



## Find Out What's Happening

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Section II is filled with information about arts, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board list

## Fund-Raiser For Open Heart Kitchen Set

How about a day-long sail on the San Francisco Bay aboard a 36-foot sailboat?

Or perhaps a private "Pilates for Two" session in your home, or a golf package at an up-scale local course?

These adventures—as well as dozens of other top-of-the-line items—are part of the Silent Auction headlining "Put a Little Love in your Life," a benefit for Open Heart Kitchen sponsored by Livermore's Blacksmith Square on Sunday, October 2 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Live music, local wine and food pairings, specialty beers, gourmet foods, and boutique shopping will also entertain visitors.

(See OPEN HEART, page 3)

## Livermore Airport's Open House Planned

The community is invited to the 16th Annual Livermore Airport Open House Saturday October 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Open House is a free event featuring aerobatic performances, exhibits, food, a display of numerous aircraft, and entertainment for all ages. The Livermore Municipal Airport is located at 636 Terminal Circle, off Airway Blvd. from I-580.

Pilots with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) will be on hand to provide a free introduction to aviation for youngsters. Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger will join the EAA local chapter 663 from 10am to 1pm. Captain Sullenberger will give airplane rides to the first 10 children (ages 8 to 17, accompanied by an adult) who sign up beginning at 10 a.m. Following the flights, Sully will discuss

(See AIRPORT, page 3)



**RABBIT OF THE MONTH**  
Hello. My name is Cupcake. I'm a little Dutch Girl, about 4 months old. I dance, leap and jump really high, but I'm really a lap bunny. I fly from my cage into my foster mom's arms, and sit in her lap forever. I'm a sweetie. To meet me, call East Bay Rabbit Rescue at 925.449.6368 or email ebrabbit@comcast.net for an appointment. Meet additional rescues daily at the Dublin Petco, located at 11976 Dublin Blvd. Rabbits are available for adoption during store hours. Visit www.eastbayrabbit.petfinder.com to see more profiles.

# Cybersecurity cited as Major issue for U.S.

By Jeff Garberson

Computer security is a profound and emerging problem for the U.S., a potential game-changer that is so early in its evolution that we don't yet know if it may threaten our economy, our national security or our governmental operations.

From sporadic hacking by high school kids to the systematic exposure of classified military and diplomatic information by Wikileaks, the problem appears likely to get worse, according to a national defense expert at

the University of California at Berkeley.

The expert is Michael Nacht, a professor at Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy, who has led several major defense studies in Washington and serves as a consultant to Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos National Laboratories.

He spoke last week in Pleasanton at a meeting of the Valley Study Group.

Although many have noted that computers and internet communications are vital and vul-

nerable, Nacht's cautions carry particular weight because of the roles he has played in the defense community.

Most recently, he served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs, stepping down last year to return to Berkeley. For three years, he chaired panels for the Defense Department's Threat Reduction Agency on stopping terrorism and the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

In the 1990s, he was an assistant director of the Arms Control

and Disarmament Agency. He joined President Bill Clinton for five summit conferences – four with Russian President Boris Yeltsin, and one with Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

Despite the seriousness of his topic and his seniority in the national policy arena, he entertained his audience in Pleasanton last week with human and sometimes humorous stories of working in Washington.

He found his years there both "exhilarating" and "exhausting," in sharp contrast to the urban leg-

end popular in some quarters that Washington bureaucrats have soft jobs and easy hours.

A typical day at the Pentagon was intense and filled with meetings starting at 7:30 a.m. He was joined by military officers who were "very smart and had their own, strong views" on key matters of national policy such as the role of nuclear weapons in NATO and the effectiveness of ballistic missile defense.

The meetings continued on and off until 7:30 p.m., after (See SECURITY, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore still maintains its rural heritage. This scene was shot in North Livermore.

## Adjustments on Williamson Act Language Headed to Supervisors

Revisions to the county's Williamson Act polices have been recommended by the Alameda County Planning Commission.

The panel approved the changes at its meeting Sept. 6, after hearing for a second time from the public concerning the changes.

The revised draft of the policies will go to the Board of

Supervisors' Transportation and Planning Committee for its meeting at 9 a.m. Oct. 3 in the county administration building, 1221 Oak St., Oakland.

The county had not revised its policies to keep up with changes in court rulings and the law, so the revisions are being made. The goal is to conform with current state policy on the Williamson

Act.

The Williamson Act, passed by the Legislature in 1965, allows applicants who qualify to have their parcels assessed at a relatively small fraction of market value. The idea is to keep agriculture in business by avoiding the higher assessed value that would be placed on parcels if they were to be developed.

A Williamson Act contract runs for 10 years. It is automatically extended every year. If a landowner wants to drop out of the Williamson Act, there is a procedure for doing so.

The county's new policies on the Williamson Act show no major changes. However, some of the changes may enable broader (See WILLIAMSON, page 4)

## Pleasanton To Take Input on Oak Grove Agreement

The Pleasanton City Council met in closed session Monday night to discuss approval of a tolling agreement with the Lin family.

The council decision was to hold a special meeting on Oct. 3 to take public comment on the proposed tolling agreement. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The Lin family currently has two lawsuits moving forward in the courts. At the center of the lawsuits is the 51 unit custom home Oak Grove development in the southeast hills of Pleasanton.

A tolling agreement would allow the Lins to maintain the two lawsuits while a new 10-unit project moves through the city's approval process.

One lawsuit involves an appeal of a court decision issued earlier this year that dismissed a lawsuit challenging whether a development agreement was voided along with the planned unit development (PUD) ordinance for Oak Grove. The second legal action, is a complaint asking for damages.

The city has already submitted a joint request with the Lins to ask for an extension of time for the Lins to file an opening brief on their appeal.

City Attorney Jonathan Lowell commented that the request for the extension was to allow for discussion to continue on a

(See AGREEMENT, page 4)

## Three Candidates Running for Mayor

Three candidates are running for Livermore mayor in the November 2011 election.

The current mayor, Marshall Kamena, reached term limits and could not run again for that position.

The candidates are Barbara Hickman, John Marchand and Minuete McKernan.

Each was interviewed by The Independent on a variety of issues, including the urban growth boundary, Doolan Canyon, job growth, BART, and budget priorities. The interviews are in alphabetical order.

activity. Each was also asked what issues were of interest.

The interviews are in alphabetical order.

### BARBARA HICKMAN

Barbara Hickman served on the City of Livermore's Design Review Committee, the Redevelopment Area Commission, and was the host of Grassroots Issues, a talk show aired on local public access TV. This is the second time she has run for mayor.

She and her husband, Bob, have two grown daughters and

four grandchildren. They have lived in Livermore for over 45 years. She has written and published five books, three of them about public speaking for young people. She currently volunteers with a variety of groups.

Hickman said, "I am running because I haven't been satisfied with the current direction the council is taking the city. I'm about the opposite of many things that have been recently decided." She lists the cancellation of the 4th of July celebration, the use of general fund monies to back

(See MAYOR, page 9)

## Four Running for Two Council Seats

There are four candidates running this November for two seats on the Livermore City Council.

They are Bobby Dale Burger, Stewart Gary, Marshall Kamena and Lauren Turner.

Incumbent Marj Leider was termed out. Jeff Williams chose not to seek reelection.

The candidates were interviewed about a variety of issues including the urban growth boundary, job growth, BART, and budget priorities. The interviews are in alphabetical order.

### BOBBY DALE BURGER

Bobby Dale Burger served in the United States Air Force. He is a veteran of Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and many other NATO led operations. He retired from the Air Force on December 31, 2009 and is currently the Marketing Officer at UNCLE Credit Union.

He and his wife, along with their four children, are active in Livermore Youth Soccer League, Livermore American Little League, and Crane Ridge 4-H. He is an active member of

Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

While he is a first time council candidate, he said he has been involved in politics both in and out of the military. He hadn't planned to run for office until his children were grown. However, after hearing about the council's decisions regarding the BART extension and regional theater financing approved last February, "I decided I needed to run. I talked to people, who told me I

(See COUNCIL, page 10)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

New, larger wind turbines were going up on the Altamont last week. Replacement of the turbines is part of a settlement with lawmakers and environmental groups aimed at reducing the number of birds killed each year by wind turbines in the Altamont area.

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### PETS OF THE WEEK

Valley Humane Society is overflowing with cats! If you are looking for a small cat, big cat, black cat, orange cat, colorful cat, or chatty cat, one on down to Valley Humane Society to fall in love with a new family member. Pictured from left to right are Babboon, Roo, and Mississippi. To learn more about adoptable animals, call 925-426-8656 or visit the website www.valleyhumane.org. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Hours are Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Photo courtesy of Ken Jacoby)

## Mayor's Award Goes to the Shapiros

Joyce and Bob Shapiro are the recipients of this year's Pleasanton Mayor's Award

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman presented the award during a dinner held last Friday at the Alviso Adobe in Pleasanton. The dinner was also an opportunity for the mayor to recognize accomplishments of the city's various commissions and committees.

The evening took on a festive feel with a mariachi band performing and visitors from Tulancingo, Mexico, singing a song. Tulancingo is Pleasanton's sister city.

Hosterman said that the Mayor's Award goes to individuals who represent a willingness to give of self over and over for the betterment of the community. "This year, the award goes to a phenomenal pair of people who are synonymous with Pleasanton, Joyce and Bob Shapiro. They are in love with each other and with the community of Pleasanton."

Joyce was born and raised in Pleasanton. She served as president of the Chamber of Commerce and helped to start the Pleasanton Downtown Association. She is involved with the Senior Support Program. While

she moved away for a short time, she returned with her husband and "took up where she had left off," said Hosterman.

Bob is involved with the Tri-Valley YMCA, the Las Positas College Foundation, the Rotary Club of Pleasanton and the Chamber of Commerce.

He and Joyce started Leadership Pleasanton. "The program has turned out hundreds of graduates who understand the workings of the city. Many go on to become commissioners and committee members."

In talking about the commissions and committees, Hosterman described them as constantly at work to make Pleasanton a better place to live, work, play and grow old. She listed the top accomplishment of each. They include the following:

The Library Commission developed a civic center master plan that explores mixed use development. Human Services established new priorities for grant programs. The Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee put together a work plan and initiated a new teen/family website. The Housing Commission worked on a smoke free policy for low

income senior housing. It was also involved with the housing element update.

The Youth Commission planned and implemented a youth in government event that included mock city council and school board meetings. Park and Recreation worked with the East Bay Regional Park District to complete the Iron Horse Trail feasibility study. The Bike, Pedestrian and Trails Committee was also involved in the Iron Horse Trail Study.

Economic Vitality Committee worked with the Chamber of Commerce to bring the Grow California Conference to Pleasanton. The committee also created a brochure for businesses who want to relocate to Pleasanton. Civic Arts took charge of the Firehouse Arts Center opening and oversight of the Harrington Public Art Acquisition program.

Energy and Environment hosted sustainability events and a speaker series. The Planning Commission completed the update of the housing element and is working on standards and guidelines for transit oriented development in the Hacienda Business Park.

## Cop on Top Surpasses Fundraising Goal

The Livermore Police Department conducted its third annual "Cop On Top" event to support Special Olympics during the weekend of Sept. 15-17.

Starting on Thurs., Sept. 15 at noon, members of the police department went 30 feet off the ground on aerial lifts at the corner of First Street and S. Livermore Avenue, vowing to stay on the lifts for 60 hours without setting foot on the ground until the goal of raising \$20,000 for Special Olympics was met.

The Livermore Police De-

partment is proud to announce that the goal of \$20,000 was met by about 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17. Personnel were able to climb down without having to stay up on the lifts for the entire 60 hours. In total, \$22,011.14 was raised for Special Olympics.

Livermore police officers, staff, and the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association volunteers donated their time during this event. Volunteers came from the Junction Avenue School Leadership program and

members of Adventure Crew #937 to assist in soliciting donations. The police department would like to thank Sunbelt Rentals for donating the aerial lifts, Lowes for donating supplies, and KKIQ radio for its support of the event.

If anyone would like to make further donations to Special Olympics they can do so through the webpage linked below, or they can simply contact Special Olympics of Northern California at <http://copsontop.kintera.org/faf/hom...?event=492385>

## Another Pedestrian Hit by a Car in Livermore

The Livermore Police Department responded to an auto versus pedestrian collision last Wednesday at about 1:30 p.m. The incident involving a young child running into traffic. It occurred near an elementary school. A 5 year old male had run into traffic and was struck by a passing SUV. The five year old suffered a broken ankle and minor facial injuries and was transported to a local children's hospital as a precaution for further medical examination. A preliminary in-

vestigation indicates the cause of the accident did not involve speed as a factor.

On August 24, 2011, the Livermore Police Department issued a press release to the community advising of two similar auto versus pedestrian collisions involving school aged students. Once again, the Livermore Police Department would like to remind our community's drivers to be especially cautious as they travel in the areas surrounding schools. With the new school year in

progress, there is a lot of traffic surrounding the schools.

The Livermore Police Department would especially like to remind our community's parents to talk to their children about how they interact with traffic. Pedestrians should always try to use crosswalks to cross roadways and be vigilant of all vehicles on the roadway. Additionally, pedestrians should always remember to look both ways before entering any roadway to cross the street.

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## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Chamber Hosting Candidates

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce will host a 2011 Candidates Debate featuring those running for mayor and city council in Livermore. The debate will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Mon., Oct. 3 at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

Candidates for mayor are Barbara Hickman, John Marchand and Minuete McKernan. City council candidates are Bobby Dale Burger, Stewart Gary, Marshall Kamena and Laureen Turner. The debate is open to the public. There is no admission charge.

### Governor Signs Double Fines Bill

Assembly Bill 348 (Buchanan), re-authorizing a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone along Vasco Road has been signed into law by the Governor. Vasco Road has an accident rate twice the state average for similar roads.

"Alameda and Contra Costa Counties have worked hard to make this road safer for drivers," said Assemblymember Joan Buchanan, the bill's sponsor. "Both Counties are in the process of making safety improvements, but lack funding to complete all phases. This bill gives the Counties the authority to designate a Double Fine Zone along Vasco Road, in an attempt to deter the unsafe driving practices that lead to the high number of accidents and fatalities."

AB 348 will provide Alameda and Contra Costa Counties the ability to double the base fine for traffic violations along Vasco Road, a predominantly two-lane, undivided road between Interstate 580 in Alameda County and Walnut Boulevard in Contra Costa County. As a condition of the bill, the counties must also engage in a public awareness campaign to inform the public of the Double Fine Zone designation, place and maintain warning signs and conduct an evaluation on the effectiveness zone.

### Natural Resource Funding

The Alameda County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors will host a local work group meeting and BBQ on Thurs., Oct. 6.

This will be an informal meeting to discuss Farm Bill natural resource funding in Alameda County. Topics include programs for rangelands, pastures for livestock, vineyards, nurseries, other cropped land, and wildlife habitat.

The Conservation Partnership will be discussing cost-sharing opportunities for cross fencing, irrigation systems, solar pumps, cover crops, wildlife features, pest management, noxious weeds, and more.

The event takes place from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. at the Martinelli Event Center, 3585 Greenville Rd., Livermore.

Please RSVP by October 3 to Alyson Aquino at (925) 371-0154 extension 116 or Alyson.Aquino@ca.usda.gov

### Decoy Operation

The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, in collaboration with the Pleasanton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit, conducted a minor decoy operation throughout the City on Sept. 22. The purpose of the program is to ensure retail businesses are complying with the law by not selling alcoholic

beverages to minors.

The decoy operation utilized two 19 year-old volunteers in an attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages at ABC licensed restaurants, bars, and other businesses that sell alcohol.

Officers visited 18 businesses in the City. Of the 18 businesses, 12 were successful in properly asking for identification from the decoys and denying the attempted purchase of alcohol. However, employees at six businesses sold alcoholic beverages to the decoys. Citations were issued at the following locations:

Meiko Sushi, 4301 Valley Avenue #B; Perrys Liquors, 4301 Valley Avenue #C; Fernando's Restaurant, 348 St. Mary Street; Alberto's Restaurant, 435 Main Street; New York Pizza, 690 Main Street; and Fiesta Taco, 1989 Santa Rita Road #J

The individual clerks who conducted the sales were issued citations. Reports are being forwarded to the Pleasanton Courthouse and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for additional administrative action against the establishment liquor licenses.

### Gas Station Robbery

Pleasanton Police dispatch received a call last Friday evening from the clerk at the Union 76 gas station located at 4191 First Street, stating that he had just been robbed. The clerk said that a male had entered the store, brandished a black semi-automatic handgun at him and demanded cash. After receiving an undisclosed amount of cash and cigarettes, the male suspect fled towards Vineyard Avenue carrying a gray pinstriped backpack. Officers checked the area for the suspect, but were unable to locate him.

The suspect is described as a light skinned male, possibly Caucasian or Hispanic, in his early twenties, 5'-7" to 5'-9" tall, 140 pound.

Anyone with information regarding this crime or who may have witnessed anything in the area that may be of assistance, please contact the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100.

### Corrections

A story that reported that Pleasanton schools superintendent Parvin Ahmadi was foregoing a pay increase was incorrect. There was no discussion about pay at the Sept. 13 board meeting. Ahmadi's announcement was that she will not be accruing any vacation days in the 2011/12 school calendar. As reported, she will increase her furlough days from five to six in the 2010/11 year.

A story in the Sept. 22 issue that discussed financing of Certificates of Participation (COPs) by the Pleasanton School District should have read: "The COP replaced a letter of credit. With its interest rate rising, the letter of credit would have cost the district \$213,000, instead of the \$6.5 million that the district is paying for the cost of the COP refinancing."

The point of the paragraph was that the district no longer could obtain a letter of credit, because banks did not want to deal with California public agencies. As a result, the district had to use the COPs in order to finance some debt. The district had planned to pay the debt with revenue from developer fund fees. The building slowdown has prevented that.

## OPEN HEART

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tors to the annual benefit. Items for the silent auction have been donated by local merchants and citizens from the Tri-Valley. A sampling of other auction items includes a personalized dried-flower wreath for your home, a generous gift card for a bocce ball game, a free ad for your own fundraiser in a local newspaper, and numerous gift baskets.

Admission to the event is free. However, visitors must pay to taste the wines, beers, and food.

Open Heart Kitchen is the Tri-Valley's only facility that serves free, hot and nutritious meals to those in need: the homeless, the unemployed and under-employed, seniors, and at-risk school children. Hot meals are served in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin five days a week. Bag lunches are packed on Fridays to



Open Heart Kitchen provides lunches for students.

send home for weekend meals for hungry children in all three communities.

In 2010, OHK cooked 217,000 meals for the hungry; the same year the soup kitchen offered 96,000 bag lunches—a 55% increase from 2009.

All menus are nutritious, approved by a dietician, and use fresh food products whenever possible. Some of the produce is donated by local farmers and raised in the "Garden of Grace," which is operated by community

members for the OHK facilities.

As Maria says, "Even though I have a job, I often run out of money for food for my three children. Open Heart Kitchen helps me stretch my food budget, and my kids get nutritious meals in a caring place."

To contact Open Heart Kitchen, either sign on to their website, [openheartkitchen.org](http://openheartkitchen.org), or call (925) 580-1616. Both donations and volunteers to cook and serve meals are welcome.

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and answer questions regarding careers in aviation, and what it takes to become a pilot.

Aerobic performances will be performed from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. by Jacquie Warda, Doug Jardine, and Dr. D's Old-Time Aerobatics.

The Rotary Club of Livermore will provide food at nominal cost. KKIQ will give away prizes and broadcast live from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Other activities for children include: face painting, card tricks, and a magician.



Flight schools will provide information on learning to fly, obtaining a pilot certificate, and buying scenic flights around the Bay Area. The Flying Electrons will have a display of radio controlled aircraft.

Aircraft to be displayed will include: World War II P-51, B-25, AT-6/SNJ/Harvard, T-28, homebuilts, aerobatic, antique/classics, as well as general aviation. CALSTAR will display a medivac helicopter, the Coast Guard will display a Dolphin search and rescue helicopter, and the CHP one of its law enforcement aircraft.

Small group tours (scouts, senior living facilities, etc) are available. For additional information or to schedule a group tour, contact the Livermore Airport 925.373.5280 or email: [LVKairport@ci.livermore.ca.us](mailto:LVKairport@ci.livermore.ca.us).

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# EDITORIAL

## Wheels Marks 25 Years

Wheels is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. To mark the anniversary, it will offer two special promotions during the month of October.

Fares will be rolled back to 50¢ from October 3-9, 2011 on fixed-route buses. Wheels is also encouraging all riders, past and present, to enter the "Trip Tales" story contest on the topic of "What Wheels Has Meant to Me."

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority was established in May 1985 when Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and Alameda County executed a Joint Powers Agreement that created the independent authority. The charter mission was to develop and operate local and intercity public transportation in the Tri-Valley operating under the name, Wheels. The following year, LAVTA began transit service on four fixed routes in the cities of Dublin and Pleasanton using nine leased buses.

By July 1, 1987, the City of Livermore's Rideo system fully merged with LAVTA. Over the years, services have been added such as the new Rapid, which is designed to take riders to BART stations in Pleasanton and Dublin more quickly than a regular bus route could.

According to LAVTA, today, Tri-Valley residents and visitors make almost two million trips each year on Wheels to work, school, shopping and recreation. Riders can look forward to many more years of bus service aboard Wheels.

## AGREEMENT

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possible tolling agreement.

Pleasanton residents, who were in charge of the referendum of Oak Grove, were on Monday to ask the council to reject the request for the tolling agreement without first hearing from the public. They want the current lawsuits to be settled.

Resident Alan Roberts stated that the city and citizens have spent a lot of money because of the Lins' numerous lawsuits. "The Lins want to reach a deal now, because they know they will lose on appeal." He argued that given the past history, what confidence can the council or citizens have that the Lins will follow through with any agreement if their new development plan were approved. "This is just a recipe for more lawsuits. Please don't entangle the city or the citizens in yet another agreement with the Lins until the current lawsuits are resolved."

Karla Brown echoed much of what Roberts had to say. She asked how many people in Pleasanton would entertain a new project with a contractor when they were already defending themselves in two pending lawsuits with that same contractor. She asked the council to vet the tolling agreement in public to allow all interested residents to voice their concerns.

Kay Ayala told the council that she was alarmed to learn that a request for extension of time for an appeal was filed jointly by the Lins, the city and city council. "It appears that a backroom deal has been made under the threat of litigation." She, too, asked for a public hearing on a tolling agreement.

She asked if there had been a vote in closed session on joining the request for an extension of the appeal process.

City Attorney Jonathan Lowell said there had been no vote; it was discussed. The decision was an administrative one.

There was a sharp exchange between Ayala and Mayor Jennifer Hosterman during the public hearing. Ayala commented that the mayor had been hostile towards community speakers ever since she came into the room. Hosterman snapped back, "That's correct." There was no further explanation.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern stated that no member of the public should be treated in such a fashion.

What is on the table is a lawsuit filed by the Lins following the successful referendum of the Oak Grove development in June 2010. Two Oak Grove ordinances were approved by the city council. One was a development agreement; the second was a planned unit development. Each contained a poison pill that states that if one of the ordinances were invalidated, the other ordinance would also be invalid.

The Lins' attorney argued that the development agreement was still valid. Andrew Sabey wrote, "The clause does not say that the development agreement would be set aside, only the development agreement ordinance. Had the city intended to void the development agreement, it could have said so."

The original suit was dismissed by Alameda County

Superior Court Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers. In her decision, Judge Rogers wrote that the plain terms of both ordinances indicate that both ordinances would be set aside in the event of a successful referendum of one. Once the referendum occurred, the condition that would invalidate the ordinance came to pass and no contractual duty was created.

The Lins have also filed a suit asking for damages. No set amount was requested.

The papers filed with the Superior Court claim that the city knew or should have known that its refusal to acknowledge and protect the Lins' vested rights in the terms of the development agreement would give rise to a claim and that the development agreement would be nullified if the PUD ordinance were set aside by referendum. The attorney points out that the city's breach of the development agreement, if not cured, will cause the Lins to lose vested rights to develop a 51 unit residential project on the property worth tens of millions of dollars. Now the Lins may only develop up to 10 units and must avoid some of the most desirable locations to site a home.

The 10-unit development is governed by Measures PP and QQ, ridgeland protection ordinances approved by voters. The city attorney said how the provisions are applied to the development depends on where the homes are sited. Lowell explained, "The more stringent initiative exempted 10-unit subdivision from the provisions. However, provisions from the second initiative are part of the general plan. I will have to see what plan is submitted in order to determine how the initiatives would be applied."

## Former Sheriff Endorses Swalwell

Dublin City Councilmember Eric Swalwell announced Tuesday the endorsement of several key law enforcement and public safety community leaders in his bid to represent California's new 15th Congressional District.

Swalwell has served as a Deputy District Attorney for Alameda County since 2006.

Swalwell has obtained strong support from several key law enforcement community leaders including, Alameda County Sheriff Emeritus Charlie Plummer, Plummer, who served as Sheriff from 1987 until 2007, said of Swalwell, "As a 76-year old, I've come across a lot of people. I'm supporting Eric because he has the character we need in our next Congressman. In the courtroom, as a prosecutor, Eric is known for being tough, fair, and always acting with integrity."

Other endorsements include Alameda County District Attorney Chief of Inspectors Brad Kearns, Union City Police Chief Greg Stewart, retired Pleasanton Police Chief Tim Neal, the Deputy Sheriffs' Association of Alameda County, the Livermore Police Officers Association, Pleasanton Police Officers Association as well as the Union City Police Officers Association.

## Water Rates May be Headed for 5% Boost

Zone 7 Water Agency directors talked about a 5 percent increase in water rates for next calendar year. No decision on the matter will be made until their Oct. 19 meeting.

The issue came up for discussion at the board's meeting Sept. 21. The board's finance committee recommended the 5 percent increase.

A 5 percent increase would add a cost of \$1.81 per month to the typical household water bill, if the Valley's water retailers pass the cost straight through to customers.

The 5 percent recommendation was based on trying to give homeowners a break during the recession.

Other options facing the board are a 7.5 percent increase, recommended by staff, and a 10 percent

increase.

The 10 percent increase would pay for all costs of water delivery for 2012. If the board instead goes for a 5 percent increase, there would be a \$2.6 million deficit in the water fund, which would not be paid off until 2016.

The 7.5 percent recommendation from staff would also create a water fund deficit, with a total of \$2.2 million. It would not be paid off until 2015.

The staff recommended the 7.5 percent increase as a way of providing some water rate relief that would result in less water fund debt.

The water retailers — Livermore, Pleasanton, DSRSD and California Water Service — originally had asked that there be no water rate increase at this time.

The retailers want Zone 7 to

use more of its reserve to avoid increasing rates next year, Zone 7 board member Chris Moore told The Independent.

Directors scheduled a special meeting Oct. 5 to determine whether they want to set a policy on what should be paid from reserves, and what would trigger that spending.

Setting the rates is affected by such factors as the historical record of water demand, the newer element of increased water conservation, and fixed costs, such as personnel and the chemicals that are used to treat the water.

For 2012, the retailers estimate they need 42,494 acre feet of water. Zone 7 staff is reducing that estimate by 10.5 percent, based on historical variations. For example, in 2011, the retailers bought 79 percent of the wa-

ter that they had estimated they would need.

When retailers buy less water, Zone 7's revenue drops. However, the agency still must meet the fixed costs.

Zone 7 has tried to keep the lid on its costs. There were no raises in the last contracts. A soft freeze on hiring is still in effect, said Moore. The agency also joined a consortium to increase savings on purchase of chemicals.

A staff report says that in the fiscal year 2012/13, operating expenses will be \$300,000 less than the current fiscal year. (The water rates are set for a calendar year. However, Zone 7 operates its finances on a fiscal year ending June 30, because of its history and its status as partly joined to county government.)

