



A performance by Tony Award winning performer Bernadette Peters was one of the highlights of two weeks of performances celebrating the opening of the Bankhead Theater. The performance was part of a Saturday night gala.



Vicki Tan with Chewbaaka.

## Vacation Trip Helps Save Cheetahs

Vicki Tan is definitely a cat person. She has three cats, has an e-mail address that includes the word "meow," and, as she says, "I even drive a Jaguar."

So it might not be surprising that the Livermore resident spent two weeks this summer with cheetahs in Namibia. She made the trip as part of an effort to help the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) save the species from extinction.

Tan had been looking on the internet for an archeological trip to Egypt when she came across the volunteer work for the cheetah organization. Her love of cats convinced her that it was the trip she should take. She signed up with Earthwatch Institute, which organizes volunteer work on such things as whales, plants, and archeology digs.

Cheetahs are typically four feet long, although 28 inches of that is tail, said Tan. Ironically, dogs have a role in helping to preserve this species of big cats.

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## ArtWalk Set for This Saturday

The Sixth Annual ArtWalk will be held Sat., Oct. 13 in downtown Livermore. Over 150 artists will show their work in local businesses. Fine arts from photography to paintings to sculpture will be displayed from 11-5pm. There will be wine tasting from Livermore wineries, folk musicians and much more.

Tour maps are provided of the Downtown Livermore exhibit area, running from L Street to McLeod, First to Third Streets. The event is free.

Just some of the artists who will display their work are the following:

Darren Greenwood, creator of the Whales mural at City of Livermore's Water Reclamation Plant, is a water conservation activist in the time he can spare from his job as Water Resources Manager. He has painted murals of underwater scenes in many

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# District Puts Community Day School on Hold

By Patricia Koning

Last week, Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller recommended that the Board of Education put on hold plans to open a community day school (CDS), which would serve approximately 15 at-risk students in grades 7 through 9.

"The board started with the altruistic intent of serving students with special needs. There is still work to be done," she said.

Miller said that her staff would need one to three years to identify an appropriate site, define program elements, understand the cost, and educate the

community on the nature of the student population. She indicated that without such planning, the school would have less chance of success.

Miller's recommendation was met with applause from the standing room only audience at the meeting. Since the board first discussed the possibility of opening a CDS last spring, community members have voiced strong opposition to placing such a school in a neighborhood. The former Almond Avenue and Arroyo Mocho (on Florence Road) school sites were considered as possible locations

for the CDS.

The Pleasanton Unified School District opened a CDS this fall on the Village Continuation High School site at 4645 Bernal Avenue, which also houses the Horizon School Age Parent Program. Jim Ott, President of the Pleasanton Board of Trustees, said that during board discussion of Pleasanton's CDS no opposition to the school was voiced.

"The new community day school is actually deeper into the campus, farther away from residential homes, which are not in any event in close proximity to

the site," he said. "We have one principal who oversees all three schools, which are clearly separated by fencing and are adjacent to our district offices."

Livermore Board President Bill Dunlop said he has already talked with Ott about Pleasanton's CDS, and plans to continue the conversation throughout the school year so that Livermore can learn from the experience of its neighbor.

At last week's meeting, Dunlop read at length from the book "Struck by Lightning: the Curious World of Probabilities" by Jeffrey Rosenthal. He cited

statistics on the probability of being struck by lightning versus winning the lottery (you have a much greater chance, even in California, of being struck by lightning).

His point was that the potential safety issues posed by locating a CDS in a neighborhood have been blown out of proportion. "If you take a logical approach, there are many other things already in your neighborhood that are more dangerous than a CDS," he said.

Trustee Kate Runyon expressed disappointment at delay-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A flag raising ceremony marked the start of the rededication ceremony of the Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Building. Members of local VFW and American Legion groups took part in the ceremony.

## Oak Grove Called A 'Good Compromise'

The Pleasanton City Council approved the controversial Oak Grove project last week, calling it a "good compromise."

The vote was 4 to 1 with Cindy McGovern opposed. McGovern felt that having only one entrance in and out of the area posed a danger to residents in the event of a fire.

"The project did not come out as one that I can support," she continued. "I think we're putting more 'Hayward Hotels' on ridgelines. I believe we need to protect the ridges." She asked that homes be limited to 10,000 square feet in size and two stories in height, and that one lot located in "its own valley" be moved.

The rest of the council did not agree to the changes proposed by McGovern. They voted to certify the environmental impact report, the planned unit development proposal, and a development agreement. One of the new conditions approved by the council will prohibit the development from becoming a gated community.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman stated, "I think we're putting more 'Hayward Hotels' on ridgelines. I believe we need to protect the ridges." She asked that homes be limited to 10,000 square feet in size and two stories in height, and that one lot located in "its own valley" be moved.

The development would be built on 562 acres in east Pleasanton owned by the Lin family.

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## Livermore Tells MTC Not To Increase Airport Use

The City of Livermore has sent a letter to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) stating that it has no interest in increasing use of the Livermore Airport.

The Regional Airport Planning Committee (RAPC), which includes MTC, has suggesting looking at potential demand that could be served by alternative airports to provide air passenger and air cargo service. Among the airports listed for consideration is Livermore.

The letter signed by Mayor Marshall Kamena, states, "The City of Livermore is not looking to increase the demand at the

Livermore Airport for either passenger service or for cargo operations."

It goes on to point out that the Livermore General Plan describes the airport as a general aviation facility, where "scheduled passenger flights shall be prohibited." Furthermore, the letter notes, "Livermore Airport is not certified for commercial service and has no intention to obtain such FAA certification in conflict with the Livermore General Plan."

The RAPC discussed the possibility during a workshop in September. The committee is

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## East Avenue A 'Hot Spot' For West Nile Virus

East Avenue in Livermore is Alameda County's only "hot spot" this year for findings of West Nile Virus (WNV) infections.

A "hot spot" is an area designated by the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District (ACMAD) as having an intense infection rate with WMV. No human cases have been reported in Livermore. However, the district has found eight dead birds there since late August. That's part of a total of 17 infected birds in the

entire county since Jan. 1.

Most of the dead birds have been crows. The virus can show up in them in as little as a week. In other birds, it takes three weeks, so crows are the earliest indicator of a broadly spread infection.

People living in the "hot spot" along East Avenue between LLNL and Almond Way and Loyola Way should not be panicky, said ACMAD entomologist Bruce Kirkpatrick.

"We've been getting calls from soccer moms who are worried about kids at soccer games. If they are moving around they won't be bitten. If they are standing still, they should cover up (arms and legs) and wear mosquito repellent," said Kirkpatrick.

The offending species of mosquito is culex pipiens, known as the house mosquito. The breed bites both humans and birds, so it is able to spread the virus be-

(See VIRUS, page 4)

## Lab Fined \$450,000 For Anthrax Incident

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has reached a \$450,000 settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General (OIG). The agreement concerns violations of the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) select agent regulations and involves errors in two shipments of bacillus anthracis dating back to September 2005.

It was the largest fine levied in recent history by the federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Tri-Valley CAREs has submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to federal agencies seeking details about an anthrax accident at the facility.

The fine against the University of California, as the Livermore Lab's manager, was made public

last week, October 4, 2007, while the House Energy and Commerce Committee held the first ever congressional hearing on the safety and security of the Nation's biodefense research laboratories.

The Department of Health Office of Inspector General (OIG) specifically alleged that the Lab violated the transfer requirements of the select agent regulations by failing to comply with the applicable shipping and packaging laws when transferring a select agent. In addition, the OIG alleged that LLNL failed to comply with security and access requirements by allowing an individual not authorized to have access to select agents to package the shipments of anthrax, and that LLNL's re-

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## Pay Raise for Pleasanton Council

The Pleasanton City Council okayed a pay increase for the next city council.

The vote was unanimous.

It was the first pay increase for the council since December 1990. The law allows an increase of 5 percent for each calendar year since 1990.

The council will now receive

\$950 per month, up from the present \$500. The mayor's pay will be \$1050 per month.

The increase will not be implemented until December 2008, following the election in November, when two council and the mayor's seat will be on the ballot.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

"Carmen" (left) and "Mozart" greeted those attending the gala Saturday night celebrating the opening of the Bankhead Theater.

## LVPAC, 'Successful to the Point of Excellence'

The work of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center board has "been successful to the point of excellence in developing this building. That merits looking at the next step."

That was the conclusion of the City of Livermore's consultant hired to conduct a peer review of the development of the new Bankhead Theater. The next step would be development of the re-

gional theater. John Lind of VenueTech made his report to the Livermore City Council on Monday at its meeting at the Bankhead Theater. It was part of

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Leah is a very gentle, social, and mellow 8-year old Calico. She loves attention and cuddles, and likes children as long as they are gentle with her. She gets along with other cats, but has never been with dogs. She was de-clawed when she was a kitten, and therefore must be an indoor-only cat. For more information about

Leah, call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656, or visit her at our Adoption Center at 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton's Stanley Business Park Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

## Holiday Drive Underway for Operation SAM

The community is invited to participate in Annual Holiday Drives sponsored by Operation: S.A.M. (Supporting All Military) to be held at the Pleasanton Wal-Mart, 4501 Rosewood Drive, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, October 20 and the Livermore Wal-Mart, 2700 Las Positas Road, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, October 13.

Operation SAM will be collecting goodies for holiday packages.

Some of the items that will be put in these holiday boxes are: miniature stockings to fill with treats, unbreakable ornaments and decorations, small holiday gifts (manicure sets, make-up kits for the ladies), DVDs, CDs, battery-operated games, board and card games,

word puzzle books, sports equipment including footballs, baseballs, basketballs (include a pump) and batteries (AAA, AA & C).

Other special requests are: warm socks (tube and white), gloves, hand and foot warmers, thermal undergarments, lounge pants, thermal cups and mugs, ski masks and caps, slipper socks, Chapstick, medicated cream, small foot powder and travel-size tooth paste and mouthwash. Stationary items such as pens, small yellow Jr. tablets, small envelopes and blank holiday cards are included in each comfort box for the troops to write home.

As always, the boxes are loaded with lots of snack goodies, protein bars, popcorn, nuts,

seeds, hot cereal, hot chocolate, Crystal Lite and water flavorings, gum, mints, trail mix, granola bars, beef jerky and holiday treats (chocolate, cookies, candy).

Please purchase individually wrapped smaller-sized items.

All donations are appreciated and tax deductible. Information is available at [www.operationssam.org](http://www.operationssam.org). Operationsam@comcast.net, (925) 443-7620 or write Operation: S.A.M., P.O. Box 2992, Livermore, 94551.

### CARDS AND LETTERS.

For the upcoming holiday season Operation: S.A.M. will be assembling approximately 1500

comfort packages for military men and women who will not be home for the holidays. Included in each one of these holiday packages is a card or letter from someone here at home. There is a need for more cards and letters for our holiday comfort packages.

Holiday cards and note paper on site at the Livermore Wal-Mart on Saturday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Pleasanton Wal-Mart on Saturday, October 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will also be a drive-by drop-off point if you prefer to write your cards and letters ahead of time, a great kids project.

## Hoedown Benefit for Hoofprints on the Heart

A "Hoofprints Hoedown and Barbecue" will benefit Hoofprints on the Heart.

The fund-raising event will be held Sat., Oct. 20 at Cedar Mountain Winery, 7000 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

The chuck wagon will serve up tri-tip and chicken along with vintage wines. There will be live music and a DJ, a silent auction and raffle.

The good times start at 5:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. Supper will be served at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 per wrangler, \$15 for children. They can be purchased at [www.hotharc.org](http://www.hotharc.org) or call Carolyn at 216-0915 or Barbara at 292-1900.

Hoofprints on the Heart is a nonprofit group that provides individualized horse oriented programs to encourage physical, academic, social and emotional

growth for individuals with special needs. The group provides a challenging, yet fun environment for both children and adults.

The adaptive riding programs are currently held at G&C Stables in Livermore. Thirty individuals take part in each of the 8-week sessions.

The organization was founded by three women with various life experiences, having a common dream of pairing horses with the disabled population. All were teachers. One is the parent of a handicapped son. Each has seen how a horse can "magically" change a child with limited abilities.

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**OCTOBER 15... NATIONAL SENSORY AWARENESS MONTH**

Dr. Monika Baerger, B.A., D.C. will be presenting a **FREE** lecture on brain and nervous system function and their critical roles for social and academic learning.

If your child has been diagnosed with or shows signs of **Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADD/ADHD, Sensory Processing Disorder or other learning disorders**, you will not want to miss this presentation! You will leave with a better understanding of how your child must try to "navigate" through each day and the struggles they encounter. You will also learn of drug-free treatment options that can help "turn on the lights" to your child's nervous system and allow them to reach their full learning potential!

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## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Meeting Date Moved

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) Board of Directors meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, October 31 has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 24.

The October 24 meeting of the LARP begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue in Livermore.

### Transportation Forum

The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) in partnership with its Citizens Advisory Committee and sponsoring agencies will present an East County Transportation Forum focusing on major transportation projects that will be implemented within the next five years.

The forum will be held Thurs., Oct. 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Projects are funded through your local sales tax dollars, state, federal, and other funds. They include I-580 Corridor Improvements: corridor widening for high occupancy vehicles, auxiliary lanes and land preservation for the future BART extension; I-580/Route 84 Interchange: new interchange on I-580, directly connecting to Route 84, Pigeon Pass, and I-680; Route 84 Expressway: roadway widening from I-580 Interchange to Vallecitos Road; and I-680 Express Lanes: high occupancy toll lanes.

### Fire Dept. Promotions

The Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department recently announced promotions from within the department.

A ceremony was held Tuesday during which the seven officers took an oath of allegiance, received a department badge and helmet shield signifying the official start in their new capacity as captains and engineers. Together, the seven have served in the fire service for approximately 45 years.

Promoted to captain were Ken Atkinson and Bob Myers; new engineers are David Bardsley, Craig Berchtold, Chet Melnarik, Loy Proudfoot, and Jim Watson.

### YMCA Grant

The Tri-Valley YMCA is one of 24 nationwide selected to receive a \$10,000 "Kellogg's Opportunity to Play Grant" from Kellogg's Corporate Citizenship Fund.

In the Tri-Valley, the funding will be used to provide physical exercise activities for middle school students in the Youth on Campus program, an after school program in the three Pleasanton middle schools.

"As a national partner of Activate America, Kellogg Company is a strong and valued supporter of the YMCA's long term efforts to help individuals and families lead healthier lives," said Kelly O'Lague Dulka, executive director. "We are delighted that Kellogg is expanding its support of health and well being in local com-

munities like the Tri-Valley, so we can provide underserved youth with more opportunities to get and stay physically active."

### Regulation Makeover Contest

In an effort to highlight problem regulations for the business community and possibly the state's economy, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi (D-Hayward) is announcing the launch of a business contest entitled, "Assemblymember - Give this Regulation an Extreme Makeover!"

Working in conjunction with the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, Assemblymember Hayashi is inviting business leaders and owners to participate in this first of its kind contest in California. Businesses are asked to participate by identifying specific state regulations that they consider either useless both in form and/or function or create an excessive undue burden on the business community.

For the winning entry, Assemblymember Hayashi will dedicate part of her 2008 legislative program to have the regulation deleted or amended either by the introduction of legislation or other means. The winner will also be invited to present and defend the rationale for such change in a private meeting with the head of the administering state agency. In addition, other notable entries will be shared with Assemblymember Hayashi's colleagues in the California State Legislature, to interest them in making a similar effort. Entries can be submitted in writing to the Assemblymember's District Office or can access an online submission at [www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi). Deadline to submit entry is November 16, 2007.

### Charter School Seeks Board Members

The Livermore Charter Learning Corporation, which oversees the operations of the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS), is presently seeking board members to serve on its Board of Directors.

The candidates must be committed to the concept of a "Charter School," and have excellent communication skills. The school is particularly interested in candidates with skills in the following areas: education, legal, facilities, health and welfare. He/she should be available to attend two board meetings per month, as well as various LVCS school functions.

The Livermore Valley Charter School is a public school in the city of Livermore. Parents and

The school currently serves 861 students in K-8, and has approximately 400+ students on the waiting list. As a public school, LVCS does not charge a fee or tuition to attend.

Individuals interested in applying for this volunteer position, please email [searchsubcommittee@lclboard.org](mailto:searchsubcommittee@lclboard.org) or call 443-1690. Applications must be completed and turned in by October 24th.

## LVPAC

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a presentation on the status of the two theaters.

Lind began his remarks by noting, "This is the nicest city council chamber I've been in for quite awhile." He continued, "This is just an absolutely gorgeous performance space. I believe LVPAC is headed in a very positive direction. Coming in on budget is a nice goal. It's not altogether the norm. The building is fully capable of producing any event suitable for a 500-seat theater."

He declared that the leadership of LVPAC was ready to operate the theater once it opened. The board hired a professional level executive staff to run it. "The leadership is of high quality and is not afraid of dreams and big dollar discussions."

The programming is "ahead of the curve. It integrated wonderful local events with an array of eclectic national touring shows that will give residents a good view of what is to come," continued Lind. "The theater is off to a good start. I will be looking at how that success might be the foundation for the future larger regional venue."

Len Alexander, executive director of LVPAC reported that to date 105,000 tickets had been sold at a value of \$328,000. "Using that pesky little multiplier, the theater is just shy of \$1 million in economic impact just short of the first two weeks." (The multiplier used predicts an economic impact of three times the price of the tickets.)

Alexander said that the main attraction, the Bernadette Peters concert, "really showed off what the venue could do."

He went on to discuss the proposed regional theater. Noting that the number of seats would be between 1800 and 2000, he said, "The reason for seat creep is economics. The focus is on how to create a theater the right size to be financially viable and deliver a good experience to the audience. The larger size allows us to compete for the touring shows we want."

According to Alexander, the economic factor behind the desire to move ahead now is the escalating cost of construction. Waiting could result in a price that would make it prohibitive

to move forward with the regional theater.

As to filling the proposed number of seats, Alexander believes that there are attractions such as Disney's "Little Mermaid" that would bring in an audience from around the region. "We will conveniently relieve them of money in our restaurants, shops and boutiques."

Bob Gamble, of Public Financial Management, is the financial consultant for LVPAC. He discussed the costs and economic impacts of both theaters. In today's dollars, the contribution of LVPAC towards both theaters would be \$89.5 million; the city's \$61.3 million. For the regional theater, funds would come from both LVPAC and the city to pay off bonds. Gamble pointed out that the city's investment is small in the early years, with LVPAC fronting the initial investment. During the time period from 2008 to 2014, the city is projected to provide \$4.4 million; LVPAC \$21.8 million.

The city's total cost to pay off the theaters using tax increment funds from the redevelopment agency is just over \$61 million over a thirty year period. Gamble pointed out that the projected positive economic impact from both theaters over the same time span is over \$1 billion.

There have been questions about the appropriate ownership structure for the regional theater. Mike Hudak of Carr-McClellan, the counsel for LVPAC, discussed three options.

A lease and leaseback structure, he said would operate in a way similar to that in the 500-seat theater agreement with the city. A second option would be for the city to own the theater and lease it to a third party to operate. The third, would be for the city to own and operate the theater.

Hudak concluded that the lease/leaseback option is preferred by the financial market. LVPAC has the experience and expertise in construction and operation of a theater. There would be no risk to the general fund. The city would have oversight as part of the development and disposition agreement, the lease, and permit process.

Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich asked if the city would be conducting its own study of the options.

City Manager Linda Barton said an attorney had been hired to undertake the study.

Most members of the audience expressed support for continued consideration of the regional

theater.

Wendy Madden, California Independent Film Festival president, thanked the council for its vision in approving the 500-seat theater. She stated, "I hope you continue the vision with the regional theater. If you build it, they will come."

Chamber of Commerce executive director Dale Kaye praised the just opened Bankhead Theater, commenting, "I felt the audience was falling in love with the theater and its potential. We look forward to seeing a plan that shows how the regional theater will be financially possible. It would be an economic engine for the area."

Former teacher Sally Dunlop was enthusiastic about the educational potential to provide top-notch performances as an inspiration to local students. "The 2000-seat theater would be an extraordinary teaching experience," she commented.

Striking a cautious note was TJ Gilmartin. He called the financial costs a "huge commitment" to take on, considering that the smaller theater is not yet completely paid for.

John Stein also raised the issue of the pricetag. He wondered if the city would have funds to complete other projects such as extending the streetscape to P Street and expanding the current parking garage.

Linda Tinney spoke for the California Symphony, which makes its home in Walnut Creek. She said that the symphony was looking ahead to the larger theater. "We would love to be one of the first resident groups. It would mean fiscal viability for the organization (to be able to perform in a larger venue)."

City council candidate Jeff Williams said he hopes the success of the smaller theater would give the city confidence to move ahead with the regional venue. He noted there were several issues to consider, one was traffic. The other is the impact on nearby homeowners. He suggested the city meet with them to talk about those impacts.

Former councilmember Tom Reitter said there were many times when he felt the smaller theater would not be built. Now, he said, he believes that the city can make the regional theater a reality.

The city council will be considering a variety of reports and peer reviews related to plans for construction and operation of the regional theater at its Dec. 10 meeting.

## Lab Contracts with Alameda County for Fire Service

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) will contract with the Alameda County Fire Department to provide emergency services to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL).

The county began providing fire, medical and hazardous material emergency services to the Laboratory on Oct. 1. Alameda County has hired all LLNL fire department personnel, who will remain assigned to fire stations at the main Laboratory site as well as Site 300, the experimental test facility located on the Alameda County-Tracy border.

The contract allows the Laboratory fire department to provide services it would no longer be able to provide under LLNS, a private entity. Working through Alameda County, the Laboratory will continue to manage the Alameda County Regional Communication Center and provide

mutual aid to surrounding communities.

Laboratory fire department staffing levels, security clearance requirements, response schedules and training requirements will not change. All LLNL fire department mutual aid plans and memoranda of understanding will remain in effect while they undergo review and updating, where needed, to reflect Alameda County Fire Department's contract with LLNS.

"This contract allows our Fire Department to continue to provide the high level of public service not only to the Laboratory, but to our surrounding communities," said former LLNL Fire Chief Randy Bradley, who will serve as deputy fire chief for Alameda County and manager of the communication center. "Combining these fire departments will improve overall emer-

gency response capabilities to LLNL and Alameda County."

Bradley will step down as Alameda County Operational Area Coordinator. Alameda

County Fire Chief Sheldon Gilbert, the first alternate, will serve in Bradley's place until the Alameda County fire chiefs hold an election to fill the vacancy.

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# EDITORIALS

## Save Livermore VA

Our area's representatives in Congress, Jerry McNerney and Ellen Tauscher, vow to carry on the fight to preserve the Livermore Veterans Administration Center.

James Nicholson, secretary of veterans affairs, announced two weeks ago that a new VA center, complete with an outpatient clinic, will be built in the Central Valley and the Livermore facility will be leased for other yet-to-be-announced uses. It appears the Livermore site will essentially be privatized.

McNerney and Tauscher both responded to Nicholson's announcement with strong statements.

McNerney: "It appears the Bush Administration is determined to cut veterans services at a time when they should be expanded. Cutting back on services now is shortsighted. Our commitments overseas are creating a new generation of veterans whose impact on the VA system has yet to be fully realized."

Tauscher: "Serving vets in the Central Valley should not come at the expense of vets in the East Bay. Our commitment to veterans cannot be an either/or proposition."

They indicated they will take the issue to Congress and work there to override Nicholson's decision.

McNerney, who is a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, has pointed out that at Livermore, with its serene rural setting, the VA has an ideal site for treatment of post traumatic stress disorder, the devastating ailment many soldiers returning from Iraq are suffering.

We wholeheartedly support McNerney and Tauscher's activism on this issue. With the goal of seeing that veterans get the care they need and deserve, the two congressmembers are trying to get the government to simply do what is right.

## Moving On

Lorraine Dietrich throughout her career on the Livermore City Council has supported the urbanization of North Livermore with its sprawl-oriented planning. She went all-out for the Pardee development, which the voters rejected by a 72% majority.

Despite such a record, some argue that Dietrich should be reelected to maintain a certain "balance" on the council.

