment from a

holding area. After Vulcan learned about it from the regional board, the firm reported it to state Fish & Game, he said. "As soon as it was discovered, all operations were halted. Vulcan prides itself on environmental awareness," said Singer.

# Fashions, Fun at Holiday Festivities

Holiday Extravaganza, a holiday luncheon, will be held on Sunday, November 16 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the newly-renovated Veteran's Memorial Building, 310 Main Street, Pleasanton. This event, a benefit for Pleasanton's Museum On Main, replaces the annual holiday tea. Tickets are \$30 per person. Reservations are necessary.

A fashion show featuring fashions exclusively from Pleasanton downtown stores and modeled by local models will be highlight of the event.

If you are unable to make the lunch and fashion show, please stop by for socializing and shopping, at no admission charge, from 2-4 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets call (925) 462-2766. Visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

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## MAILBOX

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his conclusions openly in a reasonable and peaceful manner.

I may not agree with all of Matt's position on the issues, but I do agree with his use of keen reasoning skills and his effort to be the centrist on the Pleasanton City Council.

### Sailors for BART Director Catherine L. Tonne Livermore

How many years have we waited (and paid) for BART in

Livermore? Answer -50! How many BART Directors does it take to get BART to Livermore? The answer is ONE—if that person knows how to do it and can work well with those who can approve the funding. We have someone like that in our community. She has a proven track record with her participation in getting the job done for Dublin and Pleasanton. Now she can do it for us in Livermore.

Linda Jeffery Sailors has the support of all of the Tri-Valley

Mayors, Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher, Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Senator Tom Torlakson, and many more. To see her full list of supporters, go to [www.sailorsforBART.com](http://www.sailorsforBART.com).

On election day, cast your vote for Linda Jeffery Sailors for BART Director.

### Re-elect Hosterman Mike Hamilton Pleasanton

The Independent makes asser-

tions and presents them as facts in its endorsement of Steve Brozsky. First, you state that Mayor Hosterman "has ceased to be responsive to the voters of Pleasanton." Mayor Hosterman is an honest and accessible public official. She has been straightforward in her support of the Oak Grove project and Proposition QQ. In my opinion, she has the courage to stick with her convictions.

The other "fact" that the Independent presents is that Mayor Hosterman "has begun to slip and slide in her relationship with the citizenry." Well, we will find out about that claim on November 4. The record shows that Mayor Hosterman has the support of three former Mayors of Pleasanton, labor groups, business groups, and a long list of city commissioners and volunteers. I think many fair minded people would say that Jennifer Hosterman has broadened her support over the last two years.

Mayor Hosterman has a record of success. Under her leadership, Pleasanton has prospered over these past four years. Pleasanton has a balanced budget, over \$100 million in reserves, and we continue to invest in our park system and our infrastructure needs. Mayor Hosterman is a fine public servant and she deserves to be reelected for Mayor of Pleasanton.

### Re-elect Sullivan Susan and George Reid Pleasanton

No member of the City Council works harder for the people of Pleasanton than Matt Sullivan. His years of experience on the Planning Commission and Energy Committee have proven very valuable in his leadership for our City. He has served on local and regional committees that address economic vitality, relief of traffic congestion, water and waste management issues, and more.

As a member of the Council he worked to update the General Plan, create more parks, acquire the Downtown Transportation Corridor, adopt the Economic Strategic Plan, etc.

Matt's track record demonstrates his commitment to truly represent us. He listens and responds to residents' concerns to protect the quality of life we enjoy. He led the Campaign Finance Reform to keep the influence of

big-donor special interests from overpowering the voices of average citizens. He has integrity and he is reliable.

Let's re-elect Matt Sullivan to the Pleasanton City Council

### Stem Cell Research Andrew D. Blidy Pleasanton

Public's knowledge of the issues relative to Stem Cells Research are limited to preconceived beliefs

The public's knowledge of preconceived beliefs are often misunderstood when confronted by approaches to embryonic stem cell (ESC) research that appeal, not just to those fellow-citizens in one's own ideological camp, nor just to those undecided citizens in the middle, but to those citizens on the other side of the issue who support Stem Cell Research. There is too much suffering and pain from our fellow citizens of the world to be taken lightly with the issues related to the development of the Stem Cell Therapeutics.

I believe, that these misunderstood biologic trusts were not fully discussed or expounded on in the debate between the Eleven District Congressmen Jerry McNerney (D) and his challenger Dean Andal (R) Saturday night October 11, 2008 in Tracy, Ca. A panel member asked a question from the Tracy Press. What is your position on stem cell restrictions? This was in response to President George W. Bush's policy of limited access to new cell lines and federal funding related to scientific truth that was set by a presidential edict August 9, 2001.

Enough is enough. Dean Andal is the "mini-me" of Bush's ideological policies. Mr. Andal rhetoric is restricted to one's knowledge that was unisightful and/or unwise at this time due to the state of affairs in California and the Nation. We the citizens of the Eleven District must and should support our state's Three Billion Dollar stem cell investment and the Biotechnology Industries of our district. I urge my fellow citizens to re-elect Congressmen Jerry McNerney, who clearly supports and understands, complicated and controversial ethical points of discussions related to 100% Stem Cell

science.

(Blidy is a scientist with thirty years in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Research.)

### Candidates Endorsed Debi Frost Pleasanton

I did not know Cindy when she first got elected to the City Council, but having watched her in action for four years no one has impressed me more than she. Cindy has stayed consistent in her views defending the hill-sides, working to increase public transportation, reduce traffic congestion on our streets and as an advocate for our kids and their safety. Cindy is never afraid to stand her ground even when in the minority. She listens and governs according to what is best for the people and the City, not for special interest groups such as the big developers who want to build, take their money and leave town after tearing apart our hills. We are very lucky someone of Cindy's integrity and character is willing to take the time to represent us for another four years! I urge you to re-elect Cindy McGovern!

I have known Matt for many years and have always been impressed at how much he truly cares about the people of Pleasanton, our concerns and the issues. Matt is very approachable and always takes the time to listen. Matt has gone up against other members of the City Council in order to make sure we are represented. Unlike the Council majority he does not cave to developer pressure. He has fought hard to protect our hills, build affordable housing, enforce and defend the voter approved housing cap. He has demonstrated over the past four years he has the strength and integrity to do what is right for the people. Pleasanton is at a critical stage and we need someone like Matt representing us for the next four years! I urge you to re-elect Matt Sullivan!

After having to endure a very painful two years where the developers and those with undue influence were allowed by majority of the City Council to get whatever they want, the time has finally come to vote for someone who cares more about the

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## OBITUARIES

### Norman Marciel

Norman Lee Marciel, farmer, rancher and life-long Livermore resident, died peacefully in his home surrounded by family on October 23, 2008, after a brief battle with cancer.

One of ten children, he was born June 3, 1940 to Frank and Marie Marciel, Norman lived most of his life on the family ranch on Collier Canyon Road. He attended Fifth Street and Inman Elementary Schools and graduated from Livermore High School in 1959, where he was active in Future Farmers of America and raised a grand champion steer for their annual livestock show. In 1963, Norman married Lillian Fullenwider and together they raised four children.

Norman spent his life dedicated to two endeavors, his family and agriculture. Over five decades, Norman raised cattle, hay, safflower, wheat, grain and barley in various fields across the Livermore Valley along with a variety of vegetable crops, including corn, tomatoes, bell peppers and eggplant. He grew hay alongside the runways of the Livermore Airport, raised cattle in the Altamont Pass and harvested walnuts in the orchards of Alden Lane Nursery, as well as operating the Marciel U-Pick Vegetable Stand on Kitty Hawk Road in Livermore for many years in the 1970's and 80's.

Norman was also an active member of the community. He was president of the Alameda County Farm Bureau from 1991 - 1994, served as Director of the Alameda County Resource Conservation District from 1987 until his retirement in 2007, was a longstanding member and past chairman of the Alameda/Contra Costa County ASCS (Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service) Committee and served many years on the Ag Advisory Board for Livermore High School, a position in which his son, Daniel, succeeded him. In 1995, Norman was named Agriculturalist of the Year by the Alameda County Farm Bureau in recognition of his many years of work in and service to the promotion of agriculture in the Livermore Valley.

Norman was a giving friend, and a loving husband, a father and grandfather, a warm, gentle man with a quiet sense of humor that was evident in his mischievous eyes and little grin. He loved nature and often returned home with stories of the many animals he had seen during his day of work, including deer, foxes, eagles, and barn owls. He enjoyed auctions of all kinds, auto racing and spending time with his grandchildren. He loved antique cars and old farm equipment, could identify the make and model of a classic tractor at a glance and was the proud owner of a 1929 Model A Ford. He traveled often to see his children, making trips to North Carolina, Los Angeles and Japan. He took pride in their pursuits and was a constant presence at car races where his son Frank had cars running engines that he built or to support the race team his daughter Paige co-owned and managed. He attended many movie screenings to support his son Cory's early efforts and every Fall, could be found daily at the G&M Farms Pumpkin Patch, co-owned and operated by his eldest son Daniel, where he could always be counted on to give good advice, lend a helping hand or tow the hay wagon for smiling boys and girls.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Marie, and his brother, Donald. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Lillian, and their four children, Daniel, Frank, Cory and Paige Marciel, along with Frank's wife Stacy and Paige's fiancée, Rod Winfree of Patterson, and his three grandchildren, Tyler, Cameron and Grace of Livermore; brothers, Francis of Oregon, Paul and Lawrence of Livermore, Herman of Galt and Roy of Herald; sisters, Marie Brockman of Idaho, Theresa Turpin and Sharan Marciel of Livermore; aunts Eleanor Cardoza of Livermore and Dee Casipit of Brentwood, Eleanor's husband, Tony, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A rosary will be said for Norman at Callaghan's Mortuary at 3833 East Avenue in Livermore on Thursday, November 6th at 7 pm. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church on Friday, November 7th at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Kaiser Hospice, 200 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Sheila Marshall Lamson

Sheila Marshall Lamson died October 17, 2008. She was 96.

Sheila was born Sept. 12, 1912 in Sacramento and spent her last ten years in Pleasanton. She pioneered the study of formal Philosophy in high school at Santa Catalina School in Monterey where she taught using the Socratic approach. Sheila was also a docent for the Monterey History and Art Association and a founding member of the Chapman Foundation.

Her husband Perry Brown Lamson and granddaughter Michelle Combs preceded her in death. She is survived by daughter Jocelyn Combs, granddaughter Cassie and great granddaughter Sierra.

Services will be private. Donations to the SPCA or charity of your

choice are greatly appreciated.

Arrangements by Graham Hitch Mortuary.

### Bob Eachus

Bob Eachus died at home October 20, 2008 after a valiant battle with cancer. His wife and son were at his side.

Bob was born September 6, 1928 in Dunsuir, CA the son of Clarence and Helen Eachus. He had many fond memories of his growing up years in that mountain community. Bob graduated from Dunsuir High School and then continued his education at San Francisco City College where he earned a degree in hotel management. It was at this time that he married his high school sweetheart Alice Jane Coon. For several years Bob worked at the Clift and Canterbury hotels in San Francisco. Next, Bob returned to college at San Francisco State University where he earned a BA degree and a teaching credential. Bob taught at McCloud and Dunsuir Elementary schools in Siskiyou County and Piner, Bellevue and Harmony Elementary Schools in Sonoma County before moving to Livermore in 1967. In Livermore Bob taught at Junction and Mendenhall schools until his retirement in 1988. After retirement Bob and Alice Jane enjoyed traveling.

Bob was always ready with a helping hand for family and friends.

Bob is preceded in death by his daughter Elizabeth and his son Carl. Bob is survived by his wife of 58 years Alice Jane, his son Tom and wife Gail, his grandchildren Tom Eachus, Joe Eachus, Katie Eachus, John Biswell, Kelly Halliday and Jennifer Freehill, his brother Jim Eachus, and wife Amy, His sister Mildred Cole and husband Jim, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held on Sunday November 9th at 2:00 at Beebs, 915 Clubhouse Dr. Livermore.

Donations in his memory may be made to: Kaiser Hospice, 200 Muir Rd., Martinez CA 94553

### Velma Francis Gruidl

Velma Francis Gruidl was born April 22, 1912 in Denver, Colorado and passed away on October 18, 2008 in Livermore. She was 96.

Velma was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. Her hobbies included reading, traveling, genealogy and spending time with family. She will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Gruidl and sons James, Edward and Gerald Gruidl. She is survived by daughter Velma (James) Hanson of Brentwood, twenty two grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, and several great-great grandchildren.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated October 27 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. Inurnment will be at Holy Sepulchre

Cemetery in Hayward at a later date. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Herbert H. Marshall

Herbert H. Marshall, 80, of Pleasanton passed away October 22, 2008.

He is survived by his child bride, Martha, of 56 years, three children, Curtis, Carole and Christine, and grandson, Christopher.

Services were held on October 28 in Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Graham Hitch Mortuary.

### Jean R. Schultz

Jean R. Schultz was born in Canada on April 30, 1914, raised in St. Thomas, North Dakota, moved to San Francisco in 1946 and resided the last 18 years in Pleasanton. She died October 26, 2008.

Jean enjoyed helping others and was honored for making over 100 blankets for children. She loved to be involved in social events and served on the Ridgeview Commons Activity Board before she moved to the Parkview Assisted Living Complex, one year ago.

Jean is survived by her daughter Marilyn Lewis, son-in-law David Lewis, grandson Jason Lewis, of Pleasanton; grandson Nicholas Lewis, his wife Andrea and Jean's great-granddaughter Alannah (residing in Italy), grandson Steven Lewis, great-grandsons Ethan and Tyler Lewis of Arizona; sisters Mildred Lunde of North Dakota and Margaret Lykken of Arizona and many relatives and friends.

As per Jean's wishes, there will not be a service. Jean will be interred at the Olivet Memorial Park Cemetery in Colma, California with her husband, Otto, of 30 years.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Hope Hospice 6500 Dublin Blvd. Suite 100 Dublin, CA 94568, in Jean's name.