## EBRPD to Acquire Parcel Next to Brushy Peak

By Ron McNicoll

East Bay Regional Park District directors unanimously approved acquisition of a 67 acre parcel at 1476 Laughlin Road, north of Livermore, adjacent to Brushy Peak.

The parcel, which is owned by the Anne and Jason Farber Foundation, might be acquired this week, after the EBRPD board voted to acquire it at the its Sept. 20 meeting.

The addition to the Brushy Peak park will make a good staging area for hikers and equestrians, said EBRPD board member Ayn Wieskamp.

The land is flat, and can provide a good hiking area for

property can be used. people who want a good, flat-land walk when they go to the park, Wieskamp explained.

Equestrians will be able to park horse trailers there, instead of going into the Brushy Peak park using a fairly flat, but winding road, which is difficult navigation for horse trailers, said Wieskamp.

The parcel also has protected species on it, so the acquisition will preserve habitat.

EBRPD assistant general manager/ land division Nancy Wenninger said the park district will need to integrate the new parcel into its overall general plan for Brushy Peak, and fence it and abate weeds before the

purchase.

The money comes from the Altamont Landfill Open Space Fund and the Dougherty Valley Settlement Agreement Open Space Fund. All of the money was generated as the result of lawsuits and can only be spent to purchase easements or land.

Previously, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and Livermore City Council signed off on the purchase. They approve expenditures from the landfill fund. The remaining \$692,000 purchase price came from an EBRPD fund, which acquired money from a developer that bought a mitigation easement from EBRPD for its development.

The price is \$2.6 million. Two funds were tapped for \$1 million each to help finance the

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which he would spend an hour or more working in his office. He might make it home by 9 to find "half a dozen to a dozen emails that required careful study and detailed response." He would get to bed about midnight and get up the next morning at 5 or 5:30 to start it all again.

Apart from the long hours, the reality of defense work was brought home in the "chow lines" where service members might be discussing "their fourth tour of Iraq," battles fought and lost limbs.

"Ninety-nine percent of our population is divorced from that," he said.

Perhaps most frustrating for Nacht was the requirement for Washington agencies to respond to artificial crises, such as demands from Congress for reports. Those took precedence, so high priority studies might be put on hold in favor of VIP briefings.

"The urgent crowds out the important," he said.

He got a chuckle from his audience by comparing the process to his grandson's "pee-wee soccer game where all the kids follow the ball to one side of the field, and when it's kicked back, they all follow it to the other side."

Still, he believes the planning process is essential, particularly

because of the wide range of challenges faced by the United States. "There's almost no problem on the planet that the U.S. doesn't become involved in," he said.

Two years ago, he served on a crisis management team that tracked a North Korean ship headed to Myanmar, or Burma. Intelligence reports indicated it had "really bad stuff on it" — major weapons systems and possibly nuclear technology, according to contemporary news coverage.

The Administration came up with a "shrewd" solution, he said. It found a regional ally to pressure Myanmar to refuse the ship entry, forcing it to refuel and return to North Korea — a "cruise to nowhere."

Crises weren't always so clear or readily resolved. During his talk, Nacht returned repeatedly to cybersecurity as a major future problem for the U.S. As a threat, he compared it to nuclear weapons in 1946: an enormously powerful capability whose implications and dangers we had barely begun to understand.

At the time, the spread of nuclear weapons to the third world and the growth of terrorism had not yet occurred. Technology did not yet allow megaton class

or very small nuclear weapons, or compact missiles to deliver them.

All those features of nuclear weapons are reality today, and basic nuclear technology has spread around the world.

So has computer technology and the ability to attack computer systems on which national security, government operations and commerce depend. China, Russia, Israel and Britain are among the countries besides the U.S. with major cyber warfare efforts, according to Nacht.

In a recent article for the Goldman School of Public Policy, he cited disabling Russian cyber attacks on government communications networks in Georgia, which hampered Georgia's ability to respond militarily to Russia's invasion in 2008.

In his Pleasanton talk, he described the penetration of Google and Citibank computer systems as examples of commercial attacks. While he was not specific about attacks on the U.S. government, the Pentagon has acknowledged constant penetration efforts and claimed that "more than 100 foreign intelligence organizations are trying to hack into U.S. systems," according to Time magazine.

In contrast to most military attacks, it may be impossible

to determine who carried out a cyber attack, Nacht said. Attackers could be individuals, sub-national groups like al Qaeda, or hostile nations.

The national security community is "wrestling with several tough problems" in this area, he wrote in his Goldman School article. They are embodied in questions like these:

Should we define "categories of major cyber attack" that would "trigger a major U.S. retaliatory response?" When should the U.S. respond diplomatically? economically? with military force?

If cyber attacks come from overseas, "what is the legal basis" for the U.S. to retaliate? How can we bridge the gap between the development of a legal basis, which may take weeks or months, and the possible need to respond within minutes or hours?

What about protecting civil rights? Can we monitor computer systems that might come from within this country? When are we entitled to disable or degrade them?

What should be the role of Congress in overseeing Executive Branch cyber activities?

"There is an endless opportunity for mischief here," Nacht told the Valley Study Group. "There is no end in sight to cyber problems."

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director Liz McElligott.

### VIEW OF QUALIFYING RESIDENTS EXPANDED

There are also changes that speak to the current requirement that all of those living in a house on an agricultural parcel must be connected to the agricultural use on the parcel.

The change was made to recognize that others, such as a home health care worker, might be living in the domicile, said McElligott.

"Agricultural caretaker" was also added to the ordinance to include someone who is living in the domicile and providing on-site security, or is involved in at least one aspect of agriculture, such as care for livestock or other animals.

Language was expanded concerning the definition of immediate family that occupies a domicile on the qualifying agricultural parcel. Currently, the language says "spouse of the landowner." That would be changed to "the landowner's spouse, domestic partner or cohabitant."

Language concerning horses is clarified. Under county zoning rules, such operations as horse riding academies or boarding stables are considered to be commercial agricultural uses, so they are not allowed for Williamson Act designation.

However, any equine facility will be considered as a compatible agricultural use, if its horse population consists of at least 50 percent, breeding horses (by number), plus any in training. Ranch horses used in commercial cattle production are also counted in that 50 percent.

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### BART on 580 Patricia Grimes Livermore

Marshall Kamena and John Marchand were vehemently opposed to keeping BART on 580. They were vociferous in their view that BART should go downtown even at a huge increase in the project's cost, and devaluation if not destruction of many homes in the area. I firmly believe that the "community workshops" that they held to discuss the issue were set up, not to discover the community desires, but specifically to create an image of support that they could refer to.

They had no interest in the wishes of the community until they were forced, by law, to respond to the initiative; and even then, they delayed the decision of whether to accept it or put it on the ballot by another 30 days.

In short, they had their own agenda, and were prepared to take any necessary steps to push it through, irrespective of what their constituents wanted, until

they were legally unable to do so.

If re-elected, they will use the same strategy with the regional theater. They want it, and they couldn't care less if their constituents agree. They will have no public vote on the project, not even when they commit the city's basic funds to its support. They will continue to manipulate the city with no concern for the needs or desires of the population.

We need a change in the city council. Elect Hickman, Turner and Burger.

### Empty Store J.R Bonds Livermore

I am amazed at the consternation of Pleasanton residents over a new grocery store in the old Nob Hill location on Santa Rita. Why would anyone want a vacant property instead of one that would generate jobs and sales tax revenue? Why would there need to be another traffic study needed for a grocery store with the same square footage as the previous one? Maybe because they have lower prices??? Well, isn't that the free enterprise system?

I have visited many other cities where there are Super Wal-Marts and Safeway and other union stores operating completely competitively. Why does this locality resist legitimate competition? Although I live in Livermore, I work in Pleasanton and used to visit the old Nob Hill

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# Berkeley Chemist to Address Climate Issues

The changing climate and what to do about it will be the theme of the first Rae Dorrough talk this season at Livermore's Bankhead Theater, October 11, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Speaker will be Ron Cohen, an atmospheric chemist from the University of California at Berkeley, who believes that scientists have an obligation to do more than define major climate problems. They also need to provide reasonable solutions.

If the scientific community poses a challenge and then "you have to change the whole way you live your life - that's a non-starter," he said in an interview.

"On the other hand, if the scientific community does its job, it will find low cost solutions. Then the issues start to go away."

For one example, he said, scientists could develop fuels that do not generate carbon dioxide,

which traps heat in the lower atmosphere.

Offering another example, Cohen said, scientists could develop much cheaper solar panels, encouraging wider use of solar energy and reducing the need for burning fossil fuels.

Accumulating carbon dioxide created by burning fossil fuels is at the heart of scientific concern about a warming atmosphere, although there are other gases that trap heat and other factors that influence the average temperature of the Earth.

Cohen's research focus is on understanding atmospheric chemistry in detail, which sometimes sheds as much light on the spread of pollution and creation of smog as on climate change. He has compared smog in Sacramento with that in the Sierra Nevada. He has flown across the Pacific with NASA to measure pollut-

ants from the Canadian tundra to Diamond Head in Hawaii.

Cohen is editor of the open access journal, Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics. He is a faculty scientist in the Energy and Environment Technologies Division at Lawrence Berkeley Lab.

He also serves as director of the Berkeley Atmospheric Science Center, a coalition of 14 UC faculty members from seven different departments. Faculty, together with students, meet to discuss interdisciplinary approaches to dealing with climate issues.

Emphases range from the technical to the educational. The Center sponsors frequent seminars on topics related to the climate. It also communicates with the campus community about courses offered and jobs and scholarships available related

to atmospheric issues.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets can be purchased at the theater box office, 373-6800 or online at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

The Rae Dorrough Speakers Series has been provided by the Dorrough Family, Lawrence Livermore National Security LLC, Tri-Valley Conservancy and the Hertz Foundation.

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store quite frequently and would like to have such a nearby alternative restored.

### A Better Livermore William E Zagotta and Mary Ann Zagotta Livermore

To paraphrase Ronald Reagan "Is Livermore a better City than it was 4 years ago?" I think so and so I am hoping that your readers will consider the City Council candidates Marshall Kamena and Stu Gary, and for Mayor, John Marchand.

Marchand and Kamena are currently serving on the Council. Mayor Kamena would take over an empty Council seat and Marchand is running for Mayor. Stu, a former Livermore Fire Chief and School Board member, is experienced in civic affairs and civic administration. Stu is running for the other empty Council seat. He is pledged to continue

the good the work the City Council has achieved in recent years and to maintain the thrust that Kamena, long ago, defined for the city, "Better before Bigger."

We have seen this philosophy implemented in the beautification of the downtown, the creation of the urban growth boundary and the success of the Bankhead Theater. One thing "Better Growth" means is "Smart Growth" which promotes in-fill development as opposed to urban sprawl. Urban sprawl is inefficient in providing city services such as water and sewer, police and fire stations, commerce etc. The City voters have shown in many ways that they prefer to keep the current suburban character of the City. Livermore will not be spotting huge apartment buildings all over the sides of our hills.

So for a Better Livermore, I urge you to support Kamena, Marchand and Gary.

## New Mobile App Launched by Livermore

A new mobile app will make it easier to interact with the City of Livermore.

The city council saw a demonstration of how it works at Monday's meeting. "That's totally cool," declared Councilmember John Marchand.

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena said that it will be easier to report such problems as potholes and graffiti using the app. It will allow staff to take care of the problem quickly.

Neal Snedecor, the city's information technology manager, explained that the app (livermorecity) will be offered free

of charge. It will be available for use on Android phones and tablets, and Apple iPhone and iPad users.

Using the app, residents, businesses and visitors will be able to access city hall 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from anywhere. Snedecor echoed the mayor's statement concerning the ability to report problems. He added streetlights, litter and shopping carts to the list. A user opens the app, selects an issue, takes a picture and taps submit. The app knows the location from which the information is coming and sends the issue directly to the

appropriate city staff.

The app was created by a local software business, Trends Global. It is available for download now. However, it won't be activated until Oct. 5. To download the app, go to an app store and search for livermorecity. In addition, there will be a QR code located in the footer section of the city's website that can be scanned. The QR code will direct the device to the appropriate app store and request permission to download it.

The initial cost to the city was \$5000. Monthly software licensing and ongoing maintenance costs are under \$500.

## Cities Posting Crime News On-Line

Both Livermore and Pleasanton police departments are making crime statistics more accessible on the web.

**PLEASANTON**

The Pleasanton Police Department daily report log (police blotter) is now available on its web-site, as well as in the department's press room. The blotter includes the block address of the location of an occurrence, the date and time reported, the offense, case number and reporting officer. The log will hold seven days of data, and will refresh daily. Any requests for further specifics will be accommodated at the police department's front counter. To access the on-line version from the City of Pleasanton web-site, select Department-Police, then Police Blotter. Cases are listed in descending order at <http://cityofpleasanton.com/services/police/dailyreports/PleasantonPoliceBlotter.htm>

**LIVERMORE**

The Livermore Police Department has announced that citizens can now gain access to neighborhood level crime incident data in near real time.

"Providing reliable, timely

information to our citizens is one of our top priorities, because an informed public is a safer public," stated Police Chief Steve Sweeney. "Partnering with CrimeReports.com gives us the ability to keep the public informed on a regular basis as to what is going on in the community."

The public can access the free crime data through the Livermore Police website at <http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/police/default.asp> or through the CrimeReports iPhone application, which is available for free to download in the Apple iTunes store. The new service even allows local citizens to sign up for free customizable email alerts, so they can monitor crime in their neighborhoods. "Information is power," Chief Sweeney added. "We hope that giving the community this information will help them understand crime trends and lower crime in their neighborhoods."

More than a thousand other law enforcement agencies of all sizes across North America are sharing their crime information with the public through the national crime map, including

Baltimore, Boston, San Jose, San Francisco, Portland, Washington D.C., Los Angeles County, and more. The map currently covers nearly 30% of the US population.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### I-580 Eastbound Auxiliary Lane and I-580 Eastbound Express Lanes Projects

#### Notice of Availability of Draft Fine Particulate Matter (PM 2.5) Report

**WHAT'S HAPPENING:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Alameda County Transportation Commission (CTC) are proposing to upgrade the existing Interstate 580 (I-580) eastbound high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane to an express lane facility, as well as construct eastbound auxiliary lanes from the Isabel Avenue interchange (now under construction) to the North Livermore Ave interchange and from the North Livermore Ave interchange to the First Street interchange. The project limits are from west of the Hacienda Drive interchange to west of the Greenville Road interchange, a distance of approximately 11.3 miles.

In 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Final Transportation Conformity Rule that established requirements for transportation conformity and developed procedures to determine which transportation projects must be analyzed for local air quality impacts in fine particulate matter (PM2.5) nonattainment and maintenance areas. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is responsible for determining that projects included in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (including these projects) are in conformity with the State Implementation Plan for achieving the goals of the Clean Air Act.

Fine particulate matter (PM2.5) refers to particles smaller than 2.5 microns that can be inhaled deeply into lungs and cause damage to people's health. Particulate matter comes from combustion activities, including motor vehicles, and can cause dust from roads and highway construction to be re-suspended in the atmosphere. In December 2009, EPA designated the Bay Area as nonattainment for the national 24-hour PM2.5 standard.

Project-level conformity analysis for PM2.5 shows that the project will conform with the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis for PM2.5 with interagency consultation required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is considered a Project of Air Quality Concern regarding particulate matter (PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM2.5 hot spot analysis was completed, as required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123, based on U.S. EPA Guidance. Public comment is requested on the PM2.5 project-level conformity analysis that was completed for this project.

The analysis addresses the construction of the proposed project, including components identified in the MTC's Transportation 2035 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area. The assessment adheres to the Final Transportation Conformity rule and demonstrates that the proposed project meets the Clean Air Act conformity requirements and will not conflict with state and local measures to improve regional air quality.

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## SPORTS NOTES



Livermore Fusion U10 Cougars hold up their championship trophies they won during the Mustang Saddleback Tournament this weekend. Team members are: Alex Jorgenson, Brandon McDougall, Jake Carmichael, Austin Macedo, Seth Lundin, Carson Tracey, Thomas Knierieme, Luke Sorenson, Bryce Hall, AJ Morais, Aiden Bartlett, Liam Wilcox, and Aaron Toothman. The Cougars are coached by Tony Macedo, Aaron Bartlett, Tony Sorenson, and Joe Lundin. For the details, see Sports Notes.

## Pleasanton Rage

**Pleasanton Rage U19D3 Orange.** Sterling play on both ends of the field by twins Haley and Carly Boehmer made the difference as the Pleasanton Rage U19D3 Orange overcame the Albany-Berkeley Mustangs AND tough conditions to post their league-leading 5th shutout victory in 5 games on Saturday, 4-nil. Playing on a Candlestick-like bumpy, windswept pitch nestled between the Bay and Golden Gate Fields, the Orange jumped out to a 2 goal advantage by halftime when Kiley Zieker found Haley who fired a shot from over 15 yards out followed by Ari Siegel deflecting home a Sarah Machado free kick from over 40 yards that was aided by a fortuitous bounce over the goalies' head. When Haley converted with a strong one-timer in the box off a sharp feed from Mary Gruen, the win and shutout seemed well in hand. On a subsequent Mustang corner-kick, however, the ball knuckled into a Rage arm in the area, resulting in a penalty kick. That's when Carly performed her magic, deflecting the initial kick and forcing a rebound attempt wide. Amy Moore closed out the scoring, taking advantage of Ari's surgical pass to convert a strong shot from distance. Olivia Zhu played a strong, pressuring game in midfield, and Kara Matsune turned in another strong performance on defense. Top Offensive Players: Haley Boehmer, Ari Siegel, Amy Moore; Top Defensive Players: Carly Boehmer, Sarah Machado, Kara Matsune

**Rage U10 Grey:** Last weekend was a busy one for the U10 Grey, with games on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. In Friday's action, Alexis Gundermann provided the offensive punch while Bella Mayo and Lexi Whitney stood out in goal during a 2-1 win. In league play on Saturday, the team recovered from a tough first half against FCA Lightning with strong second half including a nice goal by Drew Pagtakhan, strong play from Julia Balesteri and solid goalkeeping by Bella Mayo. On Sunday, the Grey fought to a 2-2 tie with goals from Mackenzie Wiedel and Carina Stacey.

**Rage U14 Black** played Marin FC in San Rafael, losing 2 to 1. There were plenty of tough 1-1 battles and some amazing saves by both goalies, Bridgette Moe and Kiley

O'Neill. Excellent offensive players included Kyra Stempler, Sabrina Lillie, and Darcy Kron. Outstanding defenders included Kate Chase, Shivi Bhatnager and Ashley Groth. Play of the game goes to a corner kick, a monster kick by Loren Roundtree at the final five minutes saving a shut-out. The team finished strong despite the loss. Top Offensive Player: Loren Roundtree; Top Defensive Player: Kelly O'Neil

## DIVISION 4

**U-9:** The Pumas jumped out to an early lead thanks to gorgeous goals by Natshelly Campos and Kaamna Shankar. Keeper Emily Cassetti made save after save in dramatic fashion, and used her "head" when needed! The Pandas fought back hard and tied the game up, and then completed the comeback when their 3rd score wizzed past the Pumas' goalie with only minutes left in the contest. Top Offensive Players: Kaamna Shankar - Pumas; Top Defensive Players: Emily Cassetti - Pumas

"Peace Girls" defeated the Pirates with a score of 5-3. Top offensive players include Amanda Brown with 4 goals, and Emma Chandler with 1 goal. Top Defensive Players: Sadie Brown, Dania Espinosa, and Katrina Terpsra.

**U-12 Flight:** In the final round of the U14 division of the Sonoma Honey Invitational, Sonoma's own Challenge was tied in first place in points with Pleasanton's Rowdies. The two teams played for first and second place in the overall tournament. There was no score in the first half, but Megan Cavanaugh shot a pass to Rachel Butler who scored the first goal in the second half, and shortly after Rachel Butler of the Rowdies scored one more goal. Lauren Chew of the Rowdies played both fantastic defense and offense as a midfielder. Siena Moca, goalie for the Rowdies kept the game a shut-out, with help from center defensive back Nicole Dantzie. This final win 2-0 for the Rowdies earned them the first place trophy for the U14 division for the Sonoma Honey Invitational. Top Offensive Players: Rachel Butler, Megan Cavanaugh and Lauren Chew - Rowdies; Top Defensive Players: Sophia Schwartz, Madelyn Libbey, Natalie Rivera - Rowdies

**Livermore Jr. Football**  
Livermore Junior Football League



The Pleasanton Rage U12 Flight Her-Ricanes took first place at the Sonoma Honey Invitational in Sonoma, CA over the past weekend. The team went undefeated during pool play and went on to win the final game against a strong Petaluma team 4 - 2 for the championship. Their run to the championship was a total team effort from all the players. The Her-Ricanes had superb goal-tending from Alyssa Wu and Jamison Gray. The defense was led by Emma Tsztoo and Hailey Hogarty. With the help of the mid-fielders, the team held their opponents to 3 goals for the entire tournament. Midfield play on offense and defense was led by Allison DeFazio, Marissa Lawrence, and Lindsey Schroeder. The midfield play also contributed to goals by strikers Catherine Cho and Megan Gee. Pictured are (standing, from left) Cliff Wu, Tiffany Rose, Kayla Baughman, Catherine Cho, Audrey Emmett, Marissa Lawrence, Summer Reeves, Alyssa Wu, Emma Tsztoo, Megan Gee, Mollie McKay, Kyra Shah, Bob Gee; (front) Allison DeFazio, Hailey Hogarty, Gianna Lyng, Lindsey Schroeder, and Jamison Gray.

## results:

**Senior Division:** Steelers 26, Giants 6: The Steelers did not disappoint those came out to root them on... Aaron Andrews began an assault on the Giants' offense when he busted through the line and sacked the quarterback. Theo O'Ferrall penetrated the Giants' defense and was able to run in a touchdown. Clayton Bailey seemed to be on fire. He made numerous tackles that shut down the Giants' offense. The most memorable was a powerful midair tackle. The Giants got a break when their running back broke free from the Steelers' defense. Fortunately, that freedom was short lived when Tyler Gonzales ended his getaway with a tenacious tackle. Wes Katz caught a pass, and although the Giants tried to strip the ball from his hands, he wrangled it away from their grasp. This helped the Steelers' offense gain the yardage it needed to allow Theo O'Ferrall to run in yet another touchdown. Once the Giants offense had the ball, Jack Lutz showed his defensive skills with an impressive tackle that shut down the Giants. After making one of many excellent catches and protecting the ball, receiver Jerry Roque had to leave the game with an injury. The Steelers' offense pulled together and opened holes for running plays. Garrett West used this to his advantage and showed no fear as he repeatedly drove the ball, down the line, to gain yardage. Ben Thompson had his eye on the prize with a fumble recovery and later an interception which he ran 30 yards before the Giants could stop him. Sean Stavert not only showed off his relentless blocking skills throughout the game, but also ran in a touchdown. This was his second touchdown in two games.

## Saints 13, Packers 6

**Intermediate Division:** 49ers 8, Falcons 0: The 49er defense produced its second shutout of the season, blanking the Falcons 8-0. The only TD of the game came on a 54 yard punt return by Lucas Montenegro, who fielded the punt just past midfield, cut to the left and outraced the Falcons to the end zone. Trevor O'Neil kicked his first two point conversion of the season to complete the scoring. Luke Morrisroe led the 49er offense with 45 total yards, followed by Isaiah Smith with 18 yards rushing. Jake Gutierrez returned from injury to play center, helping to solidify the offensive line. Braden Jackson led the way for the 49er defense with an interception, a sack for a 9 yard loss and assisting on many tackles. Lucas Montenegro also started on defense, sacking the Falcon quarterback 3 times for 31 yards in losses, stalling Falcon offensive drives. Nathan Coats played awesome on defense again this week, creating havoc and teaming with Gunnar Hollingsworth to cause a fumble on a hard tackle. The Falcon offense was able to move the ball up and down the field and were in the game until the final 8 seconds, when David Summers, who is making a habit of making big plays when needed, intercepted a Falcon pass in the end zone to preserve shutout and seal the 49er victory. The 49ers are now 2-1, the Falcons fall to 1-2.

## Dolphins 16, Ravens 6

**Junior Division:** Vikings 70, Bucs 46: The Vikings won their third game of the season, defeating the Buccaneers, 70 to 46. Some of the highlights included a great kick off by Jeremy Waibel a big catch that Tyler Morano ran for a touchdown. Jeffrey Fairbanks had a great tackle and a fumble



Livermore Fusion SC Strikers U10G celebrate after finishing fourth place in the Mustang Soccer Saddleback Tournament over the weekend. Pictured are (back row, from left) Shaylin Vadney, Coach Sandy Overton, Carlie Spruiell, Caitlyn Foster, Jade Overton, Tori Trautwein, Coach Michael Neubauer, Madeline Koning, and Sabrina Pertica; (front row) Ashleigh-Ann Ward, Hannah Goodman, Kylie Neubauer, Alysia Greer, Lindsey Sutton, and Kendall Sutton.

recovery, Jacob Zayas ran for a touchdown and Hunter Musgrave had several 2 point conversions. Other touchdowns were scored by Zack Sandoval and Jose Dominguez. The game started as a back and forth contest 7-7, 13-23, 20-30, and ended with 46-70. Bucs special teams got in on the scoring this week. Hunter Kronmal ran one back for a touchdown. Jackson Brown also had a big run back. On the Bucs defense, Jackson Brown sacked the Vikings quarter back on a conversion denying the extra point. The Bucs offense answered the Vikings first TD with one of their own, the offensive line worked hard on holding the Vikings defense back. Matthew Anderson & Nick Hermann got in some great blocks.

Raiders 25, Texans 20: The Raiders got back on the winning track beating the Texans 25-20. The offense for the Raiders had a slow start but a fumble recovery by Drew Braudrick on the Raiders 2 yard line changed the momentum. The Raiders first score came in the 2nd quarter with runs by Joe Doughty and Benjamin Nuddelman to keep the sticks moving down the field and capped off the drive with a 5 yard run by Joe Doughty with help from his teammates pushing him the final foot into the end zone. Jaxen McLaren converted the extra point with a bootleg into the end zone. The Raiders were back on the board on the first play of the 3rd quarter with Jaxen McLaren scoring on a 60 yard quarterback keeper with excellent blocking by Aiden Buenostro and Brody Miller. It wasn't until the 4th quarter that Raiders added two more scores with a 5 yard run by Jaxen McLaren and a 25 yard run by Joe Doughty. The Raiders defense had clutch plays against the Texan's running game including loss of yard tackles by David Woodbridge. Drew Braudrick pushed the ball carrier out of bounds to keep the Texans from scoring another touchdown in the final seconds of the half. Caelan Roberts also made a touchdown saving tackle in the third quarter while Royal Jones late in the 4th quarter recovered a Texans fumble to secure a Raiders victory.

## Pleasanton Ballistic

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club results:  
U13 Ballistic Premier 99 completed a

successful weekend at Union City's "Soccer Palooza" tournament this past Saturday and Sunday. In their first game Saturday the Pleasanton team faced Northern California powerhouse Hayward Tecos Revolution at the Shorty Garcia soccer complex. The Hayward team outclassed Ballistic from the start building a 3-0 first half lead. Ballistic was only able to muster 3 shots in the game as Tecos won by a 5-0 score.

The afternoon match pitted Ballistic vs. Newark United. Ballistic got out of the gate quickly with Youki Chiba finishing Daniel Mubarak's pass for the game's first goal. Chiba scored a hat trick and added two assists as the midfielder pieced together a brilliant performance. Jared Wilson scored his first goal of the 2011 season powering in a Chiba pass after Ballistic won a corner kick. Blake Tucker scored the 3rd goal heading home Kyle McClanahan's free kick from the left flank. Ballistic added 5 goals in the second half of action as Ryan Murray (Chiba assist), Youki Chiba (2 goals), Guzman and Howell assisting), Daniel Mubarak (McClanahan assist) and Bryce Taylor (Tucker assist) all tallied. The 8-4 win earned Ballistic in spot in Sunday's Semi Finals.