We think Livermore needs to move on from the kind of planning Dietrich represents, rather than continue to accord it a place on the council.

The council's current majority is indeed trying to move on. An urban growth boundary (UGB) — which Dietrich opposes — is in place. It draws the line on sprawl and redirects future growth to the lands inside the UGB, with an emphasis on downtown redevelopment.

Jeff Williams seeks to unseat Dietrich. His election and the reelection of Councilmember Marj Leider and Mayor Marshall Kamena would strengthen the city's commitment to the UGB and to the whole idea of reinvigorating downtown and North Livermore agriculture.

This election gives Livermore voters an opportunity to say goodbye to the kind of planning that has given us freeway gridlock, clogged city streets, vanishing open space and deenergized downtowns.

A city council with Marj Leider, Jeff Williams and Mayor Marshall Kamena and without Lorraine Dietrich would be a council unanimously committed to moving on.

## SCHOOL

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ing the implementation of a CDS in Livermore, saying, "We have a lot more to do to address common concerns." She requested that the \$91,000 set aside for the CDS in this year's budget be made available to the District's middle school sites to augment their existing programs. This suggestion was supported by other trustees.

"We hit the hornet's nest. We hit it two times and the hornets responded," said Trustee Tom McLaughlin. "That's good—we need to work with one another and represent the community. I think we can resolve this issue if we work together."

In reference to the former Arroyo Mochito site as a potential location for the CDS, Trustee Bill Morrison said he was unwilling to turn over the keys to a \$50 million facility so that the state could decide what to do with it. If a CDS were placed on the Mochito campus, future use for school programs involving students would require a waiver from the state.

In a past meeting, Morrison brought up the possibility of using Mochito for the Livermore Charter Learning Corporation's high school, which the Board conditionally approved last spring. The Livermore School District is required by law to provide facilities for charter schools located within its boundaries.

Jared Nunes, a police sergeant employed outside of Livermore and a Mochito neighbor, cited his personal experience with community day schools.

"Neighborhoods are impacted negatively," he said. "I've seen neighborhoods transformed with

sharp increases in gang violence and graffiti."

Nunes' daughter Adeline also spoke at the meeting, expressing concern about "a school of really bad kids in my neighborhood."

Sally Esser, a parent of a child attending the Vineyard Independent Study Program, offered a different view. The trustees have indicated that several students at Vineyard, which is located on the Almond campus, would likely attend the CDS.

"I've met a few of the kids that might attend a community day school. I don't find them frightening at all," she said. "I hope you don't wait too long. These kids are growing up and the longer we wait the less education they will receive."

Mochito neighbor Kathleen Quinn-Teuscher thanked Miller for her recommendation and offered help in researching and planning a CDS.

"We've shown our disagreement," she said. "Now we'd like to give you our energy and input to make this the best decision for a great city like Livermore."

In a press release issued by the District, Miller stated that community involvement will play a key part in planning. "We look forward to working with community members to find a solution," she said.

Community members interested in contributing to the Superintendent's community day school committee can email her at [bmiller@livermore.k12.ca.us](mailto:bmiller@livermore.k12.ca.us) or call the District office at 925-606-3200.

## MAILBOX

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### Single Payer Proposal Herbert Marshall Pleasanton

I am opposed to the ideas being advanced for a single payer health care program. If these proposals are imposed on this country or State it would be a direct attack on my income. I'm not in the health care business.

In 1971 the Federal Government imposed a wage freeze that prevented my employer from raising my wages. As an alternative the company provided a health care program in lieu of a wage increase. In the years that followed this program continued, and my wages increases resumed. When I reached retirement age my pension was calculated based on my wages earned over the nearly 40 years of employment, with no adjustment for the health care program provided in lieu of wages. Also since my wage increases were a percentage of the prior year's wage, there was a compounding of the cost of that last years wage increase reflected in the basis used to calculate my pension. Thus my pension is lower than it would have been without the freeze in 1971.

Now there is a proposal to create a single payer system that will have to be supported by increased taxes. I have no assurance that this new system will provide me with coverage equivalent to what I now receive thru Medicare and the residual coverage from my former employer, both of which I have paid for over the years in lower wages. In addition if a Californian is traveling out of state what assurance would they have, that they had coverage. I have had Canadians tell

me that when they traveled out of their home Province, they have had the buy additional coverage.

I do support the idea for the availability of coverage for all legal residents. However, medical coverage is a personal responsibility and not a right bestowed upon us by the Constitution. The Government should create a situation that encourages employers to offer it and prevents HMO's and other providers from excluding people. (Other insurers have a shared risk pool for high risks.) The idea that a small business can claim it can't afford to provide coverage is unacceptable. It is a cost of doing business, similar to rent and utilities. Were they to fail to pay these costs, the Government would not tax me for their failure. If an employer shirks his or her responsibility, either thru not paying employees enough to afford it or providing it to the employees, the employer should be subject to a tax, reserved to assist employees who can't obtain coverage. The HMO's and insurers should be severely regulated to prevent overcharges and gouging.

### Look for Yourself Rich Wilcox Pleasanton

There has been a lot of discussion concerning the open space/green belt initiative proposed by a group of citizens in Pleasanton. Loss of control and the associated tax revenue have been hot topics of discussion. Proponents of the initiative want people to believe that the Staples Ranch property is Pleasanton's last piece of unspoiled land. While it is true that open space is fast becoming a luxury; one needs to examine the property to determine exactly what it has to offer. This approximately 124 acre parcel is made up of brush covered open space dotted with berms and is mostly void of trees. The few trees that do exist are tightly clustered together in one small area.

The "Chain of Lakes" some

refer to is nothing more than water retention ponds for local concrete producers. Their angular shape and steep slopes hardly bring to mind the tranquil setting most of us think of when describing a lake.

The City of Pleasanton has a beautiful plan for this property that includes such amenities as all-weather lighted sports fields, lighted tennis courts, lawn bowling and a dog park. The plan also includes the development of senior housing and an ice skating facility. If the city is not successful with the annexation of this land, then these amenities will be nothing more than a dream. If you do not believe me then I ask you to please drive out to the property and take a look for yourself. If you agree with my assessment, then please politely decline when approached by a petitioner to sign the open space/green belt initiative. Pleasanton's loss will be another city's gain.

### Stay and Win Connie Cox Pleasanton

Let's stay in Iraq until we win it!

We can't leave Iraq until we win it. There will be anarchy on the streets and multiple deaths if we leave now, before the government of Iraq is ready. Plus, we need a base of operations in the Middle East.

We can accomplish a winning strategy and develop friends in Iraq. I've met many of our military who were over there, including visiting Walter Reed hospital. All of them are proud of what they accomplished there - running water, electricity, schools for girls, etc. Granted, there is much to be done, but many good things have been accomplished. Even the servicemen and women who have lost arms and legs didn't complain to me except to say they were upset they couldn't go back to finish what they started.

President Bush has a clear plan for victory in Iraq that begins with training Iraqi forces so they can defend their country and fight the terrorist. We are making tremendous progress towards this objective. Withdrawing from Iraq, as Democrats in Washington propose, would send a dangerous signal to our enemies that we cut and run when the going gets tough. President Bush is offering a clear strategy to win, not a political quick fix.

### Lots of Open Space Jerry Pentin Pleasanton

I think it's important for Pleasanton residents to understand the open space issue being tied to Staples Ranch. The proponents of the two initiatives are stating that the issue is all about open space. I have an argument with that. The only open space worthy on this property has already been earmarked for park use, which would be the southern portion of the property. The Park and Recreation Commission has already determined that this park could include lighted sports fields, an ice facility, a bocce ball and lawn bowling area along with another dog park. And, open space. The City of Pleasanton is

a front-runner in regards to open space. We have 41 parks. In this city of planned progress, we've managed to create over 1100 acres of city parks and recreational space, including a 103-acre sports park, the 237-acre Augustin Bernal Park on the Pleasanton Ridge and a 425-acre municipal golf course with trails and open space. Combine that with our organized efforts working with our regional park district and we enjoy almost 5000 acres of publicly accessible open space on Pleasanton Ridge and 266 acres at Shadow Cliffs. That's over 6300 acres of open space! Add in protected agricultural lands and the residents of Pleasanton enjoy an approximate total of 9,347 acres of open space.

And you might wonder, is that enough to which the answer is no! There are also plans for a 318-acre park for the Bernal Property, a 17 to 22 acre park for Staples Ranch and if all goes well, another 496 acres for a natural open space park in Oak Grove. And last but not least, don't forget the 33 miles of trails in and around our town. Yes, that's open space! There are many other battles to fight for real open space. Staples Ranch isn't one of them.

### Speak Up Now Sal De La Torre Livermore

Livermore and Pleasanton are unique and are fortunate that there is a separation between the two cities with the rock quarry. With new development near Charro Rd, the Rhodes & Jamieson property and Staples Ranch there would be no separation between cities.

With a vision from both city councils, there must be a plan to have open space, green belt or large park separating both cities. If not the whole valley will be another image of Los Angeles or a Dublin, San Ramon, and Danville with no city separation. To gain profit for developers and amenities for a city there are those who desire to fill every piece of land with a building or house.

It is unconscionable that the Pleasanton City Council desires to build a large Senior Housing Complex and housing in direct line to the Livermore Airport flights. Additional airplane noise complaints will be forthcoming from the residents.

The freeways and city streets are now clogged with traffic. Before more growth, the 580 freeway should be widened to 6 lanes both ways. Dublin plans to build 21 story buildings and they are now scrapping and cutting all the hills to the crest line of the hills for more growth. There goes the Valley and the neighborhoods. With Dublin there are no constraints to the developers.

The people must speak up now before it is to late.

### Candidate Support Walter Davies Livermore

I applaud the City Council's overall planning vision for downtown Livermore, ushering in the future while respecting our town's historic character.

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## VIRUS

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tween the two. As with the chicken and egg argument, it's hard to tell whether the virus originated in the mosquitos or the birds, said Kirkpatrick.

The mosquitos are out during night hours and at dawn and dusk. A dead crow found last week was at LLNL. Inspection there can be complicated with paperwork involving security clearances, because of the secure areas at the lab, said Kirkpatrick. He made the find last week himself, and was accompanied by a security officer.

Other dead birds were found at Tex Spruiell, Big Trees and Almond parks. Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), which operates the parks, said in a press release that its staff has attended an ACMAD training session on how to proceed when coming across a dead bird or squirrel.

Signs have been posted in the parks to inform the public about the possible presence of the vi-

rus. If people find a dead bird or squirrel, they should not touch it, but call 1-877-WNV-BIRD, which is the state's hotline for West Nile Virus. Informational pamphlets about WNV are available at the front desk of the Robert Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Avenue.

There were two "hot zones" in the valley last year. One was in Livermore, between Max Baer Park and Alden Lane Nursery. The other was in Pleasanton, near the fairgrounds, where infected mosquitos were found in traps along the Arroyo Del Valle.

None of the mosquito or bird finds last year were linked to any human infections. The hot part of the summer is the main season for WNV. In 90-degree weather, it takes only a week for the virus to travel to the culex's saliva glands, where it can infect humans in a bite. In 65-degree weather, the process takes three weeks. The mosquito usually lives for about three weeks.

## OAK GROVE

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The land has been the subject of controversy over the years. A project approved in 1993, which included a golf course, was successfully referended.

For the past two years, the owners, city representatives and nearby homeowners have held talks to try to come to an agreement on how the Lin family could develop the site. Issues included traffic, fire, visibility of homes, and the treatment of open space.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan pointed out that the current council had inherited a general plan that allowed 98 units to be built on the property. The land is within the urban growth boundary (UGB). While a previous plan had been successfully referended, the landowners will come back just as they have in other areas where there were successful referendums, such as the Pumpkin Patch. "How much time and money do you want to spend fighting these projects," he asked. "The idea was to get the developer and neighborhood together to see if a compromise could be reached and put finality to the question."

"Out of the process came a compromise. I agree it was a fabulous success. Not everyone agrees. People still have problems," he stated.

Sullivan added that while there is a UGB, it could be challenged in court, just as the housing cap has been challenged. "If the land were placed under easement, the UGB doesn't matter. We will have locked out development in one area of the southeast hills. The goal is to repeat the process with the remainder of landowners in the southeast

hills to create a permanent southern edge to the city."

It was estimated that the city could end up with close to 2000 acres in open space, all under easement in exchange for a "little housing."

As approved by the council, 51 custom homes are allowed. The Lins will donate 496 acres of permanent open space to the city. A third party will hold an easement over the open space. Trails and a staging area are to be built by the developer at the time the fifth homesite is sold. Access to homes would be from Hearst Drive. There would be an emergency vehicle access through Grey Eagle.

Homes can be as large as 12,500 square feet on the less visible lots. They can be three stories tall. Homes on high visibility lots would be restricted to a maximum of 9,175 square feet in size.

Each lot owner would be required to provide a visual simulation of the proposed development on the lot. Development and landscape guidelines are tailored to individual lots.

The developer would either build affordable housing off-site or pay a fee to the city in lieu of building it.

Most of the opposition to the plan came from residents living in the adjacent neighborhoods of Kottinger Ranch and Grey Eagle. Concerns included visual impacts, fire safety, and traffic. Some suggested that residents were being deceived by the EIR analysis of the visual impacts. They felt that the homes would be much more visible than the analysis predicts. Trees would not

screen them, because of the setback requirement for fire safety.

Phil Reznick said he was speaking for residents of Kottinger Ranch who oppose the project. He felt that the trail staging area would add more traffic trips to Hearst Drive. He argued that a second access road is needed. He asked that a decision be delayed.

The second access was an issue others raised. One said it is not a question of if a fire will occur, but when. Response time of fire fighting equipment was questioned.

Planning Director Jerry Iserson pointed out that the developer is required to prepare a wildland fire management plan. Homes must have sprinklers and be setback from trees.

Several speakers raised the potential for an initiative that would be similar to one that governs the Pleasanton ridge to the west of the city. Among them was councilmember McGovern and former mayor Kay Ayala.

Ayala said the process leading up to the council's discussion didn't worked. "It is time to stop sending the city manager out to make a deal with residents and developers. We have a UGB on the southern boundary. The general plan calls for creation of a ridgeline preservation ordinance. That's how to make the UGB stick." She urged the council to put together an ordinance and put it on the ballot and let the people vote. "We will get those hills. This is not developable land. It's an albatross around the neck of the Lin family."

Later in the meeting, under matters initiated by the council,

McGovern asked that the council consider a ridgeline preservation ordinance. Other councilmembers agreed to discuss the potential at a future meeting.

During the public hearing, Michelle LaMarche said there were other ways to protect the hills than inappropriate development of very large mega-mansions in exchanged for undeveloped land. "There are initiatives and referendums."

Nancy Storch said that the opportunity to acquire the open space should not be passed up because of a few residents whose live nearby.

Others addressed the presence of the endangered Callippe butterfly. Tim Belcher noted that one expert found the butterfly on site. A second expert, hired by the developer, reviewed the work and refuted the findings. He asked that the city create development boundaries based on environmentally sensitive areas, not on some outdated city plan or map.

Planning Director Iserson stated, "The issue of the butterfly has not been resolved. Additional study is needed to determine if the species were present and if it were the endangered variety. If so, mitigation would be required."

Mike Regan spoke as a member of a Kottinger Hills subcommittee involved with the negotiations. Other members were Bing Hadley and Jon Harvey. Regan stated, "It's a complex issue where there are no right answers. The compromise is a project we can all live with." He urged the city to make sure that all of the conditions of approval are followed.

## MAILBOX

Kamena's wise motto: "Better Before Bigger." With this slogan, they have accommodated the pressure for growth while guarding against the mindless sprawl of other Valley cities, using infill with discretion and good taste.

Despite detractors City Council has held to their long-range concept, and implemented it beautifully, offering residents (new and old) exciting new in-town living options.

That's why I'm working to reelect Mayor Kamena and Council Member Marj Leider to continue their ongoing plans for our community, and supporting Design Review Committee member Jeff Williams, who shares their vision of Livermore in the 21st century.

I hope you will join me in supporting these 3 candidates in the November election.

### Vote for Dietrich

**John Stein  
Livermore**

This fall we have the opportunity to return Lorraine Dietrich to Livermore's City Council. She is bright and energetic and brings a practical and realistic viewpoint to Council debate.

Lorraine has brought a strong environmental point of view to the council. She was president of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority. Her work has increase recycling, reducing the amount of waste that goes into our landfills. She has also been a strong voice for effective use of green building techniques that increase the use of recycled materials and reduce the energy usage in commercial and residential buildings.

Lorraine is the only member of the current Council that helped create the highly successful South Livermore Area Plan. This is the plan that has revitalized agriculture and tourism by permanently protecting over 4000 acres of open space. We now have vineyards, olive orchards and even strawberry fields throughout the area. There are now wineries, restaurants, bed and breakfasts and olive mills. Two major new winery facilities are now being built at Concannon and Ruby Hills. This plan is a great example of Lorraine's ability to work with city residents, environmentalist, landowners, the park districts and the agricultural community to develop a realistic long term plan that benefits our entire community.

This November 6th make Lorraine Dietrich your choice for City Council. She has the experience, integrity and independence to listen to all of us and make the decisions that are in Livermore's best interest.

### Let's Not Wait

**Leo M. Mara  
Livermore**

How much longer are we going to let the thugs who, under the guises of religion and being 'God fearing men,' ruin our country?

They are lying to, and robbing from the very people who support them most. The further down the economic ladder we are the more they are taking from us. This includes our ultimate contribution, the lives of our soldiers.

Just because a bunch of clever thieves have stolen our elections with lies, corruption and false accusations doesn't mean we should treat them with the respect their offices deserve. We have a front man in our most prestigious office. Who among us thinks a man who can't even express a clear thought should be running this country?

There are more good people in our country than there are bad, and we all can vote. Why then do we have this bunch of hoodlums running our government?

Day after day they are debasing every aspect of our country. If we had a plague before us we wouldn't wait for the next election to fix it. How about we impeach Bush and Cheney?

We need leaders who can see beyond their pocketbooks and those of their self indulgent supporters.

### Reading Names

**Janet Linfoot  
Pleasanton**

In your September 27 issue, Mr. Ted Tully wrote that reading the names of the war dead at Pleasanton City Council meetings is not only an insult to the troops and their families, it is instead a ploy by those opposing the Iraq war and should not be permitted.

He is apparently not aware that council is required to devote a portion of each such meeting to accommodate any audience member to address council on any matter whatsoever of importance to them and not on the agenda. This includes honoring dead warriors as well as expressing opposition to the Iraq war. It's called free speech.

Further, Mr. Tully states that the mayor did not allow another speaker to call attention to the name-reader's "real" motives. This is inaccurate. Mayor Hosterman explained to that speaker the rules that are repeated ad nauseum at council meetings. Speakers are required to refrain from personal attacks and encouraged to maintain a civil attitude. Courtesy, after all, costs nothing and pays big dividends. Impugning the motives of others is non-productive and required mind reading abilities that few of us possess.

It is wonderful news that Mr. Tully's combat-veteran's son apparently is safe at home. How we who support the troops and condemn the war in Iraq wish with all our hearts that this were true of every father's child tangled in this ghastly web of war.

### Strawberry Stand

**Patricia Foster  
Livermore**

It is with great frustration that I have read a second Independent article with the very same and literally incredible statement in your coverage of the zoning controversy regarding the organic strawberry stand at Concannon and South Livermore Avenues. "Cars making a right turn off of Concannon may be traveling quite fast and might collide with a car coming out of the new driveway." The speed limit on Concannon approaching that intersection, where there is a stoplight, is 35 miles per hour according to the Livermore Police Department. If cars are traveling in excess of the speed limit the police ought to be citing those drivers. Many drivers will have stopped at a red light there, and others will have decelerated (below 35 mph) in order to safely make the turn as they enter the intersection on a green light. In many trips to this location I do not recall speeders or drivers recklessly turning from Concannon onto South Livermore.

There are many, many supporters of this strawberry/fruit/vegetable stand. These organic strawberries are the sweetest and most delicious my family has ever tasted. I hope the decision makers will take seriously the many signatures, including mine, on the petitions requesting that the stand be allowed to stay open as it is currently located and accessed.

### RRW

**Beverly King  
Livermore**

Complex 2030 is the Department of Energy's (DOE) policy to replace every nuclear warhead in our 10,000 nuclear stockpile. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) is designing the first of these weapons in a program called Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW), a benign name for a dangerous venture. The policy is against the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty our country has signed. More nuclear materials are a threat to the environment at a staggering cost of 150 billion dollars. When we create more nukes we give

excuses for other nations to do likewise, an international danger. Deterioration of the environment and people's health, the immediate and long term destruction of radioactivity, the cost, and the threat to world peace are good reasons to protest the DOE's policy.

Congress provides funding for the policy. Writing to our representatives objecting to the policy is influential in their decisions.

The public will have the opportunity to speak or write to the DOE and LLNL at a public hearing in the near future. Our voices carry weight in policy decisions. We must raise our voices in objection by being informed, by contacting our representatives and the media and attending hearings. In this way we can protect our community against further radioactive exposure and help create a safer, more peaceful world.

### Corrections

**Bobbie Hadley  
Livermore**

Thank you for your article about the history of the Del Valle Fine Arts in the October Livermore magazine.

I would like to make two corrections. The group did not begin in the late 1950s. In 1977 Renee Smith, a piano teacher, realized there was no top quality piano in Livermore (she explored all schools and churches) for a professional pianist to play on. She and many friends contributed enough money to buy a piano. Del Valle Fine Arts' first concert series was in 1978. At one of the 2002 concerts, we celebrated our 25th anniversary.

Leontyne Price sang at the Livermore High School auditorium as part of the Community Concert Association, not the Del Valley Fine Arts. There were several East Bay cities where each of the artists would perform once at each location. If you could not attend the performance in your city, you were allowed to substitute at one of the other locations.

### English Only

**Kenneth Nather  
Livermore**

This is a copy of the letter I sent to Senators Boxer and Feinstein:

Senators, please let me know your reasons for voting against "English as America's official language" on June 6, 2007.

President Lincoln is reported to have said, "Congressmen who willfully take actions during wartime that damage morale and undermine the military are saboteurs and should be arrested, exiled or hanged."

I admire Lincoln's concept of what to do with people who aid and abet our enemies. Lincoln identified congressmen; I would add senators and media reporters to his list of saboteurs.

### Music at Bankhead

**Amy Laird  
Livermore**

Am I the only one who would like to see some rock, blues, or

soul gigs booked at the new Bankhead Theater?

Wouldn't it be cool to see Buddy Guy or the Reverend Al Green perform here, in our little town?

I hope Rock & Roll is considered and included in the diversity of acts at our new Performing Arts Center.

I know it's only Rock & Roll, but I like it.

### Strawberry Fields

**Roger Accornero  
Livermore**

I believe that the City of Livermore has a much more serious "accident waiting to happen," liability in several newly-developed housing tracts than the proximity of the Strawberry Fields' driveway in relationship to right-turn drivers transitioning from Concannon Boulevard onto South Livermore Avenue.

I ride my bicycle for exercise due to my doctor's recommendation of minimizing impact on my prosthetic hip joint. My normal route is east on Patterson Pass Road, south on Cross Road, west on Tesla Road, north on South Vasco Road, and then west on Charlotte Way back into the housing tract where I live. Between South Vasco Road and East Avenue on Charlotte Way, there are several "median islands" that force automobile drivers to make a decision as to how to drive when confronted with the predicament of a cyclist traveling in the same direction as the motorist since the distance between the "median island" and the side of the road is very narrow to support an automobile and a cyclist. I have observed drivers speeding by on the opposite side of the "median island" nearly hitting cyclists traveling in the opposite direction, drivers squeezing between the "median island" and myself in a very unsafe condition for which I have luckily yet to be seriously injured, and drivers making the correct decision by patiently waiting for me to pass the "median island" before they cross over the centerline to pass. The City should widen the pavement between the "median island" and the side of the road in all areas where this unsafe condition exists to prevent a serious accident or a fatality.