Jean will be missed by her family and all the friends she came in contact with during her 94 years, she was loved very much by all.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary



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**A** You can place reasonably clean (rinsed or wiped) frozen juice and cleanser containers in your Recycling cart. WM's "curbside recycling" program currently accepts the following recyclable materials:

- Cardboard and paper
- Tin, aluminum, steel
- Glass jars and bottles
- Plastic containers (narrow neck #1-7 and wide mouth #2, #4, #5)

**Q** Can I dispose of a king-size plastic waterbed mattress in my Recycling cart? *Jill*

**A** No. Your waterbed mattress is made from a type of plastic that isn't accepted in our curbside recycling program—so please don't place it in your Recycling cart! Instead, we suggest you try one of these disposal options:

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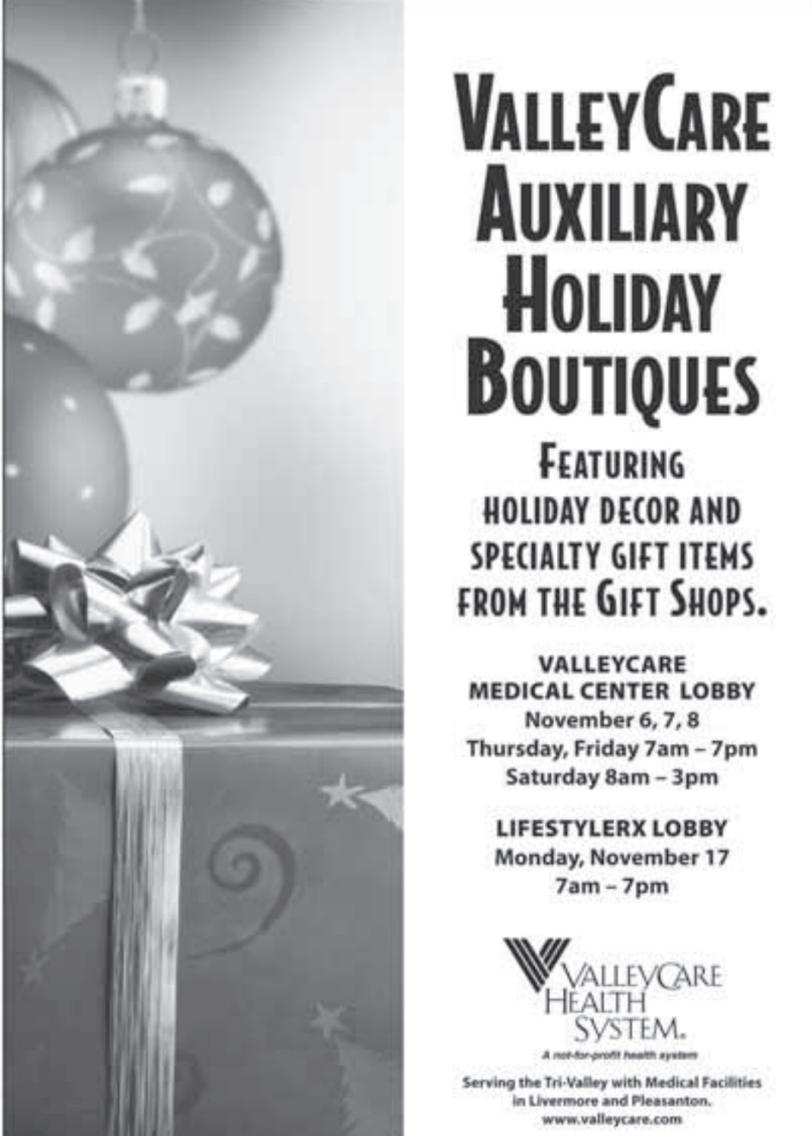
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# MAILBOX

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people and Pleasanton than they do about their own special interests. Steve is all for protecting the hills, building affordable housing, finding a way to better control traffic and for supporting our schools. He is also all about honesty that is why he has been such an advocate for campaign finance reform. Unlike his opponent he is not supported by the big money developers whose only interest is in using Pleasanton to build their mega mansions so they can leave town with millions of dollars in their pockets and our hillsides destroyed. Steve is committed to doing the right thing for all of us; he does what he says and says what he does. In all the years I have known Steve he has always kept his promises because Steve sincerely cares about Pleasanton and the legacy he leaves for his family and ours.

## Measure QQ Gerry Brunken Pleasanton

Measure QQ was placed on the ballot by our Pleasanton council majority to insure our voters and open space advocates a hillside measure they could support. Many of the 34,000 residents who did not sign the opposing initiative (Measure PP), refused to do so for a good reason. PP omitted most voter stakeholders from input, provides an exclusion for some unknown existing estate holders by allowing building of 10 units or less on their hillside properties. No restrictions for them. It does not offer any plan for placing lands in public ownership. PP is very flawed and will result in much litigation cost to our city.

Measure QQ offers a citizen process, consistent with our general plan and will build on our historic record of protecting open space for public use. Measure PP did not involve land use experts to outline their proposals, QQ will, and will result in the protection we need for our open space, and most importantly will provide full environmental review.

I trust that Pleasanton voters want to insure the best guidelines for our southwest hillsides and ridgelines. Measure QQ offers a better step to the future and will result in a wonderful protected open space park, as is Pleasanton Ridge, and as Bernal Park will become.

I urge voters to read through both measures and believe you will find that QQ is the only acceptable plan to preserve our hillsides. QQ = public parkland, please vote yes.

## Pentin for City Council Jerry Thorne, Vice Mayor City of Pleasanton

Pleasanton needs Jerry Pentin on our City Council.

I had an opportunity to work directly with Jerry when we were both Parks and Recreation Commissioners and I found him to be thoughtful, positive, willing to consider all sides and do his homework before making a decision.

As a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Jerry has been directly involved in a leadership role with a number of projects that this community can be very proud of. Those projects include the Callippe Preserve Golf Course, the renovation of our Veterans' Memorial Building, the Firehouse Arts Center and the Kottinger Place Task Force to name a few. Jerry has included protecting open space and our

ridges while making them accessible to all Pleasanton residents as one of his objectives as a Council member.

There is no question in my mind that Jerry has the background and qualifications to be a great Council member. However, the positive, mature leadership traits that Jerry has demonstrated in all of his roles as a community leader is what gained my active support of his candidacy.

Please join me in supporting Jerry Pentin for City Council.

## PP versus QQ Thomas Jefferson Livermore

The basics of Pleasanton's competing PP and QQ hillside ballot measures are quite simple. PP was put on the ballot by getting 5000 Pleasanton citizen signatures. If PP goes into effect it will provide immediate restrictions on hillside development.

On the other hand, if QQ goes into effect it would make absolutely no changes, none at all, to any development rules, hillside or not. QQ merely restates current policy/rules and says that an unspecified group of interested people are to draft ordinance/design guidelines no later than the end of November 2009. But, QQ has no requirement that these guidelines, whatever they might be, or anything else actually gets implemented ever.

QQ was put on the ballot by a 3-to-2 vote of the Pleasanton City Council.

Why would the Council put measure QQ on the ballot, since QQ would change no rules/regulations and QQ asks for voter permission to do something (get group of interested people to draft guidelines) for which the Council does not need voter permission?

The answer, of course, is to prevent PP from going into effect. QQ even has a provision that says if QQ gets more votes than PP, then PP will not go into effect, even if PP garners a majority vote.

Given what PP and QQ say, the recent letter by Barbara Hemphill supporting QQ is absolutely outrageous, full of falsehoods.

Hemphill says, "QQ has been placed on the ballot by open space advocates." Not so, unless those 3 Councilmembers are open space advocates. She says about QQ "It ensures passage of a hillside preservation measure." That is absolutely false. QQ does not ensure the passage of anything.

She says of QQ "it preserves spectacular scenic hillside and ridge views." That is absolutely false. QQ does not preserve anything.

She says "QQ is the only vote that ensures a publicly accessible greenbelt." That, too, is absolutely false. Hemphill's letter is full of these falsehoods and misrepresentations. QQ adds no hillside protections whatsoever. Read it for yourself.

## Balanced Thinking Arne Olson Pleasanton Planning Commission

It's important we elect Jerry Pentin to Pleasanton's City Council on November 4th. We must insure a balanced approach in dealing with the challenges facing Pleasanton.

I first met Jerry several years ago through my wife's association with the Pleasanton North Rotary Club. In working on some of the Club's community projects, I found Jerry to give

110% on anything he had a hand in. A 17-year resident who has been active on numerous committees, Pentin has proven leadership on the Parks & Recreation Commission as an advocate for preserving open space and making Pleasanton a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community. As a business owner, he understands the critical economic need to keep large employers from moving away from our city because of the revenue they generate that funds our library, maintains our parks, pays for our police and fire, and supports so many other amenities we must never take for granted in Pleasanton.

And this is where the balance comes in. Jerry knows our parks and trails better than most and has supported projects that add to the system. He supports completion of Stoneridge Drive as critical to the development of Staples Ranch as a long term revenue source for Pleasanton. Let's insure balance, vote Jerry Pentin for City Council.

## Re-elect Sullivan Fred Norman Pleasanton

In the current election campaign at the local level, the war in Iraq is all but ignored. It's as if being for or against the war might cost a few votes, but if that's true, then it must be an issue of importance to the voters and it should be discussed.

Matt Sullivan is the only Pleasanton City Councilmember and candidate for City Council or Mayor to speak out publicly and openly in Pleasanton against the war in Iraq and the killing of over 4,000 American military men and women. He is the only one who attends a monthly vigil that honors and mourns these Americans. What he says and what he does tells me that he cares about what is happening in Iraq. I am a former Marine and veteran with ten years of military service, and to me, Matt Sullivan's words and actions make him a true patriot and morally and ethically a good man. For those reasons as well as his record of service to Pleasanton, I will vote for his reelection on November 4, and I urge other Pleasantonians to do so also.

## Gary for School Board William Halvorsen Livermore

I'd like you to vote for Stewart Gary for the LVJUSD Board. I've lived in Livermore since 1969 and I've worked in our Valley Fire Service for 32+ years while my wife and I raised three sons. We know we want to see our School District benefit from Stu's strong, effective and quality leadership. I worked for Chief Gary as a Fire Division Chief in his Staff Group from the bare bones beginning of our highly successful merger of our City of Livermore and City of Pleasanton Fire Departments into our Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

Stu researched options, walked us through the analysis and together we found the best consensus. All who are affected by those decisions know a leader's track record. Looking at the list of those who recommend voting for Stu are our Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters. Having the Department personnel who have worked with you and know you best, says it all.

Visit his website: <http://www.stugaryforlivermoreschools.com> and get acquainted. I know Stu will be a solid addition for strengthening our Livermore Education. Thank you.

## No on Prop 8 Joyce E. Brown Livermore

Prop 8 is not like the other propositions on the ballot. It proposes to amend the California Constitution, a step that must be taken very seriously—a step that is not readily reversible. The Constitution exists to protect the rights of our citizenry, not to take them away.

This is the first time, I believe, that a proposed amendment would actually take away the rights of many Californians—our coworkers, our neighbors, our friends, and even our family members.

Whatever your views are on same sex marriage, it's wrong to take away anybody's fundamental rights. If the gay community is targeted for different treatment now, who might be next? Please Vote No on Prop 8.

## Candidates Endorsed Jim Ott Board President, Pleasanton Unified School District

The Pleasanton Unified School District is fortunate to have several good candidates running for election this November. Having served on the school board for several years now, I am highly impressed in particular with two of these individuals and their dedication to Pleasanton youth. Incumbent Chris Grant

brings a passion for serving the district by providing thoughtful leadership to every challenge and opportunity we face. Similarly, Jamie Hintzke, a 35-year resident of Pleasanton, has dedicated many years to benefit our students and currently serves on the California State PTA Board. I encourage Pleasanton to vote for Chris Grant and Jamie Hintzke this November 4.

## PP = Protecting Pleasanton Tim Belcher Pleasanton

Proponents of QQ purposely mislead you, the false advertising, is developer funded, developer slanted.

Their claims are ironic, using the term McMansions when they're the ones putting 12,000+ square foot houses in the top of our Southeast hills. 10 hilltop McMansions with PP?? not true...and remember the developers weren't satisfied with 50 homes.

No Public input?? Voting is public input (and remember QQ was put on the same ballot to confuse you) PLUS, all future development will go through the same process that exists today. PP doesn't circumvent ANY environmental review or existing building codes, it merely makes them stronger by adding clarity that had been obliterated by developers and a few City Council members.

It's simple, PP was written by concerned Pleasanton Citizens, signed by 5000 registered voters to put PP on the ballot. PP does not help developers, it prevents hillside development, limits "McMansions" and it directs future city councils to do what's in the majority's best interest.

PP has no hidden agenda, no developer funding...no lies.

PP=Protecting Pleasanton (Vote "yes" on PP) QQ=pro-Developer (Vote "no" on QQ).

## Theft of Signs John Palmer Livermore

Over the past two weekends, over 200 "Yes on Proposition 8" signs have been stolen from areas around my south Livermore home. Most have been taken from public right-of-ways, but some have been taken from the yards of private residents. Since the thefts have taken place over a large area and on many nights, it is apparent that this is a systematic attempt by some of the opponents of Proposition 8 to deny to others the equality that they claim Proposition 8 denies them. Their intolerance of other's beliefs highlights the danger that the failure to pass Proposition 8 carries. Such individual actions discredit their cause and expose the responsible individuals as exploiters rather than believers in our legal system.

# Registrar Has 2nd Ballot Error On Measure

Alameda County Registrar of Voters Dave Macdonald has sent letters to registered voters concerning an error that his department made in publishing Measure WW, which would extend the parcel tax to pay for an East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) bond.

Macdonald's letter said that county ballots do not contain the title and summary of the bond measure. The summary was adopted by the EBRPD board. "It would have been appropriate to print the title and summary on the ballot," said Macdonald's letter.

On the ballot, all it says above Measure WW is "District." This is changed in Macdonald's letter to "Extending East Bay Regional Park District Bond with No Increase in Tax Rate."

The title's wording is important, because it emphasizes continuation of an existing tax, and is not a tax increase, said EBRPD,

general manager, Pat O'Brien. He said, "I was shocked that the county registrar did not include our title. It doesn't even say 'East Bay Regional Park District'."

O'Brien discovered the miscue more than two weeks ago, and notified the registrar. "I think the voters won't know who sponsors it, until they read the fine print (of the ballot statement itself). I've never seen a ballot measure not have a title."

Asked whether the error would lose votes for the measure, O'Brien said, "I can't say that, but it won't help us at all. Voters won't see it as something coming from us. They expect to see it as an agency measure."

It was the second error on Measure WW by the registrar's office. The first was to print the measure on Livermore ballots. Although Livermore is in EBRPD now, it was not in the district 20 years ago, when an earlier mea-

sure passed. Livermore voters were notified by mail that their votes won't count on Measure WW.

Measure WW continues the same taxation rate as the earlier measure.

The park district says that won't exceed \$10 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation annually.

Livermore is not being asked for its votes, because EBRPD directors wanted to be able to tell voters that their taxes would not go up in voting for the measure. If Livermore had been included, it would have represented a tax increase since Livermore is not now paying, nor will they if the measure is approved.

Livermore won't be shut out of projects, though. A hiking/access trail on Brushy Peak was developed with property tax revenue combined with grants. It will be possible to do more of that, said O'Brien.



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# SPORTS NOTES

## Livermore Youth Soccer

### LIVERMORE ELITE SOCCER

The Livermore Elite Explosion U14 Division 1 Girls soccer team were hosts and champions of the LYSL 2008 Headless Horseman Halloween Classic this past weekend.

Livermore Elite Explosion 4, MP Strikers 1. In the championship game, the Explosion displayed great team play and ball passing the entire game and dominated the Strikers. Audrey Walke scored Livermore's first goal and set the pace for 3 more to follow. Ghoncheh Azadeh back doored and scored off a Cassidy Peters cross and Elise Travis rocketed in goal number 3. Sierra Cassels sealed the deal with her late in the game goal. Stopper; Kylee Southwell took control on defense.

Livermore Elite Explosion 3, Tahoe Ice 0. Jessica Floyd played an outstanding game for Livermore in the center of the field and keeper Victoria Case was on her game holding the Ice scoreless. The Explosion's first goal came off the foot of Ashley Smith as she took charge of a corner kick that was slapped out by the Ice keeper and buried it in the net. Mandi Alvarez fired in the second goal of the game and Livermore's third goal was put in by Alexa Hubbs with a 3 jukes and a give-n-go to Brooke Rittmann who passed it back to Hubbs to drive it in the net.

