



Linda Lamoureux

Livermore High Teacher County Teacher of the Year

By Patricia Koning
Last week Linda Lamoureux, a special education teacher at Livermore High School (LHS), was named Teacher of the Year by the Alameda County Office of Education. The other winner was Juliana Eileen Jones, a math teacher at Montero Middle School in Oakland.

"I'm very honored and humbled by this award," Lamoureux says. "Especially because there are so many wonderful educators here in Livermore."

Lamoureux has been teaching for 25 years. In 1995, she joined the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District as a resource specialist at Granada High School. For the last ten years, she has been a Special Day Class teacher at LHS.

While she began her career as an English teacher, she says special education always appealed to her.

"I say that I used to teach English and now I teach children,"

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Save Pleasanton Hills Initiative Launched

A "Save Pleasanton Hills and Housing Cap" initiative was filed with the Pleasanton City Clerk late Tuesday.

The initiative would prevent developments, such as Oak Ridge, from being built on ridgelines and steep slopes.

Former councilmember Kay Ayala made the announcement at the Pleasanton City Council meeting. She said the ridgelines to the west are protected. The southeast hills are not protected. "The 1996 general plan calls for an ordinance to protect the hills and ridgelines. The intent of the initiative is to put that ordinance in place," she declared.

The initiative would also remove the loophole that is "allowing the city to exclude housing units from the voter imposed housing cap." The city does not count senior housing projects nor second units towards the housing cap.

The reasons behind the initiative include a desire to protect scenic hills from development that destroys the character of the town; to direct development and development speculation away from lands with environmentally sensitive features, lands with primary open space values, and lands difficult to service by existing jurisdic-

tions. The recent approval by the council of the Oak Grove development in the southeastern hills was the catalyst for the initiative.

Oak Grove includes 51 homes that can be as large as 12,500 square feet. "These will be massive structures (think Home Depot big)," reads a statement on the Save Pleasanton Hills website.

According to Ayala, the purpose of the initiative is to protect the city from uncontrolled growth and the impact it has on ridgelines and hillsides, traffic, schools, water supply, and overall quality of life.

The initiative would prohibit housing and structures and grading on slopes of 25 percent or greater or within 100 vertical feet of a ridgeline.

The initiative exempts housing developments of ten or fewer units on a single property that was a legal parcel of January 1, 2007.

Ayala is one of the organizers of the initiative. Also signing the petition is Karla Brown-Belcher. She lives in Kottinger Ranch, the development adjacent to Oak Grove.

Ayala said that residents such as Karla have found hope through the initiative process that they

can save their neighborhood and the ridgelines in Pleasanton.

The initiative supporters declare that the gift of open space to the city is not really a gift, because the land is open space and is not usable to the developer. "The developer is putting these mega-mansions on the visible hills and dedicating areas as open space that for the most part are not visible anywhere but to the homes on the project. There will be a ridgeline full of extremely large structures looming over existing neighborhoods and visible from many parts of the city."

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Fine weather and fine art marked last Saturday's ArtWalk in downtown Livermore. It was a full day of art in the city, ending with a performance by three local groups at the Bankhead Theater.

A Time to Celebrate

By Susan Steinberg

What a fabulous performance! Who would have believed it could be so impressive? Ten years ago, who would even have believed it would actually materialize?

I'm referring both to our new Performing Arts Center and to the three top-notch Valley companies contributing to an amazing evening of excellence at Saturday's grand gala.

Last Saturday was the celebrity gala, with Broadway star Bernadette Peters and the posh trappings of a San Francisco society event.

This past Saturday belonged to the stalwarts of the local cultural arts scene, the folks who've worked for 40 years to hold mu-

sic, dance, theater, and fine arts events anywhere and everywhere. With "spit and chewing gum" and non-existent budgets, they've made Livermore a notable city of culture, and now had the chance to see their dreams of a real world-class performing arts center come true.

For first-time attendees, the Bankhead Theater was the star of the show, with its elegant design, easy access, and ample public spaces.

Inside the auditorium the big surprise was the feeling of intimacy created by wide rows of seats. Even the back row seemed to be close to the stage. No binoculars needed!

A second surprise was the clarity of ordinary speaking voices

from the stage to the farthest corners of the hall. No mikes needed!

Finally, the most important test of any new concert hall was the sound of music. Remembering the total fiasco of S.F.'s Davies Symphony Hall's opening performances, music-lovers here anxiously awaited those first notes. The consensus: a resounding success, both literally and figuratively.

The handsome wooden stage shell helps produce a mellow warm sound without sacrificing the clarity of individual voices, instrumental or human.

Different areas of the theater will have varying sound dynamics, of course, but in general listeners will enjoy beautiful mu-

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Good 'Report Card' Merits Pay Increase Says Council

The Livermore City Council approved a pay increase for the mayor and councilmembers. It will be effective Dec. 2, 2007, when the new city council takes office.

The last salary adjustment was Dec. 1, 1999. At that time, the monthly salaries were \$1000 for the mayor and \$700 for the council. The new salaries are \$1400 for the mayor and \$980 per month for the councilmembers.

The increase brings the stipend for the council and mayor more in line with what other cities in the region pay their elected officials. Hayward has the highest rate of pay, \$2116 for councilmembers and \$3386 for the mayor per month. Union City

provides \$1474 for councilmembers and \$2211 for the mayor per month.

Tracy has the lowest pay structure, \$685 for the mayor and \$585 for a councilmembers.

Other Tri-Valley cities pay elected officials less than Livermore. As of 2006, Dublin paid councilmembers \$758 and the mayor \$858. Pleasanton recently increased the stipend to \$950 for councilmembers and \$1050 for the mayor, effective Nov. 2008.

Resident John Stein urged the council, given the city's hold the line budget, not to increase their pay. He noted, "I realize that based upon the level of effort, that if serving on the council were a job

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Altamont and Rival Route Both Recommended For High-Speed Rail

A hybrid that includes both the Altamont Pass and the Pacheco Pass near Gilroy have been recommended as routes for high speed rail by a committee of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

The MTC planning committee voted to ask the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) to build both routes. Their action will go to the full MTC board, which will meet at 10 a.m. Oct. 24 in the Metro Center, 101- 8th St., Oakland.

In voting for the two alignments, the panel members felt that building both routes would bring the best of both worlds to the Bay Area, and would not increase the project cost too much. The basic high speed route will run between Los Angeles and Sacramento. The two alignments would shoot off from the main trunk.

The Pacheco Pass route would bring travelers along a path to San Jose, Silicon Valley, San Francisco. It would be especially fast for travelers from southern and central California, because they would not have to travel as far north as the Altamont Pass. Conversely, people from Sacramento could switch to the Altamont Pass line, if they were heading for San Jose, Silicon Valley, and San Francisco, and the Tri-Valley.

Estimated cost of building both routes together is about \$22 billion. Building only one of them would cost about \$17 billion. The reason the cost doesn't double to \$34 billion in building both is that money is saved by not requiring as many tracks to be built per alignment. Three tracks would be needed if only one route were selected.

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A new basketball scoreboard was put in place at Livermore High School last week. The scoreboard was donated by The Electrical Contractors Trust of Alameda County Givens Electric donated the labor for the installation.



PET OF THE WEEK

Miles is a handsome 2 year old Lab/Shepard mix looking for a new home. He is a gentle giant (about 90 pounds) and can be a little shy at first, but he warms right up! He is very playful and would like an active family. He loves children and other dogs. He has been primarily an outdoor dog, but he would love to come in from the cold and be part of the family. Although he is polite, he would benefit from some formal training. For more information about Miles, call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656. VHS is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. We are open Wed-Sun from 11AM to 5PM; dogs may be seen every Saturday from 11AM to 2PM at VHS.

Council Candidates Snipe at Each Other

Livermore City Council candidates exchanged several sharp comments during a debate hosted by the League of Women Voters last week.

The city council candidates on the Nov. 6 ballot are incumbents Lorraine Dietrich and Marj Leider, and challenger Jeff Williams.

The candidates fielded questions from the audience about North Livermore, the regional performing arts theater, and traffic, among others during the hour long debate.

A question directed at Williams asked whether his stand "in lock-step position" with the current majority was a positive; or how did he differ.

Williams replied that he didn't feel in lock-step. "I will agree with the majority on many items. However, as an engineer, I will make decisions based on facts, not political alliances. I don't accept the premise of the question."

Dietrich chimed in, "I imagine Friends of Livermore will be disappointed to hear that. If voters are looking for independence, here I am."

Leider commented, "I find it hard to think of you (Dietrich) as independent. Many of your contributors are developers."

During introductory remarks, Dietrich characterized herself as a "thoughtful, experienced voice" on the council. She pointed to achievements during her term in office. These include construction of a new library, the result of Measure L funds, an effort she co-chaired. "Downtown is a very different place. There are new shops and dining. The Bankhead theater has opened. Highway 84 has been removed from First Street," Dietrich stated. She also mentioned her push for green building requirements in the city.

Leider described her major achievement as chairing the general plan update committee. "The old plan included 12,500 new homes in North Livermore. That has gone away. The new general plan includes an urban growth boundary in North Livermore. There is wonderful redevelopment taking place in the downtown." Leider noted that she had served on the commit-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

An antique faire in downtown Pleasanton on Sunday drew interested shoppers looking for the unusual, such as the different alphabets pictured.

Pleasanton OKs High School Projects

The Pleasanton school board unanimously approved \$9.5 million of improvements at the district's three high schools to continue its accommodation of expanding enrollments.

Trustees said they felt comfortable approving a short list of improvements at the three schools, because money is already available to cover the projects. Some of the revenue will

come from funds left over from local school Measure B, which was passed by voters in the late 1990s. Other financing will be from state school funding for capital improvements.

Expanding the size of the weight room at Foothill will cost \$2.7 million. At Amador Valley the same project has a pricetag of \$2.5 million. New artificial turf

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Compatible Computing

The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has awarded Appro a contract to deliver the next generation of high performance computing systems to its three nuclear weapons laboratories - Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Sandia National Laboratories.

This is the first time NNSA has awarded a single contract for all three laboratories.

The \$26.1 million contract will standardize computing systems among the three laboratories that make up NNSA's Advanced Simulation and Computing (ASC) Program. Advanced simulations of nuclear weapons performance are a cornerstone of the Stockpile Stewardship Program.

A small business based in Milpitas, Appro will provide new computer systems made up of modular "scalable units" that can be rapidly configured, lego style, into clusters of varying sizes and computing power. Each scalable unit represents about 20 trillion floating-point operations per second (teraflops) of computing power. By standardizing hardware, operating systems, and software, the three NNSA labs will improve efficiencies and cut the total cost of ownership by 30-50 percent.

The new computers will provide "capacity" computing, running larger numbers of smaller jobs still requiring high performance machines. This allows NNSA's larger supercomputers, or "capability" computer systems, to be dedicated to the larger, more complex calculations critical to stockpile stewardship. Previously, each laboratory had its own capacity computing machines. With different hardware and operating systems, these systems were not always compatible.

Tauscher Heads NATO Subcommittee

Rep. Ellen Tauscher returned last week from the 53rd Annual Session of The NATO Parliamentary Assembly in Reykjavik, Iceland. There she joined about 350 legislators from NATO member, partner and observer countries at the Laugardalshöllin Exhibition Centre to discuss major security issues on the Alliance's agenda, including Afghanistan and Iran.

At the meeting, Rep. Tauscher, Chairman of the House Strategic Forces Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee, was elected to Chair the NATO Subcommittee on Future Security and Defense Capabilities. In this capacity she will work to ensure that NATO invests in better defense systems, people, and platforms and that partner countries make greater investments in interoperable systems.

"The new, emerging, and existing threats to America are very similar to the threats that our NATO allies are facing," said Rep. Tauscher. "This is the same group that came to action when we were attacked on September 11, saying an attack on one member is an attack on all, and it's a partnership that we need to foster. Working with our allies allows us to develop new and better strategies to protect our homelands, promote economic security, and it strengthens the transatlantic relationship at the core of the NATO alliance."

During the session Rep. Tauscher and her colleagues developed policy recommendations for NATO on Afghanistan, the Western Balkans, missile defense, NATO's next round of enlargement, climate change, and the Alliance's relations with Russia. In addition they were briefed by fellow parliamentarians, prominent world experts and policy-makers on a range of issues including Iran and nuclear proliferation; security in South East Europe; Islam in the Caucasus; the relationship between intelligence, terrorism and the preservation of civil liberties; the prospects for a new Strategic Concept for NATO; and India's economic development.

Regulation Makeover Contest

In conjunction with the CEOs of the Pleasanton and San Leandro Chambers of Commerce, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi (D-Hayward) has launched a first of its kind business contest entitled, "Assemblymember - Give this Regulation an Extreme Makeover!" Assemblymember Hayashi is calling on business leaders and owners to participate in the contest by identifying specific state regulations that are either useless both in form and/or function or create an excessive undue burden on the business community.

Hayashi will dedicate part of her 2008 legislative program to the winning entry in order 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 to the winning entry, other notable entries will be shared with Assemblymember Hayashi's colleagues in the California State Legislature. Entries can be submitted in writing to the Assemblymember's District Office, 22320 Foothill Blvd., Suite 540, Hayward, CA 94541 or through an online submission at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi. Deadline to submit entry is November 16, 2007.

Hayashi serves the 18th Assembly District, which includes San Leandro, Hayward, Dublin, most of Castro Valley and Pleasanton, and a portion of Oakland, as well as the unincorporated areas of Ashland, Cherryland and San Lorenzo.

Single Physicians Group

The physicians of Camino Medical Group (CMG), Palo Alto Medical Clinic (PAMC) and Santa Cruz Medical Clinic (SCMC) have approved a plan to merge into a single physician group effective Jan. 1, 2008, according to the Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF). All three medical groups are affiliated with the community-based, not-for-profit medical foundation, but are currently three separate legal entities that contract with PAMF to provide physician services. The reorganized group will work toward making it easier for patients to receive care at any PAMF location, a plan that will go into effect later next year.

Elizabeth Vilardo, M.D., Chair of CMG's Board of Directors, said the merger will facilitate the sharing of best practices from the three groups. She noted that as one physician organization, the group will become even more successful at recruiting and retaining the best physicians.

A patient who lives in Santa Cruz and works in Mountain View would be able to receive care in both locations - or at any other PAMF facility. PAMF operates facilities in Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. The consolidated organization will have approximately 850 physicians and more than 3,000 support staff members.

A committee comprised of PAMF and medical group representatives is already beginning to identify the steps necessary to offer seamless access to care across the network.

Arrest in Child Molestation

On October 11, 2007, detectives from the Livermore Police Department received information about a molester that occurred in the City of Corona that involved a Livermore resident. The reporting party, who wished to remain anonymous, stated that Carlos Amaro, an acrobatic gymnastics coach in Livermore, molested one of his male juvenile students.

Detectives from both agencies immediately opened an investigation. Detectives learned that Amaro is the owner and coach for West Coast Acrobatics. Additionally, he has been an instructor for Gymfinity Gymnastics. Both West Coast Acrobatics and Gymfinity Gymnastics are located at 6751 Southfront Rd., Livermore.

Detectives located and interviewed the alleged victim who told detectives that he was molested by Amaro while at an acrobatic gymnastics event in the City of Corona.

A Riverside County judge issued an arrest warrant for Amaro charging of 288(c) (1) PC; engaging in a lewd act with a child.

On October 11, 2007, about 5:55 p.m., Amaro was arrested during a traffic stop in Livermore. He was booked into the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, and has been released from custody on bail.

The Livermore Police Department does not have any information at this time to indicate that Amaro, who is also known as "Julian," has engaged in lewd acts with other children.

The Livermore Police Department recommends that parents, who have had children coached by Amaro, whose picture is attached, speak with their children about the nature of any contacts with him. Any parent believing that their child, or any other child, has been a victim of a lewd act, should contact Sergeant Josh Ratcliffe at 371-4733.

15,000 Toys Goal of Firefighters

The 2007 Toys for Tots Campaign will kickoff for the holiday season on Sat., Oct. 20. This is the third consecutive year in which the Livermore-Pleasanton firefighters take a lead role in the communities of Livermore and Pleasanton to collect, store, and sort toys that will benefit and provide holiday cheer to needy children in the Tri-Valley.

In commemoration of the 60th Toys for Tots Anniversary, firefighters have set a goal to collect a total of 15,000 toys.

Firefighters have planned an opportunity for the community to donate toys during the annual holiday parades in each city. Parades are scheduled for Sat., Dec.

1 at 6 p.m. in Livermore and at 5:30 p.m. in Pleasanton. Firefighters will also be planning alternative events to provide members of the community an opportunity to donate toys. Additional information regarding these events will be announced and advertised as details become available. The most up to date information will be available at www.lpfire.org.

Toy donations can be delivered to any of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department stations, Livermore Police Depart-

ment and the Pleasanton Police Department Oct. 20 through Mon., Dec. 24. Anyone interested in donating may drop-off a new, unwrapped toy at the following locations:

Fire stations: Pleasanton - 3560 Nevada St.; 6300 Stoneridge Mall Rd.; 1600 Oak Vista Way; 1200 Machado Place; Livermore - 4550 East Ave.; 951 Rincon; 5750 Scenic Ace.; 1919 Cordoba St.; and 330 Airway Blvd.; Police stations: Livermore - 1110 So. Livermore Ave.; Pleasanton - 4833 Bernal Ave.

Possible Kidnap Attempt, Weapons Rumor Disturb Pleasanton District

Amador Valley High School was locked down for 45 minutes, starting at 10 a.m. Oct. 15 on rumors of a possible weapon on campus. No weapon was found in a police search.

Eventually, the rumor was found to be a joke. The students connected to it were identified, said a press release from the district. There was no word about disciplinary action for the students.

The district praised the cooperation shown by the students and staff at Amador Valley and by the police.

The apparent hoax at the high school was the second security incident in the district in four days. Pleasanton police had a report on the afternoon of Oct. 12 of an attempted child abduction near Vintage Hills elementary school.

A fourth grade student had walked to the park at Bernal and Kottinger avenues, waiting for a ride from her mother. The girl was approached by a woman, who said the girl's father and/or police had told her to pick up the student. The girl refused to get in the car. Her mother arrived a few moments later, and the woman drove away.

She is described as approximately 50 years old, with shoulder-length blonde or brown hair that is curly or frizzy. The car was an older model four-door sedan, gray or white, with a rear spoiler.

Although there have been reported incidents about other girls being approached in the Bay Area in the past few weeks, police said they don't believe this incident is related to the others.

The district is seeking more information from the police. Anyone who has questions may call the police at 931-5100 or the district public information office at 426-4304.

Notice of Availability of Environmental Document and Public Meeting for the Route 84 Expressway Widening Project

GENERAL PROJECT AREA

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED: The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) and the City of Livermore, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), propose to widen and upgrade State Route 84/Isabel Avenue between Ruby Hill Drive and Jack London Blvd., a distance of approximately 4.8 miles, in the City of Livermore, Alameda County, California.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the regional connection between I-680 and I-580 by widening State Route 84/Isabel Avenue to four- and six-lanes between Pigeon Pass and the I-580/Isabel Avenue interchange. The project will also improve local traffic circulation by adding capacity and providing intersection improvements at Jack London Boulevard, Discovery Drive, Stanley Boulevard, Concannon Boulevard, Vineyard Avenue, Vallecitos Road, and Ruby Hill Drive. Lastly, the project will bring this section of State Route 84/Isabel Avenue to expressway standards.

WHY THIS NOTICE: Caltrans and ACTIA have studied the effects this project may have on the environment. The environmental studies show the project will not significantly impact the quality of the environment as detailed in the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA). A public meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project and comment on the IS/EA.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW: Caltrans and ACTIA are seeking public comment on the IS/EA for the Route 84 Expressway Widening Project. You can view or obtain a copy of the IS/EA at the following locations:

- Caltrans District 4 Office, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA
- ACTIA Office, 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA
- Livermore Main Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA
- Online at www.actia2022.com or www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/

Should you wish to comment on the IS/EA, please do so no later than 5:00 pm, November 15, 2007. Written comments should be submitted to: Caltrans District 4, Office of Environmental Analysis, Attn: Ed Pang, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610.

