



**Art, Community, & Education**

Bronx Wanderers Perform the Duo Wop Sounds of Rock and Roll at the Bankhead Theater

Performance of 'Joe Hill's Last Will' Set for Sunday

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## Program to Focus on Gangs In Livermore

"Gangs and Our Community" is a community education presentation offered by the Livermore Police Department in cooperation with the Livermore Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District (LARPD).

This community education presentation will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Avenue on October 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be presented by members of the Livermore Police Department, including School Resource Officers and the Chief of Police.

Discussions will include topics such as: Are we seeing an increase in gangs or gang activity? Why? What are we, as a community, doing to prevent gang activity? Does the Police Department have officers assigned to gang enforcement? These questions, and more, will be discussed and answered at the community meeting.

Although reservations are not required, signing up for the program by calling 373-5700 helps LARPD plan seating arrangements.

For more information about the Citizens Police Academy, visit [www.cityoflivermore.net](http://www.cityoflivermore.net) or contact Lesli Prado at [lprado@ci.livermore.ca.us](mailto:lprado@ci.livermore.ca.us)

If there are any questions regarding the community meeting, contact Nicole Aguon at 371-4978 or [naguon@ci.livermore.ca.us](mailto:naguon@ci.livermore.ca.us)

## Lab sets Open Enrollment Meetings; No Briefings

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has scheduled public "Open Enrollment" meetings in Livermore and Tracy on November 9 and 10 so that retirees who are able to attend can learn about its 2012 medical insurance programs.

The November 9 public meeting will be held at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore at a time to be announced. The November 10 meeting will be held in Tracy at a place and time to be announced. The Laboratory will also send printed booklets and other material to retiree homes.

At the same time, the Laboratory declined for the first time to brief its Retiree Association, which in the past has helped provide information and assistance to members who live too far away or are too unhealthy to travel to local meetings.

It has also advised the Association that it will not even answer questions about health care programs following the public meetings. If retirees are confused about medical benefits or how to sign up for or change programs, according to emails from the Laboratory, they will have to ask one of the organizations that administers the programs, Aon Hewitt or Extend Health.

For years, at the Retiree Association's October luncheon meeting, the Laboratory has provided speakers to summarize changes in the coming year's

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# BetterGrads to Expand e-Mentoring Program

By Patricia Koning

A pilot project involves a small-scale, preliminary study to demonstrate feasibility before investing time and money into a larger project. Sometimes pilot projects crash and burn. However, other times – like the BetterGrads e-mentoring pilot at Granada High School last year – the project takes off in ways the designers never envisioned.

In the 2010/11 school year, BetterGrads founder and chief executive Kevin Adler and Granada academic counselor Roxann Engel designed an e-mentoring

pilot program. The concept was simple – current college students and recent graduates would mentor 22 high school juniors as they begin to plan for college. The students and their mentors would communicate by phone or email regularly. The entire group would meet on a monthly conference call. Adler and Engel came up with topics to guide the process.

The Granada students decided to take the project a step further and formed the 2012 College Prep Club. "These students are remarkable," says Adler. "They

met weekly to study for the SATs, talk about different colleges and universities, and other activities. They did a lot to create a college-going atmosphere at Granada."

The College Prep Club, or 2012 CPC as they call themselves, will make a presentation to the Freshmen in Transition (FIT) classes in early October and make themselves available as resources for the freshmen. In three years, when those freshmen are in their junior year of high school, the members of 2012 CPC may be mentoring them through the college application

process.

Last spring, BetterGrads in partnership with the Mario Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation presented two \$1,500 scholarships to Alyssa Horning and Yari Suarez, both participants of the BetterGrads e-mentoring program. The scholarship served as an incentive for students to participate fully in the e-mentoring and as a learning experience. Filling out the application was one of the monthly topics. Adler provided feedback on all of the applications.

This year, Adler and the Pe-

drozzi Foundation hope to double the scholarship, by offering two \$1,500 awards to Livermore High School (LHS) students in addition to the two for Granada students. LHS principal Darrel Avilla said that he and Adler have been discussing how to incorporate the e-mentoring program into the school this year.

Engel stated that using young adults as mentors is essential to the success of the program. "After BetterGrads put on a College 101 panel at Granada two years ago, one student commented that

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Rainy weather created a colorful photo looking at the ridgelines behind Ruby Hill.

## Oak Grove Offer Off the Table

The Lin family has withdrawn its proposal for a tolling agreement.

The city will continue to process a 10-unit project. Two lawsuits involving the city and the Lins will move forward.

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 have allowed the Lins to maintain the two lawsuits while a new 10-unit project moves through the city's approval process.

The Pleasanton City Council

had called a public meeting in order to advise the public of the key principles of the proposal and to take input on the proposals.

The Pleasanton City Attorney Jonathan Lowell received word last week on Wednesday that the proposal has been withdrawn. He said at a special council meeting on Monday that the original tolling proposal would have resulted in dismissal of the two lawsuits upon approval of the 10-unit subdivision. "However, the offer is off the table."

He said that city staff is obligated to continue to process the current ten lot project through the city's normal development and environmental review processes.

An environmental consultant has been hired to review the impacts of the proposed development. It will take from 6 months to a year to complete the review.

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.

With regard to the appeal, Lowell said that the Lins' brief is due in court by Oct. 25. He anticipated oral arguments in

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## NCLB Results Show Why District Wants Changes in It

Pleasanton school trustees were provided a closer look at the statewide annual assessments of students. Trustees also heard the request to waive the standards of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

The report on testing by Cindy Galbo-Lorimer, Assistant of Educational Services, addressed the satisfactory overall performance by many students. It also noted how some students are falling short of proficient or advanced status, as required by NCLB.

The annual test that measures compliance with NCLB requirements is called the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) report. Trustees reviewed the test results of AYP and other mandated testing for the district at their meeting Sept. 27.

Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi told the board the district has no objection to the basic message of NCLB, which is district accountability in preparing all children to meet the challenges of life. The district's goal is the same.

However, there should be a variety of ways of measuring progress, not the draconian, sharply accelerating goals set by NCLB, said Ahmadi.

The current year's standard for the whole district in math and English Language Arts requires that 78 percent of the students be advanced or proficient. Next year the standard climbs to 88 percent. In the following year, it becomes 100 percent.

Districts all over the state

have told their federal representatives how unrealistic those goals are on the time schedule allotted. Representatives and Senators have promised to do something about it.

All 17 of Alameda County's school superintendents have signed a letter to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson declaring their support for the waiver and the reasons for asking for it.

Pleasanton school officials for the past few years have said that a "growth model" is more realistic. It would require only steady progress in student performance, not absolute requirements by a certain date.

Looking at the test results in 2010, trustees focused on the district's continuing efforts to help students who are not measuring up to grade level standards

Trustee Chris Grant underscored both big achievements in the testing, and the red flag areas that cry out for help. Grant said that it was great that Village High School leapt ahead by 97 points on the API over the previous year.

Elementary school science scores jumped from 76 to 90 percent proficient districtwide. That shows the value of providing science specialists in the elementary schools. "Middle school teachers tell me that, too. Kids are better prepared (coming into middle schools)," said Grant.

Grant said that because of the results for African American and

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## Kamena, Marchand Report Most Campaign Funds

The first campaign finance reports filed last week in Livermore show Marshall Kamena collecting the most money in the race for city council. John Marchand has raised the most funds in the mayoral race.

The report covers the period from July 1 to September 24.

The council candidates are Bobby Dale Burger, Stewart Gary, Marshall Kamena and Lauren Turner. The three candidates for mayor are Barbara Hickman,

John Marchand and Minuete McKernan.

Two groups are also registered as collecting money for the campaign. Friends of Livermore reported in with just over \$44,000 in donations. Keep BART on 580 had not filed a finance report as of last Friday.

Kamena reported \$10,000 in funds, including a \$3000 loan from himself. He received 28 donations with each giving \$250.

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## Pleasanton Appoints Poet Laureate

The Pleasanton City Council approved Cynthia Bryant as the city's new poet laureate.

This is the second time, she has filled the post, 2005-2007.

With the current Poet Laureate's term coming to an end, the City established a Poet Laureate Selection Committee to review submitted materials, interview candidates, and make a recommendation for a new Poet Laureate for the next two-year term. When no qualified candidates came forward, City staff was informed that a past Poet Laureate, Cynthia Bryant, was interested in

resuming her responsibilities.

The primary role of the Poet Laureate is to provide appropriate poetry at civic events, and promote the appreciation of the literary arts in the community.

Past poets laureate have established a tradition of poetry readings at the Century House, while using their unique talents to develop new programs for the community. Some of these include television broadcasts, the establishment of the Poetry, Prose and Arts Festival, and the establishment of the Teen Poet Laureate Program.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Aerobatics were part of last weekend's open house at the Livermore Airport. Frank Donnelly flew his clipped-wing Taylorcraft.

## Livermore Forum

### Chamber Questions Candidates

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce hosted a candidates night for the seven hopefuls in the November 8 election.

There are three candidates for mayor, Barbara Hickman, John Marchand and Minuete McKernan. Hickman was host of Grassroots Issues. Marchand is currently vice mayor. McKernan is a college student.

Four candidates are vying for two council seats. They are Bobby Dale Burger, Marshall Kamena, Stewart Gary and Lauren Turner. Burger is the marketing manager for UNCLE Credit Union. Kamena is the mayor of Livermore. Gary is the former fire chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and an elected member of the Livermore School Board. Turner is an elected member of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board.

The format included a series of questions posed by moderator Mark Triska. Questions were also submitted by the audience.

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## PET OF THE WEEK

Chickadee is a sweet little kitten who is about 6 months old. She is a chatty cat who will keep you company in whatever you do. As a purr-fect kitten, she will also keep you entertained with her silly ways and kind heart. To learn more about adoptable animals, call 925-426-8656 or visit the website [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org). Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Hours are Tues.- Sat. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Photo courtesy of Jeff Hank)

## Fire Department to Take Part in Fire Prevention Week; Open Houses Planned

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPPFD) is joining the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in recognizing Fire Prevention Week from October 9 through October 15.

With more than 360,000 home fires reported in the United States in 2009, according to the NFPA, your best defense is a good offense.

That's why the LPPFD is teaming up with the NFPA for Fire Prevention Week, to urge Pleasanton and Livermore residents to "Protect Your Family From Fire." This year's campaign focuses on preventing the leading causes of home fires — cooking, heating and electrical equipment, as well as candles and smoking materials. Additionally, it urges people to protect their homes and families with life-saving technology and planning.

In 2009, 2,565 people died in home fires. Nearly all of these deaths could have been prevented by taking a few simple precautions like having working

smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan, keeping things that can burn away from the stove and always turning off space heaters before going to bed.

"The numbers of individuals seen in the nation's emergency rooms for burn injuries are staggering and far too high," said Scott Deaver, LPPFD Fire Marshal. "Burn injuries are painful and can result in serious scarring and even death. When we take the time to integrate safety and fire prevention into our family's daily life, we can considerably lower those staggering statistics. Join the LPPFD in kicking off this year's campaign and make fire safety everyone's responsibility."

This year's Fire Prevention Week event will open two fire department sites to the public, one in Livermore and one in Pleasanton. There will be fire prevention giveaways, demonstrations, and information on fire safety. The Training Tower in Pleasanton will offer fire extinguisher

training and Stop-Drop-&Roll demonstrations. At Station Six in Livermore, families will be able to experience the Fire Safety Trailer. Both locations will also have smoke detector and replacement battery giveaways, disaster preparedness information and fun for the entire family. Fire Department personnel will be on hand to answer questions and assist the community in protecting their loved ones from fire.

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. For 90 years fire departments have observed Fire Prevention Week, making it the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

Fire Prevention Day will take place Wed., Oct. 12, 3:30 to 8 p.m. at the Fire Training Tower, 3301 Busch Rd, Pleasanton, and Fire Station #6, 4550 East Avenue, Livermore. For more information, visit the LPPFD Website [www.lppfd.org](http://www.lppfd.org) or call (925) 454-2361

## LARPD Launches Brick Donation Program

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is launching a brick donation program to help support sports fields at Robertson Park.

The LARPD Foundation, a nonprofit supporting parks and programs, invites community residents and businesses to purchase a brick that will be part of a centerpiece at the planned synthetic fields for Robertson Park. The program provides an

opportunity to commemorate an individual or a team, as well as demonstrate business support for the local community.

Proceeds from the brick donation project will go toward upkeep of and upgrades to the renovated fields for Livermore athletes of all ages.

A portion of each donation will also be put into the Foundation's Endowment Fund to

support LARPD.

Bricks sized 4-by-8 inches cost \$250; bricks sized 12-by-12 inches are \$550. Graphics may cost extra. All LARPD Foundation donations are tax deductible.

To purchase a gift that lasts or for more information, call 925-373-5786 or obtain a donation form online at [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us).

# LOST DOG REWARD \$5,000



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7 year old  
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schnauzer




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Livermore



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## Palo Alto Medical Foundation Community Health Education Programs

October 2011


For a complete list of classes and class fees, lectures and health education resources at [pamf.org/healtheducation](http://pamf.org/healtheducation).

### Services at the Dublin Center



**A Mother's Place: Postpartum Support Group**  
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
4050 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, 510-498-2891

Meet with an R.N. and certified lactation consultant to ensure your first weeks of motherhood are healthy and happy.



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For non-urgent concerns Monday through Friday before 4 p.m., call 925-875-6223. For urgent medical concerns, or calling on weekends, holidays or after hours, please call the advice nurse at 925-875-6100 to schedule an appointment if needed.  
4050 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin

Breastfeeding is a natural process and mothers and babies don't always need professional help. However, if breastfeeding is not going well, the baby is not getting enough milk or breastfeeding is painful for the mother, then timely help can make all the difference for both. A lactation consultant provides assistance with hands-on instruction and reassurance to make this a positive breastfeeding experience for both you and your baby.

**Childbirth and Parent Education Classes**  
650-853-2960

- Breastfeeding - Secrets for Success
- Preparing for Birth

**Nutrition and Diabetes Classes**  
510-498-2184

- Heart Smart (cholesterol management)
- Living Well with Diabetes
- Living Well with Prediabetes
- Raising Healthy and Happy Eaters!

**Weight Management Programs**


- Bariatric Weight Loss Surgery Program
- Healthy eating. Active lifestyles. (for parents of children ages 2-12)
- Lifesteps® (adult weight management)
- New Weigh of Life (adult weight management)

Community Health Resource Center

The Health Resource Center offers information and support for those who wish to make informed decisions regarding their health and wellness. The center is open to all members of the community, and services are provided at no cost.


- Nurse health educators
- Health reference books
- Health lectures
- Health newsletters
- Informational brochures
- Educational videotapes and DVDs
- Access to health information Websites
- Information on community resources

Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,  
Dublin, 925-875-6150 and Fremont,  
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# Police Team Up to Combat Auto and Residential Burglaries

In an effort to curb automobile and residential burglaries occurring in the City of Livermore, the Livermore Police Department's Patrol and Criminal Investigations Bureaus have teamed up and made several recent arrests. Through their combined efforts, seven felony burglary arrests have been made and several items of stolen property recovered.

On September 20, 2011, Livermore Police Officer Kevin Reynolds initiated the effort while conducting patrol duties at a local Livermore hotel. Officer Reynolds contacted Jason Bryning and Don Berglund who were staying at the hotel. During the course of his investigation, Officer Reynolds located stolen property from a recent burglary at Christiansen Middle School in Bryning's and Berglund's hotel room. Bryning and Berglund were subsequently arrested for possession of stolen property and booked at Santa Rita Jail.

On September 26, 2011, Officer Reynolds again led patrol efforts when his watch was dispatched to an "in-progress"

residential burglary. Patrol officers responded to Cassady Court in response to a homeowner's request for assistance. Upon arrival, officers learned the suspect(s) had fled. During an associated area check, officers discovered several items of stolen property hidden on Paterson Pass Road. Officers kept watch of the stolen items and were on scene when Justin Painter and Robert Nash, both of Livermore, arrived to pick up the property. Nash and Painter were subsequently arrested for possession of stolen property and booked at Santa Rita Jail. Two juveniles who were with Nash and Painter were detained, but later released after officers determined they were not involved.

During his arrest, Nash was found to be in possession of stolen property from an earlier residential burglary that occurred on Alysia Court in Livermore. Based on the information obtained during this investigation, the Livermore Police Department's Criminal Intelligence Bureau completed a request for a search

warrant of Justin Painter's residence. On September 27, 2011, Livermore Police Detectives and Officers served the search warrant at Painter's residence. The search produced additional items of stolen property taken during the burglary on Alysia Court.

Also on the Sept. 27, patrol officers responded to Darwin Avenue for an "in-progress" auto burglary. Officers set up a perimeter in the area and the Livermore Police Department's K9 was used for a search. Walik Gilmore, Zabi Kamin, and Phe Phan, all Livermore residents, were located and arrested for various charges including prowling and possession of stolen property.

A known trend of, "door checking" is being utilized in many of the residential and automobile burglaries in Livermore. This trend simply involves a suspect, "checking" to see if a door is locked. This technique is used during the day and at night and often involves a quick grab of items left in plain view (automobiles). In terms of residences, suspects will often knock on the

door and if no one answers they will, "check" the knob. Again, the suspects use a quick grab technique and often flee with only the valuables they can carry. Either method can be accomplished in less than a minute.

The following tips are offered to avoid being a victim: vehicles - lock the vehicle, remove laptops, GPS, purses and other valuable items from plain view, park in a well lit area, use a car alarm. Residential - secure doors and windows, use residential lighting and motion detectors, and remove shrubbery that obscures the view of doors and windows.

Another way to help increase neighborhood security is through a neighborhood watch program. The program is established with the assistance of police department personnel and forms a long lasting and beneficial partnership with the department. The neighborhood watch program helps to ensure a sense of community and will help you increase awareness. Contact the Livermore Police Department Crime Prevention Office at (925) 371-4978 with

questions about the neighborhood watch program.

The Livermore Police Department asks that residents contact the police department if

there is any suspicious persons or activities in a neighborhood (non-emergency (925) 371-4987 / Emergency 911).



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## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Mayor's Summit on TV

The Tri-Valley Mayor's Summit, hosted by the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, may be viewed via Video on Demand on the Tri-Valley Community TV website at: [www.trivalleytv.org](http://www.trivalleytv.org). It can also be seen on Channel 30 at the following times: Sunday at 8 a.m. and 9 p.m., Monday at 7 p.m., Tuesday at 2 p.m., Wednesday at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., Thursday at 11 p.m. and Friday at 5 p.m. The program includes Mayor Karen Stepper from Danville, Mayor Tim Sbranti from Dublin, Mayor Marshall Kamena from Livermore, Mayor Jennifer Jennifer Hosterman from Pleasanton and Mayor Abram Wilson from San Ramon.

### Vote by Mail Ballots Available

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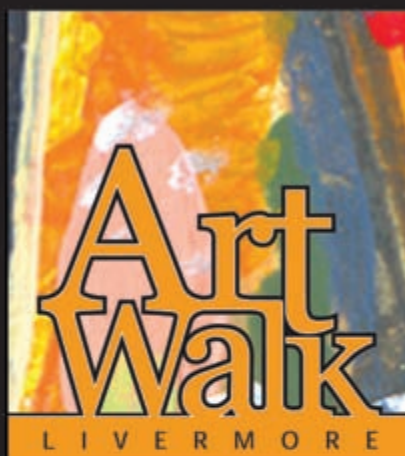
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For complete air dates and times, visit the Tri-Valley TV website at [www.tri-valleytv.org](http://www.tri-valleytv.org). The programs are also available to watch anytime via video on demand on the website. Just click on the Election Special icon to access.