Livermore Elite Explosion 2, Rocklin Sockers 2. After trailing 2-0, Livermore put one in when Cassidy Peters bottled the Rocklin defense and won and scored giving Livermore the determination to score again. Near the end of the game, Livermore did just that when a Danielle Lacombe shot on goal came loose from the Sockers goalie and was picked up and shot in by Brooke Rittman. Fullback Jazmin Ordonez worked hard in the Livermore backfield.

Livermore Elite Explosion 5, ACC Mavericks 2. Again trailing 2-0, Livermore made it back to a scoring drive started and they did just that. Livermore scored their first goal when Danielle Lacombe launched a corner kick that found Mandi Alvarez at the net to score. Close to the end of the first half Brooke Rittmann had a breakthrough that she carried the distance and past the Maverick keeper. Livermore's go ahead goal was punched in by Cassidy Peters and a Taylor Roach assist to Audrey Walke made the score 4-2. Livermore's 5th goal came when another corner kick lifted off the foot of Lacombe deflected off the inside post and was headed in the net by Peters. Amanda Nunes' great play at fullback gave the Mavericks little chance to get close to the net.

The Livermore Elite Pumas U12 Boys played in the Morgan Hill Halloween Classic tournament this past weekend. On Saturday, the Pumas' offense team played some excellent, but frustratingly dominating the field most of the game time albeit they were unable to land any goals. The first game was against the Santa Clara Strikers and the teams were well matched. But the Striker's defense team was difficult to penetrate and the Pumas could not find a goal. Final score was 0-0. Unfortunately, an ankle injury at the end of the first game ended the tournament early for fullback Peter Lator. The second game was against the Almaden Cosmos. Again, the Pumas dominated the game most of the game time but they were unable to score against the Cosmos. The ending score was 0-2.

On Sunday, the Pumas played the Ballistics Blacks. The Ballistics offense dominated and the Pumas seemed to struggle to keep up. It turned into a defensive game for the Pumas and things just weren't going their way. In the last minutes of the game Jose Chavarria-Ramirez and Anthony Aguilar executed some perfectly timed passes and scored a goal. Final score was 1-5.

Livermore Elite 99 traveled to Concord to participate in the Diablo FC "Kick or Treat Classic" during the weekend of Oct. 25th and 26th.

Livermore Elite 99 vs. Heritage Night-hawks of Pleasant Hill: The Borgnas scored the first goal of the game off a nice assist from Marley Walke. That seemed to open the flood gates as Elite scored a season high 6 first half goals. Elite's 2nd tally was on an assist from Walke to Tori Diehl. Mackenzie Farro scored moments later on a rebound. Kaitlyn Oki made a long, driving run that resulted in Livermore's 4th tally. Farro and Oki each again found the back of the net soon after to account for Elite's scoring during the first half. Fullbacks "JJ" Gibson, "Six" Martinez; mid-fielders Kiley Beard, Sheridan Peters, Lauryn S. and Kaitlyn Johnson locked down on defense completely shut down all of the Night-hawks offensive attempts. Daniela Walkertallied the lone score of the second half which gave Elite their final margin of victory of 7-0. Maddy Krueger and Borgna combined in goal for the shutout.

Livermore Elite vs. Mustang Avalanche of Danville: Elite opened the game vs. the Avalanche much the way they have nearly their entire season, stifling defense and opportunistic offense. After going down 1-0 early in the first half, Elite's defense clamped down and began to increase their offensive pressure. Walke rifled home a penalty kick for Elite to tie the game 1-1. Strong two way play by Beard, Walker, Oki, Johnson, Peters and Borgna kept the pressure on the Avalanche's defense as fullbacks Martinez, Walke and Gibson helped first half keeper Krueger preserve the first half tie. Elite shutout Avalanche's offensive threats completely giving 2nd half keeper Borgna a quiet 2nd half. With approx. 30 seconds left in the game, "JJ" Gibson took a pass just inside Avalanche territory, drove hard towards the goal and then made a perfect pass to Diehl, who rocketed in a shot that found the back of the net and brought all the Elite players and the Livermore faithful to their feet as Elite prevailed 2-1.

Livermore Elite vs. Diablo FC of Concord: Needing a win to move onto the Championship game, Elite faced their toughest opponent to this point. Diablo FC scored first. The early deficit seemed to wake up Elite as their defense tightened up and limited Diablo to only a few offensive chances after that while applying continual offensive pressure. Elite came out strong the second half but were continually frustrated by numerous near misses. With time winding down, Elite finally broke through with a goal as Farro nailed a shot past Diablo's keeper to tie the score at 1-1 with 3:30 left in the game. Following the ensuing kickoff, Elite took possession put on an all out blitz focused on Diablo's goal. After 6 frustrating shots that were blocked or misdirected, a rebound found it's way to the foot of Farro who snuck in to give Elite their 2nd last minute victory in less than 24 hrs. Credit goes out to the entire Elite roster as they provided a classic example of never giving up.

Championship game, Livermore Elite vs. Mustang Miracle of Danville: Fresh off two last minute victories, Elite 99 was given a strong wake up call early and often as the powerful Mustang Miracle gave Elite a taste of their own medicine by dominating field position the first half. Goal keeper Krueger had her busiest and perhaps best performance of the year and Elite's fullbacks Martinez, Gibson and Walke; midfielders Johnson, Peters, Beard, Borgna, Oki, and Lauryn S. had to continually rise to the occasion to

thwart the many Miracle offensive charges. Diehl, Walker and Farro tried to apply offensive pressure but the Danville club matched Elite's defensive effort and the first half ended with no score. Elite finally broke through as Walke hammered in a shot ten minutes into the 2nd half to put Elite up by 1. Minutes later, Diehl followed with a strong run up the left side and sliced a shot into the left corner to give Elite a 2-0 lead they would not relinquish. Elite's defense tightened up and they were able to smother all other Miracle offensive attempts thus securing Elite 99 a 2-0 win and well deserved trip to the podium to receive their championship medals.

The Livermore Clash U12 team participated in the "Livermore Headless Horseman Tournament" held at Kellman Park. On Saturday October 25th the Clash played Auburn Strike. The Clash welcomed back into the Goal box Donnie Buchanan who had shifted around positions to cover for team injuries, also back in and coming off injuries and glad to be back in their spots were Tanner Sandy and Calvin Rasbold. Despite the Green hair the kids painted on the kids by forward Mike Brooks the Clash couldn't pull off a goal. Thanks to the strong defense of the Team they didn't allow any goals either. The match up ended in a 0/0 Tie. Saturday afternoon the Clash matched up against Elk Grove. Elk Grove came out strong and by the half was up 3-0. In the second half Calvin Rasbold had a nice assist for an Alec Foster goal putting the Clash on the board. 9 minutes later Elk Grove answered by scoring their 4th goal. The game ended 4-1 in favor of Elk Grove.

Sunday morning brought the third and final game of the Tournament for the Clash Boy's matching up against the Lomorinda FC. Lomorinda was on a mission to make it to the tournaments consolation round. You could feel the anxious mood of the Lomorinda boys as they took the field. 19 minutes in they scored on the Clash, putting the Clash down by one at the half. Soon in the second half the Lomorinda FC scored again. It was looking like a shutout for the Clash when the Lomorinda Goalie crept over the line on a kick, setting up a Penalty kick Bailey Bartlett who had done a great job all weekend as a fullback was given the opportunity to take the shot. 49 minutes in Bailey sunk the shot like a pro giving the Clash reason to not be shut out and spoil Lomorinda's advancement. The game ended 2-1 in favor of Lomorinda FC. Overall the boys played good soccer; the score didn't reflect the effort given and the fact that the boys were glad to have their team on the mend. Clash team members are Jacob Wood, David Adams, Brian Codington, Erik Salgado, Ryan Ball, Joey Hajduk, Tommy Earle, Jordan Murdoch, Tanner Sandy, Calvin Rasbold, Alec Foster, Donnie Buchanan, Bailey Bartlett and Mike Brooks.

The Livermore Elite Fury U13 girls allowed only one goal in four games as they captured 4th place in the Livermore Halloween Classic tournament. The Fury defense, led by goalie Emily Kalantar, played strongly as Livermore posted three shutouts. Amanda Fairclough, Morgan Brandt, Kyle Landreth, and Skyler Kriz all played well on the defensive side. The Fury opened with a 1-0 win over the Fremont Storm. After a scoreless first half, Jenna Hatch received a long ball from Kriz, ran beyond the defense and beat the Storm keeper with a well-placed ball to the left corner. Kalantar denied each Fremont shot on goal, including a diving save early in the match. Midfielders Brittany Ahrbeck and Erin Winegarer played a solid game for the Fury. Livermore battled the El Dorado Eclipse but fell 1-0 on an early goal in the second half. Kalantar made some difficult saves to keep the game close. The Fury had several offensive pushes but the Eclipse limited Livermore to only a few long shots on goal. The Fury earned a place in the consolation game with a 1-0 victory over the Healdsburg Spirit.

Beth McCall and Hatch applied early pressure. Livermore broke through in the 7th minute when McCall directed in an excellent corner kick from Elise Falgout. The Fury midfield won many of the possession battles, led by Kaitlyn Bulhoes and Rebekah Johnson. The Spirit had few scoring chances as the Fury controlled the win. Livermore fell to Juventus La Fenice, 1-0 on penalty kicks. In the consolation match, Juventus controlled play early with crisp passing and strong runs to force several corners. The Fury defense held each time during the first half. Livermore dominated play in the second half and behind the aggressive play of McCall and defend from Fairclough. After 0-0 in regulation, the Fury continued to pressure the defense in overtime as Elyse Codiroli and Alyssa Stevenson each attempted shots. The game was decided in the 6th round of penalty kicks. Kalantar stopped two PKs but the Juventus goalie was one better despite successful PKs from Falgout, Johnson and Bulhoes.

### Rec-Plus, Emerald

U-12 Boys Livermore FC (1) vs. Mustang Phoenix (0) Offense: Brandon Brocklesby, Daniel Herrera, Max Wigginton, Livermore; Robert Powers, Drake Crenshaw, Kade Harmon, Phoenix Defense: Logan Brist, Manuel Lopez, Jonathan Short, Livermore; Davis Kusnick, Ryan Birdsall, Paul Wolfert, Phoenix Goals & Assists: Daniel Lopez (G), Livermore Game Summary & Highlights: This final game of Rec-Plus league play, was very exciting. Both teams were evenly matched and came out fighting. The boys played hard and combined, the teams had many attempts at goals. Both goalies, Manuel Lopez (Livermore FC), and Davis Kusnick (Phoenix) did an outstanding job of fending off those attempts. It was a hard won game by Livermore FC when Daniel Lopez snuck one past the Phoenix defense for a goal and the win a mere 10 seconds before the final whistle. What a fantastic end to an amazing season. Livermore finished out the season with a 10-0 record.

### Division-4, Copper Girls

U-10 Girls Panthers (2) vs. Dolphins (1) Offense: Kathryn Tietjen, Laura Duterte, Emmie Faulkner, Panthers; Page Burns, Jessie Wilker, Danielle Freveret, Dolphins Defense: Tiaja Andrews, Avalon Amaral, Carissa Kamm, Panthers; Sidney Abrams, Chloe King, Sweata Katimal, Dolphins Goals & Assists: Kathryn Tietjen (G), Laura Duterte (G and A), Panthers; Sidney Abrams (G), Dolphins. Kathryn Tietjen scored her first career goal with an assist by Laura Duterte who also scored the Panthers winning goal.

U-9 Girls Soccer Puppies (3) vs. Soccer Wizards (2) Offense: Alexis Salazar, Isabella Vitale, Puppies; Katie Carmichael, Sophia Michaels, Kyla Tragear, Wizards Defense: Destiny Bandy, Rachel Jensen, Puppies; Faith Nordvik, Kija Ourdoune, Caroline Pehrson, Wizards Goals & Assists: Alexis Salazar (3G), Puppies; Taylor Petersen (2G), Marissa Carpenter (A), Alyssa Sausen (A), Wizards

Lightning Girls (5) vs. Sparklers (1) Offense: Kierra Stanek, Claire Andersen, Lightning; Nitzia Gonzales, Savannah Stevenson, Madison Stewart, Sparklers Defense: Kristen Heise, Ariana Dixon, Lightning; Zaiboa Fakiri, Emma Zika, Sophia



Ballistic Black U13, coached by Pablo Espinosa, spooked the competition and came away champions of the Almaden Halloween Classic in Morgan Hill, Oct 25, 26. The boys scored a total of 17 goals and allowed only 3 against all weekend, beating the Almaden Strikers 4-1, Tahoe United 5-0, and Tiburon Sharks 6-1 to clinch a spot in the championship game against Elk Grove Force. Tricks and treats were the order of the day as Ballistic bested Elk Grove 2-1 for the first place finish.

Schroda, Sparklers Goals & Assists: Sydney Duncan (3G), Claire Andersen (2G), Lightning; Nitzia Gonzales (G), Sparklers

Fuego (5) vs. Fireballs (1) Offense: Siena Gibbs, Brianna Clatt, Sierra Stone, Fuego; Raegan Demo, Tyler Lee, Audrey Redell, Fireballs Defense: Araceli Hernandez, Chelsea Warner, Fuego; Gaby Correa, Lindsey Gail, Paige Sutter, Fireballs Goals & Assists: Siena Gibbs (2G), Brianna Clatt (3G), Fuego; Audrey Redell (G), Fireballs Soccer Sharks (3) vs. Firecrackers (2) Offense: Maya Pilon, Emmie Poe, Molly Wharton, Sharks; Lauren Martin, Rachel Boyle, Alyssa Salvetti, Firecrackers Defense: Sierra Deane, Morgan Laughlin, Taylor Sullivan, Sharks; Stephanie Wilkinson, Regan Wiedenfeld, Sierra Miller, Firecrackers Goals & Assists: Taylor Sullivan (2G), Maya Pilon (G, A), Sharks; Rachel Boyle (G), Lauren Martin (G), Firecrackers. With the score 2-2, a last-minute goal by Taylor Sullivan gave the Sharks the win.

U-8 Girls Tazmanian Devils vs. Mustangs Offense: Nicole Fairbanks, Kayla McClendon, Mustangs; Tiara Birdsong, Megan Mossinger, Devils; Peyton Fields, Madison Forneris, Devils; Kamy Farro, Abby Andrews, Mustangs

Tazmanian Devils vs. The Crushers Offense: Caitlyn Quattaro, Kailee Haskins, Ashley Cole, Devils; Bridgett Bowie, Crushers Defense: Isabella Cusimano, Alicia Diaz, Janessa Sanchez, Devils; Madison Hood, Crushers

Fire Breathing Dolphins vs. Mustangs Offense: Christie Olgard, Julia Rocha, Alexandra Christoph, Dolphins; Abby Andrews, Megan Mossinger, Alexah Nava, Mustangs Defense: Casey Sanson, Olivia Clappgood, Kylie Karter, Dolphins; Tiara Birdsong, Lindsey Phillips, Hayley Thompson, Mustangs

Rattlesnakes vs. Eagles Offense: Tally Soto, Kennedy Griffith, Rattlesnakes; Camille LaBlanc, Lindsay Harnish, Eagles Defense: Cassidy Bates, Theresa Lator, Rattlesnakes; Josephine Bretz, Emily Rogers, Eagles Shooting Stars vs. Spirit Offense: Fatima Mendez, Brianna Radloff, Cassidy Herberth, Stars; Kayla Jones, Talina Quezada, Noelle Rizzo, Spirit Defense: Olivia Armstrong, Jen Wise, Hannah Dolan, Asika Jensen, Stars; Lauren Ziclinski, Maritza Espinoza, Brenda Gaspar, Spirit

Blazing Stars vs. Tigers Offense: Amanda Craft, Jodi Bryant, Rachel Myers, Stars; Megan Brooking, Caroline Eckle, Kaylie Lawson, Tigers Defense: Kylie Muzzall, Kyra Munkner, Alyssa McCollum, Stars; Game Summary & Highlights: Excellent game played by all girls. They are really showing their skills that they have learned.

