

U.S. Poets Will Tell Iraqis How They Feel

By Ron McNicoll

Pleasanton poet laureate Cynthia Bryant has begun a project that calls for American poets to write poems to the people of Iraq.

The poems will be translated into Arabic by Arab poets living in the Eastbay, and dispersed to Iraqis by Iraqis who are living in the United States, not through any government channels in the United States or Iraq.

The idea is people-to-people contact, so that Americans can say what is in their hearts, said Bryant. There is no political agenda. It's all about feelings, not politics. "As a poet, I've used my poetry sometimes for resolving feelings

in myself. I was frustrated. I have never had to live with what they are living with in their country. I wanted to say something to the people (of Iraq)," said Bryant.

"One thing that poets do is to notice things in detail. We also tend to be able to project ourselves into other people's situation, and try to look at things from their perspective. I can't imagine living with war around me, for women and children especially, but for peaceful men, too. I know a lot of people have a lot of ideas and thoughts, and something to say (to them)," Bryant said.

Many of the 55 poets from throughout the United States who have submit-

ted poems to Bryant so far are "trying to make sense to themselves about what is going on. How did we get from 9/11 to being in Iraq?"

Some of the poets are women who tend to write to Iraqi mothers and grandmothers, and people with small children. They say that they are sorry about the invasion and what the Iraqis are living in, said Bryant.

In talking about the empathy she has seen in the poems so far, Bryant said that it is along the lines of "you have the same needs I do. You love your children as I do. You want to be able to sleep tonight with no bombs going off, as I

do. I'm sorry you don't have that."

Bryant launched the project three months ago. It has received little publicity. Only announcements at the bi-monthly poetry readings at Century House in Pleasanton and on her web site, Poets Lane, have told the world about it, until now.

With more publicity, the book could grow into a big volume. Bryant would like it sold in the United States, too, in an Arabic and English format. She hopes a major press will become interested, for broad availability to the American people.

The original deadline for submitting

poems to Bryant has been Nov. 1. She is thinking about extending the deadline into early next year.

There will be a celebration of the book from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 3 at Century House in Pleasanton, and a potluck will be included.

Poems may be sent to Bryant at her e-mail address, which is PoetsLane@comcast.net, or by surface mail at Pleasanton Poet Laureate, PO Box 520, Pleasanton, 94566. Include full name, area code and phone number, as well as e-mail address, if any. For more information, Bryant may be reached at 398-8846.

Funds for Pedestrian Corridor Go To Livermore

The City of Livermore received a \$1.2 million grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for a Downtown Livermore Pedestrian Transit Connections Program.

Livermore's matching share of the project cost is \$174,000.

The Livermore grant will fund the creation of a direct, safe and attractive pedestrian connection from Livermore Village, a planned high-density mixed-use housing development (located on the former Lucky's site) to the Downtown (ACE, LAVTA) Transit Center.

"The project will improve access to the transit center, and provide an important transportation link to local downtown businesses, housing and activity centers," said Mayor Marshall Kamena.

The project will include pedestrian amenities such as landscaping, lighting, signage, art, benches, trash receptacles, transit information kiosks and cross-walk flashers.

The \$1.2M was one of 11 new capital grants totaling nearly \$17 million approved through MTC's Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) program to finance pedestrian, bicycle and streetscape improvements in cities around the Bay Area.

"City staff worked hard to develop a plan for the Downtown" (See CORRIDOR, page 2)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students at Lydiksen Elementary School in Pleasanton took their first steps in the Walk Across American program. The goal of the program is to encourage health and fitness.

Polls Say McNerney-Pombo Race Too Close To Call

By Ron McNicoll

Two new polls show Democrat Jerry McNerney in a statistical tie with Republican 11th Congressional District incumbent Rep. Richard Pombo of Tracy.

A memo released last week by the McNerney campaign showed that a survey by Lake

Research Partners had McNerney at 40 percent and Pombo at 41 percent, which poll-takers say is a statistical tie, since the margin of error is always more than 1 percent either way in a poll.

A separate poll of 413 district residents conducted by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner for Defenders of Wildlife shows

McNerney ahead 48 to 46 percent, which is within the statistical margin of error of 4.9 percent for that poll, said the firm's representative, Ben Tolchin.

"The significant thing is that the results are virtually the same as they were in May, when the results were 46 percent for" (See POLL, page 3)

Wieskamp Faces Challenge for EBRPD Board

There are two candidates running to represent Ward 5 on the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors.

Ward 5 includes Brightside, Dublin, part of Fremont, Livermore, Newark, Pleasanton, Scott's Corner, and Sunol.

The EBRPD is comprised of 95,000 acres that includes 65 parks and 1100 miles of trails in Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

The candidates are incumbent

Ayn Wieskamp and challenger Frank Pirrone. The Independent interviewed each about their views on parks and trails and what they would like to see happen in the district.

The interviews are in alphabetical order.

FRANK PIRRONE is a 30 year resident of Fremont. He says he is running because he thinks eight years is long enough for someone to serve on the board. "I think I can make a difference. I

would like to see some things done better," he declared.

Pirrone is a hiker. He estimated that he is in the parks six days of the week. "I know the parks very well," he stated. His issues are access, availability and maintenance.

Maintenance of the parks is one area that needs more attention, according to Pirrone. As a regular user of the parks, he says he sees where there are prob-

(See EBRPD, page 7)

Buck, Hayashi Look Over 18th Assembly District Issues

By Ron McNicoll

Republican Jill Buck of Pleasanton and Democrat Mary Hayashi of Castro Valley are seeking the open seat in the 18th Assembly District.

The district includes more than 60 percent of Pleasanton, portions of Castro Valley, Hayward, San Lorenzo, San Leandro, Dublin, and Sunol. The 18th AD has a big voter registration advantage for the Democrats, who outnumber Republicans 54 to 21 percent. People who decline to state party affiliation are 19 percent. The remainder are in minor parties.

Democrat Johan Klehs won this seat two years ago with 83 percent of the vote. He chose not to run again, but pursued a Senate nomination. He lost the Democratic primary to Ellen Corbett, who represented the 18th AD until she was termed out in 2002.

Despite the statistical advantage for Democrats, Buck's press releases have been pointing to what she considers inroads into Hayashi's base. She received a \$2000 donation from The Sentinels, a pro-development group in San Leandro that has been giving money to candidates for decades, very often to Democrats.

Valley Democrats who have endorsed Buck are Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena and Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart. Virtually all of the Assembly's Republicans have endorsed Buck. Buck's endorsers also include the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's PAC and the entire Pleasanton school board, and former trustee Gloria Fredette and former schools superintendent Bill James.

Buck has worked with the Pleasanton school district as founder and president of the Go Green Initiative (GGI). The ini-

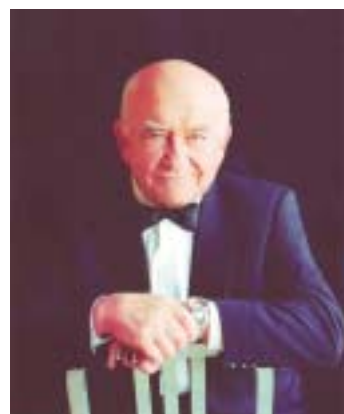
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Ed Asner to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award

Actor Edward Asner will receive The California Independent Film Festival 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award on Friday, October 27 at a VIP reception at The Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore.

The VIP reception is from 5:30pm-7:30pm. The event includes great food, wine from the Livermore Valley Wine Country along with career highlights and a tribute to Mr. Asner.

This event will be followed by a red carpet showing of a new Independent film shot in the Bay



Ed Asner to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Area called "Fat Rose and Squeaky" at the Vine Cinema in downtown Livermore starting at 8pm.

Fat Rose and Squeaky is a narrative feature that discusses the hidden population of elderly women without families, who are trying to live with as much independence and dignity as they can. The film stars Louise Fletcher, Julie Brown, and Cicely Tyson. Producer Gary Proefke & Director of Photography Mickey Freeman will con-

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Brozosky Way Ahead In Collecting Money

Steve Brozosky has raised far and away the most money in his campaign to unseat Jennifer Hosterman as mayor of Pleasanton.

During the most recent reporting period, July 1 to Sept. 30, Brozosky collected \$34,657.97 in cash to bring his total contributions to \$52,399.27. The total includes \$3795.28 in non-monetary donations and a \$1040 loan.

Incumbent Jennifer Hosterman reported receiving \$12,798 in donations and a total of \$15,465 to date. Her total includes \$1158 in non-monetary donations.

In the race for city council, incumbent Jerry Thorne tops the campaign contribution list with

a total of \$14,155.71. Of that total \$8152.90 was received during the current reporting period. His total includes \$1655.72 in non-monetary donations. First time candidate Cheryl Cook-Kallio has received \$9011.99 in donations including a \$1000 loan and \$1200 non-monetary.

Dan Faustina has received a total of \$7368.17 including \$3998.16 in non-monetary donations. Brian Arkin's total for the year is \$6090 with \$4021.00 received this reporting period. He has received \$629 in non-monetary donations.

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee almost doubled it's contribution total, collection

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Charter School Organizers Unveil Ambitious Plans

By Patricia Koning

Lon Goldstein, Executive Director of the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS), presented two petitions for new charter schools to the Board of Directors for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District at the Tues., Oct. 10 meeting. The petitions are for the Livermore Valley Charter Academy, which would serve grades 8 and 9, and Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory, which would serve grades 10 through 12.

Goldstein laid out the plans

for the two schools at a town hall meeting last week.

"These will be very unique schools for this area," he says. "The high school graduation requirements will be more stringent. Students will have to meet the U.C. A-G requirements and complete community service and senior projects."

LVCS has proved successful so far with high test scores and long waiting lists. However, the school has come under criticism for the lack of diversity. Bill

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Roger Huang, a 7th grade student at Harvest Park Middle School, is pictured with honors math teacher Randy Lomas. On Tuesday, Huang was presented with the Nicholas Green Award by the National Association for Gifted Children and the California Association for the Gifted. Roger is the only student in the state of California to receive this award. The award was established in memory of Nicholas Green who was killed in a drive-by shooting while on a family vacation in Italy. His parents established a scholarship fund to honor young gifted and talented students who would be at about the same age as Nicholas when he died. Roger says his biggest passion is math. As a sixth grader, he attended an eighth grade math class. He was the top student and aced every exam. Music is also one of his favorite subjects. Roger says, "Playing music refreshes my brain." Roger plays both the clarinet and piano.

Police Launch Vasco Safety Campaign

The police departments of Brentwood and Livermore have activated Vasco Rd. Safety Enforcement efforts. This effort is funded through a two-year grant provided by the State of California - Office of Traffic Safety.

Effective October 16, both police agencies will be supplementing the current enforcement efforts of the California Highway Patrol in coordinating the cooperative efforts of local law enforcement on both the Contra Costa and Alameda County ends of this major commute arterial.

Enforcement will focus on speed, driving under the influence, and other hazardous driving behaviors.

This effort is being organized to supplement the recent efforts which resulted in the Governor's signing of a Senate Bill (SB-3), declaring Vasco Rd. a Safety

(See VASCO, page 3)

Democrat Hopeful He Can Unseat Houston in Assembly Race

By Ron McNicoll

Republican Assemblyman Guy Houston is seeking his third term in the 15th Assembly District, which includes portions of four counties.

Houston, a former Dublin mayor who moved to Livermore to run in the district, now lives in San Ramon. He makes the point that by living in San Ramon, his children are closer to a Christian school in Dublin. He has a district office in Livermore.

Four years ago, when the redrawn district boundaries came into effect, Republicans had a 6 percent registration advantage. That margin has shrunk to a little

less than 3 percent on the most recent voter rolls. The narrowing of the gap has Democratic challenger Terry Coleman of Danville optimistic about his chances of winning in his first run for public office. However, Republicans generally turn out more than Democrats.

Results in Houston's two election finishes show that he beat Elaine Shaw in 2004 with 55 percent of the vote, and Donna Gerber in 2002 with 53 percent. Nevertheless, Houston said he won't be taking anything for granted this time, and has been spending much time campaigning.

Coleman is an attorney who works for a San Francisco law firm that represents individuals and small businesses in insurance matters. He and his wife and two young children live in Danville.

Coleman explains why he chose to run. "I genuinely believe we need more independent voices in Sacramento." Partisanism and what he called bickering between the two parties bothers him. His views are expanded in his comments segment of this story.

A Republican for many years, Coleman switched to the Demo-

(See HOPEFUL, page 6)

Do You Remember?



By Anne Homan

Were They Crazy?

The rugged arms of an enormous valley oak are Jacquie Williams-Courtright's favorite view from her second-floor office in her new nursery building. Alden Lane Nursery clusters bright, inviting plant displays and garden paraphernalia under 18 valley oaks, which are estimated to be 300 years old.

Jacquie's grandparents emigrated from Germany to New York City. Her grandfather, a sheet metal worker, earned extra money as an amateur prizefighter. Soon after the 1906 earthquake, they moved to San Francisco with their only child, John, called Jack, who was born in June 1905.

Post-earthquake San Francisco had plenty of demand for sheet metal workers, and the Williams family saved enough money to come to the Livermore area in 1919 and buy 10 acres on Alden Lane known as Alden Farm, where they raised chickens.

While they lived in San Francisco, Jack's mother had been determined that her son take piano lessons. She found a teacher, but after the second lesson the teacher announced that Jack would never learn to play the piano.

When they moved to Livermore, Jack attended the old wooden Livermore Grammar School on Fifth Street, and he liked to get there early. Sometimes he had to walk the entire 2.5 miles, but often a neighbor gave him a ride. Long before classes began, the janitor would let him in, and Jack gravitated to the school piano, on which he taught himself to play.

"He was a gifted, talented musician," daughter Jacquie recalled. "He never read a note of music. You could simply hum a tune, and he could melodically play it. It was eerie. Unfortunately, it was not genetic." The family's baby grand piano is now in the new Alden Lane Nursery building. In high school Jack organized a three-man orchestra that played frequently in the Tri-Valley.

In June 1927, a year after his high school graduation, Jack and the drummer in his orchestra, Dan O'Neil, bought the Standard Oil gas station at the southeast corner of South Livermore and First. Jack served as a Livermore City Councilman from 1940 to 1944. As the sole support of his widowed mother, he had a deferment from the war.

One evening Jack took his orchestra to a Christmas party gig at the Veterans Administration Hospital, where Ruth Schnabel was an army nurse. Ruth had grown up on a hardscrabble farm in South Dakota; after high school, she attended nursing school in Chicago and then joined the Army. She served in France during World War II and afterward came to the VA Hospital in Livermore.

Following a whirlwind romance, Jack and Ruth married in 1947, and Ruth retired from her nursing career when Jacquie, their only child, was born a year later. They bought 10 acres adjoining Alden Farm on the corner of Alden Lane and Holmes Street, and Jack planted a walnut orchard there.

In the fall of 1954 a charismatic horticulture salesman named Henry "Buck" Sharp con-

vinced Jack and Ruth that this corner was a great site for a plant nursery. They invested all the money they had saved, and Alden Lane Nursery opened on May 14, 1955. Sharp died of a heart attack at age 28, but Jack and Ruth decided to persevere without their mentor.

Jacquie wrote in her history of the nursery, "My parents' friends thought they were crazy to continue the operation of a business they knew nothing about and was in this very remote, rural location of the valley. But my parents were hard-working optimists."

Ruth taught herself, with Sunset's *Western Garden Book* in one hand and a watering hose in the other. The nursery became so successful that Jack retired from the gas station about five years later, and they ran the new business together.

Jacquie remembered weeding and watering in the gardens from the age of seven. Soon she was waiting on customers. She graduated from Granada High, went on to Cal Poly to earn a degree in horticulture, and eventually took over the running of Alden Lane Nursery.

Just months before Ruth's death in 1990 at age 71, she was able to witness her daughter's wedding to another nursery owner, Tom Courtright. The ceremony at flower-filled First Presbyterian was held on July 4, one of the few days that both their nurseries were closed.

Jack had died in 1983, and Jack Williams Park near his beloved Alden Farm was dedicated to him in 1988.

In 1998, to add more acreage to Sycamore Grove Park, the city of Livermore annexed Alden Lane Nursery and the rural property south of it. Nine acres of the walnut orchard Jack Williams had planted was demolished for new housing. The city also eliminated all the nursery parking on Alden Lane in order to widen the road.

Jacquie managed to surmount these difficulties, which she called "a huge puzzle piece that all depended on timing," by building an attractive two-story building, creating a new entrance, placing a parking lot at the back of the nursery, and selling part of the old farm for development.

(Readers can reach me at am3homan@yahoo.com.)

The end of last week's column: The area was incorporated in 1982; Dublin was chosen as the name for the new city. Because of the rapid increase in vehicular traffic that still followed roughly the same pattern, a modern version of the old crossroads developed nearby: I-580 and I-680.

Governor Vetoes Traffic Decongestion Bill

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has vetoed the Transportation and Land Use Coalition's (TALC) first sponsorship of a legislative bill that was aimed at fighting traffic congestion and mitigating vehicles' impacts on the environment.

TALC is a nine-year-old coalition of more than 90 organizations from around the Bay Area that deals with growth and congestion problems from a regional perspective. The bill, AB2444, would have authorized Bay Area counties to impose a surcharge of up to \$10 on vehicle license fees. Two-thirds of a county's Congestion Management Agency (CMA) board would have to approve imposition of the surcharge.

One-half of the money would have gone highway and street relief, the other one-half for mitigating the air and water impacts of vehicles on the environment. Air impacts are obvious. However, there are also such water impacts as oil crankcase run-off from roads into streams, and copper from brake pads.

Efforts last year by four counties individually to do something similar failed to win Schwarzenegger's signature.

Schwarzenegger alluded to this in his veto message Sept. 22 to the Legislature. The governor said he supports bringing in extra money to solve traffic congestion problems. He won't allow it without a vote of the people, instead of just the CMA boards.

It was the same reason that As-

semblyman Guy Houston and his fellow Republicans gave when they voted against AB2444 in the Legislature on what was mostly a straight party vote. Only a handful of Democrats voted against the bill, which was carried by Democratic Assemblyman Johan Klehs.

Houston's district includes Livermore. Kleh's district includes Pleasanton and Sunol.

Schwarzenegger's message was that he tried to persuade the Legislature to allow all counties to authorize "modest license fee add-ons to fund environmental and traffic mitigation programs" with the requirement that they be approved by voters. However, the Legislature rejected that approach.

Houston explained in an earlier Independent story that the Republicans consider the vehicle license fee as a tax. Their philosophy is that voters should approve tax increases.

Marta Linsey, who followed AB2444 for TALC, looked at the bright side of the failed attempt.

"We learned a lot. It was a great experience for TALC. Less than 10 percent of bills get to the governor. Despite the veto, we feel good. We made a lot of connections and relationships. Hopefully we can put those to use with some bill. We are still working on congestion, and for public transit and environmental mitigation," she said. TALC will reevaluate its bill when the Legislature meets next year, said Linsey.

Self-Storage Move to Industrial Areas

The Livermore City Council voted to add a new use to light industrial areas - self-storage facilities.

The goal is to move such facilities out of commercial areas. Councilmember Tom Reitter noted, "Moving the use to industrial areas will stop using up commercial service land. There are fewer acres left zoned commercial service."

In the future, self-storage facilities would not be allowed in commercial areas.

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(continued from page one) that would compete well regionally for these funds. I am pleased that Livermore's plan was one of only a few selected from the entire nine-county region," said Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who represents Livermore and also serves on the MTC Board.

Construction for the Downtown Livermore Pedestrian Transit Connection is anticipated to begin next fall, and be completed by spring 2008. The project is considered to be a critical component of a multi-year revitalization effort to create a new, pedestrian oriented, active urban living environment in Downtown Livermore.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Pleasanton Boy Killed

A collision involving an automobile and a bicycle has resulted in the death of a nine-year-old Pleasanton, Shawn Michael-Harold Niethammer. The accident occurred last Friday in the area of Palomino Drive and Norton Way. The boy rode his bicycle onto Palomino Drive from a driveway and was struck by a passing vehicle. The collision knocked him from his bicycle. Although the boy was wearing an approved bicycle helmet, the injuries to his neck and spine proved fatal.

The driver of the Lincoln SUV, a 53-year-old Pleasanton resident, stopped at the scene and is cooperating with police.

The police would like to talk with anyone who may have witnessed the collision. Persons with additional information should contact the police at 931-5100, and refer to case number 06-6128. Ask to speak to or leave a message for Officer Robert Leong.

Lawsuit Challenges Stocking

The Center for Biological Diversity and Pacific Rivers Council filed a lawsuit Oct. 5 against the California Department of Fish and Game over the agency's longstanding failure to consider the impacts of fish stocking on imperiled aquatic species such as the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, Cascades Frog and Lahontan Cutthroat Trout.

The groups submitted comments in August 2005 and again in July 2006 requesting that Fish and Game initiate environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The comments included data showing that fish stocking in 2005 occurred in at least 47 water bodies where 36 imperiled species occur, including a number of federally listed threatened and endangered species.

The legal challenge was brought under CEQA, which requires Fish and Game to determine whether its fish stocking program has a significant effect on the environment and if so, prepare an environmental impact report. The lawsuit seeks a moratorium on fish stocking where imperiled species occur until Fish and Game completes the required analysis under CEQA. Fish and Game can then use the analysis to determine where stocking may be appropriate and where it needs to be eliminated to avoid wildlife impacts.

Water Workshop

The Alameda County Water District, the Zone 7 Water Agency, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (collectively known as the South Bay Aqueduct Contractors) will be holding a workshop about water quality and conservation practices at Lake Del Valle. It will be held Oct. 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the lake.

Interested members of the public are invited to attend. For further information or to RSVP, please call 510-740-1710.

Sign Test Ban Treaty

Rep. Ellen Tauscher has introduced legislation designed to strengthen the nuclear nonproliferation regime by urging the United States Senate to Ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). Last week marked the tenth anniversary of the United States signing the Treaty that bans all live tests of nuclear weapons. While 135 nations have both signed and ratified the treaty, the United States is part of a group of 10 remaining nations including Syria and North Korea that have not yet ratified the Treaty and whose action is needed for the Treaty to go into effect.

"A tool this useful cannot be allowed to linger in the legislature while the world becomes more and more dangerous. The CTBT is the strongest tool we have at our disposal to curb the spread and development of nuclear weapons around the globe," said Tauscher. "The Senate has waited for a decade to ratify the treaty. The world has changed since then. The threat of nuclear proliferation has grown exponentially. It's time to act," declared Tauscher.

Former Secretary of Defense William J. Perry has backed the legislation saying, "I and all the Joint Chiefs of Staff carefully reviewed the CTBT at the time of its signing. We came to a unanimous conclusion that the CTBT strongly served the security interests of the US. This is still my conclusion."

Kevin Knobloch, President of the Union of Concerned Scientists added: "The security interests of the United States would be best served in a world where no country ever again tests a nuclear weapon. Entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty is the best way to ensure that outcome."

Independent nuclear weapons experts, including a 2002 National Academy of Sciences Panel, confirmed that the United States has the technical capabilities to maintain confidence in the safety and reliability of its existing nuclear-weapon stockpile under a test ban, provided that adequate resources are made available to the Department of Energy's nuclear-weapons complex and are properly focused on this task.

The legislation has received bi-partisan support in the house and is co-sponsored by Rep. Tauscher's colleagues Reps. John Conyers, Sam Farr, Jose Serrano, James Leach, Steven Rothman, Marty Meehan, Neil Abercrombie, Tom Allen, Joe Crowley, Loretta Sanchez, Ike Skelton, Jim McDermott, William Delahunt, Barbara Lee, Lloyd Doggett, George Miller, Nancy Pelosi, Doris Matsui, Patrick Kennedy, Jim McGovern, and Fortney Pete Stark.

Easy Voter Guide

The www.easyvoter.org website has been redesigned and expanded to make it easier for citizens to prepare for the November 7, 2006 election.

The www.easyvoter.org includes:

- The *Easy Voter Guide* with clear "layperson" language about the statewide candidates and propositions - available online in html, as a printable PDF in seven languages, and a large print edition.
- Extensive links to additional resources for each proposition plus background on key issues in the election
- In-language web pages and materials to download in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean, including step-by-step photos for new voters
- An "All About Voting" section that addresses the most common frequently asked questions misconceptions about the voting process
- A comprehensive resource section for groups engaged in voter education and outreach - with handouts, workbooks, workshops and links to related resources

The site provides a ballot and polling place look-up and is also accessible to visually impaired users. The Easy Voter Guide Project is partnering with over 1,500 organizations across the state to distribute free printed copies of the 16-page *Easy Voter Guide* booklet in five languages. In addition to libraries, these organizations include county elections offices, schools, community colleges, churches and a wide range of community groups serving new citizens, disabled Californians and others. Free copies of the guide can still be ordered at www.easyvoter.org.

The California State Library is the original sponsor of the Easy Voter Guide Project website. Other partners include the California Secretary of State's Office and the League of Women Voters Education Fund with support from The James Irvine Foundation. Project content is designed by Common Knowledge and the www.easyvoter.org web site is maintained by Altrive.

Safeway Goes Green

Safeway Inc. headquartered in Pleasanton, applauded California Governor Schwarzenegger and the State Legislature for a new law to reduce carbon emissions in the state 25 percent by the year 2020. The company announced several strategic initiatives aimed at significantly reducing its greenhouse gas emissions during the next four years.

Safeway has joined the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCXO), the world's first and North America's only voluntary, legally binding greenhouse gas emissions reduction, registry and trading program. This decision positions Safeway in the vanguard of GHG emissions management and environmental policy as the first retailer in North America to join the Exchange and commit to legally binding reductions of its greenhouse gas emissions. CCX membership commits Safeway to reduce its carbon footprint by 390,000 tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) over four years.

Additionally, Safeway is announcing the purchase of an additional 174,000 Megawatt-Hours of wind energy, making it the largest corporate purchaser of green wind energy in California.

Safeway is also implementing an innovative strategy to reduce overall corporate energy consumption by implementing new cost-effective building designs, process improvements and demand side management technologies in its stores. Specific initiatives include utilizing new refrigeration system technology in new stores that is reducing electricity use for refrigeration and installing no-heat freezer case doors that reduce electric heating.

Park Discussion Set

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) invites the public to attend a community meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bothwell Recreation Center, 2466 Eighth Street, Livermore.

This is the third of three meetings to gather public input so that LARP can create a conceptual design for renovation of the 2-1/2 acre park adjacent to the Bothwell Recreation Center.

For further information, please call Chiye Azuma, Landscape Architect/Project Manager at (925) 373-5724.

POLL

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McNerney, and 42 percent for Pombo. McNerney has retained his lead, and the voters are looking in on rejecting Pombo," he said.

Both polls were taken before the recent scandal involving a Republican representative from Florida and House pages.

Tolchin said, "We've seen in other districts that Democrats' numbers have improved since the scandal broke, and Republican numbers declined. McNerney has a serious shot at knocking off Pombo. Voters are unhappy with him, and with Congress."

POMBO SPOKESMAN DISPUTES RESULTS

A consultant for Pombo said his campaign's polls have not shown the same results as the two taken by the two firms, which specialize in polling for Democrats.

However, the consultant, Wayne Johnson, while divulging in an interview what he said was a range for McNerney in the Pombo poll, wouldn't reveal what percentage Pombo had.

Johnson said, "We haven't released them for many years, because then the race becomes poll results. We want to talk about issues. We've always proven to be right." Johnson was referring to Pombo's continuing win streak, since having a close call against

Democrat Patti Garamendi in his first try for office in 1992.

This week in a press release, McNerney called for weekly debates against Pombo for the remainder of the campaign. The two opponents debated last week in Tracy, the only face-to-face meeting in the campaign.

McNerney said that the significance of the Lake Research poll was that his numbers on the key questions climbed by 10 percentage points since a survey in July, while Pombo dropped from 43 percent to 41 percent. The question was, "Who would you vote for now?"

Pombo's job satisfaction rating in the Lake Research poll received 35 percent, compared to 54 percent for unfavorable, which includes the categories fair and poor (35 percent). A McNerney campaign memo on the poll says that "after a positive introduction" of both candidates the numbers change to 49 percent for people who would vote for McNerney, and 39 percent for Pombo.

However, Johnson said he was skeptical about the kind of "positive introduction" that the poll-takers gave Pombo. Polls can be manipulated in favor of the client, said Johnson. "It's all a question of the order of questions. If you ask a question, you can pro-

duce negative information on one candidate, or positive for another. In a controlled situation such as a survey, that can push them one way or another," Johnson said.