PLEASE JOIN US: A public meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2007, 6:00-8:30 pm, at Smith Elementary, 391 Ontario Drive, Livermore, California to provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project and comment on the IS/EA.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 30, 2007, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Smith Elementary School, Multipurpose Room 391 Ontario Drive, Livermore, CA

The public meeting is wheelchair accessible. If special accommodations are needed, please contact Brigetta Smith, Caltrans at (510) 286-5820 as soon as possible.

For more information about this study or any transportation matter, call Brigetta Smith, Caltrans at (510) 286-5820 or Arthur L. Dao, ACTIA at (510) 893-3347 or visit www.actia2022.com.

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EDITORIAL

School Turned Away

Livermore's proposed community day school (CDS) has been put on hold in response to neighborhood opposition.

The two proposed sites, at Almond Avenue and Arroyo Mocho, both met a wall of opposition from neighbors. A standing-room audience was present to applaud when Superintendent Brenda Miller recently announced she was withdrawing the project for further study.

The CDS would serve students in grades seven through nine who are at risk of falling through the cracks of the public education system. Some 15 students were to attend the school.

It's sad the CDS, with its noble goals, brought forth such negative emotions from the neighborhoods, but Supt. Miller did the right thing in pulling back. Such a school will need community support to be successful. Supt. Miller indicated a greater effort to involve the community will be made in the school's future planning.

We wish her success. May Livermore's CDS find a home where it will be welcome.

RAIL

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ever, only two tracks would be built if both routes were built, said Doug Kinsey, MTC planning director. The three tracks are to allow for trains to pass each other.

If the full MTC board passes the resolution, it will go to the high-speed rail authority as a comment on the EIR for the project.

Dawn Argula, staff aide to Supervisor Scott Haggerty, said that the rail authority consultants have given positive indications about Haggerty's suggestion that the Altamont Pass high speed route be terminated in Livermore, where travelers then can use the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) or BART.

Neither BART nor ACE can handle the load now. However, expectations are that a BART extension will come to Livermore in time. Some of the high-speed rail funds for peripheral connections could be used to help BART and ACE. The plan for ACE is to acquire a separate right of way, so that it no longer will have to share tracks with Southern Pacific's freight line through Niles Canyon.

Officially only one of the two high speed rail alternatives is to be built. That's why the MTC wants the high speed rail authority to amend the plan and build both routes.

If only the Altamont route were chosen, it would have to

INCREASE

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you are grossly underpaid. Serving on the council is a community service and in my opinion the monthly compensation should be sufficient only to fund the costs for the costs of serving."

Stein also felt that the increase, if approved, should not be effective until after the 2008 election. He argued that it was too late, because the November election would likely be certified prior to the 30-day period for an ordinance to take effect.

City Attorney John Pomidor said he believes that the effective date of the raise is not based on certification of the election, rather on the date the new council takes office. That would likely be at the first meeting in December.

Councilmember John Marchand stated, "We're not in it for the money, I was surprised when I saw the salary survey. Some councils are paid two and three times what the new salary would be. Basically, the increase covers our expenses."

Councilmember Doug Horner added, "I'm glad we're substantially below other cities. I think it should stay that way."

Mayor Marshall Kamena commented, "I think that the increase is overdue. There is justification for it based on the report card we heard tonight." Kamena referred to a presentation on the various projects that have been completed or are in the works in Livermore.

The report was presented by Rob White, Director of Community Development. He commented on the downtown projects, city wide projects, and cultural arts efforts. White declared, "The City of Livermore economy is doing well and is very robust."

Mayor Kamena and several other councilmembers pointed out that they believe the urban growth boundary has focused investment into the center of the city.

Kamena declared, "I believe the UGB has stimulated the economic activity that has occurred over the last couple of years."

Marchand noted that the UGB changed the focus from sprawl into the downtown. "You have seen the remarkable renaissance that has taken place," he said.

Bill Directs MTC to Speed Up Construction of Vasco Road Median Barrier

California Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB-15, the Vasco Road Safety measure sponsored by Assemblyman Guy Houston.

The bill directs the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to provide recommendations to help speed up the construction process and will assist in identifying funding sources to build a median barrier on Vasco Road.

Contra Costa County has allocated \$7 million. However, engineers estimate the concrete barrier and road widening on the deadliest stretch will cost as

much as \$31 million.

Since 2003, 17 people have been killed in accidents on Vasco Road - many of which were "cross over" type accidents that could have been avoided with a median barrier.

The construction of a median barrier along Vasco Road will

Ribbon Cutting Set at Kottinger Creek

A ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the restoration of Kottinger Creek to a more natural setting is scheduled for October 18 at 2:00 pm at 1000 Kottinger Drive. Kottinger Creek, also known as Saint Mary's Creek, has over the past several years undergone a major transformation.

The transformation began with a neighborhood group, "Friends of Kottinger Creek."

The Friends of Kottinger Creek was formed in February 2000, in response to the removal of 5 mature Arroyo Willows from the banks of Kottinger Creek, followed by ditching of the creek bed. The group was told by park maintenance workers that the City of Pleasanton had planned to remove all the willows from the creek banks.

The grassroots organization spent nearly six years advocating for the city to develop a restoration plan for the creek.

In March 2006, the Pleasanton

City Council by unanimous vote approved the Kottinger Creek Restoration Project.

The \$1.3 million project converted a drainage canal into a streambed with a meandering alignment complete with riffles and ponding areas along the creek, while maintaining the park's recreational uses. The restoration included the creation of a more natural streambed, the removal of invasive species, the replanting of native trees, shrubs, and grasses, and the replacement of the existing irrigation and control system.

Hanford Applied Restoration and Conservation Inc. undertook the physical restoration work and is providing the care and monitoring to oversee and nurture the creek during the crucial initial plant establishment period.

The Mayor and Council members will be on hand to celebrate the occasion; the community is invited to attend.

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The initiative sponsors would need to collect 3500 signatures.

The second reading of the PUD and development agreement was postponed until the next meeting. Councilmember Cindy McGovern, who voted against the project, asked for the continuance. She noted that the minutes of the meeting where the development was approved were not included with the agenda item.

Ayala commented, "I approved developments that were ultimately referred. The message is that a developer better have 100 percent consensus or there will be a referendum. There is a huge contingency out there that believes the southern hills

are as important to save as the western hills."

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said that she had not had time to read the initiative. "I look forward to understanding it in its entirety," she declared.

In approving Oak Grove, the Pleasanton City Council called the plan a "good compromise." The development would be built on 562 acres in east Pleasanton owned by the Lin family. The land has been the subject of controversy over the years. A project approved in 1993, which included a golf course, was successfully referred.

For the past two years, the owners, city representatives and nearby homeowners have held

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tee that helped to make the Bankhead Theater a reality.

Williams declared that he would bring new ideas and a fresh perspective to issues that impact Livermore. "All of the people in Livermore should have the opportunity to talk to the city council and make sure the council represents their interests. I am a stalwart supporter of the urban growth boundary. Seventy-two percent of the voters said they wanted a compact city surrounded by farmland. I represent that viewpoint."

The first question from the audience asked how candidates would balance the city's budget.

Dietrich said she wasn't sure she agreed with the underlying premise of the question that the city does not have a balanced budget. She described it as a hold-the-line budget. The city is looking at bringing in additional sources of revenue such as the prime outlet mall and auto dealerships, said Dietrich.

Leider agreed with Dietrich's statement. Bringing in higher end businesses will contribute to revenue coming to the city, Leider declared.

Williams also disagreed with the premise of the question. He added that additional revenue is one piece in strengthening the budget, cost containment another. These include bringing in projects on time and on budget. He also noted, "It's not just about attracting business, but supporting those who have already come in to make sure they are successful."

Candidates were asked their stands on Measure D, the urban growth boundary (UGB) and the Pardee development.

Leider said she supported Measure D, favored the UGB and opposed Pardee.

Williams said he had steadfastly opposed all of the initiatives that attempted to build homes in open space to the north. He strongly supports the UGB.

Dietrich opposed Measure D, because she said it gave up Livermore's control over the north. As for the UGB, there is no foundation in economics for its location, said Dietrich. It is fundamentally flawed, because it allows developers to bring in proposals similar to the one brought forth by Pardee. She said she supported Pardee, because of the amenities it provided. "The city isn't likely to see such amenities except through development. Perhaps the next developer will offer to extend BART."

Is there a vision for development of the city, the candidates were asked?

Williams replied that he sees Livermore as a complete community, a place where people can find employment, housing, entertainment and shopping. They won't have to battle traffic; they can find everything in Livermore. "It's not a new concept. One hundred years ago, it was difficult to get to other places," explained Williams.

Dietrich said she sees the highest densities at the center of the city. Densities would decrease as development moves out to a greenbelt. "In order to preserve the greenbelt, it is important to involve property owners, make it economically possible for them to participate in a plan similar to South Livermore." In order to maintain the diversity in the city, there should be a variety of housing types and prices, said Dietrich.

Leider said her vision is already starting to take place. It includes redevelopment in the downtown, bringing in arts and culture. The area outside the city should be agriculture as specified in county Measure D. The one piece missing to make agriculture viable is water. The city is working on a plan. The city also has some funds to help purchase open space, which would protect the area outside the city.

Dietrich interjected, "So far in North Livermore, there is only money and no plan to make it permanent open space." Traffic is seen as a major issue. Candidates were asked how Measure D (Pardee development) impacted it.

Dietrich noted that jobs generate traffic. Housing is to the east and jobs are to the west. Providing housing as part of the Pardee plan offered the opportunity for folks to move further west. While they (cars using the freeway) may be the same cars, they wouldn't be on the freeway as long, said Dietrich.

Leider pointed out that traffic studies show the largest percentage of commuters are going south. Adding more homes wouldn't change the number of cars heading in that direction. What is needed is a way for people to get to those jobs more easily, such as improved transit options.

Williams said that if the Pardee homes had been built, there would be one car getting on the freeway every 6 seconds. The concept that everyone would move from Tracy to new homes in Livermore would not have been the case, he said.

"Building homes doesn't create people or jobs that don't already exist," commented Dietrich.

Williams was asked if cow pastures were more important than homes and sports fields. He replied, "Part of the charm of a city is not just its history and diversity. It has to do with its surroundings." He pointed to the San Jose area where all of the cities run together as a place people don't want to live. "They want to live in a compact city surrounded by agriculture," Williams stated.

The other two candidates also answered the question.

Dietrich said there are 14,000 acres in North Livermore. A large

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will cost \$380,000 at each of the two campuses. Expansion of the Foothill library is estimated at \$1.3 million. Building A modifications at Amador are projected at \$900,000. Portables for Foothill will cost \$400,00. Other projects will cost significantly less. Expanding the science room at Village High School is estimated at \$63,000. Relocating portable classrooms at Amador Valley has a cost of \$126,000.

The board put off refurbishing the sand field at Foothill until staff can research how much replacing the natural grass with artificial surface would cost. The grass was in the plan for \$800,000. However, trustee Steve Brozosky said that artificial turf, while costing more, would have lower maintenance cost in the long run, and be more economical. He added that it would help the environment, too, because water and fertilizer would not be used in its maintenance.

Another benefit of artificial turf with good drainage would be more use of the field. The current field has many unusable days because water collects on it. Brozosky estimated it could double the field use, which saves time both for district teams and the community teams that share it.

If the capital improvement cost is higher than grass, it would bump up the \$9.5 million allocated total by an estimated few hundred thousand dollars.

Trustees have had a bigger wish list before them over the past few meetings concerning high school facilities. However, that list would total \$25 million, including the \$9.5 million for the grass fields. They want to identify more funding sources before they make the leap to fully fund the items. The wish list includes expanding the gyms to accommodate 2500 students, which de-

scribe both state and local funding. Voter approved bonds can provide millions in funding through Proposition 1B for Vasco Road. However, commitments from local governments will be necessary to help cover the cost of the barrier.

mographers have predicted as the peak population at Amador, and slightly less at Foothill.

Trustees said that they want to have a clearer picture of future high school enrollment by waiting for their demographer's new report, which is expected in December. Trustees also have a concern about the city's housing cap, and whether that might change as part of the city's general plan review.

The board hopes to explore with the city more joint use projects, to maximize the amount of funding that can be poured into facilities.

NEW REPORT CARD MATRIX APPROVED

The board unanimously approved a report card policy on which the district has been working for the past four years. The new policy will ensure that report cards are tied to consistent standards within grades, so that transferring to other classes won't change the grades because of any change in subjective perception of the student. The grades are also tied into consistency with state language arts standards.

Standards are also included for student performance that show risk of failure. Trustee Chris Grant said that the new system "opens lines of transparent communication on what are the standards and the tools available to parents to work with their children. This provides them in-depth information on what the students are doing."

Superintendent John Casey also announced that there will be a luncheon Oct. 27 hosted by the California Elected Women's Association. The group will give away the Juanita Haugen Women Making a Difference Award.

Haugen was a Pleasanton school trustee from 1979 until her death in March 2007. She was a member of California Elected Women's Association.

special place to live." He noted that Livermore has the last agriculture in Alameda County. The Labs are a treasure.

Leider wanted to remain on the council to complete what has been started, including redevelopment of the downtown and implementation of the general plan. "I think we are going in the right direction."

Dietrich said there is still a lot left to do. She added that a variety of points of view on the council and in the council are important. "I will look at each decision with an open mind. I will bring an independent voice to the council."

MAYOR MARSHALL KAMENA

Kamena is unopposed in his bid for re-election. He offered some remarks and answered several questions.

As for being unopposed, Kamena declared, "It does take some of the tension out of running." He added that being mayor is the most fun he has ever had.

Kamena talked about successes in the city. He said that the world's largest Toyota dealership is coming to Livermore in a few months. They will hire 236 people. It is expected to generate \$300 million in tax revenues. "That is \$3 million that goes directly to the city."

He said he has heard comments from people outside the city who say they hear about Livermore all the time. "The city sure must be growing," they say. I reply, "It's a matter of redefining how you grow. It's not residentially. We are growing commercially and starting to grow industrially."

The growth rate is still in effect. "We are growing better, before we grow bigger. That's why there is an urban growth boundary. I contend that the boundary is why there is so much investment in downtown Livermore," said Kamena. He added that one company has signed a letter of intent to come to Livermore. It is a company the city has been pursuing for five years. "When you hear who it is, it will blow your mind," declared Kamena.

He credited the high quality of city staff with making Livermore what it is today. Their efforts have garnered the city many awards over the last two years.

Asked whether he felt that developer contributions compromised the independence of a councilmember, Kamena said, "I don't think so. The maximum contribution is \$250. I've never been asked by a developer would it make you less independent if I gave you \$250."

Kamena commented on one other project. "The Catholic high school is back on the front burner. I think by December, you will see a list of classes and pictures of the facility. It will add another dimension to education here in Livermore."

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**Roll Call
Bill Bauerly
Livermore**

As a retired military person, I feel the need to respond to the letters accusing Ted Tully of not understanding why the city council meetings perform a "roll call" of the soldiers, sailors and airmen that have passed in the war on terrorism.

If the intent is to seriously remember them and their sacrifice, then I applaud the endeavor and wish more average Americans would do the same or at least learn what the military is all about.

But, seeing as the ones who are insisting on performing the "roll call" are the same ones that were adamant about sending a message back east that Pleasanton does not support the war on terrorism, then I too believe as Ted does, the intent is one of disrespect and a ploy to use the heroes that have passed, as a tool to keep the anti-war mouth pieces on the floor, thus using the dead to further their own political agenda...disgusting...

**Kamena, Leider, Williams
Doris Ryan
Livermore**

It is too easy to put the campaigns for the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and against the Pardee development in the old memory box labeled: Mission Accomplished.

It is easy to forget that though we have won some major battles, the war certainly isn't over. Land speculators and developers will always keep trying to make their land as profitable as possible, never mind the zoning.

With Dublin down the road, we can see very clearly what runaway development looks like. It's not a pretty picture.

For Livermore, that means obnoxious sprawl, more traffic on our already-overcrowded roads (especially 580), loss of our greenbelt surroundings, ever-worsening smog, and more competition for our dwindling water supply.

That's why Friends of Livermore (FOL) was so successful in leading an overwhelming majority of our citizens to support the

UGB and vote down the Pardee plan. Their recent mailer reminds all of us to once again vote for the "White Hat" candidates who are pledged to stop sprawl and protect our open space, air, and water: Mayor Kamena and City Council candidates Marj Leider and Jeff Williams.

FOL also reminds us that candidate Lorraine Dietrich has supported every major development proposal, including Pardee's, and has opposed the county-wide UGB that protects our farmland and open space. She's definitely running as a "black hat" funded by money from developers and their supporters.

FOL's warning is vital for all of us: this election is important to consolidate a "wise-growth" council majority. To keep Livermore livable, vote for Kamena, Leider, and Williams.

**Dietrich's Voting Record
Harriet Cole
Former Chair
Tri-Valley Conservancy**

The Tri-Valley Conservancy has been active since 1994. During that time its staff and Board of Directors have worked hard to avoid the involvement of the Conservancy in local and regional politics. The effectiveness and success of the Conservancy depends upon it being and being seen as independent. Also its tax status requires that it not endorse candidates or otherwise participate in elections.

It is disappointing to see the political mailer of city council candidate Lorraine Dietrich picturing herself alongside the Conservancy land easement sign and claiming credit for the work of the Conservancy. The Conservancy was founded and began its mission before Lorraine was appointed to the City Council in 1999. During my ten years on the Board of Directors, she did not participate or show involvement in the Conservancy.

The fact is, Dietrich's voting record shows that she supported a 12,500 home development in North Livermore, voted against the urban growth boundary for North Livermore and supported Pardee's development outside the UGB in North Livermore. These numbers of houses greatly exceed the 1500 homes built in South Livermore as part of the South Livermore Plan that also produced 4000 plus acres under easement with the Conservancy. This is not a voting record to be proud of. To attempt to link it with the Tri-Valley Conservancy does a great disservice to the Conservancy and to the citizens of Livermore.

**The New Charade
Bob Baltzer
Chair, Friends of
Livermore Committee**

Lorraine Dietrich would have us believe that she is the new Champion of open space. So implies her latest mailer complete with a picture of her in front of a Tri-Valley Conservancy sign.

Forget the fact that she actively supported the Pardee initiative two years ago, which would have placed 2450 dwelling units, shops and schools on land that is environmentally sensitive and a major gateway between the scenic North Livermore valley and the City of Livermore. This development would have resulted in 38,000 additional car trips on city streets and the freeway. It would have also sabotaged the downtown redevelopment since the Pardee houses would have had priority over the necessary high density housing downtown.

She also led the charge to defeat County Measure D in 2000. This measure took the county out of the development business in North Livermore and established an Urban Growth Boundary around the existing city limits. Lorraine's name is on the staff report that proposed what became the competing Measure C that would have allowed the North Livermore Specific Plan for 12,500 Houses along with a new competing downtown and infrastructure in an area that the voters of the county and Livermore have repeatedly said they want to preserve.

She and John Stein claim that she gets credit for the South Livermore Plan. Stein says she is the only member of the current Council who can do so. He forgets that Marj Leider can make a similar claim and doesn't mention that the other Council Members were not in city office at that time.

The real open space Candidates are Marshall Kamena for Mayor along with Marj Leider and Jeff Williams for City Council.

**Re-elect Dietrich
Franciska Diemont
Livermore**

In opposition to your recent editorials regarding the Livermore City Council elections, it seems that Lorraine Dietrich is needed even more so now by our city. Ms. Dietrich was the only vote that opposed the creation of the Downtown Maintenance District because of the unfairness of that vote. Without Ms. Dietrich, I fear a Mayor and City

Council that will think in one direction only, without considering viable alternatives. Remember, an urban growth boundary (UGB) can also contribute to freeway gridlock, our increasingly clogged streets and vanishing open spaces. So far UGB has brought increased presence of the homeless, increased crime, and an increased noise level to our revitalized downtown. Plus, it has also brought increased auto traffic to two elementary schools and one high school on 4th Street by those who want to bypass First St.

As John Stein stated in his letter to the Mailbox of Oct. 11, 2007, Ms. Dietrich has experience, integrity and independence to listen and make decisions in Livermore's best interest. But more than that she can also distinguish between what is fair and what is not. That is why I support the re-election of Lorraine Dietrich.