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# EDITORIALS

## Livermore City Council: Marshall Kamena and Stewart Gary

Marshall Kamena and Stewart Gary are far and away the best choices among four candidates for two seats on the Livermore City Council.

As mayor, Kamena has led a remarkable period of change for good in the city. Among the successes are a permanent urban growth boundary (UGB), revitalization of the downtown, the movie theater and Bankhead Theater, and the creation of jobs through both the Paragon Outlets Center and I-GATE. The outlet center and I-GATE together are estimated to create 7,000 new jobs.

Kamena listened to residents when he voted to approve the Keep BART on 580 initiative. However, he didn't just approve the initiative; he is working aggressively to bring BART to Livermore along I-580. In great part because of his efforts, BART officials are projecting a 2013 start date for construction of the first I-580 station at Isabel, years earlier than expected.

He has also balanced the city budget without harming core services.

It is doubtful that any mayor or council in the past can point as many successes as Kamena. He should be elected to the council where he can continue the momentum of the last ten years.

Stewart Gary also has a record of successes in public service. Gary would bring skills and knowledge to the job that no other candidate can provide. Because of his role as a consultant to cities throughout California, he knows the ins and outs of government. As fire chief, he oversaw the consolidation of the Livermore and Pleasanton fire departments, resulting in savings to taxpayers without compromising service.

He supports BART on I-580, and opposes any breaking of the UGB.

As an elected member of the Livermore School Board, he has worked with his colleagues to establish a 12 percent reserve that will keep the district solvent during the current economic times. Negotiations with teachers unions went smoothing for the first time in many years. Gary has plans to work with businesses and the school district to provide the education needed for graduates to fill local jobs.

Candidate Bobby Dale Burger's statements that it is time look at the urban growth boundary and the city's growth policies should raise red flags. Over 10,000 voters signed the initiative to establish the urban growth boundary. The UGB has focused city staff and funds on the downtown, leading to its revitalization. The growth policies have worked well, ensuring that services and infrastructure keep pace with growth.

Laureen Turner has said her interests are parks, trails and open space. For the last eleven months, she has served on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board. It is the perfect place for her to concentrate on those areas, and gain government experience.

The Independent urges voters to elect Marshall Kamena and Stewart Gary to the Livermore City Council on November 8.

## Livermore Mayor: John Marchand

Three candidates are competing for Livermore Mayor on the November 8 ballot - John Marchand, Barbara Hickman and Minuete McKernan.

The Independent believes that among them, only John Marchand knows what is required to fulfill the role of mayor. As a member of the city council serving as vice mayor, Marchand filled in for Marshall Kamena for an extended period when the mayor was recovering from treatment for cancer.

Marchand first ran for city council fighting to preserve the UGB against candidates who supported Pardee's plan to urbanize North Livermore's open hills and valleys.

As a founding member of the Commission for the Arts, he helped to create Livermore's art master plan. Then, as a city councilmember, he supported the cultural revitalization of the downtown, creating jobs and new shopping opportunities.

Marchand's profession as a water chemist and experience on the Zone 7 Water Board has served the city well. His expertise in flood control helped the Paragon Outlets to move forward. With the looming state water crisis, he is well positioned to lead the city in dealing with the issue.

He is responsive to the electorate, supporting BART on I-580.

Minuete McKernan is a college student. We don't believe that she would have the time to spend 40 to 50 hours a week on city business.

Barbara Hickman is focusing on the issue of keeping BART on 580, stating that the council wasn't listening to people. The BART issue has been decided. The current council is moving forward aggressively with the plans for the extension along I-580. Hickman is running at the request of Linda Sailors, Valerie Raymond and Cathie Brown. The three have been strong advocates of opening up North Livermore to development. With Hickman as mayor, they could push that agenda.

Of the seven candidates running for election, Hickman appears the least prepared. That became apparent during the Chamber of Commerce candidates night when she responded to a question about balancing the city budget by simply stating she agreed with the mayor. Her experience, she stated, included balancing her household budget.

Marchand was part of the council that approved a balanced budget without lay-offs or cuts to core services.

As someone who understands government and who has worked for the betterment of Livermore, Marchand would best serve Livermore as mayor.

# Mayors Emphasize Regional Cooperation

Five area mayors emphasized how the region works together for the betterment of all five cities.

Their remarks were in answer to questions posed at the final Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Wine Country Luncheon last Thursday. It was held at Wente Vineyards.

Mayors are Marshall Kamena, Livermore; Jennifer Hosterman, Pleasanton; Tim Sbranti, Dublin; Abram Wilson, San Ramon; and Karen Stepper, Danville.

Each was asked to list the two top transportation priorities.

All agreed that improvements to the major freeways and State Route 84 were important.

Hosterman noted Pleasanton's top priority would be the completion of State Route 84. "It will provide congestion relief in Pleasanton and on the freeways."

Kamena also listed the extension of Jack London to El Charro, and phase I BART to Livermore. "If Measure B is approved by voters next year, construction on the BART extension could begin at the end of 2013 or start of 2014."

Sbranti joked that he was working on a third BART station for Dublin. He said that BART to Livermore is important to all of the cities, because it would help relieve congestion on freeways.

The next question was what had been accomplished in building an entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Kamena talked about I-GATE, I-Hub as partnerships that will move innovative projects out into the marketplace. Collaborating with the Chamber, Innovation Tri-Valley and the national laboratories, the city is working to bring in jobs and new businesses. He pointed out that 67 percent

of venture capital funds go to the East Bay; of that two-thirds comes to the Tri-Valley.

Sbranti said the city undertakes, "friendly stalking," in going after businesses. The message delivered to businesses is that the city will work with a business to meet the timeline.

Stepper called Danville the Vortex of the Tri-Valley, because the town works with both Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The target is small businesses with 5 or fewer employees. Danville provides help to allow them to expand and also to keep them local.

Wilson pointed to the Bishop Ranch with its large corporations as one aspect of his focus. The other focus is on medium and small businesses. "We realize that time is money. Each business receives the same attention."

Hosterman said Pleasanton provides a mix of good transportation, housing types and good schools. It is a magnet for businesses. Recently the city revamped its planning department to make it easier for businesses to locate in Pleasanton and for those already present to grow.

Mayors were asked if technology transferred from the national laboratories would have an impact on local cities.

They all said it would. Several offered ideas as to how it would impact his or her city.

Sbranti said that Dublin is looking at options to tap into I-GATE. He said one of Dublin's advantages is existing BART stations. An incubator will be located next to BART in Dublin. The 580 Executive Center will specialize in businesses with 2 to 4 employees that can be grown to 15 to 20 employees.

Hosterman said that Pleasanton had been working for a

number of years to determine how to generate jobs. "I GATE is very exciting. It affords a number of synergies with local business parks."

Kamena stated that technology transfer is one of the major efforts of both national laboratories. The goal is new jobs, new products and new programs. Livermore is working to make it easy to locate high tech, high paying jobs locally.

Do the cities have policies that will assist in the economic recovery?

Stepper said that all of the cities work together on transportation and housing. The challenge is to do a better job of making the Tri-Valley better known. It is important to cross-market.

Wilson agreed. He added that the cities lobby in Washington, D.C. as a single voice. "People are coming to us. They recognize this is an area that will grow. Success brings success."

Hosterman suggested that regional fees may need to be reconsidered. The cost of a sewer hookup is outrageous, she stated.

Kamena said that the city is working with the state and federal government to further identify economic opportunities. The city's policy changes have made it easier to locate in Livermore. He suggested there is a need to evaluate environmental standards and taxes. "The number one agenda is jobs."

The mayors asked what was

next for them, as each will reach term limits soon.

Hosterman said she would continue to serve the community. She is considering a run for Assembly. "Hopefully, I will be able to continue in representation."

Kamena said he hoped to continue as a member of the city council. "As mayor I started projects that I would like to be part of in seeing them finished."

Sbranti stated that he believes that relationships have been developed that would allow for a seamless transition.

Wilson added that if a person needs a title to serve, he or she shouldn't be serving. He too is running for city council.

Education and what the cities are doing to support schools was the final question. All answered that each had a strong working relationship with the local school district.

Kamena pointed out that Livermore is blessed with regard to schools. "Kelly Bowers (superintendent) is an absolute treasure. Stu Gary has fostered relationships with the city. Las Positas College is one of our partners. An academic alliance is being formed to locate at the Livermore Valley Open Campus."

Sbranti noted that he is a teacher at three sites. The city and school district share facilities and are partners in a number of environmental programs.

Stepper said that the city thinks of kids when they put on programs.

Wilson stated that there is a park next to every school. There are two Olympic size pools and a performing arts theater located on high school campuses. "It is almost a seamless partnership. It is easier to prepare strong individuals, rather than try to repair damaged adults," he concluded.

## MAILBOX

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### Reading Game Kimberly Evans Livermore

A big "thank you" to the Livermore City Council and Mayor Kamena for taking the time to congratulate the hundreds of children who completed the Summer Reading Game at the Livermore Public Libraries!!!

It is so reassuring to see that children and their education are the focus of our community, while other communities are busy slapping and shushing each other (on the tax-payer's dime).

Thank you for taking the time to encourage and reward our children for all their efforts!

### Theater Funding John Stein Livermore

It was interesting to read how the Regional Theater supporters praise its benefits. Your readers should also be aware that using Livermore's General Fund to back Regional Theater's bonds has recently become even more risky.

Downtown property values have declined substantially over the past few years. It is now clear that the Tax Increments that provide money for the Redevelopment Agency have suffered a twenty percent loss and are likely not to fully recover for many years.

The state is now trying to take more funds from the Redevelopment Agency. The agency could have to pay \$1.4 million in January just to continue operation. With declining revenue they will have to borrow this money from the City which could lead to layoffs. In future years the state will take about 10% of the agency revenue. At best after paying for the Regional Theater this would leave little or no money to provide needed infrastructure or encourage the residential development needed to fund the agency. If the legal challenges to this law succeed the state may shutdown all of California's Redevelopment Agencies, leaving the City holding the bag.

In June the City Council transferred all the Vasco Road garbage fees from the Regional Theater to fund the Bankhead Theater. It is not clear how this money will be replaced.

Early this year the estimated cost for the theater's bonds increased from 169 million to 184 million dollars meaning that 15 million more dollars will have to be raised from tickets and

donations. A lingering economic slowdown has made it more difficult to sell tickets and get donations for theaters.

Most telling, since February, no Bank has been found willing to issue bonds to pay for the Regional Theater.

(The following information is a response to John Stein's letter: "Downtown property values have declined substantially over the past few years.")

The current LVPAC/Redevelopment Agency financing scenario already takes into account current values and reductions in property values and tax increment revenue.

"The state is now trying to take more funds from the Redevelopment Agency."

Current financial projections show that the Regional Theater can move forward. LVPAC and the Redevelopment Agency would have sufficient funds even after subtracting all of the tax increment funds projected to go to the state. LVPAC is obligated to use its available funds to protect the City's general fund by loaning to the Redevelopment Agency the amount necessary to meet state obligations.

"At best after paying for the Regional Theater, this would leave little or no money to provide needed infrastructure or encourage the residential development needed to fund the agency."

The 20% set aside for housing will be available for infrastructure to support housing in the redevelopment area. It is not affected by the Regional Theater project.

"If the legal challenges to this law succeed the state may shutdown all of California's Redevelopment Agencies, leaving the City holding the bag."

The California Supreme Court is expected to decide on the fate of redevelopment agencies by January 15, 2012. The regional theater project will not move forward until after the Court's decision. If the Redevelopment Agency were abolished, no LVPAC regional theater bonds would be sold.

"In June the City Council transferred all the Vasco Road garbage fees from the Regional Theater to fund the Bankhead Theater. It is not clear how the money will be replaced."

Vasco Road fees were never included in Regional Theater debt service. In June, the City and Alameda County simply formalized the use of Vasco funds for the Bankhead Theater.

"Early this year, the estimated cost for the theater's bonds increased from 169 million to 184 million dollars meaning that 15 million more dollars will have to be raised from tickets and donations."

From May 14, 2009 to February 14, 2011, the total debt service on the bonds changed from \$171 million to \$184 million to be paid over a period of 34 years. This increase totals \$2.5 million

in today's dollars (present value dollars). In the same period, the Redevelopment Agency's obligation dropped by \$5M.

The approved LVPAC/Redevelopment Agency financing scenario provides for additional fundraising and sponsorship dollars to cover the increased bond size. Funds will be raised over a 10 year period.

"A lingering economic slowdown has made it more difficult to sell tickets and get donations for theaters."

2011-12 advance ticket sales are 48% ahead of last year's sales. To date, \$11.8 million has been raised for the regional theater before the fundraising campaign has begun.

"Most telling, since February, no bank has been found willing to issue bonds to pay for the Regional Theater."

The structure approved February 14, 2011 by the City/Redevelopment Agency did not require any bank. By then, the City/Redevelopment Agency had decided to move to a fixed rate structure in which LVPAC would issue bonds. Actions that involve the Redevelopment Agency are on hold until the California Supreme Court rules on the constitutionality of the State's actions regarding Redevelopment Agencies.)

### Vote in Election Mary McMahon Livermore

The sample ballots for the November 8 election are in the mail and they offer us a way to go green. You may get your ballot online. Also, many of the polling places have changed. This is an important election for Livermore, however, it involves electing a mayor and two city council members. That's it.

Please plan how you are going to vote either in person, by sending for a mail in ballot or online. Don't make me have to call your mother.

### Funding Needed Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Board of Directors

During these tough economic times, it is difficult for anyone to maintain the same level of involvement in activities that we have all grown used to. Families have had to revise their budgets, cut their expenses and sacrifice previously enjoyed events to get by. It is no different with Community Theatre. Costs continue to rise, while our tickets sales decrease and we find ourselves, along with our patrons, at the mercy of this difficult economy. We must continually cut costs while at the same time strive to maintain the level of quality productions that we feel our audiences deserve.

Keeping our organization solvent has always been problematic, because we depend solely on ticket sales and individual donations to generate the income needed to keep up with our expenses. This is not an easy task in these times of rising costs,

smaller donations and depleted ticket sales. As if that isn't enough, we have just learned that in order to keep our present office headquarters and Studio Theatre, we will have to absorb a 25% rent increase. Aside from maintaining our office, which includes our set building and storage space, the Studio Theatre location houses our theatrical productions, children's summer camps and fund-raising performances; therefore, losing our home of over twenty-one years would be a tremendous blow.

No arts group can survive on ticket sales alone anymore. Since our organization is run by a volunteer office staff, it is not easy to "cut back" because we are already running at minimal expense. In an effort to cut our overhead we have implemented many changes over the past several years including the reduction of our rehearsal and office space by 30%, and we have initiated the electronic mailing of our newsletter to cut postage and handling costs. As we have entertained audiences for over twenty-seven years, first under the umbrella of Pleasanton Playhouse, and now as Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (TVRT), we are concerned to see so many theatre companies having to close due to increased production costs and the poor economy.

It continues to be our fervent desire to provide our season subscribers with quality family entertainment for many years to come. We also want to assure all our patrons that we will continue to present exciting new productions at the Bankhead Theater, and due to increasing public support, we have added a third Broadway Chorus Concert at Amador Theater to our season.

We appreciate the continued support of our season subscribers - without you, our dreams for expanding our organization to a Regional Theatre could never have been realized. At this time we need your help in reaching our goal of raising \$50,000. Please help us now so we can see that dream continue to prosper by donating whatever you feel you can to keep us going during these rough economic times. Many companies offer matching donations and donations through payroll deductions, helping to make larger donations more manageable. All donations to TVRT are fully tax-deductible since we are a 501(c)(3) organization (tax id #68-0049944). Corporations that are interested in assisting should contact us directly at 925-462-2121.

At a time when theatre companies all over the Bay Area and the country are closing, the need for fun, quality family entertainment has never been more important. Please help us keep the arts alive and well in the Tri-Valley area! You can do this by keeping donating whatever you can, large or small, to keep our home base and Studio Theatre thriving for this and future generations.

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# CANDIDATES

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the audience. Most of the focus of questions related to economic issues.

BART to Livermore was one issue. A route through downtown to Vasco Road was first approved. A successful initiative process resulted in a change, with the council approving keeping BART on I-580. All of the candidates said they would support keeping the extension to Livermore on I-580.

McKernan said that she has reviewed the plan to keep BART on 580. She feels that it is a good plan.

Marchand commented that the 9212 report requested by the council provided a window to meet the transit oriented development (TOD) requirements of MTC by moving the Greenville station to the south. That will preserve the urban growth boundary.

Kamena noted that there had been 152 public meetings during which input was solicited on a BART extension to Livermore. He said that he would support BART on 580. "That's the law. I respect the law."

Hickman declared that a station in the downtown would bring all of the bad things to the area such as crime and dirt. "I don't like the route going behind homes. It has a negative impact."

Gary called the 580 location the collective will of the community. He stated that he does not support the high density housing required by MTC, or becoming a parking lot for San Joaquin commuters. "I will push back. We shouldn't have to change the character of the city along the freeway to obtain something we have paid for years."

Burger said his effort as a councilmember would be to facilitate funding for the extension. He said that he agreed with Gary's comments.

Turner declared, "It's a set issue. It is a good opportunity to design the TOD the way we want. That is my focus now."

Each was asked to list the top three issues they would focus on.

Marchand said that he would continue to revitalize the downtown and would work to move the Livermore Valley Open Campus (LVOC), I-GATE and I-NEST to completion. He would protect the urban growth boundary.

Kamena would move forward with plans to complete a business and technology center that would bring in 5000 jobs. He would beautify the gateways to the city, complete the downtown Downtown Specific Plan by extending development Eastward on First Street with a mix of pedestrian oriented retail, office and unique residential pockets. He would work to bring in a four star hotel. Kamena added that he would continue the city's involvement in LVOC.

Hickman's focus would be on bringing the police department back to its former level of staffing. She would continue to work to keep BART on 580. Her final issue would be to ensure that important, controversial issues go to the voters for a decision.

Gary's focus would be on

preserving the quality of life in Livermore. He would work with businesses and the school district to create a job bank that would link career pathways with employment opportunities. His final focus would be on the preservation of neighborhoods by enforcing codes, providing water and sewer serves.

Burger would work to enhance the synergy between the city, school district and park district. He would protect the police by finding out the right level of manning. Burger would like to help bring Gary's idea of a job bank to fruition.

Turner declared, "Jobs, more jobs. That would mean more money and economic stability for the city." She said she supports the regional theater and would work to ensure its success. Turner would like to see a transit system in place that allows for a walkable community.

McKernan would focus on completing the LVOC. She would work to provide a "friendly and attentive" place for residents to come and voice their concerns. Her final focus would be to use technology to provide more connectivity between the residents, city staff and government.

When it comes to the budget, how would a candidate balance it and determine what cuts should be made?

Kamena said by law the budget must be balanced. Areas to look at are staff size, wages and benefits. He would negotiate with unions on benefits to increase employee contributions to retirement. He would also implement a 2-tier system. If the economy continues to stagnate he would reduce wages as an alternative to reducing staff.

Hickman declared, "I say what Marshall (Kamena) says. My experience is with a home budget. The police are probably my main focus."