U-7 Girls Supergirls vs. Kickin' Kittens Offense: Chandler Duarte, Skylar Vinson, Jackie Parker, Supergirls; Allison Jamison, Melanie Brambila, Schwenka Kak, Kittens Defense: Sierra Chroman, Kelsey Maldonado, Samatha Prestergard, Supergirls; Lindsay Plant, Madeline Hanson, Abigail Canafe, Kittens

U-6 Girls Dragonflies vs. Rockin' Angels Offense: Taylor Sprout, Madison Sullivan, Dragonflies; Kelsey Hoopes, Sonoma Calkins, Angels Defense: Elsa Friedmann, Ava Hall, Dragonflies; Irene Gomez, Angels

The Wildcats (A) vs. Wildcats (B) Offense: Sydney Mossinger, Wyatt Nostrand, Catherine Polaski, Wildcats (A); Grace Boyd, Madelyn Bertolucci, Marcella Kumamoto, Wildcats (B) Defense: Klarissa Cuenca, Wildcats (B)

U-5 Girls Pink Kitty Kats vs. Butterflies; Pink Kitty Cats Offense: Athena Lewis, Mariab Gill Pink Kitty Cats Defense: Emma Kello, Louise Maloney; Butterflies Offense: Laney Lawrence, Leilani Tesnado, Shailla Rothe, Isabella Finch Butterflies Defense: Stephanie Kishi, McKenna Kibbe, Kelly Burke, Ella Raab

Division 4, Copper, Boys U-10 Boys Dragons (3) vs. Vipers (1) Offense: Alex Hattori, Jose Araiza, Luis Rios, Dragons; Anthony Shultz, Jason Spangler, Jordan Esling, Vipers Defense: Ryan Myers, Dillon Eng, Holden Tanner, Dragons; Paxton Bammer, Curtis Austin, Jesus Espinoza, Vipers Goals & Assists: Jose Araiza (2G), Conner Gibbons (G), Dragons; Anthony Shultz (G), Vipers

Panthers (1) vs. Pink Panthers (0) Offense: Kelly Perreault, Laura Duterte, Hannah Gibson, Panthers; Alexandra Lonsinger,

Shannon Kai, Kiley Yocher, Pink Defense: Avalon Amaral, Kimmie Faulkner, Tessa Nafzinger, Panthers; Jessica Maldonado, Morgan Hall, August Yocher, Morgan McMahon, Pink Goals & Assists: Laura Duterte (A), Kelly Perreault (G), Panthers. Very exciting game separated only by Kelly Perreault's scorching goal shot with an assist by teammate Laura Duterte. Both team's Goal Keepers played awesome defense.

U-9 Boys Sonic X & The Black Diamonds (3) vs. Fighting Black Sharks (0) Offense: Christian Aceves, Diamonds; Jace Gersten, Jason John, Sharks Defense: Matthew Stepinck, Diamonds; Matthew Hargraves, Jaren Dietsch, Sharks Goals & Assists: Sebastian Preciado (2G), Isaac Prachar (G, A), Diamonds

Thunderballs (9) vs. Predators (1) Offense: Braden Jackson, Connor Johnston, Hunter Calkins, Thunderballs; Ryan Carlson, Predators Defense: Alex Forgatsch, Thunderballs Goals & Assists: Braden Jackson (3G), Jack Perry (4G), Andrew Lingell (G), Wes Williams (G), Thunderballs; Eamon Smith (G), Predators.

U-8 Boys Quakes vs. Ball Hawks Offense: Forest Bishop, Avery Kempton, Noah Britto, Quakes; Samiron Bora, Coby Sandholtz, Benjamin Hatch, Hawks Defense: Josef Campos, Alexander Pierce, Landon Paiso, Quakes; Alex Taylor, Colby Smith, Logan Greenborough, Hawks

The Eagles vs. The Destroyers Offense: Jeremy Theobald, Darren O'Neil, Brennan Rotar, Eagles; Dillon Martinez, McLain Minton, Gregory Short, Destroyers Defense: Tress Beede, Joshua White, Eagles; Andrew Hayley, Ethan Payne, McLain Minton, Destroyers

U-7 Boys Diamondbacks vs. Tigers Offense: Ash Lawson, Brandon Foye, Colin Eads, Diamondbacks; Luke Sorenson, Bryan Pessio, Trenton Westrope, Tigers Defense: Maximiliano Gomez, Bobby Farmer, Logan Vinson, Diamondbacks; Dylan Rapp, Wyatt Calkins, Jacob Garner, Tigers

Jedi SC vs. Thunderbolts Offense: Michael Straus, Griffin Lawrence, Colin Wiess, Jedi; Dalton Johnston, Jeffrey Fairbanks, Evan Sire, Thunderbolts Defense: Drake Small, Ryan Junic, Ben Tiedemann, Jedi; Anthony Guerra, Noah Gibson, Riley Hargraves, Thunderbolts

U-6 Boys The KIXX vs. The Jets Offense: Tanner Lewis, John Joiner, Nicholas Silva, KIXX; Jordan Bailey, Shahbaz Lodhi, Luke Shepard, Jets Defense: Colt Korhummel, Jonathan Crago, KIXX; Landon Jansen, Cameron Salazar, Skyler Steele, Jets

Rattlesnakes vs. Cheetahs Offense: Michael Anolin, Nicolas Poland, Diego Juaraz Castillo, Rattlesnakes; Shaun Smith, Joshua Bailey, Austin Overton, Wesley Short, Cheetahs Defense: Ryan Myhre, Shawn Walker, Ryan Shepherd, Rattlesnakes; Ryan Anderson, Malik Merchant, Brendan Paterson, Dylan MacDonald, Cheetahs

U-5 Boys Panthers vs. Fireballs Offense: Leif Jensen, Ryan Demo, Nate Lee, Panthers; Stephen Geyer, Dale Spence, Ryan Hansen, Fireballs Defense: Jackson Nystrom, Christian Silva, Jack Martin, Brett Demo, Panthers; Gavin Rose, Hayden Williams, Keiran Campbell, Fireballs.

## Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage U16 AC Division 2 competed in the Clovis Challenge Tournament.

Game one was a hard fought match that created striking opportunities for the opposing team ending in a 2-0 loss.

The second outing was an evenly matched game that came right down to the last minute where the opposing team took a direct kick that bounced off the near post and kicked in, however was denied because of an offside resulting in a 0-0 tie.

Rage dominated game three with striking opportunities with a 30 yard shot from Ari Gordon that resulted in the only goal 1-0 win. Game four was another Rage dominated effort. Amanda Kalbarczyk skillful maneuvered a shot from the 18 for a 1-0 win.

Rage took 3rd place in their Bracket. Top Offensive Players: Amanda Kalbarczyk, Emmie Ruhland, Rebecca Hansen, Allie Rodriguez, Top Defensive Players: Sammy Beiler, Ari Gordon, Austyn Bayasee, Lindsey Smith, Blair Stiers, Vanessa Medina.

## Lady Hustle Try-out

Lady Hustle 14's is seeking an 8th grade pitcher to fill its roster for the spring/summer 2009 tournament schedule. The team will be participating in a competitive tournament schedule, including the Park City, UT World Series in July, and the ASA Western Nationals (Georgia) or the ASA National Tournament (Washington) in August. Please contact Gil Herrera (925) 383-4708 or Teresa Borchard (925)-785-0846 to arrange for a private try-out. For more information please go to www.ladyhustlefastpitch.com

## Pleasanton Ballistic Soccer

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U14 Black won the championship in the Turlock Octoberfest over the weekend. They played a very fast, aggressive Redding team to take home the first place trophy. On Saturday, they defeated Ajax United 5-0 with goals by Chris Thomas, Matt Martin, Matt Burke, Sam Ellison and Andrew Chalker. Aria Sikaroudi led with 2 assists. Black tied Folsom 1-1 with a header goal by Bobby Sehrgosha.

Sunday morning Black defeated Sierra United 4-0 to advance to the championship game. Edgar Tovar scored 2 goals, with CR Still and Sam Ellison each adding goals. Isaac Flanzbaum created many opportunities. In the championship game, the team stayed strong with goals by Andrew Chalker and Sam Ellison. Goalkeeper Josh Pease secured the defense with brilliant saves, and the defense stayed strong with play by Neil Marques, Rene Guerrero, Kevin Costello and Noah Garner. The midfield was secured by Nick McGillivray and Jacob Shafi. Top Offensive Players: Sam Ellison, Andrew Chalker, Bobby Sehrgosha, Aria Sikaroudi, Chris Thomas, CR Still, Isaac Flanzbaum, Jacob Shafi, Edgar Tovar. Top Defensive Players: Josh Pease, Neil Marques, Matt Martin, Rene Guerrero, Kevin Costello, Noah Garner, Matt Burke, Nick McGillivray.

The BUSC U12 Div III Black team finished fourth in the Almaden Halloween Classic Tournament over the weekend. The boys competed in Flight A against the Almaden Cosmos, Santa Clara Strikers and Livermore Elite Pumas, losing in the consolation game to the Almaden Stealth 2 to 1 going to a shootout after the game ended in a 1 to 1 tie at the end of regulation play. The boys played aggressive soccer for all four games and dominated their opponents from a statistical standpoint. They outshoot their competitors with a total of 51 shots on goal to only 23 by opposing teams. Goals scored was also in BUSC favor with 7 for and only 5 against. Time of possession was another indicator of domination by the Ballistic team with a 2 to 1 ratio of total minutes played in the opposing teams side of the pitch.

The boys controlled the ball and the clock with sharp passes and a fluid motion up the field, executing well timed crosses to change the point of attack from left to right keeping their opponents defense off balance most of the game. Leading the BUSC scoring was Roberto Beard with 3, Jared Siegel with 2 and Mason Picone and Bradly Pilkington with 1 each. Assists were provided by Brian Kinnee with 3 and Ben Smedley, Roberto Beard and Mason Picone with 1 apiece.

Eleven players contributed in the offensive attack with shots made on the opponents goal, including Ben Smedley, Jared Siegel, Brendan Gold, Roberto Beard and many more. Much of the team's success in controlling their games and dominating time of possession, was directly attributable to their smothering style of defense and preventing their opponents from ever mounting a serious attack. The defensive wall rarely allowed penetration and was quick to recover from most break aways, clearing the ball back up field. The defensive stars were Matt Teng,

Alex Lee, Chris Goldhawk, Jack Geasa, Joshua Cole and Ryan Vicencio. Andrew Griehshammer and Sam Hansen anchored the defense with brilliant saves throughout the tournament sharing goalie responsibilities.

### DIVISION 4

Under-10: The Javelins held onto first place by defeating a tough Jaguars team. Cole Torquemada continued his hot streak, having a foot in all the scoring ripping in two shots for goals and then assisting on a corner kick that was headed in by Mathew Burns. However, it was the Javelin's defense that made the difference. Chase "The Rock" Godie, Center Fullback and Mathew "The Wall" Burns, goalie were running on all cylinders. They were everywhere making play after play to keep the Jaguars from scoring. The Jaguars had some tough luck with a few shots bouncing off the goal post. Other key performances were turned in from Mikey Kim, Griffin Chinn and Joey Vasquez.

Scores: Avalanche 5, Admirals 3; Jaguars 1, Javelins 3; Top Offensive Players: Griffin Chinn, Cole Torquemada, Javelins; Graham Catedral, Dhruv Pradhan, Caleb Henne, Admirals Top Defensive Players: Mathew Burns, Joey Vasquez, Mikey Kim, Chase Godie, Javelins; Darshanth Naidu, Maxamilian Kim, Joey Brasil, Admirals

Under-12: Only one goal, late in the second half, separated the Raiders from the Raptors in a very exciting and aggressive game. Adit Shrestha and Dylan French worked together as a great defensive team for the Raiders.

In other games, the Rays hosted the Renegades and the 1st and second place teams, respectively, battled it out in the middle day. The Renegades made the Rays work hard to keep their undefeated season in tact. Both defenses were stellar with the first half going scoreless until just before the whistle when a Renegade defender while attempting to block a Ray shot inadvertently caught the ball while in the goal box requiring a penalty kick. Davin Boakie of the Rays placed a firm kick to the left of the Renegade goalie and both sides retired for the half. Boakie connected twice more late in the second half sealing a Rays win 3-0 as well as a hat trick. The Rays diamond back defense including Tyler Winnegar, Tim Wu, Conner Locher, Augie Chen, and Kevin Lin have held opponents to only 4 goals this season.

Scores: Raiders 0, Raptors 1; Rays 3, Renegades 0;

Top Offensive Players: Gerard Moore, Garrett Calcagno, Ali Haider, Tayeb-Raptors; Matthew Gray, Quentin Kim, Teagan Bowman, Raiders; Curran Johal, Rod Hajian, Dev Naik, Renegades; Dylan Frades, Jordan Singh, Jove Rogers, Rays; Top Defensive Players: Gerard Moore, Leonardo Hodis, Dylan Brownen, Raptors; Matthew Gray, Quentin Kim, Teagan Bowman, Raiders; Chris Bayley, Dylan Devries, Scott Lee, Renegades; Keegan Locher, Hector Vega, Rays.

Under-14: The Predators continued their winning ways by defeating the Patriots 6-1. Bryson Sherman scored a hat-trick. Daniel Reedy had 4 assists to his credit. Sohan Shah did a superlative job with his quick throws. Michael Roeder came flying out of nowhere to steal the ball and save the goalkeeper from a 1-on-1 faceoff.

In the game between the Pumas and the Power, the Pumas gave the prior unbeaten Power their first loss of the 2008 season with a stunning 1-0 victory. The Pumas showed a lot of hustle and grit to pull off 1 - 0 win over a tough Power team. The only goal of the game was scored by Kevin Rodriguez on a thirty plus yard shot in the upper right hand corner of the goal. However, the real story of the game was the defense. Fullbacks Chase Torquemada, Joel French and Peter Henze kept the Power forwards on their heels the whole game as stopped any and all balls that came into the scoring zone. Then there was the outstanding play by Ali "The Wall" Tayed, who stopped several tough shots

## Tigers Baseball

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### OPEN FIELDS 2009

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 teams.

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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

EVENT SCHEDULE	
8:00am	Player Check-in
8:30-9:15	Player Testing - agility, strength, speed
9:30-11:30	Game Evaluations - scrimmage games

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# SPORTS NOTES

including a penalty shot given to the Power in the first half. This was a true team effort with all the Pumas looking at this game as a key to a better season. Pumas have had a tough time scoring but the one goal on this day was enough to get them past a very good Power team. Scores: Predators 6, Patriots 1; Power 0, Pumas 1.

**Best Offensive Players:** Bryson Sherman, Kevin Crispell, Daniel Reedy, Predators; Josh Kardos, Sebastian Sannajust, Kevin Rodriguez - Pumas; Best Defensive Players: Michael Rueder, Brett Lewis, Sohan Shah, Predators; Joel French, Ali Tayed, Peter Henze, Chase Torquemada - Pumas;

## California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed this weekend in highly competitive meet in Vallejo. Girls competed in level 4, 5 and 6 and did a great job.