With respect to the County of Alameda, they recently widened the bike path between Greenville Road and South Vasco Road, and I am sure that many cyclists are very appreciative of this improvement. Since there are many cyclists that ride east of Greenville Road on Tesla Road, they should plan to widen the bike path 0.5 mile east of Greenville Road on Tesla Road at the "S" turn at the eucalyptus trees since this section of road is sometimes very dangerous due to the increasing amount of large trucks and commuters traveling to and from the San Joaquin Valley.

Just a thought!

### Candidates Endorsed

**Archer Futch  
Former Livermore Mayor**

The Citizens of Livermore

have worked for many years to achieve their vision of a city surrounded by a greenbelt of vineyards and open space. They have consistently and decisively defeated massive sprawl developments in the North Livermore greenbelt. They have voted for a County initiative preventing urban development in open space and agricultural areas, and they also have supported an urban growth boundary surrounding the City that can only be changed by a vote of the people.

Significant progress has been made toward making Livermore a wonderful place to live with a vibrant downtown, restaurants, movie theatres, and the many cultural activities we enjoy today. Jeff Williams shares this vision of Livermore with a lively downtown, residential areas, vineyards and open space. Lorraine Dietrich, his opponent for the Council, has a different vision for Livermore. She has consistently supported Dublin type sprawl in North Livermore with its associated traffic congestion. She has also voted against allowing the citizens to vote on an urban growth boundary.

I have known Jeff since the early 1970's when he was a young technician at the Livermore Lab. With his unusual ability, intelligence, and integrity, he worked his way up the ladder to become head of the Lab's Mechanical Engineering Department. With his recent retirement from LLNL, Jeff has the time and certainly the ability to contribute significantly to Livermore's future. I support Jeff Williams for the Livermore City Council.

Marj Leider who has a long-standing record of civic accomplishments and good planning as a member of the Planning Commission and Council should be re-elected. I also endorse Mayor Kamena who has opposed North Livermore sprawl and worked hard to improve downtown Livermore.

### Delighted

**Ruth Gasten  
Livermore**

I'm delighted with the positive changes that have been going on in Livermore over the past year.

The new design of First Street is finally giving us a leisurely downtown—a place for strolling pedestrians—instead of the speedy through traffic we've endured for too many years.

With the opening of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, a booming "theater dis-

tract" has materialized, tastefully designed, including a handsome public space, and a free parking garage. An intriguing variety of new restaurants has opened nearby, making the area an entertainment destination. What fun it is to see people of all ages sitting in the public space, listening to music and relaxing with their neighbors!

We've been fortunate to have a real "get-it-done" City Council, and I'm supporting two of its hard workers for re-election: Mayor Marshall Kamena and Councilwoman Marjorie Leider.

I'm also supporting Council candidate Jeff Williams, who has given excellent public service on the Design Review Committee.

### Livermore Election

**Mary McMahon  
Livermore**

It's the voter nag again. The sample ballots have reached our homes. If you will not be able to get to a polling place on November 6 please get a vote by mail registration. It is a tiny ballot that will take one minute to vote. It is an important election for the city council. Don't let non-voters make your choices.

### Won't Vote for Dietrich

**Lucille Bruskin  
Livermore**

I may be a "deteriorating senior," but I've given many volunteer hours to helping in the campaigns for Measure D and against the Pardee Development.

Hard work on the part of so many volunteers, young and old, convinced three-quarters of our citizens to vote down Pardee's plan despite all the money they spent to hoodwink the public.

We also elected 3 candidates for the city government who supported our campaign to preserve the Urban Growth Boundary.

In fact, we had the support of the entire City Council with the exception of Lorraine Dietrich. Unbelievably she campaigned on behalf of Pardee and the unsuccessful pro-Pardee candidates who were rejected by nearly three-quarters of the electorate.

There is no way I would vote to re-elect Ms. Dietrich to the Council. She's been proved to be out of step with public opinion for years.

I'm supporting the re-election of Mayor Kamena and Council Member Leider, plus candidate Jeff Williams, who worked diligently with the voting majority to protect North Livermore from sprawl.

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## Houston Says Water Bond Bill Has '50-50' Chance

Assemblyman Guy Houston (R-San Ramon) gives the current special session of the Legislature "about a 50-50 chance" of putting a water bond on the February presidential primary ballot.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger called the Legislature back into session to deal with water and flood control problems, and also to come up with a health care bill that would cover more Californians.

Houston is a member of the Assembly's Water Storage Special Session Working Group. He said that he has seen more bipartisan cooperation on the water and flood control bills than on

health care coverage.

The biggest sticking point on placing a water bond on the ballot is how big the bond amount should be. The amount is tied to how much the state should pay for the improvements necessary to bring about a more reliable water supply in the Delta. Schwarzenegger wants a \$9 billion bond. Democrats want less.

Assemblyman John Laird, D-Santa Cruz, who heads his house's overall committee on the water issue, told the Independent that he wants to see the state subsidizing no more than 3 percent of the cost of water supply improvements. Historically, 3 per-

cent has been the degree to which the state has participated, said Laird. Translated to dollars, Laird's position would allow about \$5 billion less than what the governor asks, he said.

Laird's philosophy is that most of the cost of improvements should be borne by the users who receive benefit from it. In the Tri-Valley, that would mean the water customers of Zone 7 Water Agency. Zone 7 is the Valley's water wholesaler. It is part of the 29-member state water contractors group, that obtains its water from the state water project (SWP).

Houston said he didn't agree with Laird's approach. He said some of the broad statewide concerns that face California now weren't there in the past. The state needs a reliable water storage supply so that agriculture in the Central Valley and the Livermore Valley don't falter. Otherwise, there would be an economic ripple effect on the whole state's economy.

Saving the Delta smelt takes water away from current water users, especially in a drought, which brings the need for more storage. Saving the smelt is a statewide conservation concern, so it's appropriate to use state

money for it, said Houston.

Laird said he thought that a bill in the Senate, still in committee hearings as of Tuesday, was "headed in the right direction" toward a compromise. He noted that a key Republican senator was speaking about it in a way that showed it could get out of committee as a courtesy to all. However, judging by the speeches, it may not get all the way to the Assembly, he said.

Zone 7 officials have talked to all of the area's representatives in Sacramento, said Zone 7 environmental and public affairs manager Karla Nemeth. "There are a lot of different points of view (in water bills in Sacramento). We are supportive of elements of all of the various bills being considered right now," she said.

Nemeth agreed with Houston that obtaining water conveyance through the Delta that protects the smelt, and providing more water storage for agriculture are statewide issues, and justify state bond money for them. A federal judge's decision to save the smelt brought the issue to the forefront, so placing the bond on the ballot is a big priority for Zone 7 as a state water contractor, said Nemeth.

## AIRPORT

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studying an update of the Regional Airport System Plan, which was adopted in 2000. Recently, RAPC completed a Phase I study of potential new solutions to long term airport system capacity issues. At its September meeting, the committee discussed the scope of work for a Phase II study.

"The City of Livermore supports creative efforts to alleviate airport system capacity issues facing the Bay Area," according to the letter. "Some of the emerging technological air traffic control and demand management strategies at San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose international airports look particularly promising."

The Phase II study would emphasize public input and a visioning process to develop consensus on a long-range aviation plan. In addition to looking at alternative airports, the study will consider diversion of some air passengers to a future California High Speed Rail system.

Updated forecasts would be developed for unconstrained air

passenger, air cargo and business general aviation demand. Included would be an assessment of the potential passenger and air cargo demand that could be served by alternative airports and the impact of general aviation on future runway capacity issues at the three major commercial airports.

The airport capacity analysis should identify the most promising and realistic new air traffic control and demand management strategies and estimate the impact at specific airports. There is the potential to substitute inter-regional express bus service for short haul commuter flights.

The study would also look at the potential to acquire and operate new airports and promote compatible land use around airports.

The letter from Livermore concludes, "The City hopes that RAPC will consider the Livermore community's wishes regarding the character of the Livermore Airport as it evaluates the many options for relieving congestion at Bay Area air carrier airports."

## Halloween Events Planned in Livermore

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) plays host to two seasonal Halloween events that have become a tradition in the Tri-Valley region.

A Halloween Carnival for tiny tots and young children, ages 2 to 6 will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue. The event features candy and prizes, an air jump, a Monster Cupcake Walk, Ghostly Basketball, Spooky Bean Bag Toss, along with a haunted maze and mini-pumpkin patch. A traditional costume parade is also included. The fee is \$5 per child and accompanying adults are free. Pre-registration is required in advance of the event at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

The Haunted Barn, open to

ages 10 and up is offered each year at 3131 Pacific Avenue. The historic barn was built in 1922, and originally served as part of the rodeo grounds purchased by the city for the city hall complex. The goblins and ghouls of Livermore's past give visitors a frightening tour through the dark and cavernous Haunted Barn, complete with a Mad Scientist Room and a Haunted Graveyard. Tres spooky. The entrance fee is \$7 per person and tours are offered on the following dates and times:

Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.; Sunday, October 21, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.; Sunday, October 28, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, October 31 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us)

## Council Proclaims October a Time to Celebrate the Arts

October is officially "Celebration of Cultural Arts Month" in Livermore.

As part of the celebration on Monday, the city council met at the new Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore.

During the meeting, they presented proclamations to members of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center board of directors in recognition of the effort that produced the theater. Supervisor Scott Haggerty was recognized for his contribution in obtaining funding to build the theater.

The proclamation declaring October as the time to celebrate the arts noted that Livermore has a long history of support for cultural arts. It has a well established and valued artistic community. It noted that October is a very active month for the cultural arts in Livermore. Events included the opening of the 500-seat performing arts theater, ArtWalk, the Art Banner Auction, the Livermore Valley Opera fall series, Del Valle Fine Arts performance, Livermore-Amador Symphony Pops Concert, and the Library's Teen Independent Film Festival.

The city council members read favorite quotes.

One of the agenda items included installation of a plaque inscribed with "Water Over Stone," a poem written by the city's Poet Laureate Connie Post for the Livermore Valley Plaza and Amphitheater dedication. When asked if she supported the idea, Post replied, "What poet doesn't want to be in bronze?"

## ANTHRAX

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sponsible official failed to ensure compliance with the shipping and packaging requirements of the select agent regulations.

Under the terms of the settlement, LLNL agreed to pay the OIG \$450,000 to resolve these allegations.

According to a statement issued by the Lab, "In this particular situation, LLNL sent a shipment that had been inappropriately packaged and another shipment with incorrect paperwork. Upon discovery, we voluntarily suspended all select agent research for seven months and took aggressive action to correct the issues. We conducted an extensive review to ensure that new procedures, processes and training now preclude the acknowledged errors and that our practices effectively protect both our personnel and the general public."

The statement noted that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued the Lab a three-year renewal of its select agent registration — without restriction. This renewal came in April 2006 following a CDC inspection of LLNL policies, practices and procedures. The registration allows the Lab to continue research.

Marylia Kelley, the Executive

Director of Tri-Valley CAREs who lives across the street from Livermore Lab, responded: "I am angry that the University of California Regents and Livermore Lab officials deliberately withheld important information from the public."

The FOIA requests are viewed as important by Tri-Valley CAREs, because very little is currently known about the violations that resulted in the anthrax release. Kelley added, "We know that the DHHS has determined that anthrax was released, and that employees who opened the shipment were put on Cipro due to their potential exposures. We believe Livermore Lab's response is not sufficient to protect the public from future mishaps. Serious questions remain."

Robert Schwartz, Staff Attorney at Tri-Valley CAREs, added, "I am particularly troubled that Livermore Lab allowed an unauthorized individual to package a biowarfare agent. This not only violates government regulations but raises the specter that Livermore Lab's handling of dangerous biological agents may increase the risk that a terrorist could access anthrax at the Lab and spread it around the community."

## Livermore Receives Yet Another Award

The City of Livermore has received yet another award. It was recognized by the National Research Center (NRC), winning two Transformation Awards at the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA., on Sunday, October 7, 2007.

The Transformation Award recognizes significant improvement in citizen satisfaction rates on The National Citizen Survey between 2006 and the earlier survey, taken in 2004. The City of Livermore won Transformation Awards for Overall City Services, and Library Services.

The awards are announced each year by the ICMA and the National Research Center, Inc. to the jurisdictions showing the biggest improvement in service ratings according to a representative sample of their own residents. Winners are identified among all the jurisdictions that conducted The National Citizen Survey™ in 2006. To win, the improvement in service quality rating must be significantly higher than the rating from the most recent prior survey conducted in that jurisdiction and larger than the improvement shown in all other eligible jurisdictions in 2006.

The City of Livermore conducts The National Citizen Survey™ every two years. It is gearing up for the next survey scheduled for late fall, with results available in February 2008. The 2006 National Citizen Survey™ results are available from the homepage of the City's website at [www.ci.livermore.ca.us](http://www.ci.livermore.ca.us).

## Program on Identity Theft

The Livermore Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District (LARPD) will present a program on Identity Theft as the topic of the next community education presentation to be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue. The presentation will be held on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The presenter will be Detective Kevin Little. Detective Little has extensive experience in fraud, forgery, identity theft and high tech crimes investigations.

Detective Little will be discussing a variety of topics related to identity theft such as how to reduce your potential for becoming a victim of identity theft, the difficulties in investigating identity theft cases and strategies on

what to do should you become the victim of identity theft.

The presentation is free. LARPD requests that reservations be made by signing up for the program at 373-5700 to help LARPD plan seating arrangements.

This Identity Theft presentation is co-sponsored by the Livermore Police Department and the CPAAA, an organization of members from the community who have graduated from the Citizens Police Academy. For more information about the Citizens Police Academy, please visit [www.livermorepolice.org](http://www.livermorepolice.org)

Future presentations include: "Troubled Teens: Horizons Counseling Programs" on November 8<sup>th</sup> and "Impaired Driving: What LPD is doing to Combat Drunk Driving" on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

## October Affaire Set at Alden Lane

Good News Bears (GNB), a local non-profit organization, is hosting un"bear"ably fun Fall event on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14 from 11 am - 4 pm at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. "October Affaire" will be part of Alden Lane's Fall Festival.

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

new teddy bears for gifting.

Good News Bears' mission is to distribute "stuffed love" to those in need. Last year, members met their goal of distributing at least 10,000 stuffed animals to local hospitals, emergency vehicles, shelters, and more during the year. More than 60 organizations are on the regular distribution list. In addition to filling the need in the Tri-Valley, The bears and other stuffed animals travel the world in their mission to ease pain and suffering. To date, more than 54,000 stuffed animals have gotten in the arms of someone needing comfort.

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

October Affaire is the main fundraiser for the organization. Drawing tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5, or 15 for \$20. Have a picture taken with Good News Bears' mascot from 1 - 2:30 pm each day for a small fee. For more information, please call Jeanie at (925) 373-7982.

## Holiday Tea And Fashions

Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society will host its third Annual Holiday Tea and Fashion Show on Dec. 2.



There will be two seatings, noon and 3 p.m.

Fashions from downtown Pleasanton stores will be featured. A high tea consisting of sandwiches, scones and sweets with several flavors of tea will be served. Raffle tickets will be sold for an opportunity to win a wide variety of baskets.

It is suggested that guests dress up in period clothing and/or hats but it is not required. Tickets will go on sale October 15. Reservations can be completed before October 15. Tickets are \$30 for non-members and \$25 for Museum on Main members.

For information, please visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

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## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan

### Autograph Books

When I phoned Terry Berry, director of the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society's museum in Pleasanton on Main Street, to ask if their collection included autograph books, she responded, "Oh, you mean those little books people used for remembrances in the 1800s?" I laughed. "Well, I'm not quite that old." Yes, my box of special memories holds my own battered blue book, about 6 by 4 1/2 inches, with the title "Autographs" in gold. The first entries are from June 1947 when I was attending my last days of elementary school at Public School 50 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Sometimes these little books were called friendship albums, and that seems to have been the theme for several of my classmates: "There are big ships/There are little ships/But there is no ship/Like friendship." Around the edge of one page a friend wrote: "When you are old and trimming the hedge, remember the girl who wrote on the edge." Another advised, "When you are old and out of shape, go downtown and buy yourself a girdle for \$1.98." My sixth-grade teacher wrote, "My most affectionate regards to my favorite poetess," in beautiful handwriting. Even my father got into the act: "For me it will always be a little girl with pigtails and quick, busy feet."

Autograph books started in the mid-sixteenth century. Their popularity died out with the publication of yearbooks; nowadays students write good wishes on their yearbook pages. In autograph books people wrote short poems or aphorisms, Biblical or literary quotations, perhaps a prophesy; some just signed their names. Others made drawings, occasionally elaborate ones.

Dr. Grace Devnich owns Livermore native Susie Kelly's green velvet autograph book with its ivory-colored celluloid cover incised with flowers and a cherub. Susie attended the Livermore Grammar School until her graduation from the eighth grade. Alma Thorn wrote on January 31, 1899, "May the devil bite the toes of all your foes. /So we may tell them by their limping." In April Susie's teacher Grace McKeaney hoped "May you grow to be a good and useful woman." Archer Bowles contributed the traditional "Roses are red, /Violets are blue, /Sugar is sweet, /And so are you;" Paul Kamp was more creative: "Roses are red, /Violets are green, /You look better/ Than a washing machine."

The Museum on Main in Pleasanton has several autograph books in its collection. Cora Rasmussen wrote in Hazel Snarey's book in 1906, "You ask for something original, /But where shall I begin?/ For there's nothing original in me/Except original sin." The front of Hazel's book had a winter landscape. In 1907 when they were in the eighth grade, Emma Reimers advised Hazel: "Some temptations come to the industrious, but all temptations attack the idle." "Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust," was Chris Runkel's more practical advice.

Louisa Bernal had a maroon velvet "Floral Album"; some of its pages were decorated with flowers or nature scenes. In 1891 Gregory Vitaich took advantage of a page with a robin's nest to write, "Think of me little, /Think of me long/And listen to the words/Of the robin's sweet song." Several classmates expressed their wishes to Louisa in Spanish. A.H. Amador wrote, "Este papel es el alma/La tinta el primer renglón/La pluma deseo el verde/La firma es mi Corazón."

Camille Lucas's autograph book, with green velvet back and celluloid front imprinted with sprays of flowers against a woven basket design, is also in the Pleasanton collection. Camille attended Pleasanton School in 1899 and 1900. Along with their written entries during these years, many students pasted in miniature self-portrait photographs; this custom seems to have evolved into today's practice of including small portraits in yearbooks. Others added colorful stickers.

Peter Breuss wrote, "May ne'er across your pathway drift/A cloud too dark for love to lift," and Lena Thonesen reminded Camille that "A kind word never dies." Camille's mother contributed, "Know this, too, before you are older, /And all the fresh morning is gone, /Who puts to the world's wheel a shoulder/Is he that will move the world on."

Some of us still have these little books at home; others might be found in collections of local historical societies, such as the Livermore Heritage Guild at the Carnegie Library, the Dublin Heritage Center at Murray School, the Amador-Livermore Historical Society in Pleasanton, the San Ramon Historical Society in the Danville train depot. Don't overlook these resources for history in our own Tri-Valley.

Or you could visit the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library at Princeton University and peruse their collection of 196 student autograph books written between 1825 and 1884. The men wrote good wishes to each other, selections of poetry, letters of farewell, and reminiscences of shared undergraduate events—pranks, card games, chess matches, classes. Such a large collection affords an interesting portrait of mid-19th century college life.

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Anne Homan is on vacation. The above was a repeat of a column that ran earlier.



## The Eyes of the World Said to Be on Tri-Valley

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's annual community leader day was moved off site this year. It was held at the new Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore.

The event offered an opportunity for members of the public to hear from the director of the Lab, George Miller.

The Lab was under new management as of Oct. 1. Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) is the new team, which includes Bechtel National, University of California, BWX Technologies (BWXT), Washington Group International, Battelle, and Texas A&M University.

LLNS was formed solely for the purpose of managing the Lab. The mission of the Lab will remain the same, said Miller. Scientists will bring science, often beyond the leading edge, to the mission that includes national security, global security, homeland security, energy and the environment.

As a private company, there are different labor laws. The Lab

will be paying property taxes. A board of governors will run the Lab. For the first time, it will be possible to make corporate gifts, continued Miller. Among the first was a \$10,000 check given to the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Theater.

The Lab has 7800 employees with a \$769 million payroll. The majority of the employees live and work in this community," noted Miller. The budget for FY07 is \$1.7 billion.

Miller was proud of the R&D 100 awards granted to the Lab in 2007. The "Oscars of R&D" were awarded for projects that run the gamut from things that protect us and the country to breakthroughs in cancer treatment, Miller declared. "The breadth of the research is breathtaking."

The Lab will have the lead in evaluating the reliable replacement warhead (RRW), he continued.

In addition, there are world class supercomputers that will allow researchers to understand atom by atom how things work. Once that is achieved, it will be

possible to create designer materials. "The other extreme is the world's largest laser, NIF (National Ignition Facility)," said Miller. Experiments will begin again this fiscal year. The entire facility will be completed in 18 months.

Miller also talked about goals. Among them are the following: increase work for non-NNSA (National Nuclear Security Administration) sponsors; open a corporate office in the downtown; and expand community outreach.

Ed Moses, who is the leader of the NIF project, said, "The world is watching what is happening in Livermore because of NIF. It has the potential to create a limitless supply of clean energy." And, astrophysics experiments will be able to be conducted in the laboratory. "We could schedule a supernova in Livermore," declared Moses.

He went on to note that San Francisco is the product of the Gold Rush; Silicon Valley, the transistor. Our Valley has played an important role in geopolitics and will play a greater role in the future.

"Clean energy is humankind's challenge. I believe much strife is related to it as is global climate change. People want to live as we do. That requires a great

deal of energy," said Moses. He said with current technologies, 10,000 more power reactors would be needed this century. Fusion energy would burn the hydrogen found in water, using such equipment as NIF.

"By 2100, it is my hope that fusion energy is powering the earth and that the earth has recovered from the insult that is going on now. I hope someday we are known as the Photon Valley," declared Moses.

Susan Houghton, head of public relations at the Lab, said that the Bankhead Theater was a natural choice for the presentation. There is a strong connection between science and math. Edward teller played the piano and violin. Einstein was a big supporter of arts and music.

Houghton listed the many performance groups that have had Lab employees involved in them, including Cask and Mask, the Valley Concert Chorale, and Livermore Valley Opera. "They are musicians, crews and audiences. We are proud to be a part of the grand opening ceremonies for the Bankhead Theater. Joan Seppala, the visionary behind this theater, came to me and asked, 'if we build it, will you come.' We came," declared Houghton.

## Tickets Available for 'Monster Mayhem' Haunted House

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Youth will host its annual Haunted House, *Monster Mayhem*, on Thursday, October 25, and Friday, October 26 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Amador Recreation Center, 4455 Black Avenue, adjacent to the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center.

Tours of the Haunted House will begin on the half hour beginning at 5:30 pm. Suggested times for children under the age of nine (9) are 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Tickets to the Haunted House are \$5 per person in advance and \$10 at the door. Admission for children under the age of three (3) is free. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-sale ticket holders will be admitted during their assigned time slots.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Pleasanton's Department of Parks and Community Services, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays.

Civic Arts' Annual Haunted House is presented by Halloween-loving teens and adults enrolled in Parks and Community Services' Haunted House performance class. The classes meet weekly for six weeks during which time participants research classic films and stories in preparation for shaping their own monster characters.

For more information, call the Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 931-5340.

## Pleasanton Antique Faire Set for Sunday

The semi-annual Pleasanton Downtown Association Antique Street Faire is back and will be held on Sunday, October 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Main Street. Admission is free.

The event is sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association and produced by Frate and Associates.