Gary described the issues as having three legs - hours, benefits and wages. "Either we cut productive people, or restructure contracts. At the school district, we have asked employees to share when there is an upside to the economy and share the pain during a downside. When it comes to cuts, public safety is number one, in the following order: power, water, wastewater, garbage disposal, police and fire."

Burger said he would look at the budget and the right size for police and fire. He would look at ways to spur economic growth in order to bring more money into the budget.

Turner stated that budgets are tricky. "You have to look at the human side." She would look at cutting the budget as deeply as possible, without having a negative impact on the residents.

McKernan noted that when talking about budgets, we are talking about people. She would take that into consideration in determining what cuts should be made.

Marchand said the goal has been to preserve core services and to spur economic development in order to provide more money. "If we don't want to make cuts, we have to bring in new rev-

enue." He pointed to the regional theater as one source, estimated at \$20 million a year.

How would each candidate stimulate the economy.

Hickman said she would find out what the Chamber of Commerce would want to have happen. She remarked later in talking about I-GATE that the jobs there would be for new people, not current residents.

Gary would look at improving the competitiveness of the city. One area he would look at is fees. "We shouldn't put a business out of business before it opens. Perhaps there is a way to spread fee payments over a period of time." Gary would go out and recruit businesses.

Burger said that he talks to businesses every day. He has heard that the permitting process is too cumbersome. In addition, the infrastructure is missing, and businesses have to use their own funds to build it.

Turner stated that she would look at the permitting process to make sure that the city is business friendly. It should be easy to open a business. Perhaps, payment of fees could be spread out.

Marchand said that private-public partnerships are important to leverage additional funding and to produce jobs. He mentioned LVOC, I-GATE and i-HUB.

Kamena said he agreed with Marchand. When he first entered office he looked at where there were holes in the business community and has worked systematically to fill those holes. The council has approved new policies, such as delaying payment for infrastructure. The one-stop permitting center has been a "smash hit." The council removed 6 weeks from the approval process, by combining the Design review Committee and Planning Commission.

The next question concerned whether the candidates supported using the general fund to back bonds for the regional theater.

Gary stated that he favored the agreement as proposed. "The deal is economically viable. It pencils out." He added that he hasn't seen another project of that size and boldness that would provide the economic stimulus the regional theater would.

Burger said he supports the theater, but opposes backing it with the general fund. "There is a small chance the general fund would have to pay. It is one I'm not willing to take." He said he would like to see a contingency plan for financing.

Turner stated that she absolutely favors the regional theater. "It will bring good things to Livermore. I do not support selling bonds backed by the general fund. However, it's a done deal."

McKernan opposed the use of the general fund. She said that there are a lot of incorrect facts and misinformation regarding the theater. Although it has been approved, that doesn't mean that the plan can't be reviewed.

Marchand declared that no general fund monies would be spent in building or operating the regional theater. Redevelopment tax increment funds will be used along with five other sources of

funding. "Every model shows a positive impact on the general fund." In addition, the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will pay \$12 million to the city's general fund to pay for the city taking the risk.

Kamena said that when built, the regional theater would yield the following economic stimuli: a \$20 million a year positive impact on city revenues, spent primarily in the downtown. Over the 30 year life of bonds, that's \$600 million; \$125 million in sales tax revenue increase city wide; and \$245 million in property tax enhancement. "That's a pretty good return on investment with 0% contribution by the general fund."

Hickman opposed using the general fund as collateral. She pointed out that when the idea for a regional theater was first generated, it was promised that the general fund would not be used.

How a candidate would stop the increase in garbage bills was a question from the audience.

Turner declared, "Use a smaller can and recycle more."

McKernan said that recycling is important. She said that she

has heard many people voice discontent over garbage rates. In the downtown, businesses have to lock up the cans to keep people from dumping their trash.

Marchand pointed out that Waste Management did not bid for the contract. Reduction in reimbursement for recycling, less waste from construction sites and enhanced services have resulted in the higher costs to collect trash.

Kamena pointed out that the previous waste collector would have raised rates \$13 a month. Livermore Sanitation's increase is \$13 for three months. "I think Livermore Sanitation is doing a good job."

Hickman didn't see why the contract should guarantee a fixed amount of income for the trash collector, especially since rates were increased to cover the reduced income. Her solution was to create less garbage.

Gary stated, "I'm going to tell you what you need to hear, not what you want to hear. Pay the bill." He pointed out there are increasing wages, overhead costs and the purchase of new equipment that have to be paid for by the trash collector. "If you want to subsidize garbage fees using

the general fund, go ahead."

Burger supported recycling. He would look at how much money the trash collector needs and perhaps look at charging those who can afford it a little extra. "The impact on people with fixed incomes needs to be addressed."

All supported a healthy relationship with the school district in response to the final question.



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The 12 and under Granada All-Star Tournament won its second tournament. They team went 4 for 4 in the Santa Cruz Shoot-Out Tournament 9/18. Pictured are (top row, from left) Riley Van Trease, Tyler Stultz, Noah Stewart, Head Coach Jim Geyer, Austin Moomau, Jackson Taylor and Coach Morgan Taylor; (front row) Cameron Geyer, Sam Miller, Malini Tia, Zack Macintire, and Andrew Walker.



Marc Altarr managed to free the ball and dribble down field with the support of his Ballistic United Soccer Club Wildcats teammates Haisen Park, Dylan Boswell, Peter Sanchez, and Tyler Tarpley.



Dublin Diamonds' Celina Garcia, played very well during the Dublin Fall Classic Tournament.

## High School Games on TV

Tri-Valley Community TV will broadcast five high school football games on Channel 30. Hosts from TV30 will include Ian Bartholomew, George "Dr. B" Baljevich with field reporting by Anna Kagararakis and Tim Sbranti. Planned interviews during the game include coaches, students, Mayors, city and school officials.

The games scheduled to air are: Oct. 14, Granada at Foothill; Oct. 21, Cal at Livermore; Oct. 28, Granada at Cal; Nov. 4, Cal at Amador; Nov. 10, Dougherty Valley at Dublin.

Tri-Valley TV 30 will be broadcasting the games on Comcast TV 30, AT&T U-Verse via channel 99 and streaming live at trivalleytv.org. For complete air dates and times, visit the Tri-Valley TV website at www.trivalleytv.org. In addition, the games may be viewed via Video on Demand at our website the following week. DVDs of the games may also be purchased via the website.

One of three STAR Awards presented last year to Tri-Valley TV (by the States of California and Nevada National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors) included first place for its coverage last season of the Dublin High School vs Dougherty Valley High School Football game on November 12, 2010.

## West Coast Soccer

**National champs, West Coast U16 Kryptonite** took home the championship trophy from the 2011 Ajax Fall Invitational. In game one the girls took two away and gave none in their 2-0 victory over the Fresno Nomads. Scores were by Grace Cabri and Regan Smithers. In game two, the Kryptonite girls quickly disassembled the Rage Academy Impact with their precision passing and eloquent. Kryptonite's Jessica Hopkins scored a hat trick and Brooke Rittmann, Amber Lennier and Callie Chayrez scored the other three to help the kryptonite come out on top 6-1. This victory advanced the Kryptonite to the semi-finals against the California Northstars. Stephanie Pawek and Aduarie Dayak made two quick scores to beat the Northstars 2-1. The victory propelled West Coast into the championship match against the home team, Modesto Ajax Elite. Kryptonite seemed determined to showcase their talents in this match as Callie Chayrez drilled a shot from 30 yards out to gain the lead early in the 1st half. In a skillfully executed combination play, Amber Lennier assisted Aduarie Dayak on goal number two. The second half was dominated by the Kryptonite with brilliant soccer worthy of their National Championship title. Goal number three came from Brooke Rittmann and Callie Chayrez claimed goal number four for the Kryptonite. The West Coast Soccer Kryptonite cruised to a 4-0 final to take home the championship trophy. This win propels the West Coast Soccer Club to 13 tournament titles since the Club's inception

in early February.

The West Coast Wild U14 team brought home the championship trophy from the Modesto Ajax United Fall Invitational. The Wild, fresh off their first Regional Academy League victory at Robertson Park in Livermore last weekend, went into Modesto Ajax tournament with confidence and determination to bring home the top prize. The Wild playing, in the Premier Division of the tournament, started off their campaign with a heated match against the Madera Red Stars. Two back-to-back goals by Emily Allum at the 22nd and 24th minutes helped the Wild get off to a great tournament start. Tori Nicolo scored a third goal in the second half to give the 3 to 0 victory. The Wild's second goal would be against the home favorite, Ajax Premier. The Ajax came out strong, scoring a good first goal. The score was 0-1 at halftime as the Wild found themselves down for the first time in the tournament. With a few adjustments by the coaching staff at the half, the Wild came out on fire in the second half scoring 8 unanswered goals. The Wild emerged with an 8-1 victory. In the third game of the contest, West Coast Soccer Wild played the California Cougars. The Wild started off strong with two goals from Melissa Ellis at the 4:15 & 8:20 minute mark of the first half. Allison Marty would score the third goal at the 9 minute mark giving the Wild a 3-1 victory over the Cal Cougars. The Wild would have a perfect record in bracket play and move into the Championship game vs. Central California Alliance. The final was a good contest as both teams battled to a 0-0 draw at halftime. The Wilds attack in the second half was too much for the Alliance to handle as goals from Melissa Ellis, Tori Nicolo and Sidney Lunt secured the championship for the West Coast Soccer Wild. This makes 4 Championship tournament titles for the U14 Girls West Coast Soccer Wild this year. Next up for the Wild is showdown for first place of the highest level playing League in Northern California (RAL) against DeAnza force this Saturday.

West Coast Wicked U14 put on an energized performance at the Dublin Fall Classic resulting in a 3 - 0 win over the Newark Barcelona. The win was sparked by an incredible non-stop offensive strike that pumped 25 shots on the Barcelona goalie. West Coast's Goal Keeper, Jessie Cahill, stopped all 12 shots she faced. The relentless pressure and smart tactical play gave the Wicked the advantage that led to 3 quick goals scored in the 47, 49, and 51st minutes of play.

West Coast Wild Fire U12 wrapped their Dublin Fall Classic tournament play with a 1-0 victory over the Mill Valley Rockers. The Wild Fire Girls shut down the Rockers with solid defensive play. They held the rockers to only four shots on goal. West Coast's offense kept the pressure on the entire game with 12 shots on goal. The go ahead goal was scored by West Coast's Isabella Barbero on breakaway at the 7 minute point in the first half. Livermore's West Coast Soccer U11 girls capped their tournament weekend with a win over the Mill Valley Rockers on



The Livermore Blue Fusion U19 Girls soccer team defeated a tough San Ramon Strykers team in the championship game to win the 2011 San Ramon Scramble and defended their 2010 Scramble Championship title. Scores were Livermore Blue Fusion 4, Pleasanton Rage 0; Livermore Blue Fusion 2, San Ramon Strykers 1; Blue Fusion 2, San Ramon Lightning 0; and Blue Fusion 2, San Ramon Strykers 1. Pictured are (front row, from left) Yennifer Candia, Leslie Howerton (GK), Jessica Wofford, Bianca Claudio, Sarah Felicitas, Makaela Hammer; (back row) Jelly Rodriguez, Liz Sanchez, Maddie Raiche, Kenzie Holcomb, Sarah Carter, Siena Trujillo, Shannon Osterberg, Samantha Erickson, and Makaela Molina. Not pictured are Elise Savoy, Mindy Moretini. Coaches are Head Coach Robert Felicitas, Asst Coach Brian Holcomb



Pleasanton Rage U11 Grey's Eknoor Kaur faces off against Mustang Wrangler defender.



Livermore Fusion S/C U10 Maroon Team battled Danville Mustang S/C Impact in league play on Saturday. Both teams came out fighting as Fusion's offence, Lexi Borgna, Kayla Lewis, Mia Mendosa, and Gracie Walke continually attacked the Mustang defense with no luck. It was not until Mustang fouled inside their eighteen giving Fusion the chance at a penalty kick. Taking the kick was center midfielder Justynne Thomas who placed the ball in the left corner of the net giving Fusion a 1-0 win. Defensive players Taylor Bond, Gracie Dupuis, Claire March, Lilly Ackerman and Sierra Street made sure to keep Mustang away from their end of the field. Pictured is Center Defender Claire March as she attacks for possession of the ball.

Sunday. Kylie Karter started in goal and kept a clean slate in the first half. She was supported with a strong defensive line-up of Sierra Bettencourt, Lindsey Phillips and Kayli Lawsen. The Wrath pressed hard with good midfield work from Tyler Rene Enderlein, Fran Hyde, Kate Wallace, Kelsi Green, Allyssa George and Abby Andrews. Wrath Forward, Haley Thompson, nailed the first score with a direct shot the 30 yardline. Kate Wallace and Abby Hoobing kept the offensive pressure on but were denied by the strong Roker Goal Keeper. West Coast came out firing for more in the second half. Fran Hyde added the second goal with excellent teamwork with Abby Hoobing. The Wrath continued the offensive assault with shots from Kylie and Kate. Kelsi Green came away with the third score and Haley ended the game with her second goal and Wrath's fourth point.

West Coast Soccer Fury U9 Girls had a great weekend playing in the Dublin Premier Fall Classic. The Fury out shot and had the upper hand on all four opponents during the four games of the tournament. Saturday's match ups pitted the Fury against Pleasanton Rage White and the Tri-Valley Blues. The Fury ended the first day our tournament play with two 4-0 victories. Sunday morning kicked off with a spirited match up against a talented Fusion team. The Fury and Fusion, both Livermore teams, came out hungry to play and showed great skill for U9 players. The Fury put up a good offense and defense but came up short with a 1-2 loss. Regardless, the girls enjoyed the touch competition and good sportsmanship that pitted friends against friends. In the consolation game, West Coast Soccer Fury 02 dominated the Mustang Samba gold team. The Fury scoring machine was stalled by the Samba's stingy defense. Down 1-2 with seconds left, the Fury

got a beautiful goal from Kalena Brongiel to end match play in a 2-2 tie. After two furious five minute overtimes controlled by the Fury, the game ended up going to penalty kicks. The Fury lost 4-3 in penalties to take fourth place. This was another fantastic weekend by the West Coast Soccer Fury 02 girls.

## Pleasanton Ballistic

In a highly entertaining and fast paced match, the Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) 19 Select and the Oakland Leopards played to a 2-2 draw. Oakland Leopards first to a quick counterattack, playing a ball over the center back to an onrushing striker who finished for the 1-0 lead in the 16th minute. The Select answered in the 21st after some hard work by winger Alex Lutz. Taking the ball in traffic down the right, Lutz worked his way through several defenders to send in an angled shot on goal. The Leopards GK parried it partially but it fell



U15 Livermore Fusion Black team members are (front row, from left) Sal Alatorre, Justin Walker, Rodrigo Diaz-Perez, Austin Roeder, Rafael Alvarez, Peter Lalor, Llewelyn Slone (GK); (back row) Jake Foscalina, Joe Roberts, Dominic Carlson, Matthew Dremalas, Jack Frevert, Mauricio Diaz-Perez, Logan Gruidl (GK), Mike Brooks; and (L-R) Frank Vitale (coach), Mike Carlson (manager).



Livermore Fusion SC U9 Maroon girls finished as champions of the Dublin Fall Classic. The girls defeated Tri-Valley Blues, Pleasanton Rage White and West Coast en route to their most difficult challenge, the championship game. Both Pleasanton Rage Orange and Fusion played a tough but respectful match, indicating a friendly rivalry for years to come. Ultimately Fusion pulled out the win 3-2. Over the course of the tournament, Fusion scored 17 goals and conceded only 4. The U9 maroon girls have represented Fusion SC well in tournament play, bringing home 1st place finishes from the Impact Invitational Tournament in July, the Stanford Classic Tournament in August, the Dublin Fall Classic and going undefeated in the Walnut Creek Summer Jam.

to the far post where Jake Lorentz was waiting for the finish. The Leopards continued to press and played another ball over the top with the same result in the 44th minute, and the Select trailed 2-1 at half.

The Select continued to battle and it paid off. Lorentz played a ball off to Brandon Cohen on the left side. Cohen let one rip and the Leopards GK may have been partially screened, as he could make no effort to reach the low slotted ball in the 66th minute. The game continued to see saw, with strong middle play by MF Cam Baker and center backs Eric Brooks and Joe Lee. In the 89th minute, GK Lukas Moses came off his line to parry away a cross but it came out to a Leopard attacker. His try was cleared off the line by Brooks and out of danger. Oakland had one last try in the 90th with a corner, but Moses came up big and cleared it away. The Select (5-5, 3-1-2 CCLSL) travel to play ABSC next week.

The U18/19 Select hit the road to take on the Oakland Creche Leon and came out a 2-0 winner. Ballistic scored first in the 16th minute when Tyler Briggs sent a through ball into space to an onrushing Jake Lorentz, who knocked it by the onrushing Creche Leon GK for a 1-0 lead. Briggs came up with another helper in the second half when he sent a cross to Alex Lutz, who drew out the keeper before slotting it home for the 2-0 final. GK Lukas Moses put the exclamation on the game by stopping a PK just prior to the final whistle. The Select (3-1-1 CCLSL, 5-5-4 overall) travel to play the Oakland Leopards Sunday.

The U16B-Ballistic Hurricanes won the San Ramon Scramble Tournament within their U16 group Category over the weekend, September 24 and 25, 2011 at the Athens Downs Park in San Ramon. Prior to this tournament, the Ballistic Hurricanes played two games during this season, and this was their first tournament together. The Hurricanes played four tough games to win the tournament. They beat the San Ramon Stormers 4 to 2 and they lost against the San Ramon Sonics 3 to 0. The Ballistic Hurricanes came back the next day and they beat the San Ramon United 1 to 0 and a chance to play in the final championship game against the San Ramon Sonics. It was a hard fought battle against the San Ramon Sonics, which resulted in several minor injuries received by the Ballistic Hurricanes. However, the Ballistic Hurricanes were able to withstand ferocious attacks at the lion's den by the San Ramon Sonics and executed a well-planned counterattack, resulting in two goals. This was a team effort and the players should all be congratulated for their hard work, dedication, perseverance, sportsmanship, endurance, patience, and team work to become champions. Congratulations to the Hurricanes for their outstanding accomplishment and leadership in winning the San Ramon Scramble Tournament championship within their group in the U16 category. The coach was Anastasios "Tass" Piliotis, and the assistant coach was Emanuel "Manos" Pirounakis. The team also had Karl Malcher as an assistant coach who was absent on that day from the tournament. The players that

took part in the tournament were Wesley Bowler, Teagan Bowman, Dylan Brown, Paul Campa, Alexander Carter, Sung Hwang, Alexander Ivanov, Edward Kang, Kendrick Kang, Connor Locher, John Malcher, Rameen Mashhoon, Nathan McMillin, Aaron Peter, George Piliotis, Anthony Pirounakis, and Justin Zieba. Three guest players from the Ballistic Hawks participated in the tournament were Arnav Nadkarni, Kevin Wiener, and Shervin Keshmidei.