McNerney said that neither poll was a "push poll," in which the poll-takers try to make the client look good, and then ask the important questions. He attributed his poll success to the public's dissatisfaction with Republican policies about the Iraq war, and also to his own small army of volunteers who have been ringing doorbells on his behalf.

In the poll conducted by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner, 52 percent of respondents said that Pombo puts corporations first in policy considerations; 46 percent said that he is too close to lobbyists compared to 29 percent who said that he is not. Some 43 percent said he is too close to oil and gas companies; 31 percent think he is not.

Tolchin said that the results in the Greenberg poll were from a cold question about who the voter would vote for, with no introduction at all about the candidates.

He said that Johnson's comments about manipulating polls was a "spin operation, because of the deep hole they are in."

COLLECTING

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\$10,375 over the recent period for a year to date total of \$20,478.

Brozosky's largest contribution was \$4000 from Fairland Investment, Inc. He received \$1000 from Can-Am Plumbing and another \$1000 from Can-Am owner Frank Capilla. Robert Molinaro of Pleasanton Garbage Service also donated \$1000. Danville Mayor Karen Stepper donated \$50, San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson \$100 and Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena \$250. Other donors include Erlene DeMarcus \$100, Sadri Mohsen \$1050, Kris Weaver \$150, Julie Testa \$100, Frank Brandes \$500, and Ted Fairfield \$250. Nineteen of his 155 donors were not Pleasanton residents.

Hosterman's two top donors are Alfonso Lopez, a hair stylist at Al's Hair Salon and Karen Chamousis, operations manager at S & E, who each gave Hosterman \$2500. Hong Yao Lin, manager of KL Acquisitions, has donated \$500, James Tong, realtor Charter Properties, \$500, Councilmember Matt Sullivan \$100, former Mayor Tom Pico and his wife Karen, \$200, Laython Neal Landis, \$500, Janei Linfoot \$100, Fred Norman \$100, and Bob Molinaro, owner of Pleasanton Garbage Service, \$375. Thirteen of her 69 donors live outside Pleasanton.

Thorne's largest donations of \$500 come from Bob Molinaro, James Tong, president of Charter Properties, and the Lincoln Club of Northern Ca. Seahawk swim coach donated \$480. Other donors are Frank Brandes \$250, Chris Berattis \$200, Martin Inderbitzen \$100, Norma

LeMoine and Chuck LeMoine, \$300 each, Tom and Karen Pico \$100, James Tong, Frank Auf de Maur, \$200, and Frank Brandes \$250. He received 57 donations, 6 from non-Pleasanton residents.

Cook-Kallio received \$1000 from the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce PAC, \$500 from Alberto Torrico for Assembly 2006, Dutra Enterprises, Inc., IBEW Local 595, \$249 from John Dutra, \$249 from Bernadine Dutra, \$99 from James Tong, \$100 from Jennifer Hosterman, and \$50 from Ken Mercer. Of her 46 donors, 21 do not live in Pleasanton.

Top donation to Faustina was \$1500 from Eric Inman, who lists himself as an independent film maker. Other top donors to Faustina's campaign include Victoria Mahoney, an executive at Sitzman, Morris and Labis, \$1000, Marlene Matknoka, Great Western regional manager, \$250, and Marti Starnes, \$250. Four of his 30 donors do not live in the city.

All of Arkin's 23 donors live in Pleasanton. He received \$500 from Bob Molinaro, Frank Brandes, and Bob Bird, a self employed developer. Other donations came from attorney Charles Storke \$250, Salim Sagarchi, owner Sagarchi Enterprises, \$250, and attorney Finlay Boag \$200.

Top donation to the Chamber PAC was \$1000 from the following: Doug Korh, Standard Pacific; Len Fryer, real estate; Kyle Morgon, Ponderosa Homes; Patrick Costanzo, Greenbriar Homes; Joseph and Laurie Comery; Charles Smith, Jim

Ghielmetti, Signature Properties; and Robert Freed, KB Homes.

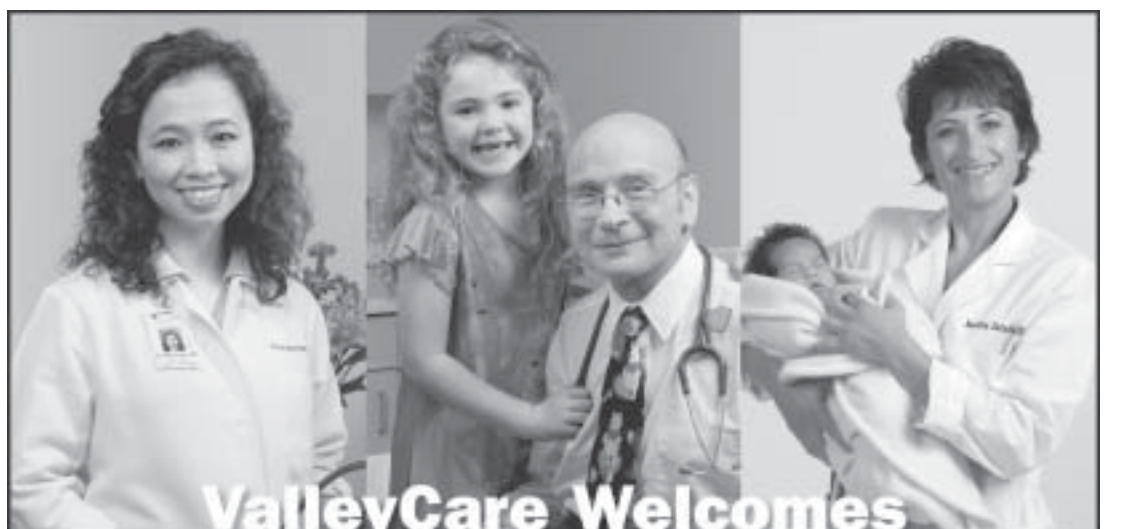
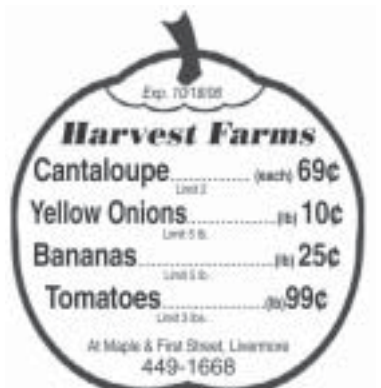
The Chamber PAC has donated to one campaign to date, \$1000 to city council candidate Cheryl Cook-Kallio.

VASCO

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Corridor, and establishing a double-fine zone. The hope of the Livermore and Brentwood police departments is that these efforts will positively influence the driving behaviors of the commuting public as they enter this commute artery, and emphasize the fact that a no-tolerance policy will be in effect for hazardous types of driving behaviors throughout the entire length of this corridor.

It is also the hope of law enforcement agencies associated with this effort that increased enforcement presence, and not necessarily increased citations, will serve to reduce the number of traffic fatalities attributed to this roadway.



ValleyCare Welcomes Hill Physicians Medical Group

HMO Members — Good News! Many ValleyCare physicians are now a part of Hill Physicians Medical Group, one of the largest medical groups in our area.

If you select an HMO during open enrollment, then choose a primary care physician affiliated with Hill Physicians Medical Group to access the advanced medical services and compassionate

care ValleyCare offers. Remember it is the medical group that determines where you will go for specialists and for hospital services. Don't travel out of the area when ValleyCare has the physicians and medical services you need right here in the Tri-Valley. Call your HMO and choose a primary physician affiliated with Hill Physicians Medical Group.

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**NOTICE OF COMMISSION VACANCIES
EXTENDED RECRUITMENT**

The City of Pleasanton is now accepting applications to fill vacancies on the following commissions or committees for the terms indicated:

City of Pleasanton Commissions/Committee (Four-Year Terms)

- Housing Commission, Alternate Member
- Library Commission, Alternate Member
- Economic Vitality Committee, Planning Commission
- Civic Arts Commission, Alternate Member

(1) At-large Member;
(1) Residential Builder Representative;
(1) Financial Institution Representative]

Regional Commissions/Boards

- Alameda County Housing Commission, Pleasanton Representative, Term: September 2006-December 2007
- Tri-Valley Conservancy, Pleasanton Representative, Four-year term

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton or on the City's Website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. For additional information, call the office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

Applications must be received no later than **5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2006**. Postmarks are not accepted.

Interviews will be held the week of October 23. Applicants will be notified regarding interviews and the selection process once the filing period is closed.

EDITORIALS

Pleasanton Mayor JENNIFER HOSTERMAN

Jennifer Hosterman has her flaws as Pleasanton mayor. Nevertheless, she has been vigorous in promoting a "green" consciousness that now infuses virtually the entire Pleasanton government. Hosterman has been a real spearhead in this area.

Also, she strongly supports affordable housing, while Steve Brozosky's support for it has been inconsistent. Pleasanton is nearing buildout. A commitment to affordable housing will be more crucial than ever in the upcoming years. We think that with Hosterman in the mayor's seat, rather than Brozosky, it's more likely affordable housing will be a priority for these last remaining units.

Brozosky is running on a "leadership" platform. However, he has his own flaws and has failed to demonstrate leadership qualities to this newspaper, the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and others.

Brozosky is a nitpicker, rather than a leader. Though he pledges to bring the council and the city together, he has been disruptive, sniping at Hosterman on a regular basis, often over petty matters.

Brozosky and his supporters attack Hosterman's activism in national and global issues. They contend the mayor and council should confine themselves to local issues.

All issues are ultimately local. By bringing home the issues of the nation and world, such as global warming, mayors like Jennifer Hosterman are energizing democracy. All citizens should welcome that.

11th Congressional District JERRY McNERNEY

The voters of the 11th Congressional District have a clear choice between challenger Jerry McNeerney and incumbent Richard Pombo.

Pombo, a congressman since 1992, is perhaps best known for his efforts to decimate the Endangered Species Act, despite the law's overwhelming support by the American people. Pombo has helped create a plutocracy, a government in servitude to monied interests. He is one of the major players in the corrupt culture that now strangles Washington.

Republicans of conscience, such as Pete McCloskey, are so revolted that they have endorsed the Democratic challenger, McNeerney.

A Pleasanton resident, Jerry McNeerney sprang from the grassroots to first challenge Pombo two years ago. He brings to his candidacy professional experience in the windpower industry. As a congressman, he would provide leadership to help liberate our nation from our dependency on oil.

More than anything, Jerry McNeerney would bring a spirit of renewal to Congress. He would restore the ideal of serving the public interest.

We urge 11th District voters to elect McNeerney and oust Pombo.

10th Congressional District ELLENTAUSCHER

Ellen Tauscher has risen to confront the great issues of the day. She has challenged the Bush Administration on the Iraq war. She has become a leader in the House of Representatives among those who've taken upon themselves the responsibility of resisting the constitutionally dubious initiatives of Bush.

Tauscher was first elected to Congress in 1996. Every term she seems to become more outspoken and influential.

May this trend continue and her influence in the House grow. We believe she speaks not only for her 10th District constituents, but also for most Americans. Ellen Tauscher deserves reelection.

EBRPD Ward 5 AYN WIESKAMP

Frank Pirrone of Fremont wants to replace Ayn Wieskamp as the representative of Ward 5 of the East Bay Regional Park District, but he happens to be running against an incumbent who has been outstanding.

A former Livermore councilmember, Wieskamp has served two four-year terms on the EBRPD board and now seeks her third. She herself is an avid park user, and has been a mover in making the parklands all they can be — as one example, forging a close relationship with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

Pirrone, too, uses the parks regularly. He wants EBRPD to focus more on maintenance and less on acquiring outlying lands.

Wieskamp is eager to acquire such lands. She currently has her sights on Doolan Canyon where she would like to create a regional park and trail.

In order for this and other such projects to happen, Ayn Wieskamp deserves a third term.

Pleasanton Police Are Targeting DUI

The Pleasanton Police Department is launching a new campaign designed to reduce driving under the influence (DUI). The program is paid for by an \$87,500 grant from the state Office of Traffic Safety.

Pleasanton Special Operations Unit Lieutenant Tom Fenner declared, "This is great news, because the grant gives us the tools to fight DUI and pro-

mote traffic safety."

The year long grant, which began Oct. 1, calls for the "Every 15 Minutes" anti-DUI presentation to be held in local high schools in the Pleasanton Unified School District. In addition, the stepped-up enforcement component of the campaign includes DUI sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols, a courthouse sting, and a warrant service pa-

Sunol Apparently Seen As Site For Catholic Shrine

By Ron McNicoll

A group of East Bay Roman Catholics is investigating a parcel on Sheridan Road in Sunol as a potential site for a "destination shrine," according to the landowner who was approached by the group.

Gerry Beemiller, who owns the 100-acre parcel in which the Divine Mercy Foundation is interested, told the Independent that his understanding, after talking to an architect investigating the possibility, is that the group wants to build a church. Another newspaper reported last week that the group, the Divine Mercy Foundation, wants to build a place for pregnant young women and homeless people, similar to one it has in San Pablo.

That's a use that Beemiller said he has not heard for the land that he would sell. "It's more of a destination church, where people go for special occasions. I expect that it's more of a special shrine, something where you go and meditate, a peaceful place, as opposed to a church in a neighborhood, where you have a parish," said Beemiller.

The church would be special in the sense that it would be a West Coast version of a shrine in Stockbridge, Mass., said Beemiller. However, it's not known how large the Sunol church would be, or how many it would attract.

The church building in Stockbridge was finished in 1960, built entirely by hand over a 10-year period. The Stockbridge church was given official status in 1996 as a shrine, by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The bishops conference defines a shrine as "a designated devotional place, usually for reasons of historic event or specific association."

The association here would be a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and also a focus on the Divine Mercy of God.

CHARTER

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Morrison, a trustee for the Livermore School District, has referred to it as "the elitist school."

"I haven't seen the petition yet, so I can't comment on it yet," says Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller. "But more options for parents are always a good thing in my book."

Livermore School Board President Julie Orvis says that Livermore might be better served by a career technical school. She did note that advanced placement (AP) offerings at both Livermore and Granada High Schools have increased in recent years.

District officials project that the Preparatory School could draw about 50 students away from the District each year. The proposed Catholic High School, expected to open around the same time, will also impact District enrollment. Even without factoring in either of the new high school choices, grades 9-12 enrollment in the District is expected to drop by over 1,000 students by 2013.

The Academy is proposed to open at the start of the 2008/09 school year. The opening will bring about a change for LVCS. In 2006/07 the school will serve grades K-8. The following year, eighth graders would move to the Academy. Beginning in 2008/09 LVCS would serve grades K-7.

Class size would be 216 students, so the Academy would have a student body of 432. LVCS students would have priority in admission. In the first year there will be at least 108 open spots in both grades, which would be filled by the same lottery process used for LVCS.

LVCS Principal Tina Morris says one reason for the 8/9 grouping is that those two grades are similar emotionally and socially and need a lot of support. "There will be a heavy emphasis on counselors so we can get to know the students and eliminate the frustrations that

come with this age," she says. The plan for both schools is to have two counselors at each grade level. Counselors would move with the students from 7th to 12th grade.

Students also would be assigned a faculty advisor, with 20 students to each advisor. An additional "college" counselor would aid and assist high school juniors in preparing for college or vocational pursuits.

The Preparatory School also would have 216 students per grade, with a total student body of 648 students. Students graduating from the Academy would have priority in admission. The petition calls for opening the Preparatory School in 2009 and adding one new grade for the next two years. The first class would graduate in 2012.

A unique feature of the Preparatory School is that upon entering students will choose one of four majors: business, technology, science, or humanities. In the ninth grade, Academy students would take an elective wheel to introduce them to the four majors.

Proposed curriculum for the Preparatory School includes AP courses in English, Calculus, Computer Science, History, U.S. Government, Psychology, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, and Environmental Science. Language offerings will be broad—Spanish, French, German, Japanese, Arabic, and Latin up to AP levels.

Students must complete a senior project to graduate. Projects might include patent applications for science or technology majors, publishing a piece of writing, art, or performance for humanities majors, and designing and implementing a business plan for business majors.

A change to the Academy and Preparatory petitions from the LVCS petition is that credentials would be required only for teachers of core subjects. "The concept is to bring professionals active in industry to teach elective courses," says Goldstein. "An example would be graphic arts."

The Livermore School Board has 30 days in which to review the petition and hold an open public forum, and 60 days in which to render a decision. If the Livermore School Board denies the petition, charter organizers plan to appeal to the County and State Boards of Education.

If organizers have to go to the State level for approval, as was the case with LVCS, the process could drag into late spring.

If the charters were approved, the Livermore School District will be required to provide suitable facilities. Goldstein is hopeful that the Academy could be housed at the Arroyo Mochito Elementary School campus, which should be vacant by 2008.

Currently students from Sunset Elementary School are at the Mochito campus. However, renovation of Sunset is expected to finish before the start of the 2008/09 school year.

Motorists park cars at designated places in Stockbridge, and get on the charter buses. Regular hours yearlong at the Massachusetts shrine are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. There are Sunday Masses at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Saturday and Holy Day Masses at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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Although the Divine Mercy Foundation is not part of the Diocese of Oakland, Bishop Alan Vigneron has given the group permission to buy the land from the owner. The group does not need the bishop's permission. However, "as Catholics, they want to stay connected with the church" in their mission, said Wiesner.

A bishop could withhold his approval, but not forbid the building of such a shrine, said Wiesner. Catholic bishops do authorize permission for priests to conduct Mass in the diocese. That would be the only instance of a required permission that might be relevant to a shrine, said Wiesner.

In addition to a home for pregnant, unmarried women in San Pablo, the Divine Mercy Foundation has a chapel in El Cerrito, open 24 hours a day for special adoration by individuals. It is near St. John Baptist Church, but not on the grounds. It is not officially affiliated with that church.

CHURCHES PERMITTED IN AG ZONING

Steve Buckley, a planner on the county staff, said that he had a brief conversation with the group's architect, who didn't talk about specific uses. The architect asked questions about what could be built on the land.

The parcel is zoned for agriculture. A church use would be permitted under a conditional use permit, provided the application met all the requirements of the county, said Buckley.

If the foundation does apply to develop Beemiller's parcel, it would be the third church-related application over the past several years. Redwood Christian School

Deadline to Bid for Lab Management Extended

The U.S. Department of Energy has amended its Request for Proposals to manage the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) to extend the submittal deadline from October 12, 2006 to October 27, 2006.

To date only two potential bidders have stepped forward.

George H. Miller will serve as leader for the team of University of California and Bechtel National

UC has managed the Lab during its 54 years of existence. The current management contract expires Sept. 30, 2007. Should the UC-Bechtel led proposal win the new contract, Miller would continue in his role as director of the Lab.

UC and Bechtel will form a separate corporate entity to act as prime contractor to manage

MAILBOX

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It's All About Gary Smith Pleasanton

It was just a couple of years ago that residents of Pleasanton were asking their City Council not to approve California Splash, a water amusement park which is being built at Shadow Cliffs EBRP. Against overwhelming popular opposition, Councilman Steve Brozosky, was outspoken in his support of the project. Ultimately it passed and was approved in a way that it could not be subjected to a voter referendum.

At Council meetings, Brozosky heard hours of public testimony on residents' concerns, received petitions signed by over 1,500 Pleasanton Residents, and didn't waver in his position. The traffic impacts of an expected 200,000 more people going through town didn't bother him. Both out-of-town and in-town visitors will need to use the already crowded streets of First St, Valley Ave and Santa Rita to get to the park on Stanley Blvd. During the City Council meeting, councilmembers agreed that this project would be overwhelmingly turned down if given to residents for a vote. Nevertheless, Brozosky helped the developers win passage. His behavior was in marked contrast to that of then Councilwoman (now Mayor) Hosterman, who listened to all sides and spoke out, first against the project, and then against the injustice of approving the project without allowing the people a chance to vote on it.

It was obvious to everyone at that City Council meeting that Brozosky pushed his own personal agenda, rather than listening to the residents of Pleasanton. Brozosky's campaign slo-

was denied a permit to build its proposal near Palomares Canyon Road and Interstate 580 last year. The school has sued the county, under provisions of a federal law that says churches must be treated in the same way as secular institutions over zoning. The county maintains that it did treat the Christian school the same.

Cedar Grove Church in Livermore is acquiring property on South Livermore Avenue next to Wentle Vineyards, with the intention of constructing six buildings. The application was denied by the Planning Commission last week.

Critics said that it will detract from the wine country atmosphere. Supporters declared that it not only won't do that, but also the wine country ambience is good for institutions such as churches. With agricultural land selling at prices generally lower than city land, some supporters of South Livermore wine country and other open space uses around the Valley have said that a trend could start in which churches would bring what they contend are urban urban uses into the rural landscape. Such churches could use the federal law that is being invoked by Redwood Christian School.

Asked about that scenario, Buckley said that he doesn't "know if there is a trend, but there are two projects we know of (mentioned earlier, above), and possibly another by Divine Mercy. We have to respond to the marketplace. If that's what comes in the door as a proposal, we evaluate it. If there is a market for starting recycling centers, we would see a lot of those, and evaluate them. We can't predict if it's opening the floodgates."

the laboratory. UC and Bechtel created a similar company in their winning bid to manage the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The other bid team is a partnership of Tri-Valley CARES (Communities Against a Radioactive Environment), New College of California, Nuclear Watch of New Mexico and WindMiller Energy to

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tiative has spread to other states and several nations. It focuses on having materials recycled at school sites and getting students to think about recycling. Buck was a Naval officer, and is raising a family in Pleasanton.

Hayashi has a masters' degree in Business Administration. She founded the Iris Alliance Fund, and serves as its administrator. The fund raises money to work on mental health causes, including youth suicide. Hayashi has been honored for her work by Tipper Gore, who also has been active in the area of mental health.

Hayashi has a public seat on the California Board of Registered Nursing. She is married to Dennis Hayashi, who led a field of six for a judge's seat in the primary election, and is in the runoff in November.

Gore is on a long list of Democrats who has endorsed Hayashi. Others are the California Democratic Club, Democratic Clubs in the district, and Bay Area Democratic Assembly members and state Senators, in and near the district. Valley endorses include former Pleasanton mayor Tom Pico, Dublin councilmembers Claudia McCormick and Tim Shrant, former Livermore Mayor Cathie Brown, Zone 7 Water Board member Jim Kohlen, Dublin school board member Patricia Kohlen, and retired Livermore Pleasanton police chief Stewart Gary.

Hayashi's list of endorsers also includes the California Teachers Association, California Federation of Teachers, the Sierra Club, the California League of Conservation Voters, and the California Nurses Association.

The candidates are listed alphabetically, and were asked the same questions in telephone interviews.

JILL BUCK

Asked about what her top priorities would be if she were elected, Buck said that she would work on school finance state formula equalization. It is of great concern to Livermore. Although that district is not in the 18th AD, schools in Hayward, Castro Valley and San Leandro are in the same situation as Livermore in receiving less money than other districts in the state.

Public safety is another high priority.

"I'm known for being an environmental leader. That will always be high on the list. However, they are not talking about recycling in Baghdad now. We need to fulfill the number one role (of government), and keep people safe from gangs and sex predators. There are homeland security worries and concerns. Part of it is the mom in me, and part is the Naval officer," said Buck.

Another priority is environmental protection. She said, "We can have a business friendly state, but also be eco-friendly."

Asked about the eminent domain initiative on the ballot this fall, Buck said that at first she supported Proposition 90, which would change the rules about government's use of eminent domain. Now she wants to talk to people on city councils and see how it affects cities and redevelopment. Politicians in San Leandro and Hayward have concerns about it, she said.

The candidates were asked how to deal with increasing costs of health care, and how uninsured people can be served. Buck said that it's important right now to examine the problem, before determining a solution. "We

need to ensure that we know where all the money is being spent. I talked to the president of one hospital. Highland (the county hospital) costs three times as much as St. Rose. Cost of ValleyCare emergency room is also high," she said.

On an energy policy for the state, Buck said, "It's important to educate Californians on energy conservation. We use less energy per capita than any other state. We've done a lot to rein in energy consumption. However, we need a diverse portfolio of energy options. We need to constantly ramp up renewable energy supplies," said Buck.

Buck cited Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's announced program of "One Million Solar Roofs" to encourage homeowner solar power as one good step. The other is hydrogen fuel cell research and development. The jail at Santa Rita has the state's largest hydrogen fuel-cell power plant. The plant takes care of approximately one-half of the needs at the jail, which is the equivalent of a town with 4000 population.

Buck said that she supports campaign finance reform, but does not like the current ballot measure, Proposition 89. The proposition would raise taxes on financial institutions and corporations by 0.2 percent to create a fund of \$200 million annually for public financing of campaigns. It would provide candidates with funding if they met a certain threshold of contributions over \$5 per person.

Buck says she doesn't support Prop. 89 because it doesn't restrict candidates receiving public money to refrain from negative advertising about an opponent. She also said that the motives of some candidates might not be willingness to provide serious public service, if it were easy to obtain public money. Further, having to work on a shoestring encourages a candidate to get out to meet the people, as she has had to do, said Buck.

"If I had Sacramento money laid at my feet, I wouldn't be the kind of candidate I am now. I had to make phone calls. I've been on the campaign trail for seven days a week. I would not work as hard, if I thought I had enough money to send out fliers," said Buck.

On a question about how to ensure maintenance of state parks, Buck said, "It's important to preserve and maintain parks and natural treasures. I would have to look at the state budget. If I sat down and looked at it, we would need to make a decision about what to cut to maintain state parks. I'm surprised that at budget times most people are not following (the budget process) at all," said Buck.

Asked whether the state is prepared for disasters, Buck said that the state "is moving in the right direction." She said she talked to Emergency Services in Alameda County to learn their needs.

NEED TO MEET HOUSING GOALS

On the topic of creating housing while preserving open space, Buck said, "We have to make sure that land use planning accounts for current and projected numbers of housing we need for our areas." Firefighters, doctors and nurses need places to live, but can't afford housing in the Tri-Valley, she said.

"We have to create space for affordable housing. It's great to protect open space. We need to make sure we have a variety of housing products, not necessar-

ily greenfields. Some would pick in-fill, some prefer high density, like on the east side of Dublin. It's their choice. We need balance between open space and housing," said Buck.

Buck was asked whether the housing construction goals assigned to counties and cities by the state through ABAG amount to an unfunded mandate that requires locally paid infrastructure. She replied, "Local communities are shooting themselves in the foot if they don't provide infrastructure for affordable housing. Why should the Legislature send the money?"

"What we haven't answered is (whether it is) legal for the state to make cities do certain things. That is something we need to look at," Buck said. However, "what happens to communities that don't take care of workforce housing?" Pleasanton has good schools. If its schools' graduates can't afford to move back to the city, they can't enjoy the high quality of life for which its residents work, Buck said.

Better border security with Mexico is needed, whether it's accomplished with a fence or electronic technology. "If a woman who is nine-months pregnant can come across, then it's not hard for Al Qaida to come across," said Buck. Security is a federal responsibility. However, the "state can help."

Buck would oppose amnesty for illegal immigrants. However, they should be brought into the naturalization process. "I know that a lot of immigrants engaged in the (naturalization) process. It's not fair to let others cut in line," she said. Buck also favors a guest worker program that would correctly identify people and their place of origin.

Buck supports proposition 1A on transportation. She said that it closes the loophole on Proposition 42, which allowed the Legislature to use some of the funding for things not related to transportation infrastructure.

Asked whether there should be new, dedicated funding for school budgets, in addition to current Prop. 98, Buck said "yes." She added, "It's important not to put more money into a leaky system." She would conduct more analysis of what education needs.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a bill to reduce carbon emissions, a culprit in global warming. Asked whether she supports it, Buck said, "I am watching that very closely. I believe it's important to reduce our carbon emissions. I hope we don't see higher costs, and drive any business out of the state."

On changing the method of redistricting state offices, Buck said, "We need to make sure our districts are fair, and not prevent large groups of people from being represented. Leaving it in the hands of the Legislature is like asking the fox to guard the hen house. We need an independent body, and it has to be fair."

MARY HAYASHI

Hayashi's top three priorities are providing health care for as many people as possible, making higher education affordable — especially community colleges and trade schools — and addressing public transit and overall transportation issues.

On health care, Hayashi said that one single approach won't take care of the 7 million uninsured Californians. "You need multiple strategies. We need to expand coverage to children. Proposition 86 does that," she said. It would also support emergency room services and help

keep hospitals open, said Hayashi.