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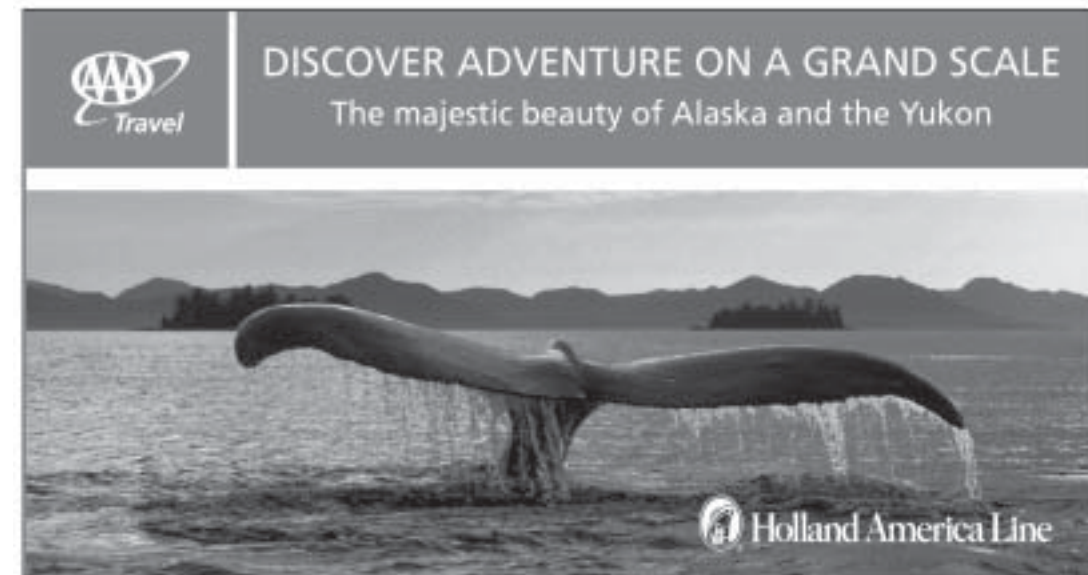
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# SPORTS NOTES



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**Granada High School player (10) goes up for a block. Granada junior varsity defeated Amador Valley two matches to none in volleyball action. In the varsity division, Amador won all three matches.**

## Pleasanton Ballistic

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) Black U14 played the visiting and previously undefeated San Ramon Rampage in a 2 to 1 win in Pleasanton on Sunday. The BUSC Black played well against their physically larger opponent, never backing down even after San Ramon scored early in the 2nd minute of the match. Jake Lorentz scored a goal in the 34th minute which was a second effort after his first shot deflected off the keeper ending the first half in a 1 to 1 tie. The BUSC came out strong in the second half quickly controlling ball possession. Jared Shohfi scored the game winning goal in the 40th minute. Shots on goal in the match also came from Cade Debenedetti, Hunter Meurons, and Vik Aulakh with 3 direct kicks. BUSC Black midfielders and defenders were critical in keeping San Ramon from scoring in the second half, and keeper Lukas Moses had 6 key saves in the match. Top Offensive Players: Jake Lorentz, Jared Shohfi, and Hunter Meurons; Top Defensive Players: Eric Brooks, Randy Copeman, and Nick Bayle.

The U16 BUSC Black team came away with a 2-0 victory over the visiting Fremont Strikers. Ballistic controlled the game from the opening whistle. Drew Hall scored both Ballistic goals although several other players contributed to the victory. Brian Johnson, Bryan Bai, Nick West, Dylan Mole, and Etris Bemanian were stellar. Defensively, Cory Beck, Kevin Shad, and Nick Anderson were rock solid. Evan Zolfarelli was his usual wall in the net and kept the shutout with a great late game save. Top Offensive Players: Drew Hall, Nick West, Dylan Mole; Top Defensive Players: Nick Anderson, Kevin Shad, Cory Beck.

Ballistic U12 Black shined against a very sporting Livermore Thunder in a make-up game for a recent rainout. Ballistic went up 1-0 early in the game with a corner kick by Nathan Howard to Jeff Snyder, who scored with a shot off his knee. A goal by Chris Herz off an assist by Connor Tait-Mole put Ballistic up 2-0. Connor and Chris swapped roles shortly thereafter to put Ballistic up 3-0. Nathan Howard scored on a PK before the end of the first half to put Ballistic up 4-0. Connor Tait-Mole scored twice in the second half for a final score of 6-0. Excellent defense was the order of the day for Ballistic's Connor Veit, Thomas Lee, Kevin Vigallon, and keeper Steven Morgan.

The visiting BUSC Black U14 played the home FC Fremont Saturday in Fremont in a 1 to 4 loss on Saturday. Fremont scored in the 17th minute, but BUSC Black continued to battle back. Vik Aulakh scored a goal in the 27th minute off a direct kick 25 yards out that was well placed in the top left corner of the goal, ending the first half in a 1 to 1 tie. Shots on goal in the match also came from Jake Lorentz and Jared Shohfi. Keeper Lukas Moses had 8 saves in the match. Top Offensive Players: Jake Lorentz, Jared Shohfi, and Cade Debenedetti; Top Defensive Players: Vik Aulakh, Chandler Bullock, and Randy Copeman.

Ballistic U-14 United team travelled to Concord on Saturday looking to build on last weeks victories in their game against the Mount Diablo Earthquakes. From the outset Ballistic seized control of the game and it was no surprise when Edgar Henriquez scored on one of his signature runs through the middle of the defense. Ballistic added a second through Jason Chow who scored with a shot from outside the penalty area. Ballistic scored again through Jason Chow before Dane Shaffar wrapped it up nicely with a half-volley from inside the box. Ballistic's defense kept a clean sheet for the sixth game in a row as they moved to 3-2 in league play. Top Offensive Players: Jason Chow, Edgar Henriquez, Dane Shaffar. Top Defensive Players: Frank Morley, Suchi Kuo, Baron Kim.

A much tougher challenge awaited the Ballistic U-14 United team when they returned to Pleasanton for Sunday's game against the Newark Victory who were placed higher than them in the league table with a 4-1 record. The game started off very even with both sides sharing possession and creating chances. The deadlock was broken for United by Edgar Henriquez, who blasted a shot into the top corner of the net. Newark equalized before half time. The second half continued in similar fashion until midfielder Erik Knaggs headed home a cross from Justin Lui and secured the points for Ballistic. The victory makes it seven wins in as many games for the U-14 squad under coach Justin Kohling. Top Offensive Players: Dane Shaffar, Edgar Henriquez, Erik Knaggs; Top Defensive Players: Sibusko Kuo, Frank Morley, Michael Viebeck.

**BUSC Class 1 U15** played their third tie of the season, 2 to 2, on Sunday against the formidable Newark Pumas. Although both teams got off to a slow start, it would end up an offensive battle. Ballistic scored first when a direct kick by Evan Larsen found Zack Savoy in front of the goal. In the second half, the Pumas came out strong, scoring twice before Simeon Comanescu passed from the center to the right side, where Colton Portela tied the game with his shot into the corner of the goal. Showing terrific hustle throughout the game were Lucas Crawbeck, Derek Kanowsky, and Troy Steison. Keeper Adam Bailey was outstanding as always, with 12 saves. Top Offensive Players: Zack Savoy, Colton Portela, Simeon Comanescu;

Top Defensive Players: Evan Larsen, Adam Bailey, Lucas Crawbeck.  
**Ballistic Black U11** defeated Ballistic White 6 to 1. At halftime, the game was scoreless. Once the second half began, the first goal of six came from Brian Kinee with an assist from Alex Lee. Thereafter there were goals made by Roberto Beard (unassisted goal), two goals by Joey Repap with an assist from Andrew Griehshammer, Colin Blaney, who made a free kick and the final goal by Andrew Griehshammer with an assist from Joshua Cole. Top Defensive Players: Andrew Griehshammer, David Acosta and Jack Geasa.

The BUSC U19 Black put together a terrific team effort to top the Newark Rebels 1-0. Despite being scoreless at halftime, Ballistic was moving the ball with precision, and many of the players had their best game of the season. With a revamped lineup, backs Willie Berger, Nate Weber, and Bryant Dante ruled the backline, keeping the speedy Newark frontline from mounting a threat. Kieren McEntee and Joey Halim were solid in the attack, and Garrett Clark was a pleasant surprise in the midfield. Tim Gaisor brought some increased energy to the attack, and it seemed like it would be a matter of time. In the 51st minute, they broke through. Gaisor did strong work down the left side and found Kamron Behzadi sitting all along at the eighteen. He rocketed one that the keeper dove to his left and saved, but couldn't control. Gaisor swooped in to clean it up for the 1-0 lead. Later in the half, Clark hit the crossbar with a terrific header on a corner kick. GK Jacob Buchenauer had to come up huge in the 77th and 81st minute, making sliding stops on driving Newark forwards. Clark was further snatched on another brilliant attempt. On a quick restart, Behzadi sent a back pass to a waiting Clark. He laid out and got another header on net, but again hit the crossbar. The Black were able to close the game out without incident and come away with the 1-0 win. Top Offensive Players: Tim Gaisor, Garrett Clark, Kamron Behzadi; Top Defensive Players: Jacob Buchenauer, Willie Berger, Nate Weber, Bryant Dante.

The BUSC U18 United got back to their winning ways with a strong 3-0 win over the visiting Mt. Diablo Blast. United got on the board early following a direct kick from 30 yards. Trevor Danielson scored for the lead 10 minutes in. Damien got a helper by leading David Norton down the right side-line, for goal two. Justin Mullaney, Tommy Sander, and Danielson kept the Blast attackers very well bottled up all afternoon. Nestor Negrete forced a corner. In the second half, Tigran Nahapetian was creating havoc in the Blast end, setting up several teammates but without a goal to show for it. Very late in the game, in the 89th minute, Weber made a save and quickly transitioned to Morrissey. He led Norton, who juked two players and the keeper to score in close for the final goal. Top Offensive Players: David Norton, Trevor Danielson; Top Defensive Players: Justin Mullaney, Tommy Sander, Trevor Morrissey.

Ballistic United Soccer Club recreational teams Division 4 results:  
**Under-7:** The Slammers came out strong again this week continuing to demonstrate strong teamwork. The players were mindful of passing to each other and setting up and executing several successful shots at the goal. Liam Murtugh scored one of the first goals of the game and in the second half, the offensive game continued to be strong with Trent Pozzi landing a successful shot and George Watts kicking a powerful punch to the goal to end the game. The defensive game was also notable with Tyler Loll in the box the first half, warding off several attempts. Brandon Ricci carried on the strong defensive position as goalie in the second half. Ameya Malekar played a strong defensive role in the last half of the game.  
 Top Offensive Players: Ethan Hunt-Parth Gupta, Carter Leong - Flash; George Watts, Liam Murtugh, Trent Pozzi - Slammers; Aaron Guerra, Jason Dorman, Eric Andre - Spiders; Top Defensive Players: Danny Serrano, Sahil Patel, Maxmillian Marafatos - Flash; Tyler Loll, Brandon Ricci, Ameya Malekar - Slammers; John Morse, David Florio, Anthony Simon - Spiders.

**Under-9:** The Dragons fought hard against the Dawgs this week and had some of the best passing of the season! Christopher Cherveth had multiple goal attempts. Gregory Arnold scored the teams only goal. Cliff Moran played a great defensive game. Top Offensive Players: Johnthan Battaglia, Christopher Chervet, Jason Gonzaga - Dragons; Top Defensive Players: Paul Meyere, Jarod Moyers, Ryan Schmit - Dragons.

**Under-10:** Avengers 3; Top Offensive Players: Chase Psnakis, Geunho Kye, Nicholas Roskopf - Avengers; Nick Tucker, Damian Johnson, Zach Sonnenschein - Javelins; Top Defensive Players: Kevin Guver, Kevin Alex Goldenhar, Chase Psnakis - Avengers; Amit Nagdev, Eric Holmes, Sean Vincent - Javelins.

The Jaguars hustling offense kept up steady pressure, taking a 1-0 lead into halftime after the left forward raced across the field to a loose ball in the corner, juked past a pair of fullbacks and powered home a high liner. After that, though, the Javelins' defense stiffened as goalie Michael Schwannhauser made a diving stop, then fullbacks Damian Johnson and Luca Disbrow each saved goals off corners. In the second half, the Jags padded their lead with two goals, one off an indirect kick. But Javelins fullbacks Amit Nagdev

and Sean Vincent repeatedly harassed the Jags attackers and goalie Eric Thomas punched away a liner and pounced on several shots. Down 3-0, Javelins fullback Zach Sonnenschein sparked the team's goal with a steal at midfield and an alert pass to Nick Tucker, who bulldozed past defenders and punched in a short-range shot.

**Under-12:** Rampage 0, Revolution 6; Top Offensive Players: Kevin Rodriguez, Zach Shick, Megan Bullock - Revolution. The Revolution came out firing on all cylinders in their game against the Rampage. In the 1st half Kevin Rodriguez accounted for all the scoring blasting in three goals, hat trick. In the 2nd half Zack Shields and Mikey Babcock took over with Zach scoring two and Mikey scoring one. The Rampage kept pounding away at the Revolution defense but they hung tough not allowing the Rampage to score. The Revolution defense has only allowed one goal in the last three games.

**Under-14:** Patriots 1, Predators 5; Great game by Predators. Tim Henze scored the first goal in the first half. In the second half Chandler Raun scored the second goal, Tanner Spott scored the third goal, Cliff Woodward scored the fourth and Christian Medved the fifth. Top Offensive Players: Tim Henze, Christian Medved, Chandler Raun - Predators; Top Defensive Players: Eric Mouch, Joel French, Eduardo Perez - Patriots.

**Predators 2, Panthers 2;** Top Offensive Players: Cliff Woodward, Christian Medved, Tanner Spott - Predators; Top Defensive Players: Sohan Shah, Nick Adams, Eduardo Perez - Predators.

**Under-16:** Hurricanes 2, San Ramon Spartans 1; The Ballistic Hurricanes won their first game Saturday, Sam Dissels and Titus Norton both scored goals, and Ryan O'Donnell and Taylor LaPorte did a great job at goalie.

## Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League game results:

**HOUSE TEAMS**  
**Under-5 Girls:** Jaguars vs Storm Offensive Players: Emma Hughes, Shelby MaNeil, Jessica Carter, Jaguars; Defensive Players: Megan White, Nametta Kumar, Jaguars; Megan Smith, Kaila Silver, Sheryn Reed, Storm.

**Under-6 Girls:** Dolphins vs Goal Getters Offensive Players: Sierra Stear, Carlie Spruiell, Charlotte Schrod, Dolphins; Nicole Geary, Camryn Gray, Pascale Baddes, Goal Getters; Defensive Players: Hailey Lopez, Jordan Goodwin, Olivia Tabaracci, Dolphins; Alyson Machi, Grace Hall, Audrey Curtis, Goal Getters; Pink Poodles; Mighty Tigers Offensive Players: Emily White, Esabella Grajeda, Sydney Keshmiry, Pink Poodles; Brooklyn Pehargou, Lauren Breazeale, Alexa Clatt, Mighty Tigers; Defensive Players: Madeline Tur, Ravyn Michel, Julia-Christina Castaneda, Pink Poodles; Eliana Eme, Taylor Bond, Hanna McDougall, Mighty Tigers; Rainbow Sprites vs Soccer Chicks Offensive Players: Alyssa Fuller, Zanele Benck, Rainbow Sprites; Sydney Olsen, Katherine Frost, Amber Feduniv, Soccer Chicks; Defensive Players: Katrina Makarawicz, Rainbow Sprites; Alyssa Swinkel, Soccer Chicks.

**Under-7 Girls:** Fireballs vs Super Dolphins Offensive Players: Emily Montavo, Francesca Hyde, Fireballs; Abby Fraser, Theresa Lalor, Super Dolphins; Defensive Players: Elise Finnegan, Emily Turner, Fireballs; Zaret Zamora, Aislina McElderry, Super Dolphins; Daisies vs Soccer Angels Offensive Players: Emily T., Angelique M., Kate W., Madelyn V., Marie F., Daisies; Madison W., Janessa S., Josephine B., Kimmon V., Soccer Angels; Defensive Players: Brianna W., Kylie R., Olivia K., Alexis P., Daisies; Amber T., Makaela A., Olivia C., Soccer Angels; Amber Thomas on the Soccer Angels was phenomenal on defense. Kate Wallace scored her first goal of the season, Wildcats vs Crushers Offensive Players: Maggie Rae McPeck, Kaitlin Krakoski, Wildcats; Caroline Eckel, Abby Andrews, Crushers; Defensive Players: Alexandra Christeson, Shelby Clark, Wildcats; Grace Leary, Isabella Carrano, Crushers.

**Under-8 Girls:** Soccer Puppies vs USA Girls Offensive Players: Stena Gibbs, Katie Hinds, Emily Souza, Soccer Puppies; Reagan Weidenfeld, Daniela Walker, Alice Rizzo, USA Girls; Defensive Players: Claire Adele, Jamie Freitas, Tara Collier, Soccer Puppies; Christina Saunders, Madison Taylor, Madison McAllister, USA Girls.  
 Soccer Divas vs Fireballs Offensive Players: Maya, Pillion, Madison Jackson, & Kirsten Sorenson, Soccer Divas; Nitzza Gonzalez, Stephanie Adams, Alyssa Badger, Fireballs; Defensive Players: Kierstan Hutchenson, Hunter Neo, & Sarah Passanante, Soccer Divas; Sierra Bolar, Julia Cagle, & Arina van Schoonenberg, Fireballs.

Diamond Dolphins vs Wildcats Offensive Players: Gabriella Maitland, Julia Maitland, Kyle Treagar, Diamond Dolphins; Sydney Pournaras, Alyssa Bonfiglio, Mackenzie Orton, Wildcats; Defensive Players: Hanna Serrano, Claire Forey-Jahn, Laura Heckman, Diamond Dolphins; Jessica Bonfiglio, Ellie Deuell, Bubba Farro, Wildcats.

Wildcats vs Ladybugs Offensive Players: Sydney Duncan, Kristen Haise, Victoria Dislrong, Wildcats; Isabelle Monterroza, Jasmine Morris, Amanda Plant, Alexandria Lewis, Ladybugs; Defensive Players: Alyssa Salvo, Stephanie Adams, Katherine Kline, Wildcats; Audrey Cortes, Kendall Korhummel, Eloisa Guediz, Ladybugs.  
 Leaping Leopards vs Bubblegum Girls Offensive Players: Ashley McKenzie, Marissa Carpenter, Sarah Morgan, Leaping Leopards; Heather Waelek, Kiley Beard, Miraht Ortiz, Bubblegum Girls; Defensive Players: Sofia Michaels, Regan Demo, Sofia Sakaris, Leaping Leopards; Emily Harrison, Clara Martinez, Amelia Sobrepnua, Bubblegum Girls.

Diamond Dolphins vs Soccer Divas Offensive Players: Laurel Heckman, Gabriella Maitland, Julia Maitland, Diamond Dolphins; Maya Pillion, KJ Hutchison, Morgan Laughlin, Soccer Divas; Defensive Players: Claire Forey-Jahn, Hanna Schormann, Kyle Treagar, Diamond Dolphins; Emme Poe, Tess Minis, Soccer Divas.  
 Fireballs vs Goal Getters Offensive Players: Alyson Badger, Sierra Dene, Arianna Salcido, Fireballs; Isabella Miano, Allison Murphy, Mackenzie Riddle, Goal Getters; Defensive Players: Katie Fournier, Riley Shepard, Julia Cagle, Fireballs; Samantha Anderson, Chloe Brickwedel, Olivia Curtis, Goal Getters.

Shooting Stars vs Goal Getters Offensive Players: Brianna Clatt, Isabella Barbero, Shooting Stars; Madelyn Kruerger, Katie Marcel, Chloe Brickwedel, Olivia Curtis, Goal Getters; Defensive Players: Kathryn Gomez, Shooting Stars; Kaylee Brist, Ashley Geary, Goal Getters.  
 Tigers vs Bubblegum Girls Offensive Players: Katelyn Johnson, Sydney Mendoza, Tigers; Emily Harrison, Bubblegum Girls; Defensive Players: Miraht Ortiz, Kyla Martinez, Tigers; Destiny Bandy, Bubblegum Girls.

**Under-9 Girls:** Ding Dongs (5) vs Allstars (2) Offensive Players: Marissa Pletschette, Jordan Wolf, Katya Clappin, Ding Dongs; Alexa Cantirl, Brianna Moncada, Alexis White; Defensive Players: Colette Maddrossian, McKenna Butt, Anya Massoud, Ding Dongs; Aissa Oki, Megan Hayes, Shannon Kline, Allstars; Assistants: Katya Clappin, Jordan Wolf, Marissa Pletschette, Ding Dongs; Katie Schilling (G), Alexa Cantirl (G), Alyssa Oki (A).

The Earthquakes (6) vs Hot Shots (0) Offensive Players: Randi Cortez, Jamie Zogarcia, Lindsay Welles, Earthquakes; Paris Cuisiniano, Carl Henderson, Isabel Minton, Hot Shots; Defensive Players: Alina Cavanah, Sarah Adams, Marissa Gannan, Earthquakes; Tiaja Anderson, Karen Ortega, Alexis Pereda, Hot Shots.  
 Under-10 Girls Dragons (4) vs Crushers

(0) Offensive Players: Jurnee Prosser, Kylie Worthens, Natalia Palomo, Dragons; Shaiwa Fakire, Aiden Tardiff, Ashley Schiopp, Crushers; Defensive Players: Emily Gray, Rachel Jelenic, Jesse Jaureguito, Dragons; Jenna Dobson, Devin Evereti, Macy Murphy, Crushers.

**Sharks (1) vs Thundercats (1)** Offensive Players: Madison Kemp, Lily Rangle-Parra, Bryce Jones, Sharks; Amanda, Stasiak, Megan Fairman, Thundercats; Kaito Roddick, Thundercats; Defensive Players: Kenna Demayo, Madi Ulhorn, Kalyn Krummen-Ganz, Sharks; Heather O'Brien, Olivia Garcia, Kiran Bora, Thundercats. The Thundercats had numerous shots the 1st half, but the Sharks defense played tough. In the 2nd half the Sharks started pushing the ball forward and scored. The Thundercats never quit or gave up and tied the game by switching the ball and catching the Sharks off guard.

**Scorchers (6) vs Green Gobblins (1)** Offensive Players: Brianna Ruloma, Amanda Gile, Sara Graves, Scorchers; Carley Martinez, Brianna Lima, Faith Mdreus, Gobblins; Defensive Players: Jessie Cahil, Alyse Pereira, Anjali Vachhani, Scorchers; Peyton Woelt, Cella Fuentes, Tiana Japp, Gobblins.

**Under-12 Girls:** Black Panthers (1) vs Thunderballs (1) Offensive Players: Angers-Elise Vert, Kathrine Rowe, Sallena Andersen, Black Panthers; Elyse Codiroli, Ellen Kiser, Emily Byrnes, Thunderballs; Defensive Players: Leah Tacclton, Hannah Wallas, Kaitlin Stacking, Black Panthers; Tatiana Jansen, Isabel Futral, Yasmeen Haider, Thunderballs; Goals & Assists: Black Panthers; Katherine Orrell, Thunderballs. Katherine Orrell from the Thunderballs did an exceptional job of keeping the ball out of the goal.

**Sneaky Cleats (2) vs Bulldogs (0)** Offensive Players: Maya Barnum, Madison Gerton, Kayla Shepod, Sneaky Cleats; Ariel Grace, Bulldogs; Molly Strout, Maria Jose-Chacon, Bulldogs; Defensive Players: Christy Bryant, Jessica Irwin, Josline Morales, Sneaky Cleats; Veronica Martinez, Jessica Estrata, Sarah Peters, Bulldogs; Goals & Assists: Charity Manning, Elise Falgout, Sneaky Cleats, Ariel Grace, Bulldogs.

**Crushers (1) vs Sneaky Cleats (0)** Offensive Players: Emma Hughes, Molly Morrisroe, Keely Harver, Crushers; Charity Manning, Michelle Pacheco, Rachel Bryant, Sneaky Cleats; Defensive Players: Rachel Roland, Kaitlyn Rose, Micklele Schmitt, Crushers; Cirin Cassarino, Tessa Clark, Emily Gibson, Sneaky Cleats; Goals & Assists: Sammie Koepf (G), Crushers.