**Oppose the War
Jedidjah de Vries
Livermore**

There is a war going on. It's easy to forget and even easier to ignore. I want it to stop. War is not abstract. There are soldiers out on patrol; families waiting for them to come home; and, millions of Iraqis whose lives have been turned upside down. I've had enough. It needs to end. I'm sure many of you feel the same way. I don't know if we can stop it. But I want to be able to look into my grandkid's eyes and say I tried. Join me at 5:30 Friday Oct 19th at the downtown fountains in Livermore (corner of First and Livermore) in taking action against the war. Come stand up for what's right.

**Support Dietrich
Brett Wayne
Livermore**

The Friends of Livermore and their candidates have so far demonstrated they have little to offer but slogans and attacks against the only centrist candidate running for Livermore City Council. Having received their latest mailing, I won't be surprised if next one includes a photoshop of Lorraine Dietrich clubbing baby seals.

Fortunately, their smear against Lorraine Dietrich is patently transparent. Lorraine is hardly a pro-growth candidate. In fact, the only real difference between Lorraine's position and that of her rivals is in choosing the best strategy for managing growth. One need look no further than Lorraine's contribution to the success of the South Liv-

ermore Plan to establish her credentials as the only candidate running with experience in negotiating the myriad of compromises that are essential to successfully managing growth. Reflexively saying no to every proposal is a tactic. It is not a long-term strategy.

I agree with several recent letters - this is an important election. Unlike her rivals, Lorraine is the only candidate asking and answering the important questions. Do you like the downtown redevelopment and theaters? Great! Lorraine is one of many that helped to make that happen. What are the alternatives to spending over \$70-million on the proposed 1,800-seat theater? What about the traffic and where are folks going to park? Will LVPAC expect the City to ac-

quire additional land and provide the funding to expand the existing parking garage? What is Livermore's financial liability if the theaters fail to deliver as promised?

Lorraine's experience on the Council and her sometimes contrary perspective has been key to the successful resolution of a number of recent issues faced by the Livermore City Council. Over the next few years, the City will invest over \$160-million in capital infrastructure projects including sewer, water, and transit projects. Returning Lorraine to the Council will be key to seeing these projects through successfully. I urge you to support Lorraine Dietrich for Livermore City Council. Let's not reward the Friends of Livermore or their candidates and their outrageously negative campaign.

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"Last year over 350,000 people died from the same cause" Yet nobody built them a monument...

Dear Friend,

It's hard to believe, I know, but it's true. Last year, more Americans were killed by prescription drugs than by guns, AIDS, suicides, and terrorists combined... But we'll get to that in a minute.

You see this photo... I'm showing my children with me because chiropractic is a family affair. Mateo, he's 3 years old and Dominic, he's 16 months old. These are my children and they have been adjusted regularly since birth. Not for back pain or neck pain - we wouldn't want it to get that bad! They are adjusted to keep their health potential at its fullest. They rarely get so much as a cold and have never taken antibiotics.

When I tell other parents about my healthy boys, they say that it's a miracle in itself. I have to say, Chiropractic has been a blessing to our family.

Years ago something happened that changed my life forever. Let me tell you my story.

It happened one evening while driving home, I'll never forget that day. Out of nowhere, BAM! I was in a horrible head-on collision. The accident left me with severe pain in my neck and upper back. It was so bad that when I tried to use my left arm, I just couldn't. I had no strength and the pain was unbearable. At 19, weight lifting and sports were my life, but that stopped after the accident. The pain forced me to quit the things I loved. I had to use my left arm as little possible due to the pain. I was embarrassed by it and tried to hide the pain. Being a young man, I figured that the pain would just go away. But, after some time, it didn't seem to be getting any better. It doesn't stop there.

My medical doctor had me on some really powerful drugs. But nothing was helping. I started to get pretty scared. Here I was, just a young guy, losing the use of my left side and in awful pain everyday. Would I have to live like this forever? But, listen to this.

That's when a friend of mine convinced me to try his doctor. I was skeptical at first. That new doctor did an exam, ran a few tests, and then "adjusted" me. The adjustment didn't hurt, it actually felt pretty good. And guess what? I started to get better right away. The pain I had been living with dramatically decreased. I felt so much better.

Oh, did I mention that doctor was a chiropractor? Chiropractic worked so well for me, and

I was so excited and impressed with all the "miracles" I saw from chiropractic, that I finished my undergraduate school and headed to chiropractic school. And that's how it happened!



This is mainly why I am writing you today. You see, if you received some chiropractic care, but didn't complete corrective care you are missing out on the "real" benefit of continued

specific scientific chiropractic care - the health and wellness factor. If you never started care you really are missing out on what is available to you. Are you still in pain? Are you sick and tired of being sick and tired?

A healthy family does NOT rely on medication to make them well. If drugs made people well, then those who took the most drugs would be the healthiest, but this simply isn't the case. In an average year, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported over 1.5 million hospitalizations due to medication. Last year, the WHO also reported 350,000 deaths due to medications

people took... and 160,000 of these deaths occurred when the drugs were prescribed correctly. More people died last year from medications than at Pearl Harbor and Vietnam. Amazing, huh?

People are now beginning to understand that health comes from within. This is why chiropractic helps so many people. You see, God created a body that can heal itself. Your body doesn't need any help; it just can't have any interference. With chiropractic, we don't add anything to the body, or take anything from it. We find interference in the nervous system and remove it, as a result enhancing the healing abilities of the body. We have helped numerous people with chronic pain, headaches, migraines, low back pain, neck and shoulder tension, sciatica pain, numbness and tingling in the arms and legs, and fatigue, and the list continues on. We get tremendous results...it really is as simple as that.

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"I am definitely thankful to Dr. C for actually being the first doctor to help me." Charity S. of Livermore

"Today, after the help of chiropractic, the pain in my back has gone. I am more flexible. I don't take pain pills anymore. Before I also always had headaches, but I do not have them anymore. I sleep so much better now than I did before my treatments. I have more energy daily. I feel so much more alive!" Garry C. of Livermore

"I really appreciate the personal attention I've received. I feel like Dr. Contreras and the staff truly care that my health improves." Monica N. of Brentwood

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GodBless,
Dr. Gerardo Contreras
Chiropractor of Children and Adults



Jackson teacher Casie Benjamin was surprised on October 2 with \$1,200 worth of school supplies from OfficeMax.

Jackson Teacher Casie Benjamin Wins Supplies from OfficeMax

By Patricia Koning

Christmas came early to Casie Benjamin, a fifth-grade teacher at Jackson Avenue Elementary School. Last week she received nearly \$1,200 in classroom supplies from OfficeMax as part of the company's "A Day Made Better" program.

"It was a really big surprise," says Benjamin. "I got so many wonderful things to use in the classroom."

Sherry Tomerlin, manager of Livermore's OfficeMax store, brought her boxes filled with paper, erasers, scissors, crayons, markers, staplers, paper clips, and other classroom supplies. Other gifts were a memory card, dry erase board, office chair, and cart. Benjamin is especially excited about the new digital camera and color printer.

"Casie was a student in the Livermore schools and she's now a new teacher at Jackson. We are excited to have her here," said Jackson Principal Tammy Rankin. "This is a great way to begin teaching."

Benjamin was one of 20 teachers in the Bay Area and 1,000 nationwide to receive the "A Day Made Better" award. Catherine Brown, a first grade

teacher at Frederiksen Elementary in Dublin, also was received the "A Day Made Better" award.

Through OfficeMax's non-profit partner Adopt-A-Classroom, the campaign aims to alleviate and call attention to the amount money teachers spend on school supplies.

According to National Education Association national studies, teachers spend nearly \$1,200 out of their own pockets each year for basic classroom supplies.

"It's astounding that teachers in the San Francisco area have to reach into their own wallets to buy basic classroom materials such as markers, posters and pencil sharpeners," says Bob Thacker, Senior Vice President of Marketing for OfficeMax. "Our October 2 'A Day Made Better' campaign has one message: it's time to act together so that our San Francisco area teachers can focus on educating our children, without worrying about where their classroom supplies will come from."

Principals nominated teachers who exemplify a passion for learning and innovative classroom techniques. Each of the 20 Bay Area OfficeMax locations then chose one recipient.

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change. The General Assembly of the United Nations asked the two UN bodies most engaged in the issue, the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme, to set up this panel to provide the best available information on climate change science, the likely impacts of climate change and mitigation and adaptation strategies.

The First Assessment Report of 1990 was submitted to the UN General Assembly, which responded by formally recognizing that climate change required global action and launched the negotiations that led to the adoption of the 1992 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The Second Assessment Report published in 1996 reached the historic conclusion that the "balance of evidence suggests a discernible human influence on global climate." Lab research in "climate fingerprinting" made an important contribution to this conclusion and to subsequent IPCC findings, and helped to strengthen the scientific case for a pronounced human influence on many different aspects of the climate system.

Hundreds of worldwide authors have devoted an extraordinary amount of time and labor to writing and reviewing IPCC the reports. None of the authors has been paid for his/her time.

"Many PCMDI scientists have worked diligently to improve our scientific understand-

ing of the nature and causes of climate change, and to facilitate the distribution of climate model data to our entire community," said Benjamin Santer, one of the Lab contributors. "I'm delighted that the award of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize to the IPCC recognizes the contributions of many, and not simply the contributions of one or two individuals."

By awarding the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007 to the IPCC and Gore, the Norwegian Nobel Committee is seeking to contribute to a sharper focus on the processes and decisions that appear to be necessary to protect the world's future climate, and thereby to reduce the threat to the security of mankind.

"Our scientists have been lead authors on the IPCC reports since 1990," said Tomás Díaz de la Rubia, associate director for the Lab's Chemistry, Materials, Earth & Life Sciences Directorate. "The Department of Energy's Office of Biological and Environmental Research funded the PCMDI program at the Lab. Scientists at the Lab are a key element in providing comparisons and assessments of worldwide climate models that ultimately go into the IPCC conclusions and recommendations."

"This is the ultimate recognition of the importance of this work," said Jane Long, principal associate director at large for Global Security at LLNL, "as well as justification for why this type of research needs to continue."

Energy Efficiency Workshop Slated

There will be a Winery and Vineyard Energy Efficiency Workshop offered on Nov. 8 at the Wente Vineyards Event Center, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

The 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. program includes lunch and a continental breakfast.

The California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance and PG&E invite winery facility managers, vineyard managers, principles, chief financial officers and other personnel to take part in the energy efficiency workshop to learn about best practices for energy management in wineries and vineyards. Topics to be covered include energy evalua-

tion and planning strategies, renewable energy opportunities, PG&E incentive programs including free winery energy audits, equipment rebates, and technical support services, and how to develop an action plan to implement energy improvements.

Register for the free workshop at www.sustainablewinegrowing.org/workshopcalendar.php. Visit www.sustainablewinegrowing.org for more information. Contact Lisa Francioni at 415/356-7545 or lisa@wineinstitute.org with any questions.

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THEATER

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sic in every location.

And on Saturday a full house of concert-goers did exactly that. All the performing companies have reached the stage (pun intended) of mature accomplishment rare in such a small still-isolated community.

Our most venerable cultural institution, the Livermore-Amador Symphony is more than 40 years old. Beginning as a "needs more practice" amateur ensemble (even with my late husband as concertmaster), it has grown into an admirably responsive instrument under the long-time direction of Dr. Arthur Barnes.

Saturday's program included good examples of their virtuosity, starting with the opening bars of Offenbach's lively overture to "Orpheus in the Underworld." Its rollicking Parisian cafe music, culminating in the irresistibly uninhibited Can-Can, set the tone of the joyous celebration to follow.

M.C. Jim Ott's friendly informality further enhanced the feel-good atmosphere by expressing the community's pride and recognizing the many individuals responsible for the past years of cultural excellence and its current level of accomplishment 96 all of them happily seated in their beautiful "hall of dreams."

Michael Wayne Rice, a favorite Shakespeare's Associates actor, was greeted enthusiastically by the audience, and returned the compliment with an impromptu expression of gratitude to citizens for creating such a fabulous performance space.

Recapping his popular "All The World's A Stage" speech from Shakespeare's "As You Like It" with his trademark panache, he earned a second audience ovation before "making his exit."

Livermore Valley Opera then introduced tenor Darron Flagg, accompanied by Alexander Katsman, to sing the familiar "La Donna E Mobile" from Verdi's "Rigoletto." Audiences will hear them again in LVO's production of Puccini's "La Boheme," starring Flagg as the poet-hero Rudolfo with Katsman conducting.

From the sublime to the hilarious as the program continued with "Yvan's Speech" from Yasmina Reza's Tony Award-win-

ning play "Art." Bryant Hoex of Shakespeare's Associates recreated his masterfully neurotic monologue, bringing a trio of protagonists to life: his exasperated fiancée, his demanding mother, and the poor groom-to-be caught in their catty collision. A universal nodding of heads expressed listeners' "we've been there" empathy.

Two more Shakespeare's Associates veterans returned to re-play a favorite comic scene from this summer's "Comedy of Errors." Nikolai Lokteff and Lee Simmons, accompanied by Rob Evans, traded saucy repartee and double entendres to anatomize the repulsive "charms" of a marriage-mad kitchen wench. I particularly love the description of her grease-soaked clothing, which they claim "would burn through a Poland winter!"

Audience laughter quickly changed to hushed amazement as LVO's baritone Nicolai Janitsky tossed off the tongue-twisting lyrics of "Largo al Factotum" from Rossini's "Barber of Seville." As lovesick painter Marcello, he will debut on October 20 in LVO's new "La Boheme" production.

Intermission found the halls thronged with people buzzing with excitement at the show and its gorgeous new venue. The most frequently overhead phrases were, "Would you believe this...?" and "right here in Livermore?"

Many clustered along the walls to enjoy the striking photographic images created by popular local darkroom artist Walt Davies. Invited to mount the inaugural display, Davies has produced a museum-quality exhibition, complete with individualized matings and written commentary, which will be on view through the month.

A surprise opened the second half of the program: native son Tom Darter, who has gone on to a national career as composer, arranger, performer, and Founding Editor of "Keyboard Magazine." Commissioned by the Livermore Performing Arts Center to celebrate the new Bankhead Theater, Darter composed the "One Step (At a Time) Rag," dedicated to Karen Hogan and former LHS music teacher Owen Goldsmith.

With Darter as piano soloist,

the Symphony tackled his highly complex composition, featuring contrasting and competing rhythms and off-beat syncopations. Starting with a deceptively short and simple motif, the whole piece built on variations, skillfully arranged with contemporary tonalities on a traditional rag framework - a high-spirited modern apotheosis of ragtime, and a splendid gift to the city.

Three impressive operatic selections followed the riotous ragtime piece. First, yet another Livermore resident, Rebecca Garcia, flirted charmingly with the audience as she sang Musetta's "Quando Me'n Vo" from Puccini's "La Boheme." She'll soon be starring as shy heroine Mimi in LVO's new production of the opera, but proved herself equally at ease as the show's audacious seductress.

Next the spotlight returned to the Symphony, as the opening fanfares of Richard Wagner's Act II Prelude to "Lohengrin" snapped listeners out of their romantic Puccini reverie. The courtly march of Old World nobility seemed equally fitting as a ceremonial salute to our own "Noble Hall of Music," (as in Wagner's "Tannhauser").

LVO took center stage once more as Rebecca Garcia and Darron Flagg returned for the most famous "La Boheme" duet, "O Soave Fanciulla." As Jim Ott put it, even without a translation the love-at-first-sight rapture of the young couple was completely obvious to everyone. (A reminder: the upcoming LVO performances will be fully translated with supertitles.)

Shakespeare's Associates presented the final three offerings. Elissa Beth Stebbins, a frequent local performer, offered Nina's speech from Chekov's "The Seagull." The theme of a talented woman being sidelined from fulfilling her creative destiny resonated powerfully with the audience, especially the many women who are Tri-Valley artists.

Nikolai Lokteff and Lee Simmons reprised another "Comedy of Errors" dialogue that never flagged from rapidfire wit. Then Elissa Beth Stebbins reclaimed the stage as Puck from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," whose traditional epilogue pro-

vided a perfect final gracenote to the gala evening.

A curtain-call lineup of all the performers brought many in the audience to their feet, expressing their appreciation of the array of talent gathered to entertain them.

Receiving special applause was Lisa Tromovitch, Founder and Artistic Director of Shakespeare's Associates, who had coordinated the entire program. A huge job but, as she discovered, not a thankless one!

Continuing the gala festivities, attendees enjoyed a lavish post-curtain buffet hosted by many local restaurants and wineries, featuring treats from gourmet appetizers to a highly popular chocolate fondue dessert fountain. It was a bad evening for weight-watchers but a great time to go graze, admire the Livermore Downtown Banners (and bid on them) and greet many old friends in a convivial setting.

Many people also enjoyed the opportunity to meet the performing artists who have become such an integral part of our community. What better way to top off an evening of such great artistic fulfillment? To everyone - and it's an unbelievably long list - responsible, a heartfelt "hats off" from an appreciative audience and this admiring reviewer.

Reviewer's FYI Message
Unfortunately I will be unable to review LVO's new production of "La Boheme," opening this weekend. From my visits to rehearsals, I can highly recommend this romantic masterpiece, a favorite of opera buffs and opera newbies alike. Only a heart of stone could resist its musical magic and Romeo and Juliet style libretto.

Tickets have been selling briskly. Many of Saturday's audience members, thrilled by the featured voices of three LVO stars, couldn't wait to reserve their seats. To ensure your place, you can call the Bankhead Theater Box Office at 373-6800 or visit www.livermorevalleyopera.org.

Halloween Horror Fest at Vine Cinema

The California Independent Film Festival Association will hold its first annual Halloween Horror Fest at Livermore's Vine Cinema in late October. Classic horror films, as well as horror short films, will be shown during the three night event, celebrating all that is scary. A haunted house will also be open to the public, at Livermore's Forester Hall.

Movies will be screened at this year's event at the Vine Cinema, 1722 First Street, Livermore. Tickets for evening screenings will be \$8 per person per screening. The will be available at available at the door.

On Thursday, October 25, "Dead and Breakfast," a locally produced horror film shot in Livermore, and Horror Short Films

will be shown at 9 p.m.

Friday, October 26, "Frankenstein," 75th Anniversary Edition, and Horror Short Film, will begin at 9 p.m. This is the original Frankenstein movie. It will be digitally projected on to the big screen at the Vine Cinema!

"The Little Vampire" will be shown at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 27. Tickets will be available for 2 for 1 price, at \$9.00 for two.

At 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, a horror feature and shorts will be shown.

New to this year's line-up will be the Horror Film Fest Haunted House, open October 25-27 at Livermore's Forester Hall, 171 S J St, Livermore. Tickets are \$5.00 each and available at the door. Hours are Thursday 4-8 p.m., Fri

and Sat 5-9 p.m.

For more information about events visit the festival's web site at www.caindiefest.com or call 925 371-4404.

Author of Legal Thrillers at Library

Author John Lescroart will be at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., at 2 p.m. Oct. 25 as part of "The Big Read" program.

For over fifteen years, fans of legal thrillers have read of the exploits of San Francisco lawyer Dismas Hardy. Over the course of a series of novels that includes Dead Irish, The 13th Juror, Nothing But the Truth, and The Motive, John Lescroart has essentially made a name for himself (pronounced Less-KWAH) as the man behind Dismas.

Towne Center Books will sell Lescroart's books at the event. For more information, contact Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

There is no admission charge. No registration is required.

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SHORT NOTES



Salaton Ole' Ntutu (center) will visit Livermore.

Asante Foundation Hosts Masaai Chief

Asante Africa Foundation will host Masaai tribal chief, Salaton Ole' Ntutu, visiting from Kenya to share his culture, stories and his warrior skills.

The public is invited to meet him on Sat., Oct. 20 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

This will be a benefit for the Asante Africa Foundation. Tickets are \$25 adults, \$15 under age 14 and \$75 for a family of four. Reservations may be made online at www.AsanteAfrica.org, 292-0245, or at the door if space allows.

Ntutu is a shaman from the nomadic Masaai tribe, where he trained in the age-old tradition to become a skilled warrior who can survive among wild animals in the harsh and challenging African Savanna. Ntutu spent seven years in the African bush, from the age of 14, surviving with only a blanket and a spear. He now trains young warriors to carry on the Masaai tradition.

