

Charges Fly in Pleasanton Mayor's Race

The race for mayor in Pleasanton is developing into a campaign of charges and counter-charges aimed at discrediting the opposition.

Councilmember Steve Brozosky is challenging incumbent Mayor Jennifer Hosterman on the November ballot.

"It's a heated campaign, very negative," declared Hosterman. "My message has been clear and consistent."

Brozosky said, "There is stuff going on that's not pleasant. Every campaign has these little buzz things."

Over the past few weeks, The Independent has received emails, letters to the editor and faxes leveling charges ranging from conflict of interest to misuse of public property. We asked both

candidates to respond to these accusations.

In the case of Hosterman, she is charged with using her city email to solicit campaign donations and endorsements. In addition, she is accused of responding to some emails using derogatory terms.

City Attorney Michael Roush said he had not rendered an opinion on whether Hosterman's use of her city email could be considered a serious violation. He said the information has been sent to a "more appropriate agency," used to investigating such matters, to reach a conclusion. Roush refers to Alameda County District Attorney Tom Orloff.

Roush said that he doesn't believe

that any warning was issued to Mayor Hosterman to stop using her city email for campaign matters. She was told to do so after the issue became public.

Brozosky is accused of using his position to promote his software, resulting in financial gain and possible conflict of interest.

Hosterman's email record shows that she sent out 38 messages that were direct campaign requests for cash, donations, endorsements, organization support and vote support.

State code says that it is unlawful for any elected or local officer, including any state or local appointee, employee, or consultant, to use or permit others to use public resources for a campaign activity,

or personal or other purposes which are not authorized by law.

According to one email, "There is implied leverage from the City of Pleasanton and the Office of Mayor when you get an e-mail from the mayor on a city e-mail account. The implication is that you are being asked by the City and the Office of the Mayor for money and support - not just by the candidate."

Hosterman says, "I inadvertently used my city email account to respond to campaign email. I'm not real savvy when it comes to computers." She explains that she has three email accounts. "There have been times when I answered inquiries without carefully thinking that I should cut and paste to my personal

account. I apologize. It won't happen again."

Hosterman said that after conferring with city attorney Michael Roush, her emails were packaged and sent to Orloff's office for an opinion as to whether her use of city email rises to a level above inadvertent use.

She adds that she receives over 1000 during a year and that 15 to 20 messages are a very small percentage. Hosterman said that the city is now looking at ways to prevent the use of city email by mayors or councilmembers for campaigns, now and into the future.

As for her derogatory comments, Hosterman said, "It was a private email. (See CHARGES, page 4)

LARPD, Charter School Agree to Extend Lease for Friendship Center

The Livermore Valley Charter School has offered the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District a plan that would allow the Friendship Center to remain at Sonoma School for an additional year beyond the current lease.

The board considered the offer at its Oct. 25 meeting. Board president Scott Kamena stated prior to the meeting that he expected the board to accept the offer.

Kamena stated, "We should have gone straight to the charter school to start with. Lon (Goldstein) was very easy to work with to make this agreement happen. The extra time gives us an opportunity to solve the problem of a site for the Friendship Center without rushing."

The current lease for the Friendship Center expires June 30, 2007. LARPD has estimated that it would take up to 18 months to relocate the adult day care program. The license to operate the program is site specific.

The charter school has expanded and needs the space now occupied by the Friendship Center. Portables have been placed at Sonoma School to provide the

(See FRIENDSHIP, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Kindergarten students at Marylin Avenue School in Livermore tried out the new playground structure. The playground structure is composed of stainless steel, steel and plastic components that are an average of 87% recycled. The plastic alone utilized about 40,000 recycled plastic milk cartons. When a student falls to the ground under the structure, their fall will be cushioned by about 7,000 ground-up liquefied pour-in-place used tires. The play equipment was financed by the City of Livermore using funds which are generated through a fee on garbage service. One of the provisions of the measure that approved the fee is to promote and provide recycled-content products for public venues. The design of this structure will also allow those students with physical disabilities access to the structure at several points. Since the fall material is stable any student using a wheelchair will be able to enjoy the structure.

Tools from Nature Used to Shore up Arroyo Banks

Logs, tree roots and other tools of nature are being used in a federally sanctioned pilot project aimed at battling serious streambank erosion along the Arroyo de la Laguna between Pleasanton and Sunol.

The Arroyo is being severely impacted by runoff from the upstream Tri-Valley watershed, with several feet of streambank eroding each year.

The project is a collaborative effort by local, state and federal agencies to demonstrate a series of "biotechnical" stream resto-

ration practices not often used in a semi-urban area. The idea is to protect the streambank and water quality in a way that also improves and creates wildlife habitat.

There will be a celebration of the restoration project on Mon., Oct. 30. The open house will be 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Access is from the Pleasanton Ridge Park parking lot.

To help slow down the water and deflect it back to the Arroyo's center, while creating healthier

habitat, the project uses harvested eucalyptus trees, Christmas trees, root masses from fallen oak trees, rock bars, and new vegetative plantings.

"We're using biotechnical restoration practices we'd use in a stream out in the middle of Wyoming, or in very rural areas of California," said Terry Huff of the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "In the Arroyo, there are somewhat different flow characteristics due to upstream urban runoff and water releases from the Del Valle

reservoir. We believe these soft, environmentally friendly biotechnical practices will work and our national NRCS streams engineering team who has visited the site on two occasions agrees with us."

If successful, these practices may be utilized in other parts of the watershed with similar issues.

The project is located along a 1,000-foot section of the Arroyo de la Laguna, owned by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, about a half mile south

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Prop. 90 Could Endanger Government Budgets

Proposition 90, designed to change eminent domain law to give more consideration to landowners, is written so badly that it would greatly damage cities financially, according to Valley local government leaders.

Although Prop. 90 ostensibly tries to ensure that local government doesn't condemn property for someone else's private use as increased tax revenue for government - for example a shopping center developed on the site of old, blighted housing - the ini-

tiative goes way beyond that, said its opponents.

Basically, Prop. 90 broadly expands the definition of government "take" to include such things as intellectual property and zoning changes to one's property, said Livermore councilmember Lorraine Dietrich. Someone losing business profits over a government action could call that a "taking," too, and apply for compensation, she said.

Looking to the future, the city

will be acquiring land for such projects as the Isabel Avenue interchange. There could be a big Prop. 90 impact on that, she said.

Kara Pulver, a spokesperson for the No on 90 campaign in Sacramento, which is working with the political arm of the League of California Cities, said that even an action that impacts landowners through the initiative process could be the subject of a claim by the landowners. She said she thought that if voters in a city rejected an annexation for

development, it could be fodder for landowner compensation from the city.

It could even grow to the point where someone comes in for an addition to a house, but doesn't really mean it. A denial by the city could win that homeowner some money anyway, she said.

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena said that if the threat to cities' treasuries is as great as predicted by such organizations as the League of California Cities,

(See PROP. 90, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Mia Kate Hood, age 9 of Livermore, tried her hand at painting during ArtWalk. Children each painted a square on a large canvas to create a work of art.

Three Run For Two Sunol School Seats

There are three candidates for two seats on the three-member Sunol Glen School district board.

The district is unusual in the state, with an especially procured exemption - it does not have to consolidate with any bigger district, or provide for a five-member board. The only school in the district is Sunol Glen elementary school, which has 205 students. The candidates are incumbent

Guin Van Dyke, and challengers Graham Barnes and Linda Pappas. The other incumbent, Bob Foster, is retiring from the board.

No hot-button issues have emergency, since a controversy over start of a charter school sponsored by a previous board resulted in the recall of one of its members, Mike Cerney. Candidates talked about why they are

running and what they can bring to the job. They are listed alphabetically.

GRAHAM BARNES

Graham Barnes has lived in Sunol for 11 years and has two children in Sunol Glen School. He is an entrepreneur who was CEO of a start-up company in Silicon Valley, Nextweb, and now is senior vice president at another firm.

He has served as vice president of Save Our Sunol, which has worked on environmental and community issues in the town.

The school has always been an important part of Sunol, said Barnes. "I think I can help. I'd like to help as well in the community, any way I can," he said. Gerry Beemiller, a former school

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Focus Is on Independent Films During Festival

The California Independent Film Festival will be held again this year at a variety of venues in Livermore's scenic wine country.

The festival runs through Sunday, October 29th. Boaventura de Caires Winery, The Steven Kent Winery, Wente

Estate Winery, Vine Cinema and the Orinda Theater, located in Orinda, will be hosting a variety of events.

The festival will feature the year's top 100 independent films, including over 67 screenings from around the world. Filmmakers vie for festival awards in the

best film, screenplay, student film, animation, music video and documentary categories.

In addition to film viewings and world premieres, the event will feature VIP receptions, filmmaker gatherings, special wine tastings and celebrity appearances.

Veteran actor Ed Asner will receive the 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award on Friday, October 27th at a VIP reception to be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center. The reception will include a tribute to Asner and a bounty of local

(See FESTIVAL, page 7)

Project Adds Open Space To Alviso Adobe Park

The Pleasanton City Council approved a development on the westside of Foothill Road that adds 22 acres to the Alviso Adobe Park.

The vote was unanimous. Property owners Charles and Scott Austin proposed 8 custom home sites on the 30-acre site. The current zoning would have allowed the maximum of six homes. The council agreed to rezone the land for an additional two homes in exchange for 22-acres dedicated to the city.

Jerry Iserson, Director of Planning, noted, "There is a lot of history on the site." The Spanish used the site. Meadowlark Diary was located there. "Staff feels the land would serve as a link to Pleasanton's past," said Iserson.

There was some controversy as to how the 22-acres would be used. Neighbors envision it as remaining in its current use, cattle grazing.

The council decided not to

deal with potential uses. A plan for the site would be developed in the future. Councilmember Cindy McGovern said that in approving the housing development, she did not want to give up rights, such as providing picnic tables and additional parking. She also wondered whether it might be possible for a 4-H Club to take care of the cows. If so, it might become necessary to provide for storage on the site for the club.

Charles Austin pointed out that the Alviso Adobe was built 150 years ago. His great grandfather purchased the land seventy years ago. "He recognized the significance of the adobe and preserved it. Now 70 years later, we are planning the park area." Austin told the council that it was the family's intent to augment the park and to provide the feeling of spaciousness with the added open space.

Brad Hirst, who also spoke for

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Zone 7 Boosts Water Rate, Development Fees

By Ron McNicoll

Higher rates for water and higher water connection and flood control drainage fees for developers will take effect Jan. 1, 2007 following an increase from Zone 7 Water Agency.

The board acted at its meeting Oct. 18. The boost in the water rate was a little more than 7 percent, as charged by Zone 7, to the Valley's four water retailers: Pleasanton, Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), Livermore and the private California Water Service.

However, by the time Zone

7's water reaches the consumer's tap, the rate increase is expected to be 4 percent. That amounts to \$1.83 per month for a typical Valley household, according to a staff report. That's assuming the individual retailers don't absorb part or all of the Zone 7 increase themselves, or add to the increase to meet needs they might have.

On the water connection fee for developers, the increase was 45 percent, which brought the fee to \$6070. General manager Dale Myers said that will add about "one-half to 1 percent" to the

(See ZONE 7, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Spaniels lined up for judging during the annual Del Valle Dog Club dog show at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Do You Remember?



By Anne Homan

Tuberculosis, Warlock Moon, and Camp Arroyo

Before the advent of antibiotics and the understanding of germ theory, the contagious disease tuberculosis, or consumption, was a significant killer of people of all ages. In 1900 the major cause of mortality in San Francisco was tuberculosis, the cause of 1,132 deaths. Heart disease was second with 619 deaths. Alameda County opened a sanatorium for tuberculosis cases on 258 acres in the foothills along the Arroyo Del Valle in February 1918. Named Arroyo Sanatorium, the hospital was five miles south of Livermore in an open woodland area.

The Livermore Valley climate is drier than portions of Alameda County closer to the bay. This was considered good for TB patients. At this time, the treatment for TB was bed rest and open air.

By 1922 there were 60 staff members and 175 patients at Arroyo, including 40 children. The greater majority of the patients were non-paying. Paying patients were only admitted if there was no waiting list. For paying clients, the cost was \$75 per month.

Even those adults who were bed patients worked at occupational therapy. As their health improved, they had extended activities in occupational therapy or enrolled in industrial training classes, for example printing, sewing, barbering, or wireless radio. They were also encouraged to take correspondence courses in such diverse subjects as English, salesmanship, journalism, and bookkeeping.

Mary Henriques's family moved to Livermore from the Modesto area in 1934 when her father was diagnosed with tuberculosis. He was a patient at Arroyo. Mary remembered visiting the sanatorium grounds as a small child and eagerly watching the window where her father stood and waved at her from the second floor.

In 1924 after funds from the sale of Christmas Seals made it possible to buy more property, the sick children had a separate set-up at the same site called Del Valle Farm. Supported by the Alameda County Tuberculosis Association, the Farm included an in-house school with instruction supervised by the county school superintendent.

In 1960 *Herald* reporter Joan Agar interviewed Alice Klus, who taught school there for years and "recalled the days when fresh air was thought a help to cure, and patients' beds were on open porches. In the winter, she taught school wearing sweaters, galoshes, knitted cap, mittens, a warm coat over all, and the inevitable face mask, which had to be changed as she went from building to building."

Dr. Grace Devnich remembered especially the plight of the children. "They were hard to calm down on Sunday night because their parents were allowed to visit them ... only on Sundays could they have visitors. Those children wanted their family."

According to a 1922 article written by Dr. Chesley Bush, medical director from 1919 to 1949, the sanatorium grounds were used to raise hay and alfalfa for the county dairy at San Leandro, as well as vegetables and fruit for the patients.

In 1945 a young doctor at the sanatorium received permission to treat a patient with the new drug streptomycin. Although the prognosis had been for only a few more days of life, the woman was completely free of the disease three months later.

With the nationwide development of antibiotics and with new procedures for lung surgery, long periods of bed rest in the open air were no longer needed for tubercular patients. The last patient left the Arroyo Sanatorium on August 23, 1960. In its 42 years it had cared for more than 10,000 patients.

The buildings lay vacant for many years. Young people from the Livermore area would sneak into the deserted grounds at night and frighten themselves with spooky stories. The movie *Warlock Moon* was filmed on the site. Finally, the county assigned the property with its crumbling buildings to the East Bay Regional Park District.

In 1998 the Taylor Family Foundation (TTF), a private non-profit organization, partnered with the park district to plan Camp Arroyo on the remaining 138-acre sanatorium property. Construction began in September 1999 with the destruction and clearing of most of the old building remnants. A new dining hall, swim complex, and 12 cabins were completed by the spring of 2001.

Each summer the residential camp is open without charge to children from Northern California with life-threatening illnesses and disabilities. According to TTF's web site, the hope of the staff is that these children will "build self-esteem, experience the joys of camaraderie and build long-lasting friendships in a supportive environment."

During school months, the YMCA East Bay uses the site to present educational programs about the environment to local elementary school children. The camp is ideal for this study because the buildings were designed with "green" technology. Bathhouse walls were made of rammed earth from the site. At the time of its construction, the dining hall was the largest building made of straw bales in the United States.

This beautiful site in the hills is in use once again as a place of healing and hope.
(Readers can reach me at am3homan@yahoo.com.)

Pleasanton Business Expo Has a Cooking Theme

The Pleasanton Business Expo, hosted by the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, will be held Thursday evening, October 26. This year's theme is Pleasanton Businesses are really Cookin'!

Pleasanton Business Expo is the largest business networking event of the year with some 50 businesses displaying their products and services. There will be food, wine and beer, too - courtesy of some of Pleasanton restaurants and local wineries that include: Castlewood Country Club, Girasole Grill, GourMade Cookery, Pleasanton Hotel, Sheldon's Bakery, Café, Erik's Deli of Dublin, and Cookies by Design. Wine is provided by The Crush, Garre Vineyards and the Wine Steward.

Throughout the evening there will be live cooking demonstrations presented by local chefs including Chef Phil of Castlewood Country Club, Chef Neil of Pleasanton Hotel, Skip Hinsley of Girasole Grill and 7-Time World Pizza Acrobat Cham-

pion Tony Gemignani.

The City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce will hold a special champagne reception to honor four businesses related to the food industry who exemplify all of the Community of Character traits: Compassion, Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility and Self-Discipline. The reception will begin at 4 p.m. just before the doors to the Expo open. The businesses that will be recognized include: Vic Malatesta of Vic's All Star Kitchen, Kit Little of Village High School, Melinda Hernandez of Sweet Tomatoes and Otis Nostrand of the Hop Yard Alehouse & Grill.

Pleasanton Business Expo will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at CarrAmerica Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive. General Admission is \$10 at the door. The Expo is sponsored by AT&T, Pleasanton Garbage Service, Tri Valley Internet and UNCLE Credit Union. For more information contact Wendy Gutshall at (925)846-5858 or wendy@pleasanton.org

Livermore Valley Charter School Names Five New Board Members

The Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) has announced the election of five new members to its Board of Governance and the reelection of two incumbent board members. Katie Hazen was elected to a two-year term, and Karen Meier won a three-year term, while Rick Swiers, Bill Batchelor, and Ines Heinz were all elected to serve four-year terms. Incumbents Cheryl Weaver and Lauren Reed were reelected to three-year terms in the election that concluded October 12. These board members join existing board members Kim Schnitter, Paul Mansfield, Brian Rittmann, and Jerry Mullins.

The new LVCS Board appointed new officers in their first meeting held October 19. Kim

Schnitter was appointed board president. Paul Mansfield, who has been acting president since Lon Goldstein stepped down from the board in September, was appointed vice president. Katie Hazen was appointed secretary, while Bill Batchelor was named treasurer.

"We are so fortunate to have this dedicated and highly qualified group of board members to guide LVCS as we continue to build and grow on the vision of this school," said Lon Goldstein, executive director of the Livermore Valley Charter School. "They bring a wealth of leadership, vision, and experience that will be invaluable as we strive to deliver an exemplary elementary and middle school environment and plan for our expansion to

separate middle school and high school campuses."

LVCS is working on plans to add a professional development arm that will mentor novice teachers at LVCS and in charter schools throughout the Bay Area, Morris explained. This is one way the school is beginning to disseminate its most successful practices.

Livermore Valley Charter School Corporation recently changed its name to the Livermore Charter Learning Corporation (LCLC). This more closely aligns with the school's future direction and plans to add an 8-9th grade academy and 10th-12th grade college preparatory high school.

Livermore, Stoneridge Mall Offer Trick or Treat Nights

Livermore Downtown Inc. will host its 20th Annual Downtown Trick-or-Treat event on October 26th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Merchants all along First and Second Streets between Livermore Avenue and O Street will give out candy to all of the little ghosts and goblins who attend. There will be booths in the street with puppet shows, games, and fun activities for the whole family.