Ballistic United U13 hosted East Diablo United Impact Saturday in a NorCal Gold League game that featured two of the leagues 3 unbeaten teams in an early season showdown. Pleasanton came away with a 4 to 1 victory. The Pleasanton side, fresh off a strong performance at Union City's Soccer Palooza Tournament was excited to get back to league play. Ballistic center forward Blake Tucker opened the scoring early taking Jacob "Guzzie" Guzman's throw in and lofting a shot over the Impact keeper from 22 yards out in the 4th minute. Ballistic kept pressure on the Brentwood team for most of the first half creating numerous scoring opportunities but were unable to build on the 1-0 lead. Just before the half Keeper Bryce Staniford started a nice sequence taking a back pass and building play from the back finding the feet of team captain and central midfielder Garrett Howell. Howell took two deft touches and then played Winger Bryce Taylor down the left flank. Taylor made a penetrating run with the ball which he then crossed for Attacking Midfielder Youki Chiba. Chiba took one touch, turned and then sent a brilliant shot from 28 yards out that dipped under the bar for the 2-0 lead.

Ballistic got to work quickly in the second half when Guzman was taken down in the penalty box. Moments earlier the Right Back had made a great run beating his mark to the ball. Jason Campbell drilled the ensuing penalty kick low to the left of the keeper for a 3-0 lead. Ballistic had a second opportunity to score from a penalty kick but were denied on a fine save from the Impact goal keeper. The save lifted the Impact's spirits as they were able to score cutting the lead to 3-1. In the 66th minute Blake Tucker won a physical battle with his defender in the right corner sending a cross that Jason Campbell hit on frame. Chiba put in the rebound for his second goal of the match as Ballistic went on to win 4-1.

Ballistic put on a great display of "total futbol" with a mix of possession and excellent defending that limited the Impact to just 4 shots on the day. Blake Staniford made two saves and came off his line several times to clear through balls. Ryan Murray, Garrett Howell, and Jared Wilson were able to destroy most of the Impact's offensive thrusts and restart the Ballistic attack. Jacob Dremalas and fellow backs Jimmy Thompson, Jacob Guzman, Nick Carreon, Kyle McClanahan, and Daniel Ferguson were stout the entire game. Dremalas in particular did a wonderful job switching the point of attack with several well placed passes.

The win keeps Ballistic (3-0) in 1st place by virtue of goal differential as Tri-Valley Bayern won their match improving to 3-0.

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**Applications are due to the City Clerk's Office no later than Friday, October 21, 2011 at 5:00 pm.**

# SPORTS NOTES



Pictured are Livermore Fusion S/C U10 Girls Maroon team members (back row, from left) Kayla Lewis, Mia Mendosa, Sierra Street, Coach Laura King, Lilly Ackerman, Lexi Borgna; (bottom) Justynne Thomas, Taylor Bond, Gracie Dupuis, Claire March, Gracey Walke and not shown Coach Matt Fitchett.



The National Champions, West Coast Soccer Kryptonite U16 team, continue their winning streak at the Ajax United Fall Invitational. The Kryptonite defeated three top competitive teams to ultimately meet up with host Ajax team in the final match. The West Coast girls played brilliant soccer to defeat the Ajax 4-0 and bring home the tournament championship trophy.

Top Offensive Players: Youki Chiba, Blake Tucker, Jason Campbell; Top Defensive Players: Jacob Dremalas, Jimmy Thompson, Kyle McClanahan, Jacob Guzman

## Edge Gymnastics

Edge Gymnastics team, Level 5, won first place at the Aloha Invitational meet at Airborne Gymnastics this past weekend.

In the Child division, Michella Diebenow placed 1st on Vault, Beam, Floor, and the All-Around. Sydney Foon placed second on Beam, Floor, and the All-Around.

In the Junior-A division, Tatam Laird placed first on Vault, Angelina Trento placed second on Floor. In the Junior-B division, Shreya Vankar placed first on Vault, Beam, and the All-Around. Isabella Romano placed first on Floor, second on Bars, and the All-Around. Brooke Saunders placed second on Floor.

In the Senior division, Emily Devane placed first on beam with the highest score of the day of 9.7. Floor, and the All-Around. Amanda Chau placed second on Bars and the All-Around. Lianna Quick placed second on Beam.

**LEVEL 6**  
The Level 6 Edge Gymnastics Team took first place on October 1st at the 2011 Perfector Invitational in Las Vegas, NV. Top individual results were:

Child group A: Anya Noda placed first on beam and floor, second on vault, third on bars and she took first place all around. Child B: Jennifer Dawson placed second on beam. Stephanie Lowe placed first on floor, second on bars and she took second place all around. Madison Shasky placed second on vault.

Junior group A: Amanda Fingerut placed first on bars and second on floor. Jessica Pulver placed second on bars and third on beam. Skylar Relova placed first on vault and third all around. Group B: Isabella Baldacci placed first on vault, bars, beam and floor and she took the first place all around honors. Hannah Skepner placed second on bars, third on vault and floor and she placed third all around.

Senior group B: Sarah Fletcher placed first on vault and second on bars. Sophia Kalliaras placed third all around. Alexis Lovin placed third on bars.

## Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks (PLS) had a great start to the 2011/2012 swim season with a busy weekend Sept. 24-25 2011. The Seahawks had a terrific showing competing in two meets in the WCAB Tri-Meet at DVC and the Folsom Super League Meet plus the Folsom Open Water 5k.

Pre-Novice: David Yang took over 2 seconds off 25 breast and 100 free for two new B times; Dominick Wonosaputra took off 1.07 seconds in 25 free for a new Lifetime Best (LTB).

Novice I Group: Christina Courtney achieved 1 A time and 3 B times, including 1 LBT A time and 2 LBT B times. Josh Atré achieved 3 B times, including 2 LBTs. Max Cory achieved 5 B times, with 4 LBTs.

Novice II Group: Joshua Ko swam his first swim meet with 100% LTBs (100 free, 50 breast); Emily Tsai new best time (25 free), dropped 10 seconds (50 breast), dropped 12 seconds (100 free) and new B time.

Fall Swim: David Azuma A times (50 free, 50 breast, 100 free) and Junior Olympic Cut (JO) 50 back; Drew Kobayashi Jos (50 free/back, 50 fly); Jai Smith B time (100 free); Brianna Bench B time (100 free); Zach Corbushley A times (50 free/ back, 100 breast).

Pre-Junior Group: New B-times: Isabella Chin, Sruthi Mukkamala, Catharine Ren, Kyle Kenny, Nick Wonosaputra; New A-times: Duhita Gondhalekar, Lily Hu, Vickie Luo, Lara Serban, Calvin Chui, Alex Ren, Ben Song; 100% Best Times: Rachana Mukkamala, Lara Serban.

Varsity Group: Manas Abhyankar 2 A times; Christopher Azuma 2 A times; Michael Azuma 2 A times; Cody Chang 1 JO; Eli Chin 1 A time; Shridhar Gandhi 1 A time; Amanda Helle 1 A time; Henry Huang 2 A times; Jasmine Lin 2 B times; Abigail Maguire 3 A times; Jae Williams 2 A times.

Pre-Senior Group: Nikolas Cory 3 A times, 3 JOs, 1 FWs; Pieter Cory 3 A times, 4 JOs; Alex Gilchrist 3 A times, 1 JO; Samantha Howell 1 PRT, 2 JO, 1 A; Shawn Kim 4 A, 2 JO; Wolf Lachance 4 JO, 1 A; Charles Li 4 A;

Michael Martin 6 A, 1 JO; Thomas Neufeld 3 A, 2 JO; Kyle Oslund 4 A, 1 JO; Ryane Skinner 4 A; Nathaniel Sproul 5 A; Jeffrey Tang 3 A, 3 JO; Emi Tsutsumi 2 A; Vera Umansky 1 A, 6 JO; Michael Yao 1 PRT, 1 FW, 1 B; Danielle Zacharias 5 A, 1 B

Senior Group: Hanna Bergth, Hannah Folmar, Heather Chandler, Cayla Jetter, Cate MacGregor, Emily Saccullo, Moriah Simonds, Katie Woods, Regis LaChance, Maxime Rooney and Kevin McLaughlin all swam very well in Folsom. The 5k was a lot of fun. Rachel Bench and RJ Scott both swam well at the Walnut Creek Tri-Meet.

## Pleasanton Rage

The Pleasanton Rage U19D3 Orange returned to winning form by torching the Benicia Phoenix, 3-2 at Benicia Community Park on Sunday. Showing their own blue-collar work ethic in the shadow of the local refinery, the Orange jumped out to a 2-nil halftime lead on Kiley Zieker's impressive volley of Amy Moore's corner kick followed a little later by Madison Nethery's nifty poke of Sarah Machado's long free kick over Benicia's frustrated goalie. The Phoenix rose to tie the score in the second half with a nifty shot from distance that looped into the goal and a short-range strike from a well-played series of passes. Despite a significant advantage in shots on goal, being tied with the Phoenix fired up the Rage who converted on a precision pass from Haley Boehmer to Madison Nethery who impressively guided the ball into the net at full speed for her 2nd goal of the game. In a very physical game, Taylor Lee and Kelsey Milligan helped control the Phoenix, leading to many counter attacks. Top Offensive Players: Madison Nethery, Kiley Zieker, Amy Moore; Top Defensive Players: Sarah Machado, Taylor Lee, Kelsey Milligan. In the second of three preliminary NorCal State Cup games.

**Pleasanton Rage U14 Black** took on Tracy, losing 5 to 4. Sabrina Lillie scored a midfield goal, Ashley Groth scored two goals and Rachel Ose had many break aways. Top Offensive Players: Sabrina Lillie, Ashley Groth, Rachel Ose; Top Defensive Player: Kellie O'Neill

**Pleasanton Rage Grey U11** earned a 2-1 win against the Danville Mustang Wranglers at home on Sunday. The game's first goal started from a pass by defensive wing Zoe Moura to Mary Tincher, who handed it off to Isabella Clark, who served it to Eknoor Kaur, who swept it cleanly past the Wrangler keeper. Minutes later, Grey forward Emily Esparza took a shot that just missed its target. The Wranglers answered with a goal in the 17th minute. Dissatisfied with the tie score, Grey's Kaur lobbed the ball to Clark, who crossed it to Emily Tincher, who kicked it up the middle to a waiting Hannah Gossett, who neatly tapped a grounder just out of reach of the Wrangler goalie. In the final minutes of the first half, Isabella Huyler dribbled past several Wrangler defenders, drawing a foul in the penalty box. E. Tincher's PK skimmed just above the crossbar to the excitement of the crowd. On the other side of the action, first-half goalie Karin McCarty kept the ball away from the net.

The Wranglers came out in the second half firing on all cylinders, but their efforts were shut down through the combined efforts of Grey's defenders Devyn Baldus, Julianna Pereira and second-half Grey goalkeeper Clark.

Rage Grey U11 heads to its third preliminary NorCal State Cup game with a 1-1-0 record. The girls face San Jose Magic Blue on Sunday, Oct. 9, at home.

**The Rage U10 Black** battled the Gryphons 01G White team to a scoreless draw for the first 21 minutes of the teams' State Cup preliminary game before Andrea Kitahata scored the first of her three goals on a short breakaway, igniting the Peninsula squad to an eventual 6-0 win Sunday. The Rage got some stellar goalie play from Kelly Meyrath in the first half as she made eight saves, some requiring outstanding efforts. Four minutes after her first goal, Kitahata's crossing pass found Abigail Chang in front of the goal and her right foot did the rest, putting the Gryphons up 2-0 right before the halftime whistle.

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Pleasanton Rage U19D3 Orange's Kiley Zieker (2nd Rage player from left) and teammates celebrate her first half goal against The Benicia Phoenix.



Livermore's U-9 boys Fusion Maroon team won the Dublin Fall Classic soccer tournament. Pictured (from left, top row) are Coach Matt Caution, Coach Isaias 'Chay' Bardales. Second Row: Dane Winslow, Cooper Meyer. Third Row: Logan Arlt, Landon Ratinho, Abe Zarate, Joey Keller, Parker Moore; (bottom row) Gavin Carreira, Colton Trudeau, Dylan Baxter, Austin DeVries, and Aiden Lewis. In game one, Livermore Fusion played Dublin United Arsenal and tied the game, 1-1. Livermore then defeated two Mustang Tornado teams to make it to the championship game against Union City Premiere Galacticos, winning the game 3-1.

Despite relentless efforts by Lydia O'Brien, Andrea Harding and Olivia Murphy, Pleasanton's offense couldn't create many shots. The Rage got some typically strong defensive play from Julia Damiani, Sophia Shibliq and Paige Oniki, but the high-powered Gryphons still managed to add to their lead late in the second half.

Delta United Soccer Club Magic 4, Pleasanton Rage 0: An otherwise strong effort by the Rage was ruined by another strong performance by Delta United's Natalie Maravillas, who scored three goals to help send Pleasanton to a 4-0 loss in U10 Girls Bronze East league play in Pleasanton Saturday. Olivia Murphy's inspired offensive play, coupled with outstanding play from teammate Sophia Shibliq, helped Pleasanton keep some pressure on Delta United. Despite some strong preventative measures from defenders Paige Oniki, Julia Damiani and Amanda Dinger, Maravillas was able to single-handedly will Delta United to victory. In two games against Pleasanton, Maravillas has scored five of Magic's six goals.

Top Offensive Players: Olivia Murphy, Sophia Shibliq, Samantha Lipsker; Top Defensive Players: Paige Oniki, Julia Damiani, Andrea Harding

After a tough start, the **Rage U10 Grey** fought back gamely to draw the game with Dublin close behind goals from Drew Pagtakhan and Julia Balesteri. The game included outstanding defensive play by Kendall Harris and goalkeeping by Bella Mayo. Final score was Dublin 5, Rage 2. Top Offensive Players: Drew Pagtakhan, Julia Balesteri; Top Defensive Players: Kendall Harris, Bella Mayo, Hanna Lurie

**Pleasanton Rage Division 4**  
**Under-9:** The Pumas exploded into October by unloading a relentless attack on the Panthers. Julia Thomas earns MVP honors with her power shot past the Panthers' goalie. Rachel Hogarty put up a brick wall in goal and also scored on a booming shot of her own late in the contest. Leah Masek was brilliant in defense, turning away the Panthers with her strong foot and cat-like reflexes. Top Offensive Player: Julia Thomas; Pumas; Top Defensive Player: Rachel Hogarty-Pumas

**Under-10:** Jaguars 5, Jitterbugs 2: The Jitterbugs played a tough game against the Jaguars. Kaela Lee led the offense with many shots on goal and one goal. Stefani Deines scored the Jitterbugs' other goal. Isabella Montiel, Maddie Bolt and Kaylee Dillon were excellent goalies defending the goal. Leading the offense were Hannah Deckinger, Kaela Lee and Kaylee Dillon. Top Offensive Players: Kaela Lee, Stefani Deines, Maddie Bolt, Keyana Bahadori, Jasmine Sahabi - Jitterbugs; Top Defensive Players: Hannah Deckinger, Kaela Lee and Kaylee Dillon - Jitterbugs

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started Saturday against the ACC Mavericks Thunderbolts of Berkeley finishing with a shut out 7-0 win. Scoring for Fusion were Taylor Bond, Kayla Lewis, Lexi Borgna, Gracey Walke, Lilly Ackerman and Sierra Street with two.

Saturday's final game met with tough competition against the Union City Premier Tops. Fusion goalies Lilly Ackerman and Claire March as well as defense players Gracie Dupuis and Taylor Bond held strong as the Tops fought hard to get the lead on Fusion late in the second half. Fusion offense never stopped as Mia Mendoza, Justynne Thomas and Lexi Borgna continued to feed the ball to forwards Sierra Street and Kayla Lewis. Unfortunately, Fusion couldn't get the ball in the net and lost to the Tops 1-0.

It wasn't over for Fusion as they came into Sunday's semi final match facing Nor Cal's #4 ranked team, Rage Academy Freedom of Sacramento. In the first half Fusion goalies Claire March and her awesome defense denied Freedom any goals. It was Fusion forward Sierra Street who took a beautiful shot just outside the eighteen giving them a one goal lead going into the second half. Freedom came out strong in the second half needing a goal to stay alive. It took all they had to penetrate the awesome Fusion defense and superb goalie skills of Gracey Walke. Just minutes left in the game Freedom scores tying the game and sending it into penalty kicks. Knowing Fusion had the best goalie for the job Gracey held Freedom to only three goals. Fusion players Kayla Lewis, Justynne Thomas, Lilly Ackerman, Claire March and Sierra Street persevered in four goals giving Fusion the well deserved win. Fusion knew a win would place them in the finals later that day.

The final game placed Fusion against the Union City Premier Tops who they meet earlier in the tournament. Fusion fought hard to get through the Tops defense but was unable to score a goal. Fusion took second



Livermore Fusion S/C U11 Black Team fought hard against Danville Mustang Rampage October 1st during league play. Fusion came out in the first half with an awesome goal by Abby Harnish assisted by Lauren Meeker. Fusion defenders Kaitlin Krakoski, Kayla Jones and Taylor Kirkpatrick battled hard to keep the Mustang offense at a distance yet, Mustang scored tying the game 1-1. Pictured is Lauren Moore as she sets up to clear the ball.

place with pride knowing they battled hard against a quick and skilled team.