Ntutu works on social and economic issues pertaining to his tribe. He built a rescue shelter to protect young girls from the common, but illegal, practice of female genital mutilation (FGM) and to promote the idea of alternative rites of passage. He is also involved in education about HIV/AIDS and monogamy, and in health and sanitation projects. Through his tremendous knowledge of African wildlife, he has contributed significantly towards Kenya's community and tourist industry. Ntutu is in the United States to forge a link between his tribal community and ours. He hopes to educate his people on sustainable development and conservation processes of land used to ensure protection of future generations. During his visit, Ntutu will conduct seminars and is available for presentations to youth about the life of a warrior.

Asante Africa is a non-profit organization in the San Francisco Bay Area, dedicated to providing educational services to the children and people of Kenya and Tanzania. The organization is devoted to facilitating and strengthening health and education through true partnerships with African communities. For more details, visit www.asanteafrica.org.

Compass Walk

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will present a Compass Hike on Sat., Oct. 20. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 10 a.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Participants will learn about the use of a compass for navigation and see parts of the park never seen before. After a short introduction of the history and uses of compasses for navigation, participants will strike off across the park following compass bearings from point to point. Wear sturdy hiking shoes as the hike crosses rough terrain.

Ranger Glen Florey Sycamore Grove Park

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

Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

Fall Festival

Alden Lane's Annual Fall Festival offers several weekends of activities for Tri Valley families from 11am to 4pm.

Alden Lane Nursery is located at 981 Alden Lane in Livermore. There will be gardening tips for adults, classes, novelty acts, games, crafts and general family fun. There is no admission charge. However, there is a charge to cover the cost of the activity. There will be pony rides, a petting zoo, farm animals, and apple tasting at no charge.

Toe tapping music from Blind Dog is available on Oct. 20 and 21, a brand new European Train Display through Oct. 21, and the Bare Bones Music Trio will perform on the first Sunday.

Classes include lessons on Japanese Maples (Oct. 20), Winter Citrus Growing (Oct. 27), and a Gourds Gone Wild class (Oct. 27).

More information on Fall Festival and other Alden Lane Nursery events is available by calling the nursery at 925-447-0280.

Benefit for Sergeant

Soroptimist International of Livermore is partnering with the Livermore Valley Tennis Club on Sat., Oct. 20 to raise funds to assist Mariela Mason, a former Army Sergeant. She was injured during her deployment in Iraq.

The day of tennis, a silent auction, entertainment, sit down dinner and exhibition match begins at noon.

Mariela graduated from Livermore High School in 1997. She is currently under treatment at the Livermore Veterans Administration Hospital. Funds raised through the benefit will be used to help cover costs for ongoing treatment Mariela is receiving that is not provided at the VA Hospital.

Registration forms are available at the Tennis Club, 2000 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Tennis players pay an entry fee of \$75 per person (members), or \$90 for nonmembers. Non-tennis players are invited to attend for the dinner, entertainment, and silent auction. Non-tennis tickets are \$50 for members, \$65 nonmembers.

For more information or to reserve a space, please call 443-7700.

bins, they also offer free workshops, videos, brochures and answers to compost questions. To order a bin or for free information about composting, visit www.BayFriendly.org or call the compost information hotline at 510-444-SOIL (7645).

Crafts Festival

Danville Fall Crafts Festival will be held Oct. 20 and 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Hartz Avenue in downtown Danville.

The festival includes art and crafts exhibits, a Halloween parade, kids' activity area, Scarecrow Alley, street and stage entertainment, food, fine wines and microbrews. Admission is free.

For information contact the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce at (925) 837-4400 or visit the festival Web site www.mlaproducts.com.

Meditation Techniques

Marshall Zaslove, author and meditation practitioner for over 30 years, will offer simple, effective techniques for meditation, based on the teachings of Rajinder Singh in the book *Inner and Outer Peace Through Meditation*. Zaslove has given over 500 presentations to both public and professional audiences including the National Institutes of Health and the American Psychiatric Association. At each presentation, his audience is given an actual personal demonstration of meditation.

This free event will be presented on Wednesday, October 24th at 7pm at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

For more information, please contact Joyce Nevins at (925) 373-5500 extension 5577.

Meat and Seafood

Foothill High School Boys Soccer will hold a meat and seafood sale on Sat., Nov. 3, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Foothill High School Parking Lot, 4375 Foothill Rd., Pleasanton.

USDA inspected beef and quality seafood will be available at warehouse prices. The event will benefit the Foothill Boys Soccer general fund.

For more information, email: foothillsoccer@yahoo.com.

Adult Education

The Amador Valley Adult and Community Education and the Pleasanton Unified School District are offering the following opportunities for adult education:

- Positive Parenting (formerly Sharing Ideas for Parenthood), Wednesday, beginning September 5, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. (No class 11/21), Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador, Classroom #5, Pleasanton. For parents of children birth to ten years. This is an ongoing class. Join anytime! Instructor: Ruth Gasten. No fee. Childcare available on site. Class fee: \$5.00/class.
- Baby Sign Language, Tuesdays, October 30 - December 11, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Horizon High School, Room 801. Instructor: Walker. Fee: \$20/person (includes book)
- Handling Sibling Rivalry, Monday, October 29, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Harvest Park Middle School, Room A3. Instructor: Shurtleff
- My Child's Self-Esteem: Understanding the Inner Life of Kids, Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Harvest Park Middle School, MP Room. Instructor: Papageorge

- Parenting Your Aging Parent, Tuesday, October 23 & 30, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Harvest Park Middle School, Room B13. Instructor: Gasten
- Resolving Conflict Between Mothers and Daughters, Thursday, October 25, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Harvest Park Middle School, Room A4. Instructors: Pitts, Fitts-Randolph, Bartholomew
- The Strong-Willed Child, Tuesday, October 30, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Harvest Park Middle School, Room B14. Instructor: Dozier

To register or for more information call the Amador Adult & Community Education: 426-4280 or go to www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted

Free Flu Shots

Community Health Team 1-Public Health Nursing, of Alameda County Public Health Department, serving Southern Alameda County and the Tri Valley area, will be offering free Flu shots on Tuesday, October 30, from 10 am to 2 pm. The clinic will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore.

This clinic is offered to non-insured or under-insured seniors and adults. Seniors age 60 years and older, or younger adults with chronic diseases such as heart disease or asthma, immunosuppression, or renal dysfunction should get this immunization. Adults who provide home care or work in places where there are infants below six months of age, seniors or high risk individuals should also get the flu shot. People who should not get a flu shot are people with a severe allergy to eggs and anyone who has had Guillain-Barre Syndrome within 6 weeks after getting a flu shot. For more information call 925-462-5775.

Youth Leadership

The County of Alameda will kick off Youth Leadership 2007-08, a five-session program focused on leadership and local government designed specifically for County high school juniors and seniors. The County is currently accepting applications for this program, which has received a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) 2006 Challenge Award recognizing innovation by county government.

This free County program will accept approximately 30 high school juniors and seniors representing every geographic area in the County to come together on five Saturday mornings, over five months to hear presentations and discuss what it takes to be an active participant in local government as a resident, an employee, a community leader, and an elected official. Applications are available from the County by calling (510) 272-6984 or using the County website www.acgov.org

Applications must be returned to the County by November 30, 2007. Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis by geographic area.

"We are excited to begin the sixth Youth Leadership program," says Board of Supervisors President Scott Haggerty. "It's an excellent way for high school students to learn about Alameda County government and to practice leadership skills while meeting students from all over the County."

Session dates are December 15, 2007 and January 12, February 2, February 23 and March 8, 2008. Sessions will focus on the role of County government in delivering critically-needed services, such as public assis-

tance, public protection and the wide variety of youth-focused programs offered by Alameda County. Participants will have an opportunity to visit various County facilities.

Youth Leadership 2007-08 is sponsored by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator's Office.

Historic Garage Open

The 1915 Duarte Garage, located on the old "Lincoln Highway," will be open on Sunday, October 21, from 10 am - 2 pm.

The Duarte garage is located on the corner of Portola and L St. in Livermore. The public is invited to visit the Garage and view memorabilia of a bygone era: collection of California license Plates, old photos, a 1920's office and shop area that includes a grease pit, "Flying A" display, and 3 vintage fire trucks (Ford Model T, 1920 Seagrave, 1944 Mack). In addition, books such as "The Lincoln Highway: Calif. V. 6," as well as other vintage car books will be available for purchase.

The Livermore Heritage Guild sponsors the Duarte Garage. There is no charge for admission. Donations are appreciated. For information call 443-9740.

Halloween Costumes

Bob and Deb Cilk of United California Brokers are conducting their 8th Annual Halloween Costume Drive to benefit homeless and disadvantaged children of Alameda County. They will be collecting new and 'gently used' costumes and accessories through Friday, October 26th in order that the costumes can be delivered in time for Halloween.

Donations can be dropped by their office at United California Brokers, 351 St. Mary Street in downtown Pleasanton during business hours. Donations received will be delivered to neighbors in need at homeless and transitional

housing facilities located in downtown Oakland. For more information, please contact Bob and Deb at (925) 487-8735.

Planning for Incapacity

Legal Assistance for Seniors (LAS) will present a seminar on "Planning for Incapacity" on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. The event is hosted by the Livermore Senior Services department, a division of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD).

This free seminar will take place in the Sycamore Room of the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. Topics will include legal options in protecting yourself and your estate in the face of illness, durable powers of attorney for finances, the NEW Advance Health Care Directive, and more.

Legal Assistance for Seniors will begin offering consultations to seniors on the third Wednesday of each month, by appointment only, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, beginning in January 2008. For more information, contact Eileen Cary at 373-5769.

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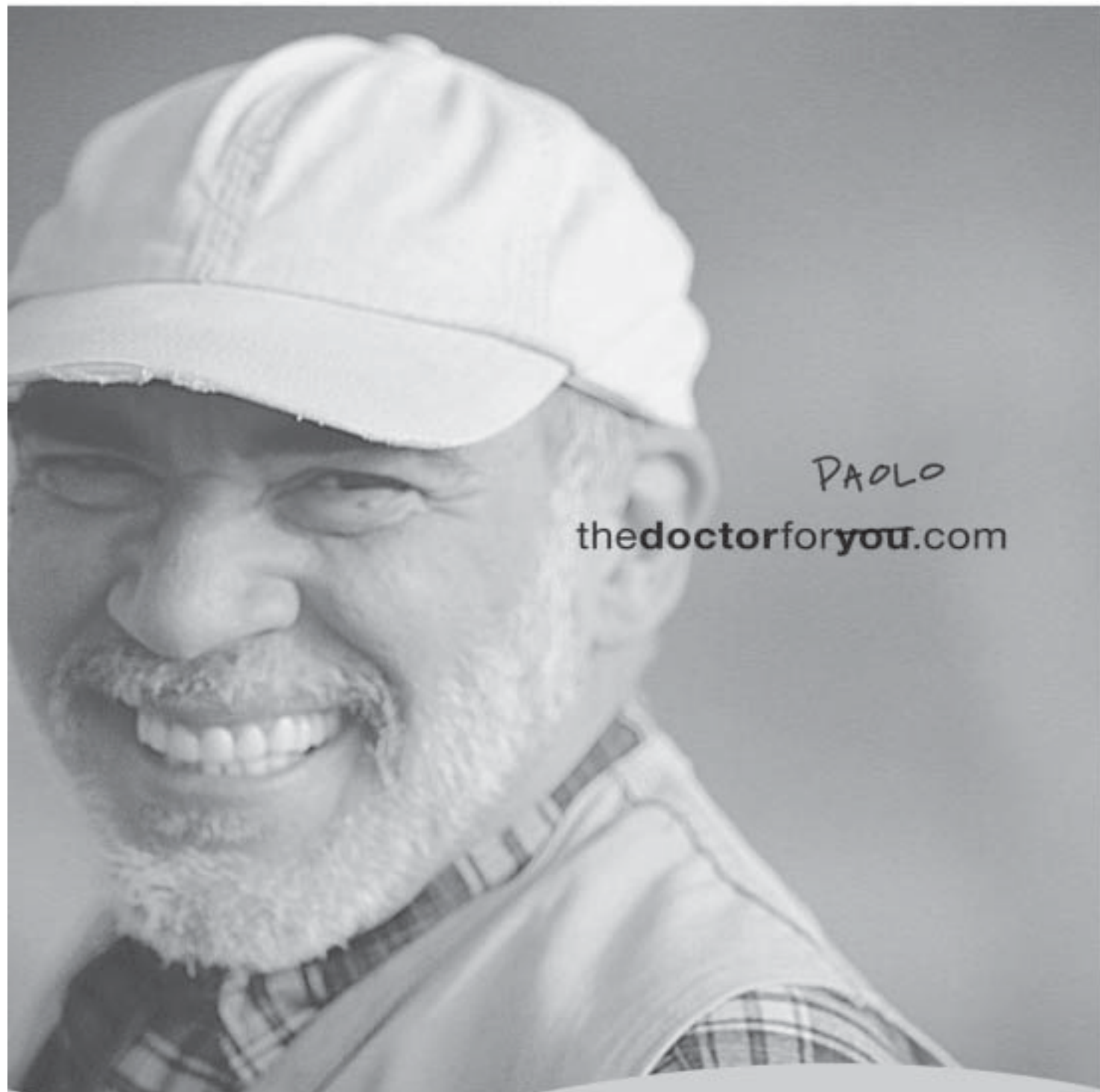
TRANSPORTATION FORUM in East County

The public is invited to hear about and discuss transportation project details, schedules, and contracting opportunities at an East County Transportation Forum. The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority in conjunction with its Citizens Advisory Committee and partnering agencies will host the forum which features presentations on major transportation projects that will be implemented within the next five years.

This Transportation Forum will focus on four projects including:

- **580 Corridor Improvements**
Corridor widening for high occupancy vehicles, auxiliary lanes & 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
- **I-680 Express Lanes**
High occupancy toll lanes

These projects are funded through Measure B, Alameda County's half-cent transportation sales tax. **October 18, 2007 at Pleasanton Senior Center; 5353 Sunol Boulevard.** Open House at 6:30 p.m.; Formal Presentations at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Tess Lengyel or Keonnis Taylor at 510-893-4437.



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SPORTS NOTES

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage Div 3A U12 team took on the first place Alliance Diamonds this weekend, in what proved to be a very tough and physical game that ended in a draw. The Diamonds started out strong, firing shot after shot against the Rage in the first 15 min. of play. An outstanding effort by Olivia Brown in goal saved every shot. Rage was first to score off a corner kick from Mathea Turkalj which deflected off an Alliance player into their own goal. Then Sami Williams took a beautiful shot on goal. The Alliance goalie was able to bat the ball down, but Kendall Moore was there waiting and tapped it in for the second Rage goal. The Diamonds countered with just seconds to go, making it a 2 to 1 game at the half. The Diamonds came back determined and scored within the first 2 min. of the second half, making it a 2 to 2 game. However, the Rage hung tough and continued to fight. Midway through the second half, Kendall Moore scored off a great cross from Cassie Santana. Alliance answered right back with a beautiful header off a corner kick, again tying it up 3 all. In the end, it was the strong defense lead by Patricia Norcross, Claire Hickle and Olivia Deutschman that was able to prevent any further scoring, ending the day in a 3 to 3 tie. Top Offensive Players: Kendall Moore, Sami Williams, Mathea Turkalj and Cassie Santana. Top Defensive Players: Claire Hickle, Patricia Norcross, Olivia Deutschman, and Olivia Brown in goal.

In a battle of the undefeated, Rage AC U-17 improved their league record to 6-0 with a 2 to 0 win over previously undefeated Marin FC. Rage took the lead first half after Megan Davidson was fouled in the box and Katelyn Golik made the penalty kick. The first half ended with the Rage leading 1 to 0. Late in the second half Rage scored on a breakaway by Tiffany Leung and Liina Potter. Leung broken behind the defenses and passed to Potter for the second. The defense held another solid game with 4th shut out in the 6 league games. Megan Leoni had some key saves in the second half and the back line of Krista Bormann, Jill Blandino, Claire Kennedy and Nicole Raines had another solid game to preserve the shut-out. Katelyn Golik - 1 Goals; Liina Potter - 1 Goal; Tiffany Leung - 1 Assist; Top Defensive Players - Megan Leoni - Goalkeeper; Jill Blandino - Fullback; Krista Bormann - Sweeper; Nicole Raines - Center Mid.

Pleasanton Rage U15 Div. 1 defeated Bay Oaks Blasters 5-1. With a hat trick (3 goals) by Darby Broecker (assisted twice) by Pippa Whitehand and once by Lauren Floro, Rage beat the Blasters 5-1. Goals also scored by Jalisa Freeman and Jenna Sparks (assisted both by Lauren Floro) secured the win. Great effort by Annie Amos, Vivian Clement and Tracy Hong as midfielders. Jenna Sparks, Jillian Nunes and Brooke Mayo help support the defense. Top Offensive Players: Darby Broecker, Annie Amos, Lauren Floro; Top Defensive Players: Brooke Mayo, Jenna Sparks, Jillian Nunes.

The Rage U15 D3 faced off against the San Ramon Sharp Shooters at the Athan Downs fields. The Rage scored 15 minutes into the first half, on a pass by Noelle Malindzak to Casey Curtis. First half GK Alex Villanueva had a save on 5 sharp Shooter shots, holding them scoreless. In the second half, the Sharp Shooters rallied with a tough defense and offense. Saves by GK Heidi Johns held off their scoring opportunities, while the Rage forwards pressed the offense without the reward of another goal. Standout defense was provided by Rage players Niki Gotelli, Vicki Binder, and Maggie Findlay. Midfielders Ellie Kim and Sara Quero moved the ball crisply out of Rage territory, feeding it to forwards Noelle Malindzak, Julia Price, and Casey Curtis. Players Michelle Brozski, Stephanie Boggs, and Emma Caswell had strong plays to contribute to the 1-0 win.

Pleasanton Rage Div 1AC U12 remains undefeated. They came out strong in the first half and scored 2 goals, first goal by Hannah Jackson. Courtney Seams kept the pressure on, crossed the ball and Hannah Moreno scored the second goal. In the second half of the game Haley Chow had an amazing play where she took the ball out of the air and chipped it into the net for the third goal. The final goal was made by Vanessa Villanueva when she took control of the ball and slammed it into the corner of the net. Top Offensive Players: Vanessa Villanueva, Hannah Moreno, Elysa Roman, Hannah Jackson, Hailey Chow, Rebecca Dumanski; Top Defensive Players: Marlo Agghazarian, Precious Akanvirige, Paige Hughes.

The Pleasanton Rage U16 Division 1 AC team, after nearly a three week layoff from the pitch, took on the Fremont Fury and came away with a 1-1 tie. The first half ended in a 0-0 tie as both teams created times of dominance, but were unable to penetrate the goal. Following the mid game break the Fury came out with renewed energy and punched the initial goal past the Rage goalkeeper in the 48th minute. The teams battled back and forth until the 78th minute, when the Rage capitalized on a scoring opportunity to level the score at 1-1. Brittany Repac carried the ball down the right flank and crossed it into the foot of an on rushing Ailsa Smith. Smith redirected the cross into the goal. The Rage back line of Sarah Ramirez, Laura Yoshida and Taylor Schoonover played a strong match.