In Sunday's Semi Final Ballistic would square off against Central Marin Arsenal 99. A The NorCal Premier league team had routed both of their group opponents by a combined 14-0 score and came into the contest brimming with confidence. However, it was all Ballistic in the early going as the Pleasanton team was able to hold the ball and create several scoring chances. In the 6th minute Striker Blake Tucker's pressure in the box created a turnover that Pleasanton Midfielder Youki Chiba pounced on and fired to the far post for the opening goal. Later in the half Chiba struck again unassisted taking a turnover in the midfield scoring on the near post from 22 yards out. Arsenal pushed hard and had Ballistic on their heels for portions of the second half but the Ballistic defense was stout under the leadership of keeper Blake Tucker and his back 4 of Jacob Guzman, Kyle McClanahan, Jacob Dremalas, and Jimmy Thompson. The players did an excellent job of shutting down the potent Arsenal attack as the boys earned a well played 2-0 victory and a spot in the finals.

In the Championship Ballistic once again faced Tecos Revolution. In a complete rever-

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# SPORTS NOTES



Pictured are the Livermore Fusion girls U-16 Black, which captured first place in the Champions Cup held in Manteca over the weekend. For details, see Sports Notes.



The 12U Mavericks girls' fastpitch softball team reached its third consecutive championship game, this time in the "Bay Area Bash" tournament held in Hayward, CA, on September 24-25, 2011. The Mavericks made it into the championship game by overcoming adversity and taking down the first-seed team, while showcasing their never-quit attitude. Winning second place in this tournament, the Mavericks are: (top row) Amber Rice; (middle row from left) Mallory Jones, Katie Lucas, Mia Niklewicz, and Tea Stephenson; (bottom row from left) Maggie Kilday, Natalie Waters, Shelby Rocereto, Robyn Dobson, and Jordan Maddox. Not pictured are Jamie Wittmer and Erica Espinosa.



The Livermore Fusion U12 Goal Getters placed 3rd in the Saddleback tournament last weekend. They won their first game 6-0, tied the second game 0-0 and were victorious in the third game 4-0. Pictured are (back row, from left) Caitlyn Quartaroli, Coach Claire Marcel, Eva Salazar, Kate Marcel, Coach Jason Lake, Katie Dabney, Olivia Curtis, Coach Dave Curtis; (middle row) Krissy Keller, Alyssa Cazarez, Clara Crittendon, Lauren Farrauto, McKenzie Lemieux, Sierra Stone; and (front row) Madelyn Krueger, Marley Lake, Camille Best, and Casey Sansoni.

sal of game one Pleasanton was extremely composed on the ball as they traded scoring opportunities with Hayward. The sides were deadlocked 23 minutes into the game when the Tecos finally broke through with a spectacular shot from 35 yards out to the far post. The Revolution scored two more times before the half to go on top 2-0. Ballistic had great scoring chances themselves but were unable to beat Hayward's fine keeper as well as the goal posts. Pleasanton eventually fell 4-0 but left the field with heads high and well-earned 2nd place trophies. The team returns league action next Saturday when they host East Diablo Impact.

**Top Offensive Players:** Youki Chiba, Blake Tucker, Daniel Mubarak; **Top Defensive Players:** Blake Staniford, Jacob Guzman, Jacob Dremalas, Kyle McClanahan, Jimmy Thompson

**The Pleasanton BSCU U-12 Rampage** defeated the Renegades, 9-1. Top offensive players include Danny Lopez with 5 goals, Akash Patel with 2 goals, Anthony Campa and Jake Gebb with one goal each. Other top offensive players: Josh Ose assisted on two goals, and Brandon Brown assisted on one goal. **Top Defensive Players:** Adam Chase, Rohin Sequeira, Ian Rondoni.

Rampage downed the Raiders, 7-1. Top offensive players include Josh Ose and Danny Lopez with two goals each, and Brandon Brown, Anthony Campa and Jake Gebb with one goal each. **Top Defensive Players:** Akash Patel, Mark Vera and Luke Carter.

In taking on the Rebels, the Rampage came out in front, 7-3. Top offensive players include Anthony Campa with 3 goals, Danny Lopez with 3 goals and Jake Bell with 1 goal. Other top offensive players include Ian Rondoni and Jake Gebb. **Top Defensive Players:** Luke Bell, Arnab Bhalla, and Mustafa Afzal.

## Livermore Fusion

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club results: **Livermore Fusion SC U12 Girls Maroon** team returned home to Kellman Fields on Sat. the 17th to resume NorCal league play on Sunday the 18th to begin their State Cup qualifying matches. After opening their season with a well played 4-1 victory vs. FCA Dynamites in Hercules the previous weekend, Fusion was matched against Mustang Blast from Danville. Due to a recent rash of injuries that currently has 3 Fusion players sidelined, the remaining players rose to the challenge supported by guest players from Fusion Black and defeated Blast 4-0. Set plays and a swarming defense helped key the victory as Fusion scored twice on corner kicks and locking down most of Mustang's offensive efforts.

Sunday pitted the Fusion girls in a first round qualifying match vs. Palo Alto SC Blue Thunder. The Thunder was ranked 10th in NorCal preseason rankings and held the top seed in Fusion's preliminary bracket. Playing the underdog role with a limited roster, Livermore Fusion girls rose to the occasion and took advantage of their offensive opportunities and pulled out a hard fought and well deserved 3-1 victory over the Palo Alto squad. The final score wasn't very indicative of how close a match it was. Palo Alto held the edge in possession and scoring chances but the Fusion defense put on a classic "bend but don't break" display by continually making big plays and thwarting all but one of Palo Alto's offensive chances whose lone goal was result of a "bad luck" bounce that bounced over Fusion's netminder.

Livermore Fusion SC Maroon is now 2-0 and has the early league NorCal Gold Division lead and is 1-0 in State Cup qualifying.

**The Livermore Fusion girls U-16 Black** defeated the Elk Grove Heat 3-0 to capture first place in the Champions Cup held in Manteca. Livermore dominated the match with excellent midfield play, led by Tristyn Berman, and strong defensive backfield and goalie Savannah Winters, who did not allow a goal in four games. The Fusion opened the scoring in the 9th minute when Hannah Gooby sent a perfect pass down the middle to Alison Pierson who raced by the defense and beat the keeper with a well-placed shot. After Elk Grove countered with some offensive pressure in the second half, Elyse Codiroli placed a ball by the goalie to make it a two-goal lead. Livermore completed the scoring when Amanda Fairclough dropped off a free kick to a racing Sarah Wilkinson on the left wing and she fired a long, hard shot into the upper corner of the net.

Livermore opened the tournament with a 2-0 victory over Cap United. Codiroli's free kick forced the goalie to dive at the ball and Pierson was there to tap in the loose ball for an early lead. Codiroli completed the scoring in the second half when she beat her defender on the right wing and fired a shot into the goal from a difficult angle. Ryley Landreth make a couple of strong runs into the box before suffering an ankle injury in the second half.

Against an aggressive Hayward team, Livermore scored the only goal they needed early in the match when Haleigh Atkinson finished a short left cross from Pierson. The rest of the match was very physical and the Fusion players all worked tirelessly to deny Hayward's counterattacks. On defense, Ida Ortiz stepped up several times to clear the ball and Mikaela Priest won a number of battles along the sideline. In support of

Berman, midfielder Marijose Chacon, Beth McCall and Miekele Schmitt worked hard against their bigger opponents, often drawing fouls. The offense counterattacked and had some long, deep runs from Nicole Mingione, Gooby and Atkinson. Hayward's defense kept the game close but Livermore's possession was a bit better and they held on for the 1-0 win.

Livermore's third game was against another Elk Grove team. Needing a win to secure a spot in the final, the Fusion went ahead on a Pierson goal in the first half. Schmitt put the game out of reach midway through the second half when she drilled a long, high ball from ten yards beyond the left corner of the 18 that went off the outstretched hand of the Elk Grove keeper to cap a 2-0 victory.

**Division-4 (Recreation Plus)**  
**U-12 Boys:** Titans 5, Earthquakes 2; Titans' Zachary Heinz scored the first goal followed by 3 goals from Javier Guerra, and Heinz followed up with one last goal to finish the game. Kyle McKinzie, Matthew

Kovacs and Jack Burke set up several of the goals with an intensive offense. Grant Dufek (GK) played an excellent 1st half and Connor Sweeney kept an impenetrable defense throughout the game. Earthquakes' Ethan Vincent fought through the Titan defense for a spectacular goal assisted by Sebastian Preciado, who was also an offensive force to be reckoned with on the field. Grant Murphy and Coben Turk put on an impressive defensive display. Offense: Kyle McKinzie, Matthew Kovacs, Jack Burke (Titans); Ethan Vincent, Sebastian Preciado (Earthquakes); Defense: Grant Dufek (GK), Connor Sweeney (Titans); Grant Murphy, Coben Turk (Earthquakes); Goals & Assists: Zachary Heinz (2G), Javier Guerra (3G) (Titans); Ethan Vincent (G), Sebastian Preciado (A) (Earthquakes)

**U-10 Boys:** Destroyers 5, Force 2; Goals & Assists: Jacob Kilbane (G), Brett Oelrich (G), Jacob Dennett (G), Jacob Moen (A), Patrick Connolly (A) Destroyers; Gabe Tanner (G), John Arato (G), Drew Harrison (G) (Force)

**Cougars won first place in the Mustang Saddleback tournament this weekend.** The Cougars defeated the Livermore Hawks 3-0 and the San Ramon Tornados 1-0 on Saturday. On Sunday, they won against the Danville Barcelona 2-0 to advance to the championship game. They trailed for a short bit in the championship game against the San Ramon Pumas, but came away with a 3-1 victory for first place in the tournament. Excellent goaltending by Bryce Hall and Jake Carmichael along with awesome defense by Aiden Bartlett, Aaron Toothman, and Brandon McDougall allowed only one goal to be scored against the Cougars during the entire tournament. Teamwork and great assists by Alex Jorgenson, Austin Macedo, Liam Wilcox, and Carson Tracey led to goals by AJ Morais, Luke Sorenson, Seth Lundin, and Thomas Knierime to clinch the wins for the Cougars. Team members are: Alex Jorgenson, Brandon McDougall, Jake Carmichael, Austin Macedo, Seth Lundin, Carson

Tracey, Thomas Knierime, Luke Sorenson, Bryce Hall, AJ Morais, Aiden Bartlett, Liam Wilcox, and Aaron Toothman. The Cougars are coached by Tony Macedo, Aaron Bartlett, Tony Sorenson, and Joe Lundin.

**U-12 Girls:** Chaos 2, Dynamite 3; Offense: Emma Christiansen, Jennifer Hernandez, Amanda Craft (Chaos); Noelle Rizzo, Olivia Powers (Dynamite); Defense: Arina van Schoonenberg, Leah Kline (Chaos); Emerson Coberg, Makenna Howell, Stephanie Wilkinson (Dynamite); Goals & Assists: Savannah Stevenson (G), Claudia Meza (2G), Brooke Powell (A), Destiny Arriola (A) (Chaos); Noelle Rizzo (G), Cassandra Ward (2G) (Dynamite)

**Champions 6, Loas 2; Offense:** Olivia Armstrong, Sydney Myers (2G), Amy Malocsay, Isa Cusimono (G), Bella Vitale (Champions); Destiny Balch, Mary Carmona, Riley Male (Loas); Defense: Ariana

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# SPORTS NOTES



Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U12 Premier brought home the championship trophy from the the Davis Legacy Cup. Ballistic defeated San Juan Lightning 1-0 in the championship match. Pictured are (back row, from left) Coach Greg Rubendall, Drew McGinty, Adolfo Trujillo, Ian Slominski, Harrison Kepp, Nico Lemoine, John Zhou, Nico Chavez, Ben Blackfield; (front row) Neal Inchauspe, Jack Harker, Mark Mol, Octavio Morales, Tommy Kramer, Tyler Self, and Keshav Bhatnagar.



Pleasanton U13 Ballistic Premier 99 competed over the weekend in the Soccer Palozza in Union City. They put together a solid tournament in coming home with the second place trophy. See Sports Notes for details.

Devries (GK), Claire Andersen, Shamy Mott (Champions); Ashley Geary, Tammy Lee, Isabella Curran (Loas); Goals & Assists: Julie Mendez (2G), Sydney Myers (2G), Bella Vitale (G), Isa Cusimano (G) (Champions); Riley Male (2G) (Loas)

Chaos 4, Kaos 0: Offense: Mikayla Koning, Ashley Derdak, Amanda Craft (Chaos); Danielle DeJesus, Marie Linney, Ariyana Mubarak (Kaos); Defense: Taylor Lachman, Jennifer Hernandez, Arina van Schoonenberg (Chaos); Isabella Carrano, Ashley Geary, Tessa Mullins (Kaos); Goals & Assists: Savannah Stevenson (G), Leah Kline (A), Jodi Bryant (G), Zaylie Rensink (A), Destiny Ariola (2G), Brooke Powell (FK), Claudia Meza (A) (Chaos)

Chaos 1, Shockwave 0: Offense: Savannah Stevenson, Leah Kline, Ashley Derdak (Chaos); Elise Finnegan, Devyn Montesinos, Brynn Morgan (Shockwave); Defense: Arina van Schoonenberg, Emma Christiansen, Amanda Craft (Chaos); Aislyn McDeldery, Jordyn Patters, Chelsea Warner (Shockwave); Goals & Assists: Claudia Meza (G) (Chaos)

Dynamite 4, Shockwave 1: Offense: Sarah Peters, Ashley McKinzie, Olivia Kelly (Dynamite); Devyn Montesinos, Alyssa

Sausen, Sandra Sakauye (Shockwave); Defense: Kaitlyn Hembly, Candace Rho, Emily Turner, Emmerson Coberg (Dynamite); Aislyn McDeldery, Brynn Morgan, Chelsea Warner (Shockwave); Goals & Assists: Cassandra Ward (G), Mackenna (G), Noelle Rizzo (2G) (Dynamite); Devyn Montesinos (G) (Shockwave)

Hot Shots 1, Chaos 5: Amelia Sobrepna and Savannah Wysock gave great effort for Hot Shots' defense. Chaos strikers Claudia Meza, Jodi Bryant and Emma Christiansen scored a combined 5-goals for Chaos. Excellent defense by Zaylie Rensink, Taylor Lachman, and Maggie Rosendin, allowing only one goal by Hot Shots by Ciara Martinez. Offense: Brooke Powell, Mikayla Koning, Destiny Ariola (Chaos); Katie Hines, Ciara Martinez (Hot Shots); Defense: Zaylie Rensink, Maggie Rosendin, Taylor Lachman (Chaos); Amelia Sobrepna, Savannah Wysock (Hot Shots); Goals & Assists: Emma Christiansen (G), Jodi Bryant (G), Claudia Meza (3G) (Chaos); Ciara Martinez (G) (Hot Shots)

U-11/12 Girls: Fireballs 2, Chaos 1: Both Fireballs and Chaos worked hard during the hot, early evening game. Fireball strikers Madylin Martin and Tyler Lee scored a



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POOL BOY (R) DLP	Friday-Monday Only		7:00
WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER? (R) DLP		1:00	4:10 6:55 9:50
DREAM HOUSE (PG13) DLP		12:25	2:45 5:00 7:15 9:30
50/50 (R) DLP		12:05	2:25 4:45 7:20 9:40
MONEYBALL (PG13) DLP THX		12:15	3:15 6:15 9:15
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DOLPHIN TALE 3D (PG) DLP		1:10	4:05 6:50 9:35
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Pleasanton BUSC U14 Premier are champions of Soccer Palozza in Union City this past weekend. U14 Premier took the trophy home after defeating Healdsburg 1-0 in the championship game. Pictured are (back row, from left) Sam Molz, Julian Dessouky, Cameron Owens, Cameron Ritchie, Ryan Racer, Jackson Still, Jeffrey Klei, Mitchell Wilson, Chudi Atuegbu and Coach Kevin Crow and Coach Josh McKay; (front row) Geoffrey Weidrecht, Tyler Silva, Nick Tucker, Omeed Ziari, Armon Ojuola, JD Dourneau, and Jamal Dessouky.

combined 2 goals. Emma Christiansen of Chaos scored 1 goal. Standouts for Fireballs defense are Alexa Nava, Miriam Brown and Daisy Morgan. Standouts for Chaos defense are Amanda Craft and Jennifer Hernandez. Terrific effort by Fireballs offense Madylin Martin, Tyler Lee and Megan Brooking as well as Chaos offense Leah Kline and Emma Christiansen.

U-11 Girls: Dynamite 5, Kaos 0: Offense: Cassandra Ward (Dynamite); Riley Male, Danielle DeJesus, Destiny Balch (Kaos); Defense: Candace Rho, Ashley McKinzie, Emily Turner (Dynamite); Marie Linney, Tammy Lee, Isabella Carrano (Kaos); Goals & Assists: Noelle Rizzo (3G), Mackenna Howell (G), Olivia Powers (G) (Dynamite)

U-10 Girls: Flaming Tigers 3, Fireball 0: Offense: Anna Nostand, Serina Dolan (Tigers); Erin Rhee, Taylor Trafton, Katelyn Figueroa (Fireball); Defense: Alyssa Mack (GK) (Tigers); Katie Waters (GK), Sarah Carlson, Sydney Phillips (Fireball)

Fire Blast 2, Fireballs 1: Offense: Daisy Guinchar, Amanda Badger (Blast); Erin Rhee (G), Kaitlyn Patters (Fire Balls); Defense: Sarah Grace Parker, Monique Fallis (Blast); Katie Waters (GK), Madelyne Gold (Fire Balls); Goals & Assists: Daisy Guinchar (G), Erin Jones (G) (Blast); Erin Rhee (G) (Fire Balls)

Kaos 5, Shockwave 3: Outstanding play by both teams. A hard fought battle. Destiny Balch really was on fire on offense with 4 of the 5 Kaos goals. Good passing was the key to the win. Offense: Destiny Balch, Kaitlyn Wooley, Alyssa Wagner (Kaos); Mary Griffin, Alyssa Sausen, Elise Finnegan (Shockwave); Defense: Marie Linney, Mary Camono, Ariyana Mubarak (Kaos); Luci Romero, Ciara Acosta, Zare Zamora (Shockwave); Goals & Assists: Destiny Balch (4G), Alyssa Wagner (2A), Riley Male (G) (Kaos); Devyn Montesinos (G), Mary Griffin (G), Alyssa Sausen (G) (Shockwave)

U-9 Girls: Kickin' Caterpillars 2, Giants 3: Offense: Abbey Lizon, Kennedy Martin (Caterpillars); Annette Rizzo, Amy Lehman (Giants); Defense: Celine Millan, Lily Judd (Caterpillars); Ashley Heikila, Jessica Vasquez (Giants)

Giants 4, Wolverines 1: Offense: Ahmya Artis, Riley Johnson (Giants); Chloe Totten, Alyssa Dela Rosa (Wolverines); Defense: Morgan Kumpel, Jessica Vasquez (Giants); Grace Boyd (GK), Kaleigh Boler (GK) (Wolverines)

Cheetahs 3, Wolverines 1: The Wolverines kicked off the 2011 season with a hard fought loss to the Cheetahs. The first half was played to a stalemate with Wolverines' Grace Boyd (GK) making three saves. In the second half the Cheetahs opened up the scoring with a goal by Kelsey Sako. The Wolverines then fought back and tied the game with an unassisted goal by Mina Thompson. For the second half Wolverines' Cailin Thompson (GK) made three saves, but was unable to keep the Cheetahs from finding the back of the net two more times with Kelsey Sako's second goal and one by Isabel Buitron. With the match ending as a 3-1 Cheetahs victory. Offense: Ellie Venosdel, Rachel Huff, Mallee Reeser (Cheetahs); Sarah Adams, Chloe Totten, Alyssa Dela Rosa (Wolverines); Defense: Isabel Aluzzi, Kylee Ivy, Mercedes Valverde (Cheetahs); Peyton Dinwiddie, Arianna Hatton, Anna Willey (Wolverines); Goals & Assists: Kelsey Sako (2G), Isabel Buitron (G) (Cheetahs); Mina Thompson (G) (Wolverines)

U-8 Girls: Thundercats vs All Stars: Offense: Cassidy Castro (Thundercats); Elena Woolsey (All Stars); Defense: Louise English, Shailee Rothe (GK) (Thundercats); Faythe Fowler, Bella Lopez (GK) (All Stars)

Thundercats vs Firestars: Offense: Audrey Galustian, Kyra Nishimoto (Thundercats); Blanca Plascencia (Firestars); Defense: Callie Gandolfo, Irellyn Whitehead (Thundercats); Emily Bennett (Firestars)

Thundercats vs The Mighty Squirrels: Offense: Audrey Galustian, Shailee Rothe, Kyra Nishimoto (Thundercats); Skylar Jester (Squirrels); Defense: Irellyn Whitehead, Louise English (GK) (Thundercats); Brianna Madi (Squirrels)

Soccer Sisters vs All Star Soccer Players. Everyone played hard. The outstanding Soccer Sisters players were: Maya Vasudev, Sofia Pulido, and Brianna Yen. The outstanding All Star Soccer Players were: Mac McCormick, Faith Fowler, and Bella Lopez.

U-7 Girls: Blue Bombers vs Stingers: Offense: Hannah Statham, Kaitlyn Aguilar (Bombers); MacKenzie Ravera, Caroline Martin (Stingers); Defense: Natalie Tudor, Catalina Carlson (Bombers); Sienna Cisneros (Stingers)

Blue Bombers vs Wildcats: Offense: Hannah Statham, Hailey Ann Stubbles (Bombers); Carly Chance (Wildcats); Defense: Ava Lewis, Emily Hingshaas (Bombers); Katherine Wurster (Wildcats)

U-6 Girls: The Butterflies vs The Sparkly Unicorns: Offense: Audrey Belmessieri, Dani Fazio, Phoebe Kmetz (Butterflies); Elise Goulart, Monica Rasmussen, Macenzie (Unicorns)

Soccer Bunnies vs My Little Ponies: Offense: Hailey Brackett, Kyliya Oki (Bunnies); Emely Alvarado (Tigers)

Butterflies vs Kicking Tigers: Offense: Dani Fazio, Taylor Nelson (Butterflies); Natalia Puente, Brooke Gale (Tigers); Defense: Annabel Nicholson (Butterflies); Aida Ramirez (Tigers)

Shooting Stars vs Sparkly Ladybugs: Offense: Sophia Gresham (Stars); Sydney Goodwin, Sierra Bradford, Rebecca Jones

(Ladybugs); Defense: Camille Steele (Stars); Savannah Battaion, Maddison Colagross, Aniella Zullo (Ladybugs)

Sparkly Ladybugs vs Flower Power: Offense: Savannah Battaion, Sierra Bradford, Anne Polaski, Eliana Green (Ladybugs); Tessa Jesberg, Kaitlyn Bosques, Alexis Traynor (Power); Defense: Maddison Colagross, Rebecca Jones, Nikki Ostien (Ladybugs); Ella Coltrin, Madeline Snodgrass, Jessica Gutierrez (Power)

Flower Power vs My Little Ponies: Offense: Alexis Traynor, Ella Coltrin, Lauren Stoneberger (Power); Tatianna Hernandez, Emely Alvarado (Ponies); Defense: Jessica Gutierrez (Power); Allie Lindsey (Ponies)

Sparkly Ladybugs vs Koal Kickers: Offense: Sierra Bradford, Anne Polaski, Rebecca Jones (Ladybugs); Linsey Garcia, Sophie McGinnis, Morgan Studebaker (Kickers); Defense: Maddison Colagross, Savannah Battaion, Nikki Ostien (Ladybugs); Brittany Hanh, Sarah Deplith, Julia Griffin (Kickers)

Soccer Bunnies vs Kicking Tigers: Offense: Makenzie Duffin, Brooke Kor (Bunnies); Madi Perkins, Madison Logeman (Tigers); Defense: Sarah Lovdahl (Bunnies); Aida Ramirez (Tigers)

Kicking Unicorns vs Flower Power: Offense: Paige Lillak, Sophia Glover, Kiara Franklin (Unicorns); Lauren Stoneberger, Tessa Jesberg, Ella Arthur (Power); Defense: Terra Kubiak, Olivia Draghi, Katy Cnaan (Unicorns); Madeline Snodgrass, Ella Coltrin, Kaitlyn Bosques (Power)

U-5 Girls: Cupcakes on Fire vs The Mighty Unicorns: Offense: Kira Bowman, Jessica Drobick, Sophia Mascari (Fire); Kara Lawson, Ashley Tucker, Daniella Williams (Mermaids); Defense: Madden Black, Grace Garcia, Autumn Johnson (Fire); Kylee Bodero, Donovan Morton, Angelique Nieto, Ainsley Wade (Mermaids)

Division-4 (Recreation/House)

U-10 Boys: Champions 6, Snipers 1: Offense: Nathan Jones (Champions); Jacob Hutchinson (Snipers); Defense: Logan Kavanagh, Gabe Herrera, Thomas Cowles (GK) (Champions); Brandon Umeki (Snipers); Goals & Assists: Nathan Jones (2G), Edgar Garcia (G), Chad Madrid (G), Jesse Wolfson (G), Ben Morrisroe (G) (Champions); Anthony Casillas (G) (Snipers)

Strikeforce 3, Destroyers 0: Offense: Seth Jeppson, Kevin Collyty, Calvin Jue (Strikeforce); Shlok Bansal, Evan Shire, Michael Straus (Destroyers); Defense: Max Higgins, Seth Jeppson, Jeffrey Fairbanks (Strikeforce); Cameron Winter, Siddhant Shetti (Destroyers); Goals & Assists: Seth Jeppson (G), Kevin Collyty (G), Calvin Jue (G) (Strikeforce)

Snipers 3, Ground Breakers 2: Offense: Brandon Umeki, Jarod Gonzales, Christian Araiza (Snipers); Eddie Garcia, Owen Creamer (Breakers); Defense: Jason Ofiana (GK), Joshua Spencer (GK) (Snipers); Blake Teixeira (GK), Colby Smith (GK) (Breakers); Goals & Assists: Brandon Umeki (G), Jarod Gonzales (G), Christian Araiza (G) (Snipers); Eddie Garcia (G), Owen Creamer (G) (Breakers)

Champions 5, Strike Force 1: Offense: Jesse Wolfson (A), Edgar Garcia (A) (Champions); Mikey Jimenez, Jake Johnson (Force); Defense: Michael Bearden, Gabe Herrera (Champions); Max Higgins, Calvin Jue, Ethan Lane (Force); Goals & Assists: Chad Madrid (3G), Nathan Jones (G), Thomas Cowles (G) (Champions); Josiah



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Jets 0, Fireballs 4: Offense: Derek Ramirez-Bosque (Fireballs); Jesse Haight, Tony Ramirez, Wilson Schwegler (Jets); Defense: Angel Ixta, Alex Alvarez (Fireballs); Kyle Sands, Brendan Paterson, Michael Anolin (Jets)

U-8 Boys: Dynamos vs Dragons: Offense: Brayden Blacklock, Daniel Chelucci, Nate Lee (Dynamos); Michael Bliss, Ben Nelson (Dragons); Defense: Nathan Lewis, Brody Price, Michael Duperly (Dynamos); Matthew Thompson, Nick Yamamoto (Dragons)

Earthquakes vs Starfighters: Offense: James Foley, Wyatt Kmetz (Earthquakes); Kevin Gad (Starfighters); Defense: Alexander Cortes, Devin Gonzales (Earthquakes); Tyler Eaton, Ben Wigginton (Starfighters)

Red Rockets vs Dynamos: Offense: Christian Silva, Ryan DeLong, Will Taggart (Rockets); Daniel Chelucci, Brayden Blacklock, Jarred Sanchez (Dynamos); Defense: Daniel Vergara, Tyler James Stubbles, Daniel Waxman (Rockets); Mikey Duperly, Nathan Lewis, Brody Price (Dynamos)

Fireballs vs FC Thunder: Offense: Calvin Seely, Jackson Snodgrass, Samuel Langefels (Fireballs); Ryan Gorman, Reval Sidhu, Connor Morgan (Thunder); Defense: Benjamin Sears (GK), Theo Xenakis, Eduardo Angeles (Fireballs); Leonardo Espinoza

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bonds for the regional theater, and the selection of a BART extension through the downtown. Hickman added, "The current council does not want to put important, controversial issues before the voters. I want to do that."