**Division-4 (Recreation/Plus)**

**Under-10 Boys:** Destroyers 3, Flying Tigers 1: From the start both teams played to win, dribbling and carrying the ball swiftly down the field. The Destroyers scored early but the Flying Tigers came right back. Both teams were determined to get the win with several shots made, a few close calls bouncing off of the goal posts. Offense: Nick Coltrin, Aidan Follis, Jacob Dennett (Destroyers); Mateo Wilde, Kyle Johnson, Jason 'JJ' Knight (Tigers); Defense: Edward Vilchis, James Duperly, Anthony Opipari (Destroyers); Matthew Hagen, Eric Roloma, Connor Herdesty (Tigers); Goals & Assists: Bret Oelrich (G), Jacob Moen (A), Ty Marks (2G) (Destroyers); Moose Chance (G) (Tigers)

**Division-4 (Recreation/House) Girls:**

**Under-11:** Fireballs 6, Shockwave 0: Offense: Megan Brooking (A), Cidally Soto (A), Laura George (Fireballs); Anika Jensen, Luci Romero (Shockwave); Defense: Marissa Franks, Ashley Myers (Fireballs); Clara Acosta, Devyn Montesinos (Shockwave); Goals & Assists: Ally Brown (G), Miriam Brown (G), Raegan Demo (G), Madilyn Martin (G, A), Tyler Lee (2G) (Fireballs)

**Under-8:** Cheetahs vs Thunderscats: Offense: Elise Davies, Hailey Revel (Cheetahs); Ellie Hu, Shaia Rothe (Thunderscats); Defense: Lauren Glenn, Lauren Hattton (Cheetahs); Cassidy Castro, Callie Gendolfe, Ellie Hu (Thunderscats)

**Under-7:** Blue Bombers vs Wildcats: Offense: Hannah Statham, Hailey Ann Stubbles (Bombers); Carly Chance (Wildcats); Defense: Ava Lewis, Emily Hollingshaus (Bombers); Katherine Wurster (Wildcats)

The Fast Cheetahs vs Blue Bombers: The Fast Cheetahs' Sophia Moncada and Vanessa Gutierrez played a great game offensively. Claire Dabney and Ava Powers were fast on the field and hit the net. The Blue Bombers' Katalina Carlson couldn't miss the net and Kaitlyn Aguilar was a key player in getting the ball down the field. Amy Jensen and Grace Anderson played well in the midfield. Offense: Sophia Moncada, Vanessa Gutierrez (Cheetahs); Katalina Carlson, Kaitlyn Aguilar (Bombers); Defense: Claire Dabney, Ava Powers (Cheetahs); Amy Jensen, Grace Anderson (Bombers)

**Under-5:** Cupcakes on Fire vs Sparkling Spacehips: Defense: Madden Black, Sophia Mascari, Kylie Morais (Fire); Avery Maxwell, Jessica Orthmann, Kaitlyn Stewart (Spacehips); Game Summary: Kira Bow-

man, Jessica Drobick, Grace Garcia (Fire); Megan Babar, Lilah Macur, Ashleigh Tobeck (Spacehips)

**Division-4 (Recreation/House) Boys**

**Under-11:** Jets 1, Strikers 1: Offense: Jimmy Aslin, Yahir Morales (Jets); Isaac Lopez, Johanas Riche, Emmanuel Sanchez (Strikers); Defense: Luke Ellsworth, Taha Diah (Jets); Luke Andrus, Colton Korhummel (Strikers)

**Under-10:** Strikeforce 2, Snipers 0: Offense: Calvin Jue, Jeffrey Fairbanks, Kevin Colitty (Strikeforce); Jacob Hutchinson, Emilio Martinez, Anthony Castillas (Snipers); Defense: Ethan Lane, Max Higgins, Drake Small (Strikeforce); Kavin Indrajith, Alexander Born, Blake Burrell (Snipers); Goals & Assists: Kevin Colitty (G), Jeffrey Fairbanks (G) (Strikeforce)

**Under-8:** Red Rockets vs Star Fighters: Offense: Isaac Romero, Ryan DeLong, Christopher Hutton (Rockets); Sean Durram, Chandler Olsen, Tyler Eaton (Fighters); Defense: Tyler James Stubbles, Daniel Vergara, Christian Silva (Rockets); Ryan Bond, Jake Fields, Will Wentworth (Fighters)

**Dynamos vs Narwhals:** Offense: Nate Lee, Jarred Sanchez, Brody Price (Dynamos); Noah Thompson, Dale Spence, Trevor Crittenden (Narwhals); Defense: Mike Duperly, Brayden Blacklock, Nathan Lewis Chelucci (Dynamos); Luke Randhawa, Conner Rosales, Adam Sahn (Narwhals)

**Eagles vs Ninjas:** Andrew Berg and Danny Brochner from the Eagles were great on offense in the first half. Gavin Reynolds and Connor Layton were ready to defend, stopping then returning the ball. For the Ninjas Devin Mordick was very quick to the ball, putting pressure on the Eagles. Luca Montalvo did a great job passing the ball. Steven Pasch and Ethan Bielawski did a great job helping out their goalie with great kicks. Offense: Andrew Berg, Danny Bochner (Eagles); Devin Mordick, Luca Montalvo (Ninjas); Defense: Connor Layton, Gavin Reynolds (Eagles); Ethan Bielawski, Steven Pasch (Ninjas)

**Under-7:** Cannonballs vs All Stars: Offense: Davis Carr, Austin Araya (Cannonballs); Ryan Jones, Jacob Roach (All Stars); Defense: Tyler Laymon, Matthew Ludwig (Cannonballs); Owen Orweg, Will Greenville (All Stars)

**Earthworms vs Firestorm:** It was a fast paced game with some great breakaways that led to goals. Offense: Jake Bearden, Henry Gleason, Dylan Kehn (Earthworms); Isaac

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# SPORTS NOTES



Bryce Disbrow (44) of the Saints pulls away from Steelers' Sean Stavert (80) in Livermore Junior Football League action.



The Advanced Contact Division Packers offense lines up against the Cardinals defense in Pleasanton Junior Football League action.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The Foothill High School men's varsity water polo team put together a great team effort to defeat Livermore 21 to 15 last Thursday in EBAL action. In the top photo, a Cowboys winds up for a shot. In women's varsity action, Foothill handled the Cowboys, winning 13 to 3.



Pleasanton Rage U14 Premier defeated the Mustang 2 to 1. An early goal was scored by Shayla Simonich on a rebound from a deflected shot by Milan Moses. Sophie Santos played strong in the midfield as did defenders Julia Densmore and Christy Jensen supporting keeper Sophia Brown who made multiple amazing saves. In the final minutes of play, Moses scored the game-winning goal for a hard fought victory by the entire Rage team. Top Defensive Players: Sophia Brown, Julia Densmore, Christy Jensen; Top Offensive Players: Milan Moses



The West Coast Soccer U14 Girls Wild, Livermore's first Regional Academy League team, battled top regional premier teams to bring home the championship trophy at the Modesto Ajax tournament. The Wild's Emily Allum kicked off the tournament with two back to back scores in the first half of game one against the Madera Red Stars. The girls went on to beat Madera, the host team Ajax, and the California Cougars which led to a championship match against the Central California Alliance. The West Coast Wild, pictured, beat the Alliance to win the championship.



Noon, Sawyer Bartlett, John (JP) Bjeletich (Firestorm); Defense: Silbano Ortega, Cayden Rico, William Fuller (Earthworms); Carter March, Derek Wickander, Luke Leary (Firestorm)

Under-5: Transformers vs Lions: Offense: Dalton Anderson, Aiden Melton, Gavin Reed (Transformers); Mason Franks, Luis Baez, Ryan Meyer (Lions)

## Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League results follow:

The PJFL Contact regular season entered its 4th week this past Saturday with several divisions providing some interesting storylines as the top teams from each continued to challenge for top spot and the regular season championship. In particular, the Senior, Advanced and Intermediate divisions should both come down to the wire as each division showcases one undefeated team while the second place squad has only one loss.

In the Senior Division the undefeated Chargers continued to roll as they shutout the Steelers 27-0 to move to a perfect 4 wins and no losses and the top spot in the Senior Division. The 49ers also continued their impressive season with a decisive 22-0 shutout victory over the Cowboys. The win moved the 49ers to 3-1 on the season and gives them a firm grip on the second place spot.

The Advanced Division race should come down to the wire as the Texans and Packers both looked great in their wins. In an amazing feat, the Texans continued their dominance on the defensive side of the ball with their 4th shutout in 4 games this season as they defeated the Saints 27-0 to move to 4-0. The Packers also looked stellar as they showcased their offensive firepower once again in their 40-14 victory over the Cardinals. For those of you wanting to see a great game this upcoming Saturday, get out to the Fields at 3:00PM to see if the Packers high-powered offense can upend the stifling Texans "D".

In the Junior Varsity Division, the Falcons earned their first victory of the season with an upset win over the previously undefeated Jaguars, 18-13. The Vikings improved to .500 with low-scoring victory over the Bills. This is turning into one of the most competitive divisions in PJFL and it will be fun to see if the Falcons can build on their win this past weekend and make the race for the top spot in the division even tighter as we head into the final 2 weeks of the regular season.

In the Intermediate Division, the Patriots improved their undefeated record to 4-0 with a 13-8 victory over the Panthers and the Colts edged the Broncos 14-13 to move to 3-1 overall. Should be a great game this Saturday at 11:00AM when the Colts host the Patriots with first place on the line.

In other action... In Junior Division action, the Raiders moved to 4-0 with another high-scoring victory over the Ravens 30-7 and the Dolphins controlled the game on both sides of the ball in their 19-9 victory over the Eagles. In Bantam Division play, the Lions defeated the Chiefs 31-14 as they moved to 4-0 and the Jets earned their second win of the season with a 32-12 victory over the Bears.

Check out all the details at PJFL.com or Facebook.com/PleasantonJuniorFootballLeague

## Livermore Jr. Football

Livermore Junior Football League highlights:

**Junior Division:** Raiders 27, Bucs 13: The Raiders added another win to their season beating the Bucs 27-13. The Raiders played a balanced game of great defense keeping the Bucs scoreless after the 1st quarter, potent offense with break-out runs, and exciting special teams. Jaxen McLaren started the scoring in the 1st quarter with a 45 yard quarterback keeper for a touchdown aided by key blocks from Brody Miller and Aiden Buenostro. After the Bucs scored their second touchdown in the 1st quarter, Logan Church put points back on the board for the Raiders with an exciting kick-off return along the sideline for a touchdown with a key block by Caelen Roberts. Jaxen McLaren ran the ball into the end zone for the point after. The Raiders didn't score

again until the 3rd quarter with another quarterback keeper by McLaren for a 25 yard score and then teamed up with Tyler Ferrick for a pass into the end zone for a two point conversion. In the 4th quarter Jaxen McLaren dropped back to pass but the Bucs defense had everyone covered and McLaren instead ran for 65 yards for another Raider touchdown. The Raiders defense tightened up after the 1st quarter not allowing the Bucs to score for the rest of the game. Pressure was put on the running game by Damian Sandoval and a quarterback sack by Duncan Maloney. The Raiders defensive line made up of D'Crashford, Duncan Maloney, David Woodbridge, and Baker O'Dwyer kept the Bucs from scoring in the beginning of the 2nd quarter with an impressive goal line stand. With less than a minute to go in the half and the Bucs moving the ball, Caelen Roberts stopped the Bucs drive by recovering a fumble and running it back to the Bucs 6 yard line to end the half.

The Bucs played a tough game against the Raiders. During the first series of downs, Hunter Krommal forced a fumble causing turnover. Safety, Julian Quigley, sacked the Raiders quarterback during the third quarter. Nick Lara got in on the action with great blocks freeing Jackson Brown to score two touchdowns in the first half.

**Vikings 33, Texans 27:** Vikings won their fourth game of the season. Some of the top plays, included: two fumble recoveries, one by Jeremy Waibel and another by Michael Christian, a touchdown by Tyler Morano, a tackle by Ian Humes, and a tackle by Colton Downs.

**Intermediate Division:** Ravens 8, 49ers 0: The Ravens avenged an early season shutout loss by shutting out the 49ers 8-0 for their first win of the season. Similar to the first meeting between these teams there was only one touchdown scored. This time it was a 13 yard touchdown pass from Raven quarterback Kaine Montez to wide receiver Malini Tia. The 2-point kick conversion completed the scoring for the day. The Ravens defense came to play, allowing zero passing yards and only 56 yards of total offense to the 49ers. The win improved the Ravens record to 1-3, the 49ers fall to 2-2.

**Falcons 14, Dolphins 6:** After a 3-week winning streak, the Dolphins were defeated by the Falcons. For the Falcons, week 3 of the LJFL season saw the arrival of an offense which had struggled during the first two weeks of the season. The end result was a 14-6 victory over the Dolphins and the most impressive offensive performance by the Falcons yet. Running back Conner Parkerson had a great game going over, around and through the Dolphin defense. On the day, Parkerson rushed for over 100 yards, scored a touchdown and pushed the ball into the end zone for an important extra point. The biggest change for the Falcons was the improved play of the offensive line which opened holes for Parkerson and his backfield mate, Mathew Waller throughout the game. Ruzzell Yee, Alex Katusich, Aaron Epstein, Jayden Venegas and Nick Volponi were able to create big openings to power the running game while also providing solid pass protection for quarterback Raymond Carlson. Carlson managed the game well and closed out the scoring for the Falcons with a quarterback keeper to open the second half with what proved to be the decisive score. Mathew Waller converted the extra point on a run into the end zone giving the Falcons a 14-0 lead. The Falcon defense again played tough and kept a strong Dolphin offense out of the end zone until late in the fourth quarter. Ryan Carlson led the team in tackles while Brandon Williams contributed from his post in the secondary with a big interception to end one Dolphin threat. Others contributing to the Falcon defensive effort included Alex Schicke and defensive lineman Brian Torres. The Falcons now move to 2-1 on the season.

**Senior Division:** Steelers 6, Saints 0: At the end of the game the Steelers walked off the field with their fourth win of the season. Ben Thompson spotted a loose ball, which was fumbled by the Saints quarterback when he was sacked by Aaron Andrews, and ran it in to make the first and only touchdown of the game. The Steelers' defense felt the pressure to hold back the Saints' offense and Connor McCormack, Clayton Bailey, and Jack Lutz made several important tackles that kept the



Livermore Fusion U14 "Storm" took first place in the Saddleback Tournament held in Danville, on September 24-25. The team played four hard fought games but at the end earned the championship undefeated, with no goals against. Storm played very well as a team showing excellent passing, defensive and attacking skills. Pictured are (back, left to right) Coach Art Ruloma, Meghan Lawrence, Samantha Gruczelak, Daniella Goode, Brianna Ruloma, Mackenzie Schley, Natalie Palomo-Ramirez, Devin Everett, Annika Landreth, Head Coach Jorge Palomo; (front row) Helga Forstreuter, Alexandria Clifton, Brianna Shultis, Hannah Larsen, Jenna Dobson, Monique Porcella, Jaime Tabrett, and Coach David Dobson.

Saints from gaining the yardage they needed to score. Eric Pinon continuously took the Saints' head on. The Saints' quarterback was the target of the defense throughout the game. The following defensive players broke through the line and sacked the quarterback more than one occasion: Aaron Andrews, Stephen Mohler, Christian Mohler, and Clayton Bailey. When the Saints got the opportunity to score Austin Brown wasn't having it. He held on to the Saints running back until help arrived to take him down. The spectators were nervous having the Saints so close to their in zone, but Tyler Gonzales gave them some relief. He caught an interception which gave the Steelers possession of the ball with minutes left in the game. Although the offense wasn't able to score, they implemented many plays that gained yardage. Shane Ward, Michael Puso, Kyle Neves, and Frances McVeigh-DiPesa made a great effort to open holes for the offensive running plays.

**Packers 20, Giants 19:** This week, Packers made the most of their never say die attitude and recorded their first LJFL victory of the season with a 20-19 victory over a tough Giants team. After controlling the ball on the ground for the entire first quarter the Packers struck quickly at the beginning of the second quarter with a great pass and catch between Ben Smith and Ryan Meagher. The Packers offensive line of Nate Redditt, Kyle Archer, Andrew Williams, Cole Jacobs, Daniel Nunez and Austin Birdwell

gave Ben Smith all day to throw and he made the most of it. The Packers seemingly scored their second touchdown of the day on an amazing 50 yard run by Jake Goodman that was called back due to a motion penalty. Throughout the game both Packer's runners Jake Goodman and Pablo Angeles ran hard and gave it their all.

Leading 13-6 at halftime, the Giants came out strong and scored another quick touchdown to go up 19-6. With their backs against the wall the Packer's defense answered the call and shut out the Giants the rest of the way. The Packer tackle tandem of Dylanger Rucker and Blake Downey played another strong game and limited the talented Giant runners from getting up the middle of the field. Once turned out the Giant runners were met with strong Packer pursuit which got stronger as the game wore on. Lead by Matt Calcagno, Ryan McCool, Zach Dunn and Blake Lesky the Packer backers just kept coming.

Heading into the fourth quarter and still trailing 19-6 the Packers punched in a score and narrowed the Giants lead to 19-13. Shutting down the Giants next drive the Packers got the ball back and began their final drive. With approximately six minutes left to play the Packers marched 60 yards down the field and scored what seemed to be the tying touchdown with 3 minutes left on the clock. Upon further review the touchdown was called back due to a penalty and the

Packers were faced with 3rd down and goal from just inside the 10. Two plays later the Packers pushed across the goal line yet again and tied the game at 19-19. With the game on the line the Packers offense summoned one last effort and ran the ball in to convert the point after and take the lead 20-19. The Giants did get the ball back for one last possession but the Packers pass defense led by Kevin Mains, Ben Kerling and Taber Kohlmoos stepped up and slammed the door shut on the Giants final series of pass attempts. Getting the ball back on downs the Packers ran out the remaining 1:33 left on the clock to gain a well deserved victory.

## Dublin Soccer

The Dublin Diamonds U10 girls soccer team played in the U10 Gold Division of the Dublin Fall Classic Tournament on Sept. 24-25. The first game was against Mustang Impact. Kayla Grisham, Holly McRitchie, Makenna Toney and Sophia Bueno took numerous great shots at the Impact goal. Many of them hitting the post or crossbar. Diamonds defenders Katie Demillo, Raquel Espinosa, Celina Garcia, and Meghan Van Lare played very strong. Goalie Vanessa von Sosen made many saves only allowing Impact to score one goal in the last 10 seconds of the game. Diamonds lost this game 1-0.

Their second game of the day was against Pleasanton Rage - Orange. Celina Garcia played exceptional defense all weekend. To keep the game close, Sophia Bueno scored at the end of the first half with a strong shot from the right side. In the second half, Raquel played goalie not allowing Rage to score any goals in this half. Raquel punted the ball many times beyond the half line allowing the Diamonds to constantly attack the Rage goal. However, the Diamonds were unable to score in the second half and the game ended 3-1 in Rage's favor.

On Sunday in the rain, the Diamonds played Mustang Crunch. In the first half, Vanessa von Sosen passed the ball up to Holly McRitchie who scored by kicking the ball into the left lower side of the goal. Katie Demillo, Makenna Toney and Kalena Johnson made some nice runs up the field with good shots at the goal. Midfielder Kayla Grisham dribbled around Crunch players and had many nice passes. Celina Garcia, Raquel Espinosa, Vanessa von Sosen, Meghan Van Lare, and Taylor Green played strong defense to help keep Crunch away from the goal. The

final score of this game was 1-1.

## 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 a 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).

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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).

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# SHORT NOTES

## Genealogy Programs

The Livermore Public Library and the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society (L-AGS) will present Introductory Family History and Genealogy training in October in observation of the Tri-Valley Heritage Happening. This hands-on training with experienced genealogy docents will be available on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 between 1 and 5 p.m. at the Livermore Public Library, Civic Center, 1188 South Livermore Ave., Livermore.

There are no fees for this drop-in, first-come, first-served event. Volunteer genealogy docents will assist the public in delving into their family history research or genealogy. Bring along whatever information may be available regarding the city or town or other location where your grandparents lived in the years 1930 and/or 1920. If you have a flash drive, bring it along to save any digital documents you might find. Additional information is available from the Livermore Public Library, (925) 373-5505.

In addition to these events, the Livermore Heritage Guild will stage an exhibit at the Livermore Public Library, Civic Center, throughout the month of October 2011, illustrating the history of the Livermore Public Library since its beginnings. The exhibit will be available for viewing all hours the Civic Center Library is open. Please check the website for hours and contact information: www.livermorelibrary.net.

For a complete listing of all Tri-Valley Heritage Happening events, visit: [http://www.independentnews.com/event\\_calendar/cultural\\_arts\\_calendar/history/](http://www.independentnews.com/event_calendar/cultural_arts_calendar/history/)

## Early Detection

San Ramon Regional Medical Center's Breast Center wants women to focus on their breast health this October, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The hospital asks women to "Picture Yourself Healthy," encouraging each to take the one picture that could save her life – a mammogram.

Earlier detection through mammography screenings, increased public awareness of breast cancer and improved treatments have helped reduce the rate of death from breast cancer in the United States. Breast cancers that are found during a screening exam tend to be smaller and confined to the breast, which means that the cancer is more treatable.

San Ramon Regional Medical Center is adding Saturday appointments during October 2011 for screening mammograms. Saturday appointment times are limited. Call The Breast Center for an appointment at 925.275.8335. A physician order is required. The hospital accepts payment from Medicare and most insurance plans.

The Breast Center is located in the South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon on the hospital campus. The center has the following equipment and services: Hologic Digital Mammography with computer-aided detection (CAD), ultrasound, stereotactic biopsies, DEXA bone density testing, and diagnostic X-Ray procedures.

## Feathered Visitors

Fall's Feathered Visitors will be the subjects of a Sun., Oct. 9 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger program. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 8:30 a.m. at the nature area entrance to Sycamore Grove

Park (off Arroyo Road).