**LEVEL 4** Rachel Sylvester in younger age group earned first place all around with a score of 36.275, scoring 9.1(1) on vault, 9.175(9) on bars, 9.575(1) on beam and 9.725(1) on floor. In the same age division, Emily Balicanta finished second all around with a score of 36.275, receiving 9.025(6T) on vault, 9.05(3T) on bars, 8.925(4) on beam and 9.275(4) on floor. Naomi Chin took 3rd all around with the score of 35.725 scoring 9.1(4) on vault, 9.175(1T) on bars, 8.35(6) on beam and 9.1(5) on floor. Maya Frank finished 6th all around with the score of 34.975, on vault she got 9.2(3), on bars 8.4(10), on beam 8.575(3) and on floor 8.8(10T).

In the older age group, Shannon Payne took first place all around with the score of 37.450. She scored 9.125(5) on vault, 9.2(3T) on bars, 9.35(2) on beam and 9.775(1) on floor. Baylee Hill took second all around with the score of 37.075. She scored 9.25(3) on vault, 9.275(1) on bars, 9.45(1) on beam and 9.1(6) on floor. Savannah Chrupalo finished fourth all around scoring 9.275(1T) on vault, 9.25(2) on bars, 8.45(7) on beam and 9.3(2) on floor.

**LEVEL 5** Katarina Weissbach in the middle age group took sixth all around with a score of 35, receiving 7.85(12) on vault, 8.75(5) on bars, 9.175 (4) on beam and 9.225(3) on floor. Her sister Alexandra, in the older age group, finished second all around with a score of 36.225, scoring 8.75 (4) on vault, 9(6) on bars, 9.325(2) on beam and 9.15(4) on floor.

**LEVEL 6** Isabella Orecchia, in the younger age group, finished fourth all around with a score of 36.85, including 9.2(8) on vault, 9.25(2T) on bars, 9(5) on beam and 9.4(2T) on floor. In the older age group, Elizabeth Higa finished third with a score of 36.875, receiving 9.35(4T) on vault, 9.3(1) on bars, 9.3(2T) on beam and 8.925(9) on floor. In the same age group Celina Moutareff finished fifth all around with a score of 35.850, scoring 8.875(9) on vault, 8.225(8) on bars, 9.3(2T) on beam and 9.45(2) on floor. Dori Lucero finished eighth with an all around score of 35.175, and 8.85 (10) on vault, 7.475(9) on bars, 9.525(1) on beam and 9.325(4) on floor.

## Amador Valley JV Football

In a game that was much closer than the final score indicated the Amador Valley JV Dons lost 51-28 to the visiting De La Salle Spartans. The game was a back-and-forth affair, featuring six touchdowns of 50 yards or more and another 38-yard strike.

The Dons were forced into punt formation on their opening series drive after moving the ball out to the 39 yard line. Carson Ewanich, back to punt, took a low snap and decided to run. Before the Spartans could react, the speedy Ewanich had raced 61 yards to the end zone and Amador was up 7-0.

It didn't take long for De La Salle to answer. Taking over at their own 40, they scored with a 60-yard run on the first play from scrimmage to tie the score. Things then seemed to settle down, as Amador and De La Salle exchanged three-and-out punts and the Dons got the ball back — pinned deep at their own 3 yard line. On the first play, Ewanich took the hand off in the end zone for a run up the middle. Finding no room there, he bounced to the right, the short side of the field, and the race was on. A desperation diving tackle nearly tripped Ewanich at the Spartan 40, but he regained his balance to complete the 97-yard touchdown run, putting Amador up 14-7.

With two minutes left in the half, the Spartans moved the ball down to the Dons 3 yard line and were looking to tie the game. However, a penalty, a dropped pass in the end zone, and a couple of big tackles, by Brian Hill and Andrew Garcia, forced De La Salle to settle for a field goal.

The Dons attempted to run out the clock on the first half, but were unable to move the ball and gave De La Salle the ball back at the Spartans 49 with 48 seconds remaining. The Spartans struck on the first play, throwing a deep post pattern to an open receiver to take a 24-14 into intermission.

The run of Spartans and Dons 'big plays' continued until after the break. It started with the second half opening kickoff, a 95 yard kickoff return by De La Salle to put them up 27-14. Not to be deterred, the Dons came right back with their own big play. On the first play after the kickoff, Cameron Ashtiani took the ball at the 16 yard line and showed off his speed sprinting 84 yards to the touchdown. The Dons trailed by only six, 27-21.

On the subsequent drive, a big Spartan run and pass put them in scoring position at the Dons 26 yard line. However, a botched option play resulted in a fumble and the opportunistic Ewanich picked up the loose ball at the 30. Once again the race was on, and Ewanich went the distance, returning it 70 yards for his third touchdown of the game. With 7:51 left in the third period, the Dons were back on top 28-24. Unfortunately, it was to be the last Dons score of the evening.

A 38-yard Spartans touchdown pass gave them the lead back, 31-28, with four minutes remaining in the third quarter. After the Dons went three-and-out, DLS put together a 12 play time consuming drive to go up 38-28 at the 6:40 minute mark of the fourth quarter. The game quickly got away from the Dons. De La Salle took advantage of a fumble on the Dons first play — scoring two plays later on the twenty. A penalty kept the Dons from getting anything going on their next possession and the Spartans added one more touchdown.

Ewanich had a 60 yard return on the ensuing kickoff to help move the ball down to the Spartans 10 yard line before time expired.

Despite losing the game, Amador put up impressive offensive yardage, picking up 351 yards of total offense. Ewanich had 180 yards rushing on seven carries, a 60-yard kickoff return, and a 70-yard fumble recovery for a total of 310 yards. Ashtiani, also had a banner day, rushing for 122 yards on 10 carries.

Sixteen players recorded tackles. Brian Hill and Cameron Seams led the way with four and a half each and Andrew Garcia followed with four.

## Gymfinity Gymnastics

The Level 4, 5, and 6 teams from Gymfinity Gymnastics competed at the Hollywood Invitational hosted by North Bay Athletic Association in Vallejo, on Sunday, October 26, 2008. All of the Level 4 girls made it to the State Championships scheduled for December 6th and 7th. The Level 5 and 6 ladies qualified to go to Zones in hopes of making it to the Level 5 and 6 State Championships to be held later in November.

**Level 4 - Younger:** VAULT: Paige Chew, 9th, 8.9; Megan Hebert, 12th, 8.85; Kaylee Brist, 12th, 8.85. BARS: Chew, 6th, 9.15; Hebert, 8th, 8.7; Brist, 9th, 8.5. BEAM: Chew, 4th, 8.375; Hebert, 5th, 8.325; Brist, 14th, 7.125. FLOOR: Brist, 4th, 8.75; Chew, 6th, 8.65; Hebert, 8th, 8.6. ALL-AROUND: Brist, 5th, 35.075; Hebert, 8th, 34.475; Chew, 10th, 33.225. Middle: VAULT: Jessica Biggs, 11th, 9.0. BARS: Biggs, 10th, 8.75. BEAM: Biggs, 7th, 8.3. FLOOR: Biggs, 12th, 8.7. ALL-AROUND: Biggs, 11th, 34.75.

**Level 5 - Younger:** VAULT: Katie Mathers, 10th, 8.175. BARS: Mathers, 10th, 7.65. BEAM: Mathers, 8th, 8.675. FLOOR: Mathers, 11th, 8.825. ALL-AROUND: Mathers, 10th, 33.325. Middle: VAULT: Mariel Chiong, 14th, 8.1. BARS: Chiong, 8th, 8.7. BEAM: Chiong, 14th, 8.025. FLOOR: Chiong, 13th, 8.6. ALL-AROUND: Chiong, 14th, 33.125. Older:

VAULT: Rachel Pombo, 12th, 7.95; Chelsea Werner, 13th, 6.8. BARS: Pombo, 10th, 8.375; Werner, 13th, 6.0. BEAM: Pombo, 11th, 8.325; Werner, 13th, 6.0. FLOOR: Pombo, 12th, 8.05; Werner, 13th, 6.25. ALL-AROUND: Pombo, 11th, 32.7; Werner, 13th, 25.05.

**Level 6 - Middle:** VAULT: Sara Vukojevic, 7th, 8.4. BARS: Vukojevic, 10th, 8.0. BEAM: Vukojevic, 10th, 7.625. FLOOR: Vukojevic, 10th, 8.6. ALL-AROUND: Vukojevic, 10th, 32.625.

## Edge Gymnastics

Edge Gymnastics of Dublin competed in the 2008 Hollywood Invitational, October 26, hosted by North Bay Athletic Association.

**Level 1b - Division - Younger:** Vault: Gabriela Leyva-Montiel, 4th, 9.200; Skylar Relova, 12th, 8.600; Jennifer Dawson, 15th, 8.075; Bars: Relova, 2nd, 9.300; Leyva-Montiel, 4th, 9.200; Dawson, 6th, 9.150; Beam: Relova, 1st, 9.200; Leyva-Montiel, 3rd, 9.150; Dawson, 13th, 8.150; Floor: Relova, 3rd, 9.275; Dawson, 4th, 9.225; Leyva-Montiel, 5th, 9.175; All Around: Leyva-Montiel, 2nd, 36.725; Relova, 3rd, 36.375; Dawson, 11th, 34.600.

**Division - Middle:** Vault: Serena Chan, 2nd, 9.150; Amanda Czetti, 3rd, 9.125; Danielle Mullins, 12th, 8.550; Brianna Londeree, 14th, 8.3; Bars: Chan, 2nd, 9.300; Czetti, 3rd, 9.225; Londeree, 5th, 9.175; Mullins, 9th, 8.950; Beam: Czetti, 2nd, 9.200; Mullins, 4th, 9.000; Londeree, 5th, 8.950; Chan, 13th, 8.25; Floor: Chan, 1st, 9.350; Mullins, 3rd, 9.300; Londeree, 4th, 9.225; Czetti, 15th, 8.150; All Around: Chan, 3rd, 36.225; Mullins, 5th, 35.800; Londeree, 6th, 35.775; Czetti, 9th, 35.525.

## Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League scores:

**The Seahawks** turned in one of their better all-around games of the season, as they battled to a 14-6 win over the Redskins, claiming the top seed for the upcoming Pleasanton Junior Football League Senior playoffs. The Seahawks defense allowed but the six points, getting outstanding play from a number of players. Linebackers Parker Dalton, Cale Rubinson and Ray Bartolomucci led the way with sensational efforts. Lineman Nate Vickers set up with first Seahawks score when he picked off a batted Redskins pass. Grant Soyka and James Frair were all over the Redskins defensive backfield throughout the game, forcing the Skins quarterback into a pair of interceptions. Alex Jadar, Vickers and Kevin Miller (playing his first game on defense) did a nice job of slowing down the powerful Redskins running game.

With the defense clicking, it was up to the offense to get it done when they had their chances. And they did just that. Quarterback Nick Mendonca scored the first touchdown for the Hawks, following the big and strong offensive line of Miller, Vickers, Tyler Rains, Soyka, Ryan Walsh and Usman Khan. Tight end Harrison Heiser had a great game going up against the big Redskins defensive ends. The win sends the Seahawks into the playoffs as the top seed where they will face the tough Saints, a team much stronger than their 1-6 mark. A win this week would send the Seahawks into the championship game, which will be played Nov. 8 at Casey Lewis Stadium.

**Jaguars vs. Falcons:** In a game which was much closer than the final score indicates, the Jaguars completed the regular season with a 44-12 win over the league's most improved team, the Falcons in Pleasanton Junior Football League JV action.

The first half of the game was a battle back and forth, as both offensive units moved the ball up and down the field in the battle between the 5-1 Jaguars and the 1-5 Falcons.

The key for the Jaguars was twice stopping the conversion attempts of the Falcons for a 16-12 lead in the second quarter. The Falcons moved the ball better on the Jags defense better than any team in the league has done this season.

Running back Javon Kemp created problems for the Jags defense and the two teams battled throughout the first half.

In the second half, the Jags were finally able to pull away from their tough opponents, thanks in large part to the play of Anthony Irizarry. Irizarry scored a pair of touchdowns on long runs, then threw two more touchdowns on halfback option passes, both the speedy Connor Caspersen.

Nick Reyes scored the first touchdown of the game on a 65 yard run down the left sideline on the games first play for the Jags and fullback Josh Miller added the other touchdown for the Jags.

The offensive line of Jacob Blair, Aaron Banks, Jacob Wilson, JP Pasteur, Nick Pasteur and Chase Barkdull turned in great performances.

Sean Thomas and Reyes added a few conversions for the Jags who moved to 6-1.

**The PJFL Senior 49ers** put in a strong defensive effort along with an offense that took advantage short fields to post a 22-6 win over the Raiders in flag football action. The Niners defense limited the Raiders to a pair of first downs and intercepted three passes in the win.

The defense held the Raiders to a four-and-out on the Raiders first drive; the Niners taking over on the Raiders 30. Alec Hillman ran for 20 on first down to get down to the 10 and then, three plays later scored around right end, squeezing into the corner. The conversion was unsuccessful and 49ers led 6-0.

On the ensuing drive, Kevin Murphy intercepted a pass and nearly ran it back for a score, getting stopped on the Raiders eight. On the first play, Trent Kravitz went around right end for the score. This time the conversion, a short pass to Kevan Knaggs, was complete for a 14-0 lead.

The Raiders answered with a drive of their own to narrow the score to 14-6 at intermission.

Murphy got his second pick of the game to start the second half and the Niners were once again in business at the Raiders 35. Kravitz went left for 25 yards on first down. After losing four on the next play, Kravitz found Knaggs over the middle and the big guard found his way into right side of the end zone. The conversion from Kravitz to Adam Alvino provided the final margin of victory.

On the remaining drives, Aaron Silva posted a couple of nice runs, good for 27 yards, behind the blocking of Austin Simmons and Josh Spough, but the Niners couldn't get into the end zone again.

**The PJFL brought the Colts** to the Raiders for their 3rd match up in the inter-mediate division. In the first offensive series, the Colts moved the ball 34 yards before Raiders safety R. Landsman had a deflected pass land in his arms. After a 35 yard return and 15 more on a penalty the Raiders' offense took the field only to go 4 & out. There was no scoring in the first half. The 2nd half started with the Raiders going 3 and out

punting the ball to the Colts 17 yard line. The Colts moved the ball to their 42 before Raider CB Trevor Berryman intercepted a pass and returned it 10 yards. The Raiders were held to 4 & out. The Raider D returned the favor and forced the Colts out in 4. On the Colts 27 yard line it took only 2 plays before Raider RB Kane "The Rabbit" Millerstrom found his hole and picked up 6. The Colts refused to give up and capped off a 63 yard march to the end zone for 6 with a pass completion that stunned the Raider D. After a 4 & out for both teams the clock ran out ending the last regular season game in a tie.