"We do need to be more creative in how we raise revenue (to meet the health care need). I don't like ballot-box budgeting and initiatives. We need to find money (in the state budget) to fund these important programs," said Hayashi.

"We also can't continue to cut our Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for services," Hayashi said. However, there does need to be cost containment. The state insurance commissioner should be brought into the picture. Years ago, that office had prior review of medical insurance premiums, but that was taken away. It should be restored.

Hayashi drew a distinction between prior review and rate regulation. The prior review process is basically a negotiation, not a rate-setting structure, she said. For example, the state Public Utilities Commission has prior review of electric rates. Firms must submit their rate increase proposals to the panel. If they don't fully meet with approval, they go back to the drawing boards and try again. The same should happen with health insurance, said Hayashi.

Another strategy would be to mandate that employers with more than 50 employees offer health insurance that covers workers and their families. "You cover the health care for your employees, or you pay into a small purchasing pool (consisting of several small businesses) that would then buy health insurance for everyone. It's not the most perfect legislation. I supported it (when it was SB2, written by then-Sen. John Burton). We need to come up with (many) ideas to solve the health care crisis," said Hayashi.

The economy needs a well-trained and highly skilled workforce. Higher education must be accessible and affordable. Hayashi would put an emphasis on community colleges and trade schools.

Hayashi does not support Prop. 90, the eminent domain issue. "If you read the details, the measure doesn't have much to do with protecting private property. If my neighbor wants to expand his or her garage, I could sue the city and show there would be economic damages. It's just a disaster waiting to happen. Oregon has a similar measure that passed. They are bombarded with lawsuits and pending litigation. It might bankrupt local government. It is funded by out-of-state

special interest groups," said Hayashi.

On an energy policy for the state, Hayashi said that she supports Prop. 87, which will create money to fund alternative energy research.

As far as legislative action on energy is concerned, the state needs to be a partner with the federal and local governments to do what it can. She cited AC Transit's move toward getting hydrogen fuel-cell buses, which already have been on Oakland and Berkeley city streets in factory demonstration mode. There is federal and state participation in that program with AC Transit, which gets some of its revenue from that area's property tax.

SUPPORT FOR 'CLEAN MONEY' MEASURE

Hayashi supports Prop. 89, the "clean money" initiative. "I feel we have to do something about being able to support candidates who are not good fund-raisers," said Hayashi. Campaign advertising is important to get the word out about the candidate. Without funds, people don't get to know them. "Are we electing the best fund-raisers, or the most-qualified candidates?" she asked.

With public finance of campaigns, voters can support "candidates who have great messages. In clean-money states, they elect nurses and teachers. It's not a perfect initiative. However, I support it," said Hayashi.

Asked about maintenance funding to help state parks, Hayashi said the Hayward and Livermore park districts are special districts. They have been hit hard for maintenance money by ERAF, the state fund that took money away from local agencies to help pay off the state deficit. ERAF's two-year diversion has ended, although the enabling law allows it to come back within 10 years as a long-term mandatory loan from local government and special districts. Hayashi said that she is committed to helping special districts.

On California readiness to meet disasters, Hayashi said the state clearly is not ready for potential Delta flooding from levee breaks. The state is working hard to develop a plan on potential terrorist threats. The state has a homeland security office, and "of course, we want to do more."

Border control is being stepped up. However, there "is no funding, and immigrants are being used as scapegoats," said Hayashi.

It's possible to retain open space and still provide housing,

said Hayashi. "There are a lot of good in-fill developments in Alameda County, in Hayward and other areas," she said. On open space protection, Hayashi said that she supports Measure D.

On state-assigned housing goals' impact on local infrastructure, Hayashi said that Propositions 1A through 1E are "trying to get at that." She said she thinks the measure devoted to more housing construction will solve the problem. In-fill incentives are a part of the housing bond, she said.

Hayashi supports the entire Proposition 1 package, from A through E. The package includes public works and the upgrade of educational facilities. "The California economy depends on good schools, roads, housing, and safe drinking water. We need to invest in infrastructure," she said. Asked about her view on illegal immigration, Hayashi said that she opposes the "criminalization of illegal immigrants." There should be an amnesty program for illegal immigrants who have lived in the United States for a certain number of years. They could be required to apply for citizenship and pay back taxes. "Sending them to prison is not the answer if they are already here and have a job," she said.

Hayashi isn't sure that building a border fence is the way to solve the problem of stopping illegal immigration from Mexico. She would support hiring more border agents. It's also important to impose penalties on businesses that hire illegal immigrants.

Asked about whether any new funding is needed for schools, Hayashi said that it's important to "work on an educational blueprint that outlines how we can have the best educational system in the country. Rather than spend a couple more million dollars here, or there, see how much the price tag is for creating a great education system in California."

Hayashi supports the greenhouse gas emissions restrictions that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law.

Hayashi didn't favor the redistricting initiative that was on a previous state ballot. It would have left redistricting up to a panel of three retired judges. "Ideally, you'd like to have some independent participation, when it comes to redistricting the lines. I think our system works. We are able to do fine. I'm not sure what the problems are. We use the census data to draw the lines," she said.



THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

YOUTH MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF VACANCIES

The City of Pleasanton is now accepting applications for 11 members to serve on the Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee (YMPIC). The 11 members will be appointed by the City Council and the Pleasanton Unified School District Board. This is a non-paid position.

The purpose of the Committee is to implement the goals and objectives of the Youth Master Plan of Pleasanton such as: Ptown411 web page, Youth-related workshops, events and special projects. The Plan focuses on providing services to youth throughout the community. Specifically it addresses issues of programs and activities, health and wellness, childcare, jobs, leadership and communication amongst children, youth and families. The Committee is comprised of representatives from various community organizations, schools and businesses.

The YMPIC is comprised of 30 members. Applications are being accepted for the following representatives:

- 3 At-Large Parent Representatives – one representative from a pre-school, one representative from an elementary school and one representative from a middle school
- 1 Health and Crisis Representative
- 1 Non-Profit Agency Representative
- 1 Senior Citizen Representative
- 1 Alternate Representative from Amador High School
- 1 Youth Representative and 1 Alternate from Village High School
- 1 Youth Representative from Hart Middle School
- 1 Youth Representative from Pleasanton Middle School

It is anticipated that the YMPIC will meet at least monthly for the purpose of implementing these projects. Committee members will be appointed for a one-year term initially.


Applications are available at the City Clerk's office, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton or on the City's Website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. For additional information, call the office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2006. Postmarks are not accepted.

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crats in the early 1990s because he thought his former party "became dominated by the extreme right wing."

Campaign reports from earlier this year showed Coleman raising \$122,000 to Houston's \$357,000. The California Teachers Association was the only donor above \$4000 to his campaign, giving \$6700.

Houston received 29 donations over \$4000. At least 15 came from developers or from building industry political action committees. Donors who have built in the Valley and are on Houston's donors list include Crimson Bear Ltd., Pardee Homes, Shea Homes, Signature Properties, all at \$6600; James Tong, \$6300; Sunset Development, and T.Y. Lin International, both at \$5300; and Ponderosa Homes II, Inc., \$4800. The California Building Industry Association PAC gave \$14,600, and the California Housing Council PAC contributed \$5,000, as did the Home Builders Association of Northern CA - Candidate PAC.

Coleman's main donors are lawyers, law firms and unions in amounts ranging from \$1000 to \$3300.

The candidates are listed alphabetically, and were asked the same questions in telephone interviews.

TERRY COLEMAN

Coleman's top priority, if elected, would be to create a bipartisan caucus in the Assembly to get away from the legislative logjams and cross-party bickering that he perceives. "There is no such caucus that's ever been formed in Sacramento, though they have caucuses about everything else under the sun," said Coleman.

"Another priority is to make sure that schools are adequately funded. I've been endorsed by Jack O'Connell, the state superintendent. Education is a top priority of mine, and also transportation, and job creation in my district," Coleman stated.

On job creation, he would focus on jobs that pay more than \$50,000 per year, with incentives. The enterprise zone rules today focus only on helping to create a total number of jobs, he said.

Coleman opposes Proposition 90, the eminent domain initiative. The claimed purpose is to tighten up rules correcting eminent domain, in response to a U.S. Supreme Court decision last year.

However, Coleman is concerned that its effect would make "environmental regulation impossible." For example, if the state banned certain chemicals from use, a property owner could claim that it's a "taking" of his or her use of the property by the state. The state would have to compensate the landowner.

"To me, the cost of pollution should be borne by those doing the polluting, not by states and cities," said Coleman.

Coleman doesn't think the state is ready for universal health care, judging by the rejection of earlier measures and bills aimed

at it. However, he states, "There are far too many people who are uninsured. It's the number one reason for filing personal bankruptcies. Insurance costs are a drain on businesses."

Coleman said that he has had experience as a lawyer representing small businesses that want to keep their insurance policies, but have been canceled. "There is an attempt by the health care industry to do away with health care insurance issued to small business associations, and any type of associations," said Coleman. He has been able to obtain an injunction preventing such cancellation.

What's needed is a continuation of what John Garamendi started as insurance commissioner, said Coleman. Garamendi brought all concerned groups together to start a dialogue on how to address the rising number of uninsured. "He issued a comprehensive report, with specific recommendations. The first is to have greater rate review, done by the Department of Health Care and the insurance commissioner's office.

Greater scrutiny is needed on increases in premiums. I don't have a solution. However, we need to get everyone at the table," Coleman said.

On energy policy, Coleman said that it's important to rely on more renewable resources. There should be more green energy sources, both within California, and for the energy that comes into the state from outside sources.

HE WANTS TO REMOVE BARRIER TO INDEPENDENTS

Coleman said that campaign reform is needed. However, Prop. 89 is inadequate to address his concern. "It does not address the gridlock (in the Legislature between the two major parties) that I view to be the problem," he said.

A good way to set up some reform is to make it easier for people to run as independent candidates. Coleman said that he "crafted a bill" to allow for that, AB 2504, with legislator Tom Umberg carrying it.

"Right now, a Democrat or Republican needs only 40 signatures to file for office. Someone who declines to state a party has to convince 3 percent of the district population to sign the petition. In my district, that would be over 8000 signatures. I think that's unfair. We should encourage more independent voters to run for office," said Coleman. Such officials would not be toeing a party line and the benefit would be "a dialogue on the issues," he said.

The state is ill-prepared for a disaster resulting from an earthquake, because only 11 percent of Bay Area residents have earthquake insurance, said Coleman. "It's a huge problem that no one is talking about. If we were to have a catastrophic quake along the Hayward fault, with so many people uninsured for that event,

it could wreak absolute havoc on our state, and nationally," he said.

His implication is that it would be very hard for most people to stay economically viable if they could not replace their homes and other property, just as survivors of Hurricane Katrina learned. That loss would hurt the economy of the surrounding area, and even have some national economic impact, as Hurricane Katrina has had.

The state has an earthquake insurance program. "It's too costly and has little benefit. That's why no one is buying it. It needs to be reworked from the ground up and made effective to increase the number of homes covered," said Coleman.

COLEMAN BACKS OPEN-SPACE MEASURE, IN-FILL

On the relation of open space to housing, Coleman said, "We need to promote as much as possible in-fill housing near transit centers. It's important to retain open space. Contra Costa has an urban growth boundary (proposal) on the ballot, and I favor it."

Coleman said he would have to look at the state-mandated numbers of housing units before he could determine whether it is an unfunded mandate, and any other implications of it.

Coleman believes that immigration is "fundamentally a federal issue. In the absence of any coherent federal immigration policies, the states, especially border states like California, are incurring problems with immigration. We need a strong border, one we can rely on. We need an alliance with other states. We should not have one policy in California, another in New Mexico and another in Arizona," said Coleman.

Coleman is a strong supporter of Proposition 1A, which he said will prohibit the Legislature from raiding transportation funds set aside by a previous increase in the gasoline tax.

Whether or not a bond issue helping levies passes, the Legislature needs to be vigilant about doing a constant review of their condition and upgrade.

The state doesn't need any more dedicated funding for school budgets beyond Proposition 98. "I sense our districts need greater control over spending the dollars they do get," he said. Many school boards complain that strings are attached to much of the money that comes from the state.

Coleman supports the ozone layer protection bill signed by Schwarzenegger. He has heard that some businesses might leave the state, if they can't or don't abide by the emissions control we have. "At the same time, it will also spur businesses and create other jobs in other industries that will comply. It's a matter of creating incentives for companies that will be able to abide by the controls. It will have the intended effect. We want to drive away polluting companies," Coleman concludes.

Asked about reforming redistricting, Coleman replied that the issue requires greater dialogue and thought. He said that he was disappointed that the Legislature didn't accomplish that in the last session. Legislators made an attempt to link redistricting with extension of term limits.

"I thought that was wrong. They were trading one off another. They used term limits modification as a carrot to convince legislators to go along with redistricting. I don't think (reform) will be accomplished by the parties. You need Common Cause or some non-partisan group to propose something. It's wrong that most of the seats in the Legislature are determined in the primary," said Coleman.

GUY HOUSTON

Houston said that his priorities are education and transportation.

Specifically, this year he helped obtain another \$350 million for equalization of the state school laid formula. The Livermore school district's share of that was \$1 million. He said he has been assured by the governor that another \$75 million will be in the budget next year, which would mean another \$250,000 for Livermore. That would bring Livermore up to the average for school districts in the state, which is the target for equalization.

On transportation, he favors the transportation bond on the ballot to get improvements going in our area, he said. That includes widening Interstate 580, and also improvements for traffic from Stockton to Oakland, which would help move freight better. Money for public transit, including BART improvements, are on his list.

Houston supports Proposition 90, which is aimed at changing the rules about eminent domain condemnation by government. "You have some people saying it will prevent redevelopment and prevent obtaining land for government. It won't. It will make it harder. If people are down-zoned, they should be compensated," he said.

On health insurance, Houston said he would not want it to be run by the state. "There are about 6 million uninsured. I'd hate to devalue the care we provide to the other 32 million, which I think will happen. You would have to have a huge cost increase," he said.

"We see some hospitals shut down, unable to serve communities. You can't just say, 'Lower rates'. I don't have a solution about how to reduce the cost of care. We have had scientific advances, and increased quality of care (contributing to the cost). We grapple with the issue in the Legislature. I don't want universal health care," Houston said.

In talking about an energy policy, Houston pointed to Schwarzenegger's "hydrogen highway" and "million solar rooftops" plans. Renewables are only 2 or 3 percent of total power generation. "That won't get rid of oil and gas anytime soon. We can encourage the use of renewables to increase to 10 or 15 percent," said Houston.

Houston wants California to encourage technology in the state that would be on the cutting edge of fuel cells. The state also needs more permitting and generation of power. There has been permitting in the past several years. However, none of the plants have been built yet, he said. It still has to be economically feasible for the power firms to make it work.

Prop. 89, the "clean money" initiative, does not have Houston's support. "I should not be forced to support a candidate I don't believe in. People shouldn't be forced to support me, if they don't want to," he said. Tax money, paid by a 0.2

percent increase on taxes on financial institutions and corporations would raise \$200 million annually to distribute to candidates.

REDISTRICTING NEEDS REFORM

Houston said the key to election reform is full disclosure. "That is the best part of the current system," he said.

A needed reform would be to change how district boundaries are drawn. "Right now, '75 of 80 (Assembly) members know who is going to win. I'm one of the other five. The most striking thing is the increase in declines to state and independents. Both parties are losing to them, all over California," said Houston.

"The 1992 redistricting was the most successful in 40 years. It was a more competitive situation. The Republicans controlled the Assembly; then the Assembly went the other way, with Republicans holding the lowest number of seats in 30 years. We had a change, according to the politics of the time. However, we had 20 of the 80 seats that were in play," he said. His bottom line is that the representatives should not pick the voters by establishing safe seats through the redistricting process.

Asked about obtaining more funds for state parks maintenance, Houston said that one way is to quit funding other government programs. "Then you would have the money for basic building blocks, the infrastructure." When the state receives bonus revenue, legislators want to put in new programs. When revenues sag again in an economic downturn, the maintenance can be a problem.

"The solution is to make maintenance of any assets a priority. 'That way you don't have to bond later for big repairs,' said Houston. State park maintenance is "grossly underfunded. At the same time, (park districts) are buying more land. It's a contradiction in terms, if you can't maintain an asset you have," said Houston.

Commenting on disaster preparedness in the state, Houston said that there is a problem with state communication structure. It's being dealt with. "It's not where I'd like it to be. It's not an effective statewide communication system. There is a lot better state of readiness than right after 9/11. It will take more money," he said.

In regard to levee repairs, he said, "They are needed badly. Some of the money in the infrastructure bond will go to that. Before Hurricane Katrina it was hard to get my southern California colleagues' support on levees. Now they have a human face to what happened (in New Orleans). I've seen Delta levees that are 125 years old, and in much disrepair. It's a potential for

a disaster," Houston said.

LOCAL CHOICE BETTER ON HOUSING NEEDS

On the question of balancing open space and housing, the solution is at the local level, said Houston. "I have a problem with ABAG. They say you have to build this many houses for your quota. We need to encourage elected officials to develop good policies. Using a hammer is not right," he said.

Illegal immigration should not be rewarded with citizenship, said Houston. "They should not go to the head of the line (with amnesty and immediate citizenship). We have to know who is in our country. If we want to solve the problem, we have to hold businesses accountable. When business owners tell me, 'We have to hire them for this or that reason,' I just shut down. If the employers know they are undocumented, it's wrong. We need to hold them accountable," said Houston.

Illegal immigrants cost California money in health care by using the emergency rooms at hospitals "as normal care." Houston said they definitely bring a benefit to the state, with their work. "However, we have to know who they are," Houston stated.

Houston supports four of the five propositions of 1A through 1E, but does not support the housing bond. "As I said earlier (about state housing mandates), I want to keep things local. I'm leery about having the state come in and develop residential units in a community. The state should stick to schools, roads, water, infrastructure," he said.

Asked whether or not there needs to be more funding for education, Houston said that it already takes up 58 percent of the budget. "It's hard to see where we can dedicate more dollars," he said. Houston would like to see strings removed from some of the "categorical" funding, which impede local school boards from having more flexibility with the money.

Houston didn't support the final version of the ozone layer protection bill that Schwarzenegger signed. "Originally, the governor wanted a market approach, where companies that exceeded requirements could trade them to companies that needed them. There was no flex (allowing this) in the final bill, so I was against it," he said.

Under the general topic of "any other issues?" in the interview, Houston said he has been working on special education this year. "There is a huge shortage of physical therapists and speech therapists in California. There are not enough slots in colleges and universities," he said. Houston hopes to work to remedy that in the Legislature's next session.

LARPD Chosen to Teach Water Classes

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has been selected by the Alameda County County-wide Clean Water Program to provide water education programs to local school classes.

The ranger staff will use the funding to present a series of three programs for up to forty-three 4th and 5th grade classes in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin.

Offered free of charge, this se-

ries helps teachers meet state standards while promoting watershed awareness and stormwater pollution prevention. It includes two in-class programs, which feature hands-on activities that teach the children about such things as how water flows through a watershed, how pollutants build up in waterways and what special creatures live in streams. After their classroom presentations, the students go on a field trip to either Veterans or Robertson Park, where they will use their newfound knowledge to assess the health of a stream.

The funding, which will span four years, at up to \$20,000 per year, pays the full cost of presenting the programs. Teachers who are interested can call (925)960-2403 for more information.

Good News Bears Planning 'Un-bear-ably' Fun Event

Good News Bears, a local non-profit organization, offers an invitation to attend an un-bear-ably fun Fall event. Join the group on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15 from 11 am - 4 pm at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore for "October Affair."

Part of Alden Lane's Fall Festival, the October Affair will feature drawings for gift baskets, bear related items for sale, and fun for kids. Drawing tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5, or 15 for \$20. The group will also be collecting new and gently used stuffed animals to pass on to those in need.

Good News Bears' mission is to distribute "stuffed love" to those in need. Membears have the goal of distributing 10,000 stuffed animals to local hospitals, emergency vehicles, shelters, and more. More than 65 organizations are on the regular distribution list. In addition to filling the need in the Tri-Valley, bears are sent around the world to comfort children and adults. To date, more than 45,000 stuffed animals have gotten in the arms of someone needing comfort.

The October Affair is the main fundraiser for the organization. For more information, please call Jeanie at (925) 373-7982.

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lems. For example, he said there are several trails in Sunol that are in pretty poor condition. They are covered with poison oak in some places. He says there are signs warning users about conditions. The problems have been there so long, the signs are rotting away. He said that Tassajara Creek Park is a mess. "It's not maintained," he observed.

He added there aren't enough trash receptacles in the parks.

Pirrone says that before the district opens new areas to public use, it should make sure there are adequate funds to maintain and operate existing parks in a safe manner. The district has 15,000 acres in a landbank. "There is almost more land than the district can properly manage. The district has to be practical."

While maintenance is an issue, Pirrone also believes the district needs funds to purchase special parcels. "There are one to two million acres that could become available," he stated. Pirrone wouldn't purchase any and all land. His focus would be on parcels that would expand sites already owned by the district and connect the various areas within the district to create larger parks.

He did not have any specific sites in mind. "There are so many parks with so many things, you don't miss what's not there," he commented.

Pirrone believes parks are important, because they provide a variety of outdoor opportunities such as hiking, camping, picnicking and bicycling. "Parks are good for everyone. We need good open space. This is one of the best areas to live, because there is a lot of open space."

He is open to providing programs that attract additional park users. He would like to see more programs at Sunol that cater to children. "I think they are interested in small things. You can take them on a hike and show them scenery. What they really like are bugs, butterflies, and animals."

As for minorities, he believes there may be a transportation problem in getting them to the parks. However, once they are in the parks, they enjoy them. "Fremont is a very diverse city. You see all types and ages of people in the parks there," he said.

There should be more attention given to providing opportunities for the disabled to access the parks, said Pirrone. There could be some improvement in trails that would provide access to picnic areas and nature walks, he stated.

On the trails, mountain bikers need a challenge. While almost all riders respect the rules, some of the riders pose a danger to other

users. Pirrone said he wasn't sure that the district could provide trails just for bikers. He said he believes it could create a liability issue, because of the speed at which some of them ride.

Crime in the parks needs to be addressed, said Pirrone. Cars have been broken into in the parking lot at Mission Peak. In the vast majority of cases, there had been nothing left in the cars to steal. There were three break-ins in one week. They usually occur early in the morning. The district needs to have someone out there taking care of the problem.

Pirrone said he had never seen marijuana in the park. "I'm sure it's out there," he stated.

Grazing is necessary, said Pirrone. It keeps grasses down. That helps fire control and native flora to develop in the spring. Grazing also provides an income to the district. Pirrone admitted that some people are afraid of the cattle. He doesn't think they pose a threat.

Pirrone would support placing Measure AA on the ballot for renewal. The money would be used to purchase parkland.

Pirrone is a pharmacist who is semi-retired. He is a member of Rotary and the Ohlone College Bond Oversight Committee. He has volunteered in the community for many years. This is the first time he has run for office.

AYN WIESKAMP is a Livermore resident. She is seeking her third four year term on the EBRPD board. Wieskamp says of the parks, "I love to walk and look at things. There is a lot more to our parks. There are special events such as the gathering of Ohlones and Civil War Days."

She agrees that maintenance is an issue. There had been plans to place a measure on the ballot that would have provided funds to maintain and operate the parks. However, polling indicated it would not be approved by the required two-thirds vote," said Wieskamp.

"Before we open an area, we have to make sure it is safe and there is the money to maintain and operate it," she added.

Wieskamp says of the district and land acquisition, "It's not a matter of how much acreage is acquired, it's about focusing on connecting habitats and trails. "You can't isolate pockets of wildlife and expect them to thrive."

"The biggest new thing I want to work on is Doolan Canyon," said Wieskamp. "I have asked that it be the most important thing to be added to the district's master plan map. That would allow the district to start to look at the area

for a park and regional trail. The area would provide be very accessible for recreation, and provide habitat for a variety of species."

The Livermore area is not included in the AA bond measure, because it came into the district after the measure was first approved in 1988. However, Wieskamp would like to work with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District to come up with a common list of parks and trails we could work on together and go after our own funds. These could include Doolan Canyon, trail connectors, and even a sports park or other projects, explained Wieskamp.

Her other goals are to open Dublin Hills, Vargas Plateau Regional Parks and the Dumbarton Quarry Parkland within three years.

When it comes to crime and safety in the parks, she says that people need to feel safe. "If we can't maintain and open parks to a certain standard, we won't open them to the public," she stated. She admitted that there are crime issues in the parks., "People don't think. They leave purses and laptops in the cars. Some cars aren't even locked. When we do have a problem, we bring in volunteers who hand out leaflets reminding people how to avoid being the victim of a crime."

There is marijuana growing in the parks. Recently, a rancher alerted authorities to an area in Vargas Plateau. Wieskamp said if people think they see marijuana growing, report it. "It is dangerous. It is a valuable crop."

Parks add to the quality of life in the Bay Area said Wieskamp. "One of the best things we can do is get more people up and out into the parks." She pointed out that there are opportunities for a variety of experiences, such as mines in Black Diamond, a carousel ride in Tilden, and a working farm at Ardenwood. Parks have so much going on. There are great naturalist programs. Volunteers help to patrol the trails, and help with programs.

The districts foundation has funded camping experiences at Camp Arroyo for inner city kids. "It is very revealing. Some of the kids have wild ideas about what's out there. They think there are tigers."

Another district program partners with Kaiser Permanente to use the parks for exercise.

Wieskamp also mentioned a new series this year called Fresh Start, a program sponsored by a radio station, the district and Wente Vineyards. Participants took hikes led by a naturalist. At the end, Wente presented a jazz concert and box lunch at the win-

ery. The series sold out. "Many of the participants were people who had never been in a regional Park. I think it is important to be creative in how you get people in parks," said Wieskamp.

As for more accessibility, Wieskamp said the district has a plan in place. It is spending \$500,000 a year to make improvements. "It's not just about disability. It's about parents with kids in strollers and adults with health issues. The goal is to strive to remove obstacles so they can enjoy the parks."

One of her goals is to reach out to minorities and all age

groups. "The more people you have in parks, the more supportive they will be when it comes to votes. Some people like parks because they provide open space. They like to look at them.

Trails are being built to accommodate mountain bikers. Wieskamp described the bikers as a growing group that likes to use trails. "So far there have been no problems. Most bikers are good citizens."

"A district study showed that parks add to property values. Just look at real estate ads," she said. "They talk about open space and trails."

Operation: SAM Plans Annual Holiday Drive

The community is invited to participate in the Annual Holiday Drive sponsored by Operation: S.A.M (Supporting All Military). Donations can be left at the Pleasanton Wal-Mart, 4501 Rosewood Drive, and the Livermore Wal-Mart, 2700 Las Positas Road, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday October 14. All donations are appreciated and tax deductible.

Volunteers will be collecting goodies for the holiday packages and welcome the community to join in bringing good feelings and a few "favorite things" to military men and women who will be unable to be with their families this holiday season.

Items needed are: miniature stockings filled with treats, unbreakable ornaments and decorations, small holiday gifts (manicure sets, make-up kits for the ladies), DVDs, CDs, battery operated games, board/card games, word puzzle books, sports equipment - footballs, baseballs, basketballs (include a pump) and batteries (AAA, AA & C).

With winter approaching, other special requests are: warm socks (tube/white), gloves, hand/foot warmers, thermal undergarments, thermal cups/mugs, ski masks/caps and slipper socks, Chapstick and medicated cream, small foot powder and travel size tooth paste/mouthwash. Stationary items include pens, small junior tablets and small envelopes are included in each comfort box for the troops to write home.

As always, the boxes are loaded with lots of snack goodies, protein bars, popcorn, nuts & seeds, hot cereal, hot chocolate, Crystal Lite/water flavorings, gum/mints, trail mix and granola bars, beef jerky and holiday treats of chocolate, cookies and candy). Remember to purchase individually wrapped

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The most appreciated item is always a message from home. Holiday cards and note paper will be on site so people can send a message of encouragement, appreciation and to help remind them that they are not forgotten.

There will also be a drive-by drop-off point for those who prefer to purchase donations in advance. The organization will also be collecting used cell phones that are exchanged for prepaid phone cards to be sent to the deployed troops so they can call home.

For more information: www.operationsam.org, e-mail Operationsam@comcast.net, (925) 443-7620 or write Operation: S.A.M., P.O. Box 2992, Livermore, 94551.