She explained, "I was encouraged to run by Cathie Brown, Linda Jeffery Sailors, and Valerie Raymond. They were looking for someone who would stand a chance of winning. I was their best hope."

She states, "The city shouldn't guarantee the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) bonds. Another thing I object to is the size of the theater. A 95 foot flyway is too big for the downtown. I also doubt whether the theater could be a success. The Bankhead is not full all of the time. If the regional theater were not successful, what would we do with the building?"

Hickman said she supports the 500-seat theater. "I feel the city has grown enough to have the theater. I volunteer there now."

The urban growth boundary is important. "I worked to establish it. It is important to maintain it," she said. However, when asked if she would consider moving it to accommodate housing requirements for BART, she said, "It wouldn't hurt to move it a little." She said she wasn't concerned that moving the urban growth

boundary (UGB) would open up North Livermore to development, because voters would have to approve any further change in the UGB.

Although, the freeway would resemble Dublin if the housing were built at Isabel and Green-ville, Hickman said she has no problem with it. She prefers the higher density, taller housing be built along the freeway. "People don't want BART in the downtown. If it can't be on the freeway, I have heard that people don't want BART to come to Livermore."

Another reason not to have BART come through the downtown is the impact on people living in homes along the above-ground portion of the route.

As for the downtown, Hickman would like to see it stay the way it is for awhile. "There have been so many major changes. I think people would like to adjust to them." She believes the changes have been positive in that there is more activity in the downtown. "I like the area in front of the Bankhead. It's not only pretty, it's useful." She adds that she has heard negative comments about Lizzie Fountain.

If she does not support the regional theater on the Old Lucky site, what should go there? Hickman replied that she wasn't sure. Perhaps mixed use in two to three story buildings, no taller. "I'd like to see the rooftops used, perhaps

for patio space for the residents or, maybe better, for parking. Someone suggested a park for the site. I think that would be a mistake. The area is too secluded and would become a gathering place for the homeless."

Hickman supports the council's decision to apply for the sphere of influence over Doolan Canyon. "If funding were available, I would agree that purchasing land to preserve it would be a good idea."

She would make an effort to encourage businesses to come to Livermore in order to boost the economy. She said she wasn't aware of any policies that the current council had approved to provide incentives for businesses to locate in Livermore. Asked about I-GATE, Hickman stated, "It's a great idea. However, I wonder how many Livermore residents will be hired."

When questioned about a potential merger of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, Hickman said she would consider it only if LARPD supported the idea. Her concern would be that if there were a merger, in lean budget times, funding for parks and recreation would be cut.

As for budget priorities, Hickman said that she hadn't looked at the budget closely. "It is important to look at everything; then decide what you want to cut." The one area where she would consider increasing spending would be for the hire of additional policemen. "I would definitely reduce the salary of the new city manager. There is also a need to deal with pensions and other retirement benefits."

Additional police are needed to ensure the safety of Livermore residents. "Anywhere there are gangs, there is a problem. I would reestablish the gang task force. You hear about what is happening with gangs in Oakland. It's hard not to think we're not living in the same situation. It is something to be scared of."

Asked to describe the role of the mayor, Hickman said the mayor is one of five members of the city council. The mayor runs the meetings. "It's not a whole lot more than that. However, there are ceremonial duties. The mayor also represents the city at various other agencies."

Asked what skills she would bring to the council, Hickman said one is the ability to listen. She said that she gained the ability to listen through 10 years of hearing residents voice their concerns on the TV program, Grassroots Issues. "In addition, along with the skill of listening, I've developed an ability to put myself in another's position and can empathize, which leads me to being fair-minded even when I don't benefit."

She concluded, "I believe that I'm more in sync with the public's desires than the current council members are. Keeping BART on 580 and the attitude toward the regional theater are prime examples. Often the current Council seems totally oblivious to what the public thinks, until they're hit over the head with 8000 signatures on a petition."

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John Marchand is serving his second term on the city council as the vice mayor. He previously served on the Zone 7 Water Board. The Alameda County Water District employs him as a Senior Water Quality Chemist. His wife, Sue, teaches in the Livermore school district. Both of their sons graduated from Livermore public schools.

Marchand said he first ran for office because he wanted to make the community a better place to live. "I believe we are accomplishing great things in the community and would like to keep the momentum going."

He added that the current council has made the area a better place to live and has been recognized for its efforts. "It took 17 years to bring in the movie theater. This council made it happen. The policies have revitalized the downtown."

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Flying Circus vs Cannonballs: Offense: Michael Vieira, Mateo Vigil (Circus); Justin Johnson, Austin Araya (Cannonballs); Defense: Jonah Andrus, Reggie Guinchard (Circus); Farin Soriano, Matthew Ludwig (Cannonballs)

Cannonballs vs Earthquakes: Offense: Justin Johnson (Cannonballs); Ivan Munoz (Earthquakes); Defense: Tyler Laymon (Cannonballs); Logan Tucker (Earthquakes)

Star Wars vs Dragons: Offense: Drew Kardy, Max Martin, Joaquin Sanchez, Ayden Kelleher (Star Wars); Jake Bearden, Henry Gleason, Dylan Ison, Cayden Rice (Dragons); Defense: Jordan Trevehan, Sam Friedmann, Daniel Brown (Star Wars); William Fuller, Joey Makarewicz, Silbano Ortega, Steven Shepard (Dragons)

## California Gymnastics

The Level 4, 5 and 6 girls from California Gymnastics Academy competed at the Vineyard Classic in Livermore on 9/24-25 2011.

The Level 6 Team took the first place Team Award. Emily Balicanta won first place All-Around, scoring first place on Bars with 8.95 and first on Beam with 9.450. Allison Tietz placed first on Floor with a score of 9.4 and first All-Around. Fatima Ijaz took first place on Beam with 9.45 and placed 2nd All Around. Naomi Chin placed first on Bars with a score of 9.225. Jasmyn Cheng took second place on Beam with a score of 9.425.

The Level 5 Team took the first place team award. Alexandra Kim took first on Vault with a score of 8.625 and first on Floor with 9.450, earning first place All-Around. Alexandra Meyn scored a first place on Bars with 9.65 and first on Beam with a score of 9.575, earning second place All Around. Daniela Mendola won first place on Bars with a score of 9.725 and first on Beam with 9.5, placing first All-Around. Maya Frank scored 9.375 on Beam, Sabrina Kheirolooms scored 9.424 on Beam, and Lily Cuyler placed second on Bars with 9.575.

The Level 4 Team won the first place Team Award. Carly Oniki won first place on Vault with 9.3, first on Bars with 9.15, first on Beam with 9.075 and first on Floor with 9.15, winning first All-Around. Delaney Watkins placed first on Vault with 9.35, first on Beam with 9.35, earning first All-Around. Julia Humphrey placed first on Bars with 9.5, first on Beam with 9.075, first on Floor with 9.150 earning first All-Around. Anna Foehner placed first on Bars with 9.45 earning a Second All-Around and Callie Renner scored 9.0 on both Vault and Beam.

## WCOGA Gymnastics

The West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy compulsory gymnasts turned in solid performances at the Flip Flop Luau Invitational at Bay Island Gymnastics on 9/18/11.

Level 4 Results: McKenzie Meyn won 1st place All Around. Juliette Gosselin won 1st place on bars and beam, as well as 2nd place All Around. Audrey Ong won 1st place on floor. With outstanding support from their teammates, Phoenix Cabuya, Mariah Murphy, Rachel Shaw, Claire Volkmann, Naomi Evans, Mia Reeve and Deanna Chang, the level 4 team won 3rd place.

Level 5 Results: Lauren Swenson-Lennox won 1st place vault and 2nd place All Around. Corrine Jackson placed 2nd on vault and 2nd All Around. Zoey Castillo won 5th place on vault.

Level 6 Results: Jasmine Saucelo won 1st place on beam and 4th place All Around. Sara Ling won 2nd place on floor.

With the support of their level 5 teammates, Julia Arnold, Allison Reilly, Lydia Muentz and Capri Gavino, as well as Level 6 teammates Sara Lionag and Abigail McKeag, the combined Level 5/6 Team won 3rd place.

## Swim Strong

Every year, over 10,000 children under the age of fifteen are diagnosed with cancer in the USA. The physical, emotional and psychological impact on the child and the family can be overwhelming. The Croghan family faced this very situation in 2008 when their 14 year old daughter was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. After a tough battle, Korinne Croghan passed away in October 2008.

Croghan's family formed Team KC, a non-profit organization which falls under the umbrella of Kaiser Hospital in Oakland. It was formed to raise money to improve the quality of life for pediatric cancer patients

and provide support for their families.

On October 2, from 10-4:00 p.m., Team KC is holding a Swim Strong Swim-A-Thon event at the Robert Livermore Community Center to raise money and awareness to support the families whose children have been diagnosed with cancer. They are encouraging the local community to come out to support a swimmer, buy Team KC t-shirts, sweatshirts, and raffle tickets or purchase baked goods. Swimmers have been getting money pledges for how many laps they can complete in 30 minutes, and it's been a big event for several years.

To date, Team KC has raised nearly \$100,000 through a variety of events in the area, including the annual Team KC Swim-A-Thon, which has raised roughly 3/4 of the proceeds so far. Korinne was an avid competitive swimmer and water polo player from Granada High School in Livermore.

Team KC has used the money they've already raised to purchase a Wii game console for patients at Kaiser Oakland, as well as laptop computers, arts and crafts, teddy bears for all the children and gasoline and food gift cards for the families of pediatric oncology patients.

Team KC's long-term goal is to purchase a house in close proximity to Kaiser in Oakland, so families can stay there while their child is undergoing treatments.

For more information about the event, visit <http://www.teamkcswimathon.com> or follow "Team KC" on Facebook.

## Lacrosse New Player Clinic

Come learn why lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in North America! The Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Club will be hosting a new player clinic on Sunday, October 9 at Granada High School starting at 10:30. Lacrosse is a dynamic, fast paced game combining team strategy and individual athleticism.

This 2 hour clinic will teach the fundamentals of throwing and catching with the lacrosse stick, the rules of the sport and the roles of the various player positions. The registration fee of \$45 includes lacrosse ball and stick to keep as well as a cool Livermore Phantom t-shirt. Boys and girls age 7 through 17 are invited to attend.

Register on-line at [www.phantomlacrosse.org](http://www.phantomlacrosse.org).

## Lacrosse Registration

Join the fastest growing sport in North America! Registration for the Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Spring 2012 season is now open. Boys and girls teams are forming for players age 7 through 8th grade. The season runs mid-January through May. Registration closes Oct. 31, but teams are filling fast. Register on-line at [www.phantomlacrosse.org](http://www.phantomlacrosse.org).

## Race to the Flagpole

The Livermore-Granada Boosters will host the 2nd annual "Race to the Flagpole" on Veteran's Day weekend, Saturday, November 12, 2011. The one mile race will go through downtown Livermore, starting on Third Street and finishing at Livermore's original flag pole in Carnegie Park. This event is open to all ages and abilities and will encourage awareness and appreciation for fitness and community pride.

All proceeds will support the Livermore-Granada scholarship program. Since 1958, the Boosters have awarded more than \$199,000 in scholarships. This year \$26,000 needs to be raised in order to continue this tradition.

Race-day registration will begin at 7 a.m. at Carnegie Park in downtown Livermore. The race will be divided into age groups. The first age group will start at 8:30 a.m. Advance registration fees are \$10 for kids ages 10 and under and \$15 for ages 11 and up. On race day, all registration fees will be \$5 higher.

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As a result, the city received the Great American Main Street Award," explained Marchand.

"The defining feature of Livermore is the urban growth boundary (UGB). Continuing to protect it, has encouraged the investments in the downtown."

Paragon Outlets is another accomplishment of the current council. Paragon will bring millions in new revenues to the city, as well as thousands of jobs. "I was instrumental in helping to bring Paragon to Livermore," said Marchand. He points to his knowledge of Zone 7 as leading to an agreement that Zone 7 would fund \$10 million in flood control infrastructure upfront. In the past, the district would have required Paragon to pay the costs, then be reimbursed.

Marchand said he would like to hold regular town hall meetings to test the pulse of the community on issues. "It is important to hold an open dialog on issues that have a large impact on the city."

"The purpose of city government is to provide services. This council has been able to accomplish that. It may not be all that everyone wants. However, we still provide library services seven days a week and operate three libraries."

Marchand added that in a recent city conducted survey, 90 percent of those responding agreed Livermore is a great place to live and to raise a family. "We must be doing something right."

Marchand believes that the urban growth boundary is one of the "right" decisions. It has been confirmed numerous times over the years. He is concerned that the Keep BART on 580 group is insisting that the Greenville station be built in its current designated location, not moved south. "That would likely result in Fish and Wildlife killing the project or requiring that housing be built outside the UGB. "It appears that the ultimate goal of some of the BART on 580 supporters is to break the UGB."

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His budget priorities would be public safety and public works. He believes that such activities as parades and fireworks could best be accomplished by volunteer organizations with help from the city.

Pensions and retirement benefits impact the city's budget. Marchand said when negotiating contracts with unions everything is on the table. "It is important to assure that pensions and benefits are sustainable. In my job with the Alameda Water District, my retirement is in PERS (the state employee retirement fund). I am very familiar with the issues," he stated.

Gangs are seen as a problem by many. Marchand said that he will be attending a League of California Cities session at which gangs will be discussed. "I will be able to find out what is working for other cities and groups. I will also pursue new sources of funding to bring back the gang task force. It is important to note that no police or fire have been laid off, nor has the city resorted to furlough days. Looking at the statistics over the past year, there has been no increase in crime."

Marchand said the city has been able to leverage state dollars back into the police department to help sustain it.

His goal, if elected mayor, would be to bring in high tech jobs, and to pursue new revenue sources. "I believe the city is

well positioned to be the center of investment in clean, high tech industries that provide good jobs."

To help fill those jobs, education is important. "We need to engage students at an early edge. Tech tracks can demonstrate to students that they will be able to obtain a job, and to let them know that college is an option. To accomplish this we need partnerships, involving the school district, businesses and city government."

Minuete McKernan is a college student currently attending Dominican University in San Rafael. She is majoring in political science with double emphases in international relations and public law. Her minor is in pre-law. Over the summer, she worked as an intern in the field of human resources. She said, "The job helped me to expand my skills and interests in the business field."

McKernan is a third generation Livermore resident. Her grandparents moved to the area in the early 1900s and opened the original Kolln Hardware in Pleasanton. She has been active in the community for many years as a member of several organizations.

She said she is running for mayor in order to realize her interest in politics and to be able to put to use the skills she has developed. While she is a student, McKernan explained that her schedule has been designed around the campaign. Her professors are willing to work with her to enable her to fulfill the duties of mayor, if she were elected.

McKernan sees the role of mayor as a rather extensive job. "There are city council meetings to attend and lead. The mayor negotiates contracts, works with the city manager, and acts as a voice of the people for the city. The mayor is the unifying force and leader of the council."

One of the issues she has studied is the regional theater. She said that she met with Len Alexander, executive director of LVPAC, to learn more about it. She supports the concept of the regional theater. However, she is concerned about the financing, which involves the general fund. "It is a complicated issue. The expenditure is a large commitment on the part of the redevelopment

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agency. A lot of people have expressed interest in having a say when there is that much money involved. I do recognize the benefits the theater would provide. I wouldn't be opposed to placing the issue on the ballot."

McKernan continued, "I do enjoy the downtown. It's nice to be able to come to the area during the week and see people walking around. I would like to see a continuation of the revitalization. I do realize there will be additional growth in the downtown." One of her goals would be to see the empty buildings near the Bankhead filled.

If the regional theater were not built on the Old Lucky site, she would reassess the use and determine what would benefit the community. She would like to see more shopping opportunities provided there. She would not support housing on the site.

McKernan described herself as a proponent of BART on 580. "It is the will of the people. In addition, I have reviewed the various options, and think it is the better one." Isabel is a good access point. Students could use it to attend Las Positas College.

McKernan stated that the housing attached to a new BART station is providing an interesting debate. I have heard that exceptions to providing housing have been granted in other communities. If the housing were to be built in Livermore as part of BART, it could be placed at a Greenville station south of the freeway.

She supports the urban growth boundary. "It sets us apart from Dublin. Residents, on multiple occasions, have supported the UGB. They don't want Dublin type development." Asked about the potential of Dublin type development near BART stations to

meet housing designations, she didn't think that the buildings in the concept drawings provided by the city looked that tall. She described the idea that she, as mayor, may be asked to place the UGB on the ballot an "overtly ambitious idea. I think the one thing we can agree on is that the UGB needs to be protected."

McKernan liked the council's approval of moving forward to apply for a sphere of influence over Doolan Canyon. "I think it will be controversial. However, I think there can be a resolution. I don't think Dublin will get what it wants."

She does not object to purchasing land to preserve it. She believes recent purchases in Doolan Canyon and North Livermore moved forward with a positive outcome.

Her budget priorities would focus on emergency responders. Education is also a concern. Although the school district is separate from the city, it is important for the city to be involved and promote education.

Another important area to look at when it comes to the budget is infrastructure. "People don't pay enough attention to maintaining it. Providing water and sewer services are a must."

There needs to be a focus on sustainability when it comes to pensions and retirement benefits, McKernan continued. "What we are talking about here are people, not just numbers. They provide needed services." However, she doesn't think there will be progress in making changes without compromise. "That requires being able to communicate the issues." She believes she has the ability to communicate ideas.

Gangs are an issue that does need to be dealt with. There should be funding available to accomplish that.

As to decisions made by the council over the past several years, McKernan believes that as a whole, the city is moving forward in a good direction. "I'm happy with the downtown. The council has made some good decisions. Some have been controversial."

She was disappointed when the 4th of July was cancelled. "It was always a family experience. I'd like to bring it back. I do know that it is a funding issue. However, I think the city would be able to raise the money."

McKernan does not support a merger between LARPD and the city. "They are separate entities and should be kept that way. Each has specific services it provides. LARPD has done a good job."

The city has provided ways to promote job growth by reducing fees and establishing such programs as I-GATE as a way to attract green, high tech, high paying jobs, said McKernan. She is very supportive of the Livermore Valley Open Campus and the opportunities for technology transfer from the national laboratories that it provides. To promote additional job growth, McKernan would like to reduce the time it takes for permitting. She would also work to make Livermore a more appealing place for businesses, so they would choose to locate in Livermore over Pleasanton or Dublin.

McKernan said she will bring a fresh perspective to the job of mayor. "My parents instilled a strong work ethic in me. I was raised to understand the importance of community service. I have a lot of energy that I can channel to deal with issues. I would be attentive to people. My family has lived here a long time. I'm invested in Livermore and legitimately care about the town."

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should run."

Burger said he isn't opposed to the regional theater itself. It is the financing that he questions. "My children have been raised to be appreciative of the arts. My family attends theatrical productions around the Bay Area and at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. We are patrons of the arts. My consternation is that the regional theater is backed by public funds."

Burger declared, "I do not support using public funds for such a venture without voter approval."

Burger explained that he sees funding shortfalls that could arise and put future generations on the hook to pay for the theater. "The theater is beautiful looking. However, we may be looking at it through rose colored glasses," he observed.

He expressed the concern that if city funds were used for the theater, it could impact other services, such as police and fire. He said his number one priority is public safety and security. Quality of life enhancement and infrastructure are a close second. "Without safety and security the city can't draw businesses into town."

Burger feels that it was a mistake to cut the funding for the hours at the Springtown Library. He said the library is an oasis for older residents in the area. "Many do not have air conditioning. When it is hot, the library is the place they go. The library also attracts children and their parents. It is difficult to reach the main library from Springtown. The library is a quality of life issue for Springtown."

Burger stated that when it

comes to the budget and spending the public's money, we need to assure every penny is managed properly. Employee benefits must be paid. The economy has resulted in readjustments to employee pay and benefits over the years, with boom and bust periods. When it comes to pensions and salaries, it is important to look at a sustained approach, to implement best practices now and into the future. "We can't be reactionary to current events. Pensions should be designed to be sustainable."

Burger said he entered the race because of the BART decision made by the council. "I worked on the BART on I-580 petition drive and am opposed to the extension into downtown," he stated. He will work hard to make sure that BART stays on the freeway.

The urban growth boundary may have to be moved to make way for housing near BART. Burger said that when it comes to the urban growth boundary (UGB), it may be time to look at it again, to poll citizens to see what they want. Some people want to expand the city; others want to stop at the current boundary. He isn't opposed to placing the UGB on the ballot. However, prior to doing so, he would conduct a full survey and host a town hall meeting.

He said of the area around the city, "I love our vineyards. I do not want to see Livermore become similar to Dublin. I believe Livermore can have managed growth at an even tempered pace. Perhaps the current growth policy is not the correct one."

Burger supports the council's decision to apply for Doolan

Canyon sphere of influence. "The caveat is that Livermore must work with the residents in the canyon to ensure the city has their best interest in mind and assists them anyway that is legally feasible with water. It needs to be a symbiotic relationship. I don't want Livermore to appear to be attempting a hostile take-over of the canyon."

When it comes to purchasing open space, Burger stated, "I support it if the money is available and the majority of residents approve of the idea."

One of Burger's top interests is the economy and jobs. He said he attended a recent Chamber of Commerce luncheon where one speaker said it takes three years to gain a permit for a solar facility. "I have business owners who are friends of mine who tell similar stories. Livermore's approval or permitting process may be slower than that of other cities. It may need some tweaks to make it easier to expedite growth."

Of some of the programs underway, Burger said, "I-HUB is a great thing. The opportunity there is huge. The Lab is never going to move. It provides huge economic boost. Vineyards make it possible to export wine. We could do more."

Burger said his family likes the downtown. "I would like to see it extended." As for additional housing, Burger stated that it depends on how it is built. It should not obstruct the operations in downtown, such as taking up parking. If that were the case, I would oppose housing.

Asked what he would have done differently over the past few years, Burger replied that

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each councilmember has his or her own priorities. Decisions should be based on what constituents need. "I would be more hands-on with the public. I would promote the ability of citizens to come in and say what they want. I feel that some of the council decisions have missed the mark when it comes to knowing what the public wants."

Local government agencies should work as a cohesive entity. He said of the city's study of a potential park district/city merger, one should not try to exert force on another branch of government.

"Education is the way to improve quality of life. Children are our greatest resource. Everything grows with education as children learn math science and to use their creativity and ingenuity. I would be proactive instead of reactive when it comes to issues, including education."

When it comes to regulations, he believes, "one size does not fit all." One example he cited is the sidewalk repair program, where homeowners have to pay a percentage of the cost of fixing a sidewalk in front of their homes. He thinks that is fair if a tree planted by the homeowner caused the damage. However, if the city planted the tree, the citizen should not have to pay for the repairs. Another issue is the garbage contract and the increase in fees. "Seniors can't afford increases when their incomes are limited."

He believes he would bring to the job the ability to listen, empathize and see other points of view. "I was taught that every situation has two sides. Before I make a decision, I would look at each issue as if I were on both sides of the fence."

"My commitment to each Livermore resident is to return the focus of our council back to the business of using our limited resources to best meet the needs of our citizens in a fiscally responsible manner, and my background will help us accomplish that."

## STEWART GARY

Stewart Gary said he has spent his life in community service as a firefighter, starting as a volunteer in high school and eventually becoming chief of the Livermore Fire Department, then the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department following the merger. Gary led the merger process.

Gary is currently serves on the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees, elected to the position in 2008.

He and his family have lived in Livermore for 17 years. Two children graduated from Livermore public schools. Since retiring from the fire department, he has taught and consulted in the design of fire services. Currently, he is the Fire Practice Principal for Citygate Associates, which serves only government agencies.

Gary says he is running for council, because he believes Livermore continues to evolve into a really great community. During these challenging times, he believes he can help to continue that evolution. Gary said it was not his plan to leave the school board early. However, with term limits and no election two years ago, three seats were available. "I know a lot about municipal government. I can't be snowed by staff or consultants into thinking there is only one answer for each issue."

Gary addressed the regional theater issue. He stated, "I support it as long as the theater continues to be economically viable without any impact to the general fund than that of a co-signer on the bonds. I believe the risks are being over-stated. Can there be zero risks? No." He says it is incorrect to say the city is issuing the bonds. They are being sold by LVPAC. Redevelopment Agency tax increment funds would be used to help with financing. "It would take a catastrophic economic melt down to reach the point where general fund monies would have to be used to bail out the bonds," Gary stated.

He added that many studies over multiple years found that both theaters, in this market can be well booked. "No other private investment has undergone as much research and study. Economically it pencils out."

He pointed out that there is a precedent for using public funds to foster quality of life, such as a theater. Supporting two theaters is not much different than endorsing a minor league baseball field or subsidizing swim programs.

Gary agrees with initiative signers that BART belongs on 580. He said that that every council in the future needs to respect the desire to have BART remain on 580.

He said that he would not be willing to cave into urbanizing the 580 corridor to obtain what Livermore residents have been paying for since the 1960s, a BART extension, nor should it be necessary. He believes, "It would destroy the character of Livermore. Livermore should not have to sell its soul to obtain BART. The housing density is a

recommended number; it is not binding.

He called the UGB part of the ongoing historic character and future of Livermore. Multiple votes have supported it. Maintaining the urban growth boundary and scenic corridor protections preserve open space, agriculture and the city's distinctive visual appearance, Gary declared. He favors preserving the urban growth boundary in order to protect the open space feel and the rolling hills. He does not want to pave over paradise.

Returning to sprawl development would result in an economic train wreck. Government finance specialists have said that sprawl development does not bring in enough money to pay for services. Houses now sell for less. "There is no way sprawl can pay for such services as police, fire, parks, and libraries."

Gary said he likes the current downtown specific plan. It was created following a long, intense discussion. He said that keeping all of the building to 2 to 3 stories creates a bland community. There needs to be diversity of shapes and sizes with a respect for view angles and shade. Three stories ought to be the target with an occasional 4 story building to vary massing.

He believes the current council is taking the city in the right direction. However, he says there should be a better connection with neighborhoods. He, in particular, would like to have more focus on neighborhood preservation and code enforcement.

When it comes to fireworks on the 4th of July, he said it needs to be determined how to pay for them. The private sector should be involved.

Public safety, coupled with maintaining the quality of life, are important when it comes to budget priorities. It isn't just about police and fire; it is important to ensure there is potable water and sewage service. Maintaining public health is just as important as keeping law and order.

In the current economic climate, labor costs have to align with revenues, Gary said of the budget. Good faith bargaining addresses service, hours, base pay and benefits. The goal is to create a positive, long-range plan to eliminate the long term structural debt related to retirement benefits.

Gary is proud that the school board has created a 12 percent reserve that will carry it through the current economic conditions. "The state hurt us badly. We could have crashed and burned. Instead, we cut early and hard.

We asked folks to conserve discretionary spending. We took a three to five year approach to end up healthy and keep cuts as far away from kids as possible."

Gangs are a concern. Every community has a small gang and a larger group of wannabes. "The police chief says he can deal with the issue. I trust the council will ask for measurable proof that that is true. If the department is unable to control gangs, then we would have to readdress staffing." He didn't think that would necessarily mean bringing back the gang task force. "I don't believe in throwing dollars at a concept. I want to see funds spent yielding results."

Gary stated that the current council is doing an absolutely great job when it comes to job creation. I-GATE will be tremendous over the long haul. What is missing is a greater connect between career tech and employees. Gary would like to create a jobs bank, where local schools and employers would be matched for aligned skills and employment opportunities. It would allow employers to apprise the schools of their ongoing needs. "I think it will help with job retention if every year we are able to produce qualified kids to take jobs as a business grows."