**Punishers (1) vs Sneaky Cleats (1)** Offensive Players: Hannah Mayo, Shannon Melrose, Michelle Saunders, Punishers; Alicia Craft, Kayla Shepod, Elise Falgout, Sneaky Cleats; Defensive Players: Cassidy Herro, Cayla Breiz, Alexis Herberth, Punishers; Madison Gerton, Maya Barnum, Christy Bryant, Sneaky Cleats; Goals & Assists: Michelle Strout, Elise Falgout, Sneaky Cleats (G), Sneaky Cleats.

**Jaguars (3) vs Thunderballs (0)** Offensive Players: Kristen Mork, Brielle Preece, Rebecca Bernstein, Jaguars; Bianca Aceves, Elyse Codiroli, Ellen Kiser, Thunderballs; Defensive Players: Hannah Stepanek, Sage St. Clair, Julie Herbeck, Jaguars; Tatiana Jansen, Isabel Futral, Yasmeen Haider, Thunderballs.  
**Sneaky Cleats (2) vs Bulldogs (1)** Offensive Players: Josline Morales, Rachel Bryant, Charity Manning, Sneaky Cleats; Ariel Grace, Molly Strout, Caroline Soto, Bulldogs; Defensive Players: Emily Gibson, Jessica Irwin, Tessa Clark, Sneaky Cleats; Iris Ortiz, Jessica Estrata, Rebecca Harris, Bulldogs; Goals & Assists: Michelle Pacheco (G), Charity Manning (G), Sneaky Cleats; Ariel Grace (G), Bulldogs.

**Thunderballs (1) vs Steath (1)** Offensive Players: Elyse Codiroli, Camille Gallardo, Isabelle Johnstone, Thunderballs; Kristen Paulazzo, Aria Dang, Sam Walter, Pressure; Defensive Players: Tatiana Jansen, Isabel Futral, Yasmeen Haider, Thunderballs; Hannah Maia, Carla Perez, Sophia Compton, Pressure; Goals & Assists: Kathrine Orrell, Thunderballs. Pressure scored the first goal in the first half and the Thunderballs waited till the actual very last 2 minutes before the whistle to score their goal. Camille Gallardo stole the ball from Pressure and ran it straight to the goal with great determination to a roaring finish.

**Dynamos (2) vs Black Panthers (0)** Offensive Players: Riley Greenough, Avery Harker, Jaime Dittmore, Dynamos; Ellie Gutincha, Shalena Anderson, Angel Elise Venet, Black Panthers; Defensive Players: Stephanie Divita, Emily Eijansantos, Sarah Gullford, Dynamos; Leah Taulton, Kat Rowe, Caitie Miller, Black Panthers; Goals & Assists: Avery Harker (2G), Anna Murphy (A), Dynamos.

**Terminators (2) vs Dynamos (0)** Offensive Players: Sarah Wilkinson, Mikaela Priest, Alexandra Hernandez, Terminators; Defensive Players: Crisp, Cade Adams, Ashlyn Tadokoro, Terminators; Maryann Gough, Erika Dittmore, Sarah Amorin, Dynamos; Goals & Assists: Alexandra Hernandez, Sarah Wilkinson, Terminators; Jessica Hallum, Yesenia Morales, Anna Murphy, Dynamos.

**Under-14 Girls:** Jaguars (4) vs Cougars (2) Offensive Players: Jessica Cardenas, Christina Gilford, Allison Strout, Jaguars; Elyse Venet, Black Panthers; Defensive Players: Stephanie Divita, Emily Eijansantos, Sarah Gullford, Dynamos; Leah Taulton, Kat Rowe, Caitie Miller, Black Panthers; Goals & Assists: Avery Harker (2G), Anna Murphy (A), Dynamos.

**Under-5 Boys:** Spongebob Soccerpants vs Incredible's Offensive Players: Blake Teixeira, Eric Ruloma, Jake Carmichael, Spongebob Soccerpants; Eduardo Topete, Crisp, Cade Adams, Joseph Adams, Spongebob Players; Dylan McGorry, Colby Smith, Evan Nystrom, Spongebob Soccerpants; Eddie Garcia, Ryan Bartl, Dalton James, Incredible's.

**Under-6 Boys:** Cougars vs Earthquakes Offensive Players: Noah Wolf, Nate Miskella, Miles Rasmussen, Cougars; Gabriel Herrera, Alejandro Cabassa, Zack Kramer, Earthquakes; Defensive Players: Jack Volponi, Steve Niernmeyer, Jesse Wolfson, Cougars; Gabe Emfinger, Parker McKenzie, Cameron Winter, Earthquakes; Tigers vs Tigers Offensive Players: Michael Quinteros, Zachary Parodi, Tigers; Jack Wilson, Jacob Lord, Tigers; Defensive Players: Noah Zika, Ethan Clark, Tigers; Tony Gomez, Brandon Wong, Tigers.

**Thunder vs Fireballs** Offensive Players: Ethan James, Jason Desantis, Shane Grimes, Thunder; Jackson Browne, Jacob Hoggat, Kaegan Nelson, Fireballs; Defensive Players: Jacob Peterson, Colin Wiese, James Renouf, Thunder; Luke Moylan, Ryan Lortie, A. J. Morias, Fireballs; Barracudas vs The Pirates Offensive Players: Nick Hill, James Duperly, Jacob Moen, Barracudas; Ivan Ceballos, Ben Morrisroe, Jack Bosso, Ryan Wenzel, Pirates; Defensive Players: Chad Madrid, Cyrus Palmer, Charlie Brown, Barracudas; Connor Campbell, Max Higgins, Paimon Goulart, J.J. Knight, Pirates.

**Under-7 Boys:** Bullets vs Sketeers Offensive Players: Daniel Pryor, Nico Macchioni, Benjamin Knuth, Bullets; Anthony Garcia, Robert Ruckteshler, Colby Gibbons, Sketeers; Defensive Players: Samiron Bora, Ethan Dreger, Eric Moody, Bullets; Avery Kampton, Joseph Campos, Vincent Dixon, Sketeers; Dinosuars vs Fireballs Offensive Players: Devan Yarnell, Cameron Meier, Joshua White, Alex Johnson, Dinosuars; Brodie Wolf, Greyson Hubbs, McClain Minton, Fireballs; Defensive Players: Ian Humes, Jared Persson, Jeremy Theobald, Dinosuars; Brandon Yocham, Kobe Cortez, Ryan Impelzetter, Fireballs.

**Goblin Sharks vs Scoring Scorpions** Offensive Players: Colin Bandy, Taylor Pine, Garette Barker, Goblin Sharks; Reece Kerstetter, Kyle Roach, Colin Nixon, Scoring Scorpions; Defensive Players: Eduardo Ramirez, Oscar Prado, Gustavo Garcia, Goblin Sharks; Grant Ikeda, Todd Neizman, Antonio LaManna, Scoring Scorpions. Deceptions vs Quakes Offensive Players: Dillon Martinez, Aiden Ackerman, Matthew Dillon, Deceptions; Adam Lagodinski, Erik

Griffin, Ryan Phillips, Quakes; Defensive Players: Colby Brocklesby, Gregory Short, Nicholas Puso, Deceptions; Aaron Aguilar, Chase Griffin, Cameron McGee, Quakes.  
 Fire Raptors vs Scoring Scorpions Offensive Players: Armando Ramirez, Manuel Vides, Isaac Sanchez, Fire Raptors; Reece Kerstetter, Kyle Roach, Antonio LaManna, Scoring Scorpions; Defensive Players: Jeremy Waihel, Luke Vexuez, Pramit Khurana, Fire Raptors; Grant Ikeda, Jacob Dougherty, Todd Neizman, Scoring Scorpions.

**Under-8 Boys:** Red Hot Fireballs vs Strikers Offensive Players: Chase Dunn, Zach Kiser, Tristen Mulrooney, Red Hot Fireballs; Jared Lange, Sean Constable, Drew Aruda, Strikers; Defensive Players: Ryan Nostrand, Nicholas DeLisle, Leif Greene, Red Hot Fireballs; Wes Williams, Jack Perry, Alex Fongatch, Strikers.

**Under-9 Boys:** Hot Shots (2) vs Grizzlies (1) Offensive Players: Jose Araza, Cole Stevens, Hot Shots; Chris Roessler, Nathan Coats, Elijah Kane, Grizzlies; Defensive Players: Jason Walters, Hot Shots; Jose Marzical, Garrett Almeida, Richard Crago, Grizzlies; Goals & Assists: Jose Araza (2G), Jason Walters (A), Hot Shots; Elijah Kane (G), Jose Marzical (A), Grizzlies. Game Summary & Highlights: Special thanks to Grizzlies' Alex Katusich for playing for the Hot Shots during the game.

**Hornets (3) vs Panthers (2)** Offensive Players: Noah Kluball, Morgan Kelly, Luke Hottinger, Hornets; Luisangel Ortiz, Leonardo Ramirez, Darrell Staley, Panthers; Defensive Players: Will Moehler, Miles McPeck, Josh Harlan, Hornets; Daniel Alvarez, Isaac Arteaga, Brandon Montoya, Panthers; Goals & Assists: Morgan Kelly (2G), Will Moehler (G), Hornets; Nick Brown (G), Luisangel Ortiz (G), Panthers.

**Tiger Sharks (6) vs Livermore Clash (0)** Offensive Players: Jordan Esling, Joshua Forshaw, Lucas Coppock, Tiger Sharks; Robert Sutter, Nate Tabaracci, Peter Vance, Clash; Defensive Players: William Antonio, Anthony Schultz, Spencer Kramm, Tiger Sharks; Zachary Wakefield, DJ Salazar, Jaren Paul, Clash; Goals & Assists: Esling (2G), Coppock (3G), Forshaw (G), Forshaw (2A), Tiger Sharks Game. Lucas Coppock scored his first Hat Trick of the season.

**Under-10 Boys:** Wolverines (4) vs Ice Dragons (0) Offensive Players: Brett Bemestine, Kevin Gilmore, Luis Ceja, Wolverines; Zabrisky Roland, Zachary Dunn, Boney Noriega, Ice Dragons; Defensive Players: Daniel Byrnes, Archie Labine, Sal Oppari, Wolverines; Troy Simpkins, Sean Dreger, Ryan Bishop, Ice Dragons.

**Stampede (1) vs Arsenal (1)** Offensive Players: Tim Gibson, Kyle Tupper, Jacob Wortham, Stampede; Brandon Replege, Brett Meyer, Matt Hewitt, Arsenal; Defensive Players: Jeffrey Baron, Joshua Frazer, Noah Valtz, Stampede; Ryan Peterson, Jarred Yarnell, Dustin Stanek, Arsenal.

**Wolverines (3) vs Aces Wild (0)** Offensive Players: Connor Lovoi, Luis Ceja, Archie Labine, Wolverines; Blake Lesky, Jacob Parsons, Matthew Gavin, Aces Wild; Defensive Players: Daniel Byrnes, Garrett Vest, Brett Bernstein, Wolverines; Chance Owen, Dmitriy Boyd, Cameron Osborne, Aces Wild; Goals & Assists: Luis Ceja (2G), Archie Labine (G), Wolverines.

**Under-12 Boys:** Spartans (3) vs Steath (3) Offensive Players: Tyler Crevett, Victor Racanelli, Spartans; Trigg Allen, Jacob Brisco, Steath; Defensive Players: Sam Marco, Luke Hanson, Spartans; Kevin Amaral, Steven Wang, Steath.

**Stompers (3) vs Steath (2)** Offensive Players: Hector Romo, Anthony Aguilar, Stompers; Jacob Briscoe, Alex McCollum, Steath; Defensive Players: Nicholas Anthony, Blake Richards, Stompers; Kevin Amaral, Alejandro Acosta, Steath; Goals & Assists: A. Aguilar (2G), H. Romo (G), S. Alatorre (A), N. White (G), Stompers; Jacob Briscoe (2G), Steath.

**Phantoms (1) vs Sharks (0)** Offensive Players: Austen Gibbs, Bobby Griffin, Justin Walker, Phantoms; Jose A Chavarria, Josh Valtz, Victor Vitale, Sharks; Defensive Players: Trevor Bradley, Nico Pinelli, Spencer Saing, Phantoms; Tito Quihuis, Angel Cortese, Matt Marty, Sharks; Goals & Assists: Bobby Griffin assisted by Austen Gibbs, Phantoms.

**Mighty Sharks (3) vs Eagles (1)** Offensive Players: Jose A Chavarria, Bubba Perryman, Joseph Vitale, Mighty Sharks; Zac Turner, Andrew Kling, Jacob Kerling, Eagles; Defensive Players: Matt Marty, Tito Quihuis, Cory Hero, Mighty Sharks; Zack Kline, Julian Mylius, Austin Roeder, Eagles; Goals & Assists: Jose A Chavarria (G), Josh Valtz (2G), Mighty Sharks; Zac Turner (G), Eagles; Game Summary & Highlights: Very good game - Tito Quihuis did awesome as a first time goal keeper for the Sharks in the first half.

**Bazers (1) vs Phantoms (0)** Offensive Players: Vince Rizzo, Adrian Morales, Matthew Wells, Chris Danan, Bazers; Benjamin Coberg, Austen Gibbs, Austin Youk, Phantoms; Defensive Players: Peter Lator, Stephen Kai, Zach Burnett, Joshua, Bazers; Trevor Bradley, Clayton Brauer, Jacob Levitrich, Phantoms; Goals & Assists: Jack Frevert (G), Sean McGrory (A), Bazers.

**Warriors (3) vs Fuego (0)** Offensive Players: Jesus Prado, Christian Arana, Dominic Carlson, Warriors; Brandon Smith, Saul Lopez, Carlos Hernandez, Fuego; Defensive Players: Raul Hernandez, Kevin Seigel, Brandon Howard, Warriors; Brandon Orton, Peter Cabel, Andrew Hall, Fuego; Goals & Assists: Jose Gonzales (G), Pancho Reyes (G), Brandon Howard (G), Pancho Reyes (A), Jose Gonzales (A) Warriors.

**Spartans (3) vs Steath (3)** Offensive Players: Tyler Crevett, Victor Racanelli, Spartans; Trigg Allen, Jacob Brisco, Steath; Defensive Players: Sam Marco, Luke Hanson, Spartans; Kevin Amaral, Steven Wang, Steath.

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# SPORTS VOICES

hosted the U10 Pleasanton Ballistic Gold at their home field on Saturday. The final score 0-0 does not reflect what hard fought game this was for each team. The Strikers had several nice shots on goal, but the Ballistic goalie was able to keep Strikers from scoring. The same can be said for the two Strikers goal keepers, Jake Martinez and Scott Newby, who each played an outstanding game in the box. The Strikers also had some hard played action on the field by Miguel Suarez, Carsen Paynter, and Ostris Chavez.

**Under-16 Boys Gold FC U16** Livermore United (2) vs WCC Pachuca (1) Offensive Players: Devin Mah, Dillon Miller, Giovanni Carbalja, Jonathan Ramirez, United; Defensive Players: Sean Cerruti, Doug Bradshaw, Kevin Freard, Cody Hoster, United; Goals & Assists: Jesus Moreno, Richie Howard, United. FC Livermore United extended its first place lead by defeating the second place West Contra Costa Pachuca 2-1 on Sunday. Giving up only his third goal in six league games, FC fell behind in the first 4 minutes of play 1-0. Once the defense tightened, however, FC tied the game with a series of nice passes down the right side of the field and a cross to the 18 yard mark where Jesus Moreno one-timed a hard shot past the Pachuca goalie that pierced the left side of the net. In the second half, the FC mid-field started to take control of the game and pushed on the Pachuca defense to force 4 corner kicks in a row. Finally, FC prevailed by putting the ball on the cross bars as the goal keeper fell to the ground and Richie Howard headed in the game winner on the ricochet. FC Livermore has now won 16 consecutive league games dating back to last year.

**Livermore Elite Force U16** defeated Pleasanton Ballistic Black 1 to 0. The two teams were vying for top billing in Al Caffodio league play. The Force's defense was on their game with their third shutout in four games. Both Kyle Kline and Joseph Van Fossen made game determining blocks to keep Ballistic from scoring and keeper Peter Morrow made the ultimate save in goal against a Pleasanton penalty kick. At midfield for the Force, Nick Crusco and Brandon Bauer both showed outstanding effort as the game progressed to a scoreless tie into the last ten minutes of play. Peter Cabeciras put his team on top with a perfect PK shot and Livermore held through for the win.

**Livermore Elite Explosion U13 Division 1** girls lost a match 1 to 0 to Est Diabolo United. Tough fought 90 minutes which included strong defensive support from Livermore fullbacks Cierra Tomfort and Julie Sorensen. The first half ended with the four Livermore Elite Fuego goal coming off a direct free kick from Garrett Foster. The second half started with veteran Chris Gonzalez coming up the right side off a chip pass from Jean Carlo Padilla, and blasting it into the back of the net. The sixth goal was Alex Milinkovich's "hat trick." Mitchell Lowrey made his presence felt, Kurt Cofer defended against strong runs from the attackers. Steven Schultz made two amazing runs almost beating the goalie. Jean Carlos was determined to repeat his two goal performance from the previous game. The last two goals came from team Captain Garrett Foster. The final goal marked the fourth goal of the evening for Garrett, with a strong blast to the right side of the net.

**The Livermore Crew 95 U12** won two games in GSSL league play over the weekend. On Saturday, the Crew won 4-0 against the Fremont Storm with Baylie Hernandez, Pooja Patel, and Jay Garcia contributing for the shutout in goal. Haylie Grant, Sarah Franklin, and Allison Lau were flawless in front of their goalies. Patel, Danica Egelston, Rachel Leonard and Amanda Crabb all scored for the Crew. On Sunday, the Crew won against the Walnut Creek Stampede 2-0. In an evenly matched first half, the Crew found themselves tied with the Stampede 0-0. Early in the second half, Jennifer and Taylor scored for the Crew with Jessica Hopkins scoring the second and final goal of the game. Solid play by Madison Souza, Haleigh Atkinson, Hannah Gooby, and Kylie Diaz contributed to the win.

**The Livermore Venom U11** fell behind 1 to 0 in the early going. The team rallied and scored 7 unanswered goals to take a league game from the Dublin Fighters. Continuous pressure up front led to a great play in the middle field by Alyssa Floris, backed by astifling defensive effort from Nicki Lutz and Rachel Braun. This allowed an attacking style featuring scorching runs on the right wing from Haley Houts and great passing (and shooting) from Julia Macdonald, which allowed the offense to open up and Taylor Huston to notch a hat trick in the win.

The Livermore Elite Thunder U12 girls took on the San Ramon Inferno and put together their most complete team effort of the season. Crisp passing to open players combined with solid defense allowed the girls to maintain a consistent attack, resulting in a 5 - 1 victory over a good San Ramon squad. In another great team effort, Venom got particularly solid defensive play from Adelina Kall. Kaitlyn Lipman was extremely active on the attack with great support from Grace Naylor, who seemed to vye every conceivable ball and turn them to the middle for scoring opportunities. For most of the game, all the girls seemed to be a half-step quicker to the ball than were their opponents, and in the end, that was the most important factor in the team's win.

**The Livermore Elite U11 Clash** tied one and lost another in Al Caffodio play last weekend. On Saturday, the Clash traveled to Dublin and lost to the Rapid Fire team by a score of 3-2. Trailing 1-0 at the half, Livermore stepped it up after the break, and the two teams traded blows in a wild second period. One minute into the half an Alec Foster pass found Diego Plascencia in front of the net, who tied the game at one. Dublin countered and retook the lead four minutes later. Responding again, a second Alec Foster cross found Plascencia, who scored this time on a header. Not to be outdone, the Rapid Fire found the net just a minute later for the final tally. Cody Teague and Tanner Sandy had strong games for Livermore.

Sunday brought the Dublin Force to Livermore to makeup an earlier rainout. Again the Clash fell behind, this time by two goals, but battled back for a 2-2 draw. The comeback started in the 14th minute as Alec Foster converted a free kick touched by TJ Hood. Hood added a second assist moments later as he tapped a ball to Curtis Wigginton, who beat the Dublin keeper on the near post. Frantic action marked the game's last 10 minutes as the teams traded attacks, but neither could find the net a third time. Brian Coddington was strong at stopper and Mike Brooks contributed from the wing for Livermore.

**Livermore Elite Thunder U12 Division 3** won 1-0 in a match with Pleasanton Ballistic White. After being rained out on Saturday, Thunder was ready to make some noise on Sunday. Elite Thunder's Keegan Wright scored the goal to take the lead and bring Thunder to victory. Ballistic White didn't give up. They threatened to score but were stopped by Thunder's own Ivan Padilla, Matty Proetel, and Ivan Otero, who made some fabulous stops as Goalie. Thunder's offense led by Alex Suhay, Nima Jafarkhani, and Pierre Sjogren continued to threaten to score some more but Ballistic White wouldn't allow it.

Livermore hosted the Boys U12 Division 3 Tournament. Livermore Thunder started the tournament off with a loss to the Walnut Creek Cobras 0-2. Thunder was awoken by the Cobras quick offense. Thunder's defense led by Adam Hollar, Luis Manzo, and Kevin McKey didn't allow any more scoring. Thunder's second game of the day against the CVYSL Terminators ended in a 1-1 tie. Terminators scored a goal in the first half and thought they had the game in the bag until late in the second half Thunder's Juan Anaya scored the goal to tie the game. Both teams played to win with strong plays made by Thunder's Pierre Sjogren, Devon Berghoff, Grant Petrie, and Justin Weir. On Sunday, Thunder came out ready to play and it showed in their 8-1 win over the ACC Shockers. Several of Thunder's players got in on the scoring action with Michael Carlson earning a Hat Trick, Juan Anaya scoring a pair, Nima Jafarkhani scoring a brace, and Colten Paynter each adding a goal to the tally. Thunder's defense led by Ivan Padilla, Ivan Otero, and Adam Hollar kept the Shockers to just one goal being scored.

**The Livermore Elite Fury U12 D3** girls dominated both of its matches, beating the San Ramon Solar 2-0 and settling for a 1-1

tie with the Pleasanton Rage Blue. In the first game against the Rage, Livermore attacked from the start as Rebekah Johnson and Alyssa Stevenson just missed scoring. The Fury scored off a well-executed play in the 11th minute when Amanda Fairclough took a return pass from Morgan Brandt near the left corner and sent a long pass to the goal where Alison Pierson directed the ball into the net for a 1-0 lead. Two minutes later, the Rage responded off a right cross to the middle and shot to tie the game. Livermore's midfield controlled play the rest of the half and defender Erin Winegamer stopped the only other Rage rush with a nice tackle. Despite numerous scoring chances in the second half and the solid play of midfielders Brittany Ahlbeck, Marissa Scheid and Emily Kalantar, the Fury could not convert shots into goals. Fairclough helped preserve the tie as the Fury goalie when she ran out and dived to knock away a shot attempt with five minutes remaining.

In the second game against the San Ramon Solar, the Fury continued its strong offensive play. Kaitlyn Bulhoes, Kaitlin DaDalt and Johnson all had shots on goal early as Livermore continued to pressure the Solar defense. When San Ramon crossed midfield later in the half, defenders Mikayla Mollen and Brandt cleared the ball well and Callie Crowe won a number of possession battles. The Solar made its strongest push early in the second half but Fury goalie Skyler Kriz made a nice save. Afterwards, Livermore controlled play. Finally, with ten minutes remaining, Fairclough sent a long pass ahead which Kaitie Lortie ran down, dribbled and fired a hard shot into the net to break the scoreless tie. One minute later, Pierson blocked a pass near midfield which Kaitlin DaDalt raced to track down and she slid a shot just by the goalie to put Livermore up 2-0. The Fury continued to win possession the remainder of the match as Ryley Landreth, Ahlbeck, Crowe and Scheid all provided excellent support to cap the win.