**Steelers vs. the Saints:** The last regular season game of the Senior Division saw the Steelers & Saints battle it out. After several possessions for each side, the Steeler D forced a quick Saints punt fielded by RB Joshua Yu who returned it to the Saints' 20 yard line. The Steeler QB Kyle Moreno connected with RB Zack Wilhite in the back of the end zone for the 1<sup>st</sup> score of the game. Again the Steeler D forced a Saints punt then take a knee to end the half. The Steelers started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half going 3 & out only to have the punt blocked. The Saints picked up a quick 1<sup>st</sup> down on 2 plays then fumbled the ball, which was recovered by Steeler LB Sumner Huston. The Saints D forced the Steelers to another 3 & a punt. The Saints returned the punt to the Steelers 16 yard line, four plays later the Saints added 6. The Steelers came right back when RB Joshua Yu got to the outside and ran 40 yards to pick up 6 of his own. Steeler D-lineman Billy Rodgers recovered Saints' second fumble of the game. It only takes 3 plays before RB Joshua Yu got around the outside taking the ball 47 yards for his 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 of the day. The Saints offense came up with a little trickery, picking up 40 yards on a pass play that caught the Steeler D off guard, 2 plays later the Saints were in for their 2<sup>nd</sup> TD and the 2 point PAT. The Saints D got the ball back for their offense with 1:46 left to play but the Steeler D refused to let this one get away and quickly shut down the Saints forcing them out in 4. The Steelers took a knee to end the game with a win, 20-14.

## Bowling News

Lauretta Hammer, in the Monday Getaway Fours League, rolled 183 pins over series average with games of 226-214-226 ending with a 666 series at the Granada Bowl in Livermore. Steve Mason, in the Friday Cheyenne League, bowled 135 pins over average with games of 255-300-222 for a 777 series.

Kevin Nix, in the Getaway Fours, rolled 82 over average with a high game of 242. Dick Braden, in the Balhorn/O' Dell Construction League, bowled a 243 game. In the Modified Guys & Dolls, e Billy McClain had a nice set of 290-258-214 for a 762 series; Eric Williford rolled 263 game; Martin Allen all 13 over series with games of 204-222-236.

In the Kings & Queens, Craig Truscott bowled exactly 100 pins over series average with games of 179-210-212. Joe Palmer rolled 56 over average with a 209 game. Joe Fioretti was 84 pins over average with a 219 game. In the Reno Gamblers, Frank Dannel bowled a 237 game. Scott Hylton, in the Cheyenne League, turned in a 268 game, Kristen Moore 725 series with a 276 game, Darin Smith a 771 series with games of 258-245-268, Dave DeBus 108 over series with a high game of 255, Donna Mason a 226 game and Khris Hamilton, with a 132 average, a 205 game.

Senior bowler John Foscalina bowled a 602 series including games of 182-186-234. In the same league, Mike Miller rolled a 223 game, Bob Stein 233 and Otis Farris a 220. In the Sins & Sirettes League, Alma Taasevigen recorded a 234 game.

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## 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

## PGSL Registration

2009 Registration is open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play PGSL softball. Two ways to register: 1) Online at www.pleasantonsoftball.org; 2) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (download a registration form from our website). For more information or questions you can email Nancy Costa at

## Pleasanton LL Signup

Little League registration for all three leagues in Pleasanton. Go to Sportability.com/pll or walk up registration 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 section.

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 47 p.m. Saturday, April 4, vs. Anaheim Ducks.

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

## Little League Signup

Registration for the 2009 Season of all three Livermore Little Leagues will take place on 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.inll.us, Livermore American - www.eteamz.com/all, Granada - www.eteamz.com/gramadall.

# BULLETIN BOARD

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

**Golden Circle Seniors Annual Bazaar,** Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 4th and 5th from 9am to 3 pm, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Most items are handmade by this local group and include: baby items, kitchen items, scarves, hats, shopping bags, doilies, wine bottle covers, lab robes, and many more items all at reasonable prices. Again this year, Grandma's closet will be open for some slightly used treasures and triva.

**Birds of Brushy Peak,** hike on Brushy Peak led by Anthony Fisher 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sunday, November 9. This landscape offer produces great views of eagle, hawks and falcons. www.ebparcs.org 1 -888-EBPARCS.

**Trick or Treat,** Rosewood Gardens Senior Living will host their annual safe trick or treating party on Fri., Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring your little ones out to trick or treat with our friendly elderly residents. Candy and delicious refreshments provided. Costume contest for all age groups. Rosewood Gardens is located at 35 Fenton Street in Livermore.

**25th Annual Holiday Home Tour,** Sun., Dec. 7, hosted by Soroptimist International of Livermore. Five beautiful homes elegantly decorated for the holidays will be open to you from 11:00 AM -3:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 per person tax deductible. All the money collected goes to support local community projects benefiting women and children. The tour begins at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. For advanced tickets make checks payable to SIL and mail to: Soroptimist International of Livermore, P.O. Box 812, Livermore, CA 94550. Tickets will be available at Proctor's Custom Framing, 2200 First Street, or from any Soroptimist member. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the tour at Alden Lane Nursery. Raffle tickets will be sold for cash prizes and gift baskets. For more information please call President Anita Thompson, 925-449-0612, or Charlotte Newman, 925-449-4079. For information about Soroptimist please go to www.sifunderregion.org.

**Trail Adventures (Save Mount Diablo),** Sun., Nov. 2, races starts at 9 a.m. Half-Marathon, 10K Run, and Family Hike beginning at Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek, climbing the fire roads up the slopes of Mount Diablo and finishing at Castle Rock. The event includes pre-and post-race entertainment by a live band and lunch for all participants. Fee \$40.00 for all events. Day of registrations open at 7:00am all events start at 9:00 am. www.savemountdiablo.org.

**Pleasantons 4 Peace** is again sponsoring a candlelight vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, November 12, Wednesday, at 7 PM. The Vigil will be followed immediately by a peaceful march to City Hall. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. This is monthly event, the second Wednesday of the month, as long as necessary.

**Handling the Holidays,** Hope Hospice bereavement program offers two sessions to cope with the holidays following the loss of a loved one. Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m. Hope Hospice Bereavement Center, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 214; 829-8770. Nov. 7, 10 a.m., Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Please RSVP to Hope Hospice at 829-8770.

**The Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner** is having a planning/volunteer meeting. If you are interested in helping out, please attend on Wednesday, November 12th at 7 p.m., in the Bothwell Center at 8th and H streets. Volunteer sign-ups will begin at this meeting. For more information please check our website: www.LCTD.org

**Livermore Adult Education instructors sought,** is in the process of creating its Winter/Spring class schedule. Specifically sought are instructors for Tai Chi, Italian, dance, and beginning Spanish. Those with a talent or skill to share please call 925-606-4722. Need not be credentialed to apply.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA,** general meeting Tues., Nov. 4, 1:30 p.m. at the Dublin Library. Lt. Liz Gresham from the San Ramon Police Department will be the guest speaker. She will bring a new "taser" to demonstrate, and discuss holiday safety. Happy hour in Pleasanton at the Sheraton Hotel, Fri., Nov. 7, 5 p.m., RSVP to Lorraine at 846-5695 by Nov. 6. Birthday dinner at Hilton Restaurant in Pleasanton Sat., Nov. 8, 5 p.m., RSVP to Marge, 828-5124 by Nov. 6. Reminder: reservations for the Christmas party with payment to Athens due by Nov. 14.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club,** Sat., Nov. 1, 47 miles Dublin to Castro Valley, meet 9 a.m. at Shannon Center, Peter Rathmann, 828-1973. Sun., Nov. 2, 55 miles St. Helena, Lake Hennessy, Lake Berryessa and Pope Valley, meet 9 a.m. on Church Street, Don Carpenter, 228-1096. Wed., Nov. 5, 25 miles to Moraga, meet 9 a.m. at Heather Farms, Pete and Sharon Culshaw, 932-0790.

**The Barn Bash,** hosted by Discovery Church of the Nazarene, Sat., Nov. 8, 4 to 8 p.m. 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Activities for all ages including children's games, chili cook-off, karaoke, cake walk, and snack bar. Free admission. All are welcome.

**Jose Maria Amador Chapter, D.A.R., Daughters of the American Revolution,** meeting 9:30 a.m. Sat., Nov. 8. Members are descended from Patriots of the Revolutionary War of Independence from England. Prospective members are always welcome. For more information and meeting location, contact Susan at 699-4147.

**Coping with the Holidays when dealing with cancer,** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 13, ValleyCare Medical Plaza, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 240, Pleasanton. Examination ways to set priorities and delegate responsibilities and learn simple relaxation techniques.

Free. Reservations are required. For information, call The Wellness Community, 933-0107.

**Blot from the Past Singles Dance,** Sat., Nov. 8, 8 p.m. to midnight, Marriott Hotel, 11950 Dublin Blvd., Pleasanton. Hosted by the Society of Single Professionals, dance to the hits of the 60s and 70s. \$20 at the door. Information, visit www.ThePartyHotline, or call 415-507-9962.

**Book Sale,** Friends of the Livermore Library will hold their monthly book sale on Sunday, November 2, from 12:00 noon to 4 p.m. in front of the former Library at 1000 South Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Fiction and nonfiction books, magazines and audiovisuals are sold at deep discounted prices and there will be a table of free books. From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. books will be sold for \$ 2.00 a shopping bag full of books.

**Amador Valley Quilt Guild,** meets Saturday, November 8, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. This meeting will feature Ellen Anne Eddy presenting a lecture on Thread Magic. She is one of the premier thread artists in the country. The guild is a nonprofit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit http://amadervalleyquilters.org.

**Holiday Boutique,** Heritage Estates, Senior Retirement Community, 900 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Fri. and Sat., Nov. 7th and 8th 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Handcrafted holiday gifts exclusively made by senior residents. There will be unique handbags, beautiful blankets and scarves, custom jewelry, holiday ornaments, etc. There will also be home baked goods and candies. For more information call 925-518-5752.

**Bingo,** The Pleasanton Seahawks along with the Buena Vista Home is hosting bingo on November 8th at Livermore Bingo Ranch. Bingo Ranch is located 851 Rincon Ave, Livermore. Please call 925 606-7777 for more information. Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Parenting Your Aging Parent,** class is for current and future caregivers of aging parents or other relatives and will provide support, information, and resources. Ruth Gasten, a Valley parent educator for over 35 years, who cared for her mother until her death at the age of 95, will facilitate the class. The class will meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. You may attend any or all of the sessions. On Wednesday, October 15, the class will be held in Room G-1 at Amador High School. On November 9 and December 17, the class will be held in the Amador High School Library Conference Room B. Register by calling Amador Valley Adult Education at 426-4280, or come to the first class and sign in.

**Singles dance,** single professionals of all ages are invited to meet new friends who love to dance to the greatest hits from the 60s and 70s. Saturday, November 8, 8pm-Midnight, at the Marriott Hotel, 1

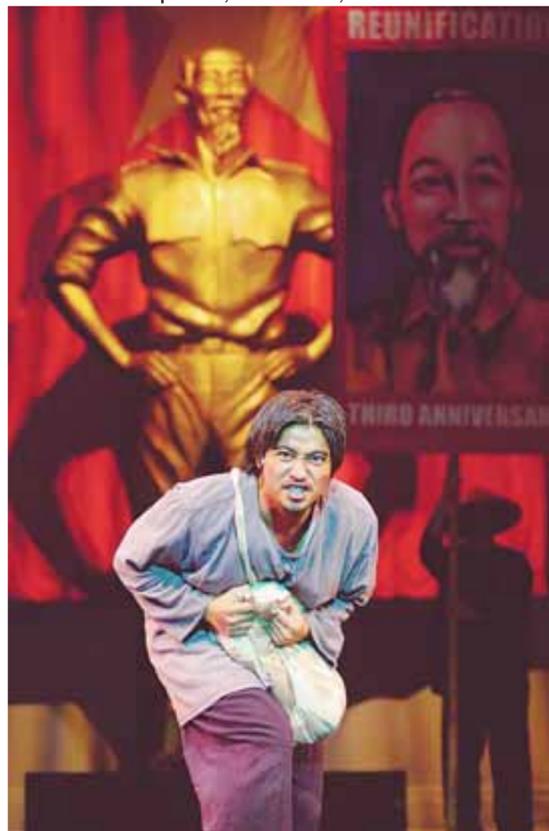


Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
Antonio Rodriguez III, as the Engineer, stands in front of a statue of Ho Chi Minh.

## Vietnam Era Musical a Hit At the Bankhead Theater

By Janet Armantrout

It's not every day that a full-size helicopter replica descends on a stage. However, the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production of "Miss Saigon" included just that.

Miss Saigon opens the musical theater season for the company. Performances are at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

The story is a Vietnam era version of Puccini's "Madame Butterfly." Director John Baiocchi has done a good job in bringing out the various themes: love can happen between unlikely people in unlikely places, war has consequences beyond the end of the fighting, and a mother who is willing to make sacrifices for her child.

The production drew a standing ovation from the opening night crowd.

The play opens just weeks before the turmoil of the American evacuation of Saigon in 1975. The first scene takes place in a seedy nightclub in Saigon. It is a place where GIs go to get-away from war and where the workers dream of just getting away.

A yearning on the part of the bar girls is expressed in the song, "Movie in My Mind," that includes a desire to find "a world far away, where life is not unkind."

While at the bar, Chris (Ronald Houk), an American G.I., meets and falls for Kim (Kelly Park), a young Vietnamese woman from the countryside who has just arrived in Saigon and is working at the nightclub. Chris is both distressed and surprised at finding happiness amidst the brutalities of war. He sings, "I liked my memories the way they were. Now, I'll have to remember her - just her."

Chris is forced to return to the states without Kim. He eventually marries Ellen (Morgan Breedveld). Kim, who is still in Saigon with their son that Chris is unaware exists, dreams of reuniting with Chris and having their son become an American citizen. She eventually escapes from Vietnam and ends up in the red light district of Bangkok, where Chris and his wife find her.

One of the moving moments focuses on the children fathered by GIs who were left behind. "War isn't over when it's over" includes the message that the children left behind are living reminders of all we failed to do. It is sung by a former GI, John (Alex Orenberg), who is now working to protect the children. Photos of children are projected on the screen behind him.

Another scene of intensity is "The American Dream," the Engineer's vision of all the wondrous things he'll find if he reaches America. The Engineer is the proprietor of the various nightclubs where Kim works. Antonio Rodriguez III portrays the Engineer, an opportunist who works to make things happen to his advantage.

The cast is excellent, with the voices needed to perform an all musical play.

Performances continue 8 pm Fridays/Saturdays and 2 pm Sundays through Nov 9, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore.

Tickets are \$35 for adults (18-60), \$33 for seniors (60+), and \$25 for juniors (under 18). There is a substantial discount for groups purchasing 20 or more tickets. Note that the Bankhead Theater will add a facility fee to the price of each ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the Bankhead Theater box office, online at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org) or by calling 925-373-6800.

It should be noted that the performance contains material that is sexual.

## Children of Winter on Nov. 6

Warren Miller's "Children of Winter," the largest action sports film, will be shown at the Bankhead Theater on Thurs., Nov. 6 at 8 p.m.

The film is presented in high-definition and narrated by skiing icon Jonny Moseley. This year's film takes the viewer on an escape to global destinations, including Japan, Austria, Iceland, and more. Included is snowboarding's Olympic Gold Medalist Seth Westcott charging down the Alaskan backcountry, surf legend Gerry Lopez shredding the Oregon steeps, and Chris Anthony taking on Leadville Colorado's legendary Skijoring competition.

Tickets are \$18. They can be purchased by calling 925.373.6800 or online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or at



the theater box office, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore, CA 94550

## Gem Artist to Present Program in Livermore

Award winning Artist Glenn Lehrer will present a special program for the Livermore Valley Lithophiles Gem and Mineral Club.