GUNNY'S CHRISTMAS LIST

One Marine serving in Iraq offered the following list in answer to the question what he wanted for Christmas. He writes that it is a difficult task.

I want to be able to use the same flight roster to go home that I used to come over here (no deleted names)

I want to drop by Mortuary Affairs and find them playing basketball because they are bored, instead of always catching them exhausted from a long nights work.

I want my buddy to be magically transported home to see his son born, December 2, 2005.

I want the Marine that stands out in front of the chow hall ensuring that nobody slips in with weapons is warm and dry while the rest of us eat.

I want all the Marines out on convoys to bring their vehicles back without holes in them from bullets or IEDs.

I want this to be the last time that I or my Marines or our children have to visit Iraq and I want

Cattle grazing is needed to control grasses. That helps native grasses and wildflowers to flourish. Animals do better. Furthermore, it is easier to control wildfires, according to Wieskamp. The district uses cattle, sheep and goats. "They typically don't like native grasses," she pointed out.

Wieskamp has served on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board and the Livermore City Council. She was a school teacher. She is endorsed by Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Fremont Mayor Bob Wasserman, and Newark Mayor David Smith.

it to be because we solved the problems here not because we get pulled out before we are finished.

I want all the people in all the support groups that remembered us this tour to look in the mirror and feel as good today as they have made us feel with every box we received.

And, lastly I want the families of all fallen service members to know that they are not alone. We share the pain of losing their loved ones (our brothers and sisters) and always will.

He concludes: Hopefully you now understand why I find my list so hard. Maybe I just want too much. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

Duarte Garage Open to Visitors This Sunday

The historic Duarte Garage will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 15.

The 1915 garage is one of the last remaining garages still in existence in Northern California from the Lincoln Highway days.

The public is invited to stop by and check out the collection of Lincoln Highway memorabilia in the garage. In addition, there is a new collection of photographic history books published by Arcadia books, "Ford Dynasty," "General Motors," Chrysler, and "Route 66 in California" available for purchase.

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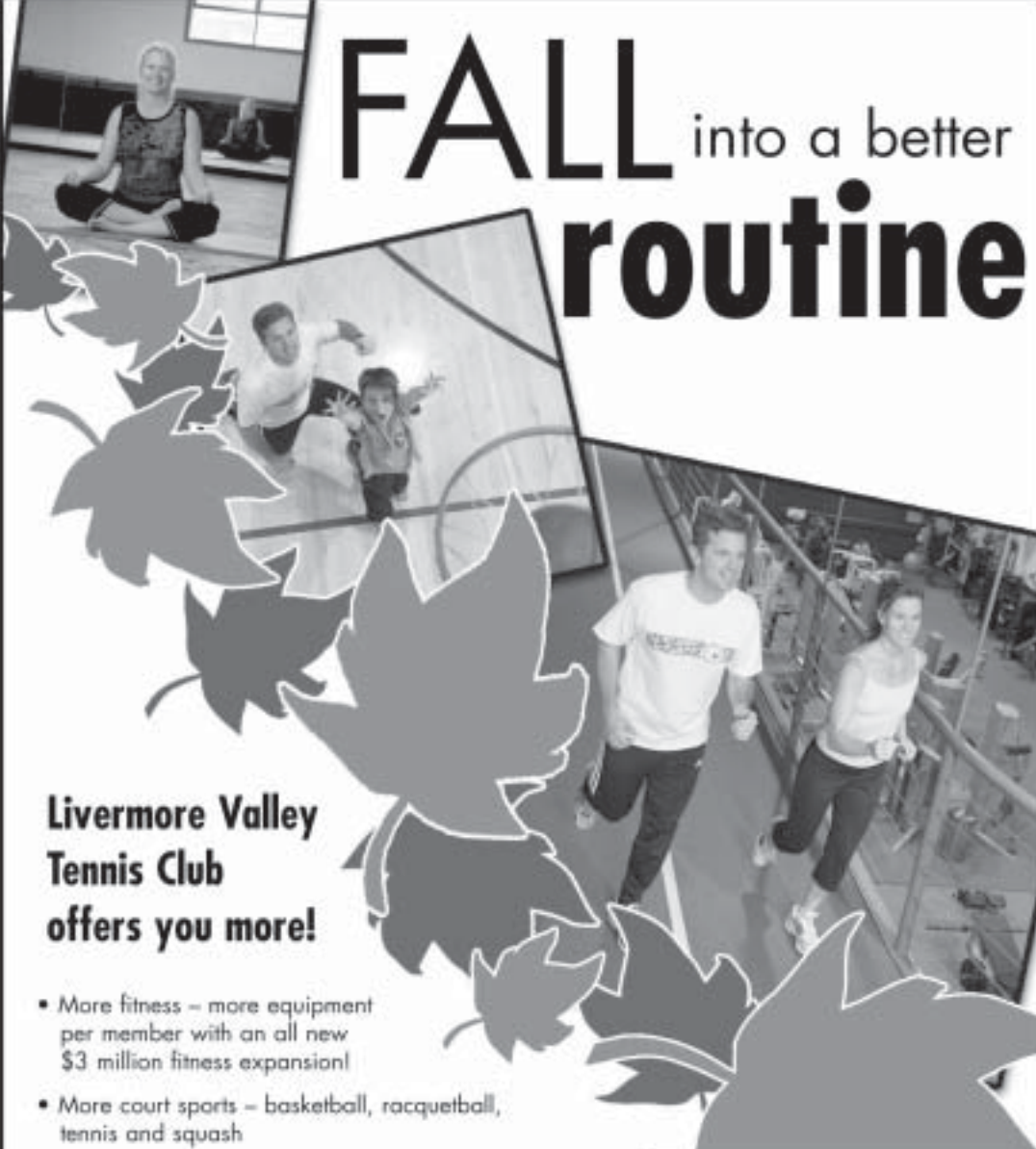
Eating breakfast, or not, is a key health choice you make every day. A good breakfast provides nourishment and energy to keep you going all day. It's particularly important for children, who otherwise may not get all the nutrition they need. Try these tips to give yourself a good start every day:

- **For the kids:** Children who don't eat a good breakfast are more likely to lose out on vital nutrients and eat junk food during the day. So make breakfast a family event.
- **Start small:** Not used to eating breakfast? Try having a small snack at first, then the rest of a nutritious meal mid-morning.
- **Drink up:** Starting with a glass of water or juice will increase your appetite for a morning meal.
- **Eat for health:** Whole grains, eggs, milk, yogurt, and fruit are better choices than sugary cereals or high-fat pastries.
- **Think outside the (cereal) box:** If you don't like typical breakfast foods, make a sandwich or enjoy a nutritious combination of dinner leftovers.

For more tips on eating well, check out the *Kaiser Permanente Healthwise Handbook*, which can be accessed in Spanish and English through my Web site at www.kp.org/mydoctor/rodgers.

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SPORTS NOTES

Livermore Soccer League

Livermore Youth Soccer League results from last week:

Girls Under-14 Crossfire 1, Blaze 1: Crossfire: Shelby Hamilton, Katlyn Richards, Ana Tostado, Morgan Lampey, Brittany O'Hill, Nicole Lopez, Blaze: Kinsey Luce, Mariel Gallardo, Alexis Tiago, Courtney Duf, Natalia King, Diana Rio. The Blaze's ability to control the middle of the field led to regular scoring opportunities throughout the match. Those opportunities, however were consistently thwarted by the dazzling defensive moves displayed by the undaunted Crossfire team.

Girls Under-12 Chicks on Fire 6, Mustangs 0: Chicks on Fire: Maryann Gong, Deena Malaeb, Jessie Hilton-Steele, Taylor Churchill, Hannah Conner, Megan Thomson, Mustangs: Michaela Molina, Stephanie Holister, Amanda Bray, Emily Cryer, Jessica Estrada, Marjane Vigus.

Girls Under-8 Jaguars vs Whirly Birds: Jaguars: Olivia Schorman, Kate Rademan, Ashley Morton, Whirly Birds: Amy Mousa, Danielle Frevert, Hanna Carlson - Tomasso, E. Earthquakes - Tornados: Alexandra Clifton, Kiera Detert, Melissa Nunez, Earthquakes: Brianna Haskins, Jordan Kock, Isabella Neads - Tigers vs Dragonflies - Tigers: Alexandria Cantril, Cassidy Kovisto, Maria Espinosa, Mikendra Kramar, Alexis White, Jennifer Kovisto, Dragonflies: McKenna Butti, Kiley Yoerch, August Yoerch, Katya Clappin, Jessica Perez, Kezi Kulu.

Girls Under-7 Crazy Bears vs Soccer Puppies - Crazy Bears: Jessica Bonfiglio, Mackenzie Farro, Paige Sutter, Alyssa Bonfiglio, Sydney Pournaras, Kendall Korhummel, Soccer Puppies: Claire Aebell, Kira Karter, Leticia Cisneros, Nitzia Gonzalez, Jenny Stoner, Jamie Freitas - Cuts Cats vs Pandas - Cuts Cats: Katie Carmichael, Claire Forgye-Jahn, Ki Ja Ourdoune, Sophia Michaels, Isabelle Monterroza, Hanna Schormann, Pandas: Kiley Berad, Madison Jackson, Sydney Duncan, Jasmine Morris, Kirsten Sorenson, Lauren Schultz - Godfrey USA Girls vs Goal Getters - Godfrey: Christina Saunders, Laurel Heckman, Emily Hewitt, Goal Getters: Kate Mackel, Mackenzie Riddle, Samantha Anderson - Girls Under-6 Strawberry Shortkicks vs Soccer Angels - Strawberry Shortkicks: Haylee Kramer, Eramber Coberg, Courtney Hayes, Noelle Rizzo, Miranda Heckman, Lauren Zielinski, Soccer Angels: Camille LaBlanc, Ashley Ventura, Erin Gribi, Mya Waechler, Emily Turner, Emily Trask.

Girls Under-5 Mighty Ladybugs vs Pink Panthers - Mighty Ladybugs: Kaleigh Garcia, Alexa Clatt, Madison Silva, Allison Jamison, Jasmine Smalling, Ally Christensen, Pink Panthers: Justyne Thomas, Lilly Ackerman, Isabella Moya, Jillian Devine, Laura Marsden, Karinae Terry.

Boys Under-16 Livermore Sting 4, Dublin Savages 0: The Livermore Sting improved their record to 5-0 with a 4 to 0 win over the Dublin Savages. Under the lights of Robertson Park, the Livermore Sting were able to control the tempo of the game and take advantage of some fast break opportunities. Assisted by Martin Tostado, Jacob Schubert scored two goals and Alex Fairclough contributed with a score on a penalty kick. Nicholas Ludwig and Leo Gonzalez split time in goal to keep the shut out intact.

Boys Under-8 Thunder vs Lightning - Thunder: Chase Madrid, Kyle Wright, Cob Murdoch, Spencer Kramm, Joey Sullivan, Joshua Zielinski, Lightning: Benny Sanchez, Aaron Canafe, Kyle Palsons, Dilon Eng, Tyler Meadows, George Tanztzen. This was close and exciting.

Boys Under-7 Hot Lava Strikers vs Warriors - Hot Lava Strikers: Grant Murphy, Reid Heffron, Nelson Down-Jones, Miles Gomez, Jesse Sierra, Nicholas Delisle, Warriors: Bradley Bailey, Chase Bertoldo, Francis Corticogio, Braden Jackson, Raymond Borden, Austen Moomau - Tomados vs Justin Kundert, David Miller, Nicholas Ryan, Nostrand, Lucas O'Brien, Bryan Torres.

Boys Under-6 Thunderbolts vs Dragons - Thunderbolts: Alec Lewis, R.J. Ruckteschler, Nicholas Pus, Colby Brocklesby, Dillon Martinez, Dragons: Chris Barron, Joshua White, Corey Houck, Todd Neizman, Anthony Aguirre.

Boys Under-5 Sharks vs Thunder - Sharks: Nathan Jones, Mateo Monaco, a Joshua Martin, Thunder: DeRenzi, Rudy Rosales, Ricardino Alvarez.

Pleasanton Ballistic

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BASC) Class 1 U12 shut out the ACC Mavericks Traveles 5 to 1 in league play. Top Offensive Players: Christian Clark, Cody Hall, Matt Klei, Bruno Andres, Danny Glascock, Tommy Powell, Nick McGillivray; Top Defensive Players: David Busch, Brent Richardson, Connor Silcox, Thomas Janjigaj, Andrew Martin, Graham Lindgren, Louis Desprez.

Ballistic United U10 played a hard fought game against Fremont Force, ending in a 1-1 tie. Ballistic scored first when Collin Richardson carried the ball down the field. Jeffrey Klei had a great assist to Jackson Still for the goal. Fremont came back in the second half with a goal to tie it. Stephen Dougherty and Jack Gearty had a great save as goalie. Top Offensive Players: Collin Richardson, Jackson Still; Top Defensive Players: Daniel Payne, Jeffrey Klei, Stephen Dougherty, Daniel Rodriguez.

BASC Class 1 U12 defeated the Mustang Flash 4 to 1. The outstanding team effort led to the defeat of long-time rival Mustang Flash. Top Offensive Players: Nick McGillivray, Bruno Andres, Matt Jacobs, Danny Glascock, Christy Clark, Cody Hall, Tommy Powell; Top Defensive Players: Matthew Martin, Graham Lindgren, David Busch, Louis Desprez, Connor Silcox, Brent Richardson, Thomas Janjigaj.

BASC Class 3 U11 battled to a 1 to 1 tie with the Mustang Revolution, the 1st place team. Top Offensive Players: Salim Boykin; Top Defensive Players: Tristan Maas, Jacob Shimick, Joshua LaBella, Duncan Crawford.

The BASC Class 3 U11 recorded a 1 to 1 tie against the Mustang Red Devils in a game that featured two very evenly matched sides. Ballistic put up a tough defense. Top Offensive Player: Andrew Kang; Top Defensive Players: Dustin Lacy, Steven Morgan.

The BASC Black Class 3 U17 continued their strong league showing with a 4-0 win over Livermore. Kiern McEntee and Jay Guilmut double-teamed a defender and took the ball away. McEntee drove the left and fed Guilmut, who slid a pass to the onrushing Matt Carlucci for the goal. It stayed that way until very late in the half. Tim Gaisor got the ball to Trevor Dawson, who kept it going to Joey Halim. He led a streaking Brent Cambra, who scored. The second half was all BASC. Kris Tavay made the ball and sent a drop pass to McEntee, who buried his shot. Eric Lobao finished the scoring unassisted. Nate Weber had two tough saves in the half to keep the shutout, one being knocked away by Bryant Dante on the rebound. Dante was part field general, part air traffic controller as he led the defense in a total shutout for the 4-0 final.

Thome BASC Ballistic Black Class 3 U13 played the San Ramon Rampage in a shutout 3 to 0 win on Saturday. The first half ended scoreless. Jason Chow scored in the 36th minute with a hooking shot into the back of the net. Jack Lyons scored in the 49th minute with a brilliant 25 yard shot. Defender Joey Pereira scored the third goal off a blocked direct kick by Jason Chow. A total 14 shots on goal were taken in the game with shots also coming from Ben Richardson, Jared Shohick, Bobby Sehrgosha, and Karsten Jurkiewicz. The Rampage was held scoreless by excellent support from Hunter Meurans, Jake Lorentz, Eric Brooks, Randy Copeman, Manraj Mangat, Tyler Mende, Alex Hall, and Nick Bayley. Goalie Lukas Moses preserved

the shutout with 2 key saves. Top Offensive Players: Jack Lyons, Jason Chow, Bobby Sehrgosha; Top Defensive Players: Joey Pereira, Tyler Mende, Randy Copeman.

BASC Ballistic Black Class 3 U13 played the Dublin Vipers in a 1 to 4 loss on Sunday. The Ballistic Black scored first in the 7th minute which was a goal by Jared Shohik off an assist by Bobby Sehrgosha. Dublin scored goals in the 22nd and 28th minutes in the first half, followed up by goals in the 57th and 60th minute. It was a hard fought match against the Vipers with persistent support from Barron Kim, Joey Pereira, Hunter Meurans, Jack Richardson, Jake Lorentz, Eric Brooks, Randy Copeman, Manraj Mangat, Jack Lyons, Karsten Jurkiewicz, Tyler Mende, Alex Hall, and Nick Bayley. Goalie Lukas Moses has 6 saves in the game.

The Ballistic Boys U-16 United were scoring juggernauts as they first beat their archrivals, Mustang Red Devils, 4-2 in a come from behind game. Tied at half on an assist from Matt Donner scored on a great cross from KJ Newbery in the 1st. The Red Devils scored in the first 10 minutes but that was it as the United group scored three unanswered goals. Sam Clark served up the tying score and Kasey Uwakwe, The Nigerian Nightmares scored the next two in rapid succession. On Sunday the Ballistic team traveled to Concord to play DVSC. In the first half Uwakwe scored yet again with Stefan Rabrenovich scoring in the second half. Both were unassisted. Playing well in goal again was Nico Lecco. The defense of Kenny Hunt, Shane Schvaneveldt, and Andrew Choi were superb.

The Ballistic U11 United team retained its first place standing in the Al Caffodio League, beating San Ramon 5 to 1. First time scorers this season were Zane Manua with 2 goals and Sam Olson with 1). Goals were also scored by Jackson Adams and Danny O'lenic. Top Offensive Players: Zane Manua, Sam Olson, Jackson Adams, Danny O'lenic; Top Defensive Players: Kenny Rockwood, Joey Brasil, The Beat Team.

The U-9 AC Bronze Ballistic Black battled the Mustang Inferno to a scoreless draw in Danville on Saturday. On Sunday Morning Ballistic Black entertained San Ramon Real at the Sports Park in Pleasanton. Ballistic's many surges in the early going were finally rewarded by two fine passes from Jack Traube and Sam Molz feeding Ryan Racer who made a run in the box and scored. It stayed 1-0 through the end of the first half. A few minutes after the restart, Jack Traube raced down the right side, delivered a well-placed cross to Sam Molz who finished well from 8 yards out to make it 2-0. Konrad Jurkiewicz beat a defender and passed to Cameron Ritchie at the top of the box who upped Ballistic's lead. Moments later Chudi Ategbu passed to Konrad Jurkiewicz who scored to make it 3-0. In the second half, Racer's tireless runs set up Cameron Owens who scored from 10 yards out. Sahil Patel closed out the scoring at 6-0 from just inside the box on a pass from Chudi Ategbu. Top Offensive Player: Sebastian Perry; Top Defensive Players: Bryce Veit, Jacob Guzman, Michael Anastasiou.

The Ballistic Black under-16 boys Al Caffodio soccer team won one and tied one over the weekend in league play. Ballistic defeated Ballistic White 3-2 on Saturday and tied the FC Fremont Atlas, 1-1 on Sunday. Steady team play led by Phil Viebeck, Eric Burnett, Austin Richmond, Patrick Yee, Mike Chen, Jerred Liu, and Stephen LaComard. Justin Dorsey started the scoring against Ballistic White by knocking one in off an assist by Julio Gomez. Nathan Brown and Alex Sorensen had the assists. Ballistic scored the top left corner to cap a 2-1 lead by half time. Mason Ridgeway scored off a free kick in the second half. Gomez slide in the only goal off a fine pass by Edmund Hare in the Fremont game.

Ballistic Class 3 U15 tied Newark Cruz Azul 1 to 1. Play was fast and furious for both teams. Late in the first half, Newark scored bringing the hometown fans to their feet. The second half saw a more aggressive Ballistic attack. Several runs to the net were made and it was finally Cory Thomas putting one in the net to tie the game at 1-1. Evan Zolfarelli made a spectacular throw in from the sideline to get the ball to Thomas at the far post. In the waning minutes of the game, Eris Bermanian, Ryan Parsons and Cory Thomas had shots on goal but all were denied and the game ended in a tie.

In the second game of the weekend, Ballistic White met up with the Ballistic Black team and came out on top with a 5-1 victory. Drew Hall scored twice, and Cory Thomas, Ryan Parsons, and Tiago Abru each got a goal. Assists went to Brian Johnston, Eris Bermanian, Christian Schlachte, and Chris Hewitt. Top Offensive Players: Cory Thomas, Eris Bermanian, Tiago Abru, Ryan Parsons; Top Defensive Players: Brian Johnston, Evan Zolfarelli, Nick Anderson.

RECREATIONAL LEAGUE
Under-14: Predators 4, Patriots 1; Power 5, Pumas 0; Panthers 2, Panthers 1; Phoenix 2, Pack 0; The Phoenix played the Pack for the 2nd time in 2 weeks, topping them 2-0. The teams were fairly matched, the score being 0-0 until Henri Zanker made the only first half goal for the pack. Andrew Black, the goalie box, along with strong defense kept the Pack scoreless. Matt Jacobs, assisted by Henri Zanker, scored the only goal for either team during 2nd half of play, making it a shutout, and another victory for the Phoenix.

Top Offensive Players: Christopher Pocs, Joseph Urban, Esaac Mohammed - Predators: Titus Norton, Sam Dissets, John Clarke - Power: Sai Edara, Austen Entner, Blake Serr - Panthers: Henri Zanker, Matt Jacobs, Gage Sperry - Phoenix: Top Defensive Players: Joshua Pickering, Ryan O'neill, Daniel Ryckerci - Predators: Michael Louie, Pranav Kumar, Melvin Park - Power: Jason Almeida, Anthony Hu, David Smith - Panthers: Andrew Black, Troy Stetson, Luke Savage - Phoenix:

Under-12: Rockets 7, Rebels 2; Ricochet 4, Ravens 1; Reggies 1, Reggies 1; Raiders 1; RoadRunners 1; Raptors 1; The RoadRunners came out kicking today as they faced off against the always-tough Raptors. Both teams displayed crisp passing and tenacious defense. RoadRunners' Matt Burke drove in the game's first goal. The 1-0 score held until Nathan Clark pushed the RoadRunners' lead to 2-0. The Raptors came roaring back with a goal of their own to tighten things up a notch, but late in the second half the RoadRunners pulled off some great passes to get Christian Hernandez the ball deep in Raptors territory, where he was able to drive in the RoadRunners' third goal. Both teams displayed quality passing and tight defense all day.

Top Offensive Players: Aaron Brossard, Daniel Gray, Ricochet; Andrew Taylor, Albert Wiseman - Rapids; Barrett Fitzgerald, Steven Kinnard, Grayson Meurans - Renegades; Pierrick Genard, AJ Curtis, Jasper Edwards - Ravens; Nate McMullin, Tyler Nesci - Rebels; Derek Velzy, Michael Bretones, Arnay Nadkarni - RoadRunners; Top Defensive Players: Conner Greene, Daiki Minaki, Alexander Jenezon - Ricochet; Bryson Sherman, Amir Sahabi, Daniel Reedy - Renegades; Luc Ambrose, Jim Woo Bang, Henry Person - Ravens; Christopher Ford, Kevin Ahn, Dante Rondoni - Rebels; Alex Ernst, Michael Smith, Garrett Stells - RoadRunners;

Under-6: The Champs played a great game and Neil McEntee scored a goal within the first 30 seconds. They played very hard and made the best of all the opportunities that were given to them. Saving some amazing attempts at goal. Top Offensive Players: Neil McEntee, Antonio Gutierrez - Nicholas Narciso - Champs; Top Defensive Players: Nicolas Rodriguez, Harry Wheeler, Dylan Maloney - Champs.

Under-7: The Strikers wasted no time getting down the goal with valiant attempts by Riley Shields and Brandon Kinsey, swiftly followed by a our first career goal from Colvin

On the defense in the first quarter. Daniel Jorgenson made a great save, Luka Morgan did a neat tackle, managing to turn the ball back in the right direction and Brendan Tucker did a nice job moving the ball forward. Riley Shield's kicks seem to be getting stronger each week. Colin Coffing was formidable in defense. Tanner Dantzig shone in goal. Kushaan Bahl and Daniel Jorgenson made nice work of defense, teaming up with Kian Gibson to stop back passing in the right direction. With Brendan Tucker doing a nice job of a tackle and pass to Colin Coffin, resulting in a goal.

Top Offensive Players: Nick Arkin, Mark Molz, Maxwell Lander - Scorpions; Jack Nielsen, Weldon Yang, Thomas Mitchell - Sidewinders; Alan Thomas, Alexander Owen, Peter Oh - Snakes; Kian Gibson, Brendon Tucker, Riley Shields - Strikers; Top Defensive Players: Brent Gibson, Nicholas Caldwell, Alex Glenn - Scorpions; Matthew Johnson, Weldon Yang, Ben Thompson - Sidewinders; Parker Verduzco, Carson Quintana, Jonathan Pearce - Snakes; Tanner Dantzig, Collin Coffing, Daniel Jorgenson - Strikers.

Under-8: The Colts played another great game, this time against the Cougars. In the first quarter, there was an awesome drive by Josiah Almdendra and some super blocks by Joey Brasil. The second quarter started with a stealth goal by Paul Meyer. Mark Medved was able to get in some great kicks before the first half ended. Sebastian Gwozdz scored an amazing block by Mark Medved. Paul Meyer squeezed by the Cougars' defense to score another goal. The game ended with some exciting drives by Yash Chitropekar and Josiah Almdendra.

Top Offensive Players: Marcus Toombs, Koedy Baxter, Nicholas Barnett - Mavericks; Alex Crepeau, Jeremy Goldhawk, Brandon Lydick - Marlins; Josiah Almdendra, Paul Meyer, Sebastian Gwozdz - Colts; Top Defensive Players: Will Gushurst, Daniel Newman, Jadon Gonzaga - Mavericks; Jonathan Chensut, Mark Medved, Joey Brasil - Colts.

Under-9: Dons 7, Dynamics 1; Dolphins 5, Dawgs 5; Titans 3, Thunder 2. Daredevils played the Dragons. Daredevils Seth Girvan, Michael Schwannhauser and Adit Shrestha anchored a stifling defense that held the Dragons scoreless in the first half and to one goal overall in a game that was knotted 1-1 until midway through the second half. The Daredevils regained the lead when Harry Arakall kicked off a kick in front of the goal and punched in a goal. But the turning point came moments later when the Dragons broke past the Daredevils defensive line. Schwannhauser and Jacob Leyman hounded down the dribbler and Shrestha pounced on his hurried shot. Shrestha then booted a long kick past midfield and the pressuring Dragons defenders, and forward Cole Morrell contrived to make a breakaway goal.

Top Offensive Players: Trent McComb, Brandon Jay, Jackson Freese - Dynamics; Clayton Sewall, Kevin Gubner - Thunder; Harry Arakall, Nick Tucker, Cole Morrell - Daredevils; Josh Halperin, Neel Kale, Eric Homan - Dolphins; Justin Waals, Vinod Krishnamurthy, Sean Tomarani - Dons. Top Defensive Players: Andrew Bailey, Jarrett Indalecio, Michael Kriz - Dynamics; Richie Salgado, Michael Walsh, Kyle Southwell - Thunder; Seth Girvan, Adit Shrestha, Michael Schwannhauser - Daredevils; Josh Halperin, Neel Kale, Eric Homan - Dolphins.

Livermore Elite Soccer

Livermore U12 Elite Lightning 1: San Ramon Blaze-1: The U-12 Division 3, Livermore Elite Lightning played a pair of powerful games over the weekend. Their first game pitted the Lightning against the San Ramon Blaze. In an evenly matched game, the two teams played scoreless until the end of the first half when Daniel Toscano drilled a long shot from about 20 yards out. The Blaze tied it up at the beginning of the second half. The two teams were deadlocked for the remainder, resulting in a 1-1 tie.

Livermore Elite Lightning 4: Mustang BT United 3: The Mustangs scored early on. Lightning tied it. Tyler Ellis blasted the ball between the Mustang's defenders, shoving it with the ball rebounding off the defender, with an adept follow up by Jeff Gellerman. The Lightning scored again when Lee Wood began the goal run on a throw in to Daniel Toscano, who crossed the ball to Tyler Ellis. Tyler shot it to the back of the net. The Mustang answered back with two goals of their own. In the closing minutes of the game, Daniel Toscano crossed the ball and sent it over the goalie for the go ahead goal. Playing strong up the outside for both games were Christopher Sud, Morgan Melendez, Eric Bermanian, and Ricky Martinez, with center midfielders Jeff Gellerman and Daniel Toscano mixing it up. Jose Zavala, Hugo Guerrero, and Tyler Ellis led the frontal assault with intensity. The defense of Justin Moore, Gerald Cuyler, Cody Martinez, and Lee Wood combined to pressure and worked all they could handle. Keeper Tristan Lewis again made some outstanding saves.