It's All About Dancing will have spooky dancers on their studio floor showing how the Rumba and Cha Cha are performed in the Spirit World. WhoopsieDaisy Toy Store and It's All About Me Kids Salon will have spooky shoppers haunting their store. Tommie's Deli and Sandwiches has created a haunted walk through the deli. The Old Theater Mall will have a spooky walk through their hallway and The Second Street Plaza will offer a parade of decorated pumpkins by Livermore kids and families in the merchants windows.

Vino Cellars and Accessories will be showing the films from the Livermore Teen Film Festival outside in front of the Vine Center. Blacksmith Square will have a DJ playing all the latest Haunted Hits and spooky sights.

There will be a Costume Contest at First and L Street and much, much, more.

This event is designed for children up to the 5th grade and their families.

LARP will have a Haunted House at The Barn located at 3131 Pacific Avenue for older kids.

Stoneridge Shopping Center in Pleasanton is preparing to greet more than 8,000 children at the Annual Halloween Trick or Treat slated for Tuesday, October 31 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Children age 12 and under, dressed in costume, are invited to trick or treat from store to store in what has grown to become one of the East Bay's signature Halloween events.

Thousands of colorfully costumed children are greeted by costumed merchants, many of whom put great effort into their costumes each year.

Complimentary Stoneridge trick or treat bags are available at the Information Booth for children to pick-up during the event. On Halloween, Stoneridge merchants will distribute an estimated 400,000 pieces of candy in the course of a 90-minute period.

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SHORT NOTES

Author of 'Spook'

Journalist Mary Roach will be the guest speaker at a program to be presented at the Livermore Library on Wed., Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.

Roach is the author of the New York Times bestseller, "Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers." Her latest book, "Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife," embarks on a quest that spans centuries and traverses the globe. She looks at the entire spectrum of modern and historical soul seekers, trained and amateur scientists, schemers great and small, engineers, scholars, and mediums.

Roach lives in Oakland. Her "Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers" was named best book of 2003 by the San Francisco Chronicle and Entertainment Weekly.

There is no admission charge to attend the event. Copies of the author's books will be available for purchase and signing.

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

Adopt A Dog

As part of the national Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month campaign, Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care is hosting an adoption event for local animal rescue groups in an effort to help shelter dogs find permanent homes this fall.

According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), an estimated 8-12 million companion animals enter shelters

nation wide every year, of which 5-9 million are needlessly euthanized. That equates to the euthanasia of nearly 60 percent of all shelter dogs because there are not enough homes.

The adoption event will be held Saturday, October 28th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care in San Ramon. Rescue groups participating in the adoption event include Pug Rescue, German Shepherd Rescue of Northern California, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, Golden Gate Lab Rescue, Bulldog Club of Northern California, the Tri-Valley SPCA, and others. Each group will have dogs available for adoption, information about their foster dogs and/or breed specific information, and most dogs can be taken home that day.

Each dog that is adopted will receive a coupon for a free health exam from Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center and a coupon for a free month of Frontline flea prevention along with some other dog necessities.

Local Lafayette artist Vina Daniels, owner of Paw Printers Ceramics, will also be at the event showing her support by donating 10% for every ceramic "paw print" impression sold that day. For more information on Paw Printers, visit www.pawprinter.com or call 925-962-2729.

Bilingual Storytime

The Pleasanton Library will host a special series of bilingual storytimes during the new school year. The Spanish-English series will be offered the first Wednesday evening of each month.

Dates for 2006 include Nov. 1st with a special celebration for Las Posadas on Dec. 6th.

Storytimes resume in 2007 beginning Feb. 7th, continuing Mar. 7th and concluding April 4th.

The programs are free, lasting approximately 30 minutes and will be held in the library meeting room. Registration is not required. Families with children of all ages are welcome to attend and enjoy stories and song.

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

Jazz at the Library

Listen to an hour of free jazz music at the Pleasanton Library, Sunday, October 29, at 2 p.m. in the Pleasanton Public Library Meeting Room.

The Justin Hellman Trio presents an exciting and fresh sound rooted in the jazz tradition. The group strives for a dynamic sound that carries a great deal of tension and release yet also possesses an element of lyricism.

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

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library are sponsoring the program. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

Buy Back Candy for Charity

Dr. Thomas Marcel, a Livermore

Orthodontist and resident is offering to buy back Halloween Candy for \$4.00 per pound. Marcel will be buying back children's candy from their Halloween Trick or Treat collections. He will make a donation of \$2.00 per pound to one of three local charities or the child's choice of a charity and he will also donate \$2.00 per pound to the child.

Please bring candy donations to the office at 2084 Fourth Street. Charities benefiting from the candy sales are Open Heart Kitchen, Livermore Valley Education Foundation, and Tri-Valley Haven.

Dr. Marcel office will be available for candy donations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. November 1-3. Any questions, please call (925) 447-7799.

Olive Oil Seminar

A seminar entitled, "The Sensory Assessment of Olive Oil," will be presented Sun., Nov. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

The seminar is sponsored by the California Olive Oil Council (COOC) and the Tri-Valley Conservancy.

This seminar will focus on the connection between good olive oil production practices and the quality of extra virgin olive oils. Seminar presenters are the Taste Panel Leaders for the California Olive Oil Council, all of whom received certification as Taste Panel Supervisors in Italy last year.

Seminar topics include:

- Olive Oil Production—from tree to mill to bottle
- The Importance of the Sensory Assessment of Olive Oil
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Persons who join COOC on or before Nov. 5th, can attend the seminar at the member price.

To register call the COOC office at 1-888-718-9830 or e-mail oliveoil@cooc.com

Riverwalk

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will host a "Riverwalk" on Sat., Oct. 28 starting at 10 a.m.

Meet Ranger Darren Segur at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

The days are shorter, and the leaves on the trees are displaying their beautiful fall colors. Visitors will walk along the creek. The ranger will answer any and all questions about the park and its occupants. Good for ages 5 and up. Wear comfortable, sturdy walking shoes and bring some water. Walk will be a flat and leisurely 3 miles.

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.

Heifer Carnival

On Saturday, October 28, from 4 to 8 PM, the Livermore First Presbyterian Church will be hosting the 30th annual "Heifer Carnival." This is a Halloween party aimed at raising funds for the Heifer Project International.

Halloween costume are encouraged. Admission to the carnival is free. There will be food, drinks, a cake walk, as well as games with prizes. There will also be a haunted house for the children to explore, a silent auction and raffle. Entrance will be on "K" St., between 4th and 5th Streets.

The Heifer Project was established more than 60 years ago as one of the first efforts to provide food to the world's starving populations. But instead of providing food directly, the Heifer Project has focused their efforts on providing needy families with livestock and the training to care for them. It has helped more than 4 million families in 118 countries to feed their young as well as to provide a continuing source of support. In addition, each family receiving a heifer cow must agree to "pass on the gift" and donate the female offspring to another family, so the gift is never ending.

Red Ribbon Week

The Pleasanton Police Department,

in collaboration with the Pleasanton Unified School District and several community members, is participating in Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 22 to 28, to show support for and commitment to a safe, drug free community.

There will be numerous activities during the week to show support for this campaign. In addition to red ribbons being placed throughout the community, there will be assemblies, K-9 demonstrations, and other activities.

All schools in the Pleasanton Unified School District are observing Red Ribbon Week from October 23 through 27.

Schools have planned activities throughout the week, including: A canned food drive in partnership with the Alameda County Food Bank at Donlon Elementary School; "Shade Out Drugs" at Vintage Hills Elementary, where students can wear sunglasses to school; "Sock It to Drugs" at Lydiksen and Hearst elementary schools, where students can wear crazy socks to school; and "Turn your back on drugs and alcohol" where Pleasanton Middle School students will wear their shirts backwards.

Additional information is available in the District's weekly online newsletter at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/econnection.

The Pleasanton Police are also taking this opportunity to remind citizens about the importance of bicycle safety. The police remind citizens to obey all traffic laws when riding bicycles on public roadways.

Safety tips are available by calling 931-5100 and asking for someone in the traffic unit.

Vote for Carousel

The Tilden Carousel was selected as one of the top 25 projects slated for possible restoration funding through a partnership between American Express and the National Trust for Historic

Preservation.

Funding will be distributed through a competitive grant process that essentially involves internet voting. Each day, every person may vote one time for his or her favorite project.

The carousel belongs to East Bay Regional Park District. Board member Ayn Wieskamp is encouraging people to vote for the carousel for funding.

The project that receives the highest percentage of votes is the only project that is guaranteed funding. The remaining 24 will be looked at on a case by case basis.

Voting ends October 31. To vote go to www.partnersinpreservation.com/bayarea.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Hit and Run in Pleasanton

A 2-year-old Pleasanton resident was struck by a vehicle in front of Creekside Park last week in Pleasanton. The boy was with family members at the park and ran down a driveway and onto W. Las Positas Blvd. where he was struck by a gray 2-door sedan traveling west on W. Las Positas.

There is no information about the driver of the vehicle, who did not stop at the scene.

The child, who sustained head injuries, was taken to an area hospital.

Anyone with information about the collision or who witnessed it, is asked to contact Traffic Officer Bob Leong at the Pleasanton Police Department, 931-5100. Refer to PPD Case #06-6379.

Compost Sites Sought

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority is looking for suitable sites within Alameda County to compost organic materials.

Letters have been sent to existing solid waste facilities, real estate brokers, private businesses and public agencies in Alameda County inquiring if they have space for a composting facility and if they want to partner in operating such a facility.

"We're seeking locations suitable for composting organics," said Project Manager Brian Mathews. "The more compost facilities are available, the more waste is diverted from the 2,100 tons per day of organics currently being disposed in landfills serving Alameda County jurisdictions."

Businesses and organizations with a potential site and those interested in pursuing composting operations in partnership with Alameda County Waste Management Authority may contact StopWaste.Org at (510) 614-1699.

Nardolillo Board President

Nick Nardolillo, winemaker at White Crane Winery in Livermore, has just been elected President of the Board of Trustees, Ohlone College, Fremont California.

Nardolillo has served on the Ohlone board for 10 years and was past board president in 2000. That year he led the successful \$150,000 million dollar bond campaign to provide much needed money to upgrade the existing Fremont campus, and build a new Newark campus on 80 prime acres in Newark. Construction on the new Newark campus is scheduled for completion in 2008.

Cook-Kallio Citizen of Year

Pleasanton City Council candidate Cheryl

Cook-Kallio was named Citizen of the year by Assemblyman Alberto Torrico (D-Newark) earlier this month.

She was honored for her "tireless dedication to education and the community." Cook-Kallio was presented with an Assembly Resolution that reads in part, "Through her unsurpassed enthusiasm and her commitment to meeting the needs of the public, Cheryl Cook-Kallio has created a legacy of community involvement and civic concern that will long inspire the citizens of her community and state."

Lab R&D Awards

Twelve Department of Energy national laboratories won 41 of the 100 awards given by R&D Magazine. The awards are presented annually in recognition of the most outstanding technology developments with commercial potential.

Awards were given to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory researchers for the following:

- The Easy Livermore Inspection Test (ELITE), an inexpensive, portable explosives detector highly sensitive to more than 30 different explosives.
- UltraSpec, a high-precision radiation detector with a unique ability to detect either gamma rays or neutrons, could assist security officials in identifying even small amounts of illicit nuclear materials. (Jointly with VeriCold Technologies.)
- The first integrated, broad-area, high-resolution, real-time motion imagery system for surveillance applications. The system can provide real-time data for monitoring traffic, special events, border security and harbors.
- The Wavelength Converter for High-Average Power Lasers uses a new, heat-tolerant, non-linear crystal that can change the "color" of laser light, allowing design of compact, more efficient and lower cost laser systems.
- A technique to precisely measure the Doppler velocities of stars, with a threefold improvement in resolution at a fraction of the cost of a conventional spectrograph.
- Sapphire, a new technology that can analyze algorithms allowing the exploration of large, complex and multidimensional data sets. Sapphire is being applied to a variety of disciplines including remote sensory imagery, climate simulations and astronomy.
- Babel, a new tool that assists computer scientists that face language incompatibilities among the software libraries they use. Babel enables cross language communication and allows scientists to cheaply integrate any library into their scientific application.

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EDITORIALS

State Prop. 90 — NO

With our local focus, The Independent normally doesn't editorialize on state propositions. Proposition 90, however, would have such malignant impacts on land use planning here and throughout all of California that we feel it's important to warn our readers about this irresponsible initiative.

Under the guise of reforming the eminent domain process, Proposition 90 would require government compensation of property owners when land use decisions, anti-pollution regulations and other such actions cause "substantial economic losses."

The ballot argument against 90 offers this example of how the initiative would work:

"If local voters pass a measure to limit a new development to 500 houses — instead of 2000 houses that a developer wants to build — under Prop. 90 the developer could demand a payment for the value of the remaining 1500 houses. Even if local community services and infrastructure would be strained by the larger development, Prop. 90 would put taxpayers at risk for payment.

"Prop. 90 is not just limited to land-use laws," the argument continues. "Read the official analysis. Statewide consumer protection laws, restrictions on telemarketing, and worker protections would all trigger new demands for payouts."

Proposition 90 would make taxpayers responsible for billions of dollars of new costs. It's predicted there would be a flood of lawsuits, snarling the court system. Just about every organization in the state that cares about responsible government, from the Police and Fire Chief Associations to the League of Women Voters, is united in opposition to 90.

We urge our readers to join them — vote "no" on California Proposition 90.

Superior Court Judge — DENNIS HAYASHI

Both of the Alameda County Superior Court judge candidates, Dennis Hayashi and Sandra Bean, are eminently qualified for the bench. We believe both would be just and compassionate judges.

Each has extensive experience in dealing with the people who come through the court system, Bean as a deputy county counsel representing abused elders and mentally ill persons and Hayashi as a civil rights attorney. Both pledge to work to make the system more accessible and fairer to those who can't afford quality lawyers.

We endorse Dennis Hayashi because of the depth of his experience: 10 years with the Asian Law Caucus, director of the civil rights office under President Clinton and fair employment/housing director under Governor Gray Davis. He is experienced in enforcement of the California Environmental Quality Act. As a recently elected AC Transit board member, he is an advocate for cleaner transportation.

Hayashi told us when we interviewed him that the bench needs more diversity — which he defined as not only more women and minorities, but more judges who come from a background of public service. Dennis Hayashi himself brings 25 years of public service to his candidacy. We urge the voters to elect him.

What Might Have Happened

The Pleasanton City Council two weeks ago approved turning over Pleasanton's share of the Alameda Landfill open space fee to the East Bay Regional Park District. EBRPD will use the funds, \$200,000, to help acquire the 103-acre Tehan Falls parcel on Pleasanton Ridge. This is a special piece of land, with woodlands, rolling hills, mountainous slopes and a waterfall.

We applaud this Pleasanton gift that will make the park addition possible.

However, with the election drawing near, we can't help but wonder what might have happened to Pleasanton Ridge if Proposition 90 had been in effect over the past two decades.

Thousands of homes were once planned for these ridgelines. Under 90, landowners would have demanded compensation based on that scale of development. Most likely a regional park would have been economically infeasible.

Thankfully, Pleasanton Ridge has faced no such obstacle. Instead, citizen activists in Sunol and Pleasanton have been able to stop the developers and establish a regional park that has grown steadily since it was established in 1983. The purchase of the Tehan Falls piece will enlarge Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park to nearly 5000 acres.

But how many other areas similarly beautiful and special will be lost if Proposition 90 passes?

FRIENDSHIP

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additional three classrooms needed by the school.

The charter school's proposal is summarized in a letter from executive director Lon Goldstein to the LARPD board. In it, he asks LARPD to pay the installation cost of the portables, approximately \$60,000. LARPD would also pay the charter school the \$1311 per month for the lease of the portables.

The Friendship Center would be allowed to remain at Sonoma School until June 30, 2008. Goldstein notes that the charter school is open to renewing the agreement for an additional year if it becomes necessary.

Once LARPD has vacated the site, the charter school would re-pay the original costs of installing the three portables. The monthly rental fee would be non-refundable.

The agreement between LARPD and the charter school would have to be approved by

the Livermore School District, which owns the Sonoma School.

LARPD has been actively seeking another location. Under consideration is using the Merritt Building, the old LARPD offices. The building would require extensive renovations.

The park district is also considering locating at a commercial site, building within the Livermore Civic Center, or purchasing a former school site on Vasco Road.

The five-acre Vasco Road location appears to be most favored by the board. At the Oct. 11 meeting, board members urged staff to make clear to the owners of the land, that they are interested in purchasing it. In addition to a location for the friendship center, there is the potential to build ballfields on the site.

Board member Maryalice Faltings suggested that the district consider using a certificate of participation to purchase the land.

CHARGES

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one which I didn't expect to be made public." She adds that she believes her language was "perfectly okay when corresponding with someone, friend or foe, whose actions are less than admirable." In her email she used words such as stupid and a--.

"This campaign feels meaner to me than the last one. I think people deserve better. My opponent can't beat me on issues and is resorting to digging for dirt. I think we will see a lot more of the same in the last two weeks," Hosterman stated. "His campaign is a negative one. I will continue to run a clean, above-board campaign."

Hosterman mentioned campaign finance, with her opponent having reported collecting over \$52,000 in the last period.

She said her last campaign spent around \$32,000. "It's interesting that my opponent has been talking so much about campaign finance reform."

Brozosky has been accused of financial gain through the promotion of his software. One incident referred to in a fax said he represented himself as vice major of Pleasanton during a talk on the use of software to improve efficiency. The talk was presented at a League of California cities convention.

One letter says that he has contracts with sixteen cities to

provide software and charges up to \$15,000 a year for its use. "It seems clear that Brozosky is using his relationships developed as a city councilmember to market his product to other nearby cities." The concern raised was that doing business with cities could result in a conflict of interest when it comes to votes on issues that impact those cities.

It was also mentioned that he has used city staff to sift through Hosterman's emails.

Brozosky believes the charges are coming from the Hosterman camp. "They said they were going after me," he stated.

He said that city staff has not been used by his campaign to go through the mayor's email account looking for "dirt." Brozosky said he believes what the accusation refers to is city staff responding to a request for public information from a citizen. The request was for a copy of activity on the mayor's city email account.

The citizen in this case is Brozosky's campaign treasurer, Dan Carl.

Brozosky said that he does make money from his software package. He doesn't sell it. Rather a client pays an upfront fee for a consultation and customization of the software. There is a fee for its use. He does not believe there is any conflict of interest with his relationships with other cities,

because no "software support" issues would be considered by the council.

Brozosky said that his software was given to Livermore for use at the airport. He has not made any money from the agreement.

As for the League of California Cities convention, Brozosky said he did have a booth there. His talk was "emerging Technology and the Effect on City Budgets." He discussed such uses as on-line permitting, code enforcement. Brozosky said he did give a speech about the use of software to make government more efficient. "I never mentioned the name of my company or referred to my software," he declared.

Brozosky noted that he was not the delegate at that convention and did not vote on an issue. The city was represented by Jerry Thorne.

At another League conven-

tion, he was attending on business and had a booth there. He was not there as a city representative, said Brozosky. "If I do any business at the convention, I don't charge the city for any expenses. I charge my business," he said.