It's migratory bird season so we're heading out to see what species are stopping by or hanging out. We'll check a riparian area, woodland, grassland and also peek into the surrounding vineyards. Don't forget to bring drinking water and binoculars/scope, although there will be a few binocs to lend. You might also want to bring a field guide. This approximately 2-hour program will accommodate all levels of birding experience – beginners are encouraged to attend.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at both entrances to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

## Walk to School

Three Dublin Unified School District elementary schools in the City of Dublin are joining schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Week during the week of October 3 -7, 2011.

Approximately 1,600 students from Dublin, Fredericksen, and Murray Elementary Schools will be encouraged to walk and roll to school along with parents, teachers and school administrators.

At each participating school, kids and parents will be rewarded for walking or rolling to school with giveaways and refreshments. Some schools will facilitate "walking school buses," a technique that establishes adult-supervised walking groups. An increase in the number of students walking and rolling results in less traffic congestion surrounding the schools during pick-up and drop-off times, which in turn improves safety and the environment.

The local event is being organized by the City of Dublin. For additional local information, please contact Erin Steffen, (925) 556-4524, or Officer Chris Golding, (925) 833-6670, City of Dublin. Students at participating schools should check with their administration for information regarding their Walk to School Week celebration.

## Choosing a Preschool

Mary Goldsmith, retired director of Kinderkirk in Livermore, mentor in the Early Childhood Education California Mentor Program, and former occupational therapist, will provide pointers on choosing the right preschool. This presentation will take place on Monday, October 10, at 11 a.m., immediately following the Lapsit/Toddler Storytime, in the Storytime Room of the Livermore Public Library, Civic Center. There will be time at the end of the presentation for questions and answers.

This program is open to the public and free of charge. It will take place in the Storytime Room of the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue in Livermore.

For further information, please contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504, or consult the website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

## Senior Programs

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District offers programs for the 50 plus group this month.

For \$4 on Columbus Day, October 10, 2011 you can enjoy Pizza (by Melos) and a movie. Advance reservations are required. Please call 373-5760 to make your reservation.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will be hosting a free Hearing Screening and Califor-

nia Telephone Access program on Thursday, October 13, 2011 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free hearing screenings will be provided by Dr. Jillian Barrett. Reservations can be made by calling the Senior Services office 373-5760. Phones that are specially designed for individuals who have restricted mobility, speech impairments, or who are visually impaired or hearing impaired are also available. Phones are free to those who are eligible.

Free Flu Shots will be offered on October 27 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Palo Verde Room for those 50 and over.

BART Senior Clipper Card (65 and older) registration will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center on October 31, 2011 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. The Clipper Card will be replacing the paper senior discount BART tickets. You will need a photo ID.

Wheels Transit representative will also be available to provide information about travel options and travel training opportunities on public transportation on October 31st at the same time as the Clipper Card registration.

Halloween Luncheon on Monday, October 31, 2011 at 12 noon. Reservations are being taken until October 26 by calling 373-5760. Wear your spooky, kooky or "out of this world" costume. This catered event is only \$8.00.

The LARPD Senior Services Holiday Shopping Fundraiser will be held November 3rd from 10 a.m.-12 noon with representatives from Parity candles, Mary Kay cosmetics and Cookie Lee jewelry. Proceeds to support the senior activities.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, November 8 and 9th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. the annual Golden Circle Holiday Boutique is scheduled. This group of

senior ladies makes handmade items all year including newborn items, hats, scarves and more. Proceeds from this event go to local charities. All items made with love and care.

## Book Events

Towne Center Books is hosting a variety of events:

Camp for children in preschool will develop their imaginations with art, song, and drama as well. Each session ends with a treasure hunt and snack. Sign up for 1 or more classes. Reservations are required. \$10.00 per session or \$70.00 for 7. Classes are scheduled from Oct. 6 -Nov.17. Camp is directed by Judy Fenton who has taught preschool for 10 years. Call 925-846-8826 to reserve your space or email orders@townecenterbooks.com

Rhys Bowen and Penny Warner, mystery writers, Fri., Oct. 7 at 11 a.m. for coffee and conversation. Free event. Reservations are helpful but not required. Bring your friends. 925-846-8826 or orders@townecenterbooks.com

Read It and Eat with Yiyun Li on Friday Oct. 14 11:30 social; 12:00 lunch. Her newest book of short stories is now in paperback. Lunch and book together are \$20.00. Lunch alone is \$15.00. You'll certainly want a book. It's fun but not required to read the book ahead of time. Books are available now. Reservations are required. 925-846-8826 or orders@townecenterbooks.com

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## Eat for Health

San Ramon Regional Medical Center will present a free community seminar, "Good, Bad and Better Foods – How to Eat for Your Health," Thursday, Oct. 20, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The seminar will be held in the South Conference Room in the South Building located on the hospital campus at 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon.

Erik Gracer, M.D., family medicine specialist, and Pam Wilson, R.D., MS, hospital clinical nutrition manager, will speak on making healthy food choices. Dr. Gracer will explain the importance of eating a healthy diet and maintaining healthy body mass index levels.

A dietician will recommend what to eat with special attention to foods with disease-fighting potential. She will discuss organic foods, non-fat foods, sugars, food dyes and preservatives.

Seating is limited. Registration is required. To register for the community seminar, call 800.284.2878 or register online at [www.OurSanRamonHospital.com](http://www.OurSanRamonHospital.com) under Community Education on Find An Event.

# OBITUARIES

## Douglas A. Wheeler

July 28, 1927 – September 12, 2011

Douglas Wheeler, age 84 passed away on Monday, September 12, 2011, quietly and peacefully after a lengthy battle with congestive heart failure.

Douglas was born in Modesto, California to Dora McLean

Wheeler and Lauren C. Wheeler, however he spent most of his childhood growing up in Oakland with his mother and brother, the late Stephen M. Wheeler. He graduated from Fremont High School in Oakland in 1945 and immediately enlisted in the Navy, serving in Guam until his honorable discharge in 1946 with the rank of Seaman, First Class.

Douglas began his higher education at Stockton College and earned an A.A. degree. He had a lifelong love of learning and continued his schooling throughout his life – first with a B.A. degree in Wildlife Management from Humboldt State College in 1953, a second B.S. degree in Metallurgy Engineering from San Jose State College in 1964 and later, continued with course work in the field of computer sciences.

He met and married his first wife, Lois Lenfest in 1949 and together they raised four children in Livermore, where Douglas worked as a metallurgist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

In 1977, he married his surviving spouse, Claire Jeane Bittle. They resided in Hawaii for several years before returning to California in 1989. They settled in the foothills outside of Raymond, and Doug spent many years working for Sierra Games in Oakhurst as a "video game tester".

He was the beloved husband for 34 years of Claire Jeane; devoted father and father-in-law of Cindy and John Thayer, Celeste and Deb Wheeler-Glover, Bruce and Jamie Wheeler and Lance Wheeler; loving grandfather of Melissa, Nathan, Wayne and Kevin Wheeler, Craig and Ashley Thayer, Mark Thayer, Lindsey Wheeler and Johan and

Sam Glover; and caring uncle to Doug, Neil and Lee Diane Wheeler, along with several great nieces and nephews.

Doug was a licensed Ham Radio operator and loved to tinker in his "radio room." His many other interests included: hand loading and target shooting, reading, and computers. Doug was generally known as the man who could "build or fix anything." His gentle ways and open acceptance of people will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him, especially his family.

Friends and Family are invited to attend a Memorial service on October 8, 2011, 11:00 a.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association: 1-800-242-8721, Lock Box 30947, P.O. Box 60000, San Francisco, CA 94160.

## Frank Elmer Raab

April 19, 1927 – August 26, 2011

Frank Elmer Raab went to be with the Lord August 26, 2011

Frank grew up in Oakland, CA. He served in the Navy. He graduated from Chapman College with a BA degree in Sociology, which served him well in his career as a Probation Officer for Alameda County for 34 years. Retiring in 1985, he joined the SIR-26 men's club serving several terms on the travel committee and one term as Big Sir. He loved all sports, as well as traveling. He loved his family and his church.

Frank is survived by his loving wife 62 years, Velma, children Gordon (Viki), Sharon Bennett (Rich), Debi, 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandsons, many cousins, nephews, nieces and friends. We love him and will always miss him. He will be remembered for his sense of humor.

Friends and family are invited to a "Celebration of Life" Service to be held Saturday October 8, 2011, 2:00 p.m. at the Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Ave. in Livermore

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

## Kathleen Ann Harris

Kathy Harris was born in Wilkensburg, PA on Aug. 3, 1933 and died Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 with her closest loved ones by



her side. She was 78 years old and a long time resident of Livermore. Kathy enjoyed all things being a mother, spending time with her family and finding daily joy in her long succession of family dogs. She was always very generous, making regular donations to myriad charities.

She is survived by her loving sons Jim Harris of Livermore, CA, and Paul Harris of San Ramon, CA.; brothers, Jack Powers of Moab, UT, Jim Powers of Gig Harbor, WA; sisters, Pat Allen of Davis, CA., and Judy Howard of Moraga, CA.; and grandchildren, Ben and Jenna Harris of Livermore, CA

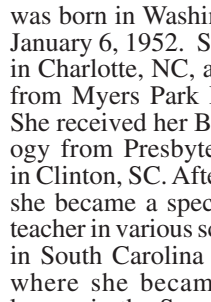
A Celebration of Life service is being held on October 15 from 3-7 pm at Las Positas Golf Club, 915 Club House Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 (925) 455-7070. Memorial donations can be made to the Alameda County Food Bank.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## Susan Pilgrim, PhD

Livermore resident Susan Pilgrim passed away on Friday, September 30, 2011, after a sudden illness. She touched many lives with her ferocious love for family and friends and tenacious commitment to purpose.

Susan was born in Washington, NC on January 6, 1952. She was raised in Charlotte, NC, and graduated from Myers Park High School. She received her BS in Psychology from Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. After graduation, she became a special education teacher in various school districts in South Carolina and Georgia, where she became nationally known in the Special Education field. She received her Master's



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# Friends of Livermore Hears from Slate and Backers

Praise for Mayor Marshall Kamena, Vice Mayor John Marchand, and council hopeful Stewart Gary came from community leaders during a campaign kickoff barbecue at Retzlaff winery.

The fund-raiser barbecue on Sept. 27 was on the same site of similar kick-offs over the years.

Marchand is running for the mayoral seat. Gary, a school trustee and former Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department chief, is running for the other vacated council seat.

Chamber of Commerce member and retired scientist Jay Davis, retired scientist Lee Younker, and union representative John Dalrymple told the group what the incumbent council has meant for the city, and how those politics can continue to promote a good business, science, and jobs climate in Livermore.

Davis is president of the Hertz Foundation and a director of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce. He is retired from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Davis told the crowd that he was speaking for himself, and not the chamber, which does not endorse political candidates.

Davis said that the council came up with a good strategy for downtown renewal, including the Bankhead Theater. He looks forward to the potential opening of the regional theater.

Davis said he has played host to visitors from around the world. "They walk downtown Livermore, and think it's a pretty cool place."

Continuing to improve the quality of life and preserving access to open space are important, said Davis. "I encourage you to support these people," he said.

Younker retired recently after a 30-year career at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He emphasized he was not speaking for the Lab. He pointed out how the Lab has helped the city and vice versa.

The Lab has brought salaries and contracts for residents. There is also educational outreach, such as the Science on Saturdays program. The HOME campaign, a sort of Community Chest, has helped local organizations.

The city contributes to the success of the Lab because city amenities help draw scientists to the Lab and keep them there. Thirty years ago, people lived in Livermore and visit would Napa, Mendocino, and other spots. Now Livermore itself is a destination.

Outside the Lab, creation of the new i-GATE and other technology/business entities also has helped the city in its effort to create jobs.

There is a good relationship between the city and Lab. "The people on the council have a value system that led to a mutual constructive effort. I support this group of candidates," said Younker.

Dalrymple, who is political director of Sheet Metal Workers Local 104 (SMW), said that he was at a conference with Sierra Club chairman Carl Pope. "He said we have to think of ourselves

as being at one with people with different values to create a sustainable community for us to take care of our community. I think that's true," said Dalrymple.

The SMW was the first union in the United States to support an urban growth boundary, which was installed in Contra Costa County.

The quality of life is important for the hundreds of union workers who live in Livermore, and smart growth can ensure more jobs within the line.

When the national laboratories build the Livermore Valley Open Campus, the union would like to receive a fair consideration for jobs. That way, the jobs will be close to home, instead of three hours away, said Dalrymple.

Bob Baltzer, chairman of Friends of Livermore (FOL), talked about the FOL endorsement of the three candidates. He recounted how important the council's support has been of support for the urban growth boundary. It has enabled downtown revitalization by protecting businesses there from what would be competing shopping centers in the North Livermore Valley.

"The revitalization is a popular work in progress. It will be capped by the regional theater, thanks to our current council," said Baltzer.

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Baltzer read a statement from former councilman Tom Reitter,

## CAMPAIGN

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Among them are Jean King, LA Homes, LLC, Mas Realty Inc., Meritage Homes vice president Joshua Roden, Meritage Homes, Bob Baltzer, city councilmember Jeff Williams, UA Local 342 PAC Fund, city councilmember John Marchand, former mayor Helen Tirsell, city councilmember Doug Horner, Nadine Horner, former mayor Don Miller, and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

Stewart Gary showed donations of \$6106 from 47 people, including a loan of just over \$1000 to himself. Among those donating \$250 were Jean King, Anna Siig, school board member Kate Runyon, Bob Baltzer, Robert Bowers, and the US Local 342 PAC Fund. Also donating were former mayor John Shirley \$35, Phil Wente, \$100, Pat and Clarence Hoening \$100, Jacquie Williams Courtwright \$99, Tom Bramell \$200, Len Alexander \$100, former mayor Archer Futch \$200, and Lance and Athena Cavalieri \$100.

Lauren Turner has received just over \$3600 in donations from 21 people, including \$700 in nonmonetary contributions. Donating to her campaign were former Dublin mayor Linda Jeffery Sailors, \$250, Sherry Riordan, \$250, Valerie Raymond, \$250, former councilmember Lorraine Dietrich \$100, former mayor Cathie Brown \$100, former councilmember and current EBRPD director Ayn Wieskamp \$100, Bill Raymond \$250, and former school board member Julie Orvis \$250.

Bobby Dale Burger has received \$2555 from 18 donors. Burger has donated \$100 to his own campaign. Other donors include Mike Weaver \$250, former Dublin mayor Linda Jeffery Sail-

ors \$250, Bill Raymond \$250, Valerie Raymond \$250, former councilmember John Stein and Lynn Stein \$100, Barbara Hickman \$100, Hugh Walker \$250, and former councilmember and current EBRPD director Ayn Wieskamp \$100.

In the race for mayor, Marchand received \$6465 in cash from 47 donors, which includes \$100 he has donated to his campaign. Among his donors are Pat Hoenig \$250, Clarence Hoening \$250, James Schmidt \$250, Kathleen Streeter \$250, Bob Baltzer \$250, Barbara Stear \$100, Jean King \$250, city councilmembers Jeff Williams, Doug Horner and Marj Leider \$250 each, Herman Leider \$250, former mayor Archer Futch \$250, Patricia Wheeler \$250, Lori Souza \$250, Mayor Marshall Kamena \$250, and Dennis Swanson \$250.

Barbara Hickman received \$5294 in cash from 57 donors, including \$250 from herself. Her donors include Robert Hickman \$250, Valerie Raymond \$250, Jack Mills \$250, Jim Day \$250, Bill Raymond \$250, former Dublin mayor Linda Sailors \$250, former councilmember John Stein \$150, former councilmember Lorraine Dietrich \$100, former councilmember and current EBRPD director Ayn Wieskamp \$100, and Russ Gruszkooski \$250.

Minuete McKernan reported \$2500. Of that total, \$2000 was a donation to her own campaign.

Friends of Livermore has collected just over \$44,000. Top donors are Jean King, and Lynn Seppala with \$12,500 each, followed by Bob Baltzer with just over \$11,000. Jeff Williams gave \$5000, Phil Wente \$1000, Herman Leider \$1000 and Walt Davies \$500.

capital has come to the Bay Area, and 66 percent of that is invested in the Tri-Valley, Kamena said.

The new Sandia and Lab open campus is in the city. It will bring thousands of new jobs, as will the Paragon Outlet.

On the council's decision to back the I-580 BART station siting, Kamena said that it joined together the two separate viewpoints. One supported the downtown station and a second at Vasco Road. The other pushed for two stations on the freeway. The solution will be to back, in a united way, the stations on I-580. BART can be laying track for it by December 2013, said Kamena.

Kamena referred to union spokesman Dalrymple's comments about hiring union labor. Kamena said that although non-union contractors are building in the Paragon development, the city can work to change the issue from union/non-union to credentials vs. non-credentials with what he said are better trained union workers being hired. Kamena said that it worked that way in construction of the Bankhead Theater.

## EXPERIENCE IS DIFFERENCE, SAYS GARY

Gary mentioned his three years' school board service and 33 years as a firefighter, which culminated in his being named chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

Gary said that he helped turn around adversarial relations between the school district and teachers, ending a climate of conflict that saw "no picketing, no lawsuits, and no arbitration." Fiscally, the district has a 12 percent reserve.

Gary said he decided to run to continue the work of the current council. The key experience that jolted his awareness about how important running for council would be was a trip down Inter-

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early 2012 with a final decision sometime in late April or early May.

The city has not yet been served with the damages lawsuit. Lowell anticipated that no decision would come from the court regarding damages until early 2013.

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.

## PLEASANTON

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Hispanic, and low socio-economic sub-groups, he is concerned about the ethnic and socioeconomic gap. "If any district can solve the performance gap on ethnicity, Pleasanton ought to be able to do so.

"I'm frustrated. I know it's not from a lack of effort. We have to identify kids earlier, and use the intervention program," added Grant.

Grant also looked at the down side of the AYP scores. As an example, he said that at Alisal Elementary School, 65 percent

of the 3rd graders were proficient or advanced in one subject area. However, that means 35 percent of them are not at that level.

"I worry. We go to larger class sizes, and hear results indicating that one-third of the kids are behind. The old adage is that you learn to read in K-3, then you read to learn the rest of your life," said Grant.

"Although the vast majority of districts in the state would like to be where Pleasanton is (in test results), it's important to push ourselves," said Grant.

## MARCHAND: U.G.B. HELPS VINEYARDS

Marchand mentioned the Retzlaff winery where 26 years earlier he and others worked on Measure A, the first effort toward a Livermore urban growth boundary.

A city poll showed that 92 percent of Livermore residents think that Livermore is a great place to live. "The urban growth boundary is a part of that. It protects our hills and our prized vineyards," said Marchand.

He added, "For the past 33 years, when voters had a say, they voted against sprawl development and against greenfield development, and supported the UGB. The 2005 election where Pardee wanted to break our urban growth boundary, put me on the city council."

The UGB brought new investment in wineries, growing from five when Marchand moved to Livermore to 53 currently.

Marchand said that Livermore faced a \$16 million budget shortfall in 2007. The council heard from the public about preserving core services.

"In the end we were able to meet that deficit and not have layoffs or furlough days." It's a contrast to Vallejo, which had the same size shortfall, but wound up filing for bankruptcy, said Marchand.