**The Livermore Elite Fuego U15** team produced a stunning 8 to 1 win over the Vallejo AC Earthquakes. Fuego struck early with a chip pass from Chris Torres to Alex Milinkovich who tapped it in. The second goal came ten minutes later as a close repeat of the first one. Chris Torres used his height and strength to send balls over the top for fast break aways by Christian Gonzalez and Ted Rudish. Captain Garrett Foster then scored the first of four goals that evening. Alex Barto defended the net to shut down the Earthquakes play. Austin Torres took command of the mid field. The first half ended with the four Livermore Elite Fuego goal coming off a direct free kick from Garrett Foster. The second half started with veteran Chris Gonzalez coming up the right side off a chip pass from Jean Carlo Padilla, and blasting it into the back of the net. The sixth goal was Alex Milinkovich's "hat trick." Mitchell Lowrey made his presence felt, Kurt Cofer defended against strong runs from the attackers. Steven Schultz made two amazing runs almost beating the goalie. Jean Carlos was determined to repeat his two goal performance from the previous game. The last two goals came from team Captain Garrett Foster. The final goal marked the fourth goal of the evening for Garrett, with a strong blast to the right side of the net.

## Pleasanton Rage

**Pleasanton Rage Division 1, U11** Broncos defeated the Bulldogs 7 to 2. Great play by the offensive and defensive and what was some blockage done by Ashley Person. Goals were by Ashley Person, Cheyenne Harper, Shelby Slate and four made by Sophia Nekrawesh. The Bronco girls are looking tough and strong out on the field with awesome play. Top Offensive Players: Sophia Nekrawesh, Sunyoung Ming Coleman, Ashley Person, Madeline Lin, Top Defensive Players: Madeline Wu, Cheyenne Harper, Lauren West, McKenna Prynn, and Shelby Slate.

**Rage Division 3 U10:** The Danville Mustang Attitude broke a scoreless tie with less than five minutes to play to defeat the Pleasanton Rage White girls soccer team 1-0. Cassie Wood played an outstanding game to lead the Rage. White defensive effort, as goalkeeper in the first half and on the field in the second half. Monica Martinez also contributed her usual strong effort as goalkeeper for Rage White, despite being under the weather. Carly Israel and Sophie Santos worked hard to try to spark the offense, but Rage White was unable to find the goal against a good Mustang Attitude defense. Top Offensive Players: Carly Israel, Sophie Santos; Top Defensive Players: Cassie Wood, Monica Martinez.

**The U10 Rage White girls** soccer team played outstanding team defense, and got a goal from Sophie Santos to edge the Danville Mustang Stampede 1-0. Cassie Wood and Monica Martinez handled the goalkeeper duties for Rage White, snuffing out every Mustang Stampede attempt to score. Megan Martin and Christina Echaviza contributed strong defensive efforts for Rage White. Hailey Bouchard and Carly Israel assisted in the offensive attack. Top Offensive Players: Sophie Santos, Hailey Bouchard, Carly Israel; Top Defensive Players: Cassie Wood, Monica Martinez, Megan Martin.

**The Pleasanton Rage U14** Premier team shook off the lethargy of an 8AM Sunday game long enough to scratch out a goal in a defensive struggle to defeat the Mustang Fury 1-0. Neither team could muster much of a sustainable attack, with the Rage defense of Brett Scheckla, Courtney Stonesifer, Sabrina Unglaub, and Lindsay Rigel limiting the Fury to only 2 shots the entire game. After a scoreless 1st half, Rage began to gain control of the game with good attacking pressure by Gabe Stange and Megan Tabler. The ultimate game-winning goal came in the 50th minute when Erika Emmanuel controlled the clearance of a corner and launched a low shot from 20 yards out that found its way through a maze of players in front of the goal to get by the outstretched arms of the Fury keeper. Excellent defensive midfield support provided by Rachel Charkowicz and Melissa Atkins helped preserve the 2nd consecutive shutout for keepers Phoebe Brown and Ami Napapetan.

The Pleasanton Rage U14 Premier scoreless every shot they took in the 1st half as they blew out the Heritage Magic 5-0 Saturday in Pleasant Hill. Alexa Espinosa opened the scoring in the 7th minute by finishing from 14 yards out on a great pass from Megan Tabler. The floodgates opened with goals in short order by Courtney Stonesifer on a penalty kick, by Eria Outland on a 13 yard blast, and by Erika Emmanuel on a breakthrough after dispossessing a Heritage fullback, as the Rage took an insurmountable 4-0 lead into the half. Gabe Stange completed the scoring with a creative backheel shot into an empty net from 4 yards out as the keeper tried in vain to get the ball. The staunch Rage defense stymied the Heritage attack, conceding only a single shot the entire game thanks to the efforts of Brett Scheckla, Sabrina Unglaub, and Jillian Beck. Relentless pressure by midfielders Haley Paxton, Kathleen Wagner, Erin Schoendienst, and Kiley Zietler kept the Rage on the offensive side of the field throughout most of the game.

**The Pleasanton Rage Bees U14** had two tough 2-1 losses this weekend to the Mustang Spirit and the San Ramon Stingers. Brittany Jones and Arielle Siegel scored for Rage. Top Offensive Players: Brittany Jones, Arielle Siegel, Karoline van der Zee, Devin Gold; Top Defensive Players: Erin O'Loughlin, Taylor Dorsey, Pascale Masri.

**Pleasanton Rage U12** retained its 1st place standing with a 2 nil win over Bay Oaks. Rage scored a 1st half goal when midfielder Anjali Rai was able to keep the ball in the offensive zone sending a pass to Sarah Ryan who crossed to tie the game with a wide open Vanessa Villanueva who stuck it in the back of the net. Rage scored again in the second half when Hannah Jackson was awarded a direct kick. Jackson smacked a 40 yard bender into the top of the net for the final score of the day. Ariel

Gershman had an amazing block jumping into the shot to keep the shoutout and the victory over Bay Oaks. Top Offensive Players: Vanessa Villanueva Hannah Jackson; Top Defensive Players: Haley Chow with her first shut out of the year in goal. Ariel Gershman.

**Pleasanton's U12 Premier** Team showed the power of teamwork and persistence. Rage defeated the San Ramon Illusion 2 to 1. Kirsten Jensen fired the first goal from 25 yards. Cambi Cukar stole the ball from the Illusion and passed to Andi Boehm who passed Kira Ewanich. Ewanich crossed to Jessica Medina who scored the second goal. Outstanding aggressive plays by Lindsey Kail and Kalee Mooney. Super job by goalies Brittany Gray and Lexie Nicholas.

On Sunday, down by 2 at the half, the U12 team battled back to tie the game against the Mt. Diablo Storm. Haley Lukas crossed to Brianna Nicholas, who fired it into the net for the first goal. Ewanich fired a shot to the net, but the goalie's finger tips stopped the goal. The ball bounced from the goalie's hands and Nicole Fetsch kicked it into the net for the second goal ending the game with a tie. Great effort by Tori Larsen, Melissa Muller, Evan Murphy and Georgia Savage.

**Rage Division 1 U11** lost 2 to 0 to the San Ramon Bellazzure. The game was very evenly matched. In the first half Kiana Rastrou gave a nice kick to bring the ball forward towards the goal. Olivia Cotton passed the ball to Milan Moses for a dribble up and a sideways kick from the corner was attempted by Milan. Myranda Marzocco took the ball down the field several times. There were three great attempts by Milan Moses for goals and one by Jessica Landas that was almost a goal. Kendyll Woolsey took the ball away from the forwards many times. Top Offensive Players: Milan Moses, Jessica Ladas, Myranda Marzocco; Top Defensive Players: Sydney Smith, Kendyll Woolsey, Sammi Salasuri.

**Rage Division 1 U11:** Fremont Tops came out quickly and aggressive in winning 3 to 0. Tops sent several strong crosses from the corner to gain a 2 to 0 lead. In the second half Rage came out with a new vigor and anticipated Tops quickness. Kendyll Woolsey stopped several quick advances by speedy Tops forwards. Jackie Tongco came in and step up to long balls by Fremont. Briana Marquez worked tirelessly to avoid more quick loose balls by the Tops. Top Offensive Players: Kiana Rastrou, Olivia Cotton, Katrina Zhu; Top Defensive Players: Kendyll Woolsey, Jackie Tongco, Briana Marquez.

**The Rage Div 3A U12** team took on the Fremont Lightning Bolts this weekend in a fast paced, high scoring game, winning 6 to 0. Patricia Norcross started the scoring with the opening goal for the Rage. Then Kendall Moore followed it up with back to back goals to make it 3-0 at the close of the half. Rage never skipped a beat and came out firing on all cylinders in the second half. Kelli Wheatley was first to score when she drilled one in the right corner. Ali Racer moved the ball up the right side with a beautiful cross to Kaela Baustista who passed it off to Kelli Wheatley, for Wheatley's second goal. The final Rage goal was scored by Sami Williams off a Cassie Santana assist. And thanks to the tireless efforts of the Rage defense, the Rage was once again able to shut down the Fremont offense, preventing any goals, and securing the 6-0 victory. Top Offensive Players: Kendall Moore, Kelli Wheatley, and Sami Williams. Top Defensive Players: Lauren Fan, Dani Ledeman, Olivia Deutschman, and Olivia Brown at goal.

**Rage Div 1, U17** improved their record to 5 - 0 in league with a 4 to 1 win over San Ramon. Rage took the lead in the first half on a corner kick by in the 26th minute by Katelyn Golk. The first half end with the Rage leading 1 to 0. In the second half Rage scored two quick goals, on a breakthrough by Lina Potter on an assist by Tiffany Leung. Potter was the first to score in the second half for the second goal on a penalty kick. Christy Tadros finished the scoring with a goal on an assist by Kelly Rosows. Defensively Rage allowed it first goal in 4 games on a direct kick by San Ramon. Claire Kennedy and Nicole Raines had a solid game in the back anchoring the defense. Katelyn Golk - 2 Goals; Lina Potter - 1 Goal; Christy Tadros - 1 Goal; Top Defensive Players: Claire Kennedy, Erika Beck; Jill Blandino - Fullback; Krista Bormann - Sweeper; Nicole Raines - Center Mid.

## Dublin Soccer

**The Dublin Fighters, Class 1 U-13** Girls came away with one draw (5-5 vs the San Ramon Express) and one win (3-1 vs Livermore Explosion). In the Sunday win the Fighters dominated the mid-field with sharp play by Mikaila Constable, Monique Hamon, Defonice Bossio, Adriana Nyugen and Hailey Zumbo. Rebecca Beasly led the Dublin attack with 2 goals, followed closely by Megan Zumbo with 1 goal and 2 assists. Amanda Garcia had 5 shots on goal, while Allison Mitchell and Danielle Carothers kept the pressure on. The Fighter defense, anchored by sweeper Joanna Girton held strong, with good play by Christine Laymon and Annie Jones, while keeper Heather Seeley was near flawless in goal.

## Halloween Tennis Fun

Lifetime Tennis and the City of Pleasanton will host an evening of Halloween fun and games on Tues., Oct. 30 at the Pleasanton Tennis Complex, 5801 Valley Ave. Activities will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and include tennis for adults and games for kids. Refreshments will be served. The event is free to all who come in costume. For more information, call Lifetime Tennis at 931-3449.

## Little Leagues Signup

Livermore Little Leagues 2008 Season Baseball Registration is Saturday, October 20th and Saturday, November 3rd, 10 am to 2 pm Livermore High School Student Union. Players must be 5 - 18 years old or before April 30, 2008. New players must bring original birth certificate and proof of residency. For more information visit: American...\_www.eteamz.com/L.A.L.L.\_ (http://www.eteamz.com/L.A.L.L.) Granada...\_www.eteamz.com/granadall\_ (http://www.eteamz.com/granadall) National...\_www.lnl.us\_ (http://www.lnl.us)

## Under-10 Team

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The Livermore Smoke 2008 season is almost here. Walk-in registration will be held October 23rd, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church located at 1020 Mocho Street, 6pm-9pm. Birth certificates will be verified for all players (past records are shredded after each season). Signed zero tolerance policy forms are required for both player and parent. Forms will be available online and at walk-in. For more information please visit us at http://livermoregirlsoftball.org/

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2008 Registration is open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play PGSL softball. Two ways to register: 1) Online at www.pleasantonsoftball.org; 2) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (download a registration form from our website). Registration deadline is January 1, 2008. For more information go to www.pleasantonsoftball.org.

## Lacrosse Coach

Granada High School will open the position for a Varsity Lacrosse Coach for the 2007-08 season at the end of September. This will be Granada's third season with the majority of players returning to the line up in varsity and many new experienced players coming in as freshman. This is an opportunity for a JV or Assistant Coach interested in a Head Coach position. Candidates should have at least two years of lacrosse coaching experience, demonstrated ability to teach all aspects of the game and to motivate students, and strong organizational, communication and interpersonal skills. The ideal candidate should have college or equivalent playing experience. The head coach will oversee both varsity and junior varsity programs. The new coach may select his own assistants, but returning staff may also be available. A stipend is offered by the school. The coach's application and stipend information may be found at: http://livermoreschools.com/Depts/Personnel/Coaches/Coaches.htm Applications will be accepted after the position is formally posted at the end of September. The posting can be found at http://livermoreschools.com/Depts/Personnel/Job%20vac/jobvac.htm Please contact Clark Conover, Athletic Director, Granada High School, 1500 Conover Way, Livermore, CA 94551. Phone: 925-606-4800 x3636.

## Livermore Lacrosse

Open Registration for Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Club Spring 2008 season runs Oct 1 thru Oct 31. The season begins in January and ends in mid-May. LPLC is a youth lacrosse club affiliated with Northern California Junior Lacrosse Assoc and is open to boys and girls grades 3 thru 8. Visit www.phantomlacrosse.com for more information and links to our registration site, or call Bob Mezeul at 925-425-9901

## Amador Freshmen

Despite a slow start and a shaky pass defense, the Amador Valley freshmen overcame a 7-0 deficit and rolled to a 10-14 victory over Livermore High Thursday night. For the second week Carson Ewanich had a big night, gaining 170 yards on 6 carries for three scores on the ground, and caught a 72 yard pass for a fourth score. Overall, Ewanich touched the ball seven times for four touchdowns.

The Dons went three and out on their first drive and On the Cowboys' first drive they converted a third-and-10 and then scored on a fourth-and-nine with a 40-yard scoring strike to take a 7-0 lead. The deficit was the first for Amador this season.

It didn't take the Dons long to get back on top however. Starting with the ball at their own 28 the Dons knotted the game in three plays. First Cameron Ashanti went around right end for 28, and then David Camarena gained six to take the ball around midfield to the Livermore 46. Amador then got the ball to Ewanich on a quick pitch around left end. Ewanich, behind great blocking, got to the sideline and then used his speed and balance to tightrope all the way into the end zone. Alex Osterholt's PAT tied the game 7-7.

On the ensuing kickoff, Ewanich fell on a fumble and the Dons were in business at the Cowboys' 40. Once again it took three plays to score.

Cameron Rowland started the drive with an incredible one-handed grab on post pattern to get the ball to the Livermore 15. After Ashanti ran for four yards, Ewanich got the call off right tackle, a quick break to the outside and, then a cut back to the middle, and he was in the end zone for the score. The PAT was wide, but Amador was on top to stay 13-7.

A big sack by Cameron Seams and a Livermore holding penalty stopped the next Cowboy drive and the Dons, once again needed three plays to score. Well, in reality it was one play as the first two plays gained nothing. Facing a third-and-10, quarterback Patrick Gibbons rolled to his left under pressure. From there he found Ewanich at the sideline with a perfect strike and the speedy halfback turned on the jets to go 72 yards for the score.

The bad breaks continued for the Cowboys as a big hit from Rowland caused a fumble on their next drive. Jason Haycock fell on the ball at the Amador 2 and with 3:25 remaining in the half the Dons had the ball back.

Amador then followed with their most impressive drive of the game, going 98 yards on 9 plays. Amador got big plays from Ashanti whose 10 yard run got them off of their own goal line, Osterholt, who made a nice grab on an under thrown fade to get the Dons to midfield, and Ewanich who went around left end for 31 yards to get the Dons to the Livermore 21 with 1:30 left.

Three plays later the Dons were facing a fourth-and-six from the 17. Gibbons dropped back and hit Osterholt on an out and up for the score and, after Gibbons ran in for the two point conversion, the Dons took a 27-7 lead

into the break.

Livermore had the ball for all but eight plays of the third quarter but couldn't convert and the Dons' first drive of the fourth quarter put the game away. Osterholt outran the Livermore defense around right end for a 17-yard score to top off an eight-play, 63-yard drive.

Ewanich later capped the Amadors scoring with a 56-yard burst on the middle.

## Tigers Baseball

Tigers Baseball is now accepting resumes for experienced coaches interested in managing one of their 2008 Tigers tournament teams. Tigers Baseball is a non-profit baseball training program that works in cooperation with well know collegiate coaches and professional players to teach dedicated young players who wish to play baseball at a higher level. The Tigers Baseball mission is to provide an opportunity for young players to develop and learn the sport of baseball from some of the finest teachers in our area. There are managerial openings for the 14U tournament team. Interested parties should fax a resume to Tigers Baseball - 925-215-2285. All resumes must be received by November 1, 2007 to be eligible. For more details about the Tigers Baseball program go to http://www.rteamsite.com/baseball/tigersbaseball

## Bowling Perfecto

Jim French rolling in the Modified Guys and Dolls League rolled 12 beautiful strikes to complete a 300 game and added a 221 and 185 for a 706 set.

Pat Braga rolled her career high game in the same aforementioned league when she blasted nine strikes in a row for a 277 game and Maria Lockridge also rolled a 277 game in that league. Mark McCreary, same loop had a 279, 232 & 248 for a 759 and then rolled a 265 & 266 for a 740 series in the Re/Max Cheyenne.

Landon Lawson rolled a 269, 259 and 231 on his way to a 759 while Gene Bruhl had a 270, 248 and a 227 for a 745 Series. Scott Hylton topped the 700 plateau with games of 247, 224 and a 234 for a 705.

Rolf Daleske upped his 164 norm with a 236, 229 and a 196 for a 661 series in the Strikes and Spares league. Marsha Easley had a 224 and a 214 to complete a 606 Series and Stacy Stephenson of the Early Years Reno Gamblers loop had a 258 on her way to a 621 series.

Youth Bowler Laura Antonoff improved her 135 average when she rolled a 213 game.

## Livermore Football

Livermore Youth Football scores: **Midgets:** The Livermore Vikings (4-1) recorded another shut out defeating the Clayton Valley Falcons 28-0, in the Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference, Midget division. The Vikings got on the boards quick with Jahar Staples scoring on a 77 yard run, Jeremy Mata's PAT was good. Damairay Drew would find the end zone on the Vikings next drive, powering through the Falcons defense with a 40 yard touchdown run. Mata's PAT was good. Vikings would lead at the end of the first quarter 16-0. Livermore quickly went to their reserves. Quarterback Brandon Hall led the Viking to another touchdown. This time Jack Jensen scored on a 41 yard run. In the third quarter Staples would score again this time on a 44 yard touchdown. Staples would finish the day with 121 yards rushing, followed by Jensen 79 yards and Drew 60 yards. Livermore's defense was led by Drew 11 tackles, Jake Kearney 6 tackles 2 for loss, Tyler Leason 6 tackles 2 for loss, and Luc Hamilton 4 tackles. Frankie Robles forced a fumble and had a fumble recovery. Hall a fumble recovery, and JD Moss had an interception.

**Jr. Midgets:** The Livermore Norsemen defeated Clayton Valley 6-0 in overtime to improve to 3-2. The winning score came on a 3 yard touchdown by Kyle Campiotti behind Zac Rosas, Mikey Walls, and Marshall Peters. The Norsemen had already stopped the Falcons on their overtime possession with a game saving tackle at the goal line by Ben Sawyer and Rosas. The defense recorded their third shutout of the season behind Zac Sturgill, Peters, Jake Bohland, Tyler Rardon, RT Castillo, Riley Draa, Jordan Brooking, Campiotti, and Kevin Kutcher. Campiotti had a fourth quarter interception, Bohland had a fumble recovery and Kevin Coburn recovered an outside kick. On offense, Kutcher had another great day running the ball. Jake Williams connected on passes for several key first downs to both Kutcher and Sturgill. Salvatore Glaviano and Coburn also each had several runs for first downs.

## Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League scores: **Flag Football** Using a dominating defense and an opportunistic offense, the Senior 49ers battled their way to a 14-0 win over the Cowboys. The Niners defense allowed only one first down and intercepted a pair of passes to giving the offense plenty of chances to

generate points. In the first half, after Taylor Disbrow picked off a pass the Niners got their offense rolling. On first down Brent Ramos went around left end for 20 yards to the Cowboys 19 yard line. Two plays later, Disbrow went around right end on a boot and got down to the one yard line. From there, he snuck in for the score. The extra point failed, and the Niners led 6-0 at the half. After threatening on their second drive of the half, the Niners converted a long gainer for their second score. Facing a fourth-and-19 from the 39 Jacob Storti rolled to his right and hit a wide open Disbrow at the 15. Disbrow gathered in the wobbly pass, turned and sprinted into the end zone. Storti drilled another pass into Disbrow on the conversion to put the game out of reach.

**Senior Contact:** Dolphins 24, Titans 22; Outsized and outnumbered, the Dolphins took advantage of big plays to outlast the Titans, 24-22. Max Kurth rolled up a total of 254 yards on the ground, scoring on second half TD runs 1, 71 and 30 yards. Casey Cummings hauled in two receptions for 75 yards, including a 53 yard touchdown bomb from Quarterback Michael Brdar. Jonathan Camello also grabbed a key reception to keep a second half Dolphins drive alive. Middle linebacker Brandon Arace once again took high tackle honors with 7, followed by Kurth (6.5), Nick Griffen (5), Wayne King (4), Cummings (4), Anthony Viveiros (3.5), and Anthony Prieto (3). The Dolphins Offensive Line of Drake Kissinging, Viveiros, Robbin Nolting, Vincent O'Brien, and Nathan Perreira opened up big holes for the running game all day. Other standout defensive plays for the Dolphin included sacks by Bobby Sharkey, Nick Covert and Kissinging.

**Advanced:** Packers 12, Chargers 6. The Packers started the day on defense after a deep kickoff from Cody Shields. A series of defensive plays got the ball immediately from the Chargers on downs at the Charger 40 yard line. The Packers went to work with a 15 yard Jon Marsh RB run, QB Ryan Allen had a 5 yard sneak, and an Alex Ott for 5 more to put the ball at the Charger 15 yard line. After a short gain, offensive star Hawk Becker had a 12 yard TD scamper to get the Packers on the board first 6-0. The Chargers responded quickly with a 65 yard broken tackle run. The extra point was stopped to leave the game at 6-6. Defense dominated the second quarter for both teams. Several long drives by the Packers stalled just short of points.

The Packer defense dominated in the third quarter with great defensive line play by Gabe Martinez, Rich Wevill, and Kostas Triggas. The Packers began a drive with a 35 yard Hawk Becker punt return that put the sideline to put the Packers on the Charger 37 yard line. A perfect strike from QB Ryan Allen to Nate Bussani resulted a 20 yard gain to the Charger 17 yard line. The Packers then had only their second penalty of the day to move the ball back to the 22. Five yard runs by Ryan Allen and FB Alex Ott put the ball on the Charger 12. Hawk Becker took over from there with a beautiful 12 yard, cut the outside. TD run for his second score of the day. The two scores were the result of an Offensive line (Chad Allen, David Becker, Travis Chubb, Zach Hill, Joey Martin, and Christopher Frambes-Wheeler) dominating on the inside all day. The Chargers got ball back at their 35 yard line after a long kickoff by Cody Shields and a crushing tackle from Travis Chubb. The Chargers began to drive with two minutes left. Several good gains got them to the Packers 25 with five minutes to go. Cameron Blonigan smelled a reverse and put Austin Hamilton on a blitz side which resulted in a 10 QB yard sack by Hamilton. Tackles behind the line by Nick Gaither, Brad Hope, Stephen Gordon, and Cody Shields ended the game on downs. With the win the Packers go to 3-1.