Doolan Canyon should be preserved. Dublin's move to look at development there is a violation of a memorandum of understanding with Livermore and of the intent of Alameda County's urban growth boundary.

He would look at the potential park district and city merger. If it pencils out economically and there is an increase in the flow of funds, it should be seriously considered. To protect the funds, a 4/5 vote of the city council would be required to use them for any other purpose than parks and recreation.

Gary believes that smaller public agencies suffer from the cost of overhead. He would like to see the school district, park district, city and Cal Water look at ways to combine such things as IT service. Do we need three ITs, he asks. "There is duplication of overhead, too many fragmented layers of government competing for resources."

## MARSHALL KAMENA

Marshall Kamena will have served as mayor of Livermore from Nov. 2001-Nov. 2011.

He still maintains his license to practice Medical Optometry and treat eye diseases. However, his former practice is now a corporation called Murrieta Optometry, with his son as the principal

and doctor in charge. Kamena says that he devotes full time to his position as mayor.

His wife, Barbara, is a native of Livermore. She taught art and Spanish in the Livermore School District. Both of his children attended and graduated from local schools. Scott is a medical optometrist; Todd a dentist.

He has served on a variety of transit and transportation commission, including the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Agency. He serves on the Livermore i-GATE and i-Hub Board of Directors. He was a founding director of the Livermore Redevelopment Agency and a past president of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce.

He will be termed out as mayor, but can run for council. Kamena points out that he wrote the term limit ordinance. "I believed in it then. I do today." However, he said that there are projects that the city is working on that he would like to help bring to fruition. "I find that experience is important. I believe the city has prospered more under my leadership than during any previous period. I have formed coalitions that stand Livermore in good stead. The city is respected. Livermore receives more grants and funding than any other community in the county. It has also received more awards and honors." He said the city has received 86 first place awards.

Kamena said he made 19 promises when he ran for mayor; at least 15 have been accomplished.

"I wanted to define the limits or boundaries of the City of Livermore and create city centered growth and revitalization of the core area of downtown, not just sprawl to Tracy. Highway 84 needed to be removed from its First Street route to Isabel Blvd. with a new interchange at I-580. I then proposed a Downtown Specific Plan and 3300 homes to complement that plan. It is well underway."

There is a new downtown with a cultural center; a movie theater has been delivered. There will be a boost in retail sales when the outlet center is built, a project that took seven years and negotiations with fourteen agencies. Another accomplishment he lists is annexation of the national laboratories. While it brings no direct monies to the city, it provides incredible prestige, he stated. It benefits the employees in that they can take advantage of first time home buyer assistance. It helped to concentrate our lobbying efforts. The labs cannot ask for money; we can. The Lab

has plans for solarization that will provide 2 megawatts per day. That project will go through Livermore planning. It is the first time a Lab project will do so.

One of the most exciting projects he said that he would like to continue is the completion of the 5000 job business and technology center, I-GATE. He noted that the national laboratories opening up a portion of land as an open campus has stimulated activity for I-GATE. In the future, there will be an increased number of jobs and an increase in sales and property taxes.

Kamena points out that the sales tax is already considerably above what it was a year ago. The downtown renovation has helped. There were less than 100 businesses eight years ago. Today there are 442. "That's a pretty nice increase."

Kamena stated, "I believe in trying to think of things we can do, rather than things we can stop and campaign against."

He stated that the regional theater has taken so long, because we wanted to do it right. "Study after study has shown that the regional theater would be a success. The approvals are in place. The entitlements are in. It's now a matter of LVPAC finding the right climate to sell bonds. The city is not financing the project. LVPAC is. The city has pledged tax increment funds as seed money because it will be an economic engine for the downtown. I believe that such public-private partnerships are the waive of the future. The regional theater will be the centerpiece of the Old Lucky site. The theater will be located in a park-like setting."

When it comes to BART, Kamena said the city is working at great speed to build it on 580. There were over 250 public meetings held to discuss the issue since 2002. Originally, the 580 option was removed. Environmental limitations at Greenville made it unworkable. The downtown-Vasco route morphed out of the various meetings. "However, people felt they had been left out of the process, resulting in the 580 petition. The intent now is that 580 will be the route."

Kamena explained that financing the 9212 report that looked at the impacts of the 580 on BART route was well worth the money because it resulted in finding a way to make it fundable by moving the Greenville station south of the freeway. If also showed that the urban growth boundary could be preserved. "If we are serious about BART to Livermore, this is the time to take

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# OBITUARIES

## Fausta Reyes Ramil

December 19, 1910 - September 16, 2011

Fausta Reyes Ramil, a Filipino native and proud American citizen, died in her home surrounded by loved ones in Concord, Calif. on Friday, September 16, 2011, at 100 years young. She was the beloved matriarch of a large and loving family.



The future Mrs. Ramil was born Fausta Matos Reyes to Reverend Arcadio Reyes and Gregoria Matos in Novaliches, Philippines, on December 19, 1910. Her father was a Methodist minister who traveled to various congregations throughout the island of Luzon. Her mother was a devout member of the IEMELIF Church (Evangelical Methodist Church of the Philippine Islands). In one of the many journals she kept, Fausta writes that her parents taught her to "Be always good to everybody, love yourself" in order to succeed in life, advice she dutifully passed on to the next generations.

In 1927, she met her "love forever," Quintin A. Ramil. After a six year engagement - during which time they forged their relationship through love letters that spanned the thousands of miles

separating them - Fausta and Quintin married on December 2, 1934. In 1956, they immigrated to the United States with their six children (a seventh would later be born in the US) and settled in Stockton, and later Livermore, Calif., to find a "job, good luck and fortune."

A devoted wife and mother, Fausta dedicated herself to the happiness and well-being of her family. She and her husband were devoted members of Asbury Methodist Church and active in the Filipino American community in Livermore - notably, as a founding family of the Livermore Fil-Am Organization - and stressed to their children the importance of education.

After the passing of her husband in 1980, she became the family matriarch and enjoyed watching her family of seven children grow to include their spouses, 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. With great joy, she attended countless weddings, baptisms, graduations, cheerleading competitions, tennis matches, and soccer, wrestling, football and - her favorite - baseball games.

It is an understatement to say that she loved life and seized every second of it. Her journals alone - which document every detail of everyday, from what she ate to what time she went to bed - are a testament to her full embrace of life and 22the appreciation she had for every moment, small or large.

She started each day with a hot chocolate, indulged her sweet

tooth with Kit Kats and vanilla ice cream, devotedly watched Dr. Schuler's service as well as the "Price is Right," and was never without a Ricola in her purse. Her cooking was unparalleled, with family favorites that are still talked about today - including her lumpia, biko and potato salad - and she led the family in grace before every meal.

Every month, she put money away in her "Xmas club" account to save for the family's favorite holiday tradition - the handing out of her Christmas cards and money that she proudly distributed to each family member, every year. She also donated to several charities every month (\$5.00 each to organizations such as the American Red Cross, AARP and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation), poured over her ballot to prepare for Election Days, and campaigned for 30 years for her friend and favorite politician, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. At the age of 100, it was known that she would still powder her nose and apply lipstick, and would not leave the house without her heels and jewelry. She embodied grace, dignity and beauty, both inside and out.

She was never without a smile on her face, laughed wholeheartedly - even at herself - everyday, and often exclaimed with delight, "I'm so happy!" She will be missed by everyone that knew her, and especially by those

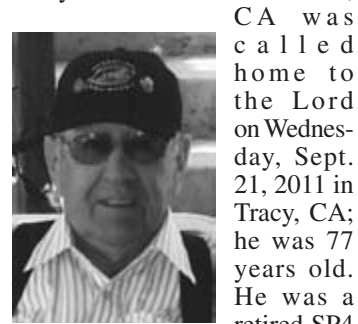
who knew her as Mom, Inay, Grandma and Lola.

Fausta was preceded in death by her husband, Quintin A. Ramil. She is survived by five sons: Quintin Ramil, Jr. (Teresita Roxas), of San Diego; Mario Ramil (Judy Wong), of Waipahu, Hawaii; Lindo Ramil (Filipina Flores) of Livermore; Cesar Ramil (Anita Vanderlpe) of Livermore; and Michael Ramil (the late Sandra Fitzgerald) of Pleasanton; and two daughters: Gloria Ramil Omania (Louis Omania) of Concord and Norma Matro (Carlos Matro) of Aiea, Hawaii.

A Celebration of Life service was held at Asbury Methodist Church, in Livermore with burial at Memory Gardens in Livermore.

## Donald Joseph Frates Sr.

Resident of Tracy  
Donald, born on Dec. 17, 1933 in Danville, CA, to George and Jenny Frates both of Livermore,



United States Army and the

owner/operator of Bar F Ranch in Tracy, CA.

He was a member of the Operating Engineer's Local Union 3 and St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Tracy. Donald graduated from Livermore High School.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marie, his daughter Tina and her husband, Bob of Manteca; grandson Ronny, his wife Chauntae and their children, Andrew and Caitlyn; grandson Rusty and son Donald and his wife Teri.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 28 at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Livermore. Burial followed at St. Michael Cemetery with Military Honors.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## Connie Louise Graver

Connie, a lifetime resident of Livermore, was born on May 20, 1959 in Livermore, CA, and passed away on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 in Pleasanton, CA. She was 52 years old.

Some of Connie's hobbies were having good times with her family and friends and traveling around in a motor home with her husband.

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drastic action. The window for funding would have disappeared if we had waited for a vote in November on the petition. A project will be ready in time to have BART to Livermore part of the Measure B funding." It needed to be completed by October. He said that he and Supervisor Scott Haggerty are working to ensure that funding for BART to Livermore is part of the new Measure B. "A full station is the only thing that will play. The city has taken the adoption of the petition seriously."

Kamena does not support large numbers of housing along 580. It would make the city look like Dublin. "If we don't like the housing, we have to look at alternatives. I have gone to MTC to try to work out a proposal to relax some of the requirements by counting housing elsewhere that would reduce the housing by 50 percent at the end of the line."

The city has already applied to LAFCO for a sphere of influence over Doolan Canyon. It is on the November agenda. At the same time, Dublin is moving forward with a study that is expected to lead to that city asking for sphere of influence. Kamena stated, "I'm convinced that LAFCO does its best work when all applicants can agree. I think LAFCO will say it would like an agreement between Livermore and Dublin. If we can't agree, what happens; it stays the way it is."

A merger between the park district and city is on hold until the issue can be de-politicized, said Kamena.

The budget decisions by the current council have been questioned. Kamena said he understands fireworks are an issue. He was on the committee that started the 4th of July celebration in Livermore. It started out small. It was fun, run with almost all volunteer labor. "Given the economy, we should probably have canceled the event two years earlier. The decision was finally whether to spend the money on fireworks or pay two police officers."

Kamena added that it's apparent the community was disappointed that there were no fireworks. Both the park district and city staffs are challenged to come up with ideas on how the community can come together to help by assuming the responsibility of raising money to stage the fireworks. "I am very optimistic that it will work. It doesn't need to be a political issue."

The change in status of the Springtown Library was an issue. Kamena declared, "I believe that a new plan can be put in place with the help of the school district that will open the library on its previous schedule or even longer hours."

Public safety is one of perception. There are no fewer cops on the street today, Kamena explained. The positions that were eliminated were those that were not filled. Even with a larger budget, the number of policemen would have been the same. It was part of a planned revamping and efficiency effort by the police chief.

As for the gang task force, Kamena points out that the same officers involved are still on the payroll. However, they now also take on other tasks. "If there were a gang problem, the same people would be available as needed to deal with it." The budget the council approved was recommended by the Chief of Police.

Pensions and retirement have an impact on spending. A 2-tier system has been implemented. "We are working on negotiations

for higher employee contributions to pensions and retirement, rather than the current zero. I have taken an active role in pension reform. The job is not done," Kamena declared.

## LAUREEN TURNER

Laureen Turner is a resident of Livermore. She is a registered nurse at ValleyCare Medical Center and a nursing instructor for Ohlone College. Her husband, Christian, works at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Between them, they have three children.

Turner is a member of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors. She was elected to the post last November. Turner said she had no intention of running for council. However, I was encouraged to run. "I'm not 100 percent happy with the city council. There are two and maybe three seats open. I believe it is time for new members to be elected."

She added, "BART on 580 was the issue that changed my mind about running." She believes that the purpose of BART is to get as many people off the roads as possible. "That purpose is best served with stations close to the freeway, with easy on and off access."

Turner agrees that some transportation is needed to take people to the downtown. She would like to see some kind of system, perhaps motorized trolleys, that could take people on a circuit that includes the downtown and wineries, connecting regional recreation. Turner mused that perhaps those working on green energy at the Lab could come up with an idea.

Turner believes that the Isabel station provides a connection to the college and the outlet center. It is easily accessible to Livermore residents. There is space to provide adequate parking. A portion of the needed housing is already present and/or planned near this station. "A lot of people are dedicated to the idea of an Isabel station," she added.

Turner believes that a Greenville station south of the freeway would provide an opportunity to meet the housing requirement there without moving the urban growth boundary. "This site provides access to the future I-HUB businesses. This provides an opportunity to bring in more businesses where employees could live close to where they work."

She stated, "It is important to make the BART extension work for Livermore." Her voice on the council would keep the focus on a 580 alignment.

Turner was opposed to the council vote that allows the general fund to be used to back the regional theater. "I love the theater. People try to compare it to the Leshner Theater. There is no comparison, the regional theater would be far better. I would like the opportunity to have both the Bankhead and the regional theater. Bringing in lots of acts that won't come now because of the size of the theater would enhance the town. It would add to the uniqueness of Livermore, along with its wineries, parks and trails." She believes the regional theater will draw audiences. "It will be a great venue for conventions, classes, and performances. A hotel would open up even more possibilities," she stated.

While she disagrees with the council vote on the funding, Turner said, "The decision has been made. I'm not willing to change decisions made by a previous council."

She is happy there is an urban growth boundary. "I love the

hills. I like to know when I am entering and leaving Livermore. Unfortunately, on the southside of the freeway, the cities will run together when the outlet center is built. That is a good reason to keep the UGB place on the northside."

She added, "If people want to vote to move the UGB on the northside, it is up to them to decide to do so. I'm not looking to put it on the ballot. This is not a good time to expand or grow."

Turner would work with Dublin to define the future of Doolan Canyon. She would like to see it remain a green area.

Asked about purchasing open space, Turner said it depends on the reason behind the purchase. Preserving Doolan Canyon is a good reason.

When it comes to the downtown, Turner declared, "I love what has been accomplished so far. I would like to see more of the same. She likes the concept for a Village behind the regional theater. She also likes the brownstones built across from the

movie theater.

She objects to several decisions made by the council. One was closing the Springtown Library. She pointed out that seniors gather there when it is hot. "The library provides a social outlet for Springtown. It is not easy to get on a bus and go to the Civic Center Library."

The other decision she opposed was cancelling the 4th of July event. As a member of the LARPD board, she approved a budget that eliminated funding for the 4th of July. She said that neither the park district nor the city managed the decision well. "There was a lack of communication. The pieces are now in place to look at a future celebration. There are a lot of people interested in bringing it back."

Turner would like to see the gang task force back. "There are gangs in the city. There are fewer police now than ten years ago." Turner mentioned that statistics do show that crime is down now. However, she is looking to the future. Financing ways now to stop

gangs would be prudent. "It is more expensive to fix a problem than to nip it in the bud."

Her budget priorities would be police and fire service.

When it comes to pensions, she is not in favor of changing the rules on those close to retirement.

Turner would not support a merger of the park district and the city. The cost savings would be from staff reductions - long term employees would be laid off. "There are excellent parks and lots of trails. As separate agencies, a city council would never have to decide between recreation and police and fire service. A policeman would win every time. However, if voters supported a merger, I would go along with the decision," she added.

The idea behind a merger is that less money would be taken by the state for ERAF (Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund) from the city than is taken from the park district, resulting in additional funds for recreation

and parks. She points out that the city has conducted studies on the impact on revenues with a merger. However, what the first study does not include is that financial experts agree that the ERAF formula is set. She said that a park district found that there wouldn't necessarily be additional money for parks and recreation, if there were a merger.

She believes the current council is making a good effort to bring in jobs. The new outlet center will provide jobs. I-GATE has great potential to provide even more jobs. "I am excited to see what happens there." Her goal would be to keep Livermore business friendly.

If elected to the council, Turner believes that her background both in health services and organizational management prepares her well for the challenges of balancing priorities on the city council. "I understand finance and health. I would bring a fresh set of eyes, new and innovative ideas."

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Signature of Registrants: /s/ Ashley Kettmann, 1st Registrant  
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### SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NO. VG10552404

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ADAM V. DAFFNER, an individual

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Signature of Registrants: /s/ Michael J. Bell  
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### SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NO. C 10-02996

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 456188**

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**REAL ESTATE NEWS AND NOTICES**

## Real Estate Investing: Is It the Right Time to Jump In?

**By Kelly DeYoreo**  
Think you could never afford to invest in real estate? Think again.

Significant declines in Bay Area housing prices and historically low interest rates have combined to provide a rare window of opportunity for many first-time real estate investors.

With the large number of distressed properties on the market, prices in some areas have declined 35 percent to 50 percent or more – from their peak.

Just over half of all resale homes sold in California last month were “distressed sales” (short sales and bank-owned foreclosures), which are often of interest to investors because they sell below market prices.

Interest rates are at all-time lows, making purchasing an investment property a real possibility for many people who thought they would never be able to acquire a rental home in the Bay Area.

According to Data Quick, a real estate news and analysis website, absentee buyers – mostly investors – purchased 21.3 percent of all Bay Area homes sold in August.

These non-owner occupant buyers paid a median price of \$242,818 for their property. While the cost of purchasing property is down, the cost of renting is up, creating a double win for owners of rental properties.

Gretchen Pearson, broker/owner of Prudential California Realty, said she firmly believes that the current market presents a unique opportunity.

“In my experience in the Bay Area over the past 25 years, there are two reasons people invest in real estate,” according to Pearson. “One is appreciation – building wealth in the long term. The other is positive cash flow, meaning the home provides a rental income that exceeds ownership expenses each month.”

“For many years, Bay Area investors have been buying only for appreciation. The current market provides a very unusual opportunity to purchase a property which not only builds long-term wealth through appreciation, but also has a positive cash flow.”

Pearson added “the rental market should remain strong for some time, as people are cycling out of homeownership and rebuilding their credit.”

Natalie Swanson, a Realtor with Prudential California Realty, Livermore, agrees.

“Never before have we seen such a good time to become an investor, with low prices and low interest rates,” Swanson said. “First time investors are one of the fastest growing market segments.”

According to Swanson, a tangible investment like real estate also provides a good alternative to the stock market.

“People feel like they have more control over their investment and their money,” she said.

While there are several ways of finding and purchasing rental property, two of the most common are to buy – for cash – at a foreclosure sale on the county courthouse steps, or to find a short sale, bank-owned foreclosure or regular sale listed for sale on the Multiple Listing Service, with the assistance of your trusted local Realtor.

Buying on the courthouse steps for cash may present the highest possible financial reward, but Pearson cautions that it can also be high-risk.

Last-minute liens, title defects, and hidden repair problems can make your all-cash purchase on the courthouse steps more expensive than you planned. For example, before buying at a foreclosure auction, you may have a title check performed for outstanding property liens in the morning, buy the home for \$200,000 cash on the courthouse steps at 12:30 p.m., and later find that at 11:55 a.m., a new \$50,000 lien was recorded on the home. That \$50,000 lien is on a home you now own.

Local MLS listings include foreclosed homes that are already bank-owned, short sales, and regular sales. Buying an investment property this way may be a bit more costly than at the courthouse sale, but it also gives the buyer a longer opportunity to inspect the property, secure title insurance, order an appraisal, and take out a loan, if desired.

Mortgage broker Andy Aguilar notes that while many investors are buying with cash, he is working with a number of investors who are taking advantage of low-interest rate mortgages.

Aguilar advises would-be investors to have at least 20 percent to 25 percent of the purchase price for a down payment.

Mortgages for non-owner occupied properties are slightly more costly — about 1/4 – 3/8 percent more than loans on owner-occupied property, he said.

Aguilar suggests two or more buyers may consider combining their resources to purchase investment property together.

Pearson said she wholeheartedly agrees.

“The hardest thing about getting started is coming up with the down payment,” she said. “Even though it’s only 25 percent, it can be difficult for an individual first-time investor to find that money. Sharing the ownership – and down payment – with a partner or two allows you to get started, and also exposes you to less risk, since the risks and rewards are shared between two or three partners.”

Naturally, owning a rental property is not without potential pitfalls. U.S. News advises potential investors of four common trouble spots for new investors and offers advice on how to minimize risk:

1. Underestimating costs. Get an accurate idea of how much you can charge in rent, and then factor all your costs, including monthly payment, insurance, taxes, and maintenance costs. Things wear out and sometimes have to be replaced. Remember that you may have a vacancy period between tenants. Experts advise having a “reserve fund” to cover anything from a new furnace to an unexpected vacancy.
2. Underestimating your time commitment. Being a landlord isn’t a hands-off activity. Finding and screening potential tenants, signing leases, collecting rent, and arranging needed repairs can take time. Of course, you don’t have to go it alone. Professional property managers can help with day-to-day management responsibilities for a fee, usually about 10 percent.
3. Finding the right deal. A cheap deal isn’t always a good deal. Investors must consider the rental potential of the property, including location, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, condition, and proximity to schools, shopping, parks, and commute access. Check out other rental properties in the area you’re thinking of investing in. If there are too many available rentals, or many incentives being offered, it may be a red flag that demand in the area is weak.
4. Financing. Mortgage rates are great, and financing is very much available, but all the same principles that you’ve heard about for mortgages on primary residences still apply. Borrowers should have good credit, and be prepared to supply information about their personal finances as well as expected cash flow and returns for the rental property.

“Prospective investors should start by talking with their lender,” Aguilar said. “Especially if there are partners, gift money, or anything out-of-the-ordinary involved, it will take time for your loan broker to get you pre-approved. Have that conversation early in the process, so that you know what type – and price range – of rental property you should consider.”

If you want to learn more about whether real estate investing might be right for you, contact your local Realtor for more detailed information.

*Kelly DeYoreo is a Realtor with Prudential California Realty, Livermore.*

# SHORT NOTES

## Pre-Walkers Storytimes

The Livermore Public Library presents special storytimes for "pre-walkers." These 20-minute programs are for you and your baby to bond through books, songs, and gentle tickles. Plan to stay after storytime and visit with other moms/dads and babies.

Sessions will run Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., October 11 through November 15, 2011.

These programs will take place in the Children's Storytime Room of the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. All programs are free of charge. For further information, please contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504, or consult the website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

## Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Livermore Library will hold their monthly sale of used books on Sunday, Oct. 2, from 12 noon to 4 P.M., in front of the old library building at the corner of Pacific Ave. and South Livermore Ave.

Proceeds from the sale support community programs at the Livermore Library. Hard-cover fiction and non-fiction cost 50 cents, mass-market paperbacks 25 cents. Children's books, videotapes, DVDs, and free books are also available.

## Senior FIT Fair

The City of Dublin will present a Senior FIT Fair for seniors on Sat., Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The FIT Fair will be held at the Dublin Senior Center.

This information and resource fair is designed for seniors, caregivers, adult children of seniors, family and friends. Light refreshments will be served at 12 noon (while supplies last). Free prizes will be raffled throughout the event. Get free blood pressure checks, bone density scans, ear wax checks and other information and services from a variety of government, non-profit, and commercial agencies.

## Dome Walk

Save Mount Diablo has acquired Marsh Creek-V, a 7.4 acres of volcanic dome near Clayton for \$125,000. The dome has great biodiversity including tall manzanitas and a section of Marsh Creek.

A guided hike to a similar volcanic dome will be offered on Saturday, October 8th, or take a self-guided version to Perkins Creek. RSVP requested to HYPERLINK at [info@savemountdiablo.org](mailto:info@savemountdiablo.org)

## Pet Adoptions

Petco, which has worked to find forever homes for over 3 million pets, will host the first-ever "National Adoption Reunion" on October 8-

9th, 2011. During that weekend, Mega Adoption events will be held nationwide including the Dublin, CA location, with numerous adoptable pets on site. The event will put the spotlight on the importance of pet adoption and the urgent need for volunteers amongst animal welfare groups.

Visit [www.petco.com/reunion](http://www.petco.com/reunion) for more information.

## Alain Pinel

The Wall Street Journal and REAL Trends, Inc. announced the 2011 rankings of the top real estate professionals in the entire country based on 2010 sales volume. 14 Alain Pinel Realtors (APR) sales professionals were included in these rankings, with seven individuals and three teams listed as the top producing agents in the country, giving APR the strongest presence of any independent real estate firm in the nation based on volume.

The Cox Team, from the APR Danville/Blackhawk office, was ranked #172 on the Top Teams by Sales Volume list with a sales volume

of \$47,351,253.

"This is a remarkable achievement for these agents," said Paul Hulme, CEO & President of APR. "Through their determination and hard work they earned incredible results in 2010, and are among the best in the entire nation. We are proud that they represent Alain Pinel Realtors in providing top quality service to our clients."

The Wall Street Journal Top 1000 represent the top 1% of the more than 1 million REALTORS® nationwide. The list includes the top 250 agents or teams in four different categories, including top individuals ranked by closed transaction sides; top individuals ranked by closed sales volume; top teams ranked by closed transaction sides; and top teams ranked by closed sales volume. All results from the study are based on calendar year 2010.

## Business Center

Westcore Properties announces that it has completed its fifth industrial property acquisition in Northern California in just four months, with its purchase of Greenville Business

Center, a four-building, 475,099-square-foot Class A industrial center in Livermore for \$23,280,000. This most recent transaction brings the total square footage of industrial projects newly acquired by Westcore in the East Bay and greater Sacramento region to 1.3 million square feet.

Located at Lawrence Drive and Las Positas Road in Livermore (94550), Greenville Business Center multi-tenant project comprises 18 warehouse/distribution units and is currently 37 percent leased.

"Westcore Properties recognized the potential this property holds given its recent capital improvements, multi-tenant space options and ideal location in the Livermore submarket," said Neil Johnson, principal and director of acquisitions with Westcore Properties' Northern California office. "We are already seeing new tenant interest in the property, along with potential expansions by existing tenants."

Johnson noted that the Livermore industrial submarket comprises 60 percent of the 29.2 million square feet of industrial space in the greater Tri Valley region.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
**Members of the Oakland Motorcycle Club gathered in downtown Livermore early last Saturday morning to reenact a photograph taken 100 years ago. The photo was a shot of a race that took riders from Oakland to the Livermore flagpole.**

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# Art, Community, & Education

## High Energy Tap Kids Perform at the Bankhead

An American art form will explode with 21st century energy when the rousing tap-dance celebration TAP KIDS reaches the Bankhead Theater on October 3. The cast of eight dancers tells the story of a group of teens in their final months of high school as they face the bittersweet challenges of first love, important life choices, and future dreams.

TAP KIDS will be presented at the Bankhead Theater for one performance only on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

TAP KIDS emerged from a summer dance workshop founded more than 10 years ago in upstate New York to cultivate an art form that has long held a treasured place in American theater performance. The workshop attracted young talent from across the country, leading to the creation of a show to highlight their tap dance skills. TAP KIDS has achieved tremendous success throughout the United States and more recently abroad, where it played to full houses and received a five star review at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland.

TAP KIDS is a showcase of imaginative choreography, a pol-



TAP KIDS IN ACTION

## Senior Players Comedy Comes to the Firehouse

The Pleasanton Senior Players are back on center stage with their annual comedy production, this year making their debut at the new Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton. The troupe's presentation of "The Hallelujah Girls" shows in three performances on Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1 at the Firehouse Arts Center, located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton.