Livermore U-16 Elite Legacy 2: Benicia Arsenal 1: Livermore Elite Legacy played a controlling game against Benicia Arsenal, resulting in a 2-1 win. The first goal came well into the first half when Benicia took a goal kick and Annelle Wood stole the ball and passed it to Brittany Taylor who crossed the ball to Wood who passed back to Shiraki who then passed to Melissa Lamb for the score. In the second half Legacy came out strong again. Lamb was fouled in the goal box and took the penalty kick, scoring the final goal of the game. Top players were Lamb, Wood, Rachel Butler, and Shiraki. Keeper, Kelly Calton, also played well.

Livermore Titans (Division 1) U13 shut out San Ramon Siege 3-0 this past Saturday. The first half was a defensive struggle ending with no score. In the second half, the Titans took charge scoring three goals. Jesse Morales scored the first two goals. Joey Martinez assisted Morales on the first goal. Morales scored the second goal off a deflection by San Ramon's goalie. Tyler Amick scored the final goal off an assist from Victor Reyes. The Titans were able to shut down San Ramon's offense with strong play from midfielders Steven Duberly, Juan Guerrero, Chase Martinez, Tsuyoshi Kohlguber, Michael Kronenberg, Danny McNeill, and Greg Crusco. Defenders Van Carlos Trujillo, Oscar Garcia, Aaron Grewal and goalkeeper Douglas McNeill held back the Siege's strikers with outstanding play.

On Sunday, the Titans defeated Pleasanton's Ballistic United 5-1. The Titans were up 1-0 at the half. Defender Aaron Grewal cleared the ball up to striker Victor Reyes who was able to pop it over Ballistic's keeper. In the second half, the Titans broke the game wide open scoring four times. Reyes and Tyler Amick had a hat trick. Tsuyoshi Kohlguber (2) and Morales were credited with assists on Amick's goals. The first goal Amick scored was on a header.

Livermore Rampage U14 girls division 3 teams swept their two league games over the weekend to catapult them into first place in their Al Caffodio league standings. The Rampage on Saturday to take on the first place and previously undefeated Mustang Earthquakes. The Rampage scored 40 seconds into the game on a Jennifer Wakefield pass to Sarah Slabaugh who blasted a line drive shot from the top of the penalty box that went over the goalies fingertips and under the crossbar for an early 1-0 Rampage lead. The Rampage added to their first half lead when Sissi Gonzalez slipped a pass between two Earthquake defenders to Olivia Mowry who broke away from the defense and buried a shot into the left corner of the net. The goals were the first ever scored by the Mustangs in league play this season. The Earthquakes struck back with a second half goal, but Rampage fullbacks Courtney Holsen, Becca

Woll and Breanna Diaz held on to secure a 2-1 Rampage win.

The San Ramon Eclipse came to Livermore's Robertson Turf field early Sunday morning to play the Rampage and ran into a buzz saw. The Rampage scored two goals in the first 3 minutes of the game when Serena Claudia assisted Jennifer Wakefield and Katrina Kalantar assisted Olivia Mowry. The Rampage broke the game open in the second half with four more goals. Sissi Gonzalez scored twice off passes from Wakefield and Mowry. Rebekah "Diddy" Didlake scored her first goal of the season off an assist from Gonzalez and Wakefield capped the 6-0 victory with goal off of a feed from Sarah Slabaugh.

Livermore Crew '97 U9 girls division 1 team split a pair of league games over the weekend when they beat the Mt. Diablo Knockouts 6-0 and lost to the Mustang Outlaws 2-0. Crew '97 traveled up to Boatwright Field in Concord Saturday to take on the Knockouts and were up 3-0 at halftime. Megan Amick distributed assists to both Amelia Mowry and Carleigh Thurman for Crew '97's first two goals before Kamryn Lipman scored just before the end of the half. Hannah "Banana" Beauchamp was the story in the second half as she scored three consecutive goals for a natural hat-trick. Rooptote Atwal was credited with an assist on Beauchamp's first goal.

Danville's Mustang Outlaws came to Robert Livermore Field on Sunday to take on Crew '97 in a battle for third place. Outlaws struck quickly when they scored in the first minute of the game and added a second goal on a penalty kick before half. Crew '97 shut down the Outlaws in the second half with solid defensive play from Ashley Arnett and Julie Hamblin but couldn't get their offense going in the 2-0 shut out loss.

The Livermore Roadrunners boys U12 soccer team beat Heritage Thunder 4-2 on Saturday. The Roadrunners dominated the first half and scored their first goal when Tanner Turner ran up field and drew out the Heritage keeper. Turner then crossed the ball to Patrick Taylor who was in perfect position for the score. The Roadrunners scored again when Taylor passed the ball to Trevor Long who chipped it into the net over the Heritage defense. Their third goal was scored on a groundshot by Damon Tregear, with an assist from Long and Paul Mayes. Ryan Flayler passed the ball up to Turner who challenged the Heritage goalkeeper again to score the winning goal. Livermore's defense often came close to hitting the net off two well-placed crosses; one from Alex Boucher and the other by Danielle Lacombe but the finish was not there. A late in the game scoring opportunity came when Carl Floris launched a corner kick in front of the net that found Kassidy Peters who headed the ball only to miss the goal slightly to the right. Livermore keeper Holly Lamb had a great game in the net with long saves. Allison Lander and goalie Gabe Macias and Jessica Floyd hustled throughout the game for the Explosion defense.

The Livermore Elite Explosion 0: Bay Oaks 0: The Livermore Elite Explosion U12 Division 1 girls team had to settle for a tie in this exciting GSSL match-up versus the visiting Mustang Knights. Livermore often came close to hitting the net off two well-placed crosses; one from Alex Boucher and the other by Danielle Lacombe but the finish was not there. A late in the game scoring opportunity came when Carl Floris launched a corner kick in front of the net that found Kassidy Peters who headed the ball only to miss the goal slightly to the right. Livermore keeper Holly Lamb had a great game in the net with long saves. Allison Lander and goalie Gabe Macias and Jessica Floyd hustled throughout the game for the Explosion defense.

The Livermore Fury girls U11 D3 team split two games this past weekend, falling to the Mustang Tigers 3-0 and rebounding with a 2-0 win over the Dublin Hurricanes. The first game settled into mostly midfield play, as the Mustangs dominated the tempo of the game. In the 15th minute, the Mustangs' Wingeranger, Olivia Cabogé and Brittaney Ahrbeck battled hard to keep the ball out of the Fury end. Eventually, the Tigers' strong passing worked the ball deep into Fury territory and Alyssa Stevenson and Nicole Kurian both defended breakaways to keep the game scoreless. The Tigers finally broke through the Fury defense on a left forward run and open shot for a goal. In the second half, the Mustangs pressed and scored early on a goal from the right side for a 2-0 lead. A late goal by the Tigers completed the scoring.

In the second game against Dublin, the Fury attacked the goal early. Forwards Allison Pierson and Kaiflin Dadalt had some nice runs and shots on goal as Amanda Fairclough, Rebekah Johnson and Skyler Kriz set them up with long passes. Allison Lander and goalie Beth McCauley stopped Dublin's scoring chances. Fury goalie Skyler Kriz knocked away a shot headed for the right post. Finally, in the 31st minute, Amanda Fairclough sent a long, free kick from well outside the goalie box over the outstretched arms of the Dublin keeper for a 1-0 lead. Livermore dominated the play the last ten minutes of the game. The Fury cashed in on their second goal when Allison Pierson took a short pass from Rebekah Johnson to score from close range with six minutes left in the match to cap a hard-fought 2-0 victory.

The Livermore Elite Tri-Volley United U-19B3 captured the lead in district standing with a 5-1 win over Mustang SRV United. Working the entire game, defenders Justin Mueller, Nate Richardson, and Sam Hopps turned in outstanding performances as they held the Mustangs scoreless till the last 15 minutes of game time; but it was the offensive unit that galvanized the game. Alex Arevalo lopped one over to the waiting Sam Martin who had a clear shot on goal. Jon Bonetti set up a passing play to Arevalo to Carlos Arevalo for goal 2. On a Sam Martin pass, C Arevalo slid the ball in for goal 3. Returning from the half, C Arevalo delivered on a PK. Alex Arevalo's free kick went straight to Jesse Schlicker who headed the ball in for goal 5. Rounding out the great offensive play was Eric Woods, Robert Hobson, Cameron Everson, and Sergio Velasquez.

The Livermore Elite Eagles U11 AC1 had a productive weekend, earning a win and a draw at Kellman Fields in Livermore. Saturday the Eagles played previously unbeaten Ballistic United scoring either side of half time to win 2-0. Goalkeeper Daniel Slominski had a solid game on a wet field while Victor Mora and Fernando Ramirez provided useful threats up front with both goals resulting from the forwards pressure on Ballistic's back four. Full backs Alex Clark and Drake Foote put in solid performances while Ryan Mathia, Pierre Sjogreen, Conner Neads and Michael Pavliva competed tirelessly in a very combative midfield.

Sunday, Livermore Elite Eagles earned a hard fought scoreless draw against second placed Danville Mustangs. Although Livermore spent most of the game in their own half, the back line did a superb job with both center backs, Hector Ortiz and Tristan Bench, having outstanding games. Despite the Mustangs dominance of possession they created relatively few chances with Livermore's 5/10

Cruz, Ricky Sanchez and Benito Espinosa all contributing tirelessly in the middle of the field - especially after half time.

The Livermore Elite U-10 Clash was handed their first Al Caffodio loss on Sunday with a 2-1 defeat by Mustang FC. Livermore jumped to a 1-0 lead ten minutes into the game as a Kent Greene centering pass was deflected by the FC goalkeeper. An alert Ryan Ball put the ball in the net to give the Clash the lead. Mustang tied the score late in the first half. With time running out, FC converted a shot coming off a corner kick. Mustang took the lead after halftime, scoring on a breakaway just three minutes after the intermission. Led by midfielder Jake Hall, Livermore valiantly battled back throughout the second half, pressuring the FC goal. Unfortunately for the home team, Mustang was equal to the task and denied all Clash efforts to tie the game.

Livermore AC1 U10 Elite Express 1: Mt. Diablo Blue Lightning 0: Livermore Elite Express scored in the first half with an assist from Scott Buskey to Boyley Bartlett, Curtis Wiggington, Jake Foscalina, and Matthew Dremalas played great offense for the Express. Logan Gravid played solid in the goal and Cole Souza, Michael Rademant and Josh Revay played solid defense.

Livermore AC3 U15 FC United 3: Newark Cruz Azul 0: Two more games posted to the win column both of them shut out, have left FC United all alone in first place in division standings. In Newark on Sunday, Livermore showed off their passing game, controlling the ball for much of the game and giving themselves many opportunities for shots on goal. Midfielders leading the charge were Christian Murillo, Peter Cabeceiras, Enrique Gonzalez and DJ Rashe. Brandon Fread had a stellar game which included 2 goals and Jesus Moreno added one other off a beautiful corner kick by CJ Salazar. Past midway in the season and every player on FC United has scored this year. A real testament to the depth of this team and the determination of the boys. FC Livermore United 8 vs Pleasanton Ballistic Black 0: Goal scorers: Scott Trummer, Ian Coolbear, CJ Salazar, Jason Trummpp(2), Brandon Fread, DJ Rashe, and Eric Smyth. Top defensive players: Ryan Thomas, Kevin Fread, Pancho Sanchez and Richie Howard. Cole Martinez perfect in goal, his record of never being scored on, intact!

Livermore AC3 U11 Elite Galaxy 2: Dublin Storm 0: Livermore played a strong game both offensively and defensively. One of their goals was really a team effort with five different players getting a touch on the ball. The other goal was made by Jason Barrow on a cross from Michael Carlson. Chris Veatch once again did a great job as goalkeeper. Grant Petrie, Alexander Stuhay and Adam Hollar also made strong contributions to the victory.

Livermore Elite Galaxy 1: Mustang Knights 5: Livermore again played a strong game against the Mustang Knights. Kevin Wright scored on a penalty kick after being fouled in the box on a breakaway. Other strong players contributing to the game were Brody Martinez, Trevor Escover, and Nima Jafarkhani.

The Livermore Elite U-13 Inferno won two games this weekend beating Mustang United 3-1 on Saturday and Fremont Machine 6-0 on Sunday. In Saturday's match against Mustang, the Inferno started strong with Ryan Texiera and Chris Figueroa scoring goals early in the game. Goalie Chris Chaidze and a strong effort by the defensive players kept the Mustangs scoreless in the first half and allowed only one goal in the game. Livermore's victory insuring goal came from Jose Gudino in the second half. On Sunday, Livermore dominated the undefeated Fremont Machine. Lead by Mustang's defender Wright scored on a penalty kick after being fouled in the box on a breakaway. Other strong players contributing to the game were Brody Martinez, Trevor Escover, and Nima Jafarkhani.

Pleasanton Rage

The Pleasanton U13 Rage Division 3 team came away with 2 solid victories this weekend. Saturday's action saw the Rage play host to Fremont. Stephanie Little was first to score, followed by another quick goal from Danielle LaMarche. Fremont would get one in the second half, but Aria Crawford would net her second goal of the season bringing the score to 3-1. In the Rage's second game of the weekend, the team traveled to Danville to face a very fast and aggressive Mustang team. Play on both sides was terrific and at the half it was all tied up at 0-0. The second half was just as balanced but with 10 minutes left to play a foul was called and Stephanie Little took the kick finding Danielle Homan in the center of the net. Danielle fired a shot and got Rage on the board. Solid defense was the name of the game and the girls held on to preserve the 1-0 victory.

Top Offensive Players: Danielle Homan, Stephanie Little, Danielle LaMarche; Top Defensive Players: Megan Ash, Aria Crawford, Megan Clark, Kristin Dumanski.

Pleasanton Rage Division 3 U14 topped FC Fremont Thunders 3 to 1. Rage recorded outstanding play from Jordan Niemeyer both at forward and at back. Briana Marquez tallied two goals, and Haley Hjerpe scored one goal as the Rage White defeated Fremont Thunders 3-1. Renee Concha and Haley Hjerpe were outstanding in goal for Rage White, while Kristin Scott and Whitney Carter anchored a solid defensive effort. Top Offensive Players: Briana Marquez, Haley Hjerpe, Jordan Niemeyer; Top Defense Line Players: Kristin Scott, Whitney Carter, Renee Concha.

To: The Pleasanton Rage U15 Division 1 AC team played under the Danville lights on Sunday night and defeated the Danville Rapids for the second time in three weeks. The Rage scored twice in the first half and held on to that lead to make the final score 2-0. The first score came in the 14th minute off a Julia Frizell thru pass to Paige Robertson. Robertson defeated the Danville goalie low and left for the goal. The second goal came off a set play in the 28th minute. Following a Danville foul Haley Douglas launched a soaring kick from 35 yards out that cleared the out stretched hands of the Danville goalie and slipped under the crossbar for the score. Fine goalkeeper play by Rage goalies Chelsea Skinner and Megan Piper preserved the shutout.

The Rage U14 D3 team found its rhythm this weekend against Fremont, scoring 7 goals in 16 shots taken, and holding the opponent to 1 goal for the game. Nikki Gottelli scored a hat trick, scoring one from just inside the middle line. Lindsay Fowler scored one goal in the first half on a crossing pass by Julia Price, and another in the second half, assisted by a beautiful punt from goal-

keeper Jessica Johns, Chelsea Loewenstein and Alex Villanueva also scored goals. In defense, Kristen Desprez and Maggie Blasing shut down Fremont's speedy offense. Midfielders Madeline Weber and Cassandra Iniguez kept the ball moving to Rage scoring position.

In their second game of the weekend, The U14 Rage met a determined Dublin Divas team, ending the contest tied 1-1. Lindsay Fowler scored the sole point on a hard penalty kick to the far post. Emma Caswell stood out in defense, and Ellie Kim figured large in the Rage offense.

Rage Division 1 AC U-16 tied San Ramon 0 to 0 and lost 2 to 1 to the Heritage Heat in weekend action. Defense was the name of the game with Rage this weekend battling to a zero/zero tie with San Ramon and falling to the Heat on a 2 late second half goals. The Rage out shot their opponents this weekend, but were able to only secure one goal.

Against San Ramon, Rage just could not convert on multiple shots on goal, with Lina Potter, Sam Okumura and Katie Schoendienst leading. Rage defense limited San Ramon to only hand full shots on goal with Jill Blandino, Nicole Rains, and Megan Leon in goal leading the defense for Rage.

Against the Heat, Rage finally broke through in the first half on a pass from Olivia Windell to Christy Tadors who scored the only goal of the game for Rage. Rage was very aggressive on defensive with Krista Bormann at Fullback and Paige Ofstedahl at Center Mid anchored the middle of the Defensive.

Top Offensive Players: Christy Tadors - 1 goal, Lina Potters - 6 shots on goal; Olivia Windell - 1 Assist; Katie Schoendienst - 3 shots on goal; Top Defensive Players: Jill Blandino, Nicole Rains, Krista Bormann, Paige Ofstedahl.

Pleasanton Rampage U19 Travelling Div IV: Revenge was sweet for the Pleasanton Rage Rampage this weekend. With a 5-1 record, and facing the team that had given them their only loss, Pleasanton responded to the challenge and posted a 4-0 against the Livermore Extremes. The other victory was a 7-0 trouncing of the Newark Glory.

Brittany Leal was the offensive star in Sunday's win with a pair of assists and a goal. She set up the first score 20 minutes into the contest. She maneuvered around a defender and hit a centering pass. Marissa Klei who scored. Pleasanton's second goal scored in a similar fashion. This time it was Leah. The goal and deflected off of a Livermore

SPORTS NOTES

Goodman, Priya Thaper, Ming Coleman, Blasters; Ming Coleman, Megan Goodman, Jessica D'Addabbo, Blasters; 16 Tara Ross, 18 Shreya Arora, 8 Miranda Boyden, Bobcats; Vidya Awasty, Caitlin Newman, Haley Scott, Black Widows; Kevin Bovard, Lauren Nestler, Micaela Hughey, Barracudas; Karissa Souza, Sara Spencer, Madison Ecraet, Bandits.

Under-10: SCORES: JellyBeans 1, Jokers 1; Jammers 5, Jitterbugs 0; Jewels 3, Jack Rabbits 0; Jammers 5, Jitterbugs 0; Jungle Cats 2, Jaguars 1.

TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Lina Traghi, Jenna Orozco, Natalie O'Neal, JellyBeans; Alanna Goodman, Brinna Lee, Kylie Berloger, Jammers; Sophie Hudson, Jewels; Erin Walsh, Jitterbugs; Brittney Robison, Elizabeth Gallagher, Juliana Perez, Jungle Cats.

TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Sara Banks, Raquel Niño, Elizabeth Castillo, JellyBeans; Sarah Thielon, Camille Cheetham, Jammers; Kate Klein, Anika Kilkenny, Marisa Camarena, Jitterbugs; Alex Sanchez, Abby Matsuzaka, Conkle, Lin, Jaguars.

Under-7: The Tsunamiis performed well and never gave up. **TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS:** Megan Francisovich, Taylor, Danielle Williams, Tsunamiis; Karlee Schweitzer, Teddy Bears; **TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS:** Brenna Adams, Emma, Tsunamiis; Madeleine Diericks, Teddy Bears.

Under-6: TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Emily Tuncher, Cori Jackson, Dolphins; Emily Tuncher, Dolphins; Lucia Castaneda, Dazzlers; **TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS:** Anika Nickolas, Sarah Baxter, Dolphins; Malia Becker, Emily Esparza, Dribblers; Isabel Mayfield, Dazzlers.

Flight Under-14: PULSE 3, Earthquakes 0: A goal by Alyse Terschuren at the end of the first half followed by two goals in the second half (Sara Quon and Alyse Terschuren secured the PULSE's 4th win of the season). The week's lefty wing play was key and provided a solid platform on which the team could push forward and score. MVP was awarded to Jenna Martin whose hustle and excellent defensive skills helped keep a clean sheet. **TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS:** Alyse Terschuren, Sara Quon, Kelsey Milligan, PULSE; **TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS:** Jenna Martin, Anna Baker, Kelly Morgan, PULSE.

Flight Under-12: Hot Shots 7, Mustangs 1: The Hot Shots displayed excellent teamwork securing their 4th win. Keeping their eyes on the game and each other facilitated excellent ball movement and beautiful passing. Once again, the goals were spread out among many teammates, led by Dani Comito, with two goals, and one goal each by Abbie Magness, Sydney Hecker, Lauren Antilla, Jenn O'Neill, and Maddie Iversen. Huge kicks by our fearless defensive players kept the ball away from our goal. Letting only one by, goalie Liz Broughton and Emily "Annie" Staker stopped everything else. Impressive defensive play by Johanna Grauer, Natalie Cook, Shona McCarthy and Kennedy Poplawski. Top offensive players: Dani Comito, Lauren Antilla, Sydney Hecker, Hot Shots; Top defensive players: Shona McCarthy, Liz Broughton, Johanna Grauer, Hot Shots.

Flight Under-10: Bulldogs 1, Wildcats 2: Daniella Lyng scored the first goal for the Wildcats with an excellent assist from Lauren Enos. Strong defensive play by the Wildcats held the Bulldogs to one goal in the first half. The Wildcats Courtney DeWilde had an exceptionally strong half. The Wildcats Brianna McGraw started the second half with a solo goal to put the Wildcats up 2 to 1. The Wildcats played outstanding defense in the second holding the Bulldogs to zero goals scored. A late goal attempt by the Bulldogs was blocked by Jamie Vespi. This outstanding defensive block sealed the victory for the Wildcats. These two teams were evenly matched with great play on both sides. Top offensive players: Brianna McGraw, Daniella Lyng, Lauren Enos, Wildcats; Top defensive players: Jamie Vespi, Courtney DeWilde, Wildcats.

Doves 2, Dolls 1: Grace Skinner and Leila Shafi demonstrated their excellent offensive skills by passing the ball to their teammates throughout the game. Zoe Morgenroth and Kira Broacha demonstrated their defensive skills by intercepting the ball right near the opposite team's goal with outstanding intercepts, turning the ball in the direction of the Doll's goal. **TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS:** Grace Skinner, Leila Shafi, Lily Manos, Dolls; **TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS:** Kira Broacha, Zoe Morgenroth, Sara Jeffrey, Dolls.

Golden Gate League

San Ramon Santos U14 team 2, Walnut Creek Diablos 1: The Santos first goal came when Ben Danielson crossed the ball to Brandon Willhite who put it in the back of the net. Then, about two minutes later, Ryan Fagenson carried it up the left side and crossed it into Justin Scott where he once touched it past the Diablo's goalie. Santos dominated play from then on with the ball rarely getting into the Santos' half. The Diablos could not get past Santos sweeper Matt Sarmiento. Early scoring by both teams led to a hotly contested second half. Neither team could muster any good chances although Brandon rocketed a great shot towards the goal. Fending off any counterattack by the Diablos were Kevin Ho, Michael Bernardi and Ben Danielson.

San Ramon Santos 2, Mustang United 0: In a hard fought and evenly balanced game, Santos got a much needed win today, moving them up to second place in the GSSL U-14 Gold standings. In the second half Santos gained more sustained possession in the attacking third, leading to the first goal of the game. Jarrett Walker's powerful 25-yard shot found the top left corner of the net, and Santos took the lead. A second goal soon followed as a long ball from the back found center forward Brandon Willhite in a one-on-one matchup down the right flank. Brandon beat his man and took a low free shot, which could only be parried by the Mustang keeper. Brandon neatly slotted the rebound into the net to give Santos a two goal lead. Mustang players continued to push forward to get back in the game. A solid Santos defensive effort kept the clean sheet as the final whistle sounded, giving Santos a well-deserved win.

Livermore Youth Football

Livermore Youth Football League results:

Livermore Gladiators put forth their best effort to date against Deer Valley. Offensive stand outs were Nick Arnold, Ryan Barnes, Armando Fagliano and Emiliano Diaz. The defense was led by Garrett Burke, Garrett Hart, Sean Haggerty and Tyler Gonzales. The entire team deserves mention for the outstanding effort.

Jr Midget: The Livermore Norsemen improved their record to 5-0 Saturday in the Junior Midget division beating the Deer Valley Wolverines 30-12. The Norsemen got on the score board first with Damary Drew scoring on a 2 yard run. In the 2nd quarter quarterback Jeremy Mata connected with Kevin Kutcher for a 20 yard pass. Walik Gilmore would then see the end zone with a 30 yard run for a touchdown. Both PAT's were good and the Norsemen went into half time leading 16-12. The second half was all Livermore. Drew and Gilmore would both score again. Gilmore would finish the day with 100 plus yards rushing. Livermore's defense shut down Deer Valley, and was led by Drew with 3 sacks, Blaine Call a sack and tackle for a loss, and Dusty Simon had a tackle for a loss. Diquan Madison and Cameron Sawyer both had an interception. Livermore will next face San Leandro at Livermore High for their homecoming.

Pee Wee: The Livermore Warriors fell to Deer Valley 24-6. The game was a very tough battle and was tied 6-6 at halftime. The game stayed close until two scores by Deer Valley in the final four minutes. The Warriors defense was led by Zac Rossas, Rio Castillo, Zach Shurgill, Fritz Eibel, Bryan Brinkley, Jacob Bohland, Joey Gonzalez, Ben Sawyer, and Marshall Peters. On offense, Jake Williams completed a 32 yard touchdown pass to David Moffitt. Other offensive leaders were running backs Casey Soltis and Kevin Coburn and tight end Mac Morgan.

Youth Ice Hockey

The Tri Valley Blue Devil's Pee Wee travel team opened preseason play with a thrilling 4-2 win over the visiting Berkeley Bulldogs at Dublin Iceland Saturday.

After two scoreless periods that saw Tri Valley's goaltender Colby Paxton make 18 saves, the offense started to kick in. Theo Somers scored twice and Chase Piombo and Alec Christoff also added goals to help the Dev's to victory. Nathan Lundberg had a strong game on the blue line for Tri Valley as he added a pair of assists. Patrick Melville also had 2 assists. Piombo added another.

Head Coach Ken Vanderach also received solid performances from Jeremy Che, Graham Dickinson, Phillip Kruse, Michael Llamos, Michael Hahn, Jordan Smith, Matthew-Donald Toombs and Ryan Vanderach.

Livermore Smoke

The Livermore Smoke 10U Black team continued their success in the NSA tournament series by winning the 7-8 Oct tournament in Modesto. In doing so they stretched their overall record to 16-0 in NSA events. The overall team played solid ball all week-end. Very solid pitching by McKayla Saavedra and Marina VanVliet kept the other teams off balance and unable to get any momentum.

Livermore won the championship game 8-1. The tone was set in the first inning as Livermore took a 3-0 lead. Defensively Nicole Evans gunned out the lead runner attempting to steal second. Rachel Norman had a lead off single and then stole to 3rd, she also made a great double play. Evans, Saavedra, and Tabitha Heinz had RBI's. In the 3rd inning Bianca Devoto hit a double to deep center. In the 4th Breanna Herrera made a nice play as she caught a runner between 1st and 2nd in a run down. In the 5th Alyssa Lanza had an RBI single scored on a passed ball.

Local Representative

Steve Simmons, Vice President, Sports Promotions, of ACCUSPLIT, Inc. a Pleasanton maker of stopwatch watches and pedometers and promoter of wellness program represented the United States Track and Field Federation at the funeral and memorial service of Peter Norman.

Norman was the third figure in one of the most famous sporting protests photos of all time of the 200 meters medal ceremony, 1968 Olympic Games, Mexico City. Tommy Smith and John Carlos, the protestors, were invited to accompany Simmons to the funeral and memorial.

The funeral was held in Melbourne, Australia on Monday.

Norman was a close friend of ACCUSPLIT since 1993 and an "ambassador" for the company at such occasions as the Olympic trials in Sacramento and at the unveiling of the Tommie Smith and John Carlos statue, which replicates the famous photo, in San Jose. He also accompanied Simmons to competitions overseas.