Livermore Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League Elite scores include the following:
Under-10 Boys Gold B. Oaks Roadrunners (4), Livermore Elite Strikers (2); Livermore Elite Strikers (2), Brentwood Velocity (0). Offensive Players: Jake Martinez, Jaime Osorio, Carsen Paynter, Kyle Enrich, Strikers Defensive Players: Jack Schoenident, Wyatt Pennybacker, Preston Hastings, Strikers. The Livermore Elite Strikers played a double header. Their first game was in Oakland, facing the Bay Oaks Roadrunners. Both teams came out strong but the Roadrunners were a little more on top of things in the first half. They were able to score first with two goals early on. The Strikers then held them strong. When the second half started the Strikers were the ones who turned it on, with two goals by Jose Vides. One from an assist by goal keeper Scot Newby who punted it straight down field for the take in, and the second was a solo run by Jose to goal. However, this was not enough to take the lead, the Roadrunners placed another two goals into our net for a final score of 4 - 2. The second game was against Brentwood Velocity. The Strikers scored the first and only goal of game. Jose Vides placed it in the net after a toe to toe struggle and assist from Miguel Suarez. The remainder of the game was hard played by both teams. A special Thank You goes out to all the Strikers players, coaches, family, and friends, for their continued support at all of our games.
Under-16 Girls Bronze Pleasanton Rage (3), Livermore Elite Crush (1); Offensive Players: Christine (G), Janine (G), Amanda K (G), Rage; Audrey Christian (G), Andrea Hawkins, Rebekah Kidlake, Crush Defensive Players: Soup, Kelly, Brooke, Rage; Anna Velsko, Margaret Donovan, Jessica Clark, Crush. Rage took advantage late in the first half with a score at 29-minutes with a blooper over the head of the Crush goal keeper. The Crush answered the score in the 4th minute of the second half on a hard drive by Audrey Christian to tie the game 1 - 1. Both teams battled back and forth for scoring



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Foothill High School's David Klug (32) corralled Granada wide receiver Eric Gaskill in an East Bay Athletic League match-up last Friday. Foothill won 24 to 7, improving its record to 4 and 2. The Matadors fell behind 7 to 0 when Foothill recovered a muffed punt in the end zone for the score.

opportunities throughout the contest, keeping both goal keepers and defenders very busy. The Crush and Rage put up a valiant effort against multiple attacks and shots from both sides. However, the Rage was able to score two unanswered goals at 31-minutes and at 37-minutes in the second half to take the lead and the win.

Under-14 Boys Livermore Elite Arsenal placed 2nd in the Castro Valley Boys Autumn Classic Livermore Arsenal (5) vs Hayward Barcelona (0) Livermore Arsenal (2) vs Castro Valley Falcons (1) Livermore Arsenal (1) vs Jack London Falcons (1) Championship Game: CV Falcons (3) vs Livermore Arsenal (0) - First game, a 5-0 win over Hayward Barcelona. Goals by Fernando Cortez, David Bierwirth, Diego Brambila, Sam Burnett, and Devin Rodriguez, with assists from Daniel Repogle (3A) and Mitch Meyer (2A). The Arsenal Defense of Scott Gragg, Zack Swinford, Eddie Rusniak, Jesse Romero, John Wilker, Shaub Amir and goal keepers Justin Meyer and Devin Rodriguez held Hayward for the bonus shut-out point.

Second game was a very competitive match with Castro Valley holding a 1-0 lead at the half, but it could have been worse if not for some good stops by goal keeper Devin Rodriguez and some recovering; Defensive stops by Zack Swinford, Scott Gragg, Eddie Rusniak, Jesse Romero, and John Wilker. But Livermore Arsenal made an awesome comeback scoring the equalizer just 1:30 into the 2nd half. Frenando Cortez scored a delicious goal from about 20 yards out, swinging momentum back to the Arsenal. The ball was in the Castro Valley; Defensive end most of the 2nd half, although goal keeper Justin Meyer had to make about 5 saves. Then, with just 5 minutes left in the match, Mitch Meyer hit the game winner from 15 yards out, just inside the box, and the defense held for a thrilling finish. Third game was a tie, 1 to 1 with the Jack London Falcons. Livermore's goal was scored by Devin Rodriguez, unassisted. Jacob Lopez played well.

Championship game was won 3-0 by Castro Valley Falcons. Livermore's Sam Burnett and Daniel Repogle just missed on several quality scoring chances. Goal keeper Justin Meyer made many brilliant saves in defeat. Devin Rodriguez, Shaub Amir, Zack Swinford, and Scott Gragg played well.
U16 Div III Livermore Elite Force 2. Mustang Alliance 1: After playing the FC Fremont Strikers to a 1-1 tie on Saturday, their lone goal scored by Alex Gonzalez on a header assist from Eric Smyth, the Force racked up a win against the Mustang Alliance on Sunday. Early in the game, the third try with the same shot proved to be the charm as Alex Gonzalez scored first for Livermore. After that for much of the game Force fans felt like they were seeing a repeat of the game the day before, with both teams threatening at times and wearing down the other's defenses. Keeper Peter Morrow had his hands full this weekend, but managed to help keep his team in both games. In the last minutes of play, Alex Gaspar finished off a Joseph Van Fossen cross with a header into the net, ending another exciting win for Livermore.

Livermore Crew 95 U12 Girls defeated Lamorinda United 95, 1-0 on Sunday in their first round of NorCal Cup play. The Crew demonstrated ball movement skills and several cross-field switches gave them several opportunities to take an early lead. A corner kick in the first half from the left side of the field by Madyson Souza resulted in the first and only score of the game. The Crew kept up the pressure in the second and had several opportunities to increase their lead, including shots on goal by Pooja Patel and Haylie Grant. Beth McCall almost scored a header off of a corner kick late in the game. Allison Lau and Rachel Leonard contributed to the win defensively, and Baylie Hernandez and Sarah Franklin shared the shutout in goal.
The Livermore Elite U-11 Clash beat the San Ramon Sharks 2-0 in Al Caffiodio play on Sunday. The Clash dominated possession in the game's first half but the Sharks withstood an onslaught of early Livermore attacks. Midway through the half, a Curt Wigginton shot was stopped by the San Ramon keeper, but Diego Plascencia buried the rebound to open the scoring. The second half was more evenly played, as Livermore was headed into the wind. TJ Hood's corner kick in the 38th minute found Tanner Sandy at the top of the box, who deftly passed to Alec Foster for the score. Never giving up, San Ramon mounted a furious comeback attempt, only to be denied by the Livermore defense led by Jordan Murdoch and Tommy Earle. Goalkeeper Donnie Buchanan recorded his third shutout for the Clash.

HOUSE & COPPER TEAMS
Under-7 Girls Tigers vs Angels Offensive Players: Gianna Cole, Katie Sposeto, Hannah Dolan, Tigers; Talina Rosanna, Olivia Armstrong, Angels; Defensive Players: Ally Sprugacci, Anika Jensen, Kayla Jones, Tigrers; Isley Lopez, Sophia Mylius, Angels. Super Dolphins vs Spirit Offensive Players: Stephanie Boschee, Kennedy Griffith, Abby Fraser, Super Dolphins; Emmerson Coberg, Alyssa Silva, Haylee Kramar, Spirit; Defensive Players: Citality Soto, Zaret Zamora, Super Dolphins; Lauren Zielsnik, Mary Griffin, Courtney Hayes, Spirit.
Under-9 Girls Earth Quakes (5) vs Hotshots (0) Offensive Players: Randi Cortez, Jamie Zogarik, Earth Quakes; Paris Cusimano, Macy Williams, Isabel Minton, Hotshots; Defensive Players: Olivia Schormann, Lyndsay Welles, Madison Gannon, Earth Quakes, Carly Henderson, Tija Andrews, Tesa Nafzinger, Hotshots.

Gymfinity Gymnastics

The level 4, 5 and 6 teams from Gymfinity Gymnastics competed at the Tumble in the Jungle hosted by Marin Elite Gymnastics Academy in Larkspur, CA on Sunday, October 14, 2007. The competition was fierce, but the level 6 team still managed to earn 3rd place in the team competition with a score of 105.0.

Level 4 - Monkeys - VAULT: Katie Mathers, 3rd, 9.3. BARS: Mathers, 7th, 8.65. BEAM: Mathers, 9th, 8.25. FLOOR: Mathers, 7th, 8.7. ALL-AROUND: Mathers, 8th, 34.9. Tigers - VAULT: Baylee Hill, 2nd, 9.5. Savannah Chrupalo, 9th, 9.0. BARS: Hill, 6th 8.9; Chrupalo, 10th, 8.6. BEAM: Hill, 7th, 9.0; Chrupalo, 11th, 8.4. FLOOR: Hill, 8th, 8.65; Chrupalo, 10th, 8.5. ALL-AROUND: Hill, 6th, 36.05; Chrupalo, 11th, 34.5. Lions - VAULT: Michelle Kuneli, 5th, 9.25. BARS: Kuneli, 6th, 9.275. BEAM: Kuneli, 13th, 7.45. FLOOR: Kuneli, 10th, 8.750. ALL-AROUND: Kuneli, 10th, 34.725.

Level 5 - Monkeys - VAULT: Kelley Hebert, 4th, 8.4; Isla Andrews, 7th, 8.25; Mariel Chiong, 15th, 6.65. BARS: Andrews, 2nd, 9.325; Hebert, 7th, 8.825; Chiong, 13th, 7.6. BEAM: Chiong, 7th, 8.375; Hebert, 9th, 8.15; Andrews, 10th, 8.05. FLOOR: Hebert, 11th, 8.75; Chiong, 14th, 8.05; Andrews, 15th, 8.0. ALL-AROUND: Hebert, 7th, 34.125; Andrews, 9th, 33.625; Chiong, 14th, 30.675. Tigers - VAULT: Rebecca Meister, 9th, 8.65; Amy Morrison, 15th, 8.0. BARS: Meister, 7th, 9.2; Morrison, 12th, 8.95. BEAM: Morrison, 12th, 8.65; Meister, 13th, 8.35. FLOOR: Meister, 7th, 9.25; Morrison, 8th, 9.1. ALL-AROUND: Meister, 9th, 34.45; Morrison, 11th, 34.7. Lions - VAULT: Rachel Pombio, 11th, 7.6. BARS: Pombio, 14th, 7.875. BEAM: Pombio, 14th, 7.7. FLOOR: Pombio, 14th, 7.875. ALL-AROUND: Pombio, 13th, 31.05.

Level 6 - Monkeys - VAULT: Gabriella Lemoine, 12th, 8.5. BARS: Lemoine, 9th, 8.2. BEAM: Lemoine, 9th, 8.45. FLOOR: Lemoine, 8th, 8.7. ALL-AROUND: Lemoine, 9th, 33.85. Zebras - VAULT: Haley Brott, T2nd, 9.1; Angelica Leporati, T2nd, 9.1; Kaitlin Hausmann, 13th, 8.05. BARS: Brott, 3rd, 8.7; Leporati, 5th, 8.5; Hausmann, 13th, 6.8. BEAM: Leporati, 6th, 9.025; Brott, 10th, 8.7; Hausmann, 14th, 8.25. FLOOR: Leporati, 7th, 8.775; Brott, 10th, 8.55; Hausmann, 14th, 7.55. ALL-AROUND: Leporati, 4th, 35.4; Brott, 7th, 35.05; Hausmann, 13th, 30.65. Lions - VAULT: Allison Honig, 3rd, 8.9. BARS: Honig, 3rd, 8.4. BEAM: Honig, 6th, 8.55. FLOOR: Honig, 7th, 8.35. ALL-AROUND: Honig, 3rd, 34.2.

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in the Tumble in the Jungle Meet hosted by Marin Elite in Marin on October 13, 2007. The Level 5 and 6 teams finished in second place.

LEVEL 4: Age Group: Younger VAULT - Katherina Weissbach - 6th place (9.075) BARS - Katherina Weissbach - 6th place (8.65) BEAM - Katherina Weissbach - T2nd place (9.325) FLOOR - Katherina Weissbach - T2nd place (9.0) ALL-AROUND - Katherina Weissbach - 2nd place (36.05)
 LEVEL 5: Age Group: Younger VAULT - Isabella Orecchia - 2nd place (8.55); Morgan Fiske - T10th place (7.85) BARS - Isabella Orecchia - 2nd place (9.025); Morgan Fiske - T5th place (8.65) BEAM - Isabella Orecchia - T1st place (9.325); Morgan Fiske - 7th place (8.875) FLOOR - Isabella Orecchia - 4th place (8.95); Morgan Fiske - 8th place (8.55) ALL-AROUND - Isabella Orecchia - 2nd place (35.85); Morgan Fiske - 8th place (33.925); Middle: VAULT - Dori Lucero - 1st place (9.0); Elizabeth Higa - 5th place (8.225); Celina Moufarrej - T6th place (8.1); Rachel Yang - 9th place (7.875) BARS - Elizabeth Higa - 1st place (9.5); Dori Lucero - 2nd place (9.35); Celina Moufarrej - 4th place (9.2); Rachel Yang - 6th place (8.825) BEAM - Dori Lucero - 1st place (9.575); Rachel Yang - 4th (9.1); Elizabeth Higa - T6th place (8.9); Celina Moufarrej - 8th place (8.7) FLOOR - Dori Lucero - 1st place (9.025); Celina Moufarrej - 4th place (8.775); Elizabeth Higa - 8th place (8.55); Rachel Yang - 5th place (8.75) ALL-AROUND - Dori Lucero - 1st place (36.95); Elizabeth Higa - 4th place (34.275); Celina Moufarrej - 5th place (34.825); Rachel Yang - 8th place (34.55); Older: VAULT - Jessica Fineran - 5th place (8.325); Peri Ouyang (7.6) BARS - Jessica Fineran - 9th place (8.1) BEAM - Jessica Fineran - 1st place (9.425); Peri Ouyang - 9th place (8.725) FLOOR - Jessica Fineran - 8th place (8.65); Peri Ouyang (7.725) ALL-AROUND - Jessica Fineran - 4th place (34.5)
 LEVEL 6: Age Group: Younger VAULT - Tiana Hodzic - 5th place (8.45); Shannon Gray (7.875) BARS - Tiana Hodzic - 4th place (8.325); Shannon Gray (7.75) BEAM - Shannon Gray - 2nd place (9.325); Tiana Hodzic - 3rd place (9.325) FLOOR - Tiana Hodzic - 2nd place (9.15); Shannon Gray - 5th place (8.9) ALL-AROUND - Tiana Hodzic - 3rd place (35.25); Shannon Gray - 9th place (33.4). Middle: VAULT - Amy Tilsion-Lumetta - 3rd place (9.0) BARS - Amy Tilsion-Lumetta - 4th place (8.325) ALL-AROUND - Amy Tilsion-Lumetta - 2nd place (35.725); Older: VAULT - Jaime Gray - 3rd place (8.725); Jacy Rasnick - 7th place (8.35) BARS - Jaime Gray - 4th place (8.45); Jacy Rasnick (7.75) BEAM - Jaime Gray - 5th place (8.8); Jacy Rasnick (7.5) FLOOR - Jaime Gray - 5th place (8.675); Jacy Rasnick (7.85) ALL-AROUND - Jaime Gray - 3rd place (34.65); Jacy Rasnick - 9th place (31.45).

The BUSC Black U14 defeated the Danville Mustang Bolts 1 to 0. The Mustang Bolts were undefeated going into the game against the BUSC Black. The BUSC Black defense was the key in the win keeping the Mustang Bolts from scoring. Hunter Meurens scored the winning goal in the 29th minute, a shot from midfield that bounced into the net with Cade Debenediti ensuring the ball went in. Jared Shohf also had a shot on goal in the game that nearly went in. Keeper Lukas Moses had 3 saves in the game. Top Offensive Players: Hunter Meurens, Cade Debenediti, Jared Shohf; Top Defensive Players: Jeff Dyer, Eric Brooks, Nick Bayley.
Div. 4 Under-14: Patriots 0, Predators 8; Top Offensive Players: Will Dorman, Kyle Wiest, Eric Mouch - Predators; Top Defensive Players: Eduardo Perez, Sowmit Matta, Christian Medved - Predators.

Diablo Gymnastics
 The Sock Hop Invitational was held

Racquetball Results

The Petaluma Valley Athletic Club hosted its annual junior racquetball tournament this past weekend. Amador Valley High School was represented by Pleasanton sophomore, Zachary Brancato.
 Zach plays at ClubSport in Pleasanton. He is coached by ClubSport teaching pro, Elaine Dexter. Zach competed in the advanced draw. The day began with a tough upset by Novato's Sawyer Lloyd. Sawyer came out slugging, scoring with soft corner shots, and took the match 15-5, 15-11. Zach came back strong in his next match against Vacaville powerhouse Cody Alsup, who placed second overall in the event, splitting games, 15-10, 11-15. Zach won the match by one point. Next up was Petaluma's own Matt Bluhm and then Christian Skegaw of Novato. Zach took both matches handily. The final match of the day was against Tyler Lannan of Danville. Zach continued with his aggressive and hard hitting play, but it was not quite enough against the highly ranked Lannan, who went on to finish first in the tournament. Zach lost the match 8-15, 11-15, and finished third overall for the day.
 On Saturday, December 8th, ClubSport of Pleasanton will hold its junior racquetball tournament as part of this series of junior racquetball events in Northern California. The event is open to all racquetball players 18 and under and boasts some of the best young players in California. For any high school students interested in participating in the high school drop-in racquetball program at ClubSport or for any junior racquetball players wanting to play in the December tournament there, contact Elaine Dexter rbqueen@gmail.com

Phantom Fall Ball

Phantom 12 and under took 3rd in the Fall Bash at the Big League Field of Dreams in Manteca over the weekend. Phantom fell short in the semi final game, 7-1, against Nevada Lightning Blue. Malory Masajlo hit a double and Krista Williams had a sacrifice hit to get the solo RBI. Victoria Molina also had a double. Johanna Grauer pitched well with 3 K, 3 W and 5 hits.
 Phantom started Sunday with a 9-4 win over High Sierra Diamonds 94 and a 10-3 win over CA Pouncers 95 to make it to the semi final. Phantom exploded offensively in both games with a triple from Aubrey Wolff, a double and two singles from Grauer, four hits from Corinne Valdivia and two hits each from Kennedy Poplawski and Williams.
 In pool play games on Saturday, the Phantom beat Nevada Lightning Blue 7-4 and Livermore Smoke Red 2-1. Phantom lost to Valley Magic 2-3.

Amador Freshmen

Antioch stayed with the Amador Valley Freshmen for a quarter and a half but the last four minutes of the half proved to be the difference and the Dons pulled away to a 35-18 victory. The win pushed Amador's record to 6-0.
 Trailing 14-6 with 3:58 left in the half, the Panthers picked up their own fumble and ran 49 yards for a score. The touchdown narrowed Amador's lead to 14-12. However, the joy quickly left Antioch.
 On the ensuing kickoff, Alex Osterholt picked up a squib kick at his own 28, nearly touching his knee down in the process, and ran across the field to his left. Turning the corner near Amador's sideline, he picked up several blocks, tight roped the sideline, going 72 yards for the score. After he added the extra point, Amador had a 21-12 lead.
 Amador wasn't done yet.
 Carson Ewanich made a diving interception on the second play of the Panther's ensuing drive and the Dons were back in business at their own 40 with 2:25 left. Ewanich made the most of his interception on Amador's possession, running the ball for 52 yards on four carries, including the last five yards for the score. The touchdown run was particularly impressive as intended route was jammed up at the line, but the speedy halfback bounced the play to his left and found an opening into the end zone with 22 seconds left on the clock.
 Amador nearly got more points before the end of the half when James Cook recovered a fumble on the kickoff, but Osterholt couldn't get out of bounds on a pass completion. The Dons took a 28-12 lead into the break.

The Cougars, whose first half offense had been limited to a fumble recovery and a 70-yard touchdown run, moved the ball better in the third quarter. They did not score, but their success limited Amador's chances. As the quarter neared the end, Amador forced a fumble and Adir Magalidish recovered. Taking over on the Panther 40 it took just three plays, all runs by Ewanich, for the Dons to find yardage. The touchdown run came from 25 yards out. Ewanich started up the middle through a big hole, veered to his left in the secondary.