When it comes to campaign finance, Brozosky said, "People are giving me money. It's harder to campaign against an incumbent. I won't limit myself unfairly. I have to assume the mayor will receive more money."

Brozosky's last council campaign cost him \$8000. He pointed out that the most recent council campaign resulted in an expenditure of over \$50,000 by the winner. The total included independent expenditures.

He agreed that a lot of money is being spent on the local campaign. "I'd still like to look at reform," he stated.

Pleasanton Council Votes To Increase Their Pay

The Pleasanton City Council voted to increase the stipend they receive each month.

The vote was 4 to 1 with Steve Brozosky opposed. He said he had a problem with approving the increase just before an election. "I do think we need to be reimbursed. I can be convinced to change my mind," Brozosky declared.

Jerry Thorne, in supporting the motion, stated that if any other council candidates have an issue with the increase, they should let him know.

The council stipend was last adjusted in 1990. At that time, councilmembers received \$500, the mayor \$600.

Councilmembers will now re-

ceive \$700 a month, the mayor \$800.

In addition, the councilmembers and mayor will have a \$200 per month car allowance. City attorney Michael Roush pointed out that they do use their cars for city business. He recommended providing the allowance, rather than have the councilmembers keep track of their mileage.

The matter will come back to the council for a second reading at the November 7 council meeting. At the request of Cindy McGovern it will be on the regular agenda as an action item.

"This will allow the public time to give input on the issue," said McGovern.

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"development would simply shut down," because city councils would not want to approve any development that would make them vulnerable to having to pay "compensation" to landowners.

Kamena said that "it's a nightmare for taxpayers and the development community."

He gave a hypothetical example. If a developer wants to build 50 apartments, but local government said 30 is more appropriate to accommodate good site design, that developer would be short 20 units. The developer could then go to the office of a Prop. 90 bureaucrat, which the initiative establishes, and make a case to receive compensation for those 20 units. If the city didn't like the outcome, the city could go to court. However, that involves even more expense, and also ties up development decisions.

On the other hand, if the city grants that hypothetical developer all the 50 units the developer sought, the neighbors could come to the city council and say their property is worth less because there are 50 units, not 30, on the land. They could go to the Prop. 90 bureaucrat and seek compensation for their supposedly diminished property value. There is no way the city can win in that one, said Kamena.

The Home Builders Association, the Mortgage Institute Association, the state chamber of commerce, all of them traditional backers of development, are opposed to Prop. 90, said Kamena.

Pleasanton councilmembers Jerry Thorne and Steve Brozosky also voiced their opposition. "All of us want to protect people's property rights. This goes way too far," said Thorne.

Brozosky said, "Prop. 90 would be dangerous to our city, and other cities. It would cost the city time and money. We'd probably have to reappropriate money from city services to the legal department (to fight against property owners' lawsuits under Prop. 90)."

Thorne and Dietrich said that an attorney at the League of California Cities declared that school districts could be affected, too. If a school district changes attendance boundaries so that a homeowner suddenly is in an area where the school didn't perform as well on state test scores, that

owner could conceivably put in a claim that it devalues property. People moving into the district will want to live in an attendance area with a higher scoring school.

Directors at Zone 7 Water Agency are concerned about the measure, as well. Director Sarah Palmer asked at the board's meeting Oct. 18 whether the board could go on record about the proposition. The agency's attorney, Amy Naamani, said the board can't take a position on propositions. However, members can speak out as individuals outside of Zone 7 meetings, she said.

Naamani said that Prop. 90 could have a financial impact on Zone 7 because Zone 7 acquires property for its projects.

Dietrich said that the examples given now are somewhat based on speculation, because it's not clear from the initiative just what the consequences will be. Much of the reality of Prop. 90, if passed, apparently would be decided in court, said Dietrich.

HOUSTON SUPPORTS PROP. 90

It was difficult to find any organized prop. 90 support in the Valley. Calls to the Alameda County Taxpayers Association were unanswered.

Typically taxpayer groups stick up for property owners. However, statewide there are taxpayer groups that oppose Prop. 90. They say that the deep financial impact on cities and counties over land use planning would cost taxpayers a tremendous amount of money cumulatively.

The only public official in the Valley who is an announced supporter of Prop. 90 is 15th District Assemblyman Guy Houston. He is one of 42 Republican legislators listed as backers of Prop. 90. Houston was unavailable before the Independent's deadline to answer detailed questions about the local government impact raised by the city council members.

However, he was asked about Prop. 90 several weeks ago in a candidate interview that was published previously. Houston said he recognized that Prop. 90 could require government to compensate landowners if a city or county downzoned their land to a lower density, for example. "If they are downzoned, they deserve to be compensated," he said.

MAILBOX

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

Paving Gina DiPrima Livermore

"Don't it always seem to go; That you don't know what you've

got; Till it's gone; They paved paradise; And put up a parking lot." (From Big Yellow Taxi by Joni Mitchell).

You might be forgiven for thinking that "paradise" for Cedar Grove Church really is paving and putting up a parking lot. After all, isn't this the same Cedar Grove church that several years ago wanted to cut down the grove of majestic palm and cedar trees on their current property at L St. and College St. to make room for a parking lot? Luckily, Livermore residents ob-

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jected to that plan, and the community at large was spared yet another unattractive concrete eyesore in our neighborhood.

I respect the rights of Cedar Grove the freedom to move to a bigger space to better serve its community here. But do we really need our paradise paved over for them to do so? Aren't there any other locations Cedar Grove could consider relocating to that wouldn't require destroying our landscape and an area zoned for agricultural use? Let's be honest: if Cedar Grove were a Big Box retailer wanting to build within the South Livermore Valley plan, would we even be having this debate? It's unlikely we would consider such a proposal. So why should Cedar Grove be exempt? Is there any reason to believe that the parking lot of a religious establishment will look any more attractive than the one in front of Home Depot?

Paving over a valuable piece of agricultural land with a 500-space parking lot is an awfully big price for the residents of Livermore to pay, regardless of whether the builder is a retailer or a church. As I drive through South Livermore, I'm reminded of the refrain from the song. Sadly, if we allow the Cedar Grove proposal to go through, we really won't know the value of what we've lost until it's gone.

Bush Fan Club

Drew DeFord
Livermore

Hey Dan/Terri Carl and Doug Miller! How are things down there at the George W. Bush Fan Club? When are we going to get the gang together for "Bill O'Reilly Poker Night" or share our favorite Ronald Reagan tribute books?

People like Mr. and Mrs. Carl and Mr. Miller should be honest. They really are not upset over the fact that Jennifer Hosterman expresses her views on national and international issues as a city official, but they are upset over the fact that Hosterman's views on these issues don't jive with their own right-wing agenda. I guess if you don't bow to the Bush administration, you "ain't a true American!" in their minds. Instead of writing letters to the Pleasanton Weekly, they should be applying for jobs at their beloved Fox News Channel. I think I speak for a lot of people in Pleasanton when I say that Carl and Miller's blowhard neon rhetoric is getting old.

Faustina for Council

Beth Duarte
Pleasanton

Dan Faustina is a man of integrity, and commitment. The Pleasanton City Council needs two candidates with these credentials—the ones that truly count. It seems that in a campaign it's always a battle of college credentials. It should not be a laundry list of "who went where" or "what have you done for the city". This election is about the person best

suited for the position and what they stand for that matters.

Dan Faustina will prove to be the best candidate for city council in the November 7th election. Yes, Dan has an arm's length worth of credentials if you care, however, he has character of heart, and compassion. He is the candidate who will meet with you and listen! I ask you, the voter, to get to know Dan Faustina. Visit his web site at www.danfaustina.com, read about him, contact him. Inquire about his views on the housing cap, cut-through traffic, senior and affordable housing, and the horrible traffic light situation in the Tri-Valley. Meet Dan and you too will see what his supporters see.

Dan knows that the issues at hand will not be solved over night, but he knows which are the most crucial and is anxious to get started. He seeks your vote to begin the process of getting the job done for Pleasanton. Let's stop the mediocre processes and get down to business. Dan not only wants your vote, he wants to talk with you about your concerns for a better future.

District Thanked

Phil R. Wentz

Chairman, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Committee

Open letter to the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District:

Dear President Kamena, On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, I would like to thank you, your fellow Directors and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District staff for helping us to bring about the creation of the Bothwell Arts Center.

As you know, there is a significant need on the part of area artists and performance groups to find and use affordable studio, meeting and rehearsal space. Through the generous leasing arrangement with LARPD, we are now able to address that need.

Our Bothwell Manager, Linda Ryan, tells me that there has been a tremendous interest from the arts community in participating in the activities that LVPAC will be facilitating at the Center. We expect to have the building fully occupied by the end of this year.

We are also grateful for the advice and support of LARPD's senior staff with regard to repairs and maintenance of the building and for the generous donation of the surplus piano and organ.

As we move forward on this venture, I am certain that both of our organizations will benefit from the goodwill generated in the community and the artistic achievements that the Center will help to foster.

Moment of Silence

Fred Norman
Pleasanton

I'm trying to get the Pleasanton City Council to put a permanent item on their meeting agenda for one minute of silence

to honor our troops in Iraq. This would work the same as what they have for the Pledge of Allegiance. Each meeting would start with the Pledge and then be followed by a Minute of Silence. I'm guessing that if they voted on this idea, it might win 3-2, maybe 4-1. But I can't get them to vote.

I'm too much of an old Marine in a China shop; things keep breaking. I began with a mistake. In my initial request, I asked them to do "something" to help the troops in Iraq. Man, some of them went ballistic. They're too busy, it's not a local issue. I should write my Congressman, etc. At the next meeting, I asked for a Minute of Silence. I figured nobody could object to that. Wrong! Instead, they decided that the Councilmember doing Opening Remarks would do the Minute of Silence if he or she wished to.

Well, at the next meeting, the Councilmember didn't wish to, so I got up during the public input section and did it myself. I plan to attend every meeting to do it, if necessary. But it shouldn't be that way. Honoring the troops in Iraq should be an agenda item. If anybody out there agrees with me, please come to the next Council Meeting on October 17 and express your support.

Clear Choice

Greg Murawski
Pleasanton

I saw the Pleasanton Mayoral debate on Channel 26. I was amazed with the stark difference between the candidates. Candidate Steve Brozosky's focus is on Pleasanton, traffic congestion and public safety. He doesn't believe we should waste city staff time on issues that our council has no jurisdiction over like the Iraq war - a topic the current mayor continues to bring up, meeting after meeting.

Steve wants to work closely with our neighboring cities and regional leaders to improve our increasing traffic congestion mess. In the past year alone, the current mayor has missed over 60% of the traffic Congestion Management Agency meetings. For over half of these meetings, she failed to send an alternate to represent Pleasanton's interests. Although Pleasanton has a seat at the table to work on traffic congestion, it was unoccupied.

The current mayor wants us to follow the economic policies of Santa Cruz when it comes to the Living Wage. Steve Brozosky understands such policies would chase businesses out of Pleasanton, affecting our tax base and would result in reduction in services to the residents of Pleasanton.

The choice is clear. Please vote for Brozosky if you want Pleasanton to continue to be Pleasanton. The incumbent wants to morph Pleasanton into Berkeley or Santa Cruz.

Campaign Finance

Barbara Hemplill, President

League of Women Voters

Livermore-Amador Valley

Vote "Yes" with the League of Women Voters on Proposition 89, Political Campaigns. Proposition 89 aims to make politicians accountable to voters rather than to lobbyists and special interests. Its three powerful com-

ponents are:

1. Strict contribution limits: Prop. 89 ends the fund-raising competition with state constitutional limits so the voice of voters is not drowned by big contributors.

• Bans contributions from lobbyists and state contractors

• Limits contributions from corporations, unions, and individuals to state candidates

• Limits corporation donations to initiatives to \$10,000

2. Clean Money public financing of political campaigns: Prop. 89 levels the playing field so new candidates can win on their ideas, not because of the money they raise.

• Candidates who agree to spending limits and to take no private contributions qualify for public funding

• \$5.00 contributions from voters required to prove viability

• Clean candidates receive enough to run competitive campaigns. They can't raise money beyond public funds

3. Tough disclosure and enforcement for politicians: Prop. 89 stops candidates from hiding behind negative ads and punishes politicians who violate the law.

• Makes wealthy, self-funded candidates disclose the amount of personal funds they will spend

• Publicly financed candidates must engage in debates

• Imposes mandatory jail time and provides for removal from office of candidates who break the law

Response to Letter

Leroy Moyer

Director Voices for Pets

Regarding the September 28 letter from David and Kimberly Evans whose cat Jo was shot by a sadistic coward.

Kimberly was right when she said, "I believe the first step to Jeffrey Dahme-hood is animal cruelty." Not only Dahmer but also Richard Allen Davis and a long list of serial killers started off by killing neighborhood pets. The self described BTK serial killer, Dennis Rader, BTK standing for bind torture kill, an animal control officer admitted to torturing and killing cats and dogs before doing the same to men women and children. FBI research of serial killers determined that 85 percent started with non-human animals. The other 15 percent was inconclusive. Having a person in your neighbor hood and kill pets is not only a threat to pets but to your entire family.

I am asking David and Kimberly to look at our website www.voicesforpets.org and then call me at (925) 685-5388. I would like to help you find the sadistic person responsible for shooting your beloved Jo and prevent other pets and their families from going through what you are experiencing.

Make a Change

Paul Corrado
Livermore

Is there a connection between young women forced into the sex trade, forced to have abortions, working 12 to 14 hour days in sweat shops, and Pombo's House Chairmanship? Any credence to the bi-partisan outrage

by conservative Republican Frank Murkowski, and House Democrat George Miller about this happening on American soil? Yes. Has Miller asked Pombo to hold hearings on these conditions? Yes. Rebuffed? Yes. Did Senate vote unanimously to apply US labor laws to the U.S. Territory Northern Mariana Islands, whose capital is Saipan? Yes, unanimously. Was any attempt to bring this issue to the floor of the House thwarted when Pombo refused to hold hearings? Yes. Is clothing made in Saipan labeled, "Made in USA"? Yes.

After spending 2 hours internet researching what I believed to be hyperbola, an ugly picture emerges. So what? How can you change the way the poorest of the poor are crying out for our help from inhumane, degrading, vile conditions. November elections.

Lastly, in WWII our military sent 70,000 troops to Saipan. Our men endured almost 17,000 casualties, including 3,225 killed in action. Is this what they suffered and died for?

Wake Up Call

Steven Rego
Pleasanton

If the jet noise doesn't wake you now just wait until the City of Livermore gives the nod to FBO (Fixed Base Operators). That would allow a once recreational based airport to become a Commercial Airport. Let your City council members know your intentions by voting for Brian Arkin for city council as he would give Pleasanton Meadows a local vote having resided in this neighborhood for many years and being a fierce advocate of No Airport Expansion.

Re-Elect Hosterman

George Reid
Pleasanton

I contributed to Steve Brozosky's campaign for City Council, precinct walking and handing out flyers, but I will not support him again. He gained support from neighborhood groups including a creek restoration group that had been working for several years. Then Brozosky voted against full funding for the creek restoration when it came before the City Council and discouraged inclusion of creek protection in the General Plan.

Remember the California Splash that monstrous waterslide development to be completed along Stanley Boulevard in Pleasanton, the one that will create thousands of additional trips by out-of-town visitors, making traffic even worse in Pleasanton, along with noise and visual pollution, additional crime, etc.? The City Council person most responsible for that fiasco, Steve Brozosky, is now asking for your vote for Mayor. If brought to a citizens' vote the waterslide park would have been defeated. His campaign motto is "It's All About Pleasanton" when it really should be "It's All About Steve".

Now Brozosky is lining up neighboring officials to support his campaign for Mayor. Ask yourself what is he promising regarding the Livermore airport expansion, more cut-through traffic into Pleasanton, etc. that will

have negative impacts on Pleasanton neighborhoods?

Jennifer Hosterman has proven herself to be consistent and trustworthy. She will fearlessly stand up for the best interests of Pleasanton. Re-elect Mayor Jennifer Hosterman.

Student Input

Jessica Morris
Livermore

In an article titled, "School Board Considers Spending Surplus Money," Patricia Koning stated the Livermore School District was considering different uses for surplus money. As a Livermore student, I feel the students' opinions should be considered when deciding where to spend the money.

I attend Livermore High School and the students have many ideas regarding where the money could be spent. The article mentioned investing \$18,750 in a K-9 detection program. Though this idea is commendable, the K-9 unit is not necessary and money should be spent for new stadium bleachers, an air conditioned gym, bathrooms, and sports. The school bleachers are dangerous with protruding nails and loose, cracking boards. The gym feels like a sauna even in winter. Air conditioning would make the gym a more enjoyable place for practice and gyms. The bathrooms at school are disgusting, and often do not have working locks or sanitary seat covers. High school sports dues are not inexpensive. More money in the sports program could cut the cost for playing and provide better equipment.

Since the school district has surplus money, the students should be able to state their opinion in how it should be spent in the school since it affects us. As the article discusses, it is logical to pay certain debts, but also money should go to improving the well-being of the school and the students.

Biased View

Darryl L. West
Livermore

The 9/28/06 letter to the Independent by Donald King was troubling due to his biased/narrowly construed view of historic fact.

Mr. King's bias regarding the use of the atomic bomb on Japan in WWII is obvious given the following information:

Eisenhower's opposition to the use of the bomb was not relevant; he was not responsible for closing out the Pacific front.

Truman was fully aware of the destruction that would take place. We had been fire bombing Japan, and pounding Germany to rubble for years, killing hundreds of thousands of civilians; and they continued to refuse to surrender. He felt it was necessary to gain their attention in a way their single-minded leaders would understand; the specter of overwhelming destruction.

Truman was aware of the human toll, on both sides, of an invasion of Japan. Contrary to Mr. King's quarter million American casualty figure, most experts estimated a million American, and many millions of Japanese casu-

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Group Forms LLC to Bid For Lab Management

Tri-Valley CARES (Communities Against a Radioactive Environment), New College of California, Nuclear Watch of New Mexico and WindMiller Energy have formed a new Limited Liability Company in order to comply with Department of Energy (DOE) guidelines for submitting a management bid for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). The Lab is presently managed by the Regents of the University of California (UC).

"Our team has successfully filed articles of organization and other documents with the State of California and has chosen the name 'Livermore Lab Green Renewable Energy and Environmental Nexus,' hereinafter to be called the 'Livermore Lab GREEN, LLC,' announced Marylia Kelley, Executive Director of the Livermore-based Tri-Valley CARES.

The team's management proposal will be submitted by the October 27, 2006 deadline and will be posted on the web.

Explained Martin Hamilton,

President of New College. "By bidding to manage Livermore Lab, we bid for a more sustainable future. The role of academic institutions in science should not be to create weapons of mass destruction, but rather to seek sustainable solutions for humankind."

"Our bid will demonstrate how to increase transparency, improve safety for workers and communities, strengthen whistleblower protections, and provide incentives for bringing more civilian science to Livermore," vowed Kelley.