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League results:

Senior Contact Division: Buccaneers 39, Titans 20: The Buccaneers defense stiffened this week after a quick strike from the Titans propelled their opponent to an early 6 to 0 lead. The Bucs quickly responded with a 62 Yd touchdown sprint by Carson Ewanich. A 200 yd / 3TD rushing performance by Ewanich spearheaded the Buccaneers' offensive juggernaut. Stuart Cooper, David Ellison and Cody Heiderbrecht also led the charge, while the entire offensive opened holes and provided solid pass protection. The Buccaneers kept the Titans off of the field in the first half with QB sacks by Joey Manuel and R.J. Anderson. Late in the second quarter Bradley Bueenz also returned an errant Titans pass for a 35 Yd TD, helping to pad the lead for the Bucs. The Titans threatened in the 2nd half resulting in two rushing TDs, trimming the Buccaneers lead. The Buccaneers tough defensive line and backfield held tight, keeping the Titans attack in check. Leading tacklers for the Bucs were Ben Fouts, Ben Krebs, Cody Ellison, and Evan Gum.

Steelers 22, Dolphins 8: Patrick Gibbons, Michael Flores, Brian Hill and Colin Kacinski led a ferocious defensive attack that shut out the dangerous Steelers for almost

three full quarters, but the Steelers made the big plays when they needed to and walked away with a 22-8 victory. Besides taking high tackle honors, Gibbons also made a touchdown saving interception. Flores, Hill and Anthony Viveiros all grabbed fumble recoveries for the Dolphins. Max Kurth had his fifth straight 100 yard rushing day, picking up the lone Dolphins touchdown behind a great block from AJ Garcia and Alex Hebert. Quarterback David Camarena hit Gibbons for a PAT conversion to round out the scoring for the Dolphins.

Senior Niners 29, Cowboys 0: The Senior 49ers scored on their first two drives and never looked back. After stopping the Cowboys first drive with an interception by Andrew Villar, the Niners marched down the field with the run and then capped the drive with a twelve yard scoring strike from Sam Ludden to Nakeesa Mirzadeh. The two also combined on the conversion and the Niners had an 8-0 lead. Ludden came up with an interception on the Cowboys next drive and once again the Niners offense went to work. A fourth down pass from Ludden to Donovan Ross got the Niners down to the Cowboys' 10. Ludden threaded a perfect pass into Mirzadeh for another score. Once again, the two combined for the conversion. The Cowboys threatened to get back in the game in the second half, but a long catch and run was called back by a penalty. The Niners took advantage of the break and scored twice more with Manny Rubio running for a score around right end, he also ran in the conversion, and Zach Probert ripping off a 30 yard scoring jaunt down the left side on a counter play.

Roller Hockey

Valley Roller Hockey Results:
Rangers 4, Panthers 3: The Panthers got a quick start with a nice goal by Michael Hutchison in the 1st period. The Rangers then came back with a goal by James Ellis (1g) assisted by Zachary Alexander (1a). The game went back and forth with great saves by both goalies Noah Brisson and Christian "Slick" Rose. Colin Rigby (1g) used his speed to get by everyone and put one in the net for the Rangers. The Panthers answered with a goal by Steven Rolandelli and a real nice back door pass from Zach Dorian Williams to a wide open Eva Kristof who slammed it in for her 1st goal of the season. The Rangers Taylor Class (2g) then put 2 quick goals in to give the Rangers the 4-3 win. Excellent hockey played by all.

Sabres 7, Flyers 4: The Sabres went to 2-0 with a nice win over the Flyers. Standouts for the Sabres were Daniel Rowan (2g), Justin Starr (2g), Daniel Lanci (2g), Ryan Shipp (1g). After being down 5-1 after the 1st period the Flyers did play better with goals by Nicholas Durst (2g), Jaci Ramirez (1g) and Jessica Cardenas (1g 2a). Goalie David Starr made 20 saves for a nice win. Justin Martin made some good saves in net for the Flyers in his first ever try playing goalie.

Phantoms 10, Mavericks 2: The Phantoms had a high powered offense on this afternoon with goals by Justin Donk (2g), Conlan Kehoe (1g 1a), Logan Kehoe (2g 1a), Blake Russett (5g 1a), Ryan Johnson (1g) and Michael Francois (1g) Ian Ingram filled in for their goalie and made 20 saves in the losing effort. Lone goals by the Mavericks were scored by Taylor Von Fossen (1g) and Scott Target (1g).

Extreme 4, Thrashers 3: Another back and forth game for both these teams as both teams lost close ones the week before. Dillon Alexander (1g) started off the scoring for the Thrashers to make it 1-0. Andre Knell (1g) took the puck out of his end to make an end to end rush and score to tie it up. The Thrashers Adrianna Durst (2g) then took a puck and made a move on the goalie but got tripped up. She fell and still managed to score. The Extreme then got two quick goals by Tommy Parker (2g) and a real nice pass from Luke Gross (1a) across to Seamus Connors (1g) to make it a 4-2 game. Adrianna Durst wasn't done yet as she circled behind the net and came out the other side for a nice backhand wrap around goal which caught Goalie Kevin Mangan by surprise. Goalie

Dustin Rose was pulled with a minute left for the extra attacker but the Extreme held a late flurry by the Thrashers off to win.

Panthers 6, Flyers 2: The Panthers got their first win in (1-2) a good effort against the Flyers (0-2-1) Steven Rolandelli was on fire with 4 goals as Nolan Sarkozy and Eve Kristof added 1 each. The Flyers Nicholas Durst (1g 1a) added a goal and an assist along with Jessica Cardenas (1g) lone goal. Jeremy Cardenas played well in net for his first try as a goalie in PeeWees. Goalie Christian Rose also played well for the Panthers.

Sabres 9, Rangers 1: The Sabres continue to dominate with excellent goal scoring from Daniel Lanci (3g), Daniel Rowan (3g) Ryan Shipp (1g), and Justin Starr (1g). Taylor Class had the lone goal for the Rangers who skated hard. Noah Brisson and Austin Fischenich played well on Defense.

Bantams: Thrashers 7, Mavericks 4: The Thrashers got a quick start with goals by Taylor Little (2g) and Noah Kleidon (2g 1a). The Extreme answered back with Goals by Ian Ingram (1g 1a) and Kyle Spray (1g 1a) Dillon Alexander (2g) and Jordan Taylor (1g) put the game out of reach with some nice goals. Eric Cabot played well for the Extreme with 2 goals. Goalie Dustin Rose Made 28 saves in the win.

Phantoms 9, Extreme :3: The Phantoms played well with goals by Logan Kehoe (1g 2a), Blake Russett (3g), Conlan Kehoe (2g 1a), Kory Kivijarhu (3g). Justin Donk also played well with an assist (1a). Tommy Parker (2g) skated hard and got a pair of late goals along with a single tally by Luke Gross (1g). John Gross (1a) played well on defense adding an assist. Goalie Ryan Johnson made some nice saves for his first appearance in net this season in Bantams.

Phantom Girls Softball

2007 Registration for all Pleasanton Phantom divisions is now open. Phantom softball is open to girls in grades K-12 living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol. Registration can be made online or mail-in. See the PGSL web site for additional information www.pleasantonsoftball.org.

Challenge Ride

A record 1150 cyclists registered and a record 1060 completed the 25th annual Mount Diablo Challenge, held Sunday, Oct. 1, the East Bay's largest, highest elevation and most devilish cycling event. \$55,000 was raised, benefiting Save Mount Diablo's land conservation programs.

Male and Female winners beat last year's times: Robert Anderson, 51, of Mill Valley in 47:28 (2005's winner Devon Vigus, of Sharp Bicycle in Lafayette, won first place last year in 47 minutes and 55 seconds); David Yakaitis from Oakland went from third place last year to second place this year in 47:42. The course record for a road bike was set in 2004 by Greg Drake of Redwood City, in 44:58, who also won in 2002. Jenny Slawta, 41, of Medford, Oregon in 54:43. (The female winner for four years running, Slawta finished in 55:35 in 2005) followed by Maria Monica, Sharp Bicycle of Lafayette in 54:57.

Tigersharks

LifeStyleRX Tigersharks competed in the Alameda Islanders' C/B/A swim meet over the weekend. Results:

9-10 girls: Erin Moriano (new club records in all but 100 breast): 6th 100 free 1:28.16, 3rd 100 IM 1:44.05, 7th 100 back 1:47.99, 3rd 100 breast 1:57.75, 4th 50 fly 47.65; Breanna Ingram 8th 100 back 1:53.77, 7th 50 back 47.57 (club record), 5th 50 free 38.45; 11-12 boys: Patrick Leary 8th 50 free 34.71, 4th 500 free 8:07.06 (club record); Alex Grabarek, 50 free 30.97 (club record), 100 fly 1:27.27 (club record);

13-14 girls: Rebekah Wada (all club records), 100 free 1:13.44, 200 IM 3:12.75, 100 back 1:32.86, 200 back 3:22.33, 50 free 33.51, 100 fly 1:28.53; 15-16 boys: Brian Weltz 4th 100 free 1:03.46, 5th 200 IM 2:55.48 (record), 1st 100 breast 1:22.93, 3rd

500 free 7:15.21 (record), 5th 200 back 3:04.60, 4th 500 free 25.82 (record), 200 breast 2:55.47 (record); 4th 100 fly 1:14.41.

Blue Dolphins

In preparation for the Oakland meet later this month, the Livermore Blue Dolphins warmed up this weekend at the Alameda Islanders' swimming meet at Chabot College. The meet was a short course C/B/A meet, which gave several Dolphin swimmers the opportunity to make stroke adjustments before the Oakland meet later this month. The Blue Dolphins took home several new BB times and yet another new A medal from Max DeSantis (7), this time in the 50 breast. Brianna Rebecca Blasco who dropped several seconds in each of her swims. Kate Scheibner who made a significant break through in her butterfly.

Girls 10-under: Brianna Radloff (5) 6th 25 free, 35.46 C; Rebecca Blasco (8) 6th 50 back 1:07.58 C; Hannah Folmar (9), 8th 100 fly 1:41.790 B; Boys 10-under: Max Desantis (7) 1st 50 free 41.05 B, 4th 50 back 52.37 B, 1st 50 breast 54.30 new A, 2nd 100 IM 1:47.97 B; Alex Wang (10) 4th 100 back 1:22.82 B, 4th 50 breast 44.52 B, 4th 100 fly 1:28.78 B, 5th 100 IM 1:23.88 B, 8th 50 back 36.94 A, 5th 100 breast 1:34.90 B;

Girls 11-12: Natalie Dimitis (12), 6th 100 free 1:13.67 C, 5th 200 back 3:01.40 B, 5th 100 fly 1:30.91 C.

Bowling News

Greg Kwasiak came within a single pin of being perfect at Granada Bowl in Livermore. Kwasiak, Kings and Queens league, left a solid four pin on his final ball for a 299 game to with a 264 and 190 for a 753 series.

In the ReMax Cheyenne league, Mal Cowen and Mark McCreary both went over the 700 mark with Cowen posting 285-257-203 for a 745 set and McCreary coming in with 264-237-215-716 total. Charlie Grimsley improved his 176 norm in the Eagles Renovations Match Point with highs of 255 and 232 for his 686 set; Tim Weiland, 165 norm, used games of 223-245 for his seasons high 677 series.

The Valley and friends watched a Scott Cooper post a 687 series with 226-203-258. Bill Cofe, 148 norm in the Getaway loop bowled his first sanctioned 200 game and 541 career high series; Shawn Brazil led the pack with a 259 game and 674 series. Maryann Heme, 125 par in the Granada Mixers, bowled a career high 511 series with 167-169-175. The Friday Family Affair had Dan Stuber finish his session with a 271 game.

The Monday Mashers were led by Bill Deuell's 663 set with highs of 227 and 225. The Monday Primetimes saw Don Tunison led the men with 213-210-203 for a 626 set and Barbara Thompson, 124 norm, and a 185 game. The Strs and Strites were led by Rich Baguio's 232 game and Fritz Rittmann's 224 game.

Cross Country

Las Positas College cross country runners competed recently in the Crystal Springs Invitation meet at College of San Mateo.

Las Positas had three runners finish in the top 25. Leading the way was Juan Gomez who placed 16th with a time of 22:44. Nick Sigmon came in 21st with a time of 23:01 closely followed by teammate Joey Nunes in 22nd place in 22:08.

The winner of the race was Daniel Clifford-Soren from Cerritos College. He ran the course in 21:16.

All Skills Clinic

Livermore High School head baseball coach David Perotti, his coaching staff and current LHS Baseball players are hosting a youth baseball clinic for kids of all ages on Saturday October 28. The cost is \$25 and it includes a t-shirt, prizes, snack and individual instruction. It is from 10:00-1:00 at Livermore High Varsity Field. Please call Coach Perotti at (925) 606-4812 x2438 for info on how to sign up, or go to www.eteamz.com/LHSCowboysBaseball for more info.

Free Stroke Clinic

The Livermore Blue Dolphins is offering a stroke technique and turn clinic for free to all high school swimmers and water polo players from Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. The clinic will run for approximately one month (November 6th - 24th) from 7 - 8 PM, Monday, Wednesday, Friday at the Robert Livermore Community Center Pool. Space in the free clinic is extremely limited. Additional clinics will be offered in December, and January for \$150 per swimmer. To enroll please contact the Blue Dolphins at (925)-447-SWIM, or email: info@swimclub.com.

Little League Registration

Livermore Little Leagues 2007 Season Baseball Registration Saturday, October 21 and Saturday November 4, from 9 am to 2 pm Granada High School Student Union.

Players must be 5 - 18 years old or before April 30, 2007. New players must bring original birth certificate and proof of residency. For more information visit: Granada www.eteamz.com/granadall, American www.eteamz.com/LALL, or National www.lnl.nl.

Lacrosse Registration

The Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Spring 2007 season registration is now open. Programs are available for girls and boys entering grades 3 thru 8.

The season runs from February thru mid May. Players will practice 1-3 times per week with scheduled games throughout the Bay Area and Sacramento region on weekends. Full equipment required for all players. Registration fee is \$170 for boys grades 3&4, \$215 for boys grades 5-8, \$150 for girls grades 3&4 and \$185 for girls grades 5-8. Register early as spots are limited and additional fees for late registration will apply. To register and/or obtain more information about game and practice dates and times see www.pleasantonlacrosse.com or call Byron Hay at 925 998-5550.

Livermore Lacrosse

Spring registration has opened for Livermore Phantom Lacrosse. Boys and Girls, grades 3 through 8 are welcome. For information, go to www.phantomlacrosse.com.

Roller Hockey Signup

Valley Roller Hockey will be having Winter League Signups at the rink behind Junction Avenue Middle School on Saturday Nov 4th from 10am-2pm.

The league consists of the following age groups: Mites ages 4-6, Squirts ages 7-9, PeeWees ages 10-12, Bantams ages 12-14, Midgets 15-17 18 and other play in the adult league. Each age group has 1 game and 1 practice a week except the Mites is once a week. All teams make the playoffs. All games and practices are held at our rink. For more details checkout our website at www.valleyrollerhockey.com.

Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association/ Livermore Smoke Spring 2007 Registration will be held Oct. 24, from 6pm-9pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church located on Mocho Street. Further information contact Stacie Heinz (925) 454-1406 or visit the website at www.livermoregirlssoftball.org.

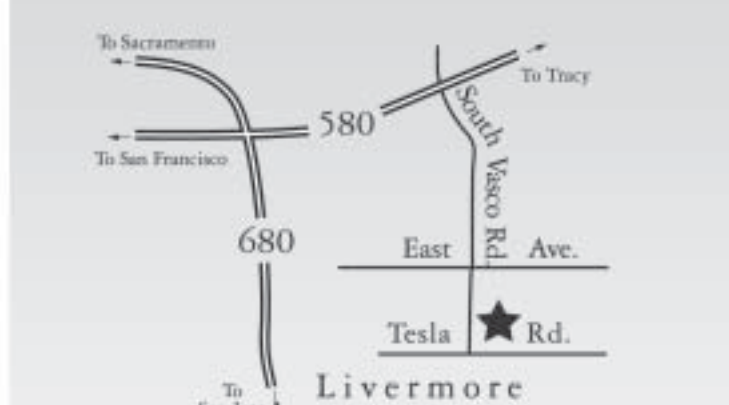
Golf Tournament

First Annual Granada High Lady Matadors Charity Golf Tournament will be held October 30th at Poppy Ridge Golf Course, Livermore. Please contact Timme Taylor @ 925-550-8986 or email tjsp20@aol.com. Funds will benefit the Granada Lady Matador Basketball team.

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OBITUARIES

Shawn Niethammer

Shawn Michael-Harold Niethammer died October 6, 2006 in Pleasanton. He was 9 years old.

He enjoyed building Legos with his dad, and playing both baseball and golf. He attended Vintage Elementary School, where he was in the fourth grade. Everyone who knew him was touched by his contagious smile, helpful attitude, and his strength of spirit.

He is survived by his mother, Veronica and her husband Pat Simon, his father, Darrin Niethammer and his wife Tina, grandmother Marilyn Niethammer, and grandparents Michael and Dorothy Berthelsen. He is also sadly missed by his stepbrothers Kyle and "big" Sean and his stepsister Robin and by his uncles, aunts, cousins and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandpa Woodward Niethammer, who we are sure is with him now. We will all miss his hugs and kisses and will keep his smile in our hearts forever.

Following cremation, there will be a service at 4 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 13 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made in care of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church to be used for children's charities, or to junior golf or the Pleasanton National Little League.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Charles E. Anderson, Jr.

Charles E. Anderson, Jr., died Sunday, October 1, may he rest in peace.

Charles was born in Roy, New Mexico on August 28, 1918, to C. Ernest and Doris Ethel Leatherman Anderson.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen Jo Anderson, and son, Kevin I. Anderson; 2 grandchildren, Bambi L. McGibbon and Cindy A. Houser, and 2 great grandchildren, Joshua and Jacqueline McGibbon. He is also survived by one sister, Patsy Smith, and his brother, Meyler Anderson.

Charles served in World War II as a member of the U.S. Navy stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. After the war, Charles worked for Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, NM, and Livermore, CA where he retired in 1980.

When his beloved wife, Maxine McNeil Anderson, passed away in 1982, Charles returned to New Mexico finally settling in Los Alamos. Private memorial services will be held on October 16, 2006, at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Charlie Bud Roark

Charlie Bud Roark died October 4, 2006 in Livermore. He was 83.

The Arkansas native had lived in Livermore since 1966. He served in the U.S. Army retiring after 26 years. His hobbies included walking, hiking, and reading.

He is survived by daughters Vickie Kirchner of Livermore and Cathy Menta of New Mexico; sons Albert Roark of San Leandro and Ralph Roark of Ion, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A graveside service with full military honors was held October 9.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Frank Harshbarger, Jr.

Frank V. "Vic" Harshbarger, Jr. died at his home in Livermore on October 5, 2006. He was 82.

He was retired from the Bay Area Rapid Transit District, where he worked as a senior engineer engaged in the design of automatic train control systems. Previously he was with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where he designed instrumentation and control systems for material testing and for research into thermonuclear fusion for electrical power generation. He also had been employed in the engineering department of the Union Switch & Signal Co. in Pittsburgh, PA and Chicago.

He was born Nov. 1, 1923, the son of Frank V. and Wilma Perry Harshbarger. He was raised in Topeka and attended Topeka public schools, Washburn Uni-

versity, was graduated from Kansas State University, and attended graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh. Frank served as a sergeant and communications chief in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II. He was a member of Central Congregational Church in Topeka, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the Association of American Railroads, the American Theater Organ Society, and the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society.

He was married to Mary Lois Collins on Dec. 2, 1956. She preceded him in death on August 29, 2002. Survivors include his children Sharon Harshbarger of Manteca, Mary Patricia Peters of Sacramento, Linda Ann Wolf of San Jose, Diane Powell of Livermore, Frank V. III of Livermore and Raymond of Sacramento, ten grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and a sister Mrs. Marjorie Latas of Wichita, Kansas.

Memorial services will be held at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Viewing is from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 12. Services begin at 11 a.m. on Fri., Oct. 13. Interment will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore following the service. Donations to a charity of choice in Frank's name are appreciated.

Marilyn Gottesman

Marilyn Gottesman died of lung cancer September 26, 2006 in Livermore. Her family was at her side. She was 65.

Marilyn was a resident of Honolulu, Hawaii. She was an avid golfer, fisherman, accomplished real estate agent, dancer, and lover of the islands. She enjoyed scuba diving, photography and traveling the globe.

She is survived by four children, Mindy Smith of Temecula, Richard Gottesman and Andrew Gottesman, both of Livermore and Scott Gottesman of Oakland and six grandchildren. She is also survived by many dear friends.

A service will be held November 7 at the Honolulu Yacht Club; casual aloha attire.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Marguerite Murena

Marguerite H. Murena died October 5, 2006 in Livermore. She was 93.

The native of New York had lived in Pleasanton for the past 14 years, moving here from Ft. Lauderdale, FL, where she had lived for 25 years. She was a homemaker who loved to play golf and also enjoyed crocheting. She was a devoted wife and mother. She suffered from dementia for five years.

She is survived by a daughter, Irene Warmerdam of Pleasanton and a grandchild Holly Warmerdam of Pleasanton. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Jerry Murena.

Private graveside Christian services will be held at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Ramon Garcia

Ramon Garcia died October 8, 2006 in Livermore. He was 73.

The native of Mexico had lived in Livermore for 16 years. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. He loved walking and walked at least 10 miles a day. He also loved being with family and friends, enjoying good times with all.

He is survived by his wife Esther Garcia, daughters Leticia Zamora and Maria Castro of Livermore, and Imelda Soto of Chicago, sons Alberto Garcia of Chicago, Juan Garcia of Lathrop, Jose Garcia of Livermore and Miguel Garcia of Arizona; a sister, Marialuisa Garcia of Livermore, brothers Felipe Garcia of Chicago and Enrique Garcia of Livermore and fifteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Oct. 11 in Livermore. Burial will be in Mexico.

Donations may be made to a charity of choice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

John Howard Jensen

John Howard Jensen died October 7, 2006 in Pleasanton. He was 59.

He was born Oct. 7, 1947 in Livermore and lived here his entire life. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a retired building maintenance technician for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. John was an avid collector, particularly of coins and stamps. His hobbies included target and black powder shooting, as well as camping. He was a member of the NRA. He will be remembered as a big-hearted man, who was always giving to others.

He is survived by his companion of many years, Jenny Lopez of Livermore, daughters Shantel Jensen of Tracy and Tina Barrera of Manteca; sons Daniel Jensen of Tracy, and Eli Jensen and Frank Jensen, both of Modesto, and Anthony Barrera of Manteca, his mother Joyce Jensen of Oregon, sisters Judy Hubbard of Oregon and Karen Kay of Hawaii, a brother David Jensen of Utah, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A memorial service is planned for 3 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 12 at Wilson Family Funeral Chapel in Livermore. Burial will be at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine.

John (Jack) Healy

John (Jack) M. Healy died October 7, 2006 in Pleasanton. He was 69.

The native of Alameda, CA had lived in Pleasanton for 38 years. He graduated from Bishop O'Dowd High School, then served in the U.S. Marine Corp. He had a distinguished law enforcement career, rising through the ranks of the California Highway Patrol to become the Chief of Golden Gate Division. He was a member of Los Pescadores de San Jose. His hobbies included playing golf, fly fishing, and hunting.

He is survived by his wife Donna J. Healy, sons Michael (Lynda) Healy of Livermore and Dennis (Erin) Healy of Tracy; daughters Elizabeth Healy of Ft. Myers, FL, and Erin Healy of Sacramento and grandchildren Caitlin, Brianna, Jeffrey, Emily, Isabelle and Madeline. He was preceded in death by his parents Bernard P. and Eileen Healy, and siblings R. Dennis Healy and Paula Grasseschi.

Donations in his name may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

John Rodrigues

John Rodrigues died October 9, 2006 in Pleasanton. He was 69.

The native of Merced, CA had lived in Livermore for 46 years. He graduated from Livingston High School in 1956. In Livermore he was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, and Native Sons of the Golden West. He was also an active member and vice president of the Livermore Jr. Rodeo Association for 30 years, receiving the Top Hand Award. He was associate director of the Livermore Stockmen's Association, CSEA president and a member of St. Anthony's Lodge. John loved to BBQ and potluck for any and all occasions.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Myrna Rodrigues of Livermore, daughters and sons-in-law Michele and Michael Michael and Paula Jean and David Hammett, all of Livermore, a sister Lucille Connor of Los Altos; sisters-in-law Ellen Geary of Sacramento, Jean Soares of Concord and Carolyn Horn of Reno, NV, a brother-in-law Melvin Silva of Sacramento, three grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 3 to 9 p.m. with vigil at 7 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 13 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 14 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore. Burial will be at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Livermore.

Memorials may be made to ValleyCare Pulmonary Rehabilitation, 1119 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, CA 94550.



The Bates family of Livermore made its annual trek to Half Moon Bay to enter one of their pumpkins in the annual World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off.

Cliff and Faye and their son Tom (pictured above) made the trip. Their pumpkin weighed in at 345 pounds, well below the winning entry that tipped the scales at 1223 pounds. The biggest pumpkin was from the State of Washington.

According to Cliff, who arrived on Saturday, he had already spotted one bigger than his pumpkin. The really big ones started to arrive on Monday morning. "It didn't look good for our entry."

Following the weigh-in on Monday, contestants were served lunch by Safeway, the sponsor of the event.

Tom Bates started selling pumpkins at the age of ten in Pleasanton at his grandfather Ted Bates' chicken ranch on Vineyard Avenue. The price was 10 cents each.

The Bates began entering a pumpkin in the Half Moon Bay contest in 1989. Their entry that year weighed in at 400 pounds, good for third place and \$200.

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.

Harvest Home Tour. Pleasanton, presented by Assistance League of Amador Valley, Oct. 14, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring five unique homes in Pleasanton. Benefits Operation School Bell®, providing new clothing, shoes, socks and backpacks to children in need in our communities. Tour begins at the Rose Hotel, 807 Main Street, Pleasanton 94566, tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Tickets can be purchased by calling 925-828-3272 or 925-461-6401, or email at alamadorvalley@yahoo.com. More information is available on the web at www.AmadorValley.AssistanceLeague.org.

Fall boutique. Tri-Valley Unity Church is sponsoring a fall boutique on Sat., Oct. 14, from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. For sale will be beautiful handmade items and great holiday gifts. 767 North P St., Livermore. Call Mary or Bob for more details, 455-5017.

Vendors sought. The Livermore Lion's annual Christmas boutique to be held Nov. 4 in Livermore is looking for vendors to participate. The event features handmade gifts from local artists. Information, call Joan Beason at 373-1131.

Mid Fund-raiser for Sisters in Service. Monday, October 16, 7-9 p.m. at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Drive, Dublin. Inventory your shoe closet - Then pledge to donate 50 cents per pair toward SIS projects supported by our Tri-Valley Chapter. Enjoy an evening of fondue, fun, and fellowship. Bring shoe specimens for a chance to win the Cinderella Award, Stella Stiletto Award, Shabby Chic Award, Frou-Frou Award, Antique Award etc. Questions - call Gloria Gregory (925)998-3785.

The Tri-Valley Democratic Club meeting will feature two candidates on Monday, October 16th, at 5:30 p.m. Meet and greet will begin at 5:30 with finger foods and refreshments. erry McNeerney and Terry Coleman will be speaking promptly at 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 volunteers are invited to stay for a work party. There will be a wine raffle. UDC office at 7000 Village Parkway, Suite 1L, in Dublin. Questions, please contact Melissa West or John Ledahl @ the UDC office @ (925) 594-2097, or Ellen Schaefer @ (925) 449-8114.

Crime Prevention. Livermore Police Department will present information about crime prevention including: home safety, how to make a home less likely to be burglarized, and how to start or join a Neighborhood Watch Program. Question and answer session will follow. Wed., Oct. 18, 7 to 9 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Free. Pre-registration is required. Ages 18 and over. Call to register 373-5700, reg. #2720. Participants are asked to use the parking lot off Loyola, if possible.

Sons in Retirement (SIR). Livermore Branch 121, meets 4th Tuesday of the month at the Doubletree Club Hotel in Springtown at 11 a.m. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. with a guest speaker to follow. The meeting begins with a social hour and includes a luncheon, speaker and business meeting. There are no dues or membership fees; open to men retired from gainful occupation. Programs including golf, bowling, hiking, bridge, touring, travel and just socializing. For a reservation and introduction, call Bob Wood at 373-6064.