"The Hallelujah Girls" is the story of Sugar Lee, who decides it's never too late to start the business she's always wanted, a day

spa. Throw in a stale marriage, disappointing children, an ex-boyfriend, small town politics and a Civil-War era mystery, and you end up with a hilarious and joyful comedy that will keep you laughing from beginning to end.

Performances are at 7 p.m. on Fri., Sept. 30 and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 1.

Tickets are \$9-\$10 and may be purchased either in advance or at the door. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by phone at (925) 931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office.



The Pleasanton Senior Players rehearse the play "The Hallelujah Girls." Shown here, Sugar Lee Thompkins (Frances Jensen) and Bobby Dwayne Dillahung (Jeff Zolfarelli) in an off-again moment as they deal with a youthful romance gone wrong. (Photo by Dino Vournas)

ished show filled with tap dance moves delivered at a demanding pace. The eight dancers combine a talent and passion for what they do with the unflagging energy of youth. Their connection with each other and the camaraderie they project as a group never fails to charm and entertain audiences.

Since it opened in 2007, the Bankhead Theater has offered entertainment for all ages, including a selection of shows such as TAP KIDS, specifically selected to engage young people and their families. Next in the Family Fun series, MatheMagic, features internationally-acclaimed magician Bradley Fields captivating audiences with the history, humor, and pure magic of math on Wednesday, October 5. The series also includes the drama and power of Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre in November, and the lighthearted blend of silly songs and serious music by the duo Trout Fishing in America in March 2012. LVPAC encourages family attendance at the Bankhead Theater by offering student tickets

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## Irving Berlin Broadway Salute at the Bankhead

A new Broadway-style musical revue titled 'God Bless America: A Salute to Irving Berlin' will be presented at Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's Bankhead Theater for one performance only on Sunday October 9, at 2:00pm.

The show, billed as an exciting-yet-intimate high-energy musical revue, features dance, music and comedy highlighting the life and music of America's favorite composer, Irving Berlin. Timeless showstoppers such as 'Cheek to Cheek', 'How Deep Is The Ocean' and 'Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better' is performed by Broadway national tour and regional theatre stars Nina Josephs and Matthew Brandon Hutchens, along with pianist/accompanist Richard Nelson Hall. This is a family-style show and appropriate for all ages.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$30, \$35 and \$40. They can be purchased at the theater box office, 373-6800 or online at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).



Nina Josephs and Matthew Brandon Hutchens perform tribute.



Work by composer Christopher Caliendo (left) and soloist Sheridan Stokes will be featured.

## Concert of Serenades and Dances Planned by Pacific Chamber Symphony

The Pacific Chamber Symphony opens the 2011-2012 season on October 8 with a concert of serenades and dances. Lawrence Kohl will conduct.

The concert will include a new work by contemporary composer Christopher Caliendo, "World Music Suite #2." The suite is composed of four dances in styles of dances from around the world: a bolero, two kinds of tangos (Argentinian and continental) and a Norwegian Springar (running) dance. Renowned Hollywood flutist Sheridan Stokes is the featured soloist.

Two works by Mozart and Mendelssohn reveal a pair of young composers on the verge of mature mastery. Sinfonia XII is the last of 12 string symphonies written primarily for performance for the Mendelssohn household.

Mozart's Serenade #6 (subtitled "Serenata Notturna" by the composer's father) is a delightful work that allows the Pacific Chamber Symphony to highlight its principal players.

The program concludes with the upbeat "Serenade for Strings" by Anton Dvorak. Composed just as Dvorak was finally gaining the recognition he deserved, the piece is full of sunny charm. The conductor Misha Rachlevsky remarked, "There is so much pure goodness in it."

The concert is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., October 8, at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Tickets are \$39/\$34/\$29 (\$7 for students). They are available by phone at 925-373-6800, online at [LivermorePerformingArts.org](http://LivermorePerformingArts.org), or at the Bankhead Theater box office at 2400 First St. in Livermore.

## First Peddlers Faire Planned at Ravenswood

Over 30 different vendors will grace the lawns at Ravenswood for the first annual Peddlers Faire on Sunday October 9, 2011.

Only upscale handmade items will be showcased. Artists, potters, photographers, jewelry makers and woodworkers will sell their creations. Candles, wind chimes, soaps, vases, hand painted plates, bric-a-brac and knitted articles

are among the items. The Cottage House, besides its docent tours, will feature a quilt show with a spectacular 100 year old quilt.

The event begins at noon and finishes at 4pm. The Ravenswood Gift Shop will be open offering unique objects for hostess and holiday giving. Hot dogs, chips, kettle corn and bakery treats will be available for purchase. The

croquet team will play.

The 1890 restored Victorian is on the National Register of Historic Places, is a State of California Historical Point of Interest and is a City of Livermore Historic Preservation Landmark Site.

Ravenswood Historic Site is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

Admission is free.

## TAP KIDS

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for these events and most others for only \$14. Adult tickets for the performance of TAP KIDS on October 3 range from \$29 to \$51.

The "LVPAC Presents" series at the Bankhead Theater, now in its fifth and largest season to date, showcases acclaimed performers in music, dance and other per-

forming arts across a wide range of styles and genres. Immediately following MatheMagic, the Bronx Wanderers recreate the doo wop sounds of the 1950s and 1960s in the ultimate tribute concert on Thursday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m. In top ten hits and favorite dance tunes, their harmonies blend seamlessly, instantly transporting

audiences back to a familiar and beloved era in popular music.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. The ticket office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).



## Lab, Las Positas College Collaborate on Speaker Series

The seminar, "Restoring Sight to the Blind: Bringing Hope through Technology," will open the second season of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)/Las Positas College Science and Engineering Seminar Series on Monday, October 3, 6-7:15 p.m. in the Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts. The event is free and open to the public. Parking is \$2.

The seminar will be presented by a team of seven LLNL experts led by Sat Pannu, Ph.D., Section Leader for the Center for Micro and Nano-Technology and former Las Positas College student. It is part of a series, "Theory to Practice: How Science gets Done," launched last year.

"The series is designed to enhance the partnership shared by the two Livermore institutions and provides a forum for laboratory scientists and engineers to share their broad range of basic and applied research with the college's scientific community of students, staff and faculty," said Dean of Math, Science, Engineering and Public Safety Neal Ely.

Biology Instructor Nan Ho added, "The series offers a way to look at how science is done. A unique feature of the series, espe-

cially for a community college, is the focus on the 'big science' that LLNL does that requires cross-disciplinary expertise."

The presentations are interdisciplinary in nature and focus on how science is applied to solve problems from theory to practice, she said. The seminar will run about 45 minutes, with another 30 minutes allocated for questions and answers.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, in collaboration with four other national laboratories, four universities, and Second Sight® Medical Products, has developed the first long-term retinal prosthesis that can function for years inside the harsh biological environment of the eye. The device takes images from an external video camera and sends electric impulses to an array implanted in the eye. These impulses stimulate the retina and enable the brain to perceive patterns of light, according to the abstract.

In clinical trials, patients with vision loss were able to successfully identify objects, increase mobility, and detect movement using the retinal implant. Further planned developments for the device will enable reading and face recogni-

tion. In addition, the technologies used in the retinal implant, to restore sight to the blind, could be expanded to develop devices that increase the functionality of people with spinal cord injuries, deafness and other neurological disorders, the abstract states.

The second generation of the Artificial Retina, Argus II, which has 60 pixels won a 2009 R&D 100 Award as well as the R&D 100 Editor's Choice Award. It also received the 2010 Popular Mechanics Breakthrough Award.

In addition to Pannu, LLNL team presenters will include: Terri Delima, Microsystems Technician; Sarah Felix Ph.D., Microsystems Engineer; Kedar Shah, M.S., Microsystems Packaging Engineer; Heeral Sheth, M.S., Biomedical Engineer; Vanessa Tolosa, Ph.D., Chemical Engineer; and Angela Tooker, Ph.D., Microsystems Engineer.

For more information about the event, please visit <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/news/LLNL-RestoringSighttotheBlind.php> or <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/news/scienceSeries.php>.

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# Romeo et Juliette "alive, exquisite and enchanting"

By Ken Bullock

"O sun arise. The stars pale."

A supertitle translating the Italian translation of Shakespeare's famous balcony scene in *Romeo & Juliet*, with its well-known "Arise fair sun and kill the envious moon." The translation of a translation of a masterpiece ... A good description of Livermore Valley Opera's production of Charles Gounod's French opera *Romeo et Juliette* from 1867, now onstage at the Bankhead Theater, the first of the company's 20th anniversary season.

How does such a complicated thing look--and sound--almost effortless, floating on air?

Unlike Verdi's more famous "translations" of Shakespeare into great musical theater, rendering anew all the explosive drama and passion, Gounod's way with *The Bard of Avon* is more like Eugene Delacroix's in his famous lithographs and paintings of Hamlet: a lyrical concentration of a sprawling dramatic work.

LVO brings that alive orchestrally, in song and in staging and scenery.

Gounod's renowned melodic sense is handled beautifully by artistic director Alex Katsman and the Opera's orchestra, and by

the singers and chorus. Soprano Christie Hageman, from the Rocky Mountain states, is particularly impressive as Julietta, rendering the intense arias with energy and grace, her singing limpid even when most passionate. Her "poison" aria in Act IV is a highlight--maybe the highlight--of the opera.

Hageman's opposite number, tenor Christian Reinert, is a mellifluous, dashing Romeo.

Their balcony scene is an event, even down to Juliette's exit, etched onstage in music and song--and by Bill Murray's stage direction on Jean Francois Revon's set, lit by Kevin Bautch.

Other scenes, featuring the chorus as well as the principals, sometimes veer from comedy to tragedy, like the dueling scene in Act III, in which, after some buffoonery, Romeo's kinsman Mercutio (a piquant Roberto Perlas Gomez) is killed by Juliette's cousin Tybalt (Ernest Alvarez), who in turn is slain by Romeo. This also features the one addition Gounod made to Shakespeare, the "pants" role of Stephano, Romeo's page, sung with spirit by Jennifer Panara, whose string of insults sets the brawl in motion.

Such moments of spectacle bring out the best, too, in Han-

nah Phillips-Ryan's colorful costumes.

Throughout, the chorus and supporting cast--Michelle Rice as Gertrude, Juliette's nurse, and Nicholas Shelton as Frere Laurent, the priest who marries Romeo and Juliette (and gives her the "poison") are two standouts--play and sing their way through the changing moods of the story and music with the poise demanded of this fresh yet stylized tragic romance.

A major influence on French opera, Gounod--who was Bizet's teacher and hailed by Berlioz ("Pretty, piquant, fluent ... there is nothing supercilious and nothing wanting" he said of another Gounod opera) and Ravel--is now popularly known only for his opera of Faust and its "pendant work" *Romeo et Juliette* ... and the tune from a piano piece, "Funeral March of a Marionette," that became the theme for Alfred Hitchcock Presents on TV. Of the different, yet related sensibilities of his two great works, he once said, "Faust is the oldest, but I was younger; Romeo is the youngest, but I was older."

Livermore Valley Opera's production shows why this century--and a half old rendition of Shakespeare is still very much alive, exquisite and enchanting.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## The Staging of Romeo et Juliette

by Sarah Bobson

Recently, I had an opportunity to sit down and talk with Bill Murray, Stage Director of The Livermore Valley Opera's current production of *Romeo et Juliette* by Charles Gounod, and to attend the first dress rehearsal. Murray is on loan from the Minnesota Opera Company, where he is Artistic Associate and Project Manager for the company's New Work Initiative. He talked about the challenges he faced in staging this production.

"*Romeo et Juliette* is daunting as an opera," he said. "There are so many expectations that come with a story that is so well-known. You feel you have to meet everyone's expectations. You're going to fail in some respect, obviously."

"The stage production is five acts and there are a lot of scenes. Working with a small company that only has so much money to make those scenes happen and yet doesn't want the production to look cheap, you have to come up with ways to make them look lavish

and expensive. *Romeo et Juliette* is a romantic story. Romanticism comes with certain ideas and smells and textures, for example, red velvet."

One ingenious way Murray found to give the sets an elegant, expensive look on a tight budget was to use the placement of a church's rose window to convey not only grandeur of place, but also plot elements and characters' emotions. He patterned the opera's rose window after the major church in Verona where the real Romeo and Juliet, upon whom Shakespeare based his play, were said to have gotten married. Design for that window, he said, came from the Wheel of Fortune of the Goddess of Fortuna.

"It was thought back then that we all lay on the wheel of fortune somewhere, and that at any time the goddess could spin the wheel and change your fate. I thought how interesting it was that Romeo and Juliet's fate changed based on their fortune."

Murray uses the rose window as a metaphor to represent Romeo and Juliet's changing fate throughout the opera. The first act has large hall windows, there's a window in the friar's scene, a window in Juliet's bedchamber, and a huge outline of a window in the crypt scene. Different lighting filters through the rose windows to connect with the characters' emotions on stage.

"I wanted lighting to be as important as, or almost more important than, the sets," Murray says.

Plot sequencing presents challenges to a production of this opera.

"There are so many main characters, almost needlessly so. Some of them do almost nothing, but they're in the story because I think that at the time it was composed Gounod and his librettist would have expected their audience to know these characters."

Reducing a five-hour opera to three hours required Murray to use a pair of cutting shears. Gone

is the scene where Romeo receives the letter that lets him know that when he sees Juliette in the crypt, she will not really be dead, but just sleeping, a result of the potion Frere Laurent gave her. In the LVO production, Juliette is seen taking the potion, and this scene cuts to the crypt scene, where Romeo laments her death. The ballet scene also had to be cut. Some arias had to be shortened or cut altogether. Nevertheless, Murray says, the LVO production is faithful to the original opera.

Staging several scenes presented logistical challenges.

"The fight scene," Murray says, "is difficult because opera singers don't have modern stage combat training. Singers are very smart, but we still don't trust them with choreography, weapons, or power tools."

For this production, what Murray calls a "fight choreographer" was imported from San Francisco to teach the singers dueling protocol, which included not only

sword-fighting techniques and maneuvers, but characteristic, small gestures. Fighting on stage is difficult for opera singers, who generally tend to stand still while they belt out notes. Because of this, LVO arranged for the singers to have fight calls before rehearsal, where they practiced fighting maneuvers for about 45 minutes to make sure they remembered their moves and did them safely. As for the small gestures, the singers learned that a man living in Romeo's time would never have touched his sword without wearing a glove because the oils from his hand would have rusted his sword. When a man put on his gloves, it signaled he was ready to fight.

I attended the first dress rehearsal and was amazed at the beauty and effectiveness of the production. The sets, built in Livermore under the direction of Set Designer Jean-Francois Revon, are minimal, but elegant. Juliette's bedroom, for example, consists

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# VCC Plans 'Delightfully Unique Musical Experiences'

The Valley Concert Chorale (VCC), the Tri-Valley's premier chorus has announced its 48th concert season feature four performances, two of which include collaborations with the Tri-Valley's Las Positas College Chamber Choir and Cantabella Children's Chorus, as well as the San Francisco Concert Chorale.

The 2011-2012 concert season titled "Delightfully Unique Musical Experiences..." opens with an October performance of American spirituals in new arrangements by guest Swedish soprano saxophonist Anders Paulsson.

The Chorale's Artistic Director John Emory Bush explains his excitement about having this talented musician perform for the season's opening performance. "We are so excited about this opportunity to share Anders Paulsson's incredible talent with the community. He will accompany the chorale as we perform his new arrangements of several well-known American spirituals, including the world-premiere of his arrangement of O When the Saints Come Marching In."

The season includes:

Of Sax and Spirituals, Sunday,

October 23, 2011; 3 pm, Mertes Center for the Arts, Las Positas College, Livermore: Favorite spirituals in new arrangements by guest artist Anders Paulsson, internationally-known Swedish soprano saxophonist and composer, including the world premiere of his new arrangement of O When the Saints Come Marching In with audience participation. Performing these pieces with the Chorale are the Las Positas College Chamber Choir and San Francisco Concert Chorale.

Of Carols and Candlelight, Saturday, December 3, 2011-8 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; and Sunday, December 4, 2011-3 pm, First Presbyterian Church, Corner of 4th and L Streets, Livermore: Holiday carols including selections from Britten's Ceremony of Carols and Rutter's Dancing Day, featuring guest harpist Daniel Levitan and special guests Cantabella Children's Chorus and Las Positas College Chamber Choir. The program will also include audience sing-along of traditional carols.

Of Handel and Hallelujahs - Annual Sing-It-Yourself Messiah, Friday, December 9, 2011-

7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton: annual holiday event. Join friends and neighbors in singing Part I of Handel's great choral masterpiece. Enjoy singing "Glory to God" and "For Unto Us a Child is Born" and finish with a rousing rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Of Coronations and Weddings, Saturday, March 10, 2012-7 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 4th & L Streets, Livermore: Featuring selections from the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the recent wedding of Prince William and Kate, including music by Elton John, The Beatles, and Handel's Zadok, the Priest.

Of Springtime Sounds, Bugs and All, Saturday, May 12, 2012-7 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton: Songs of spring and all that comes with the season: bugs, love, toasts of cheer, and crazy weather. Featuring Hoag's unique Cicada Songs with clarinet and marimba, and Barber's Heavenly Banquet, plus madrigals, drinking songs, and even a weather report.

For more information about the Valley Concert Chorale performances, ticket purchases and auditions, visit [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org) or call the general information line at (925) 866-4003.



Anders Paulsson

## OPERA

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of a bed with curtains made of sheer white material draped over it. Juliette's white bed clothes extend the symbolic purity of her innocent love for Romeo and of their marriage bed. The rose window, painted by Scenic Designer Serina Shannari, using a hot wax technique to give it a glass-like quality, is above the bed. The rest of the stage is black. Lighting by Kevin Bautch, Lighting Designer, creates the tone and emotional level of this and every scene.

The fight scene literally took my breath away. Although I knew the singers were carefully rehearsed and staged, some fencing moves were so vigorous I expected the mark of Zorro to be sliced on the dueling characters' chests.

It is refreshing to see singers who look and act the part. Christie Hageman, as Juliette, is not only young and gorgeous, but she has a mellifluous voice. Christian Reinert, as Romeo, has a bod to die for, and the bedroom scene, where he's stripped to the waist, really shows it off. An LVO favorite, Roberto Perlas Gomez, is captivating, as usual, as Mercutio. In the dueling scene, he jumps around the stage and handles a sword like

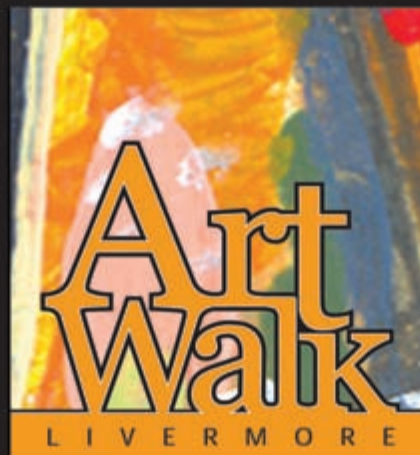
Errol Flynn in "Captain Blood." Jennifer Panara in the pants role of Stephano, Romeo's page, is delightful.

Supporting Shakespeare's most beloved story is, of course, the delicate, lyrical music of Gounod. Because *Romeo et Juliette* is not performed as frequently as its more famous sibling, *Faust*, opera goers should not miss an opportunity to see it.

All performances take place at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets for the Saturday evening performance, October 1, at 8:00 p.m., and the Sunday matinee, October 2, at 2:00 p.m. are available at the box office, at 925-373-6800, or at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org). But be warned: The tickets are going fast. Prices are: \$39-\$74. Students receive \$10 off on all days. Included in the ticket price is a pre-performance lecture one hour prior to curtain. A traditional artist's reception is held in the lobby immediately following each performance.

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# Tasting room hosts hosted An Inter-Winery eno event in the Garré pavilion

by Harry Stoll

The thought, “There’s good schmooze tonight,” ran through the throng at the Inter-Winery Tasting Event in the Garré Pavilion on Monday September 19, as those who pour in tasting rooms sampled a taste of life from the other side of the bar. They discussed and held a rondo of tasting and talking, and listening to explanations from their counterparts across the counter—and left with stacks of tasting menus and a nice finish.

They also paired good food from winery-related providers and discussed how well this went with what. “Eagle Ridge Pinot Grigio,” said somebody about Giorgio Deli & Pasta’s penne with pesto. Giorgio’s two bruschetti had tasters calling for a Page Mill Sauvignon Blanc.

“Cuda Ridge Malbec,” was another’s choice to slide down with the pork sliders from Barbera Llewellyn Catering at the Underground Wine Bar. “Fenestra Verdelho from Lodi’s Silvaspoons Vineyard,” said a third about her fourth taste of smoked salmon on crostini from the Garré Café.

These are not from judgmentalists, but gut feelings from the palates of experienced eaters and tasters. Who dares call them wrong, or out?

The idea for this ideal event was downloaded from the brain of Debbie Cristiano, tasting room manager at Garré Winery. “Many of us work every weekend and are not able to taste from wineries only open on the weekends or by appointment,” said Debbie. The hosts would also learn the answer to questions they are often asked, such as who has a cab franc or a zin. “Winery references are often our best way to get customers,” added Debbie.

At the tent entrance, each participant signed a door prize card, received a glass, and paid a \$7 nominal fee for a phenomenal event with wine, tasting, and food. More than 200 guests attended.

The white revival tent was full but not crowded. It was a hot event. The aural aura had the quality of Surround Sound as it bounced, echoed, reverberated, and exponentialized with each surface of tent it touched. Attendees nodded, waved, hugged—in both A-frame and full-body modes—knuckle-touched, bumped forearms and name-tags, shook hands, clinked glasses, laughed, and exhibited all the pleasantries of human hobnobbing. Many were well-dressed; others were—well—dressed. A few people spent some time outside. They were cool.

Exuberant Phil Long of Longevity Winery said his Bordeaux blend contains all five Bordeaux varietals—Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec. It’s smooth, hearty, hardy, and has loads of close-your-eyes flavors.

Nottingham Cellars poured a crisp Viognier. Shardé Rhodes and Jonathan Tucker are volunteer pourers there but weren’t on duty tonight; they were youth who must be served—what the industry clumsily calls the younger demographic. Maybe they went for the Darcie Kent über Grüner Veltliner then danced the Blue Danube on the tasting table. Shardé walking the floor never fell off of her stilt shoes as a silhouette viewed through the translucent roof fiddled, “To life!”

Guests Blanca and Mike McKean, formerly of St. Helena, pour at McGrail’s. They said while the overall quality of Napa is great, plenty of wines here can compete,

and certainly the attitude here is down to earth. They said winemaker Mark Clarin’s methods resonated with them. Resonance? Wait ‘til they hear him sing Suzy Q.

Linda and Mike Allen, owners of the First Street Wine Company, were there to see what’s new and promising. They sell 62 wines from 24 valley wineries. Local wineries produce some noteworthy wines, said they.

Garré provided a fruit and cheese-heaped table at the very center. Somebody said, “There’s something here to go with each of the wonderful wines, but alas, there’s no Roquefort.”

Kristin and Jeff Greenhagen are a daughter-father pouring team at Bodegas Aguirre. Kristin does dos. “Hair is my passion,” said she who likes to make people feel good about themselves. She accomplished that by pouring a Bodegas Aguirre, Livermore Valley Estate Duo, a classic Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot blend.

Due to their tasting room experience, guests knew to be prudent and taste widely but consume conservatively, and elegantly bent to the receptacles on the tables. A careful taster could have enjoyed wines from many if the below listed vintners (and of course the names dropped earlier). Valley wineries produce a wide range of wine, such as:

Westover, Monterey Petit Verdot—Wente, Livermore Valley Grenache—Tamás Estates, Livermore Valley Sangiovese—Steven Kent, Livermore Valley Cabernet Franc—el Sol, Lodi Syrah (with what is professionally known as “some” Viognier)—La Rochelle, Russian River Valley Pinot Noir—Rodrigue Molyneaux, Sunol Pinot Blanc—Rios Lovell, Livermore

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Occasio, Livermore Valley Fumé Blanc—Murrieta’s Well, Touriga Nacional, Les Chênes, Livermore Valley Deux Blancs (50/50 Chardonnay and Viognier)—Mitchell Katz, Livermore Valley Chardonnay—Little Valley, Tracy Tempranillo—Garre, Livermore Valley Tre Rouge (a Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon, Petit Verdot blend)—Elliston, Sunol Pinot Gris—Eckert, Estate Semillon, and—

Crooked Vine, Livermore Valley Meritage Moxie (a Bordeaux blend)—Concannon, Captain Joe’s Livermore Valley Petite Sirah—Les Chênes, Livermore Valley Deux Blancs (50/50 Chardonnay and Viognier)—Charles R, Bent Creek Vineyard, Syrah—Cedar Mountain, Livermore Valley Pinot Rosé—Big White House, Lodi Lapsus, a Viognier/Roussanne blend, and—Bent Creek, Livermore Valley Zinfandel.

Each winery poured on the charm and poured in the wine for a

warm sampling of valley hospitality. Among the winemakers either pouring the pour or schmoozing the schmooze, or both, were Earl Ault of Cedar Mountain, Dan Baldwin of Rios Lovell (who also produces the San Francisco Bay brand), Collin Cranor of Nottingham, Larry Dino of Cuda Ridge, Richard Dixon of Las Chênes, Mike Eckert of Eckert Estate, John Evan of John Evan Cellars/Big White House, John Kinney of Occasio, Hal Liske of el Sol, Jim Perry of Eagle Ridge, Lanny Replogle of Fenestra, Garry Rodriguez of Rodriguez Molyneaux, Bill Smyth of Westover/Palomares and Bill Webster of Little Valley.

The door prizes, donated by some of the wineries, consisted of several bottle of wine each, were won by Chissy Cannon, who pours and rhymes with Concannon—Angela Valdez from Page Mill—and, David Warta from McGrail.

It was over. Tasters waded into the parking lot, celebrating life. A good finish.

## Comic Book Show Planned at the Fairgrounds

The Third Tri-Valley Comic Book Show will be held on Saturday October 8, 2011 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in the Hall of Commerce in Pleasanton. This is the only show in the East Bay promoting Comics and related Pop-culture items.

General admission will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., admission is \$5 adults and \$2 children under 12 years of age with on site fairground parking \$8.

Returning to the show is Bay Area comic artist James (Hawk5)

Bryson. Also, making their first appearance Mike Hampton of FAM Books, Captain A-hole, Gunja Rabit and Hot Zombie Chicks. Nate Watson made his mark on the industry with his amazing work on Toy Story for Boom Studio; he’s worked on Star Trek, Grimm’s Fairy Tales, Tomb Raider and more. Nate is currently working as an Animation Designer for Lucas Animation.

This show will have Comic Books (Golden Age - Modern), Toys, Manga, Anime, Cards (non-sports and sports), Original Comic Art, T-shirts, Disneyana and other related Collectible items that you can complete or start your collection. Please check [www.toyhavoc.com](http://www.toyhavoc.com) and/or <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Livermore-CA/Tri-Valley-Comic-Book-and-Collectible-Show/101341306605986> for show and guest updates.

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## Family History Seminar Set

A family history seminar, "Discovering Your Chinese Roots," featuring Grace Chan will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 8 at 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin

1.3 billion people – the population of China. 2 million people – the estimated population of people of Chinese descent living here in the United States. What do they have in common? Their roots. Researching Chinese ancestry presents many unique challenges, especially when most of the records are not here in this country, or yet on-line.

The Internet is changing access. Census, birth, death, marriage, military and a host of other records are being digitally photographed and made available for free on-line. Access to these documents is now almost instantaneous. While that, all by itself is significant, it is not the end of the story. To make these digital documents discoverable and to eliminate the need to understand historical penmanship practices, thousands of volunteers from around the world have been indexing this material to make it searchable by merely typing in the characters. Chinese characters included. Family history research is quickly moving to the age where anyone can do it, even from the comfort of their own home.