The Cardinals defeated the Jets 18 to 8. The Cardinals offense struggled to reorganize since losing their original QB and have lost their last 2 games but today, persistence paid off.
 The Jets had possession almost the entire 1st quarter but remained scoreless with many hard hitting tackles by Anthony Mazotti, some sizeable loss yardage by Ryan Faulk and Dylan Robinette who interfered with a creative lateral by the Jets. At the end of the 1st and playing in only his 3rd game as QB, Josh Sprugacci had an impressive pass to Mitchell Acton. Starting the 2nd quarter, Colton King was spot on recovering a Jets fumble while Anthony Mazotti had an incredible hit. Michael Healy tackled hard while Alec Grabarek scored the Cards' 1st TD with a 4 yard run. Then once again, defensive members Dylan Robinette, Anthony Mazotti, Colton King, Ryan Knowles and Matthew Richards kept the Jets scoreless. Matt Richards recovered a Jets' fumble after a Cards 4th down punt. Another fumble by the Jets was recovered by Ryan Faulk. Brent McGarvey caught a pass for the 1st down.
 In the final quarter, Alec Grabarek scored a running TD and Max Renga stopped the Jets dead on the kick return. Mitchell Acton caught a pass for an enormous 30 yard gain. Then Acton caught a pass from Josh Sprugacci and scored the Cards 3rd TD. Anthony Mazotti had a great tackle behind the Jets line of scrimmage while Dillon Robinette stopped a TD pass after the goal attempt. Matt Richards had a TD defying tackle.
 The running game was led by Travis Ceglio who had a nice 36 yard run for a touchdown. The rushing work load was shared by Brandon Robello, Andrew Hays and Daniel Ocasio, who also had an incredible 70 yard reception. The defense was on the field for a large part of the game and fought hard until the very end. Though once again David Montgomery-Saenz led the team in tackles (13 tackles and a sack). It was a total team effort that kept this game close. Fumble recoveries by Henry Jones, Kevin Humes, and Jacob Bichford and an interception by Jake Kauffman kept the Jets within striking distance. Sam Ogee, Sam Richardson, Nick Ketcham, Kenny Vanlandingham, Cole Partington and Clayton Frieders did a fantastic job of containing the Cardinals offense.

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SPORTS NOTES

got to the sideline, and was gone. Osterholt's PAT pushed the lead to 35-12 and, with five seconds remaining in the third quarter, it was time to clear the benches.

The Dons got on the board on the game's first drive when Osterholt got hauled in a pass from David Camerena down the right sideline for a 40-yard touchdown strike.

After Antioch answered immediately with a 70 yard touchdown run, Ewanich, who ran for 185 yards on 13 carries and three scores, scored Amador's second TD on a 15 yard run off of left tackle. Once again, he ran through a big hole and got to the outside for the score.

In fifth quarter action, Markus Grauer sparked the offense, running for 30 yards on a reverse aided by a nice downfield block by Joe Silva. Magadish also contributed, racking up an impressive 44 yards on three carries. Defensively, Bronson Eggart made a nice grab for an interception and Joe Moroney nearly had an interception. In addition, Angel Izary recorded a sack, and Arman Bet-Yeon and Jason Haycock recovered fumbles for the Dons.

Livermore Football

Livermore Youth Football results
Midgets. The Livermore Vikings suffered their second loss of the season to an overpowering San Leandro team 20-0 Saturday at Granada High School. Coming into Saturday's game the Midget Crusaders had out scored their opponents 217-0, not allowing a single point in 5 games. The Viking defense was on the field most of the game and stellar efforts were turned in by many players. Most notable was Damariay Drew. Jake Kearney and Jabar Staples, who all had 10 tackles each. Followed by Dusty Simon 4, Tyler Leasau 2, and a force fumble. Defensive Linemen Greg White 5 tackles, Jacob Montana 2, and Jack Jensen 3 tackles and an interception. Livermore will take on the San Ramon T-Birds next Saturday, in San Ramon.

Fee Wee division: The Livermore Warriors fell to the San Leandro Crusaders by the score of 34-6. The game was close until late in the 3rd quarter when San Leandro took control. Leading the way on offense for the Warriors was Danny Troutman with 102 yards rushing, including a 79 yard run in the 3rd. Tyler O'Fallon capped the drive with a 1 yard touchdown run to make the score 14-6. Nick Campiotti Had 43 yards rushing to go along with a 33 yard reception from O'Fallon. Other bright spots for the Warriors on Offense were Joseph Inzerillo, Jeffery Brinkley, Jacob House, James Moore and Jaxon Williams. Leading tacklers for the Warriors were Dominex Kovacs and Brian White with 7 each. Clayton Bueno, Nate Burke and Brandon Self also had a good day defensively.

Foothill JV Football

Foothill took on Granada in junior varsity football. The Falcons defense controlled the game. During its first five games, Foothill has given up an average of 3 points per game. Friday's game against the Matadors of Granada was more of the same. James Langford navigated the small lake between the hash marks to start the game with a kickoff to the Matadors that was returned to the 22 yard line. Granada began by running around end twice for a total of 14 yards and a first down. On the next series, Granada failed to make a first down.

A low snap caused the Granada punter to scramble before getting off an off balance kick resulting in the Falcons starting on the Granada 43. Foothill started strong as Oscar Harris ran around end for a 20 yard gain. A reverse to Jake Bussani moved the ball to the 6 yard line, first and goal. After a fumbled snap and a run up the middle for no gain, quarterback Austin Mann rolled right looking for Lance Willoughby in the end zone. With Willoughby losing his footing and unable to cut back to the ball, a Granada defender stepped in and made the interception on the 2 yard line.

Three runs totaling 9 yards gave the Matadors a fourth down and less than one yard on their 11. The Granada coach made the gutsy call to not punt and it paid off as the Matadors gained just enough for the first down. The Falcon defense shut down the Matadors allowing only three yards on the next three plays forcing a punt from the end zone. The Falcons began their drive with Harris sweeping right for a 23 yard gain. Two nice gains by Nick Quan and a penalty gave Foothill a fourth down and 2 at the 22 yard line. The handoff was to Harris, who not only got the first down but also a touchdown, giving Foothill a lead they would not relinquish. Langford's PAT made it 7 to 0 Foothill.

Granada converted another fourth down, but failed to advance the ball the necessary yardage on the next series and punted. Foothill moved the ball to the 19. Quan ran up the middle and had an open lane to the end zone, with the exception of the referee in his way. Avoiding the ref caused Quan to get tackled on the 5. Harris went off tackle for the TD. The PAT made it 14-0.

That was the end of the scoring for the half.

In the second half, Foothill again went to the sweep with Harris using his blockers to get to the end zone. Right tackle Nick Byron pancaked an unlucky Matador to the lead the run. An errant snap on the PAT left the score 20-0.

On their next possession, Foothill quickly capitalized with runs by Harris and Quan, culminating in a 15 yard TD run by Harris, his fourth of the day.

A QB sack by Jason Koth forced Granada to punt again. Garrett Moore returned the ensuing punt 50 yards to the Granada 6. After a Derrick Fisher run for one yard came the most dramatic play of the game. On a sweep around the right side, Fisher lost control of the ball. It was picked up by a Granada player and he was off to the races. The only person who could catch him was Fisher, who had gotten up after the scramble for the fumble and chased down the Granada player for nearly 80 yards, saving a touchdown. A penalty gave Granada the ball in their end of the field. Three plays later they punted.

Foothill also punted after two runs and a fumbled snap.

With their best field position of the day and time running out, Granada went to the air. An incomplete was followed by a QB rollout where defensive lineman Greg Scott chased down the QB from the opposite side for a loss. A pass interference call extended the drive one more play, until Bryce Allen intercepted a Granada pass on the 15 yard line. The last few plays of the game were runs by Hu, Hisaka, and Mende, the last one a 14 yarder by Hu. Final score Foothill 27, Granada 0. Granada only had four first downs. Granada only crossed midfield once all game, when Foothill turned the ball over to them on their 47 yard line.

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 on or before April 30, 2008. New players must bring original birth certificate and proof of residency. For more information visit: American_eTeamz.com/LALL_ (http://www.eTeamz.com/LALL_) Granada_eTeamz.com/granadall_ (http://www.eTeamz.com/granadall_) National_eTeamz.com/granadall_ (http://www.lnl.us_ (http://www.lnl.us/))

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Girls 10U Fun Fall Ball team forming. See www.geocities.com/LivermoreXtreme for more info. For location and dates email us at LivermoreXtreme@yahoo.com or leave msg for George at (925) 980-1461.

Smoke Registration

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 (form 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/

PGSL Registration

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 visit the PGSL website at 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%20Vacs/jobvac.htm Please contact Clark Conover, Athletic Director, Granada High School e-mail: CConover@livermore.k12.ca.us 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

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.treamsite.com/baseball/tigersbaseball

Rescue Groups Hold Adopt a Dog Event

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

The event will be held Saturday, October 20th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care in San Ramon. Rescue groups participating in the adoption event include Pug Rescue, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, Golden Gate Lab Rescue, Border Collie Rescue, Contra Costa Animal Services, SF Samoyed Rescue, Amazing Grey Greyhound Rescue, Northern CA Sled Dog Rescue and the Tri-Valley SPCA. Each group will have dogs available for adoption, information about their foster dogs and/or



Felix.

breed specific information, and most dogs can be taken home that day.

Doctor Franklin Utchen, co-owner of Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care, stated, "I believe it is the responsibility of veterinarians to help

Pleasanton's Honored Teacher Made Switch From Nursing

When Linda Gullick discovered that one of the most enjoyable things about her nursing career had been instructing others, it turned her in a new direction. Gullick was a nurse for 10 years, and a stay-at-home mom for another decade, while her four children were very young.

When she decided to re-enter the work world outside the home, she took some classes at Las Positas College about career selection. Teaching offered her the prospect of work hours that still gave her evenings with her children who were still in school. She decided to parlay her nursing background into teaching the bio-sciences.

Gullick has done well enough at Foothill High School for the past nine years to become the Pleasanton district's Teacher of the Year for the current school year. She was nominated by her fellow teachers, and won the honor from the school district administration, which did the selection in June.

Pleasanton school board member Chris Grant attended a

function in Hayward last week that honored Teachers of the Year from many of the county's school districts. All present had a chance to see video clips of the teachers in their classrooms, something that made the awards come alive.

Grant told the Independent, "Gullick's passion for education and her commitment to the kids of Pleasanton is tremendous. She is an inspiration to new teachers, and also invigorating for those who have been part of the profession for awhile."

Grant likes the fact that Gullick has inspired other teachers. He said that he spends much time in the schools. "I get to know teachers who are making a significant difference. The first thing I do, when I spend time with them, is ask who they are mentoring, and who are they helping in development."

Gullick has offered leadership in a couple of key areas. She helped launch the character education component at Foothill. Then she was asked by Kevin Johnson, who was principal then, to start a health and science acad-

emy, which this year has 95 students. Gullick is the lead teacher in the academy. There are four English teachers and a couple of science teachers on the team. The team approach provides students the chance to see that if they are headed into health careers, they will need writing skills for communications, as well as math and science skills to handle the profession's subject matter and processes.

The program takes students to hospitals and doctors offices for job shadowing. Gullick has even pressed her husband, Chris, a Fremont dentist, into service for job shadowing and interviews to students concerning dentistry.

The career academy has inspired many students to go on to careers in health services. It also has shown other students that a health career is not for them, which is also a valuable thing for students in choosing a career, said Gullick.

Gullick finds her career very satisfying. "I like being able to be in students' lives, listen to them, hear their concerns, and

Voice of the Wood Presents Program

Voice of the Wood, storytellers and performance artists, presents an afternoon of unique Halloween storytelling and more at the Pleasanton Library on Saturday, October 27. The performance includes a presentation of music, dramatic narration and masked movement.

No registration is required for this 45 minute program, which is suggested for children kindergarten age and older. The performance will be offered at 2:00 p.m., with free tickets distributed at the Children's Desk 30 minutes prior to the show. Doors will be closed to late arrivals once the program begins.

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

work with them in more than course work. I like to work historically, and support the students, as they go through four years of high school," she said.

"So much change happens in those four years. It can be a difficult time for many students. My experiences as a nurse, mother and teacher help me to support kids through this time," said Gullick.

The health services program itself, with exploration of such things as alcohol and drug abuse, naturally leads into talking with kids who are at risk for problems in those areas, said Gullick.

Reflecting on being honored by the district, Gullick said, "It has been a nice honor. Truthfully, I share it with every teacher at my site. They are all wonderful teachers. It could have been given to any teacher here. They put in long hours, and they care about students," she said.

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received \$475 and a field trip for their students to an area watershed from the East Bay Municipal Utility District. All other nominees received \$380 cash.

Lamoureux and Jones will now compete for the state's Teacher of the Year award. The California Department of Education will announce five Teachers of the Year in November. For more information on the program, visit www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/ct/.

review committee's visit to Livermore High.

"Her efforts played a huge part in Livermore High's selection as a California Distinguished School," says Bob See, Executive Director of Student Services and Special Education. "The review committee took special note of how well integrated the special education department is into the overall academic program at Livermore High."

Superintendent Brenda Miller describes Lamoureux as a committed teacher who invests her energy and talents in improving educational opportunities for students. "Linda demonstrates an unwavering commitment to her students and their academic success," she says.

This is the 18th year that the Alameda County Office of Education has organized this event to celebrate the best in teaching and recognize the hard work and effort put forth by all teachers in Alameda County. A total of 17 teachers were nominated, including Kimberly J. Baumann of Dublin High School, Linda Gullick of Foothill High School, and Denise Merlin of Tri-Valley ROP.

All nominees received a commemorative crystal bowl engraved with their name; a gift bag with \$70 in school supplies donated by Office Depot; a \$25 gift certificate to Lakeshore Learning Materials; and a family membership to the East Bay Regional Park District.

Lamoureux and Jones re-

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- * Who will help me enter the new location/market?
- * How do I attract business in that location to sell my product?
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- * How 9/11 has affected shipping and entry into international markets?

October 24th, 9:00am - Noon
Zephyr Grill & Bar Private Room - 1736 First Street in Livermore

To RSVP or if you have any further questions contact the Livermore Chamber Office at (925) 447-1606. This event is open to non-members as well as members, free of charge.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Friends and family gathered for the official dedication of the Pleasonton Hotel's Balcony in honor of Ed Kinney last Thursday. There was an impromptu gathering on the balcony in April 2005 when the balcony was first named in honor of Ed. The balcony was selected as a way to honor Kinney, because he had announced many parades from that location.

OBITUARIES

Arthur Lindsay Henry

Arthur L. Henry, age 80 of Monterey, passed away October 11, 2007 in his residence at the Park Lane, surrounded by his loving family. He was born June 30, 1927 in Livermore, California.

Mr. Henry was a graduate of Livermore High School and Stanford University. He served his country in the U.S Army during World War II. During his early life after the war he worked for his father, Maitland Henry publisher of Livermore Herald and news as news editor. Later in life he worked as an administrator at the Lawrence Livermore Labs.

Arthur served on the Livermore Library Board, Valley Memorial Hospital Board and Fallbrook Planning Commission. Arthur was also a long time Rotary Club member, and past president of the Fallbrook Friends of the Library. Arthur enjoyed travel, symphony, theater, reading and current events. He will be dearly missed by his loving family and friends.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Elizabeth (Driscoll) Henry, whom he married in 1953; his sons and daughters-in-laws, Arthur Jr. and Patti, and Kenneth and Laura; grandchildren, Marissa, Peter, Madeline and James. He is also survived by his sister, Nancy Lyons of Davis and his brother, Robert Henry of Stockton. He was preceded in death by one sister, Jean.

A celebration of life service will be held on Thursday October 18th from 1-3p.m at the Hyatt Park Lane Vista Room, 200 Glenwood Circle, Monterey.

Memorials in memory of Arthur may be made to the American Cancer Society. Friends are invited to sign the online guest book for Mr. Henry and leave condolences for the family at: www.thepaulmortality.com.

Barbara June Blanchard

Barbara June Blanchard (Rose) passed away in Pleasanton on Wednesday, October 10, 2007. She was 89 years old.

She was born in Boston, Massachusetts and moved to California where she met and married her husband, Fred Blanchard. She lived in Livermore from 1950 through 2007 and was active in the community. She was a long-standing member of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Livermore.

She is survived by a husband, Frederick S. Blanchard of Livermore; a daughter, Kathleen Stevens of Livermore; grandsons, Paul E. Nagel of El Dorado Hills and Brian K. Nagel of Fresno; granddaughter, Deborah A. Winoski of Suffolk, Virginia; great granddaughters, Jessica Nagel and Erin Nagel both of Fresno, Desiree Stevens of Suf-

folk, VA, and Kayla Nagel of El Dorado Hills; great grandsons Joshua Nagel of Fresno, Steven Nagel of El Dorado Hills and Christopher Winoski of Suffolk, Virginia.

Services were held on Saturday, October 13 in Livermore. Private burial was at Roselawn Cemetery, Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Mary Theresa Bigger

Mary Theresa Hall Bigger passed away October 11, 2007 in Concord at the age of 77. She was surrounded by her family.

Mary was born April 1, 1930 in Wenatchee, WA to Nelson Sr. and Bertha Hall. She spent her early childhood at Mason, WA on her father's apple orchard. During her father's term as Chelan County Sheriff, she lived in Wenatchee. She attended schools in Manson, Entiat, Methow, Tonasket, Chelan and Wenatchee, WA where her mother taught. Her high school years were spent at Holy Names Academy in Spokane, WA, graduating in 1948. At Washington State College she met her true love David R. Bigger. They married in June 1949. The Biggers lived in Bremerton and Hood Canal, WA. When David completed his education his job took the family to Pleasanton. They raised five children.

Mark (Sue) has two sons Ian and Eric. He lives in Widby Island, WA. Christina M. Debernardi has three daughters, Brenda, Chandra and Karen Duran in Pinole. Brett (Judi) lives in Lake Stevens, WA with children, Katie Kirk and Kent. Richard lives in Elk Grove. He has three children, Amanda, Josie and Mathew. His twin sister, Juli Mona (Frank III) lives in Livermore. Mary is also survived by a brother Nelson T. Hall (Sarah) of Wenatchee, WA, and several great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Her husband passed away June 30, 1989. She then moved to Elk Grove, where she suffered a stroke and has since resided in a nursing home in Concord.

Mary was a devout Catholic. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Oct. 18 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore.

Remembrances may be sent to Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton, CA 94566, or to a charity of choice.

Elaine Rose Steinmetz

Elaine Rose Steinmetz passed away Tuesday, October 9, 2007 in Walnut Creek. She was 67. She was a Livermore resident.

She was the daughter of Charles Edgar and Marion Rose Wilmeth of Toppenish, WA. Elaine was the devoted wife of

Lloyd for 48 years; mother of Joel, Scott, and daughter-in-law Suzie; and grandmother to Jessica and Kristina. Elaine was the sister of Phyllis Shaffer of Spokane, WA; the aunt to Matt, Jen, and Seth; and brother-in-law to Fred. She was deeply loved by a multitude of friends.

Elaine had an amazing ability to reach out to people. She loved to gather with friends for any occasion to celebrate. Her gifts and liveliness were shared with various groups of ladies that she became involved with through her many years of worshipping at Cedar Grove Community Church. These included birthdays, quilts (making quilts for orphans in Africa), walking, and tennis. Elaine loved to bake, cook, sew, play the piano, and anything else that goes into truly making a house a home. Although her physical absence leaves a great void, her spiritual presence will be with us always.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, at Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Avenue, Livermore. Burial is private.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Lawrence Michael Lund

Lawrence Michael Lund passed away October 8, 2007 after a brief illness. He was 67.

He was born August 29, 1940 in Sacramento to Victor and Mercedes Lund. He was a resident of Knights Ferry at the time of his death. He was raised on a cattle ranch in Pleasanton with his brother Victor and sister Loretta. He attended Pleasanton schools, graduating from Amador Valley High School in 1958. He attended San Jose State, City College of San Francisco, Cal Poly, and Chabot College.

In 1962, he entered the US Navy and received pre-flight training at the US Naval Academy in Pensacola, Florida and aviation training at the US Naval Aviation Training Center in Kingsville, Texas. He was awarded the National Defense Service Ribbon and the Vietnam Service Medal. In 1967, he was transferred from active duty to the US Navy Reserve at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, CA. He held the rank of Lieutenant Commander and received an honorable discharge in 1968.

He enjoyed ranching and raised cattle with his father on the Lund Ranch in Pleasanton. He was a commercial pilot for Pan American and Delta Airlines

Workshop on Conservation Easements

Farm and ranch families and their advisors are invited to attend an informational workshop about land conservation easements. The program is designed to help local families understand land protection opportunities and how to plan for them.

Alameda County Partnership for Land Conservation and Stewardship (PLCS) in cooperation with Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS) and Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD) presents "A Conversation with Hank and Scott Stone of Yolo Land and Cattle Company," the first workshop in the series entitled "Protecting Farms and Ranches with Easements."

The workshop will be held at the Martinelli Center, 3585 Greenville Road in Livermore on Monday, October 29, 2007 at 6 pm. Food is served. RSVP is requested at 925-371-0154 ext 111 or karen.sweet@acrkd.org.