Livermore Lab has been managed since 1952 by the University of California. DOE decided in April 2003 to open competition for the Livermore contract. Selection of the contractor is slated to occur in the winter of 2006. The current LLNL contract expires on September 30, 2007.

To date, only one other bid team has stepped forward, UC, Bechtel and Battelle Memorial Institute. Battelle also manages the DOE laboratories in Idaho and Tennessee.

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alties. (Check the casualty figures for tiny Iwo Jima.)

He finishes by suggesting Truman should have trusted the negotiations underway between the Japanese and Soviets. Now there is a pair to trust. It was probably the same Japanese ambassador who was negotiating in Washington while the Japanese Navy was destroying our fleet in Pearl Harbor; and we all know about the trustworthiness of Stalin.

8/6/45: 150,000 war victims; 9/11/01: innocent civilians.

Mr. King's atomic paranoia/guilt over use of the bomb is narrowing his vision and understanding of historical facts.

Support for Prop. 89**Mary Beth Acuff, Board Member****Livermore Amador Valley League of Women Voters**

The hardest job in the world, requiring the most ability, the widest knowledge, the greatest people skills and the most sheer endurance is that of the professional politician. I have always admired the men and women brave enough and committed enough to undertake it.

The outrageous burden such an aspiring candidate for the job must shoulder is raising money to make a run. It's not about support. An applicant can get support by knocking on doors. It's easy to get started but the enormous cost of a campaign is so daunting it discourages some of the best applicants.

The winning candidate then spends the rest of his political career raising money for the next run. He has no time for the real business of governing. Fund-raising is the single, greatest complaint most politicians have, not the long hours, not the incessant multi-tasking, but the compromised integrity involved in the constant search for funds.

We can begin to change that by passing Proposition 89, the Clean Money and Fair Elections Act. In one stroke we can return campaigning to ideas, not fund raising. After the election, office holders will be accountable to the voters, not to big money contributors.

The League of Women Voters supports Proposition 89 as a way for the people to take back their government.

Brozosky for Mayor**David Everett****Pleasanton**

I am writing to encourage you to elect Steve Brozosky Mayor of Pleasanton. Pleasanton needs new leadership and Steve is the right choice for the job.

Steve is a hard worker with boundless energy. He is a well-known volunteer in many community organizations including our schools and senior center. He spends many hours studying and thinking and working to make Pleasanton a better place for all our families.

Steve takes the time to prepare. He represents the citizens of Pleasanton faithfully and well on a number of committees, including Wheels Bus, which he chairs, and several other transportation organizations. Transportation is a priority for Steve.

Steve is a team player who works well with representatives of other cities and our school district. Because they work well together, three Tri-Valley mayors and four members of our school board have come to respect Steve, and endorsed him for mayor.

Steve will serve Pleasanton well as your mayor. Give him your vote and your confidence, and he will make us proud. Thank you!

Vote Cook-Kallio**David Richter****Pleasanton**

This morning brought the disturbing reality of Pleasanton traffic to light once again. Another child was hit by a car, this time by Harvest Park Middle School.

Although I don't know the details, as a parent this scene was extremely upsetting. This was the second child-auto related ac-

cident in Pleasanton in three days and highlights the increased risk our families face as the cities traffic problems escalate.

Traffic is a city wide issue and requires a commitment from residents and a unified approach to solve the problem. Over the past year, we have seen the number of pedestrian-auto injuries and close calls increase dramatically. Residents close to Alisal school have come to the city council highlighting the issue of safety for the children going to school. As a father of two, I share their concern and frustration as traffic has only increased in and around Pleasanton as communities relentlessly develop open space and commuters look for more direct and less congested routes to get to Pleasanton and other bay area destinations.

It is hard for me to believe that we actually have one candidate for City Council, Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who's focused on creating additional traffic by opening up Stoneridge Drive east of Santa Rita and connecting it to El Charro Road. Unfortunately, this approach fails to address our current traffic patterns and creates yet another area for traffic congestion, opening two other schools in Pleasanton to child safety issues. Unless one believes that more streets equal less traffic, this is not a solution for Pleasanton.

Solving the traffic issue should be our top priority as a community. By pitting one neighborhood against another we squander our energy away from the issue and tear at the very fabric that makes Pleasanton a desirable community to live in. Let's fix the problem, not create additional problems for the benefit of other communities outside of Pleasanton.

No on Prop. 85**Patricia Mann****Livermore**

Vote "No" on Proposition 85, the Parental Notification Constitutional Amendment Proposition.

The California Constitution currently guarantees a woman's right to privacy, including privacy with respect to reproductive decisions.

This proposition would undermine that right by requiring written notification to parents of youth under the age of 18 fully 48 hours ahead of any minor's obtaining an abortion. Such notification assumes a functional family where communication is already safe for the minor and no risk to the minor is involved, a questionable assumption many times. Court relief is provided in the statute, but would cause unnecessary, often impossible, delay for the young women in our crowded court system.

The League of Women Voters of California opposes Proposition 85, based on the League's extensive study of all relevant issues. The real answer to teen pregnancy, which has been going down steadily, is prevention and strong caring families, not new laws that could endanger our daughters. Remember to vote on November 7, 2006!

One-Sided**Tristan Woehrl****Livermore**

Your recent editorials concerning Cedar Grove Church have been one-sided and unfair. When the church purchased the land (after being denied by the Livermore Planning Commission to expand on their existing site), they were told that there would not be a problem with land use. In fact, they were given support for the project.

Cedar Grove has spent thousands of dollars on plans and an Environmental Impact Report. Recently Concannon Winery was given approval for a new bottling facility, conference center and offices in a short period of time without any of the extra hoops required of Cedar Grove. The church's appeal of the project was not to harass Concannon Winery, but an objection to this double standard.

It is interesting that event facilities, golf courses and other non-agricultural uses have been allowed in the wine country, but a church is denied. The decisions being made by the Alameda

County Planning Commission seems to be more about attracting outside people to our wine country instead of serving the community. Cedar Grove just wants to build a place of worship for a church community that has outgrown their current facility.

Vote Yes: Prop. 1C**Dolores Bengtson****Member of Livermore Amador Valley League of Women Voters**

The California League of Women Voters recommends a "yes" vote on State Proposition 1C - Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006. Proposition 1C will provide emergency shelters for battered women and homeless families, affordable homes for seniors and working families, and homes for former foster youth. This measure will be funded out of existing state resources without raising taxes.

In many communities the problems of homelessness, home affordability, and domestic violence are getting progressively worse. More than 360,000 Californians are homeless every night. Last year, over 5,000 women and children were turned away from domestic violence shelters because they were full. We all understand that home affordability is at a historical low.

Under Prop 1C homeless families and battered women will find decent shelter, retired seniors, people with disabilities and former foster youth will be able to rent in their communities. Hard-working families will proudly buy their first home and new, full-time jobs will be created.

Prop 1C is endorsed by Habitat for Humanity, AARP, CA Chamber of Commerce, CA State Sheriffs Association and hundreds of other organizations.

On November 7th vote YES on Proposition 1C, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006.

Cemetery**Kristofer Bowles****Livermore**

In response to the concerning issue of building a cemetery on North Livermore, I believe that the project will not benefit the community. The cemetery will not only have a negative effect on the surrounding residents but to itself as well. As a resident of the North Livermore area I can foresee how the project will be disastrous.

The main problem with the cemetery is water. In order to supply the 110-acre lot, the cemetery's well would have to pump seventy-eight gallons per minute for twenty-four hours, seven days a week. This unfair consumption of water will drain the supply for all of the surrounding residents, similarly crops will not get their adequate supply since the cemetery will take most of it. Why should all the water go to support dead people when it should go to support living people? Another concern is that all embalming fluids and dead matter will soak down to the well water and contaminate it. This can be quite hazardous to everyone who uses a well to get water. Since Livermore's water lines do not run outside city limits, residents will be forced to consume the tainted water. If this project goes through, the city will be inadvertently starving and poisoning the people in the North Livermore area. The surrounding area is not appropriate for people to bury their loved ones. There is a gun range, the Rod & Gun Club, down the street from the proposed site. It would be awkward to have a solemn burial for someone killed in a shooting while guns are going off next door. Wildlife can be another harmful factor for the cemetery. The area is replete with coyotes, mountain lions, and vultures. Building the cemetery will be taking away their habitat. The animals can easily get into the cemetery and damage it.

The cemetery will also violate provisions of Alameda County's Measure D. In accordance to Measure D the cemetery needs

to be approved by voters before it can be built. I hope that after reading this article voters will be more informed on the negative aspects of building the cemetery.

Support Wieskamp**Linda Jeffery Sailors****Livermore**

Ayn Wieskamp is running for re-election to the East Bay Regional Park District, Ward 5. Her opponent, a Fremont resident, has stated the Ward 5 Representative should be from Fremont.

He just doesn't get it. This is a regional office and the director must serve all the people in the ward. Ayn Wieskamp works for every park project no matter where it is. Anyone who has a question, an idea or a complaint is important, no matter where they live.

Ayn is endorsed by elected officials in every city in the ward because she works cooperatively to get projects done. She stands for new parks, open space, wildlife habitat protection and educational programs throughout Ward 5 and, in fact, the entire EBRPD. Wieskamp has already shown us that she can represent us well. Please join me in re-electing Ayn Wieskamp to EBRPD Ward 5 on November 7th.

Hosterman for Mayor**Bonnie Krichbaum****Pleasanton**

Jennifer Hosterman is our choice for Mayor of Pleasanton. She is informed about the issues and problems in our area, particularly traffic, education and the environment. She is accessible and very easy to reach by phone or email. Whenever we need to discuss a matter with Mayor Hosterman, we simply phone her, and she either picks up or returns the call soon. She is a busy woman, but considers it an important part of her job as Mayor to communicate openly and often with all the citizens of Pleasanton.

Supporters of Mayor Hosterman's opponent have criticized her for attending two meetings at the national level, at her own expense and on her own time. We applaud Mayor Hosterman for her interest in national and global issues. As parents, we always knew our children would leave their sheltered environment here in Pleasanton and enter the big world. For that reason, and many others, we have always wanted to direct our thoughts, words and actions locally, nationally and globally. We are proud that Mayor Hosterman shares our concerns.

Jennifer Hosterman exceeds our expectations as an open, ethical, hard-working woman, citizen and Mayor. Please join us in voting for her as Mayor of Pleasanton for another term.

Vote for Brozosky**Scott R. Tucker****Pleasanton Youth Commission Chair, Pleasanton Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee Vice-Chair**

Are you 18 and ready to vote for a mayor who will truly represent Pleasanton's youth? Vote Steve Brozosky for Mayor of Pleasanton!

While serving on the Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee with Councilman Brozosky, he designed and produced our youth website Ptown411.com. He created a central information center where we can look for a job, find ways to volunteer, get homework help, or just find some great activities.

Councilman Brozosky has 2 daughters and has volunteered at our schools as a technology specialist. He worked at Amador's senior breakfast where he coordinated the entertainment and

produced an awesome memory CD with photos and music for all the seniors.

Councilman Brozosky time and time again has proven that families and youth are extremely important to our community. He has also forged a great relationship with the school district and will make sure the city and school district work well together. Please join me on November 7th by voting Steve Brozosky for Mayor.

Meet the Candidates**Howard Neely****Pleasanton**

Moving to Pleasanton in 1966, I remember getting your newspaper about twice a week. At first I just threw it away because it didn't look very inviting. One day I noticed some fine photography, then read an article and checked out the Editorials. I've read it ever since.

Over the years I've requested your help in promoting many civic concerns from Boy Scouting to Low Cost Housing to placing ads for my Home Improvement Shows. You have always been there willing to help the communities of our Tri-Valley, thank you.

Politically we agree only about 50% of the time, but that is quite normal. Your informative dialogue of the four candidates running for City Council in Pleasanton was excellent. Your article concerning the "Coffee" we held at the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church was appreciated. It was a first for our Church, and we may do it again at our new location on Valley Avenue in 2007-08.

It is a known fact that very few people attend "Candidate Nights" or neighborhood "Coffee" in our valley. Why is that? It must be that most voters don't want take the time to meet Candidates, shake their hands and look them in the eye. They would rather read about the endorsements in the various newspapers, shuffle through all the mailings, see all the yard signs, and ask their friends, "Who are you going to vote for?"

Personally, I either know the candidates very well, or have had in-depth conversations with them. I'm a long term thinker. I've served on three different commissions, been on many of the city task forces, and I've watched Pleasanton grow pro-

gressively. With that in mind I'd like to recommend the following people. For Mayor we need an in-depth thinker: Steve Brozosky. For City Council we need a man of great experience and a clear thinker: Jerry Thorne; and, for balance, youth, home town vibrancy, local businessman, and a man that really wants to serve: Dan Faustina.

Your readers should take the time to meet these men, go to a coffee, give them a call or send an Email (information can be obtained from City Hall). There are too many conflicting endorsements, too many candidates with egos, and too many "narrow version" visionaries. Please entice voters to get out and see their town, rather than simply filling out that absentee ballot.

Runyon for School Board**John Shirley****Livermore**

I am writing you to tell your readers that Kate Runyon will make a wonderful Livermore School Board member. Her long involvement with Livermore schools as a parent of a son and a daughter who have attended Livermore schools gives her a good appreciation of the challenges that face the school board. When money was very scarce a few years ago, Kate was a board member and later Co-President of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation. She started the Dollar a Day Program that raised a million dollars to help keep class size reduction and fund other important programs. Kate is married and has lived in Livermore for eight years.

Kate knows the importance of strong fiscal management of the district, and she knows we have to pay competitive wages to attract good teachers. She is a good listener and thinker, and works well with others. She is well educated, and served as an officer in the Air Force. She is practical in her thinking about schools and will carefully study and take input from the public, parents, staff, and school board before making a decision.

I have known Kate for about four years, and have the highest regard for her as a person. She is a willing worker, and will dedicate herself to the School District to give our students the best possible education.

I urge you to join me in voting for Kate Runyon on November 7.



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board member, encouraged him to run.

"I have a pretty strong financial background. I think I can find a way to balance the budget, and recruit and retain the best teachers," said Barnes. Finances at Sunol Glen are tight, because there are only 205 students, more than 70 percent of them are interdistrict transfers. So it's important to keep enrollment up to keep the school in operation, said Barnes. "The school is not in jeopardy. We are not in a crisis mode, as we were a few years ago.

"I would like to use my background to improve curriculum in science and math, as well as offer enrichment programs in those subjects, and music, and foreign language. I would look to find additional resources to expand the curriculum. You have to tap other resources, as private schools do," Barnes said.

Principal/superintendent Diane Everett will retire at the end of the school year. One big task facing the board will be to select her replacement. "I've had a lot of experience in building strong teams and recruiting leaders in organizations," said Barnes.

In the past, the school has been "known as truly excellent. I'd like to see improvement back to those previous heights. Although Sunol Glen is a small school in California, children there will compete on a global basis. But they are in a state that is not ranked highest in the country. The country is not ranked highest in the world," Barnes said.

Sunol Glen has had good API scores with improvement in the past five years. "There are a lot of things the school has been doing right. There is no crisis. We need to look at what we have and set the stage for what we are capable of in the future," Barnes said.

In addition to Beemiller, Barnes said that he counts current board member Neil Davies as a good friend. He said he will have an open house at Lori Nielsen's house, 11787 Foothill Road at 7 p.m. Oct. 27.

LINDA PAPPAS

Linda Pappas is a special education teacher at Foothill High School in Pleasanton. She taught at Sunol Glen for eight years, before going to the Fremont district, and then to Foothill.

Her daughter attended Sunol Glen.

Pappas said that she is running because she really loves Sunol Glen. She said, "It's a wonderful place to work. For the size of the school, it provided a good education, especially to some students who needed a smaller setting."

Kids come out of Sunol Glen "well-rounded and with a lot of self-esteem, because it is a small school."

However, the pay is not good compared to other districts. She would like to work on that problem, if she is elected, she said.

Pappas also said she would like to work on the problem of teachers being deprived of a preparation period. That happens in a small school when a teacher scheduled to take another teacher's preparation period calls in sick. There is no one else to take over the class, so the teacher must teach it.

Maybe the staff is too small to have someone cover it. However, teachers should be compensated for that time, the way they are in the Pleasanton district, said Pappas.

Just conveying lots of appreciation to teachers would be a good thing to do, she said. "The teachers there work hard. They have to wear a lot of different hats. They serve on the book adoption committee. They always have a recess to oversee. I don't know if they are always appreciated," said Pappas.

Pappas has an accounting background. She still does the payroll for her husband's firm. She also served on the Fremont school district's financial advisory committee. Pappas said that her fiscal experience would help her as a trustee.

Pappas said that although the school has done fairly well on the API scores this year, she would like to see scores "go way up." Pappas counts some of the teachers among her endorsers, as well as former school trustee Peggy Carpenter and parents of some of the students.

GUIN VAN DYKE

Guin Van Dyke was appointed to the school board to succeed Bob Chisholm, who resigned a little more than four years ago. A few months later, she ran for election and won. She is running again. She states, "It's my passion. I love what I do. I want to be there for my school and my community. I like the fact that I can make a difference in children's lives and education."

"With the enrollment of 205 holding steady, it looks very good for next year. We were able to give teachers a 5 percent raise last year. The budget is tight. We

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are encouraging enrollment so we are not deficit spending," said Van Dyke.

With Everett leaving at the end of the year, Van Dyke would like to have someone hired by March, so there is a transition period for the new person. The recruiting will include looking at other districts that have gone through similar situations, such as Dublin, which hired a superintendent last spring. It's likely the district will look statewide for candidates, although nearby contacts are welcome, too.

There is always the need to encourage interdistrict transfers. That has worked well. "We are a public school in a private school atmosphere. It's very attractive to people. Parents who may have used home schooling in Pleasanton and Fremont, find us attractive to mainstream their children."

She says that people should vote for her because she has always been active in the school, working with parents and the council and community clubs. "I've been school board president for the last three years. I'm available to work closely with the superintendent and the school. I'm a strong, community minded person, a people person. I feel I'm respected by the community," she said.

Van Dyke said that she is endorsed by retiring incumbent Foster and by SOS leader Pat Stillman.

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food and wines.

The reception will be followed by a red-carpet showing of "Fat Rose and Squeaky," a new independent film shot in the San Jose area. This film will be shown at 8 p.m. at the Vine Cinema in downtown Livermore.

"Fat Rose and Squeaky," which stars Louise Fletcher, Julie Brown and Cicely Tyson, 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. Producer Gary Proefke and Director of Photography Mickey Freeman will conduct a Q&A session prior to the screening.

Tickets to both events are \$30; movie only, \$10.

Another highlight of the festival will be the Celebrity Poker Tournament at the Lucky Buck Card Club in Livermore on

of the Verona Road bridge between Pleasanton and Sunol. The Arroyo is the main tributary to Alameda Creek, the second largest drainage to the San Francisco Bay.