## E-MENTORING

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it was nice to hear about college from someone he could relate to instead of all the "old people," she explains. "The key is students listen to their peers."

Suarez, who hopes to be the first child from her family to attend college, says prior to BetterGrads she had no idea what to expect from college or how to prepare. "My mentor helped me understand that college is something that everyone is nervous about and that it's a place filled with opportunities, like study abroad programs and activities you can take up in and out of your community," she adds. "Participating in this gave me the confidence and support to try to go straight to a UC school, but also to have a back-up plan just in case."

While the students were paired with one mentor, they were in contact with all of the mentors. "Having access to so many different opinions and experiences was very useful," says Horning. "By working with the panel of mentors, we expanded the 2012 CPC curriculum to subjects like high school class selection and resume strategies, which will help us beyond college."

One change as the e-mentoring program enters its second year is using only alumni of the schools. "It provides the students and their mentors a lot of common ground," says Engel.

She's lined up 20 recent graduates of Granada to serve as mentors to the juniors who will soon begin the e-mentoring program. The students from the pilot year,

now seniors, will stay with their original mentors. The goal, adds Engel, is for the program to become self-sustaining with past participants serving as mentors.

BetterGrads is looking for more recent graduates of Livermore and Granada High Schools who are now attending college or are recent college graduates to serve as mentors. "We have a long list of potential mentees, so we really need more mentors to grow the program," says Adler.

He was inspired to create BetterGrads from his own college experience. A 2003 graduate of Livermore High School, he attended Occidental College, a private, liberal arts school in Los Angeles. "I realized I wasn't as well prepared for college as my classmates, many of whom came from elite private schools," he says. "Later I learned that Granada High School had just two guidance counselors for 2,300 students."

His vision is that all high school student should have access to excellent college mentoring, regardless of their background or the resources of their school. He sees alumni support networks as the source for that mentoring.

BetterGrads is currently working with a high school in Navajo Nation to develop their alumni network. The organization hopes to create a model for kids starting alumni networks that can be applied in other schools.

For more information on BetterGrads, visit <http://bettergrads.org/>. To learn about becoming a mentor, visit <http://bettergrads.org/program/be-a-mentor/>.

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**SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)**  
CASE NO. VG10552404

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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Michael J. Bell  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**  
Date of Filing Application: **September 9, 2011**  
To Whom It May Concern: The Names(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: **JO ELLEN STUDEBAKER**  
The Applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: **833 E. STANLEY BLVD LIVERMORE, CA 94550**  
Type of license(s) Applied for: **41 - ON SALE BEER AND WINE - EATING PLACE**  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 456185

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 456562

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 456502

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## How to Purchase a Mansion

By Cher Wollard

Much has been written in recent years about the decline of the McMansion, those oversized homes on undersized lots that are ubiquitous in many American suburban communities.

The average size of single-family homes has risen from 1,400 sq.ft. in 1970 to a high of 2,700 sq.ft. in 2009. However, home sizes have been falling in recent years. We are currently at 2,380 sq.ft., and the National Association of Homebuilders predicts the average size of new homes will be 2,150 by 2013, and continue to drop until 2015.

And online real estate search website Trulia.com, in releasing results from last year's "American Dream" survey, found that U.S. residents still yearn to own a home (72%) but only 9% of respondents said their ideal home size would be 3200 sq.ft. or larger.

So goodbye, McMansions. But what about actual mansions? That's a different story.

In March of this year, a sprawling Los Altos estate sold for \$100 million to a Russian tech billionaire, only to be eclipsed a few months later when the estate of the late TV producer Aaron Spelling sold for a reported \$150 million.

Sales of luxury homes increased in 2010 across California even as total home sales were falling.

Last year, 22,529 California homes sold for \$1 million or more – a 21 percent increase from 2009, according to figures released by DataQuick Information Systems, a La-Jolla based research company.

While we don't have any 50,000 sq.ft. French chateaus in this valley, we do have our share of luxury homes, and even a few that qualify as "mansions."

According to Wikipedia, "A mansion, manor or manor is a very large dwelling house. U.S. real estate brokers define a mansion as a dwelling of over 8,000 square feet. A traditional European mansion was defined as a house which contained a ballroom and tens of bedrooms. Today, however, there is no formal definition beyond being a large and well-appointed house."

Most of the luxury homes in the East Bay are located where you would expect them to be: Ruby Hill, Blackhawk, Alamo, Lafayette and the Livermore Wine Country.

The most expensive home sold in the East Bay through the MLS was a 25-acre Blackhawk estate with a 7650-sq.-ft. custom home that sold for \$8.5 million in 2000.

A similar property – on Kalthoff Common in Livermore – sold for \$5.25 million in 2004. This home with vineyards netted the highest price in Livermore, and is comparable to top prices yielded in Ruby Hill during that era.

But times have changed, and in the past two years, three comparable vineyard estate properties – one on Kalthoff Common and two on E. Vineyard Avenue – sold for less than \$3 million.

While all of these homes are very impressive, none quite meets the standard for "mansion" as a home of 8,000 sq.ft. or more.

If the average home size in the United States is a little less than 2,400 sq.ft., that means you could fit three typical three-bedroom-plus-family-room homes into a mansion, and still have space for a ballroom.

There are currently 17 homes on the MLS in the East Bay that fit the description of mansion – seven in Pleasanton and the rest throughout other cities.

The least expensive is a fixer upper in the Oakland Hills priced at \$1.7 million. The priciest is a 5-bedroom, 5 1/2-bath Lafayette home plus a separate guest house and an office on two-acres with pool, spa, pavilion and spectacular views – at \$10.750 million.

And yes, even in this segment of the market, you can find short sales and bank-owned properties. But even the bargains or going to be priced in the millions, rather than the hundred thousands.

Some of upper-end houses go pending in a few days, but many, even some in top condition, spend months or even years waiting for the right buyer.

To keep the looky-lous at bay, many agents require prospective buyers to be pre-qualified before viewing these upper-end homes.

Uwe Maerz, a Realtor with J Rockcliff in Pleasanton, said the luxury market differs in many ways from the rest of the real estate market.

"It's a whole different world," he said. "We have a different way of marketing these properties. It's a lot of networking. Things happen behind the scenes."

Maerz has been in real estate about eight years and is studying for the broker exam, but he used to work in Silicon Valley, so has contacts in the high-tech industry.

Maerz currently has listed a French chateau-style home on nearly four acres in the Pleasanton foothills, priced at \$2,999,000 and a Mediterranean villa-style home on the Ruby Hill golf course priced at \$3,099,000. Both have been on the MLS a few months, not unusual in this segment of the market.

"There are actually quite a number of high-end buyers out there looking," he said. "But some of them are waiting to buy."

"I have eight to 10 (prospective buyers) now. They come from high tech, some of them from Fremont. We are pending now on a very large home with a business owner from Alamo. The majority of my clients – 70 to 80 percent – already live within 20 miles of Pleasanton."

But some high-end buyers move here from other parts of the country, or even other nations.

"People from Hong Kong and Shanghai fly in. They are usually all-cash buyers," he said. "I recently met with a couple from England. Another couple sold a house on the East Coast and they are renting until they find what they want."

So what draws all these luxury shoppers to this area?

"They like that this is a safe, developed area. And the Pleasanton school district is great," he said. "Especially with relocation people, the feedback from their peers in Silicon Valley is they look should in Silver Creek and other places, but nine out of 10 end up here."

Some of these buyers, like those Maerz has dealt with from Asia, have cash to purchase even very expensive homes. But many will need financing. That's where an experienced mortgage specialist comes in.

Charity Shehtanian, a mortgage consultant with of Cal Coast Financial, Livermore, said funds for non-conforming mortgages are available. And while these loans are more expensive than mortgages for lesser amounts, the rates are still at historic lows.

"Definitely funds are out there," she said. "There are a lot of lenders that offer these products, and the interest rates are pretty good."

For example, to purchase a home priced at \$2.5 million, you might need to put 20 percent down (\$500,000) for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage at 5.25 percent. That would give you a monthly payment of a bit more than \$11,000, plus taxes and insurance.

Rates on shorter-term mortgages are better – 3.75 percent for a 5-year fixed mortgage – but you lose the security of the longer fixed rate.

Loans over \$2 million are a little harder to find, but where there's a market, there are lenders to fulfill those needs, she said.

For mortgages of \$2 million to \$3 million, you would need a downpayment of 40 percent, and rates would be 6.5 percent to 7.65 percent, depending on terms. At these levels, 30-year fixed rate mortgages are seldom available, so buyers would be looking at 5-, 7- or 10-year loans, which they could refinance at the end of the term.

For mortgages above that, in the \$3 million to \$5 million range, required downpayments are a little higher – usually 45 percent, Shehtanian said.

"Even at 6.5 or 7.6 percent, those rates are still good," she said, noting that historically buyers would pay that rate for conforming loans. "We're getting real spoiled."

There are also specialty loans, such as loans tailored for physicians. Those loans only go to \$1 million, but they often offer 100 percent financing.

If you are looking to purchase a "mansion" – or even a smaller home – consult your local Realtor or mortgage specialist to find out what you can afford.

"The money is out there," Maerz said. "Eventually all those places are going to sell."

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Prudential California Realty, Livermore.

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# ENROLLMENT

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health plans and details of how to renew or change plans. Recognizing the Association's role in keeping retirees informed, it

encouraged those approaching retirement to considering joining the organization in order to stay abreast of health program and other developments.

Retirees say that the Laboratory's new position has contributed to the sense among many retirees that the Laboratory's new contract manager, a for-profit consortium that took over from the University of California in 2008, has turned its back on them.

The consortium, called Lawrence Livermore National Security, offers medical insurance that they say is consistent with industrial standards, which the retirees find more complicated, less reliable and in many cases more expensive than the UC system they formerly belonged to.

Part of the retiree disenchantment with the system is the remoteness of the health program administrators, Aon Hewitt and Extend Health, which handle health plans from many companies around the U.S. and often can't distinguish the former employees of a national defense laboratory from retirees of a company that sells car parts.

Learning that they will now have to obtain further information from these administrators instead of being helped by the Laboratory where they once worked seems to many to be adding insult to injury.

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Las Positas College's Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts. Photo - Mary Lauffer

## College Arts Center Wins National Design Award

Las Positas College's Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts has won a 2011 Outstanding Design Award in the American School and University Design Competition. The award is one of 26 national awards and one of only two awards given to schools in California.

"Las Positas College is honored to have been recognized with such a prestigious award. The Mertes Center for the Arts is truly a beautifully designed facility, both architecturally and functionally, and it will serve our community for decades to come," said Las Positas College Vice President of Administrative Services Bob Kratochvil.

Completed last year, the center was named to honor Barbara Fracisco Mertes, founding dean of the college and current president of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees. The state-of-the-art center is both an educational facility and a center for the arts. Guests from the campus and community have gathered at the center to enjoy musicals, concerts, lectures, ceremonies

and special events including a Veteran's Day seminar featuring three survivors of the Pearl Harbor USS Arizona.

The 55,000 square foot building includes a 464-seat main theater, formal lobby, 175 seat black box theater, classrooms, rehearsal rooms, faculty offices, two parking lots, entry plaza, landscaping and an outdoor amphitheater with seating capacity for up to 1,500 people. The building achieved LEED Silver certification. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is an internationally recognized "green" building certification system and standard for measuring building sustainability.

The Mertes Center for the Arts was made possible by voter approval of Measure B, a general obligation facilities bond. The center architects are John Sergio Fisher & Associates, Inc.

For information about upcoming events in the center, please visit the website at [www.laspositascollege.edu](http://www.laspositascollege.edu). Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

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# Art, Community, & Education



## Bronx Wanderers Perform the Doo Wop Sounds of Rock and Roll at the Bankhead Theater

Audiences will find themselves transported back to the 1950s and 1960s by the authentic doo wop, rock and roll music of The Bronx Wanderers when they take the Bankhead Theater stage on October 6. With the toe-tapping, hand-clapping top ten hits of the era, their smooth harmonies recapture the sounds and feelings with

songs from Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Dion, The Brooklyn Bridge, Tommy James and other musical icons.

A single performance by the Bronx Wanderers will be presented at the Bankhead Theater on October 6, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Bandleader Vinny Adinolfi believes that music this good will

be around forever. But a night with The Bronx Wanderers is not just a retro rock echo of the past, he says. They put their own fresh spin on classic songs, while staying true to the original so people can enjoy the hits the way they remember them, and they bring their own flair to newer tunes. With a name loosely inspired by

the 1993 film "A Bronx Tale," the band originally started as a father and son tribute act to the music of Dion but their popularity soon had them expanding their song list. The Bronx Wanderers' love of familiar, feel-good music and their obvious enthusiasm for sharing it has found capacity audiences on their feet and dancing in the aisles across the

United States and abroad. Tickets to see The Bronx Wanderers at the Bankhead Theater range from \$18 to \$40 for adults and are just \$14 for students.

Throughout the season, the Bankhead Theater offers many opportunities to revisit familiar and beloved music. Those who  
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## Performance of 'Joe Hill's Last Will' Set for Sunday

Joe Hill was executed for murder by a firing squad nearly 100 years ago on November 19, 1915. The Swedish immigrant was a labor activist, a prodigious songwriter and a "Wobbly" (a member of the International Workers of the World – IWW), who had been accused of murdering a former policeman and grocer, and his son the previous year in Salt Lake City. His trial and appeals and calls for his execution were a major issue of the day, and now the story of his life and times, and the labor songs he wrote, are coming to Livermore in the form of a one-man stage production entitled "Joe Hill's Last Will."

On Sunday, October 9 at 4 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore, renowned folk singer, songwriter and storyteller, John McCutcheon, is performing a newly written musical by his good friend, Si Kahn. Livermore has one of only three performances in northern California "Joe Hill's Last Will" combines classic labor songs, a story of legend and a performer of great artistry.

Joe Hill, on the eve of his execution, tells of his immigrant upbringing and struggles in the labor movement through story and song. Hill's extensive list of songs is woven into this personal story; and we hear the music that made



John McCutcheon

Hill renowned in his own time as an activist and organizer in some of most contentious and difficult years for the growing movement of labor against business monopolies and strike busting.

John McCutcheon, whose annual trips to northern California over the past three decades have generated a legion of faithful fans, is a Wisconsin native. Johnny Cash once called him "The most impressive instrumentalist I've ever heard." With over thirty recording collections in his career, and a hundred concerts annually around the country and internationally, McCutcheon has emerged  
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## Public Invited to Help Create Graffiti/Art Composition During ArtWalk

On October 8th, ArtWalk celebrates its 10th Anniversary in downtown Livermore from 11am to 5pm. Over 150 artists will exhibit their work in pocket parks, the Livermore Valley Plaza, near and in boutique shops, wine bars, galleries, restaurants, sidewalks and parks throughout the heart of downtown.

Art from contemporary to traditional, pottery to painting, fused glass, stained glass, fine art handcrafts and art jewelry. The event is a fund raiser for the Bothwell Arts Center.

As part of the 10th Anniversary celebration, ArtWalk offers a chance to engage in art in the making with a new experience for Livermore residents: Graffiti/Art - A Community Composition. Led by City of Livermore Arts Commissioner Arthur Barinque, who has been the Lead Art Director for the City's Pathway to Picasso program for the past 3 years, will offer a chance to explore graffiti as an art form that can be turned toward positive effect. The Graffiti/Art event will be held from 12-4pm, with demonstrations, mural walls, and a chance to try painting with a spray can.

"The expression of youth has always had a rebellious background. Graffiti also stems from the same type of roots," says Barinque, "Today, the social trends and climates have been so influenced by graffiti, and with the right guidance, it's become easier for a young graffiti artist to use his/her talent for social good." Citing t-shirts design, music videos, and even

McDonald's commercials, Barinque points to numerous examples of graffiti-influenced commercial art, which could provide a direction for talented graffiti artists.

Other art demonstrations will be held throughout the day, including pottery, woodcarving, painting, jewelry-making and more.

ArtWalk Tour maps will be printed and available online and in downtown businesses the week prior to ArtWalk; for more information, see [www.artwalklivermore.org](http://www.artwalklivermore.org), or call 925-447-ARTS. ArtWalk can also be followed on Facebook by searching for Artwalk Livermore.



St. Petersburg Quartet performs at the Bankhead Theater.

## St. Petersburg Quartet Opens Concert Season

The St. Petersburg Quartet is one of the world's most esteemed chamber ensembles. They return to the Del Valle Fine Arts series for its first concert of the 2011-2012 season on Saturday, October 15 at 8:00 pm in the Bankhead Theater. Earlier performances by the group in Livermore were in 1998 and 2005.

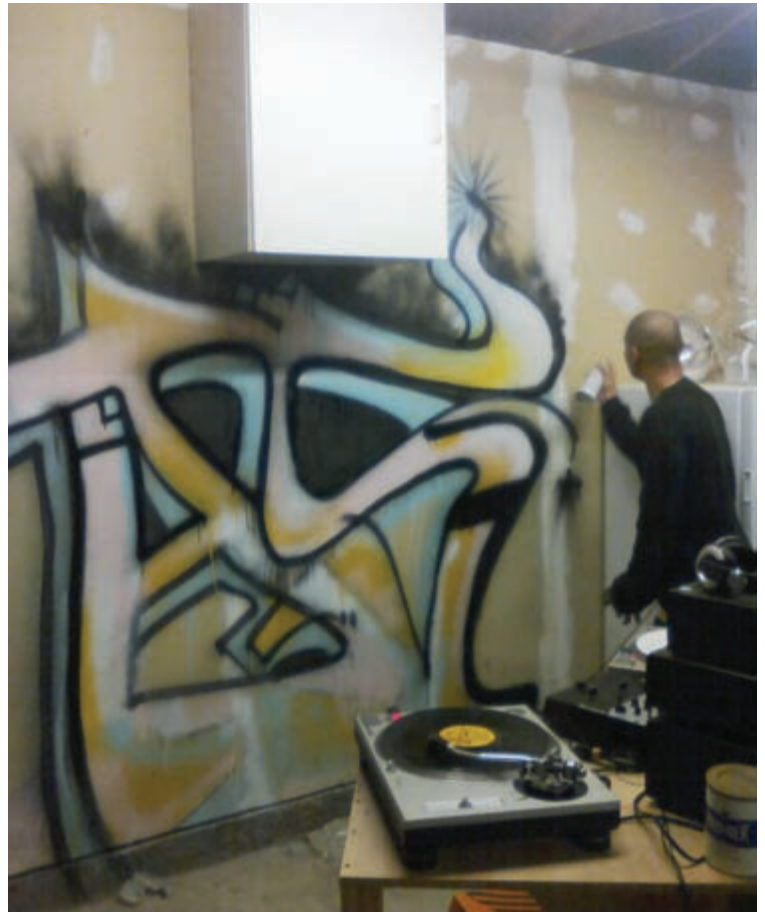
The quartet's rise to fame has included a Grammy nomination, "Best Record" honors in both Stereo Review and Gramophone, an opening night performance at Mostly Mozart at Lincoln Center, a five-year residency at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and hundreds of concerts on many of North America, Europe and Asia's most prestigious series and festivals.

Their current season includes a performance at Carnegie Hall; a six-concert series at New York City's popular Barge Music Series, where they will perform the complete Shostakovich cycle; three concerts

at the Los Angeles Music Guild and tours of England and France. Highlights of recent seasons in North America include playing the opening concert of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center quartet series (the New York Times praised their "sumptuous account of Tchaikovsky's Quartet No.1") a collaboration with Van Cliburn Gold Medalist Olga Kern and a 17-concert tour of Canada, during which the Toronto Globe and Mail wrote, "Bliss, for this listener, doesn't get much more unequivocal than the St. Petersburg Quartet's performance."