**Junior Division:** Ravens 8, 49ers 6. The Ravens had a big day on their defense and a great day on offense. Quarterback Brandon Hall led the Viking to another touchdown. This time Jack Jensen scored on a 41 yard run. In the third quarter Staples would score again this time on a 44 yard touchdown. Staples would finish the day with 121 yards rushing, followed by Jensen 79 yards and Drew 60 yards. Livermore's defense was led by Drew 11 tackles, Jake Kearney 6 tackles 2 for loss, Tyler Leason 6 tackles 2 for loss, and Luc Hamilton 4 tackles. Frankie Robles forced a fumble and had a fumble recovery. Hall a fumble recovery, and JD Moss had an interception.

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The Ravens defense allowed over 15 plays against the 49ers for loss of yardage. Flying into the backfield for the Ravens was MLB Nicholas Gilfillan, OLB Joshua Pariera, DE Gregory Gamble, OLB Ryan Holmes, OLB Kevin Key and CB Jay Pedersen. CB Thomas Sabatini tackled the 49ers ball carrier for a 3 yard loss and safety. Which turned out to be the winning play. Sabatini also intercepted a pass to end the 49ers comeback threat. QB Zane Pedersen had a hot hand throwing 5 complet

## OBITUARIES

### Robert M. Arnold

Robert M. Arnold died Oct. 2, 2007 in Walnut Creek. He was 77.

He was born July 12, 1930 in Hays, Kansas. He served his country in the US Navy, and worked at the Naval Air Base in Sewage Treatment for over 30 years. He enjoyed fishing, bowling and playing cribbage.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia in 2000. He is survived by his children, Stacy Tanner of Folsom, and Mark Arnold and daughter-in-law Peggy of Livermore, his sisters Bernice Nelson of OK, and Doreen Schweitzer of KS, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A Memorial Service was Sat., Oct. 6th in Livermore. Inurnment was at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, with Military Honors.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Harry Leonard

Harry Leonard, a 28 year resident of Pleasanton, passed away October 2, 2007. He was 65.

After several years of battling a malady of illnesses, he passed away peacefully surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sara, son and daughter, Jeff and Susan and their spouses, Christine and Tim. He is also survived by the great grandchildren who have brought him great joy in recent years, Rachel, Morgan, Jacob and Ryan.

Funeral services were held Oct. 9 at Crosswinds Church in Dublin. Burial was at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore. A reception was held following the burial.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Irene Pons

Pleasanton native and lifelong resident Irene Pons died Oct. 2, 2007 at the age of 97. She was born Jan. 27, 1910.

At the time of her death, Irene was the oldest living native of Pleasanton and the second oldest living graduate of Amador High. In her early years, Irene and her husband Dan Pons were the proprietors and operators of the Colombo Hotel and Restaurant in downtown Pleasanton.

Irene was an organizing member of the original Pleasanton Art League. Her paintings were displayed and sold throughout the Valley. She also loved music throughout her life. She played a piano that she purchased from Sherman & Clay in 1929. Irene lived alone in her home in Pleasanton until her death. She was noted for her culinary skills and family recipes that were handed down from her mother, also a longtime resident of Pleasanton, moving here from Italy.

Irene is survived by her son, Gene Pons of Pleasanton, daughter-in-law Ann Pons, grandchildren, David, Jennifer and Matthew, and great grandchildren, Carly, Cole and Camille.

Private services are planned.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice of the East Bay, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Bonnie Witham

Bonnie Witham died September 27, 2007. She was 80.

She was a 50-year resident of Pleasanton and Fremont and a long time employee of Castlewood Country Club. Her life ended peacefully. She lived her 80 years to the fullest and has now gone to join her husband, parents, and five brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her chil-

dren, Janet and Keith, grandchildren, Casey, Denise and Jill, a great grandchild, Nikki, and a great-great grandchild, Myrna. She was much loved and will be missed by all.

Services will be private. Donations to Hope Hospice in her memory will be gratefully accepted.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Donald Joseph Cordes

Donald Joseph Cordes died October 5, 2007 in Roseville. He was 73.

Don was born Dec. 16, 1935. He was a retired Alameda County Sheriff's Department sergeant. He earned a BA in criminal justice from the University of San Francisco. Don loved to travel, Hawaii, going on trips with his RV clubs and sand-railing with his son, Mark. He was an amazing man, who lived his life full of integrity and generosity. He had a huge heart. He will be missed by all.

He is survived by his children, Tim Cordes, Cheri Brown, Mark Cordes and Sandy Everatt; grandchildren, Jamie Valencia and Tony Hendry. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Gale Cordes, his second wife, Betty Wiley and his brothers Charles (Charlie) and Eddie Cordes.

Visitation will be 9 to 10 a.m. Fri., Oct. 12 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton with the funeral starting at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at St. Augustine Cemetery in Pleasanton.

### John James Buranis

Livermore native John James Buranis died October 6, 2007 at ValleyCare Medical Center after a long illness. He was 78.

John was born at St. Paul's Hospital in Livermore on Aug. 7, 1929. He attended 5th Street School and Livermore High School where he graduated in 1947 and where served as senior class president. He attended City College of S.F. and earned an AA in criminal law. John served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1952 during the Korean War and was stationed in Japan. He was discharged in 1952 upon the untimely death of his brother, Nick. John stayed in Livermore and continued the trucking company formed by his brother. John built the trucking company into a successful grading, paving and demolition company that would grow with the Livermore Valley over the next 40 years. John met and married Irene Gadiano in 1953. They had three children, John, Mike and Jim.

John was a member of many clubs and organizations including Operating Engineers, VFW, Eagles, and the Hundred Club. John was one of the founders and director of the Bank of Livermore. He enjoyed attending the horse races and eventually owned several race horses of his own. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, telling stories and having great conversation. John enjoyed being a part of other people's lives and helping in any way he could.

John is survived by his sons and their wives, John and Wendy, Mike and Debbie, and Jim and Laurie, grandsons, Jeremy, Jared and Jordan, brother Samuel Buranis and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents James and Coula, brother Nick, and grandson, Zachary David Buranis.

Friends and family are invited to attend a rosary at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 11 and a memorial service at 1 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 12 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a charity of choice.

## SHORT NOTES

### Clothing Drive

Acc'sentials had a successful clothing drive to benefit Wardrobe for Opportunity. The store received several carloads worth of donations of men's and women's clothing suitable for an office environment.

Wardrobe for Opportunity provides professional clothing and career support to low-income job seekers so they can find employment and become economically self-sufficient. Program participants receive at no charge two complete outfits to wear for job interviews and once hired, can return for a "working wardrobe" of enough clothing for the first few weeks of work.

The next clothing drive for Wardrobe for Opportunity will be in spring 2008. Throughout the year Wardrobe for Opportunity accepts donations of clean, professional attire in good condition for men and women. For guidelines and drop-off locations, visit [www.wardrobe.org](http://www.wardrobe.org) or call 510-463-4100.

Acc'sentials is located at 520 Main Street in Pleasanton. The store is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 am to 7 pm, Saturdays from 11 am to 6 pm, and Sundays from Noon to 5 pm.

### Fitness Foundation

Fitness Together announced the launch of the Fitness Foundation for Young Athletes. The Foundation offers free personal training to children and young athletes in need, teaching its young clients how to achieve and maintain healthy lifestyles.

The inspiration for the Fitness Foundation for Young Athletes was nine-year-old Livermore resident Alex Furtado. Struggling with his weight and confidence, Furtado wanted to increase his strength, agility, and speed. Though Fitness Together normally trains clients 13 years or older, owner Rich Cunha agreed to work with Furtado. "Initially I was concerned about Alex's maturity level and commitment," reports Cunha. "However, he proved to be very dedicated. After three months of training, Alex has made outstanding progress. He is now able to run, sprint and play sports. Most importantly, his self-confidence has skyrocketed. He's no longer the kid alone on the playground."

Unfortunately, Furtado's training sessions came to an end. Inspired by the young man's story, Fitness Together customers began donating sessions so Furtado could continue his training. "We had such an overwhelming response that we knew there was more we could do," Cunha explains. "We decided to launch the Foundation for Young Athletes to help Alex and young people like him in the community."

Donors can purchase training sessions for \$59 each, a 40% discount. For each session donated, Fitness Together will donate an additional session. Fitness Together customers can also donate to the Foundation simply by purchasing their own training package; Cunha will donate two sessions to the Foundation for every purchase of 48 sessions or more. To donate, please contact Rich Cunha at 925-461-6379. "It's been a wonderful experience watching Alex achieve his fitness goals and change his life," says Cunha. "Now we hope to do the same for other kids in our community."

### Amador Recognized

State Sen. Ellen Corbett will help honor three Alameda County high schools that have earned statewide recognition for their civics programs that actively promote students' engagement and participation on their school campuses and in their cities.

Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, Irvington High School in Fremont, and Emery Secondary School in Emeryville were recognized at a ceremony Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Alameda County Office of Education.

Corbett presided over the awards ceremony. The evening included an appearance by comedian and KQED-TV talk show host Josh Kobluth, who performed excerpts from his one-man show, Citizen Josh. Students and teachers from these award-winning high schools presented overviews of their programs and how they have put their best practices to use.

Six schools across the state - three of them in Alameda County - were chosen by the California Coalition for Civic Renewal for their outstanding civics education programs. The goal of the Coalition is to promote and strengthen civic education in California's public schools through its program called Educating for Democracy, the California Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools. The Coalition is a project of the Constitutional Rights Foundation, a Los Angeles-based, non-profit, non-partisan educational organization.

Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton is a pilot school with the California Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools. Amador Valley convened teachers, students, parents, and administrators to examine and strengthen the curriculum, civic engagement opportunities and student participation in governance. Highlights of their activities include implementation of Project Citizen in all civic classes, strengthening the civic component of extra-curricular clubs by requiring them to have elected officials for participation in leadership representative council meetings and increasing student voice in school governance through a Principal's Council composed of diverse students who advise the principal on critical issues at the school.

### Food Drive

The Alameda County Community

Food Bank's "Holiday Food Drive" will run October 1 through January 31. The Food Bank's goal is to collect 750,000 pounds of food this holiday season to help feed the 40,000 people it serves each week.

Canned meats and fish, peanut butter, powdered milk, canned stew, dried beans, rice, oatmeal or other healthy cereal, pasta and tomato sauce are the Food Bank's 10 most wanted items. (No glass items, please.) Opportunities to donate food will be available at local Safeway stores, Berkeley Bowl, Whole Foods, libraries and schools. Sponsors for this year's food drive include Oracle, Novartis, Chevron, Sybase, the Oakland A's, Give Something Back and Bay Area Parent Magazine.

To learn more about how to organize a food drive, visit [www.accfb.org](http://www.accfb.org) or email [fooddrive@accfb.org](mailto:fooddrive@accfb.org). For more information, call (510) 635-3663 or visit [www.accfb.org](http://www.accfb.org).

### One Warm Coat

October 1 thru November 15, Golden Hills Brokers is collecting clean, reusable coats and jackets to be distributed to those in need at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner held in downtown Oakland for seniors and low-income Oakland residents and their families.

Coats may be dropped off at Golden Hills Brokers, 3223 Crow Canyon Rd., Suite 110, San Ramon, (925) 866-9100, Monday thru Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

For more information contact Fred Turner, Real Estate Broker, (925) 216-4590.

### Rail Wars

Train enthusiast Chris Rizzoli will present a talk entitled, "Rail Wars" as part of the Ed Kinney Lecture Series at 7 p.m., Thursday, October 18 at the Museum on Main Street, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton.

This program will focus on the forces that brought the two transcontinental rail lines to the Valley and the competition between them. The local connection to Tesla and the Western Pacific Railroad will be explored, as well as the Union Pacific's eventual takeover of both railroads.

Reservations are requested. Admission is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for non-members. Call (925) 462-2766. Memberships will be available for purchase that night.

### Teachers Recognized

Alameda County Office of Education will recognize seventeen teachers during the annual Alameda County Teacher of the Year ceremony to be held Oct. 11 at California State University East Bay.

The evening will be capped off with the announcement of the two Alameda Countywide Teachers of the Year, who will represent Alameda County in the statewide Teacher of the Year competition.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in University Theater, California State University, East Bay, 25800 Carols Bee Blvd., Hayward. For information, call Dara Tom, 510-670-7754.

Local teachers to be honored include Kimberly J. Bauman, Dublin High School, Dublin Unified School District; Linda Lamoureux, Livermore High School, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District; Linda Gullick, Foothill High School, Pleasanton Unified School District; Susan Wiltz, Sunol Glen School, Sunol Unified School District; and Denise Merlin, Tri-Valley ROP, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

### Holiday Entertaining

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will feature a class on Holiday Entertaining with Chef Dexter Ridley on Monday, November 5, 2007 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The menu includes Hot Artichoke and Spinach Dip, Italian Buschetta, Seared Ahi Tuna on Rye Toast with Wasabi Cream, and Coconut Shrimp with Banana-Lime Dipping Sauce.

There is a \$20 supply fee payable to the instructor and the class fee is \$47. The class takes place at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. To register, or for more information, please call (925) 373-5700.

### Mr. Pedometer

W. Ron Sutton, CEO of stopwatch and pedometer manufacturer, ACCUSPLIT, Inc., of Pleasanton, and known as "Mr. Pedometer," will appear at two international wellness conferences this fall. October 18-20, his company will sponsor and exhibit at The Cooper Institute's conference, Diversity in Physical Activity and Health: Measurement and Research Issues and Challenges, in Dallas, Texas. On November 9, he will be one of the principal speakers at Taiwan's First National Walking Day in Taipei. Appearing with him will be Dr. Yoshiro Hatano, who popularized the 10,000 Steps-a-Day approach to lifetime wellness.

The Cooper Institute event is one of a series of conferences, initiated in 1997, that relate to improving the public's health. The series is intended to bring together an international group of experts to focus on particular topics relating to physical activity. At the conference, Sutton will update researchers about the JW200 Step Sensor technology, which accurately measures step counts.

In Taiwan, Sutton will appear as "Mr. Pedometer" and will speak in

support of the country's "Walk 10,000 Steps to Stay Healthy" program.

Sutton appears as Mr. Pedometer at walking events, health fairs and sporting goods stores to answer questions about using pedometers to measure and motivate walkers to achieve their wellness goals. He may be reached at 800-935-1996 or [ron@mrpedometer.com](mailto:ron@mrpedometer.com).

### Rotary Students

Livermore Rotary Club presented awards to Outstanding Students at its September 19, 2007, luncheon meeting. Livermore Rotary has a long tradition of recognizing and awarding outstanding local students. The new principal of Livermore High School, Darrel Avilla, nominated and introduced three students for the Rotary awards. Mr. Avilla was obviously very proud of his students and told the Rotary Club that all three students had exceptional academic records.

Marshall Harvey is involved in a host of activities including 4H and FFA and has played football for 4 years. He is planning on college, possibly Chico State. The second student was Luke Gutierrez. Luke is active in student leadership and is captain of the water polo team. He is also active with his church group and is going to Belize in the spring to build housing. He plans on going to college. Andrea Lagorio was the third student. She is senior class president and is involved in Seniors Helping Seniors. She is captain of her varsity volleyball team, plays soccer, and is on the swim team. She plans on going to college to become a teacher.

The students each received an attractive wall plaque and award gift certificates from local business sponsors, Granada Bowl, Richards Arts & Crafts, Cold Stone Creamery and the Livermore Theaters.

### Wheelchair Hikers

Outdoor Adventure for Wheelchair Hikers will be offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District on Sun., Oct. 14 starting at 11 a.m.

Meet Ranger Patti Cole and Bob Coomber at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Coomber, a Livermore resident and internationally-known wheelchair hiker, will offer suggestions and strategies for enjoying open-space parks. And, while this program is designed primarily for wheelchair hikers, non-wheelchair hikers are welcome as well. There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. AS2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

### Balcony Dedication

The dedication of the Pleasanton Hotel's Balcony in honor of Ed Kinney will be held on Thursday, Oct. 11th at 7 p.m. Ed's family and friends will all be there.

Before and after the dedication, Blues Bands, the Marshall Law Band featuring Sam Marshall, will be playing at The Pleasanton Hotel's Thursday Blues on the Patio from 5:30 - 9:30.

### Charles R Dinner

The Charles R Vineyards family is celebrating this year's Autumn Harvest with a winemaker's dinner on Saturday, October 27th at 6 p.m. Winemaker Randy Bartlett will select wines for the evening and talk about this year's harvest and our wines.

The evening starts with hors d'oeuvres followed by a sweet and snappy spinach salad, then an intermezzo of Charles R melon sorbet, followed by a main course of Hazelnut Stuffed Halibut or Tantalizing Cherry Stuffed Chicken. The Grand Finale for the evening is the Tuxedo Mousse Cake - layers of chocolate delight enshrouded with ganache and a steaming cup of gourmet coffee.

The cost \$85/person, which includes dinner and paired wines Very limited seating. Charles R is located at 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore. Reservations can be completed at 925-454-3040 or [events@charlesvineyards.com](mailto:events@charlesvineyards.com).

### Book Events

Towne Center Books events: Sat. Oct. 13 at 10 a.m., Waiting for God with Lawrence Bush. Lawrence Bush is the author of several books of Jewish fiction and non-fiction. Bush edits Jewish Currents and provided the updating for the classic Joys of Yiddish. This discussion is for seekers of all faiths.

Wed. Oct. 24 at 7 p.m., The Tri

Valley Writers Showcase. Tri Valley Writers is a branch of the California Writers and open to aspiring and published writers. Members will share their work at this event.

Fri. Oct. 26, Read It and Eat with Kathleen Flinn, the author of the Sharper Your Knife, the Less You Cry. It is the touching and funny account of Flinn's transformation while studying at Le Cordon Bleu. 11:30, lunch will be served at 12:00. \$15.00 for lunch \$30.00 for lunch and book. Reservations please. 925-846-8826 or [orders@townecenterbooks.com](mailto:orders@townecenterbooks.com).

Fri. Oct. 26 at 7 p.m., Doug Bell writing as Douglas Kendall will talk about Pleasantopia. Pleasantopia is a spoof of America's most affluent mid-size city. Social festivities at 7:00. Doug will make a short presentation at 7:30. Located at 555 Main St., Pleasanton.

### Hammett and Hellman

The Big Read in Pleasanton features a talk by Michael Shepler about Hammett, Hellman and the HUA. The presentation will be Sat., Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library.

Shepler discusses Dashiell Hammett's transition from Pinkerton detective to mystery writer/novelist to Hollywood scriptwriter where he met, fell in love with, and influenced the theatrical career of Lillian Hellman. Their politics brought them to the attention of the House Un-American Activities Committee, where McCarthyism paved the way for Hammett and Hellman's separate stands before the Committee.

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

For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

This event is part of The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

### Parenting Parents

Amador Valley Adult School is offering a class for "baby boomers" sandwiched between the needs of their own growing children, their aging parents and their own needs.

The class dates are October 23 and October 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton, Room B 13.

Students will get information, support, and learn about available resources. The class will be taught by Ruth Gasten, a parent educator for over 35 years and a mother and grandmother. She cared for her mother until her death at the age of 95.

The "Parenting Your Aging Parent" class is offered free of charge.

### History Talk

Bill Harlan, a fifth generation Californian, will be the guest speaker at the Livermore Heritage Guild's, History Lecture Series. Bill will talk about his great, great grandfather George Harlan, who led a wagon train over the Hastings Cut-off in 1846. The Donner Party followed the same trail and met with disaster that same year.

Members of the family settled in San Ramon as well as Fresno Co. in the San Joaquin Valley as cattle ranchers.

The History Lecture will be on Wed. October 17 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Doors open at 7 pm, talk is at 7:30 pm. Come early for refreshments and chitchat. A \$2 donation is suggested. For more information call 443-9740.

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Photo - Katie Caulk

For the last several Farmer's Market's kids, adults, artists, fruit vendors and Livermore City Arts Commissioners have stopped by the Tri-Valley Artists Guild booth to don a smock, grab a brush, and help paint banners for the ArtWalk Information booths. The 4'x5' banners will be used to help direct ArtWalkers on ArtWalk day, October 13th. Zoe Marcel, aged almost-two, sports a brush (and won't let go!) to help ArtWalk at Farmer's Market. Zoe is the daughter of past Arts Commissioner and current Livermore Downtown, Inc. employee, Katie Marcel.

## ARTWALK

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communities to promote the understanding that what we put into the water here affects the denizens of the sea. He'll be showing at Valley Furniture this year.

El Charro's will host Jordi Camps, a contemporary South American artist. Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard is hosting Lily Xu, an artist who works in traditional and contemporary Chinese brush painting. Fire & Ice will feature Joanna Crawshaw, who creates colorful pinup, abstract, and car paintings.

Ancestro's will show work by Sue Marchand, wife of City Councilmember John Marchand. She will be exhibiting abstract gels and botanical paintings. The Firehouse Book and Bistro will host two artists. FloBell's will host Adrienne Ridolfi, an artist who creates graphic designs of wonderful shoes. Cranberries will who work by Katie Caulk.

Outside In, a home/garden boutique, will feature work by local abstract painter Andrea Vasgaard, as well as photographer Adella Mowery.

At Thompson Gallery, the focus will be on three strong gallery artists — the colorful oils of Sherri Kelcourse, the signature watercolors of Carolyn Lord, and the contemporary impressionist work of Margaret (Peggy) Frank. Around the corner, ArtSpace will present the art jewelry of Teresa Berger and abstract figuratives by

Linda Ryan.

The very active Las Positas College Art Club will display in front of Groth Bros. Disabled Veterans will be displaying with Bud Donaldson at the Carnegie again this year. Also watch for the LAA Gallery artists in the same building.

Several strong artists are exhibiting at the Firehouse Art Studios — some of the best in local abstract, including Lynne Shephard, Martha Eddleman, and Claudia Willis, joined by ArtWalk newcomer Martha Huffman. Exhibiting abstract work on shrunken plastic down stairs will be Yvonne Miller.

At the Riata there will be oxidized metal works by Darwin. Across the street at It's All About Dancing, Anita's, and Livermore Valley Florist are a varied group of strong artists from Regina Stadnik, Carol Hart, newcomer Julie Cuy, and up-and-coming young artist Jacob Hankinson. At the corner of 2nd and K the impressionistic works of Las Positas teacher Nancy Storch can be viewed at Armkea. A group of painters meets up with local jewelry artist Diana Carey-Meeker, whose specialty is hand carved pendants and metalworks.

**WINE TASTING**  
Wine tasting will be offered in different businesses throughout ArtWalk: John Christopher Cellars at Blacksmith Square, Main

Street Designs, Proctor's, Cranberries, Wild Vine, First Street Wines, and ArtSpace.

**MUSIC**  
ArtWalk is moving the all-volunteer acoustic event to a full stage at the Flagpole this year. Highlights include singer/songwriter Megan Slankard, and Ira Leitner, a folksinger who is again flying back from Tennessee specifically to play the ArtWalk event.

Pulling the event together is producer Duane Gordon, sound by Don and Debbie Pitt, coordination help by Michael Ferrucci (owner of Fine Fretted Friends), sound equipment donated by the Pitts and Ferrucci, and the musicians.

The Plastic Lulu Band: Michael Ferrucci, Kenny Williams and Dave McMillan will perform. The 1pm hour will be based on John Lennon's "Plastic Ono Band" concept, featuring a variety of musical offerings organized by each segment's "musical director."

The first in the lineup will be directed by Michael Ferrucci. Next, Kenny Williams, one of the first musicians on stage at the original ArtWalk, directs the 1:20 segment. Kenny's best known for his band, Mid-Life Chrysler. Finally, the hour ends with the signature open-tuning work of Dave McMillan, owner of Music Source.

## San Jose Brass Plus Pleases All Ages

By Nancy O'Connell

"We'll play something for everyone," promised Wendell Rider, French horn player with the San Jose Brass Plus, as he introduced the program for the third concert presented in the new Bankhead Theater in Livermore. As the audience relaxed in comfortable red seats, I glanced around at the audience. There wasn't a bad seat in the house. With the tiered seating, everyone would be able to see and enjoy those on the stage. There were several children seated in the front rows. They were quiet and well behaved throughout.

There were two men substituting for those in the regular ensemble. Jeff Biancalana was heard as first trumpet instead of James Dooley, and Forrest Byram was performing on the trombone instead of John Russell. The players were all excellent. Each member of the group was given a chance to shine.