The Arroyo de la Laguna drains approximately 400 square miles of the upper Alameda Creek watershed in the Tri-Valley region, and provides habitat for the California red-legged frog, the Western pond turtle, migrating song birds, and other local wildlife. The project will also improve habitat for steelhead trout, once downstream barriers to fish migration are removed.

This project demonstrates regional collaboration. The NRCS, in conjunction with the Alameda County Resource Conservation District, is teaming up with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Livermore-Amador Valley's Zone 7 Water Agency, Alameda County Public Works Agency, and the Dublin San Ramon Services District on this \$650,000 pilot project. The eucalyptus trees were donated by Four Winds Nursery in Fremont, which removed the trees from Mission Creek during another stream improvement project.

"Alameda Creek is an important public resource that brings together many groups that share responsibility for its protection and restoration," said Tim Ramirez, SFPUC natural areas manager. "We hope to partner

with these groups on many more projects involving Alameda Creek."

The collaboration also has included support and advocacy of two area members of Congress, Rep. Pete Stark and Rep. Ellen Tauscher, along with Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

The project is located within an area identified in Zone 7's newly adopted Stream Management Master Plan. The plan refocuses flood protection from channelization to upstream detention in a chain of lakes, and includes streambank bioengineering and biotechnical techniques. Zone 7 hopes to learn more from this pilot project.

"We're looking at an alternative, more environmentally friendly approach," said Zone 7 Board President Jim Concannon. The silt reduction will also improve water quality for the downstream Alameda County Water District, which provides drinking water to the Fremont, Newark and Union City Area. District General Manager Paul Piraino said that's because it would allow cleaner water - in greater amounts - to percolate into the groundwater basin in the lower watershed.

Improved habitat could be effective in restoring steelhead trout runs in Alameda Creek and its tributaries by reducing streambank erosion, controlling

sediment, creating pool habitat, and restoring riparian vegetation, said Jeff Miller, director of the Alameda Creek Alliance. "It is nice to see numerous agencies cooperating on restoration

projects that attempt to restore stream channels using natural materials rather than concrete. This is a welcome trend that is going to vastly improve the wildlife habitat and aesthetics of the arroyos."

Livermore Council Okays Condo Conversion

The Livermore City Council approved plans to convert a 135-unit apartment complex on Springtown Blvd. to condominiums.

The vote was 3 to 0. Mayor Marshall Kamena and Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich were absent.

The city has been working on regulations to limit condo conversion. However, in the case of this particular complex, it was built with a condo map in place that allows conversion when the rent restrictions expire.

The council vote included permission to convert prior to when the restrictions expired. In this case, the council is allowing a conversion two and a half years early. In exchange, the property owner agreed to pay up to \$10,000 per household to relocate tenants, to move tenants to other apartments under the same ownership, to make ten percent of the units available to

low income households, and to pay \$100,000 to the city for use in other affordable housing programs.

The complex was built in 1985 using multi-family bonds. Twenty percent of the units are required to rent at below market.

City manager Linda Barton called the agreement "a solid benefit for residents and for the city overall."

Director of Housing and Human Services Eric Uranga estimated that 20 to 30 of the tenants could be moved to existing units similar to what they have now. A large group of the tenants are eligible for the city's various buyer assistance programs. Uranga said he hopes that will make it possible for them to purchase the units they now live in.

"We will work with them to make them owners or find them new accommodations," he stated.

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Thurs., Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will be hosted by "America's Next Top Model" winner Adrienne Curry and actor Christopher Knight. Participating actors will include Clint Howard, Art LeFleur, Susan Ruttan, Ian Gomez, Jeff Conway and C. Thomas Howell. Proceeds will support the California Independent Film Festival.

On Saturday, October 28th at 1:00 p.m., the California Independent Film Festival (CIFF) will present a special showing of the 2001 film "Spy Kids" at the Vine Cinema in Downtown Livermore. Actor Daryl Sabara, who plays the character Juni in the film, will attend and after the showing, will conduct a Q&A with the audience and sign autographs for fans.

Ticket prices for the "Spy Kids" screening are \$10 Adults/\$5 Children.

This year's Spirit and Slate Awards ceremony will take place at the Vine Cinema in downtown Livermore on Saturday, October 28th. The evening will begin with a VIP reception at 5:30 p.m. with the awards presentation and film preview of "Fallen Angels" to follow at 7:30 p.m. Actor Michael Berryman will be the recipient of the 2006 Spirit Award.

"Fallen Angels," a horror/thriller filmed in San Ramon, Dublin and Livermore, is an action-packed mystery loaded with special effects that will leave the audience guessing until the end credits roll. Director Jeff Thomas and cast members, which include Christopher Knight, Adrienne Curry, Michael Berryman, Vanessa Ross, Michael Kaliski, Richard Van Vleet, David Hess and John Bogert, will conduct panel discussions and a Q&A session with the audience.

To purchase tickets to any of these events, call 925.552.7335 (REEL), visit www.Caindiefest.com or stop by the Film Festival office, located at Old Town Theater Mall, 2222 Second Street, Suite 5, Livermore. The office is open Wednesday through Saturday.

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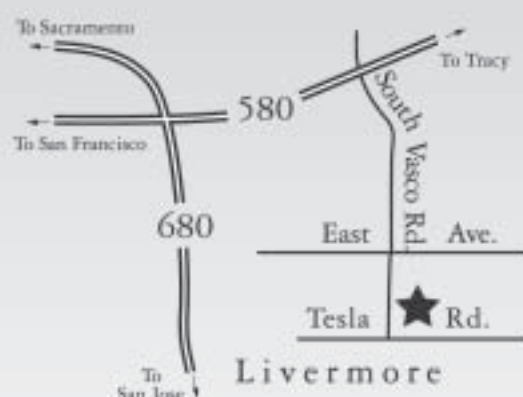
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SPORTS NOTES

advantage from balls in the air. Wildcats had one serious shot on frame, smothered by Lindsey Smith. Rage had a chance for the winner near full time. Vivian Climent missed just high. Top Offensive Players: Pippa Whitehead, Brooke Mayo, Vivian Climent; Top Defensive Players: Lindsey Smith, Annie Amos, Jill Nunez.

Rage Division 3 U11 took to the road on Saturday and met up with the Mustang Tigers, coming away with a 1 to 1 tie. It was a quick start as Olivia Deuschman passed a deep ball off the kickoff and Kendall Moore raced down the field for a quick opening game goal. The Rage defense, highlighted by excellent goal keeping by Olivia Brown, kept the Tigers from scoring. The second half seesawed back and forth with both teams playing tough. Tigers pressured late but the Rage defense held strong. A last second surge by the Tigers was enough to tie the game at the end with a score of 1 to 1. Top Offensive Players: Lindsay Cole, Nikki Costello and Meghan Serrano. Top Defensive Players: Paddica Norcross, Claire Hickey and Lauren Fan.

The Pleasanton Rage U15 Division 1 AC team fell victim to late game whistles over the last two weeks, resulting in a 1-0 loss to the Fremont Fury and a 4-4 tie to the Fremont Strikers. The late game call in Fremont nullified a beautiful header goal from Ailsa Smith on a last minute Rage corner kick. The goalie interference call against the Rage cost them the tying goal. Against Hayward it was a last minute foul call against the Rage goalie that awarded a penalty kick to the Strikers. The PK was good and locked the score at 4-4 and a game-ending tie. The four Rage goals were scored by Julia Frizzle, Paige Robertson, Suzanne Bateson and Sarah Ramirez and were assisted by Danielle Paxton, Robertson, Courtney Wagner and Brittany Repac respectively. Rage goalie Chelsea Skinner blanked both the Fremont Fury and Hayward Strikers in her two halves of play.

Rage Division 1 U12 evened their league record to 4-4-1 with a solid 4 to 0 win over Mustang United. Rage put together an excellent series of passes that resulted in a goal by Danielle Roe. Mustang then dominated the balance of the first half and had several shots on goal, but very few real scoring threats. The Rage defense of Jessica Swinkels, Nicole Swinkels, and Laura Klein continually forced the Mustang into difficult shots. The second half was all Rage. Lauryn Hayashi, Alaina Urban, and Summer Shelton were solid in the midfield and seldom let the Mustang get into their offensive end. Danielle Roe rocked a beautiful corner kick through the crease and Laura Klein, coming from her defensive midfield position, muscled the ball across the goal line. Nicole Swinkels then finished play by blistering a shot past the goalie. The final score of the day was set-up by an awesome punt from goalie Payton Thomas. Alyse Keiner raced onto the ball and had a clear path to goal prior to being tackled from behind in the box. The tackle resulted in a penalty kick that Haley Jackson calmly placed into the net. Top Offensive Players: Nicole Heller, Danielle Roe, Alyse Keiner; Top Defensive Players: Lauryn Hayashi, Nicole Swinkels, Laura Byron.

Rage Division 3 U13 defeated Livermore 4 to 1. The Rage came out shooting on all cylinders. Stephanie Little and Kelly Parsons fired shot after shot, hitting crossbars and posts but were denied a goal each time. Danielle Ramirez netted her first goal of the season off a nice cross from Danielle Homan. Marissa Victor scored her first goal of the season. Before the first half ended, Danielle Homan would make it 3-0 Rage. Second half action saw Livermore get on the board with a nice shot. Rage then equalized when Danielle LaMarche crossed into Devon Lutz who scored bringing the game to 4-1 in favor of Rage. Rage defense was held tight by Megan Clark, Megan Ash, Autumn Whitely, and Kristin Dumanski. Ari Crawford was her usual "wall" in the net, saving everything that came her way.

The Rage Division 2 U14 girls scored early and went on to defeated Fremont Lightning 1 to 0. Cecelia Ochoa took a pinpointed pass from the speedy Vanessa Medina for the goal. That would be all the Rage needed as the defense stepped up the pressure and goalie Heidi Johns held the shutout to win the game. Top Offensive Players: Erin McGillivray and Ari Gordon played aggressively for the Rage on the defensive side denying and frustrating the Fremont offense. Top Offensive Players: Cecelia Ochoa, Vanessa Medina, Andi Glaeser; Top Defensive Players: Caylee Heller, Erin McGillivray, Ari Gordon.

Rage Division 1 U11 blew past the Fremont Storm 6 to 0. Defender Haley Lukas stole the ball and brought it up the entire length of the field for a goal. Excellent teamwork helped nail down the win. Top Offensive Players: Kirsten Jensen, Kira Ewanich, Elysa Roman, Vanessa Villanueva; Top Defensive Players: Lexie Nicholas, Haley Chow, Melissa Muller.

Division 1 AC U-16: In the first game against Vallejo, Rage took a quick lead just a little over a minute into the game on a goal by Nicole Rains, assisted by Paige Ofstedahl. The score stay 1-0 until the second half when Rage went on a scoring rampage, scoring 3 goals. Mikayla Swinkels off a deflection, Liina Potter on another assist by Ofstedahl and Olivia Windell assisted by Toni Gonis. The defense was solid all game with Krista Bormann, Claire Kennedy Christy Tadros and Marie Shier anchoring the defense.

Rage in the second game, Rage battled Marin to a 1-1 tie. Rage took a 1-0 lead into half time on a goal by Paige Ofstedahl scoring off of a deflected shot by Samantha Okumura. Marin scored their lone goal just a minute into the second half to knot the game at one. From that point forward it was a defensive struggle with goalkeeper Megan Leoni leading the way with 9 saves in the second half.

Top Offensive Players: Paige Ofstedahl - 1 goals, 2 assists; Nicole Rains; Olivia Windell; Mikayla Swinkels; Top Defensive Players: Megan Leoni in goal; Krista Bormann; Claire Kennedy; Toni Gonis.

Pleasanton's U19 Rage Orange defeated the Danville Mustang Revolution 3 to 1. Three minutes into the half, Megan Gomez scored off a Melissa Sheehan assist. Rage defense had an excellent half, with key plays by Robyn Clark and Lindsey Ellison, and aggressive goalkeeping from LeeAnn Meyer, frustrating Mustang attempts to shoot on goal. Catrina Cruger took a shot from 25 yards out, over the Mustang keeper's head for RAGE's 2nd goal of the game. Mustang's only goal of the game came in the 31st minute of play in the first half, with a break-away shot. The 2nd half saw Rage again outshoot the Mustang, 9 to 5. Rage Forward Heidi Larsen made an unassisted, left-foot shot 3 minutes into the half. Larsen had several other shots on goal, as did Calley Sabhlok, Catrina Cruger, and Sara Skinner. Hannah Roberts had an outstanding half for RAGE defense. Top Offensive Players: Megan Gomez, Heidi Larsen, Catrina Cruger, Calley Sabhlok, Jamie Thurman, Sara Skinner; Top Defensive Players: LeeAnn Meyer, Lindsey Ellison, Hannah Roberts, Robyn Clark, Alex Martin, Melissa Sheehan, Margie Blydy.

The U-16 Rage Premier defeated the San Ramon Legend by the score of 6 to 0. Sarah Steele and Megan Jurado each had an exceptional game. Steele scored two goals, both assisted by Jurado. Steele returned the favor and assisted on a goal scored by Jurado. Carlee Payne and Esther Leon scored each scored goals unassisted. Olivia Klie also scored off a corner kick from Ashley Loughmiller. The Rage also played the DVSC Black Pearls and was defeated by the score of 3-2. This was the Rage's first loss of the season knocking them into second place in the Gold Division of the Golden State Soccer League.

Pleasanton Rage U10 White squeaked out a close 2-1 victory against the Mustang Athenas on Saturday. The game was a close battle with Jordan Niermeyer, Briana Marquez, Whitney Carter and Kristin Scott playing excellent at back for the Rage all game. Ashley McDaniel tallied two goals in the second half, the second goal was scored as Ashley carried the ball for half the field beating three defending players before putting the ball in the net. Kayla Sandoval and Renee Concha played well in goal for the Rage. Top Offensive Players: Ashley McDaniel, Renee Concha, Lauren Bedard; Top Defensive Players: Kayla Sandoval, Jordan Niermeyer, Whitney Carter.

The Pleasanton Rage AC under-13 girls soccer team battled to a 1-0 win over the Fremont Blue Devils on Saturday. The lone goal was scored when Haley Paxton took the ball up over the head of Fremont's defense and Jessica Klahr was there to receive it and finish it off. Tori Hausman, Haley Boehmer, Jessica Morosoli played well on offense each having several shots on goal. The defense, led by Sydney Okumura, Nicole Santana, Gabriella Perko, and Malia Ryan coupled

with the great saves by goalie Carly Boehmer led to the Rage AC shutting out the Fremont Blue Devils.

DIVISION FOUR

Under-16: The Rascals dominated the Rockers 4-0 on Saturday. It was a real team effort with goals by Sam Saberi, Kirsten Junghans, Katie Hume, and Ariana Byers. Excellent defense by Kaitlyn Carreon in the goal gave the Rascals their 4th shutout. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Ariana Byers, Katie Hume, Emilie Kruger, Rascals; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Kaitlyn Carreon, Tanya Huang, Ashley Moreno, Rascals;

Under-14: The Heat 2, Bazooka 2: It was a well fought battle by both teams and ended in a 2-2 tie. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Jessica Newby, Elise Savor, The Heat; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Laney Turay, The Heat.

Under-12: Blasters came out ahead 4-2. Jessica Jayson with 1 goal, Megan Goodman 1 goal and 2 goals for Sara Gieringer. Great defense and several saves by Maddie Wu. Additional top defense by Heather Dean and Priya Thaper. SCORES: Banhees 2, Blasters 4; Bandits 0, Bobcats 1; Buccaneers 3, Barracudas, 1; Black Widows 0, Bluejays 3; Strikers 0, Hot Shots 2; Hot Tamales 1, Dominators 2.

TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Jessica Jayson, Megan Goodman, Sara Gieringer, Blasters; Jen Teitell, Jaime Rinetti, Vivian Hare, Bandits; Camille Tsztzo, Kelly Shotwell, Shreya Arora, Bobcats; Julia Pereira, Sienna Johal, Kelly McDevitt, Barracudas; Paige Parkin, Adria Gomez, Nikki Van Wagner, Black Widows; Sydney Hittman, Jenn O'Neill, Maddie Iversen, Hot Shots; Laurier LaMarche, Elizabeth Lindahl, Emilie De Vera, Hot Tamales; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Maddie Wu, Heather Dean, Priya Thaper, Blasters; Maddison Eacret, Kara Carlstrom, Kylie Kruger, Bandits; Mallory Manzano, Annaliese Miller, Lauren West, Bobcats; Sara Steele, Stephanie Villegas, Micaela Hughes, Barracudas; Rachel Lanning, Meher Pahwa, Haley Scott, Black Widows; Katie Cross, Shona McCarthy, Liz Broughton, Hot Shots; Carly O'Brien, Brianna Armano, Hot Tamales;

Under-10: The Jungle Cats persistence was key to gaining 3 goals with numerous attempts by key offense Rikki Albert, assisted by Crystal Lopez and Izzy Perlman, that into the last seconds of the game but number four rolled into the net as the whistle blew. SCORES: Jungle Cats 3, Jokers 0; Jewels 4, Jammers 1; Fireballs 1, Bulldogs 2; Lightning Bolts 4, Wildcats 2.

TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Rikki Albert, Crystal Lopez, Izzy Perlman, Jungle Cats; Julienne Pin, Katrina Cort, Hannah Langenhuizen, Jokers; Alanna Goodman, Briana Lee, Jammers; Isabelle Adams, Melissa West, Darby McLaughlin, Bulldogs; Nikki Waldear, Brianna McGraw, Wildcats; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Mary Glenn, Juliana Perez, Kaitlin Kraemer, Jungle Cats; Megan Shevelson, Tamara Nguyen, Megan Boyle, Jokers; Brianna Walters, Jennifer Ng, Jammers; Bridget Beck, Sydney Netherly, Karina Santos, Bulldogs; Morgan Iversen, Lauren Enos, Daniel, Jokers, Wildcats.

Under-8: TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Jordan Snyder, Saoirse Dwyer, Emma Hims, Polka Dots; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Maya Urva, Priya Kallu, Amy Hanamura, Polka Dots;

Under-8: Despite "out of this world" play by the Martians, Maverick offensive players, Abby Hester, Allison Andre and Ariana Nino (3) scored goals. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Abby Hester, Allison Andre, Ariana Nino, Mavericks; Gabby Sanchez, Sophie Adams, Jenna O'Neal, Mad Dogs; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Maci Manos, Julia Oltman, Madison Soble, Mavericks; Alex Sanchez, Emily Hickey, Jessica O'Neal, Mad Dogs;

Under-7: Karlee Schweitzer scored 2 and Allison Sanchez scored 1 for the Teddy Bears. Excellent goal plays by Reilly Bowman and Brock Thielien. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Josephine Dugoni, Allison Sanchez, Karlee Schweitzer, Teddy Bears; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Reilly Bowman, Madeleine Dierckse, Brooke Thielien, Teddy Bears;

Under-6: A great competitive match highlighted by the season's first appearance of the pull-back. TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Lily Brennan, Annie Nissel, Caylee Heller, Mira Thorstein, Amy Freericks, Divas; Kira Broacha, Leila Shaif, Dolls; TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: Emily Tincher, Cori Jackson; Grace Hims, Harsha Mudaliar, Madeline Grunucci, Divas; Grace Skinner, Zoe Morgenroth, Dolls;

Youth Soccer

San Ramon Santos U14 2, MDSL United 0: In a tough physical game against MDSL United, Santos continued their chase of the GSSS league title with a convincing 2-0. The game remained scoreless well into the second half, but Santos began to dominate the run of play and put heavy pressure on the MDSL back line. A well played ball out of the back found Justin Scott with space on the left flank, Justin slid a low cross to Guillermo Rivas, who finished into the low left corner from six yards out. Santos continued to dominate the match. A precise pass from Ben Danielson found central midfielder Matt Sarmiento who drilled a powerful shot past the diving MDSL keeper from 25 yards out. A convincing performance from keeper Jacob Boyd and outstanding play from the back line of Michael Bernardi, Kevin Ho, Stevie Rector and Matthew Robbins kept the game scoreless.