The Stone Family, regional winners of the National Environmental Stewardship Award, will present their story about enhancing their ranches natural re-

sources and developing a conservation easement to protect it forever. They will be available to answer local ranching families' questions about their easement and decision-making process.

The workshop series will describe conservation and mitigation easements in detail, including how they happen, the roles of the landowner and of others that are involved. There will be information about local opportunities for natural resources enhancement and easements. There will also be a session on 'succession planning' to assist those who are preparing to make decisions about keeping their land in the family and in agriculture. Each workshop will include a personal story of a farming or ranching family, conservation experts and informational materials to take home. Multi-generational fam-

ily members are encouraged to attend and learn together.

The Partnership for Land Conservation and Stewardship program was formed by the Board of Supervisors in 2006 to facilitate the land conservation objectives of the County of Alameda. It is designed to work with landowners and existing conservation entities to bring mutually-beneficial opportunities together to make voluntary land protection happen. PLCS is a cooperative effort between the County and the ACRCD, and supported by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

For more information on this workshop or on the series, please contact Karen Sweet, Executive Officer at Alameda County Resource Conservation District at 925-371-0154 ext 111 or at karen.sweet@acrkd.org.

Hosterman Invites Community Members to Chat at Two Sessions

Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman will hold two community office hour sessions this weekend.

The first on Thurs., Oct. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. will be shared with Assemblyman Alberto Torrico. It will be held at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. No appointment is required.

The second session will be Sat., Oct. 20 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the planned Firehouse Arts Center.

"The Firehouse Arts Center will be a great addition to our

downtown. It will only add to the amenities that the downtown already offers our residents," said Hosterman. "I am inviting the community to join me to tour the building, take a look at the plans, give feedback, ask questions, and find out how to get involved."

The renovated Fire Station One on Railroad Avenue will be a 17,000 square foot facility. It will include a state of the art studio theater, an art gallery, two classrooms, a lobby, and office space. For more information about the plans, visit www.pleasantonartsfoundation.com.

Basket Brigade Launched

Hundreds of Tri-Valley and San Francisco Bay area residents in need will have a chance to celebrate a traditional Thanksgiving this year when volunteers from the Tri-Valley Basket Brigade personally deliver specially prepared food baskets to their homes.

On Saturday, November 17, Basket Brigade participants will come together to create special Thanksgiving baskets from donated food items and other essentials (such as blankets and phone cards) and then personally deliver them to area residents who would not otherwise be able to celebrate the holiday. The group's goal is to reach at least 200 local families.

The oversized baskets will be full of Thanksgiving goodies including turkeys, stuffing, cranberry and potatoes, as well as more practical items such as socks, sweatshirts and paper supplies. Additionally, the group will create smaller Thanksgiving backpacks, which they will distribute to the homeless.

"We've had a great response so far, but we can always use more hands and hearts," said co-

ordinator Reese Ramos. "Volunteers are still needed to make donations, as well as assemble and deliver the baskets. It's a great way to really embrace the spirit of the holiday."

During October and November the team will be collecting donated items for the baskets from individuals and organizations. On the morning of the event, volunteers will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton to build the baskets, which will then be delivered to local families.

The Tri-Valley Basket Brigade, a grassroots effort that relies entirely on donations from the local community, is organized by San Ramon-based husband and wife team Havener and Ramos. It is one of thousands of Basket Brigades that will occur all over the world thanks to the Anthony Robbins Foundation, a non-profit organization. The organization provides baskets of food and household items to more than 2 million people in 74 countries every year.

To make a donation or volunteer your time, visit www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com.

Open Heart Kitchen Director Leaving

Open Heart Kitchen Executive Director Carol Beddome has resigned her position effective October 12, 2007. The Open Heart Kitchen Board of Directors thanks Carol for her dedicated service to Open Heart Kitchen, her contributions to the significant growth of the organization over the past two years, and wishes her well in her future pursuits.

The Board of Directors has begun its search for qualified candidates for the Executive Director position. Day to day manage-

ment of Open Heart Kitchen programs continues under Nancy Wilson, Open Heart Kitchen's Operations Manager.

Groups and individuals interested in volunteering should call at the volunteer line at 925-580-1619 or email volunteer@openheartkitchen.org to inquire about current shift openings. For food donations, call Nancy Wilson at 925-580-6793. All other inquiries should be directed to Nancy Richardson at 925-580-1616.

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The Bach Brandenburg Concertos Electrify Audience

By Nancy O'Connell

All six of the Brandenburg Concertos by J.S. Bach were heard on Oct 11 in Livermore's new Bankhead Theater. The audience seemed transfixed by the Pacific Chamber Symphony's interpretation of these masterpieces which lay, all but forgotten, for over a hundred years. In the program notes we read that they were copied by Bach himself and given to Christian Ludwig, the Margrave of Brandenburg in 1721. Upon the latter's death, these six magnificent works were valued at only a few cents apiece! It is unbelievable that they weren't published until 1850.

We were the first audience to hear a concert with the acoustical shell surrounding the chamber orchestra on the stage. Anyone who has followed the struggles to improve the sound in Davies Symphony Hall knows that it often takes a long time to "get it right." From my position near the front, the sound on Thursday night was nearly perfect. Those in the back had difficulty hearing the harpsichord, but that instrument was designed to be heard in a much smaller hall.

We first heard Bach's "Concerto # 2 in F Major." Our modern orchestra is also pitched higher than in Bach's day. Maestro Kohl used a soprano sax instead of a piccolo trumpet because the tone is not so piercing. He explained that when he used

the piccolo trumpet, he often had the performer placed in the back of the stage behind all of the other musicians because of its loud, penetrating tone. The piccolo trumpet is also a fiendishly difficult instrument to play well, even in the hands of supposed masters. The *Allegro* movement with its driving rhythms created musical excitement. By placing the four soloists in front of the conductor, the balance was superb. All four soloists were in the high register: Celeste Golden on violin, David Henderson on soprano saxophone, Janet Ketchum on flute, and Robin May on oboe. In the *Andante* Nina Flyer, 'cellist, and the harpsichordist, Susan Harvey, played throughout while the three higher voices on violin, flute and oboe had beautiful passages in thirds. These exquisite phrases are haunting and unforgettable. During this movement all of the other players were *tacet*, or silent, so that each soloist was heard clearly. The third movement, *Allegro Assai*, brought back the entire chamber orchestra and the conductor. The intonation throughout was excellent, and the soprano sax provided a very different tone color from most recordings.

"Concerto #5 in D Major" followed. In Bach's day, the cadenza was developed to show off the instrument, not the performer. In Romantic music it became a showcase for the artist. The solo-

ists were Celeste Golden on violin and Janet Ketchum on flute. They stood in front of the conductor, facing the audience, so that they couldn't see Maestro Kohl. He therefore had to follow them carefully. In modern concertos the soloist often stands beside the conductor, and they have constant eye contact. In the time of Bach there would have been no separate conductor. The beat would have come from the first violinist or the harpsichordist. Can you picture Bach himself, seated at the keyboard, directing the rest of the orchestra? This harpsichord, a two-manual one created in Montreal, Canada, was brilliantly played by Susan Harvey in the challenging cadenza. Every 64th was crystal clear. The harpsichord is also difficult to keep in tune. Even a plane flying overhead can make it impossible to hear the vibrations - a problem Bach never encountered. It is also very different from the piano. There are no sustaining pedals. No crescendo or decrescendo is possible on this instrument. Only piano and forte can be achieved.

In "Concerto #3 in G Major" Maestro Kohl placed the three celli in front and those playing the violins, violas and double bass stood, encircling the seated cellists. The harpsichord provided a rich textural background, and the first violinist had effective solo passages answered by the second violin and the first

viola. There was another solo in the harpsichord which led to a full ensemble sound as everyone joined in. An exciting electricity ran through the chamber orchestra as the driving rhythms kept the excitement at a feverish pace.

After the intermission, "Concerto #1 in F Major" was heard. In the earlier publicity, Livia Sohn was to have been the violin soloist, but she was in a car accident last week and is recovering from a whiplash. Celeste Golden, who has won many competitions, stepped in and performed with great skill and virtuosity. In the *Adagio*, a beautiful duet between the oboe and the violin was accompanied by the chamber orchestra. Descending notes in the bassoon later were doubled in the 'celli and bass. The *Minuet* featured some demanding French horn passages.

Bach's "Concerto #6 in B Flat" had two viola soloists, and there are no violins in the entire work. Madeline Prager and Betsy London were the two soloists, and both were superb musicians. The viola is pitched a fifth below the violin, and it has a darker, richer tone. During the second movement the violists were accompanied by the cellist and a very quiet harpsichord. Nina Flyer had a beautiful, fluid tone to her cello. The *Allegro* was lively and demanding. This was difficult contrapuntal chamber music where every player was carefully

attuned to every other performer. The two solo violist's bows danced across the strings as the theme returned.

In "Concerto #4 in G Major" two flute players, Janet Ketchum and Leslie Chin, were featured with Celeste on the violin. They surmounted all of the demanding passages with ease and their playing was clean and precise, and Celeste played as a true virtuoso. The *Andante* opened with forte, piano, loud, soft, again and again, like the heavy breathing of some magic, mythical creature. With the *Presto* the concert reached a glorious conclusion with Maestro Kohl giving generous, sweeping arm movements and strong, exacting cues.

Years ago I attended Pablo Casals' master class for 'cellists at the University of California. He was then the foremost interpreter of Bach's music. He, like Maestro Kohl, conducted Bach with wide, sweeping gestures. He would have approved of Kohl's interpretation on Thursday night. Casals once said, "Bach must be conducted with the same passion that a pianist puts into Chopin. After all, Johann Sebastian Bach was a very healthy man who fathered 20 children."

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Scary Writing Kind of Night Planned

4th Street Studio invites writers to read and listeners to listen at its monthly Saturday Salon on Saturday October 20th at 7:30 PM at 4th Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street, in Livermore.

Readers have up to ten minutes to read. Public is welcome.

This month's salon is a Scary Writing Kind of a Night: writing that is King-like in its poetic use of language; might even make Poe eat crow before a raven-haired beauty—but only once; mirror the soul of Lestat; perhaps make Freddie give out Kruegerands; make Micheal eat Myer lemons.

Karen Hogan says, "Interpret the meaning of scary writing as you want. Scary writing could mean writing just blows us away with its profundity."

Livermore Wine Country Literary Harvest 2008, an anthology of writers who have read or attended one of the Saturday Salons, was released on October 13. To order a copy, Karen Hogan at

California Writers Meet in Pleasanton

The California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch offers writers of all genres and experience levels the opportunity to learn about their craft and share their work.

The next meeting is on Saturday, October 20 from 11:30 am - 2 pm at Oasis Grille, 780 Main Street, Pleasanton. Plot and story consultant Martha Alderson, author of "Blockbuster Plots Pure & Simple," will discuss her unique line of plot tools for writers and strategies for demystifying the structure of storytelling. As a consultant and educator, Alderson's clients include best-selling authors, screenwriters, writing teachers, and fiction editors.

The meeting cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Anyone curious about the group is invited to attend with no obligation to join although a reservation is required. Email Fred Norman at Fnorman300@aol.com or call 925-462-7495. For more information, contact Kathy Urban at 925-296-0447 or kkurban@sbcglobal.net or go to www.trivalleywriters.com.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Ruthless. Danville Role Players Ensemble production is a well-known spoof of Broadway musicals like *Gypsy* and *Mame*. 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, on-line at www.village theatreshows.com or call 925.314.3400.

The Essential Landscape: A Tribute to Nature's Bounty and Beauty, art exhibit at Deer Ridge Vineyard in Livermore. Landscapes by two California oil painters, Stephan Sanfilippo and Tom Taneyhill. The exhibit runs August 30 through October 28. All artwork is available for purchase. Deer Ridge Vineyards is located at 1828 Wetmore Road, Livermore. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Jazz at the Ridge. Poppy Ridge Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Every Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Smooth jazz by Two Guys or Opie Bellas and Jeff Massanar. Information 456-8215 or info@poppyridgegolf.com.

Comedy Showcase. Wednesdays 8:00-10:00 pm featuring 6-7 of the best comedians in the Bay Area. Doors open at 6:30, show starts at 8pm. Produced by Laugh-A-Lot Productions \$7.00 cover charge will be collected at the door. Full Restaurant and Bar menu available. No reservations required. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8106.

Sunday Blues and BBQ from 4-8 pm on the Patio Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8106.

Blues on the Patio Thursdays 5:30-9:30 pm. No cover charge. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8106.

Bocce Ball & Italian Dinner Night: Wednesdays: Oct. 24 The Foods of Sardinia. Dinner served with three glasses of complimentary vineyard selection wine, event takes place on outdoor courts with patio seating. Cellar Master Wayne Re is Bocce Captain and coordinates instruction and group play. Bring a group or come alone; all skill levels are welcome. \$34.95 person. Two seatings from 5:30-7pm. Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. 9 2 5 . 3 7 1 . 8 2 0 0 . www.garrewinery.com. Reservations required.

Cantabella Children's Chorus is in its 16th season. Upcoming performances include the annual winter concert on

December 8; Carmina Burana on March 8, 2008, and the spring performance in May. Cantabella Children's Chorus is a non-profit organization, under the direction of Bee Chow, which provides quality choral music education to children of the Tri-Valley. For more information about our concerts and concert dates or if you are interested in auditioning for the chorus, please visit our website at www.cantabella.org or call Bee Chow at 925-292-2663.

The Livermore Art Association Gallery, located at the Carnegie Building, 2155 Third Street, Livermore, is presenting an art show with the theme, "Wine and Dine Me." The show runs October 6th through November 29th. The dates and hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Oakland Ballet Company, inaugural return under the artistic direction of Ronn Guidi. Chevron and the Ronn Guidi October 20 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at historic Paramount Theatre in downtown Oakland with Michael Morgan conducting members of the Oakland East Bay Symphony. Program: Bolero, Afternoon of a Faun, Trois Gymnopédies, Carnival d'Aix. Ticket prices: \$15-50. To purchase tickets: www.ticketmaster.com or (510) 625-8497. For ticket information: Paramount Theatre at (510) 465-6400. For more information about the Oakland Ballet Company: www.RGFPA.org.

Images of America - Pleasanton, book-release party at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 19 at the Museum on Main Street, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. There is no admission fee. No reservations are necessary. Wine and dessert will be served. Author Mary-Jo Wainwright, who is donating a portion of her book sales to the Museum, will be presenting a brief talk. Books can be purchased that night for \$21.75 each, including tax. Proceeds to benefit the Museum on Main and will help provide funds to ensure the preservation of our rich local heritage. For information, call (925) 462-2766.

Puccini's "La Boheme" Presented by Livermore Valley Opera Saturdays, October 20 & 27 - 8:00 pm and Sundays, October 21 & 28 - 2:00 pm. Pre-opera lecture, one hour before curtain time. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets or information 925-960-9210 or www.livermorevalleyopera.com/

Sisters in Crime will host a panel discussion at 2 p.m. on Oct. 21 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal

Ave. Sisters in Crime is an international organization of writers, readers, booksellers, librarians, agents, editors, reviewers and teachers interested in raising awareness of women's contributions to the mystery genre. Their motto is "Quaking in Our Boots." For more information, contact Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

Bank On It Art Show at US Bank, Livermore, October 23-Nov. 6. Sponsor: Livermore Art Association & US Bank

Pleasanton Playhouse, Little Shop of Horrors, Oct. 19-Nov. 4, Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. Livermore High School Theatre, 458 Maple St., Livermore. Tickets 462-2121, www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Livermore Downtown Trick or Treat, Thurs., Oct. 25, 4 to 7 p.m. free admission. Hosted by downtown businesses, Livermore Downtown Inc. 373-1795.

Jake Shimabukuro, one of the world's top ukulele musicians, Oct. 25 8pm, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

California Independent Film Festival Horror Festival on October 25-27: Vine Theater, Livermore. Information and tickets 925-558-2797.

Jazz Concert Series: Friday, October 26, 8 p.m. Hot Club of San Francisco at the Front Row Theatre. Back by popular demand! Gypsy Swing, led by Paul Mehling on violin, mandolin and banjo, recreates Django Reinhardt and 1930's Hot Club of Paris. Known worldwide, group also features guitarists Jason Vanderford and Jeff Magidson, bassist Ari Munkers and Evan Price on violin. Desserts by Mudd's Restaurant. www.clib.org/programs/jazz/events.html. For questions, call San Ramon Library at 925-973-2850.

Foothill High School Band Review, Oct. 27. Day of competition includes concerts at Foothill High School; parade competition in downtown Pleasanton; and field competition at the high school. Information at www.foothillband.org.

Writers' Workshop with Robert Dugoni will be held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 28 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Learn and understand what makes a judge, an agent, editor, and reader pick up a story and keeps them from putting it down. For more information, contact Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

Jazz Concert Series: Sunday, October 28, 2 p.m., "Brotherly Jazz: The

Heath Brothers;" Viewing & Q&A by Producer Danny Scher at the San Ramon Library. Documentary gives insight into the lives of the legendary Heath Brothers: Percy, Jimmy and Albert Heath. Bay Area producer Danny Scher provides commentary and answers questions about his film. Free admission. Information, 973-2850.

Oktoberfest - Traditional Festival, Great Fare October 20, 2007, 5:30 p.m. at Deer Ridge Vineyards, 1828 Wetmore Rd., Livermore. Music, fine wines, and hors d'oeuvres. German style gourmet sausages and tasty side dishes prepared by Hap's Catering. Foods will be paired with wines and ales carefully selected by the chef. Weather permitting, our setting for dinner will be the Vineyard View Courtyard, overlooking the beautiful changing colors of our Petite Sirah vines. The barrel room will be our (really cool) back-up venue. \$30.00 per person, plus tax and gratuity. For reservations, please call 1-(866) 561-0838, 925 743-9427 or www.DeerRidgeVineyards.com.

Pleasanton Senior Players old-time melodrama, "Dr. D.K. Molar, The Devious Dentist." Fri., Nov. 2, 7 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 3, 2 p.m.; and Sun., Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. Senior Players reprise their roles in a new episode of "The Return of the Golden Girls of Pleasanton." The evening includes a light dessert. The performance will be at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Tickets are \$9.00/\$10.00N (advanced reservation), \$10.00/\$11.00N at the door. For more information, call 931-5365.

Cutting Edge Books, a juried exhibition by Artist members of Pacific Center for the Book Arts (PCBA) and Student Books, a companion show by Cal State East Bay art students, will share the University Art Gallery from Oct. 22-Nov. 29 (except Nov. 22). The exhibit is open from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday in the Art & Education Building, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward. Admission is free. The professional show includes work of 31 artists that goes beyond traditional books to include page unnumbered by binding, nontraditional materials, free form shapes and interactive media. Student Book Art, by 25 Cal State East Bay art students, utilizes a range of book structures from simple pamphlets, to accordion folds, to scrolls, to unique bindings of the student's own devising. Information: http://class.csueastbay.edu/artgallery/ or 510-885-3299.

Bankhead Theater Bricks Under Weather

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) Bankhead Theater bricks and seats campaign continues to grow in popularity. However, the placement and engraving of the bricks is experiencing a temporary "rain check" created by wet conditions and a backorder of brick pavers. Due to some rain and courtyard cleaning in preparation for the grand opening of the theater, the etching and placement of bricks has been delayed. Their porous content soaks up water and retains it for many days. Both the bricks and the ground underneath them must be completely dry in order to proceed.

In addition, some sizes of the pavers are on temporary backorder due to a flurry of orders as the theater neared comple-

tion. LVPAC expects orders received prior to the end of September will be completed and installed by early November. New commemorative bricks may take 3 to 4 weeks.

Granite tiles located in front of the theater are sold out. However, due to overwhelming demand, similar granite tiles in the Madden Family Courtyard, located on the east side of the theater are now available. The 24" x 24" squares may have text, logos or artwork engraved for a \$1,500 donation. Three sizes of darker colored brick pavers installed in the front of the theater are still available for donations of \$150 to \$1000.

Commemorative seats within the Bankhead Theater are available. The seats have a brushed stainless plaque that can be in-

scribed with the donor's name. In addition, LVPAC has a few benches left within the Livermore Valley Park Plaza for naming sponsorship opportunities. More information can be ob-

tained by visiting www.livermoreperformingarts.org, the Bankhead ticket office at 2400 First Street, or by calling 925-373-6100 x.104.