The Dublin Mandarin branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be hosting a seminar for the Chinese community on researching and discovering your Chinese roots. The featured speaker will be Grace Chan who has worked as a Chinese family history specialist for eleven years at the world's largest family history library, located in Salt Lake City, Utah. "I would like the Chinese people to know that it is truly possible to trace their roots even though the journey may be challenging," Grace commented. "The unique nature of the Chinese tradition of keeping family genealogy causes people think about their ancestors in daily life. I will present various case studies to show and teach how to use the existing tools to start their journey," she added.

The seminar will be held Saturday, October 8, at 10:30am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 8203 Village Parkway in Dublin.

The seminar will be conducted in Mandarin with English translation. It is free and open to the general public.

## Art Exhibitions Open

### Landscape Show Opens at Studio Seven in Pleasanton

Studio Seven Arts exhibition in October is around a theme of California's Vines and Hills.

The special exhibition will feature ten landscape artists. Additionally, a Friday evening artist reception and a Saturday morning visit features a pair of the artists, beginning Friday night, October 7 with Stephen Sanfilippo at 7:00 p.m., followed the next day with Tom Taneyhill on Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Landscape Artists featured are the following: Tom Taneyhill, Stephen Sanfilippo, Debbie Wardrope, Tom Soltesz, Christin Coy, Paul Kratter, Diane Pruett, Thomas Cory, Dan Cooper, Mary Lou Correia, Bettie Goosman, Victoria Ryan, Robin Purcell, and Marla Baggetta. The exhibit will



"California Squared" by Tom Taneyhill

run Oct. 1 through Nov. 1 at Studio Seven Arts, 400 Main Street, Pleasanton.



Watercolorist, Karen Fleschler, will be displaying several of her larger paintings in the Founder's Room at the Bankhead Theater. On display is a piece called "Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop Bar" which is located in New Orleans. It really was once his blacksmith shop complete with a forge. A variety of other themes ranging from wineries, boats and China will be displayed. The show will run from through Nov. 30. Karen's style is realistic and can also be seen at the LAA Galley located in the Carnegie Building, Tesla Vintners and the Artistic Edge all located in Livermore. Pictured is Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop Bar.

### Annual Oktoberfest Planned at Our Savior

Sunday, October 9, 2011 is the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue in Livermore. There will be great food, music, and fellowship. The dinner begins at 6 pm. Ticket prices are Adults -\$15; Children, ages 4-12—\$7; Children ages 0-3—free; Family Ticket (immediate family only)—\$35.

Also as part of this event, all golfers are welcomed to participate in the golf tournament at Las Postitas Golf Course, 917 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore. If you do not golf, you can sponsor a golfer. Golf ticket (which includes green fees, prizes and one Oktoberfest dinner ticket) -\$100

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### Local Artist Work at Consulate

Work by local artist Talita Suassuna is being shown at the Consulate General of Brazil in San Francisco.

Central to Talita's work is her Brazilian culture, including elements of nature, such as the rainforests; personality, folk art and legend. She writes, "Be it the different leaves of the rainforest, little flowers, other shapes and sometimes feminine figures, the story is more profound than a collection of bright colors, it is cheerful with a deeper meaning, what I think of as the many cycles that are all around us."

"I love to create interactions of pulsating colors and exquisite forms. I work in a variety of media, including: sculpture, glass, painting and graphic design. Currently, my work is created in painting and collage technique. I utilize hand-painted paper cut outs and textiles, which I cut and paste in layers to form bright, optimistic, nurturing and cheerful shapes."

The exhibit is open to the public weekdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 24. The Consulate General of Brazil is located at 300 Montgomery St., Suite 300, San Francisco.

The photo is of an acrylic and mixed media work, "Circus Life."

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## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

**ArtWalk** is set for October 8 from 11-5 in downtown Livermore, with new exciting changes to streamline the event. Artists and interested businesses, please check out the info at [www.bothwellartscenter.org](http://www.bothwellartscenter.org).

**Pleasanton Art League Fall Members' Exhibit**, Sept. 15-Oct. 15. Firehouse-Arts Center, Harrington Gallery, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.pal-art.com](http://www.pal-art.com). Gallery open Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 9/28, 29, 30; 10/1; Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 10/5, 6, 7, 8; Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 10/12, 13, 14, 15.

**Maelyn Pons** will show her watercolor & colored pencil work of florals and landscapes at the Garre Vineyard Cafe. September and October. 7986 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

**Art in the Park**, Danville, Oct. 1 and 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 60 booths of Fine Arts, on the Danville Town Green (in front of the Library), 400 Front Street. Live music, children's activities, food, wine, plus a judged Inside art show. Free admission. Fund raiser for Art in the Schools of the San Ramon Valley. Visit [www.ADAS4ART.org](http://www.ADAS4ART.org).

**Wente Vineyards**, work by artist Courtney Jacobs, exhibited October 3-29. Artist reception Sun., Oct. 9, 1 to 3 p.m. Wente Estate Vineyard tasting room, 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore. Abstract paintings in acrylic and oil.

**Painting Under the Influence with Carol Maddox**, exhibit by 13 local artists who create art under the influence of Carol Maddox, an award-winning artist and teacher. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore, Oct. 1-31. This is a show of their work along with Carol's. Participating will be Dodie Arterburn, Eileen Butcher, Arline Dust, Marianne Foote, Carol Gerich, Linda Huggins, Jo Ann Koopman, Myra Latkin, Annette Mack, Marisa Ocasio, Ann Peters, Lisa Scarborough and Gloria Thompson. A reception will be held at the library on Sunday, October 2, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to visit with the artists, many professionals in their own right. Some of the work will be for sale. Information: 925-447-6250 or [carolgerich@gmail.com](mailto:carolgerich@gmail.com).

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Figure Drawing Workshop**, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. At the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or email Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - [micoangelo@earthlink.net](mailto:micoangelo@earthlink.net).

**Art in Public Places**, join a local group of artists and paint on selected Friday mornings around town. ACC/Art Critique & Coffee invites artists to express themselves in watercolor, acrylic, oil. For more details check out the website for Poetry On Canvas Pleasanton or contact Claudette at [PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com](mailto:PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com) ~ ACC Meets each Friday at various locations.

**Art Courses & Classes** for children, teens & adult in Livermore. Beginner to advanced students welcome. Instruction encourages creativity and originality as well as teaching established methods of art-making. 2 week/4 week/8 weeks Art Courses & Ongoing Art Classes offered. Group, private and semi-private classes. Saturday morning & weekday adult / teen class. Senior private classes at student's home. Thursday after-school children's class K - 5th grades. Homeschooling classes (the instructor is a Connecting Waters Charter School approved vendor). The instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst, holds a Master's degree in Fine Art and has extensive

knowledge of both art practical and art history. For further info, please phone (925) 216-7231, email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) or visit: <http://childrensart-classesprojects.blogspot.com/>

**Beginning Stained Glass**, start and finish a small stained glass window (14" x 14") using cutting and manufacturing skills. Learn how to use basic glass tools. Limited to 8 students. Tools and supplies are \$174. Does not include glass. 5 week class, 2.5 hours each, your choice of day per week: Weds 10-7p, Thurs-Sat 10-9pm, Sun 10-4p. Classes are ongoing. Art Glass Studio, 174 South L St., Livermore. For more information contact Roberta Jones at: 925-447-1962 [www.artglassstudio.weebly.com](http://www.artglassstudio.weebly.com)

**Girls Night Out Classes**, Make family memories by attending a class together. Painting, jewelry making & paper art are now available to experience locally. Classes led by artist Claudette McDermott. For more information e-mail or call to sign up for classes 510 543-4776 PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com ~ Individual and group classes available.

**Kids After School Program**, 11-18 yrs olds includes stained glass, mosaic or fused projects. Student can chose any project during the 6 weeks. Classes are ongoing, start any Wednesday. Limited to 8 students. 6 week class \$155 (all materials included) Wednesdays 2:15p-4:45p. Art Glass Studio, 174 South L St., Livermore. For more information contact Roberta Jones at: 925-447-1962 [www.artglassstudio.weebly.com](http://www.artglassstudio.weebly.com)

## WINERY EVENTS

**Free Tasting Fridays**, Rodrigue Molyneux Winery, will now be open Fridays from 12:30-5:00 for the month of August and possibly beyond. The entire flight of yummy wines will be poured for any guests to celebrate our opening on Fridays. 3053 Marina Avenue, Livermore, CA 925-443-1998, [info@rmwinery.com](mailto:info@rmwinery.com), [www.rmwinery.com](http://www.rmwinery.com)

**Ruby Hill Winery will host an event for the East Bay SPCA** on Fri., Sept. 30 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Pets will be available for adoption. All tips and donations benefit the East Bay SPCA. There will be glass of wine, barrel tastings, a slice of pizza, light appetizers and s'mores by the fire pit (weather permitting). Cost is \$15 for guests, \$10 Gem Society members. [www.rubyhillwinery.net](http://www.rubyhillwinery.net), 931-9463. 400 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton.

**Cedar Mountain Winery**, Oct. 1, 2 to 4 p.m. New release party, includes a special food pairing featuring three new Chardonnay Ports: 2101 Chardonnay del Sol, 2009 Barrel Aged Reserve Chardonnay del Sol, and 2010 Luana Inu. \$5 fee non-club, free to club members. Oct. 8, 2 to 4 p.m. New Release Party with special food pairing featuring 2010 Chardonnay, 2009 Reserve Zinfandel and 2009 Reserve Petite Sirah (a first for Cedar Mountain). \$5 fee non-club, free to club members. 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore, (925) 373-6636

**Harvest Tour and Tasting**, Wente Vineyards, Sat., Oct. 1, 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. See harvest in action, grape processing and sample some of the latest vintages from Small Lot winery. Guests \$20 per person, Wente Vineyards Wine Club members \$15 per person plus tax. For information, or reservations, call 925-456-2305.

**Tamás Cafe Tuesday**, Oct. 18, 5 to 8 p.m. American Traditions Family Style Dinner. \$10 plus tax for Salute! wine club members, \$15 plus tax for all other guests. Tamás Estates, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore; 925-456-2380.

**Entries** are being sought for the 2012 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. The annual judging that takes place over a four-day period in January. All results are then immediately posted on [www.winejudging.com](http://www.winejudging.com) and many of the award winners will have the opportunity to be

showcased at the exclusive Public Tasting in San Francisco, February 18, 2012. Wine entry information and forms are available at [www.winejudging.com](http://www.winejudging.com).

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

**Music every Saturday** in the tasting room from 12 to 4; open every day if the gate is open and for sure on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 11 to 5. Red Feather Winery, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Information at 449-1871 or [www.red-featherwinery.com](http://www.red-featherwinery.com)

**First Thursday Concert Series**, Dublin Farmers' Market, the City of Dublin, Emerald Glen Park. The concerts will be held in the plaza area on the Gleason Drive side of Emerald Glen, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Oct. 6. Also winetasting and food sampling.

**Tri-Valley Medieval & Renaissance Collegium** playing session for amateur musicians, Peter Maund, director. Mondays 7:30-9:30 p.m. 7600 Dublin Blvd., suite 370, Dublin. \$25. Information [collegium2011@gmail.com](mailto:collegium2011@gmail.com) or 925-424-1209 or 925-984-4395

**Chris Bradley's Jazz Band**, plays at The Sunol Jazz Cafe (In the Center of Sunol) the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 7:30-9:30 p.m. The band features real Jazz from the 1920's, 30's, 40's.

**Blacksmith Square live music**, Saturdays 3-6 May - September, sponsored by Artistic Edge, Greenleaf BBQ Products, John Christopher Cellars, Swirl, and Victorine Olive Oil. Corner of South Livermore Ave. and Railroad Ave. downtown Livermore.

**Dublin Heritage Center Music Jam**, Every Tuesday night there is an open music jam for either Bluegrass or Irish Fiddle. All are welcome to come and listen or join in and play. 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Information: 925-452-2100.

**MOJO and the Bayou Gypsies**, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Jazz at the Library**, Kenny Washington Trio, Friday, September 30; 8 p.m. the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery Street, San Ramon. \$20 each (Seniors 62+ and Students \$15) [www.sanramonjazz.org/wp-admin/edit.php](http://www.sanramonjazz.org/wp-admin/edit.php)

**Mark Hummel's Blues Harmonica Blow-out with Rod Piazza, Lazy Lester and Little Charlie**, Sun., Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Bronx Wanderers**, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Orchestra Concerto Concert**, Las Positas College, Thurs., Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. Mertes Center for the Performing Arts, on the Las Positas Campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Ticket prices are \$12 general admission and \$8 for students & seniors. [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) with the venue of Las Positas College, or call 1-800-838-3006.

**Pacific Chamber Symphony**, Sat., Oct. 8, 8 p.m. Dvorak/Caliendo. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Adventures in Jazz for Families**; Saturday, October 8; 1 p.m. San Ramon Community Center at Central Park, Fountain Room; admission free; sponsored by San Ramon Library Foundation and venue by City of San Ramon.

**A Salute to Irving Berlin**, Sunday, October 9, 2 p.m. God Bless America: A Salute to Irving Berlin, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Ohlone College Wind Orchestra**, A Fall Concert directed by Tony Clements, Sun., Oct. 9, 2 p.m. Smith Center at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Boulevard, Fremont. Ohlone Wind Orchestra, California's Premier Wind Orchestra, presents its

fall concert with a program including Gershwin's "Cuban Overture," Jerry Bilik's "American Civil War Fantasy," James Curnow's "Praetorian Variations," Philip Sparke's monumental "Music of the Spheres," and more. Special guest, Dr. Robert Franzblau, will conduct Ticheli's "Angels in the Architecture." \$8-\$15. 510.659.6031 or [smithcenter.com](http://smithcenter.com)

**Tommy Castro Band**, Oct. 14, 8 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Jazz at the Library**, Adam Shulman Quintet, Friday, October 14; 8 p.m. the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery Street, San Ramon. \$20 each (Seniors 62+ and Students \$15) [www.sanramonjazz.org/wp-admin/edit.php](http://www.sanramonjazz.org/wp-admin/edit.php)

**St. Petersburg String Quartet**, Oct. 15, 8 p.m. Del Valle Fine Arts Concert, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Fanfare for Food**, Livermore-Amador Symphony Pops concert, Fri., Oct. 21, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Doors open 7 p.m. concert at 8 p.m. 447-6454. Tickets go on sale Sept. 1 at \$30 per person.

**San Ramon Symphonic Band**, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. "Life is a Cabaret," Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov)

**Foothill High School Band Review**, Oct. 22, parade competition, Main Street, 8:30 p.m. free. Field show, 4 to 10 p.m. at the school, \$10 general admission, \$7 students and seniors. [www.foothillband.org](http://www.foothillband.org)

**Pops Concert**. The Livermore-Amador Symphony will perform its annual pops concert with the theme Fanfare for Food on Friday, October 21 at 8 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center Ballroom. Wearing costumes and bringing your dinner is encouraged. This event is sponsored by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild. Call 925-447-6454 to make your reservations.

**Jazz at the Library**, Bruce Mishkit Quartet; Friday, October 28; 8 p.m. the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery Street, San Ramon. \$20 each (Seniors 62+ and Students \$15) [www.sanramonjazz.org/wp-admin/edit.php](http://www.sanramonjazz.org/wp-admin/edit.php)

**Suzanna Smith A Tribute to the Great Ladies of Jazz**, Sun., Oct. 30, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## ON THE STAGE

**A Few Good Men**, Diablo Actors' Ensemble season opener. Fri., Sept. 16 through Oct. 1; Thursdays through Saturdays 8 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets are available for \$10-\$25 online or via phone and \$15-\$30 at the door. To order tickets visit [www.diabloactors.com](http://www.diabloactors.com) or call 866.811.4111. Diablo Actors' Ensemble is located at 1345 Locust Street in Walnut Creek. Parking is available across the street in the city garage for a nominal fee.

**Mourning Becomes Electra** by Eugene O'Neill, September 16 - October 1, Role Players Ensemble, 8 p.m. Th., Fri., Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Village Theatre, 233 Front St. Danville. [www.ci.danville.ca.us](http://www.ci.danville.ca.us)

**Pleasanton Senior Players Present Hallelujah Girls**, 7 p.m. Sept. 30, 2 and 7 p.m. Oct. 1. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Tap Kids**, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Thoroughly Modern Millie**, Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre. Oct. 7-23. Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m. and Sun. 2 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Ron Cohen**, Tues., Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m. LLNL Presents The Rae Dorrough Speakers Series, Climate Change: Science & Solutions. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First

St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Capitol Steps**, Oct. 22, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov)

**The Jungle Book - Children's Theater**, Las Positas College, Oct. 21 and 22, 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. Mertes Center for the Performing Arts, on the Las Positas Campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Ticket prices are \$12 general admission and \$8 for students & seniors. [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) with the venue of Las Positas College, or call 1-800-838-3006.

**Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre**, opens with Tony Award winning musical Hair-spray, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Oct. 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 and Nov. 4, 5, 6. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**CityRead with Jamie Ford**, Oct. 27, 7 p.m. Free. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov)

**Creatures of Impulse Nightmare**, 7:30 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 27, Fri., Oct. 28 and Sat., Oct. 29. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead** by Tom Stoppard, October 28 - November 19, Role Players Ensemble, 8 p.m. Th., Fri., Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Village Theatre, 233 Front St. Danville. [www.ci.danville.ca.us](http://www.ci.danville.ca.us)

## DANCE

**Friday Night Dance Parties**, themed parties each Friday night from Salsa to Swing, includes a group dance lesson at 8:15. \$15 cover charge, 8:15 dance lesson, 9:00-10:30 for dance parties. It's All About Dancing, 171 So. J Street, Livermore. 925-449-9292, or [studio@itsallaboutdancing.com](mailto:studio@itsallaboutdancing.com).

## MOVIES

**Classic films at the Pleasanton Library**, Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Public Library present the series. Theme this year is "Three Great Directors." Admission is free. The series is hosted by Candace Klaschus, Professor of Media Studies at Las Positas College. Klaschus offers a brief entertaining talk about each film prior to the screening. The three great film directors featured in this year's series are Howard Hawkes, John Ford and Alfred Hitchcock. Refreshments are served. A complete list of the "Three Great Directors" films is available at the Pleasanton Public Library. Movies will be shown the first Thursday of each month through June 7, 2012. No registration required. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

## CHORAL

**Valley Concert Chorale, Las Positas College Choir**, featuring Anders Paulson, Sun., Oct. 23, 3 p.m. Fundraiser for LPC. Tickets \$20. Mertes Center for the Performing Arts, on the Las Positas Campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) with the venue of Las Positas College, or call 1-800-838-3006.

## OPERA

**Romé et Juliette**, Livermore Valley Opera 20th Anniversary Season opening opera, Gounod's Roméo et Juliette. Gounod's opera about star-crossed lovers will be presented in Livermore with English super-titles in Livermore on October 1 and 2 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com). Tickets can also be purchased at the Bankhead Theater box office or online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**Opera San José**, double-bill, Leoncavallo's emotional tour de force Pagliacci paired with Poulenc's French monodrama La

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voix humaine. Eight performances are scheduled from November 12 through 27 at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San José. Tickets are on sale at the Opera San José Box Office, by phone at (408) 437-4450 or online at [www.operasj.org](http://www.operasj.org). Pagliacci and La voix humaine are made possible, in part, by a Cultural Affairs Grant from the City of San José.

MISCELLANEOUS

**M.o.M.'s Reading Time**, ages 2 to 5 and families, Museum on Main monthly reading program, 10 to 11 a.m. with theme related crafts immediately following. Admission is free. Donations are always appreciated. No Reservations required. Large groups or playgroups please call in advance: 925.462.2766 or email: [education@museumonmain.org](mailto:education@museumonmain.org). October 12: *Spooky Stories*- Are you ready for Halloween? Come dressed in your costume and enjoy a spooky morning at the Museum on Main. November 9: *Giving Thanks*- What are you thankful for? Enjoy books and make a craft to share at the Thanksgiving table. December 14: *Snow Day*- You never know where you'll find snow! Join us for a cool morning of books and fun all about snow. 603 Main Street.

**Political Issues Book Club** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions

**We're Talkin' Books! Club** is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*.

**Jeans and Jewels**, Tri-Valley Conservancy

annual fund-raising event. Thurs., Oct. 6, 6 to 10 p.m. at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery. Gourmet Dinner, silent and live auctions, hosted bar. \$95 per person. Register online [www.trivalleyconservancy.org](http://www.trivalleyconservancy.org) or call 925-449-8706. Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton.

**Outcast Cat Help, fund-raiser**, "Purrs and Spurs," a western themed event which will feature wine & beer, music, hors d'oeuvres, raffle prizes, tastings of Olivina Olive Oil, and more. All proceeds will benefit Outcast Cat Help, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization made up solely of volunteers dedicated to helping control and care for the stray & feral cat populations in the community. October 8, 2011, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Olivina, located at 4555 Arroyo Road, Livermore. In addition to the festivities, there will be an educational exhibit on TNR (trap-neuter-return), which is considered to be the most humane and effective way to control the population of stray and feral cats. There will also be information on National Feral Cat Day, October 16, 2011. Tickets for Purrs & Spurs are \$25.00 per person, and can be ordered online at [outcastcat.org](http://outcastcat.org), or by calling 925-231-0639.

**Livermore Airport Open House**, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Free parking. [www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/pw/airport/openhouse.asp](http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/pw/airport/openhouse.asp)

**MatheMagic**, Oct. 5, 8 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Witches Night Out**, Wednesday, October 5, 6 to 9 p.m. 3rd annual Witches Night Out, Martini Tasting in partnership with downtown Shopping and Restaurant/Bar locations. Participants will have a mini-martini taster and will be going from store to store to taste various martini concoctions, designed by a downtown collection of professional bartenders and mixologists. The event stage will be located at the Flag Pole Plaza and will host two fun contests, Best Witches Cackle

Purrs and Spurs to Help Outcast Cats

Outcast Cat Help will host its first annual fundraiser, "Purrs and Spurs," a western-themed event on Oct. 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. It will feature live music by Richie Beltran, appetizers and desserts, and complimentary tastings of Olivina Olive Oil.

Along with over two dozen raffle baskets, there will be a grand prize raffle of a 1-week stay in Mazatlan at the El Cid resort, including airfare for 2 people (winner must be present). Wine, beer, soda, and water will be available from a cash bar. All proceeds will benefit Outcast Cat Help, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization made up solely of volunteers dedicated to helping control and care for the stray and feral cat populations in the community.

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Arroyo Road in Livermore.

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Contest & Best Witches Hat Contest! Funny Girl, Faith Alpher will emcee the event and host the contests. For more information call Livermore Downtown Inc. (925) 373-1795.

**Jeans and Jewels**, Tri-Valley Conservancy annual fund-raising event. Thurs., Oct. 6, 6 to 10 p.m. at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery. Gourmet Dinner, silent and live auctions, hosted bar. \$95 per person. Register online [www.trivalleyconservancy.org](http://www.trivalleyconservancy.org) or call 925-449-8706. Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton.

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**Fall Antiques & Collectibles Street Faire**, Oct. 9, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. downtown Pleasanton. Over 400 dealers filling up Main Street. Run by Betsy and Jerry Goldman, Turnkey Productions, 510-217-8696, or email [info@turnkeyprod.com](mailto:info@turnkeyprod.com), or website [www.pleasantonantiquefaire.com](http://www.pleasantonantiquefaire.com).

**Ravenswood Peddlers Faire**, Sunday, October 9, 2011, 11 am - 4 p.m.. Free admission for guests and \$25 fee for sellers table and 2 chairs. Contact Sandy Silva at [silva4398@comcast.net](mailto:silva4398@comcast.net).

**Museum on Main**, 2011 Ed Kinney Lecture Series. Wednesday, October 19, 7 p.m., *Edgar Allan Poe: Man of Mystery*. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. No reservations are required. Tickets are available at the door on a first come first served basis. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444

Day, October 16, 2011.

Tickets for Purrs & Spurs are \$25.00 per person. They can be ordered online at [outcastcat.org](http://outcastcat.org), or by calling 925-231-0639.

Outcast Cat Help is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. There is no paid staff. All donations are directly applied to caring for and controlling the stray and feral cat population in our community. For more information about Outcast Cat Help, please visit [outcastcat.org](http://outcastcat.org).

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Alameda County CattleWomen have "hitched their wagon" to G&M Farms Corn Maze this year with a Corn Maze designed to learn about the many benefits of beef. The Corn Maze design features a cow/calf design. The clues to navigate through the maze are beef trivia questions. Alameda County CattleWomen (ACCW) is a non-profit organization (501c6) established in 1956. Its objective is to develop educational awareness about beef and agriculture and to promote a better understanding of the various roles the beef industry plays in the environment and the national economy. G&M Farms Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch is open every day in October (weather permitting). CattleWomen will be on hand on weekends in the Pumpkin Patch Barn area to offer free beef samples and provide beef recipes and nutrition information. The maze is located at 487 East Airway Blvd., Livermore. Information is available at [www.gmfarms.com](http://www.gmfarms.com).



LLNL to offer Fun With Science

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is holding a special series of its popular "Fun with Science" show at the Discovery Center.

Designed for children at the fifth grade level (though it can also be enjoyed by children younger and older), Fun with Science is intended to spark kids' interest in science through entertaining demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Space is limited; registration is required. Call (925) 423-3272. Children must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. The Discovery Center is located in an open area at the Laboratory. No badging is required.

The "Fun With Science" show is scheduled for:

Saturday, Oct. 1

Session 1: 10:30-noon

Session 2: 12:30-2 p.m.

Watch the movie at: <https://www.llnl.gov/images/education/funWithScience.mov>

925-423-3272 or [superscience@llnl.gov](mailto:superscience@llnl.gov)

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## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



### Can We Save Valentin Alviso's Old House?

Every other day or so, I pass the tired old house on my way to and from Livermore on North Livermore Avenue. I knew that it was on property once owned by Valentin Alviso, but because the house seemed to be a Craftsman bungalow, familiar to me as a style of the 1920s and 1930s and Alviso died in 1911, I did not investigate it further. Several weeks ago, Alice Quinn called and invited me to tour the house. The lady living there was anxious to have confirmation of its age and history. The owners had given her a month to vacate the property, and she was worried

that after she left, they might tear down the house. Earlier, they had torn down a large barn in the rear of the property.

We walked through the house and around it, but this only confirmed for me that it was a Craftsman bungalow. To the west of the house was a tankhouse and in back of that the trees visible from North Livermore Avenue turned out to be an olive orchard. I asked Charles Huff, a Pleasanton architect interested in the preservation of old buildings, to take a look. He said that the house was indeed the Craftsman style—it was typically used in

the countryside when architects were designing fancy Victorian houses in cities like San Francisco and Oakland. He estimated that the house was built between 1891 and 1892. If this is true, the house was built by Valentin Alviso. Alviso's earlier residence was shown on a map along with the olive orchard in the 1878 *Alameda County Atlas*. Perhaps in 1891 or 1892, Alviso decided to replace the house and include an indoor bathroom. The house has V-rustic redwood siding, but the tankhouse has redwood clapboard siding and, according to Huff, is much older than the

house.

I had learned from an article published in the *Livermore Herald* on 24 March 1887 that the olive trees were planted in 1870 and were of the mission variety. I e-mailed the Crohars, local experts in olive growing, and both father and son came out to look at the orchard. They confirmed the orchard is the mission variety and that the trees are quite old. With severe trimming, the trees could be brought back to productivity.

So who was Valentin Alviso? Why should we care about his old house and olive orchard?

Valentin Alviso farmed land west of North Livermore Avenue, today just north of I-580, where he ran cattle and grew grain, hay, cherries, and olives. He inherited this property, which was originally part of Rancho Las Positas, from his father-in-law, Robert Livermore. José Valentin del Carmen Alviso, called Valentin, was born in San Jose on St. Valentine's Day 1841. His father, Agustin, had a land grant near Newark; his grandfather, Ignacio, immigrated to California from Sonora, Mexico, as a child in 1776; his great-grandfather, Domingo, served as a corporal in de Anza's expedition. Unlike many of his fellow Californios, Valentin was an educated man, having attended Santa Clara College for three years and then in 1859 traveled to the East Coast via Panama to attend a college in Massachusetts.