San Ramon Santos 0, Redwood City 4: The San Ramon Santos lost to Redwood City (ranked in the top 5 nationally) in a Cal Cup action 4-0. The Santos came out strong and battled hard against a fast, physical and skilled opponent. The Santos midfield and defense were tested all night. Santos keeper Jake Boyd had an outstanding game making numerous saves. Boyd along with defenders Kevin Ho, Michael Bernardi, Stevie Rector and Ben Danielson battled hard to control the game from the back. The first two goals were scored shortly before the end of the first half, with two additional scores in the second half. Nico Portugal and Matt Sarmiento did a great job in the midfield.

The Dublin United Class 1 Soccer U12 Fighters regained first place in the Girls U-12 Class 1 silver division with a decisive 2-1 victory over the ACC Mavericks. After being down 1-0 the Fighters opened the second half with back to back goals by Amanda Garcia and Rebecca Beasley. The Fighter mid-field led by Adriana Nugen, Veronica "V" Bossio, Mikaela Constable and Allison Mitchell held strong, keeping the pressure up and controlling the pace of play. Top Defensive Players: The defense, anchored by Annie Jones, Hailey Zummo, and Veronica Highsmith and backed by keeper Heather Seely kept the Mavericks scoreless in the second half to seal the victory.

Livermore Football

Livermore Youth Football scores: Livermore Gladiators battled Antioch Wildcats. Nick Arnold, Malik Pruitt and Ryan Holmes led the offense for Livermore. Defensive play makers were Tyler Gonzales, Logan Cole and Zach Ostrander.

Peewee Division: The Livermore Warriors defeated the Antioch Cheetahs 14-0. Jordan Brooking and David Moffitt each scored on a touchdown pass from Jake Williams. The Warriors defense smothered Antioch, allowing only one first down and completing their fourth shutout of the season. Ben Sawyer, Casey Soltis, and Kyle Campiotti each had interceptions. The defensive front five of Tyler Rardon, Bryan Brinkley, Marshall Peters, Zach Sturgill, and Fritz Eibel dominated the line of scrimmage with

multiple sacks for Rardon and Eibel and one sack for Brinkley. Eibel also recovered a fumble and Brinkley recovered a fumble caused by Rardon. Ryley Drea and Daniel Troutman each had good games in the defensive secondary and Mac Morgan had a touchdown saving tackle after a fumble by the Warriors offense. Katie Hume, and Nicole extra point and punted impressively all day, including a key 56 yard punt in the fourth quarter to pin Antioch deep and help seal the game.

Jr. Midget: The Livermore Jr. Midget Norseman extended their unbeaten streak to 7-0 Saturday with a tough victory over the Antioch Cougars 38-20. Walk Gilmore and Danariy had a few each scored touchdowns from 2 yards out. Diquan Madison exploded for 3 touchdowns and over 200 yards of offense in the 2nd quarter. The offensive line of Tyler Leasau, Frank Robles, Zack Pursch, Blaine Call, and Cameron Sawyer had an exceptional game run blocking. Jeremy Mata threw a 72 yard touchdown pass and kicked 4 PAT's. Tyler Leasau recorded a sack and 2 tackles for losses to lead the team. Jake Keenan, Danariy Drea, and Jacob Montana played tough in the middle. Cameron Sawyer had an interception in the fourth quarter as well as several key tackles throughout the game. On special teams Mario Hernandez and Brandon Hall made key plays.

Gymfinity Gymnastics

The level 4, 5 and 6 teams competed at the It's a Small World Invitational held at Gymfinity Gymnastics in Livermore this past weekend. The level 5 and 6 teams combined to take first place in their session with a 105.85 team score. Highlights for Gymfinity included Julia Garrison winning the vault title in level 4 competition with a 9.3. In level 5 competition, Angelica Leporati won the bars and all-around titles and Kaitlin Hausmann brought home the beam title in the 10 and older group. Rebecca Meister placed first on vault and Tori Enos placed first on beam in the 7 to 9 group. The level 6 girls led the way with Valentina Barbalinardo winning the bars and all-around titles and Gabriela Lemoine winning beam in the 11 group. Sophie Libkind led the 12 and up group winning beam, floor and the all-around. Full results:

LEVEL 4, AGE 6-9A: VAULT - Julia Garrison, 1st, 9.3; Alyson Gilkerson, 6th, 8.8; Mariel Chiong, 8.6. BARS - Garrison, 4th, 8.7; Chiong, 8.15; Gilkerson, 8.05. BEAM - Garrison, 4th, 8.25; Gilkerson, 5th, 8.2; Chiong, 6th, 8.1. FLOOR - Garrison, 2nd, 9.0; Chiong, 5th, 8.7. Gilkerson, 8.5. ALL-AROUND - Garrison, 3rd, 35.25; Gilkerson and Chiong, 7th, 33.55. AGE 10B - VAULT - Chelsea Werner, 8.3. BARS - Werner, 8.3. BEAM - Werner, 7.0. FLOOR - Werner, 6.5. ALL-AROUND - Werner, 30.1.

LEVEL 5, AGE 7-9: VAULT - Rebecca Meister, 1st, 8.7; Amy Morrison, 4th, 8.5; Kaylin Walbridge, 7th, 7.8; Victoria Enos, 7.7. Ashley Perera and Isla Andrews, 7.5; Sara Vukojevic, 7.3. BARS - Meister, 4th, 8.0; Person, 5th, 7.8; Morrison, 6th, 7.65; Andrews, 8th, 7.6; Enos, 7.0; Walbridge, 6.4. Vukojevic, 6.0. BEAM - Enos, 1st, 8.4; Meister, 4th, 7.8; Morrison, 5th, 7.6; Andrews, 6th, 7.55; Person, 7th, 7.5; Walbridge, 7.35; Vukojevic, 6.95. FLOOR - Morrison, 1st, 9.05; Enos, 4th, 8.7; Meister, 7th, 8.4; Walbridge, 8th, 8.0. Person, 7.75. Andrews, 7.5; Vukojevic, 6.5. ALL-AROUND - Meister, 3rd, 32.9; Morrison, 4th, 32.8; Enos, 7th, 31.8; Person, 9th, 30.6; Andrews, 30.15; Walbridge, 29.55; Vukojevic, 26.75. AGE 10+ : VAULT - Angelica Leporati, 2nd, 8.6; Kaitlin Hausmann, 4th, 8.2; Celina Moufarrej, 7.65. BARS - Leporati, 1st, 8.45; Hausmann, 2nd, 8.25; Moufarrej, 8th, 8.0. Person, 7.75. Hausmann, 1st, 8.4; Moufarrej and Leporati, 7.5th, 7.75. FLOOR - Moufarrej, 2nd, 9.0; Leporati, 3rd, 8.9; Hausmann, 4th, 8.75. ALL-AROUND - Leporati, 1st, 33.7; Hausmann, 2nd, 33.6; Moufarrej, 5th, 32.1.

LEVEL 6, AGE 8-11A: VAULT - Valentina Barbalinardo, 4th, 9.05; Moira Andrews, 5th, 8.65; Gabriela Lemoine, 8.55; Haley Brot, 8.425. BARS - Barbalinardo, 1st, 8.77; Brot, 8.75. BEAM - Andrews, 5th, 7.4; Lemoine, 6.25. BEAM - Lemoine, 1st, 8.9; Barbalinardo and Andrews, 7.5th, 8.25; Brot, 8.2. FLOOR - Barbalinardo, 2nd, 8.85; Lemoine, 5th, 8.5; Brot, 8.15; Andrews, 7.7. ALL-AROUND - Barbalinardo, 1st, 34.925; Brot, 5th, 32.525; Lemoine, 7th, Andrews, 8th, 32.0. AGE 11B - VAULT - Gabriela Schulz, 8.5; Lindsay Albani, 8.4. BARS - Albani, 3rd, 8.175; Schulz, 8.0. BEAM - Schulz, 3rd, 8.05; Albani, 7th. FLOOR - Schulz, 4th, 8.8; Albani, 8.175. ALL-AROUND - Albani, 5th, 32.45; Schulz, 8th, 31.75. AGE 12+ : VAULT - Sophie Libkind, 2nd, 9.275; Morgan Allen, 4th, 8.7; Taylor Fleer, 7.7. BARS - Libkind, 3rd, 7.75; Allen, 4th, 7.375. BEAM - Libkind, 1st, 8.85; Allen, 3rd, 8.3; Fleer, 5th, 8.05. FLOOR - Libkind, 1st, 9.15; Allen, 3rd, 9.0; Fleer, 7.2. ALL-AROUND - Libkind, 1st, 35.025; Allen, 4th, 33.375; Fleer, 22.95.

Pleasanton Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League scores: **Senior Flag:** The 49ers started slow, but scored on four straight possessions to record a dominating 27-6 win over the Rams. On the first play from scrimmage in their second possession, Manny Rubio went around right end, picked up key blocks from Zach Probert and Nakeesa Mirzadeh and went 45 yards for the score. The conversion pass from Rubio to Mirzadeh gave the 49ers an 8-0 lead. Their next drive was a little more conventional, taking four plays with Probert's 18 yard catch and run setting up Paulo Freitas' 14 yard run on a counter. Rubio ran in the conversion for a 15-0 lead.

Once again the stout 49er defense, led by Donovan Ross, Nick Beber, and Jordan Hindiych, forced the Rams to turn the ball over on downs and the offense went back to work. Mirzadeh made a great 19 yard catch and 4th and 18 to keep the drive alive and two plays later, Rubio hit Joey Silva on a crossing route on which Silva sprinted into the right corner of the end zone for the score. The conversion failed, but the Niners led 21-0 at the half.

The Rams temporarily made things interesting with a score on their first possession of the second half. The big play on the drive was a pass from Sam Ludden to Andrew Villar on 3rd and 18. Villar caught the ball, flat on his back on the one yard line. Ludden scored on the next play to cap the scoring. Showing no quit on their next drive, the Rams got through to the Niners three, but Aaron Silva knifed through on 4th down and forced the Rams to turn the ball over on downs.

Senior Contact: Dolphins 36, Titans 14: Max Kurth ran for 225 yards on 8 carries, and Jake Isabel added 68 more yards on the ground, to power the Dolphins to a 36-14 victory over the Titans. The offensive line of AC Garcia, Michael DeVivo, Parker Wood, Dean Tan and Angel Zarzycki opened the big holes, as Kurth scored on TD runs of 54, 90 and 3 yards. Isabel and David Camarena also scored touchdown runs, while Rees Curtis added a PAT to round out the scoring for the Dolphins. Defensive stalwarts included Patrick Gibbons, Brian Hill, Austin Haire, and Michael Flores, who shared high tackle honors. Tanner Clark, Brandon Herbert and Izriary all recovered key fumbles after the ball was forced loose by jarring hits from Kevin Lois, and Hill (twice). Keoni Sanchez also provided great defensive work in the secondary.

Pleasanton Phantom

The Pleasanton Phantom 12 and Under girls fastpitch team placed 2nd in the NSA Fall Ball Qualifier in Hayward October 21-22 falling to San Ramon Stompers 7-5.

In the Championship game, Phantoms scored in the 1st inning on a base hit bunt from Krista Williams and an RBI single from Katie Mannion. The San Ramon Stompers came back in the bottom of the first with four runs. A slap from Williams started a three run inning in the 3rd for Phantom. Jenny Yang singled to center to score Williams. Jessica McKeenan bombed one into left center for a two run home run! Phantom scored another with an RBI from Nicole Borchard and singles from Julia Petros and Jana Johnson in the 4th to go ahead with a 5-4 lead. Stompers came back in the bottom of the 4th with three runs for the 7-5 win. Williams performed well on the mound with 5 Ks and 3 walks. Catcher Kimberly Beaudin snagged a runner with a pick off at second base in the first inning.

Phantom beat Union City Twisters 6-4 in the semi-final. Phantom was strong offensively with 10 hits which included doubles from Mannion and Natalie Tongco. Mannion led the team with 8 Ks and 5 walks with Beaudin behind the plate. Phantom also beat Albany-Berkeley Sting 7-1 in single elimination Sunday morning to get to the semi-final game. In pool play Saturday, Phantom beat Newark Breeze 4-2, lost to Stompers 6-5 and tied Concord Glory 3-3. Phantom also placed 3rd in the ASA Fall Classic Finale October 7th and 8th in Benicia. The Phantom 12 and Under team's next tournament is the Halloween Tournament October 28th and 29th at Rainbow Fields. Their record is 12-4-1 this fall.

Pony Baseball Registration

Pony Baseball 2007 Spring Registration will be held Thursday, October 26, 2006 and Monday, November 6, 2006 from 6-8pm at the Pleasanton Library located at 400 Old Bernal Ave. Registration is also available online at www.pleasantonpony.com or download from website and mail to PO Box 1043 Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Phantom Registration

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 San Jose. Registration can be completed online or by mail-in. See the PGSL web site for additional information www.pleasantonsoftball.org.

Dawgs Are Tops

The Tri-Valley Dawgs captured the championship at the Tracy Invitational IJU Baseball Tournament over the weekend. To earn a trip to the championship game, the Dawgs won three times on Saturday by a combined score of 29-9. Pitching, defense and timely hitting allowed the Dawgs to take the #1 seed going into Sunday's elimination rounds.

In game 1 on Sunday Jake Drinkers threw a no-hitter against the Tracy Sliders to propel the Dawgs to an 8-0 victory. Drinkers, (4IP, 0R, 0H, 3K's), also helped at the plate with 2 doubles and 4 RBI's. Austin Piscotty and Ryan Dearborn also contributed run scoring hits and Zach Schmidt reached base twice and scored 2 runs.

In the Semi-Final game the Dawgs received another pitching gem as Karsten Lee pitched a 2hit shutout against the La Morinda Captains. The Dawgs won the game 8-0 as Ryan Anderson went 3-3 with a single, double and triple and plated 6 RBI's. Lee also drove in a run with an RBI single in the 2nd and Casey Soltis reached base 3 times and scored 3 runs.

In the Championship game, Casey Soltis took the mound and led the Dawgs to a 5-0 victory over the Bulldogs of Gilroy. Soltis threw 4 innings allowing 1 hit and 0 runs. Jacob Payne led the offense with 2 hits and 2 RBI's. Scott Chapeta and Austin Piscotty also had RBI singles and Ryan Anderson reached base 3 times scoring 2 runs.

The Dawgs had great pitching and defensive throughout the Tournament as they finished with a 6-0 record. They outscored their opponents by a combined score of 50-9. Defensively the Dawgs were led by pitchers Kyle Frantz (3-IP, 3R, 2H), Karsten Lee, (6-IP, 1H, 9K's and 0 Runs), Jake Drinkers, (7-IP, 1H, 11K's and 0 Runs), Casey Soltis, (4-IP, 1H, 6K's and 0 Runs) Jack Maroney, (4-IP, 2H, 2R) and fielders Logan Van

Schaak, Scott Chapeta, Zach Schmidt and Ryan Dearborn.

Offensively the Dawgs were led by Ryan Anderson, who hit .900 with 4-2B, 1-3B, 9 R's and 12 RBI's. Jacob Payne, (.500, 2 R and 5 RBI's), Casey Soltis, (.415, 7 R and 3 RBI's), David Gomez, (.428, 4 R and 3 RBI's) and Austin Piscotty, (.350, 6 R and 3 RBI's).

Diablo Gymnastics

Diablo Gymnastics Level 4 team completed last weekend in the Hollywood Invitational held in Vallejo. The team took first place.

Among the team members is Katherine Marotto of Pleasanton. She placed fourth in the younger age group with an all-around score of 34.8. Her event scores were: vault 8.7 (11th), bars 9.4 (1st), beam 7.875 (7th), floor 8.375 (8th).

Alumni Soccer Game

Foothill and Amador Valley High School Alumni will be playing in the 4th Foothill-Amador Alumni Soccer Game on Saturday, December 30th. There will be 2 games featuring Men's and Women's soccer players from the 70's, 80's, 90's and 2000's.

The games have become an annual event that benefit the Soccer Programs at Foothill and Amador. All gate receipts (\$7 adults and \$4 students) and Snack Bar proceeds will go directly to the programs.

The teams will be playing for trophies that will be awarded to the schools of the winners. The winning school will gain possession of the trophies each year. Games during the 1st three years featured victorious teams from both Amador and Foothill.

If you are an ex-soccer player from Amador or Foothill and would like to play, you can get more information and/or register at All-Star Sports. There is a \$20 fee to play.

Players and fans are invited to the "HopYardAlehouse" after the games. Fifteen percent of proceeds will be donated to the programs.

There will be "special entertainment" at each of the half-times this year!

The games will be played at Amador Valley High School, women at 4 p.m. and men at 6:30 p.m.

To register go to All-Star Sports, 3037-A Hopyard Rd, Pleasanton; 846-7928.

For more information, call Curt Gorden, 426-1540 or Janet Mullaney, 426-6756.

CYO Basketball

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) 8th grade boys American team won the consolation round of the CYO tournament played at Bishop O'Dowd this past weekend. After losing in its opening round game, CCOP went on to win four consecutive games in the consolation bracket. CCOP defeated St. Raymond's of Dublin in the semi-finals on Saturday 46-27 and beat Assumption (from San Leandro) on Sunday in the finals 48-28. In the semi-final game against St. Raymond, CCOP was led by Trevor Guerrieri with 14 points, Stephan Mohajer with 13 points, and Michael Udinski with 9 points. In the finals game against Assumption, Udinski led the scoring with 11 points, Carson Ewanich with 9 points and 5 rebounds, and Guerrieri with 8 points and 7 rebounds. Top Offensive Players: Trevor Guerrieri, Michael Udinski, Carson Ewanich; Top Defensive Players: Stephen Ferrell, Stephan Mohajer, David Elison.

Hats Off America

A Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk will be held beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 11 at the Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville, rain or shine.

Entry fee is \$35 per person. All runners and volunteers will receive a red t-shirt and a barbecue lunch after the run. There is no entry fee for volunteers.