Parent Project. 12-week parent training award winning model for parents with strong-willed or out-of-control adolescents will be held from Oct. 25, 2006 in Jan. 31, 2007 at 1401 Almond Ave., Livermore, 6 to 9 p.m. Scholarships are available. Call Horizons Family Counseling for more information, 371-4747.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club. Sat., Oct. 14, 2 rides, 2 routes, 35 or 70 miles. Dublin, Danville, Blackhawk and Alamo and back, meet 10 a.m. at Dublin High School, Jim Duncan, 806-9467. Sun., Oct. 15, Newbie ride, 25 miles from Dublin to Sunol and back, meet 9 a.m. at Shannon Center, Liz Marcoux, 895-1295 or Jennifer Burton, 455-8228. Sun., Oct. 15, Half Moon Bay pumpkin ride, 12 miles, meet 9:30 a.m. at Half Moon Bay State Beach, Robert and Lynn DeMattei, 829-7845. Wed., Oct. 18, 23 miles Martinez and Pleasant Hill, meet 10 a.m. at Hidden Lakes Park, Edith Norby, 707-748-1508. Anyone planning on going on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

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Sunol Regional Wilderness Hike. through East Bay Regional Park District, Flag Hill/Indian Joe Loop, included is a special mindful activity/meditation facilitated by Sue and a group digital photo. The distance is about 4.5 miles with some healthy elevation gain. Sat., Oct. 21, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fee \$21. Contact Sue at (925) 484-0239 or www.fitness-to-photos.com.

Amador Valley Quilt Guild meets Saturday, October 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Featured speaker will be Don "Mr. Quilt" Linn. During his presentation "Serendipity," Don will talk about his continuing journey through the world of quilting. His approach is "to be lighthearted and not take himself too seriously." He will share some of his quilts to demonstrate how his work has evolved over the years. Don has been a professional machine quilter for over 10 years and has won numerous awards. On Sunday, Don will conduct a workshop entitled "Circles and Curves." 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 our website. <http://amadorvalleyquilters.org>.

Support group for caregivers of aging relatives. A free support group/class is being offered to meet the needs of members of the "sandwich generation," who are caring for infirm parents, grandparents, and other family members. The students will receive information and learn about helpful resources as well as get emotional support from each other. The class is being held in Room 801, Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on every other Tuesday evenings, October 24, November 7, November 28, and December 12. Students are invited to join at any time. Ruth Gasten, class facilitator, is an experienced adult educator, who cared for her mother until her death at age 94. To register call Amador Valley Adult School at (925) 426-4280 or visit them at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted.

Iraq For Sale. A new film, will be shown on Saturday, October 14th, at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin at 7:30 PM. Meet and greet starts at 7 PM. Event is open to the public. \$2.00 optional donation, snacks and beverages provided, and is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 925-462-3459 or go to www.iraqforsale.com.

Computer training classes. free, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave, searching the Internet, Sat., Oct. 14, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Introduction to Word Processing, Sat., Oct. 28, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Classes are hands-on first come, first served. Information at 373-5500.

Read Project. seeking volunteer tutors to help motivated adults improve basic reading and writing skills. A free tutor training workshop at the Livermore Library on Mon., Oct. 16, 7 to 9 p.m., and Sat., Oct. 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please plan to attend both sessions. To register for the training or for more information, call 373-5507. The Read Project is a service of the Livermore Library.

Class & Book Signing. Speaker and Author Kenneth Reed will be appearing at the Amador Valley Adult and Community Education on October 28th from 6pm until 9pm. He is the author of Work Passion: Finding Work You Love. This class shows you how to begin the process of uncovering work that utilizes your unique talents/gifts. Kenneth will be available for book signings at the conclusion of her presentation. Course fee is \$25, materials \$20. To register contact Amador Valley Adult Education at 426-4280.

RELIGION
Unitarian Universalist. 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. Theme for Oct. 15 is "Becoming Native to This Place," led by Rev. Eric Meter. Information 447-8747.

2nd annual Autumn Quiet Day. A day of reflection and peace centered around the labyrinth. The day will be spent first in conversation and then in quiet, using both indoor and outdoor labyrinths, guided visualization, and other tools for creating peace and clarity in a busy life. Saturday, October 14, 10 am to 3 pm. Led by Judy Hughes, Marriage and Family Therapist and labyrinth facilitator. Cost \$10 for materials. Bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 2020 Fifth Street (Corner of 4th and L Streets), Livermore. For more information call Judy Hughes at 925-485-2524.

Communication Workshop - Turning Conflict into Intimacy - A 2-evening workshop. Thursdays, Oct. 19 & 26, 6:15 - 9:30 pm. \$45 per single, \$80.00 per couple. Refreshments provided. George Papageorge, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, presents eleven skills to change the way you talk and listen, care for yourself, and increase empathy and satisfaction with each other. This workshop is for couples and individuals. Held at CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin. Contact: csiglin@crosswindschurch.org or Claudia at 925-560-3826, or visit www.crosswindschurch.org/workshops to register.

Empowering Woman's Conference 2006. "Position Yourself." Ruth 2:16 at St. Matthews Baptist Church, October 27-28, at the Doubletree Club Hotel in Livermore. Registration \$45. Please call 925-449-3824 or email smbcwomen@yahoo.com

SHORT NOTES

Got Science Volunteers

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is hosting the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory "Got Science" event. Volunteers, 18 years and up, are needed to fill 2-hour shifts. Shifts are from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 12 noon to 2 p.m.

All volunteers will be able to experience the fun as well. This event will take place on Saturday, October 21st, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Livermore.

Free admission and food for sale. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact (925) 373-5179.

Martial Arts Demo

Mike Delfino, chief instructor at the United Studios of Self Defense, will demonstrate basic martial arts techniques on Sat., Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Springtown Branch Library, 998 Bluebell Drive in Livermore.

The program is part of Teen Read Week, Oct. 15 to 21. This year's theme is Get Active @ Your Library. The Springtown Library will feature books and videos on health, fitness and martial arts.

The event will take place outdoors. The presentation is open to the public. There is no admission charge. For additional information, call 373-5518 or stop by the library.

Scarecrow Contest

Forest Home Farms invites clubs, school groups, scout groups and families to make a scarecrow to be displayed during the Harvest Festival on Oct. 28 and in the pumpkin patch the preceding week.

Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, scariest, cutest, most original, best storybook character, and most patriotic scarecrow.

Scarecrows should be made of weather resistant materials and have a center stake for placing it in the ground. Scarecrows can be brought to Forest Home Farms, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., on Oct. 17, 18 or 19 between 2 and 5 p.m. Registration forms are available at the San Ramon Community Center, Dougherty Station Community Center or Forest Home Farms. For more information, call 973-3281.

Photos and Benefit

During October, ultra-spective photography, Livermore's downtown photography studio, is joining photographers from across the country together with the Professional Photographers of America Charities in promoting "Family Portrait Month." This national fund-raising effort will benefit Operation Smile, which treats children who suffer with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities.

Participating photographers have pledged to contribute a portion of each October family portrait sale to PPA charities, which has chosen Operation Smile as its charitable partner.

According to Anna Vickroy, owner of ultra-spective photography, "With the holiday season in sight and with the start of the change into fall colors, now is a great time for family portraits. Also, now is the perfect time to have the family portrait to provide gifts to other family members and create special holiday cards."

Each year Operation Smile, an organization of thousands of volunteer surgeons, dentists, and specialized health-care professionals, perform surgeries on as many needy children as their funding permits. Because of the medical volunteers, it costs only \$240 to perform a typical operation. More than 100,000 children are born with a facial deformity each year in Operation Smile's 23 mission countries.

To book an appointment or for more information, please contact ultra-spective at 925-449-9879 or go to their website www.ultra-spective.com.

For further information, contact Anna Vickroy at 449-9879

Towne Center Books

A Terribly Sad and Somber Party will be held at 4 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 13 to mark the sad occasion of the publication of "The End." This will be the final installment of the extremely tragic Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket. The party features disgusting food, and horribly boring games as this occasion demands. Guests are encouraged to bring a letter detailing their most unfortunate experience to share at this very tragic occasion. Free. Call 925-846-8826 for reservations.

Lolly Winston is the guest Wed., Oct. 18 for the monthly Read It and Eat Luncheon. Lolly's latest book Happiness Sold Separately will be featured. Lolly teaches classes in fiction writing and feature writing. Her short stories have been published in The Sun, The Southeast Review, The Third Berkshire Anthology, and others. Cost is \$25.00 for book and lunch; \$10.00 for lunch. Social time begins at 11:30. Lunch is served at 12:00. Call Towne Center Books for reservations 925-846-8826.

Madeline Levine, author of the Price of Privilege, will speak at Lynwood Church, 4444 Black Ave, Pleasanton on Friday, Oct. 20 at 7:30. Towne Center Books will have copies of the book for sale at the event. This event is free and open to the public. Madeline Levine has been a practicing psychologist for twenty-five years. It was only recently that she began to observe a new breed of unhappy teenager. But behind a veneer of achievement and charm, many of these teens suffer severe emotional problems. She will address these issues in her talk.

Towne Center Books presents an Evening in Paris starting at 7:30 on Wed., Oct. 25. The evening features a reading from A Night in Marais by mystery writer Cara Black and a PowerPoint presentation about the Marais section of Paris with Leonard Pitt, author of Walks in Lost Paris. The evening will include some French pastries from the Bibiane and Primrose Bakeries. Cara Black is the author of six mysteries set in different districts in Paris. Leonard Pitt's book includes hundreds of photos, maps, and engravings in hand to discover a Paris that no longer exists. He'll share some of that Wed. evening.

Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Immunization Clinics

Axis Community Health offers drop-in immunization clinics for low-income and uninsured families. Fall clinics will be held from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, October 14, November 4, and December 2, 2006. All immunization clinics are held at Axis'

Pleasanton location only, 4361 Railroad Avenue.

The clinics are open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured. Families enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care programs are also eligible. Parents are required to bring their children's immunization records and any information they may have about family income and medical insurance, including Medi-Cal. There is a charge for some immunizations.

Immunizations for children are also provided during regular weekday clinic hours at the Pleasanton and Livermore locations by appointment at (925) 462-1755.

Digital Photography

Author, photographer Jim Miotke will speak at the Pleasanton Public Library at 2 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 15.

Miotke will help photographers better understand the world of digital photography with his practical, easy-to-follow advice on improving technique. Learn how to make the most of your digital picture-taking in his talk, "Top Tips for Digital Photography: Storytelling With Your Digital Camera." Check out his website at www.betterphoto.com.

The program is free and open to all. No registration required.

Towne Center Books will sell Jim Miotke's book at the event. For book pre-sale information, call Towne Center Books at 846-8826. For more program information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

Author at Library

Emily Wu and Joseph Engelmann, authors of "Feather in the Storm: A Childhood Lost in Chaos," will speak at the Pleasanton Library at 7 p.m. on Tues., Oct. 17.

Told from a child's and young girl's point of view, Wu's account, which spans nineteen years of growing up during the chaos of China's Great Leap Forward and Cultural Revolution, opens on her third birthday as she meets her father for the first time in a concentration camp. Wu's narrative is poignant, disturbing and un sentimental. Feather in the Storm is an unforgettable story of the courage and silent suffering of one small child set in a quicksand world of endless terror. Emily Wu's stories have appeared in both Chinese and American publications. She is one of the featured subjects in the film Up to the Mountain, Down to the Village. She lives with her two children in Cupertino, California. Larry Engelmann is the author of five previous books, including Daughter of China. His writing has appeared in many publications, including American Heritage, Smithsonian, and the magazines of both the Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post. He lives in San Jose, California.

Towne Center Books will sell Feather in the Storm at the program. For book pre-sale information, call 846-8826. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

All library programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

Making Costumes

The Pleasanton Library will host Holly Cleeland, author of Glue and Go

Costumes for Kids: Super-Duper Designs with Everyday Materials for a Thursday, Oct. 19 program at 4 p.m.

She will demonstrate simple methods of turning kids into a corn on the cob, a pencil or other unforgettable disguises and costumes made from easy-to-find materials.

A native to Hollywood, Cleeland worked at Warner Brothers Studios painting backdrops and billboards before writing books. She has been a guest on HGTV and The View and will soon be seen on the new Rachel Ray Show.

The 60-minute program is free. Registration is not required.

The author will have books available for purchase and autographing.

For more information about library programs, please check the library's website www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 x 8.

Puppet Art Theater

Children can help a little witch save Halloween as Puppet Art Theater Co. performs a special blacklight production of Winnie the Witch! in the Pleasanton Library meeting room on Saturday, Oct. 21st starting at 2 p.m.

Winnie loves Halloween and all the candy. When Willard the Wizard plots to make the world's candy supply taste like brussels sprouts, it's up to Winnie to save the day!

Free tickets to this show will be limited to children age 5 and older. Tickets will be distributed to children from the children's desk 30 minutes prior to the start of the program. Due to the popularity of this program, there will not be space for parents or younger children.

Patrons are asked to please arrive on time as doors will close to late arrivals at the start of the program.

For more information about library programs, please check the library's website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 x 8.

Children's Author

Award-winning children's author, Judy Sierra will visit the Pleasanton Library on Friday afternoon, October 20th at 4 p.m. as part of the library's monthly Meet the Author series.

Author of numerous titles including Monster Goose, Wild About Books and There's a Zoo in Room 22, her newest books deal with a science project gone wrong in The Secret Science Project That Almost Ate the School and a monster that cooks in Theonius Monster's Sky-High Fly Pie: A Revolting Rhyme.

Sierra is a former children's librarian turned author and puppeteer. With a Ph.D. in Folklore and Mythology, her passions lie in children's literature and sharing stories from around the world.

Towne Center Books will be on hand with titles available for purchase.

For more information on library programs, please check the library's website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 x 8.

70th Anniversary

Sterlent Credit UnionSM invites the community to celebrate its 70th anni-

versary on Thursday October 19th from 11 am to 2 pm. Prize drawings and refreshments will be offered to members and guests. A special ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 12 pm. Sterlent Credit Union is located at 7180 Koll Center Parkway, just across from the fairgrounds at the Pleasanton Golf Center.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty with the Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 11 is scheduled to attend the celebration. Haggerty will present Sterlent Credit Union with a congratulatory commendation on behalf of Alameda County.

For further information or to RSVP contact Darlene Fosdick, Business Development Manager: (925) 242-3097 or dfosdick@sterlentcu.org.

Principal of Israeli School

Elias Abu Ghanima, Vice-Principal of the Mar Elias High School in Ibiblin in Northern Israel, just east of Haifa, will be speaking at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore on Monday night, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

He will speak about his experiences as an Arab-Christian who is also an Israeli citizen. He will describe what it was like to live under the threat of rocket attacks during the most recent war between Hezbollah and the Israel Defense Force.

Ghanima's talk will also include sharing the vision, the challenges, and the successes of educating 1,200 Christian, Muslim, and Jewish students in the Mar Elias High School to prepare them to be peacemakers in a land that knows little peace.

Elias Abu Ghanima grew up in the Ibiblin Catholic Church. He was one of the first to graduate from the Mar Elias High School and went on to receive a B.A. and M. A. from Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He was invited to return to the school 17 years ago by its founder, Father Elias Chacour, as a English teacher, and ultimately was named Vice-Principal 5 years ago.

"We nurture the students with Arab-Christian values and ethics so that they will be able to live with acceptance, understanding and respect for all people. I want to share with those I meet the good news about what is happening at the Mar Elias schools in Ibiblin," he stated.

Abu Ghanima will share a few thoughts at the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services on October 15, with an opportunity for conversation after the services.

The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge for the talk.

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live music, farm animals and pumpkin decorating contests will be among the highlights of Alden Lane Nursery's 19th Annual Fall Festival held on the weekends of Oct. 14, 21, and 28.

"Family events have been a tradition here for more than 50 years," said Alden Lane owner Jacquie Williams-Courtright.

This year on the second weekend we added an obstacle course for kids to run that is sponsored by Hoofprints on the Heart, an organization that helps handicapped people in the community. For the third weekend we added a pumpkin decorating contest with great prizes for everyone.

Other highlights of the last two weekends include a farmers' market, a display of antique farm equipment, a class on building and filling window boxes, and fresh honey straight from the beehive.

Some events, like the classes and pony rides, require an extra fee.

The new Pope John Paul II rose is available for pre-sale, at a 20 per cent discount, during Fall Festival. "This is a limited edition flower that captures the purity and essence of this beloved world leader," Williams-Courtright said. Lane is offering a Rose Clinic during the second weekend in January to help new owners with its care and feeding.

The Fall Festival kicks off Alden Lane's traditional end-of-year rush.

Owl Talk

There will be an Owl Talk presented Sun., Oct. 15 by Ranger Vickie Eggert in Veterans Park, Livermore. Meet at 2 p.m.

She will address such issues as: Are they wise? Can they turn their heads all the way around? The program will answer these questions and more.

The program is presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

MAILBOX

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try. Why do responsible builders who do business in Pleasanton embrace this ordinance? Because it's the sensible thing to do given the results of ongoing research.

Just today in the Wall Street Journal there is news of yet another study that "Warns of Rapid Rise in Earth's Temperature." This study by teams at the Columbia University Earth Institute, New York, and the University of California, Santa Barbara, concludes that at the current rate of warming, life as we have known it becomes unmanageable on our planet within 50 years. Some of us may not be around by then but what about our children and grandchildren?

This "local issue" is also good for business. Concern over this issue is driving the formation of technology-based businesses aimed at mitigating the effects and reducing the causes of global warming. Some of these companies are locating in the Tri-Valley.

By embracing this "local issue" our Mayor is simply doing what any good Mayor would do, exercising balanced leadership. Those who take exception to Jennifer Hosterman's public comments concerning global warming are, in my view, on thin ice. And guess what? The ice is getting thinner.

Not An Island

Billie Otis

Pleasanton

Pleasanton is not an isolated

island. Our town, its businesses and neighborhoods, its workers and residents, have an impact on, and are affected by the world around us. We need, no, we must require, our Mayor and City Councilmembers to not only have a handle on issues that affect us locally, but also see where Pleasanton and these issues fit into the big picture. Fortunately, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman's open, honest and responsive leadership is positioning Pleasanton to meet the challenges we face.

Mayor Hosterman doesn't shy away from controversial issues - from I580 cut-through traffic choking our streets, to supporting and defending us against all enemies, foreign and domestic. The loyalty Oath of Office each Mayor and City Councilmember swears upon entering office demands nothing less. Don't be fooled by mayoral candidate Brozosky's campaign smoke screen of personal attacks, innuendo and disinformation against Mayor Hosterman. Don't let Pleasanton's vision, leadership and integrity be limited by his narrow-minded viewpoint that refuses to consider Pleasanton's role and responsibility beyond our city limits.

Mayor Hosterman has been forthright and upfront with her views on the issues that touch us all. She has, and will continue to work hard protecting Pleasanton, and ensuring our town makes a positive impact on its businesses and neighborhoods, workers and residents, and the world around

us. In November, please cast your vote for Pleasanton's future. Vote to re-elect Mayor Hosterman.

Wounded Cat

Herbert H Marshall Pleasanton

I feel empathy for the woman whose cat was wounded but I can't help but wonder how and where it happened. Did some one enter her house or yard to make the attack or did the cat use a neighbor's yard or garden to defecate and leave an unwanted deposit. Perhaps a neighbor is unhappy with birds being killed in the back yard. Pet owners need to be responsible and keep them home. If they are free to roam they are subject to many risks, not the least of which is an angry neighbor.

Faustina for Council

Patrick Carroll Pleasanton

Dan Faustina was born and raised in Pleasanton, and graduated from Foothill High School. I have known Dan since he was in high school, and know him to have the highest ethical standards, and character. He comes from an excellent and support-

ive family background.

Dan has demonstrated his leadership abilities, and consensus building skills many times, and has a strong commitment to Pleasanton, and its citizens. He has a deep understanding of the challenges facing Pleasanton, and will work tirelessly to insure that our city remains an excellent place to live, work, and raise a family.

I encourage all voters to closely examine the positions and qualifications of all of the candidates. Dan's involvement in the community over the last several years has proven his commitment, and his devotion to Pleasanton.

Please join me in voting for Dan Faustina for Pleasanton City Council.

Bird Cannons

Kathy Sorensen Livermore

I was very surprised by the article and letter about the bird cannons in the vineyards. We have lived less than a mile from the nearest vineyard for 11 years. I have never heard a cannon go off between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:30 A.M. I have never been awakened by one either.



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Teen Film Festival Slated - Creativity Rules

Eleven original short films will be shown in the Livermore Library Teen Film Festival next week.

Subtitled "An Independent View," the festival will feature some wild flights of creativity, according to festival coordinator Mary Sue Nocar.

"Some of them are unbelievable in their creativity," Nocar observed.

"These teen film makers went all over the place with their imagination. There's a lot of live action. There's some animation too — very creatively done. I was pleasantly surprised by the high level of technical skill found in these films."

This is the first of what its organizers hope will become an annual event. They were encouraged by the turnout. They expect more entries in the future, and may eventually have to limit the films selected for showing, ac-

ording to Nocar. "These 11 are a good start," she said.

The Teen Film Festival is scheduled for next Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the main library in the civic center. Admission is free.

The films will be critiqued by a panel consisting of Ted Kaye, former head of physical production for Disney Television; Joe Madden, head of the local film company Goal Line Productions; Sandra Myers, Las Positas College film instructor; Jason Ryder, film producer; and Glenn Davis, Channel TV30 manager.

The festival films will also be shown Saturday, October 21 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Groth Bros. and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the same day at Robert Livermore Community Center.

The festival was open to ages 12 through 18. No entry fee was charged. Each film could be no

longer than five minutes. The entries came from youth in Livermore, Pleasanton and Alamo.

Brief descriptions of the 11 films follow.

"Blanket" by Vanessa Mariveles. Teenage girl gets a surprise when she discovers there is more than noise coming from her closet.

"The Cape" by Greg Gomez. Animation of a pencil and a stick man.

"The Counterpart" by Jamieson Montgomery. A boy looks at himself in a mirror and ponders deep thoughts.

"Crazed Thoughts" by Jamieson Montgomery. Thriller about how one's imagination can get carried away.

"A Day in Trials" by Angela Sibley. A look at trials motorcycle riding. It's a slow sport. The film has been sped up.

"Firefight" by Brett Smylie. Two men engage in an old West

shootout in a new millennium setting.

"How Not To Be Cool" by Kelly Targett and Mallory. A girl thinks she can become popular by changing the types of clothes she wears.

"The N.A. Makeover Show" by Angela Sibley. A girl goes from nerd to glamorous with the help of some professionals.

"Potassium" by Greg Gomez. Comedic/educational film about the wonders of potassium.

"The Saw Spool" by Jeremiah D. Williams. Spoof of the movie "Saw."

"Some Postman" by Connor Callaghan. Music video for the song "Some Postman," performed by the band The Presidents of the United States.

Mary Sue Nocar is the library's director of youth programs. For more information, she may be reached at (925) 373-5500, extension 5583.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival Teams Up with University of the Pacific

A four-week run of Shakespeare's magical romantic comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, will celebrate the newly formed Livermore Shakespeare Festival at Retzlaff Estate Winery July 12 – August 4, 2007.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival, which includes Lisa Tromovitch, former Producing Artistic Director of Valley Shakespeare Festival (VSF), and the artists and volunteers who produced the 2006 performances of *All's Well that Ends Well*, has formed an alliance with the Department of Theatre Arts of the University of the Pacific for next summer's Shakespeare in the Vineyard production.

Many Shakespeare Festivals nationwide work closely with a university. The alliance between Livermore Shakespeare Festival and the Pacific Theatre Arts Department provides our small theater company access to costume, scenic and properties stock and shops," says Tromovitch. "I'm excited about working with this new company; its Board of Directors has the breadth of experience and commitment necessary to bring professional theater to the Tri-Valley community."

Gloria Taylor, owner of Retzlaff Estate Winery, added, "I'm excited that Livermore Shakespeare Festival formalizing an agreement with Pacific's Department of Theater Arts. A little boy attending *All's Well that Ends Well* last summer looked up at the beautiful set designed and built by Rand and Brad Enlow of the University, and asked with wonder, 'What's the castle for? Inspiring that sense of awe and magic is a part of what art is about. It's such a pleasure to help to bring that to the community."

In addition to the production of the play, the new company will host expanded educational programming under the direction of Russ Marcel.

"With the opening of the Bothwell Center for the Arts, it's a perfect time for us to offer additional summer theatre classes for teens. Not just the already successful intern opportunities that Lisa has been guiding, but specific training on material related to the play." Programs for ages 8-13, and 14-18 have been scheduled for next summer at the Bothwell at 8th & H in Livermore.

New Calendar Offers Local Art and Art Events Calendar

The Tri-Valley Artists Guild's first Livermore Arts Calendar will debut on October 21st at ArtWalk in downtown Livermore.

TVAG, with support from the Livermore Art Association (LAA), offers the community a 14 month calendar that showcases fourteen local artists (thirteen Livermore residents, and one former Livermore resident) and dates of upcoming cultural art events.

The calendar notes art events happening from November 2006 through December 2007, including the Del Valle Fine Arts series, the Bothwell Arts Center, the Livermore-Amador Symphony, Livermore Valley Opera, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, the Valley Concert Chorale, Valley Dance Theater and so much more!

There's also a reference page of who, what and where to find art and cultural arts organizations.

Each day notes a famous artist's birthday. For example, the Bothwell Arts Center will celebrate Auguste Renoir's birthday Sunday, February 25th.

The calendar sells for \$15. Proceeds go to support the art organizations, TVAG and LAA. Quantities are limited.

TVAG and LAA are taking pre-orders at the Livermore Farmers Market on Thursdays and at the Carnegie Building from Wednesdays to Sundays. An order form is available by contacting k_caulk@yahoo.com with "calendar order form" in the subject heading.

Gallery Showing Work of Three Artists

Worthington Gallery West in Pleasanton is hosting a series of shows.

Bay Area artist Krista Sheldon will be featured in an exhibition Sept. 30-Oct. 21. Sheldon creates meticulously multi-layered paintings that revive an elegance reminiscent of murals and frescoes created by ancient Mediterranean cultures.

Louis LaBrie, another Bay Area Artist, will show works with the theme "Being There," Oct. 14-Nov. 25. The artist reception will be Saturday, Oct. 14, 5 to 8 p.m. LaBrie's crisp, lyrical landscapes invite the viewer to feel the power and beauty of natural California.

Richard Hunt, African-American Sculptor, will show his work Oct. 21-Nov. 30. A reception with the artist will be held Saturday, Oct. 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. Considered one of the most prominent

African-American sculptors in the world, Richard Hunt is exhibiting his smaller, quietly majestic works.

The public is invited to attend. There is no charge. The gallery is located at 739 J. Main St., Pleasanton; information at (925) 485-1183 or go online to www.worthingtongallerywest.com. Hours are Tues.-Sat. 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or by appointment.

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duct a Q&A session prior to the screening. Tri-Valley Bank sponsors this event.

Earlier this year it was announced that actor Ned Beatty was the recipient of this year's award. However, Beatty had to cancel because of a film he is shooting with Danny Glover in Morocco.

Edward Asner has been the recipient of seven Emmy Awards and 16 nominations, as well as five Golden Globe Awards and served as National President of the Screen Actors Guild for two terms. He was inducted into the TV Academy Hall of Fame in 1996. Asner received the Ralph Morgan Award from the Screen

Actors Guild in 2000, presented periodically for distinguished service to the Guild's Hollywood membership. In March 2002, he was again honored by The Guild as the 38th recipient of the prestigious Life Achievement Award for career achievement and humanitarian accomplishment, presented annually to an actor who fosters the highest ideals of the profession.

The California Independent Film Festival is produced by the California Independent Film Festival Association, the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association,

and the Tri-Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau. For more festival information go to www.caindiefest.com.

Tickets to the opening gala are \$30 for both the VIP reception and tribute plus the movie at the Vine Theater; tickets to the movie only are \$10.

To purchase tickets call 925-552-7335 (REEL) or go to www.caindiefest.com or stop by the Film Festival Office located at Old Town Theater Mall, 2222 Second Street, Suite 5, Livermore.

Jazz at the Livermore Library

The Justin Hellman Trio will be at the Livermore Library on Sun., Oct. 22 at 2 p.m.

The trio has been creating, performing and arranging together for several years. At this concert, the trio will be performing Hellman's originals and a few of the group's favorite standards.

The library is located at 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. There is no admission charge.

For more information, contact Joyce Nevins at 373-5500 ext. 5577.