The program will be Wed., Nov. 5 starting at 7:30 p.m. in the community meeting room at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. The public is welcome. There is no admission charge.

Lehrer is internationally recognized as one of the finest gemstone carvers of our time. His fluid gemstone carvings and precisely faceted stones are featured in custom, fine jewelry and exquisite gemstone sculptures around the world.

A graduate gemologist, he has won 10 awards for his jewelry and gemstone designs: seven Cutting Edge Awards and one Spectrum Award from (AGTA) the American Gem Trade Association; the NITCH Award; and an award from the prestigious Idar-Oberstein Carvers and Engravers Association in Germany. His award winning gemstones and

jewelry designs have appeared on the cover of thirteen major jewelry publications, and numerous articles have been written describing his craftsmanship. Four of his carvings have been featured in the Modern Jewelers' Gem Profile collection.

Lehrer has pioneered some of the world's largest gemstone sculptures. The grandest and most technically challenging is Bahia, a 5-foot, 450 pound quartz crystal with golden rutile needles, comprised of three pieces cut from a single 800-pound quartz crystal. It hangs like a jewel pendant, suspended 30 feet from the ceiling by two thin (3/16") steel cables. Known as: "The World's Largest Pendant," it is on display in the lobby of the Gemological Institute of America campus in Carlsbad, CA. Bahia was created in collaboration with Lawrence Stoller, and has been on exhibition at the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, PA., and the Los Angeles Museum of Natural History.

## Senior Players Present Comedy, Melodrama in Pleasanton

The Pleasanton Senior Players are back on center stage with their annual comedy production, slated to run Friday, November 7 through Sunday, November 9 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, located at 5353 Sunol Boulevard.

This year, the show opens with "So Nice Not to See You" about an author and her secretary working in a Bahamas retreat. The evening continues with "Heaven Will Protect the Working Girl," a melodrama full of colorful characters and venomous villains.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. Fri., Nov. 7 and 2 p.m. Sat., Nov. 8 and Sun., Nov. 9. Tickets are \$9-\$11 and may be purchased either in advanced or at the door. For more information, please call (925) 931-5365.



From left to right are Talk Hawks Stacy Shaw, Tiffany Lee, Jessica Padula, Natalie Kellner, Jacquie De Fremery, and Katie Philpott. Not pictured: Anthony Passero

## Talk Hawks Come with Awards

The Las Positas College Talk Hawks won first place at the recent 2008 Santa Rosa Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament. Their scores earned them the title of number one speech team in the tournament. They outperformed teams from San Francisco State University, San Jose State University, Chico State University, and several community colleges.

"Over the past few years our students have set a very high standard for themselves on the forensics stage. Each year they continue to outperform their own expectations," said Tim Heisler, instructor and Talk Hawks advisor. "These students have worked hard to keep Las Positas College competitive with major universities. We are all very proud of them."

The Talk Hawks won 17 awards in the 20 events they participated in. Three of the tournaments top four speakers were from Las Positas College. In addition to individual honors the Talk Hawks also won the tournament's 1st place Sweepstakes Award. The following students won awards:

Brentwood, Natalie Kellner 4th Place - Open Dramatic Interpretation

Castro Valley, Stacy Shaw 1st Place - Open Speech to Entertain 1st Place - Open Informative Speaking 1st Place - Open Communication Analysis 2nd Top Speaker of the Tournament

Dublin, Anthony Passero 4th Place - Novice Persuasive Speaking 5th Place - Novice Impromptu Speaking

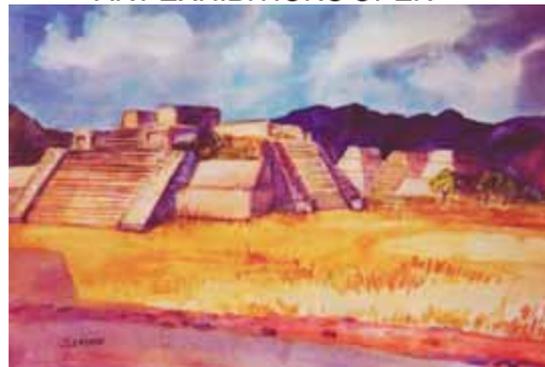
Livermore, Jacquie De Fremery 1st Place - Open Persuasive Speaking 2nd Place - Open Informative Speaking

Katie Philpott 1st Place - Open Impromptu Speaking 3rd Place - Open Communication Analysis 3rd Place - Open Persuasive Speaking 3rd Place - Open Extemporaneous Speaking 3rd Top Speaker of the Tournament

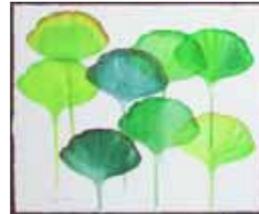
Pleasanton, Tiffany Lee 2nd Place - Open Persuasive Speaking 4th Place - Open Informative Speaking 4th Place - Open Communication Analysis 5th Place - Open Poetry Interpretation 4th Top Speaker of the Tournament

Jessica Padula 4th Place - Open Speech to Entertain

## ART EXHIBITIONS OPEN



An exhibition with the theme, "Mayan Mexico and More," will be on display in the Livermore Library, Nov. 1-30. The exhibition will feature drawings, paintings and photographs by Charlotte Severin and artists Kathleen Elin, June Ferreri, Carole Hilton, Mary Ann Johnston, Renee Rollins, Jerry Severin and Justin Trent from their March 2008 trip to various locations in Mexico. There will be a reception on Sat., Nov. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge. The library is located at 1188 So. Livermore Ave. For information, call 373-5500. Pictured is "Mt. Alban," a watercolor by Charlotte Severin.



Ginkos by Maclyn Pons

## LAA Show Opens at Bank

The Livermore Art Association will open the 6th annual "Bank On It" show at US Bank in Livermore on Thurs., Nov. 6. Local artists will fill the entire bank with 80 artworks. The display will remain up until November 19th. Most artwork is for sale.

There will be an awards reception on Wednesday, November 12th from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Snacks will be served. The show can be viewed during US Bank's business hours: Mon-Thu 9:00-5:00, Fri 9:00-6:00, and Sat 9:00-1:00. US Bank is located at 2125 Second Street, Livermore.

For more information call the LAA Gallery at 925-449-9927.



Coat by Caryn Finlay-Mount.

historic Carnegie Building at 2155 3rd St., Livermore. Hours are 11:30-4:00 Wed-Sun. For more information call the Gallery 925-449-9927.

Alexander's Fine Art will host its first Disney Fine Art event introducing the work of Rodel Gonzalez. Opening will be Sat., Nov. 1 from 3 to 6 p.m. Rodel will hand-embellish six Never-Before-Seen limited edition releases exclusively at Alexander's Fine Art. The reception will be at 608 Main St., under the Pleasanton arch. RSVP by calling 846-6015 or sending an email to [alexandersgallery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alexandersgallery@sbcglobal.net). The event is free and open to the public.

## Textile Show at Gallery

The Livermore Art Association Gallery will feature the textiles of Caryne Finlay-Mount during the month of November.

Caryne specializes in couture art-wear garments. She also designs costumes for the Livermore Valley Dance Theatre. Her works use original fabrics from silk kimono and obi, as well as hand-dyed pieces featuring eco-friendly bamboo fiber.

Caryne is inspired by local vineyards and the ocean. She says, "The wonderful yarns available easily translate to creatures of the sea, thus many of my texture-laden, hand-knitted scarves are named after creatures of the sea."

The gallery will be displaying many pieces from her collection, which will be for sale. Other local artworks, which celebrate the harvest theme of "Oranges and Golds," will be on display.

LAA Gallery is located in the

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**NOVEMBER 2ND**  
9:30 AM - RDTH in Worship Celebration  
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**Book signing**, featuring Pleasanton author Douglas Kendall, "America's Reigning Cats & Dogs! Election 2008." The signing will be at Borders Books, 4575 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton on Nov. 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. Information: 227-1412.

**Resurrection Dance Theatre of Haiti**, November 1-3 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livermore. Presented by the Haitian Timoun Foundation. The performers in the troupe were once homeless, living on the streets, and many of them were child slaves (restaveks). The performances will feature the music and dancing of the theatre group, and an opportunity to hear founder Michael Geilenfeld describe life in Haiti. Sat., Nov. 1, 7 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 2, 9:30 a.m. with Dance Percussion Workshop at 11 a.m. and Mon., Nov. 3, 9 a.m. all at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Other performances will take place at Granada High School and the Livermore Valley Charter School. For more information visit [www.HopeInHaiti.org](http://www.HopeInHaiti.org).

**Livermore's Got Talent 2009 Auditions**, applications accepted now to Jan. 3, 2009. Auditions at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. \$25.00 application fee. Sponsored by NBC Bay Area, the Rotary Clubs of Livermore, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, and Waste Management, Inc. All proceeds go to the Rotary community grants program. [www.LivermoresGotTalent.com](http://www.LivermoresGotTalent.com); [auditions@livermoresgottalent.com](mailto:auditions@livermoresgottalent.com) Maurie Louis, Public Relations Director.

**Cuda Ridge Wines** is having a tasting at First Street Wine Company on November 6th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Come meet the winemaker and taste all of the Cuda Ridge Wines for a nominal fee of \$5.00. All of the Cuda Ridge Wines are also available for purchase at First Street Wine Com-

pany. First Street Wine Company is located at 2211 1st Street in downtown Livermore.

**Bankhead Theater Tours**, "behind the scenes" public tours of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's new Bankhead Theater, which last approximately 30 minutes, begins in the lobby of the theater. Tours will be conducted on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. No advance reservations are required. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore. Information: 925-373-6800.

**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., Livermore

**Shakespeare's Associates presents scenes from 'The Seagull.'** Mon., Nov. 3, 7 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free admission. Authors, Arts and More presented by Friends of the Livermore Library.

**Author Zoe Ferraris, "Finding Nouf,"** Sun., Nov. 16, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free admission. Authors, Arts and More presented by Friends of the Livermore Library.

**Contra Costa Wind Symphony**, concert devoted to "monsters and heroes," with music from "The Phantom of the Opera," "Godzilla Eats Las Vegas," "Superman" and others. Jozsel Csikota conducts "Concerto for Trumpet" by Alexander Arutinunian with

his son Gergo as soloist and "Concerto for Symphonic Band" by Frigyes Hidas, 2 p.m. Nov. 16. Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. \$18 regular admission, \$15 seniors, \$12 students. [www.wlsherartscenter.org](http://www.wlsherartscenter.org). [www.cwindsymphony.org](http://www.cwindsymphony.org).

**Vocal recital**, Sarah Sloan Vocal Studio, Sun., Nov. 9, 3 p.m. Rossmore Retirement Community, Walnut Creek. Students will perform in the National Association of Teachers Singing Around East Bay Recital, showcasing talent from all over the Tri-Valley as well as Contra Costa County Music by Stephen Sondheim, Adam Geutell, Noel Gay and Giovanni Paisiello. Free admission. Studio is located in Dublin. Information: 719-4984 or [www.sarahsloan.net](http://www.sarahsloan.net).

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

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

**Ekphrasis Art and Poetry Exhibition**, through Dec. 22. Windermere's downtown Livermore office, 1790 First Street Two receptions will be held. Windermere Welcome Home will sponsor a Visual Arts reception sometime in October. The City of Livermore will sponsor a Reception for Poets and Artists the afternoon of Nov. 22. For more information, contact Cher Wollard at 925 824-4824 or [cherv@windermere.com](mailto:cherv@windermere.com) or Connie Post at [connie@poetrypost.com](mailto:connie@poetrypost.com). Miss Saigon, Tri-Valley Repertory

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**Shakespeare's As You Like It**, presented by Amador Valley High School, Nov. 13, 15, 20, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Info and tickets [khartman@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:khartman@pleasanton.k12.ca.us).

**Shakespeare in Hollywood**, Las Positas College production, Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors and students. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. 424-1100

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**Young Musicians' Festival**, Sunday, November 16, 4:00pm Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Ct., Pleasanton. Admission is free - donations

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**Best of Momix**, company of dancer illusionists, Sun., Nov. 2 at 4 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd. \$5 adults, free students with valid ID or youth under 12. [www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com](http://www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com), 973-ARTS.

**Poetry Readings**, Ellen Bass and Kevin Hearle, sponsored by Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post. Sun., Nov. 2, 4 p.m. Ravenswood Historic Site, Arroyo Rd., Livermore. \$5. [www.poetrypost.com](http://www.poetrypost.com).

**Veterans' Day Celebration**, November 2, including music by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band. From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Veterans Park, Peters and Division Streets, Pleasanton. Free. Information: 925-846-5897 or [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org).

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**Best Village Opera Company**, rockband, string quartet and vocals. Sun., Nov. 16, 4 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd. \$39. [www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com](http://www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com), 973-ARTS.

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The Hometown Heroes celebration will recognize local veterans. There will be a Color Guard Flag ceremony and the introduction of special guests.

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This business is conducted by an Individual  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/Amie Anne Rashe Conrad  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 16, 2008. Expires September 16, 2013.  
The Independent Legal No. 2397. Publish October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2008.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 416361**

The following person (s) doing business as: In-The-Cuts, 2026 First Street, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):  
Lia M. Cormier, 1980 Ponderosa Drive, Livermore Ca 94551

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 416298**

The following person (s) doing business as: VnnSoft, 3974 Stoneridge Dr. #7, Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):  
Gurjinder Singh, 3974 Stoneridge Dr. #7, Pleasanton Ca 94588  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/Gurjinder Singh  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 30, 2008. Expires September 30, 2013.  
The Independent Legal No. 2398. Publish October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 2008.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 416515**

The following person (s) doing business as: DFC Appraisal, 3655 Camelot Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):  
Daniel Campisi, 3655 Camelot

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 416703**

The following person (s) doing business as: Tri-Valley Crush, 5626 Lydia Ct., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):  
Tommy Lee Olsen Jr., 5626 Lydia Ct., Livermore Ca 94550  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/Tommy Lee Olsen Jr.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 10, 2008. Expires October 10, 2013.  
The Independent Legal No. 2399. Publish October 23, 3

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hereby registered by the following owner (s): True Leap Forward Inc., 3316 Dyer Road, Livermore Ca 94551  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/William David Munson  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 17, 2008. Expires October 17, 2013.  
The Independent Legal No.2401, Publish October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2008.

**ANIMALS**  
**1)CATS/DOGS**  
**ADOPT A DOG OR CAT,** for adoption information contact Valley Humane Society at 925 426-8656.  
Adopt a new best friend: TVAR, the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, offers animals for adoption every Saturday and Sunday, excluding most holidays. On Saturdays from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, both dogs and cats are available at the Pleasanton Farmers Market at W. Angela and First Streets. Two locations will showcase cats only: Petsmart in Dublin from noon to 4 and the Pet Food Express in Livermore from 1 to 4. On Sundays, cats are available at Petsmart in Dublin from 1:00 to 4:00, and PetCo in San Ramon from 11:00 to 3:00. For more information, call TVAR at (925) 803-7043 or visit our website at www.tvar.org.

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**151) ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
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# SHORT NOTES

## Dental Hygiene

The Chabot College Department of Dental Hygiene invites the public to attend an Information Day to learn about its Dental Hygiene program on Saturday, November 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 1900, Room 1904.