For information or to register or volunteer, contact Spargy George at (925) 855-1950 or thebearlignrunner@yahoo.com Visit www.hatsoffamerica.us. The site includes links to other organizations that support our troops. Hats Off America is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Roller Hockcup 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.

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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.



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For a good start, have a good breakfast

By Andy Rodgers, MD

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

OBITUARIES

Capt. Frank Dobronte

Captain Frank Dobronte, USN (retired), DDS periodontist passed away recently.

He was born Dec. 20, 1919, the fourth of ten children, and raised in Trenton, NJ. He attended Park College in Parkville, MO; the University of Missouri School of Dentistry, Kansas City, MO, and later the University of Pennsylvania for graduate work in periodontology. He was a Professor of Periodontology at UCSF Dental School. During World War II, he joined the US Naval Dental Corps, serving in the Philippines and Shanghai; and continued his service through the Korean and Vietnam Wars retiring at his last duty station, Treasure Island, after having served his country for 30 years. He entered private practice as a periodontist in Pleasanton. He served on the California State Board of Periodontology, and was past president and enjoyed many years of service as a Pleasanton Rotarian.

He and his wife Mary traveled the open roads of the United States. In addition, he had a "green thumb" and was able to make anything grow bigger and more lush. He was a legendary fisherman. It was suggested he write a book, but preferred his secret "bends in the river" stay pristine in nature. He was a wonderful cook, preparing Hungarian favorites. He was loved by many for his simple elegance, quiet but wise countenance, great parties, and hilarious one-liners.

He is survived by two brothers, Ernest Dobronte and Zoil Dobronte of New Jersey; four sisters, Helen English of Indiana, Bette Dobronte of Pennsylvania, Margaret Hoxie and Ethel Mealy of New Jersey; his children, Kay Pittiglio of Taos, NM, Diane Dobronte and husband Ray Anderson of Carmel Valley, Susan Lofano and husband Len of Aptos, Donna Gamache and husband Dan of Pleasanton, and Frank Dobronte and wife Sandy of Carmel Valley, as well as thirteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The family extends special thanks to Evangelina Messina, Frank's caregiver, and all the nurses and aides at the Pleasanton Rehab and Bruns House Hospice.

A memorial service was held October 23 in Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Bruns House Hospice of Contra Costa, 2849 Miranda Ave., Alamo, CA 94507.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Joene M. Laycock

Joene M. Laycock died October 13, 2006 in Livermore. She was 93.

Born and raised in Riverside, she had lived in Livermore for 28 years. She attended St. Francis De Sales School and was a parishioner, as well. She was a hard worker and devoted to her daughter, Julie. Joene enjoyed gardening and also playing bridge with her friends. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her daughter, Julie Nelson of Livermore, grandchildren Jeffrey Nelson of Livermore and Melissa Ansel of Sundland, and great grandchildren, Garret, Danielle and Josiah Ansel of Sundland.

Graveside inurnment will be held at 11 a.m. Thurs., Oct. 26 at Olivewood Memorial Park, 3300 Central Ave.,

Riverside.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Betty Mae Leach

Betty Mae (George) Leach passed away October 15, 2006 in Pleasanton after a battle with cancer. She was 66. The native of Lincoln, Nebraska, grew up in Modesto and later moved to the Bay Area. She was devoted to her family. Betty was a Reno-junkie and loved to spend time playing the slots. She loved trips to the ocean, shopping, and spending time with her family. She loved her newly renovated home and was always active and on the go. She will be forever missed.

She is survived by her mother Verda George, a brother Larry George, both of Modesto, long-time partner Drew Hughes, and two children, Traci Cammarata of Tracy and Tamra Leach of Pleasanton, seven grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service was held October 23 in Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Fred "Bill" Gehri

Fred "Bill" Gehri died October 14, 2006 at his home in San Antonio Valley following a lengthy illness. He was 83.

He served as a U.S. Marine in World War II, fighting in Okinawa and Iwo Jima. He returned to marry his wife, Evelyn Mohr, a union that lasted almost 60 years. The couple had three children: Bill Gehri, Linda Scoles and Bonnie Hyman. There are also eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

He worked for the Santa Clara County Board for over 43 years, modernizing impassable roads into a usable system without the aid of engineers. Next to a bridge he built that is named after him stands a 5 foot by 4 foot monument honoring Fred Wm. Gehri.

A memorial service was held Oct. 21 at First Baptist Church in Patterson.

Donations may be made to Roberts Ferry Grammar School, Dean Hyman Scholarship Fund, 101 Roberts Ferry Rd., Waterford, CA 95356 or Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Lawrence Earl Caldwell

Lawrence Earl Caldwell died October 18, 2006. He was 54.

The native of Buffalo, NY, was a San Ramon resident. He enjoyed fishing, camping, hunting, and was an enthusiastic sports fan. He was a dedicated Alameda County Deputy Sheriff for 26 years.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Kathryn Caldwell of San Ramon, mother Betty May Caldwell of Livermore, sons Matthew and Michael; daughters, Courtney, Megan, Molly and Makenna; brother, David of Illinois; sister, Robin of Livermore, and mother and brother-in-laws Verna and Jim Garibaldi. He also leaves behind niece and nephew Katy and

Cody, and goddaughter, Mary.

Funeral services were held Oct. 21 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church in Dublin.

Donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Alfred (Bud) Lambert

Alfred (Bud) Lambert died October 17, 2006 in Livermore. He was 84.

The native of Alameda had lived in Livermore for 7 months. Prior to that he lived in Pleasant Hill for 52 months. He was a graduate of the University of Pacific and also served in the U.S. Navy. He worked as a sales manager. His hobby was playing golf.

He is survived by his sons Alan and John and a daughter, Susan, as well as grandchildren, Josh, Kayla, Nicole and Isadora. He is also survived by nieces and nephews, Cathy, Cory and Candy Carpenter. He was preceded in death by his wife, Yvonne Lambert.

A private memorial service is planned.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Russell Johnson

Russell Arthur Johnson died October 20, 2006 in Walnut Creek. He was 89.

The native of Ohio had lived in Pleasanton for 46 years, moving here from Hayward where he had lived for four years. He served in the US Army and US Air Force. Russell was a purchaser, associated with aerospace activities. His hobbies included fishing, gardening and coin collecting.

He is survived by sons Keith (Susan) Johnson of San Ramon, Alan Johnson of Tracy and Brian Johnson of Park City, UT; daughters Patricia Edeal of Portland, OR., Gail (Bert) Graham of Dublin, and Brenda (Kevin) Crow of Alpharetta, GA.; grandchildren, Jason Edeal of Livermore, Denise and Julie Edeal of Portland, PR., Matthew and Melissa Bradley of Dublin, and Kendall, Kellen and Kamron Crow of Alpharetta, GA.; and one great grandchild, Katelynn Edeal of Livermore. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruby Johnson in January.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Fri., Oct. 27 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Livermore. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Memorial Park in Livermore.

Donations may be made to St. Clare's Episcopal Church or the Pleasanton Senior Center.

Julius Lane

Julius Lane died October 10, 2006 in Walnut Creek. He was 87.

The native of Texas had lived in Livermore since 1952. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1936 to 1949 and was a Pearl Harbor, he served in the Air Force from 1949 to 1957. He umpired Little League Baseball in the 1960s and served as a Cub Master in the 1950s and also as a Scout Master. He was vice chairman of the Twin Valley District for the Boy Scouts of America, a Mason for #38 Norman Oak, and was president of the Optimist Club. Julius played the French

Horn for the military, symphony, road shows, the circus and a pit orchestra.

He is survived by his sons David Michael Lane of Frankton, CO., Richard Henry Lane of Boise, Idaho, and Howard Christian Lane of Granite Bay; a sister Eda Fae Gleen of Jackson, Miss., and four grandchildren.

No services have been planned. Burial will be at the San Joaquin National Cemetery in Gustine.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Wanda Armstrong

Wanda L. Armstrong died October 21, 2006 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois. She was 81.

Prior to living in Illinois, she had lived in Livermore and in Vancouver, WA. She worked as a telephone operator for Illinois Bell Telephone, retiring after 20 years. She formerly worked for CWLP as a switchboard operator. She was an avid football and baseball fan. She also enjoyed gardening and visiting with family and friends. She also enjoyed dancing especially to music of the 40's and 50's. She also enjoyed traveling. She was of the Catholic Faith.

She is survived by her husband Robert "Bob" J. Armstrong, Springfield, IL; daughter, Pamela Parker of Sacramento, stepdaughter, Jane A. Armstrong of Sutter Creek, three grandchildren a step-granddaughter, children: two step-sisters, Mary (Stanley) Musholt, Quincy, IL; and Carol (Bob) Frieders of Aurora, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents Fred J. and Fern B. Ulmer Schmidt, stepmother Caroline Neisen, a daughter, Patricia Weller; and step-granddaughter, Alyce Drake.

Visitation is 9-10 a.m., Friday, October 27, 2006 at Staab Funeral Home Prayers/Service. Funeral services are at 10 a.m., Friday, October 27, 2006 at Staab Funeral Home with Msgr. John Ossola officiating. Burial will be at Camp Butler National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

Patricia Irene Beckett

Patricia Irene Beckett passed away on September 21, 2006 at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton. She was 47.

She is survived by her father, Henry (Buster) Beckett, stepmother, Vonzine, sister, Ginger Beckett handy and nieces Victoria and Brooklyn, and a brother, Ronald Beckett, all of Ohio; brother Jim Beckett and niece Sara of San Francisco. She also leaves behind her beloved dog, Bic.

She will be greatly missed by best friend Kathy Bjenkowski and other close friends Polly and Norma, Trish, Patricia, Karen and many others.

Patty enjoyed dogs, gardening, antiques, cooking, music, reading and being with family and friends. She also enjoyed anything in the color of purple, as well as visiting the town of Niles.

A memorial service was held for her in Niles at the Niles Community Park on September 30. It was attended by all who loved her.

Valley Montessori School Celebrates Diversity with United Nations Day

By Patricia Koning

Last Tuesday's United Nations Day at Valley Montessori School (VMS) was all about peace, love, and understanding. Through colorful costumes representing countries and cultures from around the world and a potluck filled with special family recipes, the students shared their unique backgrounds.

"This is a day to look at ourselves and appreciate our community and our differences," says VMS Director Mary Ellen Kordas. "We really are all the same when you get down to it."

Hundreds of parents, siblings, and grandparents gathered at the park behind the school for the event. Carrying flags, the students paraded from the school to perform an outdoor concert led by VMS Music Director Jack Quigley.

Eighth grader Nick Santer kicked off the festivities with a Jimi Hendrix-inspired rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" on the electric guitar. The students performed a series of songs about unity, including "This Land is Our Land," "If I Had a Hammer," and "Imagine." The VMS "guitar army," made up of students in the after school guitar program, provided accompaniment.

Eighth-grader Lizzie McNaney performed an emotional solo of "In My Daughter's Eyes" that brought tears to the eyes of many parents. Fifth-grader Jason Serada played the hand drum to lead the upper elementary students in singing "Under One Sky." Second-grader Simon Koh led the entire student body in "Quest for Unity," a call and response song.

After the concert, students and their families returned to their classrooms to enjoy dishes such as polish kielbasa, Japanese yaki soba, Welsh cakes, Philippine pansit, English tea sandwiches, tarte au sucre (French-Canadian sugar pie), Armenian dolmas, and pumpkin streusel muffins.

Anibha Kumari brought a traditional Indian dish, Aaloo Tikki with Tamarid Chutney, to share with her four-year-old daughter's class. Lyen Ha brought red bean toast from her daughter's favorite Chinese bakery in Milpitas. Ha's daughter wore a traditional Vietnamese dress to represent both of the family's cultures: Chinese and Vietnamese.

Four-year-old Nina Fillari wore a traditional Sicilian costume and brought spingioni, Sicilian-style pizza, to celebrate her father's heritage. Last year she wore a Nicaraguan dress and shared arroz frijoles to represent her mother's culture.

Students wore colorful, traditional outfits ranging from Japanese kimonos to embroidered Indian dresses to Native American ceremonial clothing. There was Scottish plaid, Dutch wooden shoes, an early American prairie dress, cowboy hats and boots, and a traditional Italian schoolchild's smock.

United Nations Day is VMS's biggest school-wide event of the year. Kordas started the program 15 years ago as an all-inclusive way to celebrate the school's cultural diversity.

"Montessori is about peace, respect, and community, values that are appropriate for our diverse earth" she says. "Our goal is to make a difference, one child at a time."



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Mini Cheer Camp, presented by Foothill Falcon Competition Cheerleaders for grades K-4, Sat., Dec. 2, at Foothill, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fee \$45, payable to Foothill High School, includes class, certificate, lunch and t-shirt. The nationally ranked Foothill High Competition Cheer squads will teach new moves, dances and cheers. Space is limited. For registration information contact Kim DeJoy at 426-2374 or kdejoy@fhscheer.com, or Suzanne Oliviera at 510-226-8832 or suz96@fhscheer.com.

Livermore Lions Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 2, at Emil Villas BBQ Restaurant, 3064 Pacific Av, Livermore, at 7pm. There will be an official visit from the Lion District 4C3 Governor, Gary C. Wong, and his staff. Visitors are invited and encouraged to attend. The Livermore Lions Community Chuck Wagon will be at the Los Vaqueros Reservoir for the 5/10K Tarantula Run on Saturday, October 28, from 8am-3pm and will be serving \$5 pancake breakfasts and lunch. For further information go to our website at www.LivermoreLionsClub.org or email us at LivermoreLions@comcast.net.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Oct. 28, 44 miles around Livermore and San Ramon, meet 9 a.m. at corner of Pacific and So. Livermore, Jennifer Burton, 455-8228. Sun., Oct. 29, 53 miles Napa over Dry Creek Road and Trinity Grade, meet 9 a.m. at Napa Valley College, Don Carpenter, 2281096. Sun., Oct. 29, 28 miles Danville to the Sunrise Bakery in Walnut Creek, meet 10 a.m. at Park 'N Ride in Danville, Sue Hawco, 689-4251. Wed., Nov. 1, 30 miles Walnut Creek over Mt. Diablo Junction, meet 10 a.m. at Alamo Plaza, Mike Matic, 943-7612. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

New class: Celebrate the songs of the 30's, 40's and 50's!! Your memories are our collective memories. Participants will also create short verse to illustrate and express these moments dear to them. Taught by Linda Zeiser, musician, experienced teacher and well published poet. This ongoing class begins on Tuesday, November 7th from 10:00am-12 Noon in the Pleasanton Senior Center Meeting Room, 5353 Sunol Blvd. No Cost. Sponsored by Amador Adult Ed. and the City of Pleasanton.

Adult Ed teachers, Interested in teaching, sharing a special talent? Livermore Adult Education is looking for community members who have talents and training which may qualify them to teach a class such as Dance, Tai Chi, Floral Design, Fitness, or suggest a class. Please call 925-606-4722 or stop by 1401 Almond Ave. in Livermore.

Nutrition and Cancer Treatment, learn what to eat, when your appetite has been affected by cancer treatment, learn ways to hydrate, how to establish nutritional goals and how foods play a role in maintaining/regaining health. Facilitated by Tinrin Chew, oncology dietitian, Thurs., Nov. 2, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 240 A and B, Pleasanton. For cancer patients, families and friends. Free. Reservations required. Information 933-0107.

Event for seniors, Fri., Nov. 3, night out on the town in Pleasanton; dinner at Sweet Tomatoes and then a visit to see Pleasanton Playhouse's version of South Pacific. Space is limited. Cost is \$32 for residents or \$35 for non-residents. To register, stop by the Pleasanton Senior Center at 5353 Sunol Blvd. or call 931-5365 for more details.

Seniors over 60 and adults with underlying chronic conditions: Flu immunizations, Fri., Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Sponsored by Alameda County Public Health Department and Public Health Nursing. Those who should receive flu shots are people with diabetes, asthma, heart or lung condition, suppressed immune

system and others who may have compromised respiratory function; also households with infants below 6 months of age.

Daughters of the British Empire, British women invited to tea and chat with members of the John McLaren Chapter. Meetings are held third Tues. of month in Pleasanton. For information contact Jenny, 484-1273 or Veronica, 846-4579, or go to www.dbenca.org or www.dbesociety.org/.

Flu Shots, San Ramon Regional Medical Center will provide flu shots free of charge to older adults in the community Friday, Oct. 27 (while supplies last). The schedule: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., only adults age 65 years and older can receive flu vaccines. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., any adult age 50 years and older can receive flu vaccines. The vaccines will be given in the South Conference Room in the South Building, located at 7777 Norris Canyon Road in San Ramon. Parking is available near the South Conference Room. No reservations are needed. For special services for disabled adults, and driving directions, call 275-8230.

Sycamore Grove walk: Sun., October 29, SF Bay Chapter Sierra Club Hiking Section and Greenbelt Alliance co-sponsor this approximately 7-mile walk in Livermore's Sycamore Grove Park. Sycamore Grove Park contains one of the largest remaining groves of native sycamores in California. Walk through the grove, learn about how they have been impacted by changes in the area. Cost: \$3 parking fee. Meet: 10:45 am at Wetmore Road entrance. Leader: Bob Solotar, (510) 525-2110.

Pin event, Where the Magic Begins will hold a pin event on Oct. 30 from noon to 5 p.m. The event will be limited to sale and trade of Disney pins. Come and meet other pin enthusiasts. Where The Magic Begins, 2177 Las Positas Ct., Ste. A, Livermore; 924-9152.

Power for Change, Wardrobe for Opportunity Fashion Event Thurs., Oct. 26, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Rotunda Bldg., 300 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland. Keynote speaker is George Zimmer, CEO, the Men's Wearhouse; fashion show, hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, silent auction. Tickets \$40 in advance, \$50 at the

door. Purchase tickets on-line at 222.wardrobe.org or call 510-463-4100 ext. 0.

RELIGION
Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. Topic for Oct. 29 is "Not Time, But Love," with Rev. Eric Meter presiding. Information 447-8747.

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Derek Meekins. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

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 smbwomen@yahoo.com

Family Sabbath Pizza Dinner, Friday evening, October 27, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews (TVCJ) will hold a family sabbath pizza dinner in Castro Valley. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. It will include a short Secular Humanistic ceremony of singing, candle-lighting and sharing challah and wine or grape juice. The cost is \$6 per adult; there is no charge for children. Reservations are required and can be made by e-mail to CulturalJews@aol.com or by phone to (510) 888-1404. Intermarried and non-traditional families are particularly welcome.

United Christian Church, 1886 College Ave., Livermore. Worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Children are welcome! Wear an Open and Affirming congregation. Octo-



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Watercolor by Charlotte Severin of Rocamadour, a pilgrimage site in France.

Show Opening at Livermore Library

French Connection II, will feature paintings and photography by Charlotte Severin and fellow artists who traveled and painted on the Dordogne in France.

The exhibition of the works will be open Nov. 1 to 30 at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue.

There will be an artists' reception on Sat., Nov. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library. Refreshments will be served.