Wente Raises \$20,000 for Education

Wente Vineyards raised more than \$20,000 this year for the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) through the auction of wine bottles and artwork autographed by the musical artists featured in The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, including Ringo Starr, Chris Isaak, Lynnyrd Skynnyrd and Heart.

"We are very fortunate to have the Wente family in our community," said Vicki Schellenberger, President of the LVEF. "Their generosity has been demonstrated for many years and our school music program would not exist at these levels without their continued support."

"Thanks to Wente Vineyards' assistance, we've been able to maintain a quality music program for hundreds of 4th and 5th grade students throughout the district," said Randy Watson, band director for Mendenhall Middle School and Granada High School and music coordinator for the Livermore School District. "The monies raised will go directly to the strings programs at all 10 elementary schools in the Livermore Valley."

Pleasanton Craft Mafia Invites New Members to Join

The Pleasanton Craft Mafia, a collaborative group of over a dozen East Bay artisans, has opened the group to new members.

The Craft Mafia was first started in 2003 by nine crafty business women in Austin, TX. The group originally came together through a shared love for craft, DIY ethics and mutual respect. As the Craft Mafia developed it became a forum for networking, promotion and shared ideas. Since its development in Austin, other Mafias have popped up across the globe.

The Pleasanton Craft Mafia (PCM) was formed during the summer of 2006 to support individual artists, craft artisans, and art organizations in the East Bay. PCM is a diverse group open to all art forms and artist skill levels. Features of membership include continuing promotion via their online website presence at www.PleasantonCraftMafia.com, cross promotions and resource sharing with other Craft Mafias across the country, online gallery presence, art and small business workshops, social events, art and craft fair participation, and more.

"I was looking for a local group of artists that I could collaborate and share resources with. The Tri-Valley and entire East Bay community is so rich with creativity, I knew that forming a Craft Mafia here would be a wonderful thing," says Chel Stroud Hery, the founder of The Pleasanton Craft Mafia. She is a mixed media artist who owns a small business in Pleasanton.

Another notable member of PCM is Laurel True of True Mosaics, the Alameda artist who created "Pat's Bench" - a public art installation in Kottinger Park in

Pleasanton. Claudia Hess of Worthington Gallery West on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton has also joined the group to show her ongoing support for the promotion of independent artists.

To learn more about the Pleasanton Craft Mafia or find information about membership or their upcoming events, visit the PCM website at www.PleasantonCraftMafia.com. For further information please contact Chel Stroud Hery 925-249-0979 Chel@ZNEart.com.

Talk Hawks Capture Top Spot at Two Tournaments

The Las Positas College (LPC) Forensics Team captured top honors at two speech tournaments held September 22-25 in Berkeley where they competed in the Biola Individual Events Swing and the Cal Season Opener. The contests drew teams from Cal State Long Beach, Arizona State University, Biola University, UOP, Diablo Valley College, San Francisco and Fullerton State Universities, and numerous others.

Six members of the LPC "Talk Hawks" team brought home 15 awards from the tournament, and finished the Swing Tournament as the top rated school in all of

Northern California. Each of the six participating team members won an award.

"We are extremely proud of the LPC team. They demonstrated a real competitive edge against some local favorites and larger teams," said LPC Speech Coach Tim Heisler.

The following students took awards at the recent tournaments: Biola Individual Events Swing- Lyndsay Parkman of Livermore: 1st Place, Open Oral Interpretation 2nd Place, Open Speech to Entertain; Callie Ryerson of San Ramon: 3rd Place, Open Speech to Entertain; Michael Ledezma of Livermore:

1st Place, Open Communication Analysis; Britney Kidd of Livermore: 2nd Place, Open Communication Analysis, 6th Place, Open Speech to Entertain; Miriam Miller of Pleasanton: 1st Place, Novice Speech to Entertain.

Cal Season Opener- Lyndsay Parkman of Livermore: 3rd Place, Open Oral Interpretation; Michael Ledezma of Livermore:

2nd Place, Open Persuasion 2nd Place, Open Communication Analysis; Britney Kidd of Livermore: 1st Place, Open Communication Analysis 3rd Place, Open Speech to Entertain; Miriam Miller of Pleasanton: Top Novice, Speech to Entertain Speaker 4th Place, Open Speech to Entertain; Dana Takaguchi of Dublin: 3rd Ranked, Open Impromptu Nor Cal Competitor.

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Jeff Lowe (Emile de Becque) and Laura Morgan (Nellie Forbush) rehearse for the opening of "South Pacific."

Music and Message of 'South Pacific' Just As Strong Today

Pleasanton Playhouse launches its 23rd Main Stage season with "South Pacific."

Performances will be week-ends Friday, Oct. 20 through Sun., Nov. 5 at the Amador Theater.

In this Pulitzer Prize winning musical, set in an island paradise during World War II, two parallel love stories are threatened by the dangers of prejudice and war. Nellie (Laura Morgan), a spunky nurse from Arkansas, falls in love with a mature French planter, Emile (Jeff Lowe). Nellie learns that the mother of his children was an island native and, unable to turn her back on the prejudices with which she was raised, refuses Emile's proposal of marriage.

Meanwhile, the strapping Lt. Joe Cable (Will Giammona) denies himself the fulfillment of a future with an innocent Tonkinese girl named Liat (Kelly Park) with whom he's fallen in love out of the same fears that haunt Nellie.

The score includes such timeless songs as, "Some Enchanted Evening," "Cockeyed Optimist," "Younger than Springtime," "I'm Going to Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair," and "I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy." The score includes what are considered some of Rodgers and Hammerstein's greatest songs.

The cast includes Alan Wiltse, Andrew Shaw, Chris Zuniga,

Colin Ho-Tseung, Connie McElroy, Erica Brosnan, Jeff Tan, John Muldoon, Josselyn O'Neill, Kristen Ho-Tseung, Larry Tucker, Lauren Ho-Tseung, Makinna Hardy, Maria Natale, Marissa Stevens, Marissa Stevens, Martie Muldoon, Ron Correll, Ruth Saia, Ryan Murphy, Sara Stoebe, Shawn Creighton, Stephen Weeks, Tom Farris, Tom Loitz, and Victorian King Bowman.

The production staff includes Director and Set Designer Randy Carneff, Producer JoAnn Loitz, Music Director and conductor Jo Anne Fosselmann, Vocal Director Jay Krohngold, Choreographers Shawnel Herbst and Sonya Hardy, Lighting Designer Robert Ted Anderson, Costume Designer Kathleen Edmunds, Sound Designer Scott Johnson, Properties Master Vicky Haney, and Rehearsal Accompanist Sierra Dee.

Curtain times is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton

Tickets are \$30 for Adults, \$28 for Seniors (over 60), and \$20 for Juniors (under 18). Call the Playhouse office at (925) 462-2121 for tickets, or order online at www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Presented by special arrangement with The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization.

Missing 'The Magic Flute,' Alas

By Sue Steinberg

What a shame for an opera lover to miss Livermore Valley Opera's opening night. However, I was able to catch an early rehearsal before leaving town. Even in the unromantic confines of the old Rec Center the impact of a full well-rehearsed Mozart chorus was stunning - surprisingly a much fuller sound than the disappointingly thin San Jose Opera chorus in their recent "Flute" production.

This is a big show, requiring seven (count 'em) full-voiced principals, from the deep rich basso of the high priest to the challenging coloratura runs of the villainess, the Queen of the Night. Of course, there's the obligatory hero and heroine, pure and noble enough to endure the elaborate and menacing Temple rituals and emerge as worth rulers. Pappageno and Pappagena, their comic counterparts, are adorably human (considering that they're sort of bird-people) and so sympathetically fallible, but manage to win each other in the end.

Throw in the comically lecherous Monostatos, a set of magic bells that can make villains dance helplessly, a covey of irresistible young sprites (courtesy of Cantabella Children's Chorus),

and a fierce monster handily dispatched by a trio of ladies (after a wimpy prince has fainted in fright), and it's a show to please everyone.

Supertitles will translate the German singing, while spoken dialogue will be clearly delivered in English, the combination used by most directors these days.

The LVO has certainly raised its artistic level with the casting of major voices for this ambitious foray into "big house opera." Especially impressive were the meltingly beautiful soprano of Heidi Moss and the heroic tenor of Brian Thorsett, popular stars of LVO's sparkling production of "Elixir of Love."

Personally, I can't wait to enjoy the finished work when I return for the final weekend. Local music lovers have the advantage and can view the first performances Sat., Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. followed by two final presentations on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m.

The theater is the Livermore Performing Arts Center, corner of East Avenue and Maple Street. Tickets range from \$24 to \$40 and may be reserved by calling 960-9210 or visiting www.livermorevalleyopera.org.

Local Band Finalist in Radio Contest

Local classic rock-style band Moreality has been named a finalist in the KFOX (98.5 FM) 2006 Last Band Standing Competition. In its third year, the contest provides an opportunity for local bands to have their talent heard by a radio audience.

Moreality entered the competition under the "cover band" category, and was chosen as a finalist from out of the 100 entries submitted. They submitted a three song CD, covering Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, and Bad Company.

Moreality has performed at the Tuesday Tunes events this summer, at the Farmer's Market Concerts, the Shoreline Amphitheatre, and Harvey's

Cabo Wabo in Tahoe. They also play locally at Babe's Place, and have an upcoming show at Downtown Ollie's on Friday October 13th.

Listeners will have until noon on Friday, October 13th to vote in the contest. The two bands receiving the most votes will advance to the next round, and will be performing live on the station's morning show next week. The winner of the final round will play at an upcoming station sponsored concert.

To vote for Moreality, please visit www.kfox.com, and go to the Last Band Standing link. For more information on Moreality, gig dates, and contact information, please visit www.moreality.net



Sharon Surrena, Betsy Beaumon, and Alex Kadrie perform with the Ohlone Chamber Singers

40th Anniversary Season Adds Singers, Orchestra

The Ohlone College Chamber Singers will present a concert at the First Presbyterian Church on Fifth and L Streets in Livermore on Friday, October 20th, at 8 p.m.

The Chamber Singers will be celebrating Mozart's 250th birthday, as well as the 40th anniversary of the opening of Ohlone College. The choir will be augmented by 30 additional singers and a 34-piece chamber orchestra for this performance.

The program includes *Fantasia for the Common Man* by Aaron Copland, *Serenade to Music* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and *Requiem* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Soloists for this concert will come from the choir's membership with Pleasanton's own Sharon Surrena, as one of the featured sopranos.

The Chamber Singers is one of the most exciting regional choirs in the San Francisco Bay area. Choir members come from 17 different communities, as far away as Woodacre and Los Gatos. The Chamber Singers are proud to feature 16 singers from the "Tri-Valley" area, for this concert. The choir has toured extensively in Europe to great acclaim, and has been heard in Germany, Italy, Austria, Poland, England, France, Czech Republic, and Hungary. The group is currently in the early planning stages for its eighth international concert tour for 2008.

Tickets may be reserved by calling 510-659-6031. Tickets will also be available at the door. Ticket prices are \$25 (\$15 for Seniors, \$10 for students). The concert will be repeated on Saturday Oct. 21st, 8:00PM at the Smith Center on the Ohlone campus.

Artist Showing Work at Bank

Washington Mutual Bank in Pleasanton is exhibiting the work of local artist Barbara Spanskie. The show will be available for viewing now through the end of November.

Spanskie's work features a variety of both original and

giclees (reproductions) of landscape oil paintings. Washington Mutual Bank is located at 561 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

The public is invited to view her work during regular bank business hours.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Ekphrasis. Poets Responding to Art. Poets have written responses to art on display at Big White House and el Sol Winery, 6800 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Exhibit closes Oct. 29. Working room open noon to 4:30 p.m. week-ends. No admission charge.

Pleasanton Art League, Livermore Art Association general meeting Mon., Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Building, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. There will be a presentation by Greg Reznick, president of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation, on the Firehouse Arts Center. The public is welcome to attend.

Poetic Medley, Andrew Demcak of Oakland will read excerpts from his chapbook, "Catching Tigers in Red Weather." His poetry is part of the syllabus at both Ohio State and Michigan State universities. An open mic will follow the reading. Barnes & Noble, 4972 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Thurs., Oct. 12, 7:45 p.m.

Worthington Gallery West Class: Friday, October 13, artist Daryl Lura will demonstrate paper mache techniques. He will transform plastic nursery pots into works of art. 5-7:30 p.m. Free. 739 J. Main St. Pleasanton, (925) 485-1183 www.worthingtongallerywest.com. Tues. - Sat. 10:30- 5:30 Other times by appointment

Diablo Light Opera Company, presents "Thoroughly Modern Millie." 8 p.m. Oct. 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, Nov. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 2 p.m. Oct. 22, 28, 29, Nov. 4. \$26-\$38 Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. 943-7469, www.dlrca.org.

Pleasanton Poetry Spotlight will feature local Poet Deborah Grossman at a Thursday, October 26 program starting at 7:30 p.m.. She will read from her new book Goldie and Me. Deborah Grossman is a poet, journalist, and essayist. Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton.

Members of the Tri-Valley Writers, a newly formed branch of California Writers, will share their work at a writers showcase Friday, October 27 at 7:30. Cynthia Bryant, the Pleasanton Poet Laureate will kick off the festivities. Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton.

Pops concert, Pops at the Zoo, Livermore-Amador Symphony. Fri., Oct. 13 and Sat., Oct. 14, at the Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Doors open 7 p.m., concert at 8 p.m. Costumes appreciated in keeping with the theme. Reservations available starting Sept. 7 at \$20 for reserved seating. 447-4924 (only between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.).

Woody Guthrie's American Song. The Willows Theatre Company presents Songs and Writings by Woody Guthrie, Conceived and Adapted by Peter Glazer, October 9 - November 12. Wednesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. with matinees Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. \$30-\$35; dis-

counts for seniors (65+), students (6-18), and groups (10+). The Willows Theatre is located at 1975 Diamond Blvd. next to CompUSA and REI in the Willows Shopping Center in Concord. Tickets: (925) 798-1300; www.willowstheatre.org

Lithorama 2006, show and sale Nov. 18-29, The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Livermore Valley Lithophiles Gem & Mineral Club. Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adults \$3, under 12 free with adult. Dealers with gems, minerals, beads and findings, jewelry, equipment and much. Educational displays from several northern California clubs, including the special "glow room," with a rainbow of colors. Demonstrations, prizes, refreshments. Information at www.lithophile.com or contact Bill Beiriger at 443-5769.

Jazz at the Ridge, Poppy Ridge Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Road, Livermore. Every Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Smooth jazz from Two Guys. Information, 456-8215 or info@poppyridgegolf.com.

Tuesday Tunes 6 to 9 each Tuesday. Free concerts at the Flagpole Plaza Lawn area, located at Livermore Avenue and First Street. The entertainment is sponsored by Livermore Downtown Inc. The following bands are scheduled: Oct 17: The Pendletons.

Tommy T's (comedy) Pleasanton, 5104 Hopyard Rd. Oct. 19-22, "Stuttering" John Melendez. Thurs. 8 p.m. (\$20), Fri-Sat 8 and 10 p.m. (\$25), Sun. 8 p.m. (\$20). 227-1800 or www.tommyts.com.

South Pacific, Pleasanton Playhouse, Oct. 20-Nov. 5. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Curtain time on Fridays and Saturdays is 8 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. For tickets or information, call 462-2121 or go to www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

ArtWalk 2006, downtown Livermore, October 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fine arts, local wines, refreshments. Free admission. Tri-Valley Artists Guild. Information, 243-0424 or www.tvag.org.

Art Banner Auction, Oct. 21, evening, downtown Livermore, 2060 Second Street. Information, 373-1795, www.livermoredowntown.com.

Justin Hellman Trio performs Music in the Jazz Tradition, October 22, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. No admission charge. For more information call 925-373-5505.

4th Annual US Bank Art Show, Oct. 25-Nov. 11, Open during bank hours, US Bank, 2125 Second Street, Livermore. Judged show. Sponsored by Livermore Art Association. Free admission. Information, 449-9927 or www.livermoreartassociation.org. **California Independent Film Festival,** October 25-29, presented by the California Independent Film Festival Association and Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. Livermore

Valley Wineries. Movie venues and seminars located at the Vine Cinema and participating Livermore wineries. For information call: (925) 552-7335 or visit the official Festival web site: www.caindiefest.com.

Children's Theater Show: Blather, Blarney & Balderdash: Friday, October 27, 2006 at 7 pm; Saturday, October 28, 2006 at 2 pm. Las Positas College, Room 601. Free Admission. 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Mary Campbell at 925-424-1118.

Foothill Band Review, Sat., Oct. 28. Concert competition at Amador Theater starting at 7:30 a.m. Parade competition Main Street, Pleasanton. Field show and awards competition at Foothill High School. www.foothillband.org.

Entertainment at Pleasanton Hotel. Chris Bradley's Dixieland Jazz Band performing in the lounge 7:30-9:30 pm Playing New Orleans Jazz and other music of the 1920's, 30's and 40's Tuesday October 24. Jambalaya Swing performing in the lounge 7:30-9:30 pm 11-piece swing band Tuesday October 17. Bands performing in the lounge 8:30-12:30 am Friday, October 13 Ian & Leopold; Saturday, October 14 Georgi & The Rough Week; Friday, October 20 Dave Crimmin; Saturday, October 21 In-Phase; Friday, October 27 Major Link with Terry & Mary; Saturday,

October 28 Major Link with Terry & Mary.. Halloween Costume Party. No cover charge. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Pleasanton; 925-846-8106. All events are free and open to the public

WINERIES

Winemaker's Dinner, Zephyr Grill and Bar, 1736 First St., Livermore. October 27, Page Mill Winery featured. Cost includes 5 course dinner and wine pairing with each course. 961-1000.

Elliston Vineyards, Murder Mystery in the Mansion, Sat., Oct. 28, 7 p.m. Reservations at www.mysteriesforhire.com/events. \$125/person for a cocktail party guaranteed to die for including hors d'oeuvres, Elliston California champagne, premium wine selections, assorted soft drinks, mineral waters, sparkling apple cider and Murder! Entrance to the mansion will begin at 7 pm with festivities starting at 7:30pm

Winemaker Dinner, Tenuta Vineyards wine pairing dinner Wednesday, November 15, 7-10 pm, Pleasanton Hotel. Appetizers plus 4 course dinner by Executive Chef Neil Marquis. Each course paired with wines of Nancy Tenuta's Livermore Valley Tenuta Vineyards. \$70 per person plus tax and gratuity. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Pleasanton. Reservation 846-8106

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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.
/s/ Ruth Leann Young
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 5, 2006. Expires September 5, 2011. The Independent Legal No. 2055. Publish September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 385281-385282
The following person (s) doing business as (1) Mr. Sparkle Automotive Detailing Supplies (2) East Bay Zaino, 2921 Garden Creek Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): David Han Sheh, 2921 Garden Creek Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588
This business is conducted by a general partnership
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
/s/ David H. Sheh and Min H. Chang
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 13, 2006. Expires September 13, 2011. The Independent Legal No. 2056. Publish September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 385379-385380
The following person (s) doing business as (1) BarEarth Furniture Company (2) Earth Furniture Company, 6010 Johnson Drive Ste C, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Renoma Corporation, 3529 Ballantyne Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588
This business is conducted by a corporation
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
/s/ Michael F. Reno
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 15, 2006. Expires September 15, 2011. The Independent Legal No. 2057. Publish October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2006.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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This business is conducted by a general partnership
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ David Han Sheh
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 26, 2006. Expires September 26, 2011.
The Independent Legal No. 2058. Publish October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 385894-385895
The following person (s) doing business as (1) Mr. Sparkle Automotive Detailing Supplies (2) East Bay Zaino, 2921 Garden Creek Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): David Han Sheh, 2921 Garden Creek Circle, 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/ David Han Sheh
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 385622-385623
The following person (s) doing business as (1) Tesla Vineyards (2) Morning Dove Ranch, 8792 Tesla Rd., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Carol B. Mitchell, 44 Chaucer Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583
Cecil A. Beebe, 1569 De Soto Way, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by co-partners
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Carol B. Mitchell
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 21, 2006. Expires September 21, 2011.
The Independent Legal No.

2062. Publish October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 385348
The following person (s) doing business as The Hardwarehouse, 943 Hazel St., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): John D. McDonald, 943 Hazel St., 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/ John D. McDonald
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 15, 2006. Expires September 15, 2011.
The Independent Legal No. 2063. Publish October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 386028-386029
The following person (s) doing business as (1) The Home Source Company, Inc. (2) Bay Home & Window, 40 California Ave. Ste H, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): The Home Source Company, Inc., 40 California Ave. Ste H, Pleasanton, CA 94566
This business is conducted by a corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 2, 1994.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Jeff A. Falcon
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 29, 2006. Expires September 29, 2011.
The Independent Legal No. 2064. Publish October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 2006.

PUBLIC NOTICE - NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY
GTE Mobinet of California LP doing business as Verizon Wireless is proposing to locate new wireless telecommunications antennas on an existing Pacific Gas & Electric utility tower located at 1732 Broadmoor Street, Livermore, California 94551. The new facility will consist of the mounting of six antennas on a new 12-foot tall tower, which will be installed on top of the existing 100.4-foot tall tower. GPS antennas will be mounted on the tower leg. Support equipment will be placed on a concrete pad at the base of the tower, within an existing chain-link fence enclosure. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the effect the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 61063565-SV c/o EBI Consulting, 2501 West Dunlap

Avenue, Suite 210, Phoenix, AZ 85021 at 602-279-7480
The Independent Legal No. 2060. Publish October 5, 12, 2006.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS
Jefferson School District Bid Deadline: 10:00 a.m. of the 26th day of October 2006.
Place of Bid Receipt: Jefferson School District 7500 West Linne Road Tracy, CA 95304

All bids shall be made and presented only on the forms presented by the school district. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 10 a.m. on the 26th day of October, 2006 at the above address. Any bids received after the time specified above or after any extensions due to material changes shall be returned unopened.

Project Identification Name: **District Office Interior Remodel**
Place Plans are on file: Jefferson School District 7500 West Linne Road Tracy, CA 95304 (209) 836-3388 \$50 Refundable Deposit Required

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Jefferson School District hereinafter referred to as "DISTRICT", is calling for and will receive sealed bids for the award of contracts for the above Project up to, but not later than, the above-stated time. The project consists of the interior remodel of three 1,200 square foot modular buildings located at the Anthony Trains School in order to relocate the District administration facility.

Miscellaneous Information
Bids shall be received in the place identified above, and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place.

In accordance with the provisions of Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 and Public Contract Code Section 3300, the DISTRICT requires that the bidder possess the following classification(s) of contractor's license(s) at the time the bid is submitted: **Class B.** Any bidder not so licensed at the time of the bid opening will be rejected as non-responsive. The Contractor's California State License number shall be clearly stated on the bidder's proposal.

Subcontractors shall be licensed pursuant to California law for the trades necessary to perform the work called for in the contract documents and as specified for the Bid Package specified above.

Each bid must strictly conform with and be responsive to the contract documents as de-

fining in the General Conditions. The DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding.

Each bidder shall submit with his bid, on the form furnished with the contract documents, a list of the designated subcontractors on this Project as required by the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act, California Public Contract Code sections 4100 et. seq.

In accordance with California Public Contract Code section 22300, the DISTRICT will permit the substitution of securities for any moneys withheld by the DISTRICT to ensure performance under the contract. At the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld shall be deposited with the DISTRICT, or with a state or federally chartered bank as the escrow agent, who shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the contract, the securities shall be returned to the Contractor.

Each bidder's bid must be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security: (1) cash; (2) a cashier's check made payable to the DISTRICT; (3) a certified check made payable to the DISTRICT; or (4) a bidder's bond executed by a California admitted surety as defined in Code of Civil Procedure section 995.120, made payable to the DISTRICT in the form set forth in the contract documents. Such bidder's security must be in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of bid as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into the proposed contract, if the same is awarded to such bidder, and will provide the required Performance and Payment Bonds and insurance certificates. In the event of failure to enter into said contract or provide the necessary documents, said security will be forfeited.

No telephone or facsimile machine will be available to bidders on the DISTRICT premises at any time.

No bidder may withdraw any bid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date set for the opening of bids.

Separate payment and performance bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the total contract amount, are required, and shall be provided to the DISTRICT prior to execution of the contract and shall be in the form set forth in the contract documents.

Contractors bidding this Project must require, pursuant to Public Contract Code section 4108, all subcontractors providing labor and materials in excess of \$50,000 to obtain separate original signature and fully executed payment

and performance bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the total contract amount. All Contractors bidding this Project must specify this requirement for subcontractor bonds in their written or published request for subcontractor bids. Failure to comply with this requirement shall not preclude nor preclude a contractor from complying with the subcontractor bonding requirements.

Bonds are required for each specification section or combination of sections which exceed(s) the limit listed above. The practice of issuing separate purchase orders and/or subcontracts for the purpose of circumventing the subcontractor bonding requirements shall not serve to exempt the contractor from these requirements.

No payment, except for a reimbursement payment to the Contractor for the costs of the Contractor's own payment and performance bonds, shall be made to the Contractor until the Contractor provides all required subcontractor bonds to the DISTRICT.

All bonds (Bid, Performance, and Payment) must be issued by a California admitted surety as defined in California Code of Civil Procedure section 995.120.

Where applicable, bidders must meet the requirements set forth in Public Contract Code Section 10115 et seq., Military and Veterans Code Section 999 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 1896.60 et seq. regarding Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise ("DVBE") Programs. Bidders may contact the District for details regarding the District's DVBE participation goals and requirements.

Any request for substitutions pursuant to Public Contract Code section 3400 must be made on the form set forth in the contract documents and included with the bid.

No telephone or facsimile machine will be available to bidders on the DISTRICT premises at any time.

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Theater Used to Educate Students about Backpacks

Theater is an enjoyable way to get a point across, so Joanne Palmer turned playwright to impress on students that they shouldn't be overloading their backpacks.

Palmer is the mother of a Harvest Park Middle School student, and is chair of the school's wellness committee. She has written a 10-minute skit to impress on students that it's bad for their spines to carry around overloaded packs.

A member of the wellness committee at Harvest Park, Palmer enlisted Amador Valley High School drama teacher Kelsey Hartman to have her class perform the skit for the middle school students. They will be presenting two performances today (Oct. 5) at Harvest park.

Seven actors will be the mainstays of the play. However, Hartman's entire class of 35 students will be involved, mostly

showing how oppressive heavy backpacks can be. Scales will be provided after the performances, so that students can weigh their backpacks.

Doctors and chiropractors are concerned about students overloading their packs, said Palmer. The recommended weight is approximately 10 to 15 percent of total body weight. Palmer said there are 100-pound girls who are carrying far more than that load, just judging by hefting their packs.

Although the Pleasanton school district provides two sets of books for each student so they don't have to carry textbooks home, there still are plenty of materials students must carry, said Palmer.

"They bring a binder for every class. That's six or seven classes. Some are reading a novel for English class. If you take Spanish, my high school student is carrying a Spanish dictionary that probably weighs three pounds. My son's backpack (in middle school) has 40 pencils, when he only needs two. That's a part of it, educating them about what to put in their backpacks," said Palmer.

Teachers at Harvest Park have gotten together and created a streamlined list of the basics that kids need to carry. That will be



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Jurene Gilbert, a parent volunteer, weighed backpacks as part of an awareness program. To determine how much a backpack should weigh, multiple body weight by .1. She said of the 100 backpacks she had weighed, only two met the standard. The heaviest weighed in at 36 pounds.

Beth Emek to Host Dialogue Between Jews and Christians

Congregation Beth Emek will host a six-session joint study series to stimulate meaningful dialogue between Jews and Christians. Participants will experience each tradition's understanding of how it walks in God's path and how the two communities can relate to one another in positive ways.

The series is sponsored by the Jewish and Catholic communities of Pleasanton and will be facilitated by Rabbi Richard Winder of Beth Emek, Dan Danielson of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, and Dr. Gustavo Nystrom of Pax Christi.

The series begins October 18

with a study entitled "A New Future: Building Shalom (Peace) between Catholics and Jews." Other dates and topics are as follows: Oct 25: Shared Origins, Diverse Roads; Nov 1: Common Texts, Different Scriptures; Nov 29: Season of Freedom, Season of Rebirth; Dec 6: Metaphors for a Unique Relationship; and, Dec 13: Mending Relationships, Mending the World.

The series is open to all people of good will, open mind, and healthy curiosity. Advance registration is requested, and can be done at http://snipurl.com/candid_conversation.

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