This free event will feature a presentation by Chabot faculty and students that includes program information, enrollment requirements, and information about the dental hygiene profession. A panel of students currently enrolled in the program will address issues such as coping with the workload, family life, financial aid, and housing. The program will conclude with a Q&A session and a tour of the Chabot College dental hygiene clinic.

The California Employment Development Department reports that dental hygienist and dental assistant are the #1 and #2 occupations with the fastest growth in the state. The demand for new professionals in these positions is expected to grow by 57% over the next five years.

The two-year dental hygiene program at Chabot College is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the council on Post-Secondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education. Through this special admission program, students are exposed to primary oral health care, clinical practice, research, educational theory, adult learning concepts and communication.

The program at Chabot College is available for only \$20 per unit, plus the cost of books and instruments. Students enjoy the benefit of a 5:1 student to faculty ratio and a lot of individual support from instructors.

Students work in a fully operative dental clinic where they treat patients. For registration information please call (510) 723-6700. Chabot College is located at 25555 Hesperian Boulevard in Hayward.

## Beard Growing Contest

First Street Alehouse in Livermore will hold the first annual Beard Growing Contest.

The event begins with contestants meeting at the Alehouse on Sat., Nov. 1 at noon for a group picture, drinks and appetizers. Contestants must be clean shaven (mustache is the only exception).

There is a \$20 entrance fee which includes two free pints and appetizers on Nov. 1 and on Dec. 20, an award ceremony with prizes for different categories. There will be many different categories, including the following: longest, ugliest, thickest and most creative.

A full beard is required to be included in the group photo to be taken at the reception on Dec. 20. The photo

will be framed and hung on the wall at the Alehouse, 2086 1st St., Livermore, information (925) 371-6588.

## Halloween

Guggenheim Entertainment presents, "It's Like, Halloween!" in celebration of Pleasanton's spooky Halloween season on Fri., Oct. 31 at 4 p.m. at Stoneridge Shopping Center in Pleasanton.

Kidgits and their families will go back to the future with three material girl witches who just want to have fun! A totally tubular playlist of 80s music will rock at the annual Witch's Ball as Punkin' Pie, Battrina and Candy Rapper host their own "Star Search" for a new addition to the girl band. One lucky audience member will get to join them on stage!

After the performance trick-or-treating stations will be set up for kids. There will also be Witchie-Poo's "Dis-or-Dat" Dance Party, Count Dracula's Cookie Countdown and Halloween Pictionary Party with the Frankenstein.

A volunteer photographer will also be on hand to take photos of Stoneridge's littlest ghouls and goblins, with all proceeds benefitting the Simon Youth Foundation.

The Simon Kidgits Club is a club for kids ages 3-8. Check out the website at <http://www.simonkidgitsclub.com>.

Sign up at Guest Services and receive complete program details as well as a schedule of events for the year. The annual membership fee is \$5 per member.

## Police Explorer Post

Based on the success of the Youth Police Academies provided by the department, the Livermore Police Department developed a Police Explorer post in 2007. The explorer post has been established and is now accepting applications. The post is designed to provide an opportunity for community youth to become involved in law enforcement.

The Boy Scouts of America sponsors "Learning for Life." Learning for Life is a non-traditional scouting program. There are many varieties of Explorer Posts including: Aviation, Engineering Technology, Skilled Trades, Fire Services, Social Services, Arts and Humanities, and Law Enforcement.

The Explorer Post will provide participants with career training. It is a structured program to promote responsibility among the participants. Expectations instilled in the participants will be high morals, acceptable grade point average, good judgment, and active community involvement. Additionally, leadership, discipline, physical fitness, teamwork, and professionalism are traits that will be encouraged. The Explorer Post will provide teenagers and young adults with an opportunity to observe and participate in police department activities in order to assess their career interest in a police officer position.

In order to become a Livermore Police Department Explorer, participants must meet the following criteria: be between 14-20 years of age (maximum age to apply will be 19), attend school and maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA, complete an application, pass an oral board, pass a background check, volunteer 15 hours per month at the department, and attend bi weekly meetings.

The Explorer Post will be limited to twenty members. Applications can be obtained from the front kiosk at the police department located at 1110 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, or by contacting Sgt. John Hurd.

## Sleep Pioneer

Pioneer sleep researcher William C. Dement will speak at Las Positas College in Livermore on Thursday, October 30 in Building 2400, Room 2420 on the Livermore campus.

Dement's talk will begin at 7 p.m. There is a \$7 admission fee for the general public, and \$5 for students and staff. Advance ticket purchases are recommended.

Dement is considered the father of modern sleep medicine and currently serves as a professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. He authored the definitive textbook on the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders.

He is the founding co-editor of the scientific journal, "Sleep," and has written or co-authored more than 500 pieces for scientific publications. For the general public, he has published an entertaining and informative book, "The Promise of Sleep."

In addition to holding the Lowell W. and Josephine Q. Berry professorship at Stanford, Dement also directs the Stanford sleep research and clinical programs department.

He participated in the first observations of rapid eye movement (dream) sleep in the 1950s at the University of Chicago. He is credited as the first researcher to recognize rapid-eye-movement as a specific biological state with unique properties. His research has included major contributions concerning the long-term effects of sleep deprivation.

Currently he serves as president of the "Coalition to Wake Up America," a grassroots advocacy group made up of patients, sleep professionals and concerned citizens.

Dement's talk at Las Positas is sponsored by the college psychology department and the Psi Beta National Honor Society.

For further information, please contact Ernie Jones in the Las Positas College Department of Psychology, [ejones@laspositacollege.edu](mailto:ejones@laspositacollege.edu)

## Livermore's Got Talent

A "Livermore's Got Talent" competition is planned. Top winners in each age category - youth (17 and under) and adults (18 and over) - will each take home \$2,500.

The competition is sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Livermore. Proceeds will benefit the Rotary community grant programs that assist community service organizations.

This competition will feature singers, dancers, bands, pianists, magicians, comedians and other performers. Aspiring performers living in the

Bay Area are invited to audition and compete. Information and applications for auditions are available at [LivermoresGotTalent.com](http://LivermoresGotTalent.com). Applications must be received by Jan. 3, 2009.

The finals will be open to the public on Saturday, February 28, 2009, at the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's Bankhead Theater in front of three Bay Area celebrity judges.

Each contestant is required to submit an audition video or a link to a YouTube video clip. The acts can be 2-3 minutes in length. All of the submitted videos will be reviewed and the first round winners will be invited to live auditions that are to be held on Feb. 8-9, 2009. The winners of these live auditions will move on to the finals.

The Rotary clubs of Livermore are producing this competition with support from NBC Bay Area, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and Waste Management, Inc. All funds generated by this event will benefit the community grants that are presented by the Rotary clubs throughout the year. Past recipients of these grants include the Valley Health Care's mobile health unit that supports the health needs of our underserved community and performs as a disaster relief vehicle. Other recipients include the Livermore schools, the Livermore Senior Services Center, science scholarships, and autistic children funds.

## Court Volunteers

Adults volunteers needed from Tri Valley Youth Court. TVYC is TVYC is a youth driven justice program for first time offenders. The court meets the first Tuesday evening of each month at the Gale/Schenone courthouse in Pleasanton from 5:30 - 7:45 pm. For more information, visit our website at [www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com](http://www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com) or call Tonya at (925) 337-7175.

Teen Volunteers Needed for new Tri Valley Youth Court (TVYC) to serve as Advocates (youth attorneys) and jurors. Advocates prepare and present the case for the Defendant. Jurors are needed one evening per month - the first Tuesday from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the Gale/Schenone courthouse in Pleasanton. TVYC is a youth driven adjunct to the traditional juvenile justice system for first time teen offenders. For more information, visit our website at [www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com](http://www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com) or call Tonya at (925) 337-7175.

## 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. Piggles 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.

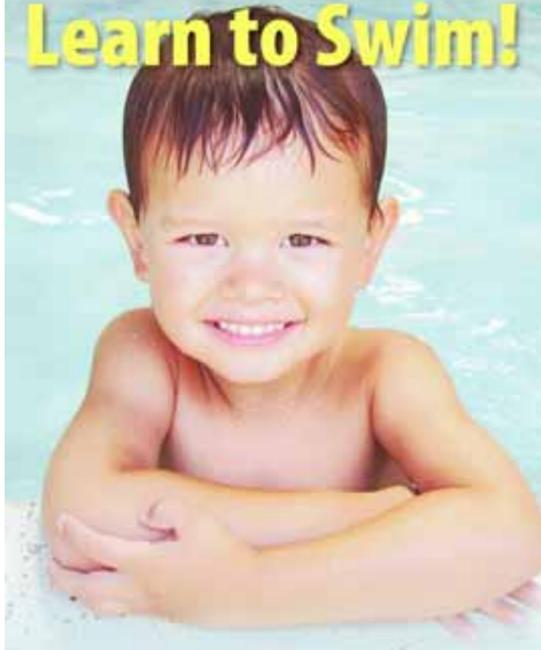
## Program Canceled

The children's program by La Legion Fantastique, "Return to the Center of the Earth", which was scheduled for Saturday, November 8 at the Pleasanton Public Library has been cancelled. At this time there are no plans for an alternate performance.

For information on other Pleasanton Public Library programs and events please visit <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-and-events.html>, or contact the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.

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## Scottish Games to Get New Look

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is gearing up for the sixth annual Livermore Scottish Games and Celtic Celebration, coming up in spring 2009. This time around, the District is partnering with event producer Renaissance Productions to design, market and bring to life the 2009 Scottish Games.

Patrons to the event will see an array of new offerings as LARPD and Renaissance Productions plan to extend the levels of entertainment diversity and interactive experiences to the show. Family-friendly events and Scottish activities will highlight next year's event. There will be bagpipe bands, Celtic rock bands, drumming, fiddling, highland dancing, Olympic-style competitions and kids' games. There will be genealogy and clan tents and plenty of Scottish merchandise and food.

A new Calling of the Clans ceremony will introduce and honor all the Scottish clans in attendance for the weekend. Historically, the Calling of the Clans was a gathering of clans in preparation for battle, unifying all the clans as one.

In a nod to their original incarnation centuries ago, modern Scottish Highland Games will revolve around athletic and sports competitions. Heavy athletic events such as the caber toss, weight toss and impressive displays of strength and skill will draw in visitors, who will be able to try their hand in the competitions.

Renaissance Productions runs successful events throughout the West Coast and consults on events of all genres around the country.

The Sixth Annual Livermore Scottish Games and Celtic Celebration will be held on May 16 and 17, 2009, at Robertson Park, 3200 Robertson Park Road, Livermore. For more information, please visit [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us) or [www.livermoregames.com](http://www.livermoregames.com).

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# TALK

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In Livermore they have spawned restaurants, new theaters, and cultural events."

"That should be illegal (taking redevelopment funds)," stated Kamena. Cities are suing the state to prevent future take.

Another thing that should be illegal, Kamena said, is having a business located in one city and be designated a point of sale in another. Because of that practice, Livermore has lost \$2 million in sales tax revenues it was counting on. A bill had been passed by the California legislature making the practice illegal. However, the governor stamped the measure "not a priority," explained

Kamena. That killed the bill for this year. Kamena said the hope is that the bill will be reintroduced.

Short term plans by the city to cope with reduced funding is include a delay in capital improvement projects such as fire engine replacement. There will be a \$6 million reduction in overall spending. "It appears it will be two to three years before there is a turn-around."

By 2015 Livermore will have a nice economic picture, Kamena said. He mentioned the Toyota dealership as one reason, with a projected \$1 million in annual sales tax revenues. The second is

the opening of the Prime Outlet planned for 2010. Stores already committed include Sax 5th Avenue and Nieman Marcus, as well as Restoration Hardware. Businesses such as LAM Research, and Comcast are relocating to Livermore, added Kamena.

Accomplishments over the past year, Kamena said, include the success of the Bankhead Theater, with over 50,000 in ticket sales valued at over \$1 million. New businesses have opened in the downtown.

The Livermore Valley Film Commission is bringing in film crews shooting everything from commercials to films. "I believe

that a feature film is coming. That represents a \$14 million increase in local funds," said Kamena. He noted that the television show, Myth-Busters, films many of its segments in the area.

Livermore is supporting the green movement, continued Kamena. For its efforts, Livermore has been named the Go Green Small City of the Year. Livermore is engaged in the Solar Cities program, a partnership with Pleasanton, with Dublin expected to join soon. The program provides information to consumers regarding the costs and benefits of installing solar systems. A streamlined permitting and review process has been established as part of the program.

Green building is mandatory for all development. Kamena said there are commitments the city has made. These include revitalization of the downtown. "Eight proposals were received from major developers for the old Lucky center on Railroad Avenue. Plans are to raze the buildings soon." A new boutique hotel is moving forward. The city's wish list includes BART to Livermore and high speed rail.

Youth activities are a priority, including moving forward with the health initiative. Other programs that will continue are Reel Focus, which provides film making opportunities for youth; and the summer reading program said Kamena.

With regard to city personnel, Kamena said the Legacy Program continues to provide opportunities to train staff from within to create institutional memory. City Manager Linda Barton has been elected vice chairman of the League of California Cities City Managers Division. Retiring will be Assistant City Manager Jim Piper and City Clerk Alice

Calvert.

Last, he mentioned that Livermore is an award winning city. The First Street streetscape received the California Downtown Association Crystal Eagle Award for best physical improvement. Kamena noted that this is the

highest award for the entire state.

Pathway to Picasso received the Distinguished Program Award from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice. The program uses art projects to reach out to at-risk youth.



Photo - Caltrans District 4/ John Huseby

Pictured are (from left) David Donnelly, Granite Construction Bay Area Branch Manager; Mayor Marshall Kamena, City of Livermore; Scott Haggerty, Alameda County Supervisor; Bijan Sartipi, Caltrans Director District 4; Assemblyman Guy Houston, District 15; and Christine Monsen, Executive Director, Alameda County Transportation Authority.

# HIGHWAY 84

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that Caltrans used rubberized asphalt concrete pavement, which takes rubber from old tires and incorporates them into the asphalt mix. Approximately 18,000 tires were redirected from landfills and incorporated into the roadway pavement, and 40,000 tons of pavement and base materials from the realigned roadway were recycled by incorporating them into the new roadway.

In the first construction season, Granite Construction exceeded its own work schedule by increasing the number of personnel and equipment. The com-

pany used a fleet of high capacity earthmoving equipment to its fullest potential. At the height of the earthmoving operations, Granite was moving 20,000 to 30,000 cubic yards of soil per day. As a result, the earthwork that was planned to take two full seasons was accomplished in just one season.

This project was funded from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). Other projects planned for Route 84 will use Measure B funds. Measure B was originally approved by voters in Alameda County in 1986, and the half-

cent sales tax was re-authorized in November 2000.

"Drive safely, drive carefully, and buy things in Alameda County, so we can pay for more projects like this one," said Christine Monsen, executive director for the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority. Monsen spoke about several projects planned in the area that will use Measure B funds.

"I am so proud of this area," said Scott Haggerty, Alameda County Supervisor, "and the tax payers who voted for a half-cent sales tax that generates about \$110 million a year. You are getting your money's worth."

# REWARD

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of crimes in the future, for ways to prevent people from doing stupid things."

Mayor Marshall Kamena commented, "A crime like this affects all of us. It impacts the fabric of the quality of life we have here. It's a terrible testimonial to life today. Our police department will continue to work on this case with the sheriff departments from Contra Costa County and Alameda County. With the reward, I have renewed hope that we will fund the gun and the person who pulled the trigger."

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