Represented artists, in addition to Severin of Pleasanton are Kathleen Elm, also of Pleasanton, Bonnie Bartlett and May Ann Johnson of Livermore, Cathy Boterenbrood and Martin Spellman of Fremont, Jean Brodeur of Cameron Park, Marvin Dalander of Alameda, Barbara Hart of Palos Verdes Estates, and Diane Gardner and Garia Grant of Walnut Creek.

The group traveled to walled bastide towns, castles and pilgrimage sites from June 17 to 30. They also visited four prehistoric caves.

The artists stayed in a French farmhouse owned by San Francisco Arts and Humanities. They attended many market days in surrounding villages, an historic paper mill where they purchased handmade paper on which to paint, wineries and a truffle farm.

This exhibit includes watercolors, oils, pen and ink or pencil drawings, photographs, and mixed media.

The exhibit is open 7 days a week. There is no admission charge.

Cars and Wine at Wente Promoting 'Car Stories' Film

Car Stories, a documentary that taps into the passion of racing and car collecting has been chosen to continue its run on the festival circuit in October. Organizers of the California Independent Film Festival recently selected to screen at the festival October 25-29, in Livermore Valley Wine Country.

Car Stories screens at the Wente Vineyards at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 28. To celebrate the screening, car enthusiasts from the Bay Area are creating a mini "car show" at the winery with classic and vintage racing cars, along with a wine tasting. Cars and wine will be available after 11 a.m., and continue following the screening.

In addition to the vintage cars Car Stories is showcasing with the screening event, Mini is a Silver Screen Sponsor of the 2006 California Independent Film Festival. Mini Cooper vehicles will also be on display.

Additionally, one of the subjects of the film, teenage racing phenom Apryl Winston will be in attendance with her new racing car, SugarRush. Apryl has been a competitive drag racer for the past three years, and consistently bests male racers in her category. Car Stories features members of NASCAR WEST, Classic Sports Racing Group (CSRG), and Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) team as well as an original soundtrack by guitar great Ronnie Montrose.

The documentary taps into the thriving scene of sport and

Next 'Wine and Words' Poetry Session on Nov. 5

Livermore's Poet Laureate Connie Post is hosting a "Wine and Words" reading on Sun., Nov. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Featured readers are Lucille Lang Day and Chad Sweeney. Day has published four poetry collections: *Infinites*, *Wild One*, *Fire in the Garden*, and *Self-Portrait with Hand Microscope*, which was selected by Robert Pinsky for the Joseph Henry Jackson Award. She is also the author of two poetry chapbooks: *Lucille Lang Day: Greatest Hits, 1975-2000* in Pudding House's *Invitational Series*, and *The Book of Answers*, released by Finishing Line Press in September 2006. Her first children's book, *Chain Letter*, was published by Heyday in 2005. Her poetry and prose have appeared widely in such magazines and anthologies as *The Hudson Review*, *The Threepenny Review*, *Mother Songs* (Norton), and *California Poetry: From the Gold Rush to the Present* (Heyday). She received her M.A. in English and M.F.A. in creative writing from San Francisco State University, and her M.A. in zoology and Ph.D. in science and mathematics education from the University of California at Berkeley. She is the founder and director of a small press, *Scarlet Tanager Books*. Sweeney is the coeditor of *Parthenon West Review*, a new journal of poetry and translation. His recent work appears in *Verse*, *New American Writing*, *Black Warrior Review*, *Runes*, *World Literature*

Today, *Slope*, *Five Fingers Review*, *Pool*, *Bellingham Review*, *Puerto del Sol*, *Poetry Flash*, *Tarpaulin Sky* and elsewhere. A teacher of twelve years in San Francisco, Sweeney leads poetry workshops at Mission High School with newly-arrived teenagers from Central America, Asia, and the Middle East, as a teacher in the San Francisco Writers Corps. Sweeney's manuscript, *Salt Plain and Other Stories* and *An Architecture* were finalists in the National Poetry Series, the Colorado Prize, the Del Sol Press Poetry Prize, and elsewhere. He has published three chapbooks: *Nail by Nail* the *Sunlight* (Urban Iris Press, 2003 NY), *Mushrooms* (3300 Press, 1995 SF) and *Relearning the Tongue* (Broncho Press, 1993 OKC). Sweeney has an MFA in poetry from San Francisco State University and lives with his wife, poet and teacher Jennifer K. Sweeney in San Francisco.

Featured readers begin at 2 p.m. An open mic will take place after a short break (one poem per reader 40 lines or less) following the featured readers.

Admission is \$5. The reading will take place at the Martinelli Event Center, 3585 Greenville Road, Livermore. For more information, contact: connie@poetrypost.

Foothill Band Review Slated

The Foothill High School Marching Band and Color Guard, under the direction of director Bob Moorefield and assistant director Ed Cloyd, will host the 32nd Annual Band Review on Saturday, October 28, in Pleasanton.

This year one of the premier university marching bands on the west coast, the Fresno State Marching Bulldogs, will attend. The Bulldogs will perform in exhibition at both the Parade and Field Show competitions.

The band review is a judged competition of bands in the concert, parade and field show categories. Bands will travel to Pleasanton from all over Northern California and Reno, NV to compete. This year, Foothill will host its largest show ever with 50 bands in parade competition, 25 bands for concert and 30 bands for field show competitions.

The concert competition will be held at Amador Valley High School, the parade competition on Main Street, and the field show competition will be at Foothill High School.

The Foothill Band is one of the most successful high school bands in the state of California. In the past 32 years, the band has won nearly 5,000 sweepstakes and first place trophies. This year they represented Pleasanton for a fifth time in the Tournament of Roses parade. No other Northern California high school marching band holds this honor.

In December, the band will travel to Phoenix, AZ for the Fiesta Bowl competition, and in June, 2007, they will travel to compete in the 100th Portland Rose Festival in Oregon. Recent appearances also include a half-time show at the San Francisco 49ers football game, the World Cyber Games, Disneyland, and the Hawaii Invitational competition.

The public is invited to attend the competitions. The concert and parade competitions are free of charge; field show competition tickets are \$10/person and can be purchased during the parade or at the field show competition. For the latest information on the Band Review and other Foothill Marching Band activities, please visit their website www.foothillband.org.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

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.

The Livermore Teen Film Festival Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, on Friday, Oct. 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Features films created by teens. For more information, call (925) 373-5700.

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. Tasting room open noon to 4:30 p.m. week-ends. No admission charge.

Murder Mystery Masquerade Dinner Tuesday, October 31 from 6:00pm to 9:30pm Step back into the Roaring 20's for a killer evening of murder and mayhem. Use your club password "Speakeasy" when making reservations. The evening begins with martinis, passed hors d'oeuvres and murder mystery clues in the caves followed by a 3-course dinner. \$129 Club Wente Members, \$139 Public. For reservations call 925-456-2400.

Late Harvest Artists, work by Al Sinerco, Ileana Soto, and Candace English, Livermore Library Gallery, Oct. 1 to 29. Library at 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Worthington Gallery West International Fine Art, Richard Hunt African-American Sculptor, will be showing his works at the Worthington Gallery West in Pleasanton now through Nov. 30. Hunt is exhibiting his smaller, quietly majestic works. Also on view are his works on paper. Louis LaBrie Bay Area Artist will have work in a show entitled, "Being There" Oct. 28 - Dec. 2. Reception with the artist will be Saturday Oct 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. LaBrie's crisp,

lyrical landscapes invite the viewer to feel the power and beauty of natural California. www.louislabrie.com 739 J. Main St., Pleasanton. (925) 485-1183. Hours are Tues. - Sat. 10:30-5:30, or by appointment.

Diablo Light Opera Company, presents "Thoroughly Modern Millie," 8 p.m. Oct. 26, 27, 28, Nov. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 2 p.m. Oct. 28, 29, Nov. 4. \$26-\$38 Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. 943-7469, www.dirca.org.

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.

Concerto Competition, Prometheus Symphony Orchestra for Bay Area string, wind and percussion players age 18 or younger. Competition is Tues., Jan. 30, 2007 at Zion Lutheran Church, Piedmont. The winner will perform with the orchestra on Sun., March 25, 2007 and will receive a \$150 award. Application deadline is Jan. 20, 2007. Applications are available by calling 447-3659 or on-line at www.prometheussymphony.org.

Angels in America, winner of two Tony Awards and the 1991 Pulitzer Prize, will launch the 2006-07 theatre season on the Hayward campus of California State University, East Bay on Friday, Nov. 3. All performances will take place in the Studio Theatre, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 3, 4, 10, and 11 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 for general admission, \$7 for youths and seniors, and \$5 for Cal State East Bay students. Tickets may be reserved online at http://class.csueastbay.edu/theatre/Summer_Theatre_Calendar.php or by telephone at (510) 885-3261.

Romania - Beyond Dracula, featuring "A Transylvanian in Silicon Valley" a play by Silvan Centiu, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m. Cowell Theater, Fort Mason, San Francisco. Night of mystery and entertainment benefit to help spay/neuter homeless street animals in Romania. Benefit for Romania Animal Rescue, Inc., In Defense of Animals, and 2nd chance 4 pets. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. \$20 seniors. 415-345-7575. www.romaniaanimalrescue.com.

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. **Author Mary Roach**, November 1, 7 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. No admission charge. For more information call 925-373-5505.

Heroes and Villains: A Classic Film Series, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., 7 p.m. Nov. 2: All about Eve. Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College, will give an entertaining talk before each film is shown. Free admission. No registration required. For more information, please contact Penny Johnson at 925/931-3405.

And Then There Were None, Amador Valley High School production of Agatha Christie's mystery. Nov. 9, 11, 16, 17. 7:30 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets and information khartman@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

Winemaker Dinner, Tenuta Vineyards wine pairing dinner Wednesday, November 15, 7-10 p.m. 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

'Cat in the Hat' Sculpture Makes Its Debut

A large-scale, four-foot bronze sculpture entitled, "The Cat In The Hat," will be unveiled for the first time during an exhibition hosted by Studio 7 Fine Arts in downtown Pleasanton.

The exhibition, which will run from Friday, October 27th through Sunday, November 12th, also will feature new artwork from the Art of Dr. Seuss Collection, including "Myopic Woman," "Kangaroo Bird" and "Oh, the Stuff You Will Learn!"

There will be a special reception on Saturday, November 4th, during which the curator, William W. Dreyer, will present a lecture that will provide insights into Theodor Seuss Geisel's artistic life, his unique vision and his impact on American culture. The reception will take place from 5-8 p.m. The exhibition and reception are open to the public



and admission is free. To commemorate the 15-year anniversary of Dr. Seuss's passing, artist Leo Rijn has created a series of bronze sculptures based upon his most beloved characters. "The Cat In The Hat" is the

first in Tribute Collection I to be unveiled.

These sculptures, which also are available for public installation, range in size from 15" maquettes (small-scale studies) to eight-foot monumental works. This is the first time intimate, large-scale bronze "Seussian" sculptures have ever been available for private acquisition.

For more information about the exhibition, please call 846-4322.

Enjoyable Evening of Entertainment

The Pleasanton Playhouse production of "South Pacific" provides an enjoyable evening of entertainment, while providing the audience with something to think about.

South Pacific is for the most part filled with happy songs and the joy of life. It is the kind of play that you want to sing along with, because the music is so familiar. "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" are just a few of the numbers.

The play covers several topics. One theme is love. The play includes two different stories of love and presents the message that true love can be found everywhere. The final theme is of xenophobia. The song "You've Got to Be Taught" sends a powerful message about how people are conditioned from birth "to hate all the people your relatives hate."

The story takes place in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific during World War II. A military base has been set up on an island paradise. On this island a French plantation owner named Emile de Beque (Jeff Lowe) lives. The United States armed forces want to enlist the Frenchman's help in establishing a base on one of the occupied islands. Nellie Forbush (Laura Morgan), met Emile at a dinner. They fall in love.

Lowe brings a wonderful voice to the role. Morgan was a little stiff at the beginning, but warmed up to the role as the evening went along.

The other love story includes Lt. Joseph Cable (Will Giammona), who lands on the Island for a dangerous secret mission. When he gets off the plane

he runs into an island woman named Bloody Mary (Ruth Saia) who thinks that Lt. Cable is the person to marry her daughter Liat (Kelly Park). It is an ill-fated romance.

Giammona has a strong voice, particularly in performing "You've Got to Be Taught." Saia plays the role of Bloody Mary well.

South Pacific continues week-ends through Sun., Nov. 5 at the Amador Theater. Curtain time 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.

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 This business is conducted by a corporation
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
 Signature of Registrant: /s/ Michael F. Rieno
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 15, 2006. Expires September 15, 2011.
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 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
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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.
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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
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

County on September 26, 2006. Expires September 26, 2011.
 The Independent Legal No. 2059. Publish October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2006.

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 (1)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, 9, 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. 2065. Publish October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 386350
 The following person (s) doing business as Green Griffon Games, 1640 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94709 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Joseph W. Rapoza, 1408 Alcatraz Ave., Berkeley, CA 94702
 This business is conducted by an individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 1, 2006.
 Signature of Registrant: /s/ Joseph W. Rapoza
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 6, 2006. Expires October 6, 2011.
 The Independent Legal No. 2066. Publish October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 386126
 The following person (s) doing business as Luminoso Education, 798 El Caminito, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Auora Ann Ahsan, 798 El Caminito, Livermore, CA 94550
 This business is conducted by an individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 21, 2006.
 Signature of Registrant: /s/ Auora Ann Ahsan
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 2, 2006. Expires October 2, 2011.
 The Independent Legal No. 2067. Publish October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 386286
 The following person (s) doing business as Deco Home Design, 2730 Spinoza Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Yassodra A. Sudra, 2730 Spinoza Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94588
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 Signature of Registrant: /s/ Yassodra A. Sudra
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 4, 2006. Expires October 4, 2011.
 The Independent Legal No. 2068. Publish October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2006

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 386156
 The following person (s) doing business as Pleasanton Sunrooms, 3876 Old Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Richard Wayne Ragsdale, 8242 Moller Ranch Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588
 This business is conducted by an individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 1, 2001.
 Signature of Registrant: /s/ Richard W. Ragsdale
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 2, 2006. Expires October 2, 2011.
 The Independent Legal No. 2069. Publish October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 386469
 The following person (s) doing business as Yoga Rhythms, 3408 Isle Royal Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Marcia A. Conroy, 3408 Isle Royal Court, 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/ Marcia A. Conroy
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 10, 2006. Expires October 10, 2011.
 The Independent Legal No. 2070. Publish October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 386126
 The following person (s) doing business as Luminoso Education, 798 El Caminito, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Auora Ann Ahsan, 798 El Caminito, Livermore, CA 94550
 This business is conducted by an individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 21, 2006.
 Signature of Registrant: /s/ Auora Ann Ahsan
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Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Kids enjoyed playing with a device that measured the force they hit the target with using a hammer. It was just one of the hands-on exhibits at the Got Science program hosted by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory last Saturday.

Joe Michell Elementary Treated To Science in the School Day

Mayor Marshall Kamena joined Cities United for Science Progress (CUSP), a partnership between The U.S. Conference of Mayors and DuPont, at Joe Michell Elementary school for a *Science in the School Day* program.

The Mayor and DuPont field engineer, Jason Juhasz, worked with almost eighty fourth graders on fun, hands-on projects exploring basic engineering principles that culminated in a "puffmobile" science experiment using

every day materials including drinking straws, Lifesavers, Scotch-tape and paperclips.

"Creating an educated and forward-thinking community through science and technology is an important community value. Motivating schoolchildren to explore science, math and engineering helps achieve those goals. I am thankful that the U.S. Conference of Mayors and DuPont selected Livermore to conduct their *Science in the School Day* program," said

Mayor Kamena.

To further encourage science and technology exploration, the City also partners with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to promote broad-based K-12 Student Science Enrichment Programs including the popular Science on Saturday Lecture Series, Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair, the Discovery Center and other regional outreach programs.

The *Science in the School Day* initiative is part of a CUSP partnership that provides assistance to mayors in promoting and inspiring student's interest in science and engineering. *Science in the School Day* has visited over 14,000 elementary schools in 70 cities. For more information about this program, contact Jennifer Calloway, CUSP staff director at 202-466-7324 or by email at Jennifer@westinrinehart.com.



PET OF THE WEEK:
Annie is an all-around great dog. She is, plain and simple, a big, loveable sweetheart who gets along with everybody and everything. She would make a great dog for an active family, as she could use a lot of exercise to help drop a few extra pounds. She is a six-year old wirehaired mixed breed with a happy and loving disposition. For more information on Annie, call Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs and cats at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Performance Art Benefit for AIDS

Amador Valley High School students will showcase their original "performance art" at the school's 10th Annual AIDS Benefit on Thursday, October 26, 7:30 p.m., at their Second Stage in the school's multi-purpose room.

This evening of entertainment will feature a live band and performance art, "a form of theatrical art in which thematically re-

lated works in a variety of media are presented simultaneously or successively to an audience."

Admission is free. Donations will be taken at the door. All proceeds go to the UCSF AIDS Health Project.

For additional information, contact Amador Valley High School at (925) 461-6100. The school is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton.

Bob Bronzan Named Top Business Services Administrator

Robert Bronzan, former deputy superintendent at the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, has been named 2006 Business Services Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators. He will be formally honored during ACSA's Annual Conference, Nov. 2-4 in San Diego.

Bronzan spent his entire career with Livermore Valley, beginning as a teacher in 1964, and ultimately moving into the administration ranks in 1978. As he explained, the decision to become an administrator simply made sense.

"I enjoyed the variety of things you do as an administrator," Bronzan said. "As an administrator you're working on something different every five minutes. There's an opportunity

to have an effect on a lot more kids. You have an ability to control your time in a way that you don't when you're in a classroom. I enjoyed working under pressure and on things that are multidimensional and complicated."

He started as a teacher organizer. At one point it was discovered there were some unseemly things going on financially within the district, which found itself \$3 million in debt. Bronzan was elected president of the teachers union and convinced the teacher ranks to issue a unanimous no confidence vote on the superintendent at the time.

Bronzan moved into administration, first as a vice principal then as director of student services. Then he became the assistant superintendent of human resources and business services. At that time, he became involved in

the ACSA Personnel Academy.

That connection with the Personnel Academy as a presenter has lasted since 1990. Bronzan has also presented at ACSA's Business Managers Academy, Superintendents Academy, Personnel Institute and Negotiators Symposium.

Another area where Bronzan was often asked to speak was on stress management and parenting skills.

Bronzan said receiving the ACSA recognition holds a special significance for him. "When you work at the district level in business, when you get up to

talk, people have a tendency to go into an altered state," he said.

"Thirty seconds after the business manager has started talking, no one's paying any attention."

"So most people have no idea what you do. Consequently, to get an award - to be recognized by your administrative organization in this area - is just a really fun thing. Because hopefully, what that means is that people who know what you do, chose to do this. And that's something that very few people have the opportunity to experience. It is an extraordinary way to end a career."

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