After the outbreak of the Civil War, he returned to California and married Josefa Livermore, daughter of Robert and Josefa Livermore, at Mission San José in 1868; they moved to the Livermore Valley shortly afterward. At the final distribution of Robert Livermore's Rancho Las Positas in 1873, Alviso inherited over 800 acres. A member of the Republican Party, Valentin served as supervisor for Murray District for two terms from 1875 through

1878. In 1881 and 1882 he was an assemblyman in the California legislature. Ernesto, his only son, died of diphtheria in 1885 when he was seven years old. In April 1893 Valentin was appointed Keeper of the Spanish Archives for the state and served in that position until it was abolished in December 1894. Records of land cases in Alameda and Contra Costa County reveal that he helped less educated Spanish-speaking citizens in dealing with the court system.

The *Herald* described him in 1896: "There is no more picturesque personality in Livermore Valley than Valentine Alviso. A polished, educated gentleman, a pure Castilian by descent, he is a type of the Spaniard at his best." Josephine died in December 1893, so she only lived in the Craftsman style house for several years. After her death, Valentin rented the house and his property to rancher John Meyn. Local historian Virginia Bennett wrote about the house: The large rooms were ideal for entertaining. ... The Spanish love of a fiesta must have been built into the house for the Meyns loved to entertain." Valentin died in 1911 and is buried next to Josefa at St. Michael's Cemetery. Two daughters, Cristina and Antonia, survived them. The *Herald* announced on 30 June 1906 that Frank S. Gomes from Half Moon Bay had purchased the Alviso Ranch.

The City of Livermore allowed the Robert Livermore home to be torn down in 1954. Surely, we are more sensitive these days to the need to save such a rare historical building. Livermore Heritage Guild's Historical Museum Curator, Donald Smith, called the property manager about our concerns. Thank you, Charles Huff and Charles F. and Charles T. Crohare, for your help.

(Readers can reach me at [am50homan@yahoo.com](mailto:am50homan@yahoo.com).)

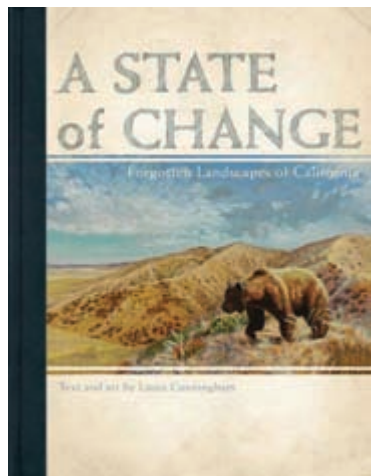
### 'State of Change' Author to Speak at Livermore Library

Author Laura Cunningham will discuss her book *State of Change: Forgotten Landscapes of California* at 2 pm on Sunday, October 2 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

There is no charge for this event. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Vernal pools, protected lagoons, grassy hills rich in bunchgrasses and, where the San Francisco Bay is today, ancient bison and mammoths roaming a vast grassland. Through the use of historical ecology, Laura Cunningham walks through these forgotten landscapes to uncover secrets about the past, explore what our future will hold and experience the ever-changing landscape of California.

Combining the skill of an accomplished artist with passion for landscapes and training as a naturalist, Cunningham has spent more than two decades poring over historical accounts, paleontology findings, and archaeological data. Traveling with paint box in hand, she tracked the remaining vestiges of semi-pristine landscape like a detective, seeking clues that revealed the California of past



centuries. She traveled to other regions as well, to sketch grizzly bears, wolves and other magnificent creatures that are gone from California landscapes.

In her studio, Cunningham created paintings of vast landscapes and wildlife from the raw data she collected, her own observations in the wild, and her knowledge of ecological laws and processes. Through *A State of Change*, readers are given the pure pleasure of wandering through these wondrous and seemingly exotic scenes of Old

California and understanding the possibilities for both change and conservation in our present day landscape.

Laura Cunningham, an artist and naturalist, studied paleontology and biology at the University of California, Berkeley. She has worked at various field biology jobs for the California Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Geological Survey, and other organizations. Laura got to know such species as the Owens Valley pupfish, the southern California steelhead trout, the Yosemite toad, and the Panamint alligator lizard. Simultaneously, she has been studying and painting California's historic and living wildlife, flora, and unique landscapes. She lives with her husband and pet iguanas on a ranch next to Death Valley National Park where she cofounded the group Basin and Range Watch to explore the historical ecology of the desert ecosystems of California and Nevada and to protect them.

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.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).



# Milestones

## Community

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### Recipients of Community Gift Program Listed

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) the contract manager for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, has announced the recipients for the 2011 LLNS Community Gift Program. These gifts, totaling \$100,000, reflect LLNS' commitment to the local communities.

LLNS received 59 applications totaling more than \$600,000 in requests. Twenty-two applications totaling \$100,000 were selected for awards through a committee review process. The majority of these awards serve children in the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin County, with a focus on science, math education and cultural arts.

"We appreciate the efforts of the agencies and want to thank them for the invaluable contributions they provide in our Tri-Valley community," said George Miller, LLNS president and LLNS director. "It is the privilege of LLNS to be able to contribute to these worthwhile efforts, especially given the impact these gifts will have on education and arts programs within our community."

Following are this year's LLNS Community Gift Program award recipients, with a brief description of their programs and goals:

- Alameda County Library Foundation provides early literacy computer stations for children 2 to 10 years old, to support school readiness and motivate children to learn to read.
- Agape Villages Foster Family Agency, Enrichment Program for Foster Kids enhances the quality of life for foster children through enrichment activities.
- BasicNecessities.org, Nosotras en Control 2012 provides support to empower young Latinas so they can become women leaders of tomorrow.
- Broadening Educational Possibilities Inc., Math & Science School Store Project allows Stockton 5th graders to learn and practice math skills through the creation of a school store.
- Dublin Unified School District,

Middle School Gateway to Technology, Project Lead the Way Engineering Academy prepares middle school students for the high school's Engineering Academy encouraging them in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

- Faith Network of the East Bay, Inc., Science Horizons supports the teaching and learning of 4th and 5th grade science in the Oakland Unified School District.

- Good News Bears, Application to Purchase Teddy Bears for Children in Medical Care, provides teddy bears for those in need at surgical centers, first responders and others.

- Heritage High School Robotics Club prepares youth for computer, automation and artificial intelligence careers by supporting participation in national competitions.

- Livermore Amador Symphony Association percussion instruments presents musical programs of cultural and educational value for the benefit of the community.

- Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory High School will purchase physics laboratory equipment and supplies to assist students in gaining relevant hands-on experience.

- Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, 2011-2012 Science Odyssey will use its gift to assist with their district-wide science fair for all Livermore Valley Joint Unified School district students in grades K-12.

- Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, 2011-2012 Teaching Opportunities for Partners in Science provides hands-on activities for ~4,500 elementary and middle school students in science education. Funds will be used to maintain and expand the program.

- Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, Sponsorship of MatheMagic! for Local Elementary and Middle School Students provides K-8 grade school children with the opportunity to attend a presentation, which makes math magical and meaningful.

- Pleasanton Unified School District, Project Lead the Way provides engineering curriculum and teaching training support to create upper divi-

sion courses so that all students have access to their specialization.

- Pleasanton Unified School District, Village High School & Horizon Science & Math Program helps students with unique challenges prepare for high school graduation and college, accommodating learning styles with hands-on materials.

- South County Crises Center, Developing Healthier Choices for Successful Families offers a variety of both crisis assistance and classes including anger management and domestic violence prevention to help develop coping skills.

- Tri-Valley Haven, Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry provides essential nourishment by distributing food to Tri-Valley residents in need.

- Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Financial Literacy Education for At-Risk Youth and Young Adults offers services/education to enhance the financial literacy of at risk individuals and families by educating them on financial/money management.

- ValleyCare Health System-Valley Care Charitable Foundation, Meals on Wheels & Head Start Food Program provides warm meals to seniors and families. The combined programs have already served more than 200,000 meals this fiscal year surpassing last year.

- Valley Dance Theatre, The Nutcracker Performances for Local School Children provides dance education bringing The Nutcracker to East Bay school children.

- Wiesner Memorial Senior Fund Fiscal 2012 provides emergency grants to seniors in the Tri-Valley for a variety of emergency needs, helping them maintain independent lifestyles.

- Windemere Ranch Middle School, STEM Trivia Question of the Day Program encourages students interested in STEM by providing a computerized trivia program rewarding students for correct answers.

For more information about the LLNS Community Gift Program, go to the Website at <http://www.llnslc.com/communityGiving/llnsgift>

### UNCLE Selects New Executive Officer

UNCLE Credit Union named Harold Roundtree as the organization's new President/Chief Executive Officer effective September 6, 2011.

"Harold's diverse experience and vision for our organization are leadership qualities that caught our attention," stated Chung Bothwell, Chair of the Board. "He is purpose-driven, results-oriented, engaging, and an effective leader. We've tasked Harold with driving the organization to a higher level of growth and believe that his entrepreneurial spirit and business acumen will be the catalyst for our future success."

With a BS in Business Administration from California State University and an MBA from Golden Gate University, Roundtree brings with him over 22 years of senior executive management experience in the financial services industry. He most recently served as the Senior Vice President of the Retail Banking Division of Technology Credit Union, located in San Jose, CA, where he administrated and managed various projects enterprise wide, consisting of 10 Financial Centers, Mortgage Originations, Commercial, Real Estate and Consumer Lending, Private Banking, Business Banking, Business Development, and Call Centers during his tenure. Prior to this, Roundtree spent his career in various leadership roles, such as at World Savings as a Director within the Loan Services Division and First Interstate Bank as a Vice President.

### LARPD Names HR Manager

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has hired a new human resources manager, a position left vacant by a long-time employee who retired this spring.

Cindy Clements is LARPD's new Human Resources Manager, a position previously held by Carolyn Ulrich, who is now retired. A Hayward resident, Clements came to LARPD from Berkeley-based A Better Way Inc., a nonprofit children and family services agency, where she served as Director of Administration. She has also served as Director of Operations for the YWCA of San Francisco & Marin, Director of Program Operations for Wu Yee Children's Services in San Francisco and Chief Operations Officer for Camp Fire USA in Seattle, in addition to serving as Director of Operations and Executive Director of YWCAs in Indiana and Illinois. Her broad background in nonprofit children's services and program administration along with human resources and finance administration made her the right choice for the District.

She holds an Associate in Computer Science Degree from Purdue University at Indianapolis, a Bachelor of Science Degree in

Recreation Administration from Indiana University and a Masters of Business Administration Degree from the University of Indianapolis. Human resources have been a part of nearly every job she has held.

"It's a privilege to be a part of such a great organization," she said. "I look forward to working with the employees and the Board of Directors at LARPD."



Cindy Clements

# BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board or email information to editmail@compuserve.com. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

**Valley Humane Society, Paws in the Park,** October 2, 2011 at 1 p.m. in Lion's Wayside Park in downtown Pleasanton. Cat people are also welcome. All event proceeds benefit Valley Humane Society. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. in the park. Vendor booths, agility demos, low-cost micro-chipping, and a live band are just a few of the many activities occurring that day. Participants can register in advance by going [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org).

**Tri-Valley College and Career Fair,** High school students and parents are invited to attend the Tri-Valley College and Career Fair being held on Thursday, September 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the gyms of Foothill High School. Nearly 100 colleges will be in attendance, including representatives from UCs, CSUs, private, community college, career technical, and military schools. This is a great opportunity to explore options and demonstrate interest in these schools.

**Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club** will meet Thursday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m. at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Gregg Lowery, owner of Vintage Gardens Rose Nursery and a rose preservationist, will speak on "Mystery Roses Around the World." Plants will be available for purchase. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925-445-7812, or visit [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org).

**Love A Doll Club** meets on the second Thursday morning of each month. Come share the love, knowledge and collection of dolls and doll related items. For more detailed information, call 925-447-5149.

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society,** meets 7:30 p.m. Tues., Oct. 11 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Beverly Lane and Betty Mattos Casey will speak on "Remember the Ladies Program: Centennial of California Women's Vote." This is the story of Rose (Rosie) Lawrence Peters, daughter of Tassajara immigrants from the Azores in the 1860s. Beverly Lane, Curator of the San Ramon Valley Museum, is moderator. Betty Mattos Casey will play the part of Rose. Information, email Richard Finn at [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org)

**Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated** dinner will be held on Thursday, October 13, 6:30 p.m., at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Entrees include Sirloin Steak, Broiled Salmon, Caesar Salad, or Cheese Ravioli. Dinners are \$30. For reservations or information about membership, featured speaker, Peter Friedman, or other activities, please call Phyllis at 925-462-4931 or email [compclan1962@pacbell.net](mailto:compclan1962@pacbell.net).

**NARFE Luncheon,** Potential and active NARFE members are invited to attend the monthly luncheon and meeting of the Livermore Chapter 397 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Association on Thursday, Oct. 13, at Emil Villa's Restaurant, 3064 Pacific Avenue in Livermore. The meeting will feature a presentation by the Livermore Police Department on Identity Theft and Elder Abuse. The no host luncheon begins at 11:30 AM, the business meeting at 1 PM. Look for chapter signs at the entrance.

**Annual Senior Day, Hindu Community and Cultural Center** of Livermore (Shiva Vishnu Temple), full day of free activities for seniors, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 8. Talent show, games and activities, lunch and more. Register by Oct. 4 to participate in the performance. Register contact Suman Jain at [suman1218@yahoo.com](mailto:suman1218@yahoo.com) or 371-5640 or call the Temple at 449-6255. Temple located at 1232 Arrowhead Ave., Livermore.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club,** Sat., Oct. 1, 27 miles south Livermore to Sycamore Grove Park, meet 9 a.m. at old Nob Hill Center on Pacific Ave., John Woodworth, 784-6350. Wed., Oct. 5, Lafayette-Moraga-Grizzly loop, Alberto, 510-825-9581. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.,** Chinese luncheon in San Ramon, Oct. 6, 11:30 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 4 to Marsha, 830-8483. Brunch/lunch in Pleasanton, Oct. 9, noon, RSVP by Oct. 6 to David, 833-7647.

General meeting, Oct. 12, 1 p.m. Dublin Library. Friendly bridge in Pleasanton, Oct. 15, 1 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 11 to Janice, 510-919-4740. Birthday luncheon in San Ramon, Oct. 16, noon, RSVP by Oct. 13 to Marsha, 830-8483. Lunch in San Ramon, Oct. 18, 1 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 16 to Janet, 443-3317. Happy hour in Pleasanton, Oct. 20, 5 p.m., RSVP by Oct. 18 to Kathy, 398-8005. Photo album viewing, wine and conversation, Oct. 22, 2 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 19 to Ruby, 462-9636. Play in Castro Valley, Oct. 30, 2 p.m. RSVP as soon as possible to Jill, 510-881-4788.

**2nd Annual Pasta Feed Fund-raiser,** Exceptional Needs Network, Sat., Nov. 5, 5 to 10 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Raffle prizes, good foods, good times for a good cause. Dinner catered by A Taste of Affair. Elbow room will be open for children activities and respite. Adults \$25, children \$15. Tickets can be purchased online at [http://ennetwork.org/pasta/Pasta\\_Dinner/Pasta\\_Dinner\\_Fund-raiser.html](http://ennetwork.org/pasta/Pasta_Dinner/Pasta_Dinner_Fund-raiser.html). All proceeds benefit annual summer camp.

**VFW Post 7265, Livermore,** invites Veterans of Foreign Wars, all military branches, to join the group. Any age veteran welcome to meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m. (2000 hours), 522 South L St., Livermore. Camaraderie, support, connections, advocacy, distinction and community service. Information, contact Vice Commander Virgil Stanger at 455-5039 or go to [www.vfwwebcom.org/ca/post7265](http://www.vfwwebcom.org/ca/post7265).

**Ohlone Audubon** will meet on October 4 at 7:30 pm at the Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma Avenue, Castro Valley. John Sterling will be presenting the research supporting the Bird Friendly Coffee movement. He will discuss why some coffee farms are better than others for birds in Latin America and Sumatra. No admission charge. Refreshments are served. For more information call 510-507-3383 or go to web site [www.ohloneaudubon.org](http://www.ohloneaudubon.org).

**Pilates for Pink Event,** Oct. 7, Breasts Cancer benefit hosted by Mindful Movements, 6:30 to 9 p.m. 30 minute Pilates classes to benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation; offered will be TRX, Chair, and Reformer classes for a \$20 minimum donation to BCRF. Included will be a raffle, champagne and hor d'oeuvres reception for participants, photos and gift cards donated by ultra-spectiv, pink flower arrangements for sale by Livermore Valley Florists (also donating the net profit proceeds), and a costume contest. 2217 Second St., Livermore. Information at 788-9591 or [mindful.movements@yahoo.com](mailto:mindful.movements@yahoo.com), [www.MindfulMovementsPilatesStudio.com](http://www.MindfulMovementsPilatesStudio.com).

**East Bay Entertainment Book,** being sold by the Foothill Choirs now through September 30. This is a school fund-raiser. Books cover from Tri-Valley to Oakland, Fremont and Tracy. Great Value still for only \$30. Checks can be made out to "Foothill Choirs." Out-of-town books can be shipped (each book has a different price). Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588-9720.

**San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club** invites interested new and long-time residents to a new member coffee on Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon. Call Jan, 835-3508, for information.

**Pleasantonians 4 Peace** sponsoring a candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, at 7 p.m. Wed., Oct. 12. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, October 26 between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. [www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org](http://www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org)

**Long term care benefits seminar,** hosted by Visiting Angels, Senior Veteran Advocates, at Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Tues., Oct. 18, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. No charge. Information, please call 888-579-0429. RSVP by October 12 at 925-443-1000 CA Insurance License # 0E02803

**GNON (Girls Night Out Networking),** celebrate the beginning of fall and the end of summer. Hosted by Pleasanton Rentals, 7066-A Commerce Circle, Pleasanton. Informal event will take place on Tuesday, October 11 from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Food will be catered by TGIF. No host bar. Raffle prizes. Cost is \$10/pp for members and \$15/pp for non members. Visit [www.gnontrivalley.com](http://www.gnontrivalley.com) or call (925)487-4748 with questions. Please RSVP by October 7th at [gnoners@gmail.com](mailto:gnoners@gmail.com)

**DelArroyo 4-H Club** invites the public to see the National Science Experiment, Wired for Wind on Oct. 19, 2011 during a Community Club meeting at Arroyo Seco School, 5280 Irene Way, Livermore. This national event is designed to engage hundreds of thousands of American youth in a single science experiment focusing on a very important issue facing our global community – renewable energy. [www.delarroyo4hclub.org](http://www.delarroyo4hclub.org)

**Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter,** meets 9:30 a.m. first Saturday of the month from September to May at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. DAR is a women's service organization. Members are descended from a patriot of the American Revolution and are dedicated to patriotism, preservation of American history, and securing America's future through education. Contact Maris at 443-3087 or [mhl3frog@yahoo.com](mailto:mhl3frog@yahoo.com).

**United Democratic Campaign of Alameda County** 41st Annual Unity Dinner benefiting the local UDC offices, Sat., Oct. 1, 6 to 9 p.m. Oakland Airport Hilton, 1 Hegenberger Rd., Oakland. This year's MC is the California Democratic Party Women's Caucus Chair Christine Pelosi. The keynote will be delivered by Congressman and DNC Vice Chair Mike Honda, with introduction by our very own Congresswoman Barbara Lee. RSVP Required <https://secure.actblue.com/page/unitydinner>

**Livermore High School Alumni Association** will be hosting their second annual "Alumni Mixer" at Eagle Ridge Vineyard on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The admission free event is open to all Livermore High School alumni and their guests. There will be complimentary appetizers. Wine, beer and non-alcoholic drinks will be available to purchase. Proceeds from the mixer will be used to support Livermore High School. Eagle Ridge Vineyard is located at 10017 Tesla Road in Livermore - 1.9 miles east from the Greenville and Tesla Roads' intersection. R.S.V.P. (by Oct. 12) to Kristin Waters Meyer Class of '87 and Board Member (925) 447-4758 or [skmeyer24@comcast.net](mailto:skmeyer24@comcast.net).

**From Endings To New Beginnings - Class of 2012:** an extensive community fund-raising art project celebrating the diversity and depth of the 2012 graduating class. Profits from the sale of the book benefits the Livermore Valley Education Foundation. Members of the Class of 2012 Seniors are being sought to participate in a free creative photo session that will be featured in the book. Participants will receive a complimentary 5" fine art print and must sign a model release to be featured in the book. There is no cost to participate. Call the ultra-spectiv photography studio at 925.449.9879.

**Retired public employees under Calpers retirement,** meeting Thurs., Oct. 6, 10:45 a.m. at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit & Grill, 3-64 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Keith Beck will speak on "The Visiting Angels" and their home care services. Information, call Murial Springer, 447-1920.

**Fair trade gift sale,** Sun., Oct. 16, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Michael Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore. Prices range from \$5 to \$20. Craft items suitable for Christmas gifts and other occasions. Items include baskets, scarves, nativities, tree ornaments, soaps, candles, puzzle boxes, toys, musical instruments, children's books and figurines. "Fair Trade" means that the artisans receive a living wage. Information at <http://stm-scm.blogspot.com>, or [www.crsfairtrade.org](http://www.crsfairtrade.org).

**Armchair Travelers,** a monthly program, will be held at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thurs., Oct. 13, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Bill Bigley will show photos of his trip to South Africa. Bill visited Johannesburg, Soweto, the Pilansberg Game Reserve, Lesedi cultural village, Pretoria, the Drakensberg Mountains, Mossel Bay, Cape Town, the Cape of Good Hope, and many other sights during his trip. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 373-5500.

**3rd Annual Walk for Education,** hosted by the American Swim Academy to benefit the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF). The walk takes place at the Livermore High School football track in Livermore on Saturday, October 1 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Registration is open to the public by downloading a registration form at [www.americanswimacademy.com/LVEF](http://www.americanswimacademy.com/LVEF). The entry fee is \$5. Each registered participant will receive a t-shirt and refreshments. There will also be a Family Fun Festival during the walk with live entertainment, DJ music, family friendly booths and more. For more information about the 2011 Walk for Education, please visit [www.AmericanSwimAcademy.com/LVEF](http://www.AmericanSwimAcademy.com/LVEF) or contact Jennifer Lee at 925-833-7946 x105.

**Free Diabetes Self-Management Classes,** 7 week series will teach you how to manage your diabetes with exercise, health eating (including the foods you love) and medications, and answer all your questions about living with diabetes. Mondays, October 17 through November 28, 2-4 p.m. at the Dublin Senior Center. Sundays, November 6 through December 18, 3-5 pm at Heritage Estates in Livermore. Class is open to all adults with pre diabetes or type 2 diabetes. Please call the Alameda County Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 to register. Space is limited!

**Toastmasters - Livermore Lunch Bunch** meets Mondays at noon, conference room, 2157 First St., Livermore. Learn to develop communication and leadership skills in a supportive environment that fosters self-confidence and personal growth. [www.livermoretoastmasters.org](http://www.livermoretoastmasters.org). Sept. 15, 12:15 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony and open house planned.

**San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society,** October 1, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.; Oct. 5 and 6, 6 to 8:30 p.m. "Do You Know Who You Are? An Introduction to Genealogy" presented by the at the San Ramon Marketplace Library, 100 Montgomery St., San Ramon. Open to the public. No reservations required. See [www.srvgs.org](http://www.srvgs.org) for more details.

**College Prep Classes** in Livermore - LARPD is offering classes in "Writing Essays that Shine," 10/10/11 6-8:30 pm. Classes will be held at Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Register at [dst.ca.us](mailto:dst.ca.us) or 373-5700, or go to [susanprep.com](http://susanprep.com) for additional information.

**D.A.R. Daughters of the American Revolution,** Jose Marie Amador Chapter, Pleasanton. Meetings first Saturday of the month. Group is comprised of descendants of Patriots of the American Revolution. It is a service organization that provides contests, awards and scholarships. For members, prospective members, and information on meeting location, contact Ann 510-507-5509 or [anarcisco@comcast.net](mailto:anarcisco@comcast.net).

**Country Store Silent Auction,** Wed., Nov. 2, Livermore Division, VA Palo Alto Health Care System. Donations are being sought for the voluntary service executive committee annual fund-raiser. Please send by Oct. 19 to VA Palo Alto care system, Livermore Division, Sue Scott, Voluntary Service (135), 4951 Arroyo Rd., CA 94550. Auction will be held Wed., Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the VA in Livermore. Information, call Sue Scott 449-6448.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly),** meets at Hillcrest Community Gardens Building, 550 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore. Mondays, 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. Private weigh-in, 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. meeting. All are welcome. Non-profit, self-help organization founded in 1950. TOPS members are guided by a nutritionist and a medical doctor at the national headquarters. Members are encouraged to use the diabetic exchange program and are free to use whatever food they plan. Information, contact Sue at 462-6281.

**The Writing Club,** Young Adults, ages 12-21, are invited to join The Writing Club at the Livermore Public Library, Civic Center. The Writing Club will meet once a month on Thursdays, October 6, November 3, and December 1, 2011, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, for an evening of writing with author J.L. Powers. There is no charge to join. Take writing a step further by learning about publishing and how to expand writing horizons. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or contact Sandy at 925-373-5500 extension 5583.

**Beginners Internet Classes,** four-class series to learn to surf the Internet and send emails. Absolute beginners are welcome. Classes are held at 9:00 am with a choice of Tuesday or Thursday sections. Registration is required. Reserve a spot at the Reference Desk, or call 925/931-3400, extension 7. Library programs are free and open to everyone. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information.

**Pleasanton Military Families** is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have

a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through. Three times per year, the group collect supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Please contact [PleasantonMilitaryFamilies@gmail.com](mailto:PleasantonMilitaryFamilies@gmail.com) for the location of the next meeting.

**Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA),** a free Twelve Step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. Meetings are held Wednesdays at San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church in Alamo at 9:30 am 2nd floor. For more information or a list of additional meetings throughout the U.S. and the world, call 781-932-6300 or visit: [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org).

**RELIGION**  
**St. Matthew's Baptist Church,** 1239 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Prayer each Wednesday at 7 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30 p.m. 449-3824.

**United Christian Church,** celebrating 50 years in the Tri-Valley, 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; worship on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. The community is welcome. United CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information.

**Seventh-day Adventist Church,** 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday; Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. [www.livermoresda.org/](http://www.livermoresda.org/) All are welcome.

**Trinity,** 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday nights there is adult Bible study at 6:45 and NRG and Re.Gen for youth, and children's choir for kids. Child care during all events. 447-1848, [www.trinitylivermore.org](http://www.trinitylivermore.org).

**New Youth Programs** now available during Sunday service, 10 a.m., at Tri-Valley Unity Church, 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. Children's program up to grade 5, plus the new twice monthly teen program for grades 6 through 12th. All are welcome. Rev. Harriet Hawkins, minister. [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com) (925) 829-2733.

**St. Charles Borromeo,** 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scola at 447-9800.

**Yom Kippur Observances,** Tri-Valley Cultural Jews secular humanistic observances. Bothwell Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore, on Saturday, October 8, 1-4 p.m. Program of readings and music, followed by workshop sessions and a memorial ceremony. Adult non-members are asked to contribute \$10 per person as a donation. Collecting canned and boxed food for the food bank. There will also be an opportunity to donate to various charitable organizations.

**Sunset Community Church** is hosting an event for a time of Prayer for Mental "Wellness" on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. A Prayer and Candle Lighting Service is being planned to support the journey of healing, recovery and understanding of Mental Illness. Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Road, Livermore. 925-447-6282. Pastor Chantelle Cadirao, [ccadirao@sunsetcc.org](mailto:ccadirao@sunsetcc.org)



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