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British Women come for a "cuppa" and a chat with sister Brits in the local chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire. Meetings are 3rd Tues. of month in Pleasanton. Phone 875-0828 or 484-1273 for information. www.dbesociety.org or www.dbemca.org.

Style with Wine at Flobell, Fri., Oct. 19, 6 to 9 p.m. live fashion show; champagne by Battaion Cellars; hors d'oeuvres. 2080 First St., Livermore. RSVP on-line at www.flobell.com or 243-1065.

The Art of Negotiating, program presented by Diane Jeronimo, master negotiator. Thurs., Oct. 25. Sponsored by the Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women. Event begins at 6 p.m. at Cafe Nordstrom in the Stoneridge Mall, Pleasanton. Call Mona, 829-3505 for reservations. Cost is \$18 for dinner and program.

Clothing Drive, Savvy Seconds, an upscale consignment boutique located at 327A St. Mary Street in Pleasanton will celebrate its first anniversary with a clothing drive to benefit Wardrobe for Opportunity and a party to thank its customers and consigners for a great first year in business. Donations of men's and women's clothing in good condition and acceptable for a professional office environment will be accepted at the store between 10 am and 9 pm on Friday, November 16. The anniversary party will take place that evening from 5 to 9 pm to coincide with Downtown Pleasanton's Magical Holiday Evening, which includes

carolers, musicians, free food, and much more.

Livermore Library Board of Trustees, meets 7 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 25 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group, meets Tues., Oct. 23, 10 a.m. at Heritage Estates Retirement Community second floor conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. A certified massage practitioner will speak about pain management through massage. Info: Lorene Stack, 447-6158, or Ann Laye, 443-4098.

Dessert-Dance, Fri., Oct. 26, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Dessert served 6:30 p.m., dance at 7 p.m. Music by the Treblemakers. Information, 931-5365. Fee.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Oct. 20, 60 miles easy century along the American River Trail, meet 10 a.m. in Old Town Sacramento in Discovery Park, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sat., Oct. 20, 22 miles from Alamo, through Danville, San Ramon and Blackhawk, meet 9 a.m. at Stone Valley Plaza, Karin Ball, 408-406-2286. Sun., Oct. 21, 27 miles annual ice cream and cookies ride Benicia into Martinez/Crockett, Edith Norby, 707-748-1508. Wed., Oct. 24, 24 miles San Ramon to Rudgear Road, meet 9:30 a.m. in Central Park, Bekki Livingston, 735-8327. Thurs., Oct. 25, 60 miles Calaveras Road to Milpitas, meet 10 a.m. at Val Vista Park in Pleasanton, Curtis Stallins, 922-2461. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Lake Chabot Mountain Ride, 6 p.m. every Tuesday in Oct. No-drop mountain ride

with Cyclepath group. Meet at Ranger station; approx. two hours. Riders should be in good fitness. Free. Information 485-3218 or www.cyclepath.com.

Sunday ride, 9 a.m. every Sunday in October. No-drop group ride; routes vary. Meet 9:30 a.m. at Cyclepath; average 25 to 55 miles. 337-B Main St., Pleasanton. Free. Information, 485-3218 or www.cyclepath.com.

Class Ideas, Interested in teaching, sharing a special talent or have some bright idea? Livermore Adult Education is looking for community members who have talents and training which may qualify them to teach a class, or ideas for new courses and workshops. Phone 925-606-4722 for more information.

Free Yoga and Breath Workshop, Mon., Oct. 22, 7 p.m. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Taught by an Art of Living teacher. The Art of Living Foundation is a non profit educational humanitarian organization in over 142 countries worldwide. Bring a yoga mat, a blanket for warmth in meditation, and dress in loose comfortable clothing. All library programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required. For more information, please call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

1st Annual Tri-Valley Basket Brigade, A special Thanksgiving community food drive that elevates giving to a personal level. Participants will gather together to create Thanksgiving Baskets from donated food and much-needed staple items. They will then have the opportunity to personally deliver the baskets to specially designated Tri-Valley and San Francisco Bay area residents in need. Sat., Nov. 17, 9 a.m. until baskets are filled and delivered. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopayrd Rd., Pleas-

anton. A hands-on way to reach out to the community and personally touch the life of another this holiday season. Volunteers are needed to donate food, assemble baskets, deliver baskets and help organize and execute the event. For more information contact Mimi Field at mimifieldpr@comcast.net or visit www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com.

Passport To Adventure, The Pleasanton Senior Center's "Passport to Adventure" series continues as guest speaker Linda Almazan, from Pleasanton's Parks and Community Services presents "Alaska." DVD presentation includes images from her recent Alaskan cruise with stops in Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan and Victoria's Buschart Gardens. Friday, Oct. 26 at 10:00am, 5353 Sunol Blvd. No charge. For more information, call 931-5365.

Romania Animal Rescue, Inc., fundraiser event, Nov. 3, Hiking and wine tasting 9 mile hike in Annadel State Park, followed by wine tasting at St. Francis Winery. \$75 per person. Please reserve space by contacting ahhptp://www.romanianimalrescue.com/calendar.htm or email Nancy Janes at romaniadogs@sbcglobal.net or call her at 925-672-5908.

American Sewing Guild: Home Decorating with Karen McCullough. Bring pictures of problems for tips and solutions. ASG Members \$15, Non-Member \$20, Saturday, October 27, 9:00am - 1:00 PM, Walnut Creek United Methodist Church, Social Hall, located at 1543 Sunnyvale Avenue, Walnut Creek. For more information at www.asgwalnutcreek.org or 925-439-4559.

Oktoberfest, Sat., Oct. 27, Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Cocktails 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Entertainment by the Karl Leiberz Band. \$18 per person. RSVP by Oct. 24 at 455-8829.

Monster Mayhem, City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Youth will host the annual Haunted House, Monster Mayhem, on Thursday, October 25, and Friday, October 26, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Amador Recreation Center located at 4455 Black Avenue, Pleas-

anton, Calif. Tours will be on the half hour: 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30 recommended for children under 9 years old. Admission is \$5.00 in advance (under 3 years free) and \$10.00 at the door (under 3 years free). Tickets can be purchased at the Parks and Community Services office located at 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays beginning October 1st. For more information, please call (925) 931-5340.

Class On California Native People, Las Positas College Community Extension will present "They Were Here First: An Introduction To California Native Culture" on Friday October 26. The class will be taught by Patricia Belding, and will run from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, the last hour to be a movie. Those interested may enroll by phone at 925-424-1467 or on the College's web site at www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed The fee is \$39.

RELIGION
Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Theme for Oct. 21 is "What You Said..." as compiled and presented by the Ministerial Search Team. Information 447-8747.

Mirna Wati, an Indonesian Minister will be speaking on Tuesday, October 30, 7 - 8:45pm at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Drive in Dublin, CA 94568. She is devoting her life to Christian outreach, church planting and child development in the most dangerous and remote regions of Indonesia. Her visit is sponsored by Sisters in Service (www.sistersinservice.org), whose mission is to inform, equip and mobilize advocates to extend God's love to oppressed women and children through local partnerships in the least-reached places of the world. The Oct 30th program will include music and refreshments. Please call Gloria Gregory at 925-998-3785 for more information.

Mass of Remembrance, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. In honor of loved ones who have died. If desired, bring a small picture or memento.

Tri-Valley Unity Church meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Sunday service at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call (925) 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

Operation Christmas Child Underway

From now through Christmas 2007, Bay Area families, churches, scout troops, schools, civic clubs, and businesses are filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse.

Last year, more than 7.6 million boxes filled with toys, school supplies and personal items were collected and shipped. In 2006, over 40,000 filled shoe boxes were contributed by Bay Area residents. This year, more than 8 million suffering children in more than 100 countries on six continents will receive personal, gift-filled shoe boxes.

During National Collection Week, November 12-19, filled shoe boxes can be dropped off at CrossWinds Church; 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin, 800-383-1459.

Complete instructions about filling, labeling and delivering boxes to churches, and collection centers are at www.samaritanpurse.org or by calling 800-353-5949. Bay Area information phone numbers:

More than 250,000 volunteers worldwide, including some 126,000 volunteers in the United States will join forces to prepare

the boxes for transport to distant lands.

The shoe box gifts will be filled and donated by millions of individuals in 11 countries: the United States, Canada, Australia, Austria, Germany, Finland, Ireland, The Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and New Zealand.

The shoe box gifts are inspected and prepared for overseas shipment in six major centers across the United States: Boone, N.C.; Charlotte, N.C.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Atlanta; Denver; Orange County, Calif. Then, the shoe box gifts are loaded onto some of the world's largest cargo planes, trucks, and sea containers bound for the far reaches of the earth.

Once the gifts are transported to countries around the world, Samaritan's Purse teams and partners transport them by truck, bus, train, helicopter, boat, foot, dog sled, mule, and even camel to hurting children.

Samaritan's Purse national partners will hand-deliver the shoe box gifts to 8 million children in more than 100 countries.

Operation Christmas Child began in the United States in 1993 with 28,000 shoe box gifts. Since then, the project has collected more than 54 million shoe box gifts and hand-delivered them to needy children in some 120 countries, including: Children in war torn Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, and other Middle Eastern countries (2006); young survivors of the horrific tsunami in Southeast Asia (2005); school children attacked by terrorists in Beslan, Russia (2004); Ugandan children devastated by the HIV/AIDS pandemic (2002); war orphans in Kosovo (1999), Bosnia and Croatia (1995-1996), and Rwanda (1994); and children in Honduras and Nicaragua left homeless by Hurricane Mitch (1998).

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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 94577 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Glen Peterson, 3010 Verdala Dr., 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 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.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401409-401410
The following person (s) doing business as 1)Paradigm Coaching and Consulting, 2)Paradigm Coaching, 1612 Cheryl Drive, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Jennifer Backer, 1612 Cheryl Drive, 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/:Martin Hernandez
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names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s/:Jennifer Backer
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 24, 2007. Expires September 24, 2012.
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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.
Anthony V. Bell Jr. 813 Roma St., Livermore CA 94551
Rebecca S. Bell 813 Roma St., Livermore CA 94551
Martin Hernandez 1737 First St., Livermore CA 94550
This business was conducted by:joint venture
Signature of Registrant: /s/:Martin Hernandez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on September 20, 2007.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 400936
The following person (s) doing business as, Cal Reporting, 5622 Paseo Navarro, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Stacy Leigh Lozano, 5622 Paseo Navarro, Pleasanton CA 94566
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/:Stacy L. Lozano
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401274-401275
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
This business is conducted by:an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 18, 2007.
Signature of Registrant: /s/:Martin Hernandez

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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
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 1, 2007.
Signature of Registrant: /s/:Glenn Stewart
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 1, 2012.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401871
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Signature of Registrant: /s/:Karen B. Davis
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 401255
The following person (s) doing business as, Design Discoveries, 2488 Ancona Circle, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Christopher Anderson, 2488 Ancona Circle, Livermore CA 94550
This business is conducted by:an individual
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Signature of Registrant: /s/:Christopher J. Anderson
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PATRICIA J. FERREIRA Case No. VP07349110
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **PATRICIA JANE FERREIRA, PATRICIA J. FERREIRA**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **JOHN R. FERREIRA** in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **JOHN R. FERREIRA** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: **NOVEMBER 5, 2007 AT 1:30PM IN Dept. 707 at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA 5672 STONERIDGE DR., PLEASANTON CA 94588 GALE/SCHENONE HALL OF JUSTICE**
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a **Request for Special Notice** (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A **Request for Special Notice** form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: **STUART G. SCHMIDT, Esq.** 983 University Ave., Suite 104C Los Gatos, CA 95032 408-356-3000
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Marcus Silva (Audrey II) (left) and Tom Reardon (Orin) appear in Pleasanton Playhouse's production of "Little Shop of Horrors."

Main Stage Season Opens With 'Little Shop of Horrors'

"Little Shop of Horrors" will be the first Pleasanton Playhouse show on the main stage for the 24th season.

The musical runs October 19 through November 4 at the Livermore High School Theater in Livermore.

The show is based on the 1960 black comedy film, "Little Shop of Horrors." It follows nerdy flower shop worker Seymour Krelborn as he finds, tends to and ultimately falls victim to an alien plant that feasts on human blood. The plant brings Seymour fame, fortune and love and promises to continue only if Seymour keeps feeding it human bodies. Eventually, neither Seymour nor his love Audrey can appease the blood-thirsty plant.

The show features Stephen Foreman as Seymour, Amy Nielson as Audrey, Tom Reardon as Orin, John Sellen as Mushnik and Marcus Silva as Audrey II.

Book and lyrics for "Little Shop of Horrors" were written by Howard Ashman, with music by Alan Menken. The musical is based on the film by Roger

Corman and screenplay by Charles Griffith.

Memorable songs include "Skid Row," "Somewhere That's Green," "Dentist," "Feed Me (GitIt)," and "Suddenly Seymour."

The show is produced by Kathleen Breedveld and directed by Mike Kasin. Musical direction is by Michael Strelow-Smith and choreography Victoria George and Shawnel Buitrago-Herbst.

Shows are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays Oct. 19-Nov. 4 at the Livermore High School Theater, 600 Maple Street, Livermore.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors age 60 and older and \$20 for juniors 18 and younger. Tickets can be purchased 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Pleasanton Playhouse box office at 1048 Serpentine Lane, #307 or by telephone at 925-462-2121 or 925-484-4486. Tickets can also be purchased online at atwww.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

'La Boheme' Slated at Bankhead Theater

Livermore Valley Opera (LVO) will be the first local performing arts group to stage a regular season performance in the dramatic new Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. LVO will present La Boheme by Giacomo Puccini, one of the world's most popular operas, on October 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28, 2007.

Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m., Sunday performances at 2 p.m.

La Boheme is a tale of two young Bohemians in Paris, the poet Rodolfo and the seamstress Mimi.

A special Friday performance has been added to the La Boheme run at the Bankhead Theater offering tickets at all seating levels at a \$10 price reduction on Frugal Friday, October 26. Individual tickets normally range from \$35 to \$55.

For those who want to add dinner to their opera experience, all playbills at the Bankhead Theater will contain a temporary Downtown Discount coupon, in partnership with Livermore Downtown Inc, and participating merchants and restaurants. Attendees may use the discount card for dinner after the show, or if they have attended one of the gala events, the discount card can be used for dinner before the opera.

All patrons are invited to come an hour early for a pre-performance lecture about the story line, the personalities and the



Rebecca Garcia performs with Livermore Valley Opera.

lore associated with this particular opera given by Philip Manwell, Dean of Arts & Communication at Las Positas College.

LVO's second run of La Boheme is double cast in all lead roles and features Rebecca Garcia, a Livermore resident and award-winning soprano, cast in the role of Mimi. She is the recipient of several vocal awards that include an award as Metropolitan Opera national finalist and a Metropolitan Opera Pacific winner. The orchestra will be conducted by Alexander Katsman, with Yefim Maizel directing and Raquel Holt, an LVO founding member, as producer.

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The forty minute production will take place in Room 601. Admission is free. The campus address is 3033 Collier Canyon Road in Livermore.

The Fabulous Fable Factory tells the story of a young boy who discovers a strange machine that creates fables. With its inventor, Aesop, the machine enacts several of his famous stories while the boy supplies the lessons or morals to each tale.

The show was written by Joseph Robinette and is produced and directed by LPC Theater Instructor, Ken Ross. The show is both educational and entertaining and is appropriate for ages K through 6 as well as for members of the whole family.

During the month of October, the show will be touring to Smith, Michell and Croce Elementary Schools in Livermore, Lydiksen and Walnut Grove Schools in Pleasanton and Nielsen School in Dublin.

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Work by Landscape Artist at Studio 7

Studio 7 Fine Arts is hosting an exhibition featuring the work of California artist Vicki Asp. She is known for her vineyard and local landscape acrylics. This free exhibition can be viewed at 400 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton, from October 20-28.

A celebrated plein-air painter, Asp creates small paintings on location. Her inspiration involves the sensory experience of being in nature, which is something a photograph cannot provide. Asp also sets herself apart as an artist with her talent for painting extremely large canvases—some as large as 108x36 and 60x96.

Her paintings depict sweep-

ing views of Northern California vineyards, Mount Diablo and other local scenes. While the actual landscapes she paints may seem familiar to many, there is a kind of magical quality in her portrayal of these everyday scenes. Awash in natural light and shadow, with masterfully colored scenes of rolling hills and lush foliage, wildflowers, reflective rivers and streams, her paintings not only dazzle the eye, they present the illusion of engaging all the senses.

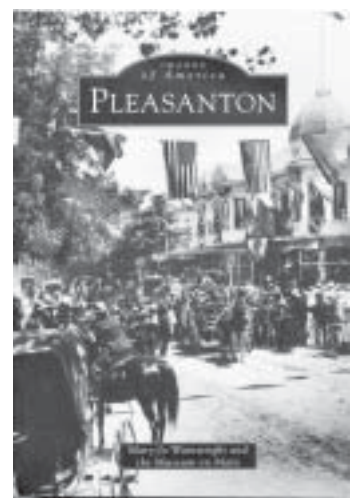
For more information about Studio 7 Fine Arts or the exhibition, please call 846-4322, or visit www.studio7finearts.com.

Pleasanton Book Debuts As Fund-raiser for Museum

A new photo-filled book on Pleasanton history, "Images of America - Pleasanton," will be launched at a book-release party at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 19 at the Museum On Main Street, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. There is no admission fee. No reservations are necessary.

Wine and dessert will be served. Author Mary-Jo Wainwright, who is donating a portion of her book sales to the Museum, will be presenting a brief talk. Books can be purchased that night for \$21.75 each, including tax. Proceeds to benefit the Museum on Main and will help provide funds to ensure the preservation our rich local heritage.

The book, published by Arcadia Publishing, will also be available for purchase and signing by the author from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, October 20 at the Pleasanton Farmers Market in



downtown Pleasanton and from noon to 2 p.m. in front of the Museum On Main Street.

"Images of America - Pleasanton" features 220 historic photos, many previously unpublished from the archives of the Amador-Livermore Valley Soci-

ety that operates the museum. Photos include Main Street buildings, the race track, Castlewood, farms, pioneer settlers including the Bernal, Kottinger and Neal families, along with early residents such as Henry Mohr and Joseph Black, parades and other festivities, the county fairgrounds, Hearst's Hacienda del Pozo de Verona, and land grant and other maps.

The book provides brief histories of the Native Americans, Spanish and Mexican settlers and early American pioneers. It highlights the importance of Pleasanton's thriving agricultural past and the development of the town from Mexican land grant to suburban job center in the San Francisco Bay Area. Coverage includes the development of Pleasanton's famous Main Street and how it maintained its historical character.

Other important topics are the history of the Pleasanton race track and Alameda County Fair, the residency of Phoebe Apperson Hearst, and the making of early Hollywood movies in Pleasanton.

Mary-Jo Wainwright is a history instructor at Imperial Valley College in Imperial, CA and a public historian and consultant specializing in California and local history. She holds a B.A. degree from the University of California, Berkeley; and a M.A. degree from California State University, East Bay.

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Walk for Hunger Scheduled

Several local Tri-Valley churches are inviting the Tri-Valley community to join them for their first annual Walk for Hunger on Sunday, October 28. The walk will begin at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton (just off Santa Rita Road, across from Amador Park, near downtown Pleasanton).

The five-mile walk starts at 1 pm and winds its way through Pleasanton. Walkers are invited to sign up.


To goal of the Walk for Hunger is to raise \$10,000 in funds to feed those in need in the Tri-Valley in support of Open Heart Kitchen and Alameda County Community Food Bank meal programs. "One out of four families in the Tri-Valley are struggling to make ends meet and nutritious food is often the first item cut from the budget," says Mary Ellen Huey, Walk Organizer.

Nancy Richardson Board President of Open Heart Kitchen, stated, "The Walk for Hunger is important as studies show that the lack of having access to nutritionally adequate food results in a higher incidence of serious psychological and education consequences which is ultimately more costly to our community than offering a free prepared, nutritious meal."

Walkers are invited to sign up by calling Mary Ellen Huey at 925-485-1795, by email greyhare@comcast.net or coming by Lynnewood's office at 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. Each walker is encouraged to collect donations towards the Walk's \$10,000 goal.

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