The beginning fanfare was most effective with the two trumpets offstage in the wings, heard in a musical dialogue between the two voices. Working for the correct balance beforehand, they decided that if Warren Bartold stood in the wings and faced backstage, his instrument would sound faraway, and there would be a better contrast between the two trumpets. "On a Mountain" by Praetorius thus managed to sound as though the trumpet were far off on a mountain peak. In "Contrapunctus IX" by J.S. Bach, the French horn player introduced the theme and suggested we listen for it throughout. By the time all five of the instruments entered, the sounds were rich with contrapuntal demands placed on each player in turn. The deep voice of the tuba was heard ending with a cadence. All of the players joined in.

*Es ist ein Ros entsprungen* or "A Rose-Tree Hath Arisen" by Brahms was originally for organ, and the legato passages were organ like. The trumpet often had the melody. Rider explained that the group has often made transcriptions from music written for

other instruments. The "Canzona Bergamasca" by Samuel Scheidt which followed was also a transcription. Again, it was contrapuntal. Rapid fire notes in the trumpet displayed Jeff Biancalana's virtuosity. The faster notes, achieved by double tonguing, was picked up by the trombone, sounding very difficult and complex. This contrasted with a softer choral sound leading into a lightning fast passage which was picked up in every instrument. Every player tossed off his notes with seeming ease. There were no forced sounds or bloopers heard.

"The Girl with the Flaxen Hair" by Claude Debussy, another transcription, featured the first trumpet introducing the haunting melody. The percussionist, Galen Lemmon, joined in with special effects on the cymbals. The soft, piano sections were beautiful and lyrical.

"The Second Military Suite in F" by Gustav Holst was written for brass. It began in a military way with a lively band sound, but had good contrasts throughout. A difficult melody in the French horn was picked up and answered by the first trumpet. Each player in turn had a melody, and the trombone had a long, prolonged passage which was doubled in the trumpet. Complex rhythms abounded, and Galen Lemmon, the percussionist picked up a hammer and pounded on the blacksmith's anvil. A folk tune was heard and then the Holst drew to a close with a grand flourish.

After the intermission, music in a lighter mode was introduced. The "Clear Track Polka" by Edward Strauss sounded like circus music. "Bess, You Is My Woman Now" by George Gershwin featured a muted trumpet with the soulful tune. The familiar melodies evoked a different era in American music. The children in front of me watched the percussionist used what looked like two paintbrushes. He'd use the brush part on the cymbals for a quiet, shuffling effect, and then the sticks. In "Junk Man Rag"

by Lucky Roberts, Galen Lemmon probably utilized at least ten different percussion effects, including a tin whistle! In Leroy Anderson's "Fiddle Faddle" Galen played the violin solos on the xylophone accompanied by the five brass. It was a great showpiece for his many talents. The spokesman told us that originally the group had been for the five brass players, but they've added the percussion — thus the word 'plus.' He has added a certain dimension to the group and he makes many of his own arrangements.

The familiar "Londonderry Air" was heard, and Warren Bartold performed this on the flugelhorn — a difficult and demanding instrument. The entire concert met with sustained applause, and the audience was rewarded with an encore — a polka from Peter Schickele's "Horn Smoke Opera". Schickele is otherwise known as P.D.Q. Bach, and is never meant to be taken seriously. We heard double tonguing for the first trumpet, and there were difficult passages for everyone. It became ridiculously faster and faster until it sounded like a horse race which had run amok, with everyone trying to reach the finish line simultaneously. The audience roared with laughter at the musical joke, and if Schickele had been present, he would have been delighted.

During intermission and at the reception afterwards I heard many patrons saying that the lighting needs to be adjusted so that the audience can read their programs during the concerts.

While the 500 seat theater was in darkness, the five brass instruments sent off shimmering sparks of light. As the men played in their black formal tuxes, all eyes were upon them, and the audience seemed mesmerized. It was an unforgettable night of brilliant playing.

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## Victoria Emmons Joins PCAF Board

Pleasanton resident Victoria Emmons has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF), according to Greg Reznick, local businessman and president of the PCAF Board.

Emmons is vice-president of public affairs and marketing for Regional Medical Center of San Jose and has served on numerous nonprofit boards. "I am thrilled to be a part of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation Board," said Emmons. "I have always had a love of the arts. Several family members are artists by trade, so the world of creative arts has been ever present in my life. This Foundation and its generous donors will inspire much creativity in our community for many decades to come."

PCAF is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization incorporated in 2004 to take the lead role in advocating and securing private funding for the construction of a new performing and visual arts center on the site of a former firehouse in downtown Pleasanton and to fund ongoing arts activities at the new Center and throughout the community. Its collective vision is to establish and support for perpetuity a robust and healthy art center in the city's cultural heart for all to enjoy.

The Firehouse Arts Center will include a 240-seat theater, art galleries and classrooms. "I think the Firehouse Arts Center project is a very exciting one for Pleasanton, as is the greater vision for the Pleasanton Cultural

Arts Foundation to become the leader in support of all cultural arts in the community," said Emmons.

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## Special Exhibit of 'Faces of Livermore'

Marcelo Fuentes Photography and Livermore Downtown, Inc. are hosting a special photography exhibition to celebrate one year of business in his downtown Livermore location. This exhibit celebrates life, people, and the love, insecurities, vulnerability, awkwardness, and pride of life's stages that we can all relate to. The exhibit features over 250 residents who had their photographs taken during the Wine Country Festival in downtown Livermore.

There will be an artist reception on Fri., Oct. 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. The studio will be open during ArtWalk on Oct. 13. There is

no admission charge.

During Livermore's Wine Country Festival this year, produced by Livermore Downtown Inc. every first weekend in May, Marcelo opened his studio to anyone who was willing to participate in a photography study that he termed "Faces of the Festival." Marcelo, with the help of his assistants, convinced over 250 people over a two day period to have their pictures taken. The result is an amazing body of work that reflects Marcelo's passion for the art of photography.

"Who doesn't like to people watch"? Marcelo asks. "What is interesting to me, and hopefully

to others, is how much of myself I saw in all of these images. The vulnerability of being a teenager, the confidence of a young adult, the pride of a new parent, and the love of friends, parents, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, lovers and companions.

"This has been a labor of love, a show that I could not have done without the help of the community." Marcelo would like to thank Livermore Downtown, Inc., Zippies Printing, and Way up Art and Frame for their contributions that made the exhibit possible.

The studio is located at 144 South J Street.

## Role Players Open Production of 'Ruthless'

Danville Role Players Ensemble kicks off its 2007/ 2008 season with its production of Ruthless!

The musical is directed by John Maio with musical direction by Joe Simiele and choreography by Camille Larrea. This is the first main stage production of Sue Trigg's tenure as Role Players new artistic director. The first season she has programmed for local theatregoers also includes Bus Stop and Sheridan's 18th century comedy The School for Scandal as well as two Black Box productions and Aladdin and his Lamp of Life, an English-style pantomime for the holidays.

Ruthless is a well-known spoof of Broadway musicals like Gypsy and Mame and movies like The Bad Seed and All about Eve. First produced off Broadway

in 1992 starring Laura Bell Bundy, her two understudies were unknown performers Britney Spears and Natalie Portman. Foley has appeared in Les Miserables, Seussical, Gypsy and The Wizard of Oz among other productions. Ruthless won the 1993 New York Outer Critics Circle award for best off-Broadway musical.

Ruthless also showcases three local actors. Antioch's Shari Oret, Dublin's Shannon Wicker-Mitchell, and Pleasant Hill's John Blytt. Oret runs Curtain Up Productions, her own children's musical theatre company.

Ruthless! The Musical is the story of a daughter who would literally kill for a part, her split-personality mother and conniving grandmother. It is a joyful melodrama of inherited theatrical talent and unchained ambi-

tion reaching from the school play of Tina Denmark (played by Kathryn Foley) to Broadway.

The play runs from Oct. 12th - Nov. 3rd, Thurs - Sat at 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 p.m. in the Village Theatre 233 Front Street, Danville. Tickets at \$20, \$25 & \$15 for students with ID and groups 10 are available from the Community Center, 420 Front St. Danville, [www.villageheatreshows.com](http://www.villageheatreshows.com) or call 925.314.3400.

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# LVO Production Goes Into High Gear

Excitement is building as the Livermore Valley Opera swings into the final weeks of rehearsal before its opening of "La Boheme" at the new Bankhead Theater.

Stage actions are being fine-tuned by charismatic director Yefim Maizel, who aims to raise our local company to a new level of artistic excellence.

A graduate of St. Petersburg's prestigious State Conservatory of Music, he has earned an international reputation for his stage work, from Russia's Kirov Opera to San Francisco and New York's Metropolitan Opera, where he recently directed Placido Domingo's "Madama Butterfly."

Despite the challenges of limited resources in such a small company, Maizel is tremendously impressed by everyone's level of commitment and "honesty" of emotion, both necessary components of success for such a beautiful and intensely emotional show.

Maizel's own energy commitment to the production is obvious as he works out the "controlled chaos" of "Boheme's" Act II.

Set in a lively outdoor square of Paris' Latin Quarter on Christmas Eve, the scene is filled with a happy holiday crowd: boisterous street vendors, frolicking children, bustling shoppers, and strolling merrymakers.

Maizel seems to be everywhere at once, blocking singers' stage movements and adjusting costume details: a warm muffler for a chorus boy, just the right period hat for a gentleman, the perfect apron or shawl for a lady.

His goal is to stage a realistic evocation of Paris in the early 30's - that free and exciting period of artistic expression and personal fulfillment which attracted creative spirits from all over the world.

He dismisses the modern vogue of heavy-handed symbolism, which he terms, "Eurotrash," in favor of a presentation that does not interfere with the basic visceral impact of the romantic story and its meltingly beautiful music.

Company members are obviously infused with his enthusiasm as well, and eagerly anticipating their exciting debut at the new Bankhead Theater on October 20.

LVO's newly-appointed Musical Director/Conductor Alexander Katsman, a fellow graduate of the St. Petersburg State Music Conservatory, is



Opera principals do a costume walk-through.

equally busy fine-tuning the orchestra for the exquisite melodies of Puccini's beloved opera.

According to Maizel, their combined efforts are aimed at "making the most emotional connection with the audience." In this sensitive story of starving artists and blossoming young love, the focus will be on the "incredible conflict" experienced in the transition to adulthood.

Beginning with the hopes, energy, and boundless optimism of youth - all resilience and possibility - it finishes with the crushing realities of life - poverty and illness - that end the beautiful dream.

A universal favorite, "La Boheme" both inspires with its gorgeous music and devastates with a tragic ending, an experience Maizel hopes to make "moving and cathartic" for the audience.

Certainly the cast has been carefully chosen to achieve the desired dramatic effect. Returning to the LVO stage after her memorable performances as Yum-Yum, heroine of "The Mikado," is Krista Wigle. The petite soprano is sure to glitter in her dynamic red-sequin gown as the uninhibited seductress Musetta.

Another familiar face will be Nicolai Janitzky, who launched his career as Papageno ("Magic Flute") and Count Almaviva ("Marriage of Figaro") in early LVO productions. Returning as a seasoned national performer,

he'll be the poor artist Marcello, hopelessly enamoured of the flighty Musetta.

All the soloists boast impressive credentials from leading music academies and opera companies, as well as achievements in important national competitions from the Placido Domingo "Operalia" to the Metropolitan Opera Auditions.

The resume of Rebecca Garcia is especially interesting, because she's actually a local resident (her parents own Anita's Restaurant in Livermore). Rebecca, one of the sopranos playing the lead role of sweet seamstress Mimì, has had a fairy-tale career. Starting as a child with San Mateo and San Jose opera companies, she progressed to formal opera study at the College of Notre Dame at the unbelievably young age of 13.

Fluent in Italian, French, German and Russian, she is a graduate of both the Oberlin Music Conservatory and Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts, and has studied and performed in the U.S. and abroad.

Bay Area opera-goers will remember her touching performance as the tragic heroine of Festival Opera's recent production of "Romeo and Juliet." Recreating another heart-rending death scene in "Boheme," Rebecca has already reduced cast members to tears even in rehearsal.

The entire show, featuring some of the world's most beloved

opera melodies, promises to produce strong emotional response in the audience as well. Valley residents will also enjoy "La Boheme" in the comfort of a new state-of-the-art venue: the Livermore Performing Art Center's Bankhead Theater.

Performances will run only two weekends, from Saturday, October 20 to Sunday October 28. Evening curtain time is 8 PM (including one Friday show on October 26). Both Sunday matinees will begin at 2 PM.

Seats for LVO cost only a fraction of the prices at SF Opera, with a free civic parking garage included. Tickets are currently being sold at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org) or at the LVPAC box office

# 'All the World's a Stage'

Livermore will celebrate the arts with a day filled with events on Saturday, October 13th.

During the day, ArtWalk turns downtown into a gallery district, with local businesses hosting a variety of art and artists on a walking tour. Then in the evening, three of the community's performing arts groups are collaborating on a one-night-only production featuring the Livermore-Amador Symphony, Livermore Valley Opera, and Shakespeare's Associates to celebrate the opening of the new Bankhead Theater. The evening closes with culinary arts and of course, local wines, in a reception featuring the visual arts again with the 2007 Art Banner Auction sponsored by Livermore Downtown.

The show, entitled "All the World's a Stage: The Bard, Baritones and Bassoons," is a sampler of sorts, with music, arias, scenes and monologues from past and upcoming productions. A special feature is a newly commissioned work by Thomas Darter. LVPAC commissioned the work, One Step (at a time) Rag, to be performed by LAS with Darter on piano. Jim Ott, a well-known local arts supporter, will emcee.

"People can come downtown, browse the local art, maybe pick up some early holiday gifts, then grab dinner before the show at the Bankhead," stated Shakespeare's Associates artistic director Lisa Tromovitch.

"The motto is 'Arts Live Here.' Collaborating with not only the opera and the Livermore Shakespeare group, but also with the visual artists really gives the symphony members a chance to demonstrate their commitment to the whole artistic community. We love music, but also other art forms," added Livermore-Amador Symphony president Jean King.

Linda Ryan, who works for Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, the group responsible for the new theater, and is a leader of the Tri-Valley Artists, the producers of ArtWalk, talked enthusiastically about the synergy created with so many artists working closely together on one day.

Livermore Valley Opera Managing Director Jim Schmidt pointed out that though opera and theater are already collaborative art forms, with performers working with designers and directors to produce the show, coming together as a broader artist community has given everyone new vision. "There have already been stimulating discussions as we share 'best practices' in the hopes of helping each other grow."

ArtWalk is free.

Tickets to the evening performance at the Bankhead Theater range from \$28 - \$36 and include the show, art banner auction and food and wine reception. "The food and wine alone are a \$30 value," added Rachael Snedecor. Livermore Downtown Inc. executive director.

Tickets are available at the box office at 2400 First Street, at 925-373-6800 or online at [LivermorePerformingArts.org](http://LivermorePerformingArts.org).

## Art Banner Auction Caps Off Day of Art

The 5th Annual Art Banner Project and Art Banner Auction will be held on October 13 immediately following the performance at the Bankhead Theater of "All The World's A Stage: The Bard, Baritones and Bassoons."

The auction is presented by Livermore Downtown Inc. It will take place at the conclusion of the performance.

The 2007 Art Banners are currently on display on lightpoles throughout downtown Livermore on Livermore Avenue, Second Street, J and K Streets and in front of the Vine Theater.

This year's banners, painted

by local artists, celebrates the arts community with the theme "Art Lives Here."

Maps of the "Banner Walk" can be picked up at Livermore Downtown Inc., 2060 Second Street or at many of the businesses downtown including ArtSpace, 133 South Livermore Avenue, Way Up Art and Frame, 1912 Second Street, Thompson Gallery, 2241 First Street, Cafe Art, 1764 First Street and Art D'Cor, 2187 First Street. The Banner Walk Map can also be downloaded from the website at [www.livermoredowntown.com/](http://www.livermoredowntown.com/).

This map includes the names of the artists.

The gala at the Bankhead Theater begins at 8 p.m. The auction will begin at 10 p.m. in the lobby of the theater.

The auction will celebrate local visual, culinary and wine art. Tickets for the event are sold through the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center box office at 373-6800.

Funds raised from the banner auction will benefit the Livermore Downtown Inc. Art Fund, which will be donated to a downtown art project to be determined.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 400858

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Jonathan Marc Burchett, 7310 Joshua Circle, Pleasanton CA 94568  
This business is conducted by husband and wife  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Amy Burchett and Jonathan Burchett  
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The Independent Legal No. 2222. Publish September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 2007.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 399920

The following person (s) doing business as Antrim Construction, Inc., 1635 Chestnut St., Suite A, Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Antrim Engineering and Construction, Inc., 1635 Chestnut St., Suite A, Livermore CA 94551  
This business is conducted by a corporation  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Jeffery B. Antrim  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on August 20, 2007. Expires August 20, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2225. Publish September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 2007.

#### CITATION TO APPEAR CASE NO. 1233396

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF: LINCOLN KRAUTKRAEMER ON BEHALF OF: JACOB MICHAEL MUNOZ (Minor)  
Minor for Freedom From Parental Custody and Control  
The People of the State of California  
To: BRIAN ANTHONY GARCIA  
By order of this Court, you are hereby cited and required to appear before Department SM1 of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Barbara on October 31, 2007 at 8:30am, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why Jacob Michael Munoz should not be declared free from your parental control according to the petition on file herein to free the minor for adoption.

The name and address of the Court is: Santa Barbara County Superior Court, Located: 312-C East Cook Street, Dept. SM1, Santa Maria, CA 93454.  
For a failure to appear without reasonable cause, and abide by the order of the Court, you will be deemed guilty of a contempt of Court.  
Dated August 10, 2007  
By Julie A. Hernandez Deputy Clerk  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401053

The following person (s) doing business as West County Builders, 7070 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): West Avenue Real Estate, Inc., 7070 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore CA 94551  
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Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s:/George West  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 14, 2007. Expires September 14, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2224. Publish September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 2007.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 400321

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Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Shochi H. Chan  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on August 28, 2007. Expires August 28, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2227. Publish September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 2007.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 400985

The following person (s) doing business as Gods Kingdom Now, 1934 Nicosia Court, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Kelly Copenhaver, 1934 Nicosia Court, Pleasanton CA 94566  
Valentina Morales, 670 Natoma St. #209, San Francisco CA 94103  
This business is conducted by co-partners  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 13, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Kelly Copenhaver and Valentina Morales  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 13, 2007. Expires September 13, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2228. Publish September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2007.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401243

The following person (s) doing business as Baby Cakes, 3010 Verdala Dr., Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Diane Peterson, 3010 Verdala Dr., 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:/Diane Peterson  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 19, 2007. Expires September 19, 2012.  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 400959

The following person (s) doing business as Century Home Loan Center, 1300 Bancroft Ave. Ste., San Leandro CA

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This business is conducted by an individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 1, 2001.  
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Glen Peterson  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 12, 2007. Expires September 12, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2230. Publish September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2007.

#### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 391746-391747

The following person (s) have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name 1)Klickcar.com, 1412 Portola Ave., Livermore CA 94551  
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on February 14, 2007 in the County of Alameda.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401274-401275

The following person (s) doing business as The House Whisperer, 566 Escondido Circle, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Glenn Stewart, 566 Escondido Circle, 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 October 1, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant:

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401669

The following person (s) doing business as, The House Whisperer, 566 Escondido Circle, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Glenn Stewart, 566 Escondido Circle, Livermore CA 94550  
This business is conducted by an individual  
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Signature of Registrant:

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401747

The following person (s) doing business as 1)Klickcar.com, 1412 Portola Ave., Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Martin Hernandez, 1737 First St., Livermore CA 94550  
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# CHEETAHS

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Cheetahs are being depleted because ranchers are shooting them. The CCF is trying to change that by giving special dogs to farmers. The breed is Anatolian shepherd, which originated in Turkey. They bond quickly to sheep, goats and cows, and guard the herd loyally, said Tan.

CCF gives puppies to farmers, and monitors the dogs to ensure continuing good health. There has been a drop in the number of predator kills on ranches by cheetahs and also leopards. There are plenty of animals, such as springbok, warthogs, hartebeests, and oryx, for a natural food supply.

Part of Tan's volunteer work was to help count the numbers of prey animals to ensure that that part of the animal's habitat is holding up.

The other problem for cheetahs is the change in habitat caused by domestic animals' overgrazing. When the natural grasses are reduced to stubble or removed, acacia trees have space



One of the Cheetah cubs Vicki worked with.

to grow. They have thorns, which impede the cheetahs in their run at prey. One solution is to remove the acacia trees. The CCF has a large ranch. The staff is cutting down acacia trees on the property, and turning them into fire logs.

Aside from the education that

Tan got about the plight of the cheetahs, she also did some practical work, including exercising and feeding those raised in captivity. These are animals that have been abandoned because their mother was killed, or they were born in captivity.

Exercising is part of the feed-

ing process, because cheetahs run fast to pursue prey. Tan sat in the back of a pick-up truck traveling 30 mph. She threw horsemeat out to the pursuing cheetahs. The animals in their natural habitat are even faster, running as fast as 70 mph in pursuit of dinner.

Cheetahs have become extinct in 20 countries. Tan said she feels she helped contribute "in a tiny, little way, to make sure they don't become extinct in more countries. Since I got back, I have talked to everyone I can think of about it."

Tan works for Sun Microsystems, mostly as a telecommuter. However, when she goes to the office in Menlo Park, she conducts presentations for co-workers who are interested. She shows a video that features Laurie Marker, founder of the Cheetah Conservation Fund. Marker has worked with cheetahs for 25 years.

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# 'Team Charlie' Is Active Tribute To Late Friend

Charlie Stockley's death in December 2006 was a great personal loss to his mother, Alison. She carries on an active memorial to her son by working to see that others won't die from the same cause.

Charlie grew up in Livermore. He became a Bay Area sound engineer and rock band drummer. He was 39, and was engaged to be married in March 2007. He died of complications from cystic fibrosis. Donations of a heart and a pair of lungs would have saved his life. However, no lungs of the right size were found during a critical 12-day period.

To bring hope to others, Alison Stockley formed Team Charlie. The "team" is made up of Charlie's friends, many of them from Livermore High School, where he graduated in 1986. Team Charlie runs and walks in races that have sponsors that focus on organ donation or Cystic Fibrosis.

The team will participate in a half-marathon on Oct. 14 in San Jose, which will be held in connection with a health and fitness fair at the McEnery Conference Center.

Alison will help staff a race-course booth that will spread the word about organ donations. The booth will also serve as a reunion point for Charlie's Livermore High School friends. They are coming from as far away as Minnesota and Arizona. Many of them are unknown to Alison. The great thing about organizing Team Charlie is that she is getting to meet some of them.

Team Charlie members know each other in a race because of their distinctive T-shirts. Alison had 250 of them made. With more than 40 race entrants on the team, and a good number of supporters on the sidelines, Alison said it will make a good dent in the supply. The shirts are bright orange with blue trim, and have a photo of Charlie on the front, which he took himself.

The printed matter says "Team Charlie" and "Take It Up Another Notch," which was his favorite saying. It also says, "The beat goes on," which speaks to Charlie's role as a drummer, and

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The race in San Jose is dubbed the "Rock 'n' Roll Half-Marathon." There will be a band at each of the race's mile markers, and three more bands performing later at a concert. Alison likes the coincidence that Charlie was a rock drummer and the race has a band theme and performances.

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In fact, it was the rock theme that caught the notice of a Team Charlie member, Lisa Stanford of Livermore. She saw the event publicity on the internet, and thought it was a perfect race for

Team Charlie, so she helped make the arrangements.

A former emergency room nurse, Stanford said she has seen the importance of signing up for being an organ donor. It's an important part of medicine, with the chance to save lives in such things as traumatic injury in a car crash. Educating people about organ donation can help them make up their minds, so that the decision is not postponed for family to have to make the choice later, she said.

A web page for Charlie has a click point that will take viewers to a site that tells more about organ donation and how to sign up for it. The URL is [www.charlietockley.com](http://www.charlietockley.com).

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