Abroad, the SPSQ has recently toured the Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Israel and the U.K., where Tchaikovsky Piano Competition winner Peter Donahoe called their collaboration "some of the most sublime moments of chamber-music making I have ever experienced."

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Arthur Barinque at work.

## Music of Immigrants Featured in Library Concert

Extended Roots will perform a concert at the Pleasanton Library on Sun., Oct. 9 at 2 p.m.

Extended Roots is an acoustic band which plays traditional music from the roots of America. The music the early immigrants brought with them, now called 'Old-Time', 'Celtic' and 'Bluegrass,' is kept alive by Extended Roots.

Extended Roots is comprised of 13 women from the East Bay Area. They have come together from many diverse professions with one common passion, love of music. The group is made up of teachers, artists, managers, a floral designer, a financial analyst, an occupational therapist, a geologist, an attorney, wives, mothers and grandmothers. They perform on an on-going basis in the greater Bay Area.

This free concert is presented



Extended Roots

by the Friends of the Pleasanton Library.

Free seating tickets will be handed out at 1 p.m. Doors open at

1:15 p.m. For more info regarding the program call Penny Johnson at 931-3405.

No registration is required.



Tommy Castro

## Tommy Castro to Bring Rhythm and Blues to the Bankhead

Bay Area guitarist Tommy Castro and his band will deliver a unique blend of down home soul, big city blues, and a rocking beat to audiences at the Bankhead Theater on Friday night, October 14, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

Called the “current king of the San Francisco blues scene” by East Bay Express, Castro’s career ramped quickly as he rose from playing small San Francisco clubs to opening on tour for the legendary B.B. King in a remarkably short time.

In 2010, Tommy Castro and his band were called up for no fewer than four Blues Music Awards. They were named Band of the Year and took Contemporary Blues Album of the Year for *Hard Believer*, while Castro was named both the B.B. King Entertainer of the Year and Contemporary Blues Male Artist of the Year. Castro has come a long way since his early days growing up in San Jose, California. He picked up the guitar at the age of 10, inspired by many of the legends of blues, soul, and rock and roll. Soon he was attempting to copy guitar licks from an early B.B. King album, never believing he might one day be on the same stage as the great bluesman.

Castro toured the country with retro rock band The Dynatoners, before returning to the Bay Area to form his own band. They quickly

scored a Bay Area BAMMY award for Best Club Band and served as the house band for NBC Television’s Comedy Showcase for three seasons. Castro came to the notice of B.B. King and opened for his 2001 and 2002 concert tours, fulfilling his early guitar dreams when he was invited on stage to join in the closing number. The members of the Tommy Castro Band interact with uncanny precision, united in their powerfully-charged mix of soul, Southern rock, rhythm and blues. Castro’s award-winning albums and popular live concerts have brought him a wide and enthusiastic group of fans who value his immense talents as a guitarist, vocalist and songwriter. Tickets to see the Tommy Castro Band at the Bankhead Theater range from \$25 to \$40 for adults and \$14 for students.

The Bankhead Theater has earned a reputation as a destination for guitarists and guitar music fans. The concert by the Tommy Castro Band follows the third annual LVPAC Guitar Fest LIVE! held each year in September with concerts by master guitarists and related events. Next, the LVPAC Presents series will feature acoustic guitar virtuoso Leo Kottke returning to the Bankhead Theater with his signature finger-picking sound on Monday November 7th at 7:30 p.m. Later in the month,

## CONCERT

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Founded in 1985 as the Leningrad String Quartet, the SPSQ blazed a trail through chamber music circles, winning a number of prestigious international competitions including 1st Prize at the All-Soviet Union String Quartet Competition; Silver Medal and a Special Prize at the Tokyo International Chamber Music Competition, 1st Prize and both Special Prizes at the Vittorio Gui International Competition for Chamber Ensembles in Florence, Italy, and First Prize and the “Grand Prix Musica Viva” at the Melbourne, Australia International Chamber Music Competition.” When the city of Leningrad resumed its historic name, the quartet changed its name to the St. Petersburg String Quartet.

In 2009 the St. Petersburg Quartet launched the St. Petersburg International Music Academy, an intensive summer program for students, which they bring to various campuses and festivals in the USA and Mexico. In 2010 St. Petersburg Quartet was appointed the inaugural Quartet in Residence at Wichita State University.

The latest release in the SPSQ’s extensive discography include CDs of Ravel and Debussy, and quartets as well as the complete chamber music works of Tchaikovsky.

Violinist Alla Aranovskaya and cellist Leonid Shukayev are founding members of the SPSQ; violist Boris Vayner joined in 2005 and violinist Evgeny Zvonnikov in 2010.

Tickets are \$35, \$29 and \$21. Students through high school are admitted free although tickets must be obtained at the box office, 2400 First Street in Livermore. Purchases may also be completed online at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org) or by calling 925-373-6800.

the LVPAC Fifth Anniversary Gala will showcase the signature blues and soul music of the five-time Grammy Award-winning Robert Cray Band. The gala event includes both the concert and a festive reception in the lobby following the performance with world-class wine and champagne, desserts and coffee. The LVPAC Fifth Anniversary Gala will be held Saturday, November 19th at 8:00 p.m.

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. On performance days the ticket office remains open through intermission. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org)

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## Ron Cohen

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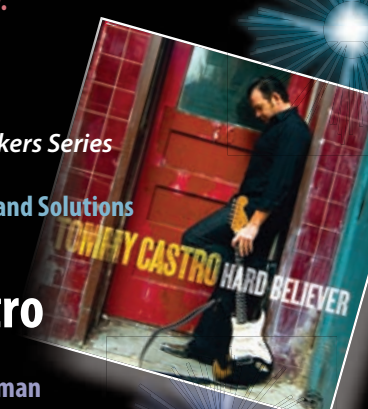
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Ron Cohen

## Ron Cohen First Speaker

The Rae Dorough Speaker Series (RDSS) and the Livermore Valley Performance Arts Center (LV PAC) announce the start of upcoming Speaker Series for 2011-2012. Again this year, the RDSS will offer four outstanding personalities in a range of topics at the marvelous Bankhead Theater. Each evening includes an presentation, a question and answer session, and then a reception with the speaker.

The lead off Speaker to be presented at the Bankhead Theater on Tues., Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Livermore will be Professor Ron Cohen of the University of California at Berkeley.

Tickets are priced at \$30, and for groups of 10 or more \$20.

The Hertz Foundation is sponsoring the RDDS series. The Tri-Valley Conservancy sponsor is sponsoring the presentation of Professor Cohen. Bob Borchers has dedicated his presentation to the memory of his mother, Bridget Borchers.

Ronald C. Cohen attended graduate school at the University of California, Berkeley, where he received his Ph.D. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow and then a Research Associate at Harvard University. In 1995 he joined the faculty of the University of California at Berkeley as a Professor of Chemistry and of Earth and Planetary Science. He also is a Faculty Scientist, in the Energy and Environment Technologies Division, of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Cohen has twice shared the NASA Group Achievement Award. He has received awards from the Hellman Family Faculty Fund, and a Regents Junior Faculty Fellowship. He is an Editor of the open access journal *Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics* and a Regents Junior Faculty Fellowship (1998).

Cohen explores how the popular press creates enormous distortions as it searches for two diametrically opposed sides of the climate change debate. He also addresses new prospects for reducing emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases that drive changes in the Earth's climate. He designs and builds instruments to measure minute amounts of these chemicals. He has deployed these instruments not only locally to study pollution in the Sacramento Valley and Tahoe Basin, but also globally. These measurements enable him to model the behavior of pollutants in the atmosphere and to predict future changes in the Earth's climate.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the theater or online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org)

## Thoroughly Modern Millie Opens Company's Season at the Firehouse

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre (PCRT) opens its 2011-2012 season with *Thoroughly Modern Millie* at the Firehouse Arts Center on Friday, October 7, 2011 at 8:00 pm. Subsequent performances will take place on October 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. and on October 9, 16 and 23, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton, Calif.

*Thoroughly Modern Millie* tells the story of Millie Dillmount, who seeks a new life in New York City at a time when women were entering the workforce and the rules of love and social behavior were changing forever. Flappers, tap-dancers, dashing leading men, and a villainess entertain with chaotic merriment.

"Unlike our recent productions of *Cabaret* and *Chicago*, this is a truly family-friendly show that explodes with fun -- major tap dancing production numbers, fabulous characters and loads of energy from the Roaring 20s," says PCRT's Critics' Award Winning Music Director and Co-Artistic Director Pat Parr. "Based on the 1967 film starring Julie Andrews, the stage version features new songs and our production once again features a seven-piece band of professional musicians."

*Thoroughly Modern Millie* is directed by Dyan McBride and choreographed by Renée DeWeese. Though new to PCRT, McBride has worked with such companies as 42nd Street Moon, Ray of Light, Marin Theatre Company, The Willows Theatre and has worked closely with PCRT's Co-Artistic Directors David Judson and Pat Parr on many other projects.

Choreographer DeWeese won a Shellie Award for her choreography of Contra Costa Musical Theatre's (CCMT's) 42nd Street in 2008 and was nominated for the company's *Oklahoma!* She has also been nominated for two Bay Area Theatre Critics Awards. DeWeese is the founder and direc-



Molly Millett plays the role of "Millie."

tor of Little Broadway, a children's musical theatre program in Walnut Creek and Castro Valley.

The cast features professional actors working alongside Bay Area community performers. Millie is played by Molly Millett, Ms. Dorothy by Erin Reis, Jimmy by Mark Farrell, Trevor Graydon by Gabriel Grilli (who portrayed the Emcee in *Cabaret*) and the diabolical Mrs. Meers by Ali Lane. Also featured is a Sacramento favorite Cami Thompson as the unflappable Muzzy van Hossmere.

Tickets are Adult: \$18, \$29 and \$33 Child and Senior: \$17, \$24 and \$29. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.



## JOE HILL—

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as one of our most respected and loved folksingers. As an instrumentalist, he is a master of a dozen different traditional instruments, most notably the rare and beautiful hammer dulcimer. His songwriting has been hailed by critics and singers around the globe and he has received seven Grammy nominations.

Gifted with a storytelling style that has been compared to Will Rogers and Garrison Keillor, The Washington Post once described John as folk music's "Rustic Renaissance Man," and the Dallas Morning News said of him "Calling John McCutcheon a 'folksinger' is like saying Deion Sanders is just a football player..." People of every generation and background seem to feel at home in a concert hall when John McCutcheon takes the stage, with what critics describe as "little feats of magic," "breath-taking in their ease and grace..." and "like a conversation with an illuminating old friend."

John McCutcheon's performance of "Joe Hill's Last Will" will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, October 9 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. For information about the concert and to purchase a ticket on-line see the concert website at [www.asburylivepresents.com](http://www.asburylivepresents.com). Tickets are \$15 in advance, for students and seniors and \$20 at the door. Tickets may be purchased during the week at the church office open M-F, 9 a.m. to noon and

## DOO WOP

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cannot get enough of the rock and roll sounds of the 50s and 60s will want to make plans to attend the LVPAC New Year's Eve Gala. A lively performance by Flash Cadillac will take audiences back to the early years of American Bandstand with songs like "Shake, Rattle and Roll," "Peggy Sue," and "I Only Have Eyes For You," and will be followed by a luscious champagne and dessert buffet to celebrate the new year. Also among upcoming events at the Bankhead Theater are festive tributes to the music of ABBA, Glenn Miller, and Elton John.

Scheduled next in the LVPAC Presents series is the soulfully intense rhythm and blues of Bay Area guitarist Tommy Castro and his band. Castro's star has burned bright since he rocketed from playing small San Francisco saloons, to opening on tour for the legendary bluesman B.B. King. Castro's impassioned vocals, powerful R&B sound and rocking beat will thrill audiences at the Bankhead Theater

# Exceptional Entertainment at the Firehouse

By Susan Steinberg

Excited Valley music-lovers thronged the first concert of the long-awaited Classical Music Series at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center.

A brilliant beginning for chamber performances in this intimate new venue, the afternoon proved a gratifying success for indefatigable organizer Dominique Piana, internationally-noted harpist and Pleasanton Chamber Players founder.

A particularly popular soloist inaugurated the season: Eugene Brancoveanu, acclaimed star of LVO's *Marriage of Figaro* and *Don Giovanni*. Having won high critical praise for his "Don Giovanni" at Berkeley Opera, and his leading role in SF Opera's *The Little Prince*, Brancoveanu has been thrilling Bay Area audiences with solo recitals, operatic showpieces programs, and the title role in Philip Glass's stunning *Orphée* for its Salzburg premiere SF's Ensemble Parallèle.

Bravura opera performances are part and parcel of a complete production, with sets, costumes, full orchestra, and other singers. Artsongs, on the other hand, are the greater challenge, performed on a bare stage with one accompanist, in brief segments of mood and emotion completely generated by the singer. The artist must sell his soul in each piece, utilizing all his interpretive powers.

It is a formidable challenge that famous opera stars often avoid, programming only familiar arias

in their solo concerts. Brancoveanu, a consummate actor as well as a phenomenal singer, rose to the challenge with a program that engaged his audience in a whole new musical world. His genial informality belied the intense preparation and concentration required to fully inhabit the heart of every individual song.

The insightful program notes, along with Brancoveanu's personal comments, helped the audience appreciate each group of songs, especially the unfamiliar compositions of Russian composer Gyorgy Sviridov, settings of 12 poems by charismatic poet Sergei Yesenin.

Brancoveanu's commitment to the mood of each piece was phenomenal and spell-binding, from the harsh "fateful trumpet" of battle to the wonder of the starry heavens above. Enduring love of family, home, and nation sang in his rich warm voice, and the pain of Russia's historic suffering quivered with visceral sorrow.

Particularly impressive was the set's title song, *Russia Cast Adrift*, with the clangorous motif of geese rising into the clouds, an image symbolizing Russia rising above her revolutionary chaos and bloodshed.

Most moving to this reviewer was the lovely imagery of *An Owl Cries in Autumn*, prophesying the author's early death, and echoing Tchaikovsky's *Lenski*, also a young poet awaiting death in *Eugene Onegin*.

A final paean to Russia, *Oh My Homeland*, rose to an ecstatic apotheosis of its abundance, its divinely-blessed destiny, and its children's passionate patriotism, which rang with strong conviction in Brancoveanu's virile baritone.

Next, three well-known Schubert lieder shared a pervasive gloom in the highly-wrought romantic style of the period. The piano accompaniment reinforced the dramatic texts, especially the familiar galloping runs in *The Erl-King*.

The singer must portray three characters within a small narrative. The illusion was accomplished

masterfully with vocal tone, body language, and facial expression in the famous final trio: a terrified child, seductive but threatening woodland spirit, and protective, increasingly desperate father. It is always a showpiece, but Brancoveanu's rendition was hauntingly dramatic and chilling.

The program's second half illustrated his versatility in lyrical French art songs. Their delicate beauty, dedicated to pale, idealized visions of women, began with Henri Duparc, a sensitive post-Romantic, describing exquisitely lovely ladies, addressed by the poet with worshipful adoration and classical allusions. Brancoveanu's softened voice, caressing tone, and beautifully-sustained notes faithfully captured the aesthetic rapture of a votary describing his goddesses.

A trio of late Ravel songs evoked the picaresque world of Spanish literary hero Don Quixote. First was an extravagant lover's serenade to his "lady" Dulcinea, the second, an heartfelt prayer to his saints, delivered with all his simple sincerity. Finally, a comically broad drunken rant, reduced listeners to laughter with a realistic

portrayal, vocal and physical, of a happy inebriate.

To everyone's delight, Brancoveanu added an irresistible encore - Count Danilo's "I'm going to Maxim's," from *The Merry Widow*. The dash and charm of this romantic hero seemed like the singer's home territory - Don Giovanni without the dark side. Immediate response: "Won't someone please sign him for a full performance?"

Accompanist Peter Grunberg, a longtime collaborator with the soloist, proved an equally remarkable performer. A well-known piano soloist, internationally-recognized conductor, and former Head of Music Staff for SF Opera, he is currently Special Musical Assistant to SF Symphony Conductor Michael Tilson Thomas, and principal consultant for the award-winning multimedia series *Keeping Score*. His sensitive playing, elegiac to enthusiastic, perfectly supported Brancoveanu's nuanced interpretations.

The next Firehouse Classical Music event will be the Liszt Festival on November 20. Tickets and season subscriptions are available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or (925) 931-4848.

## Haunted Hobbit Tree Registration

It's creeping closer to the time for the annual terrifying trek to the Haunted Hobbit Tree in Sycamore Grove Park.

Brave souls can sign up now for Scary Stories at the Haunted Hobbit Tree, appropriate for ages 4 and older. Participants will take a half-mile walk through the park to the scariest tree in town. Those who survive will be treated to scary stories and witch's brew; bring a scary story to tell if you like.

Costumes are welcome, but be sure to bundle up to protect your-

selves from the cold fingers of the night (and werewolf bites). Leave flashlights at home, as they attract zombies.

Scary Stories at the Haunted Hobbit Tree will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road, Livermore. Registration is \$8, online at [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us), by phone at 925-373-5700 or in person or by mail at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 21.

on Friday night, October 14, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

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## Winery to Release Wines; Introduce New Label

Rodrigue Molyneaux will be celebrating a wine release on October 15 with brand new labels created by award-winning graphic designer Arden Waters. These labels were created for RM's Italian Style wines that are produced on the property. Evoking the relaxing, serene, and inviting experience guests receive when visiting RM, Arden wanted to tie in that as well as the long family tradition of creating fine Italian style wines by creating a classy, artistic label series. Lindsey Roffey, General Manager of Rodrigue Molyneaux thought the series idea was important as she wanted guests to become excited about each new wine released by showcasing something on the label.

RM entered the finished bottles in the San Francisco International Wine Label Competition. The judges agreed and Arden brought a silver medal home for "Wine Labels in a Series." The judges in the competition looked for excellence in label design in the wine industry and selected designs for high artistic merit and brand-enhancing communicative qualities.

To celebrate the release of new wines and labels, RM will be hosting a wine club only event the evening of October 15th called Wine by Candlelight. This event will light up the winery and tasting room with a romantic candlelit glow. Executive Chef Tracy Flores will be working a flambé station with fresh fruits, crepes and a nearby chocolate fountain with fruits and sweets. These stations will be paired with three of RM's upcoming 2009 new releases: Chateau Molyneaux Cabernet Sauvignon, Rodrigue Molyneaux iL Segreto, and RM Rubino Dessert Wine. All of these wines have been welcomed with rave reviews.

The Chateau Molyneaux Cabernet Sauvignon was tried and sold as a future at the Hot August Nights Winemaker Dinner last month. Cases flew out the door. It is fruit forward and delicious. The iL Segreto is back with a new and better blend of Barbera and Zinfandel. This wine is already sold at the local wine bar: Swirl on the Square. RM Rubino dessert wine will make a sneak peak at this event. It has more ripe fruit than in its previous years and it has a great balance of sweetness and acidity. RM only makes 50 cases of the Rubino and will sell futures at a low price that night. Its official release date is in November.

Those who would like to attend this event, join RM's wine club. Friends of wine club members can attend for only \$15.00 per person. The RM iL Segreto and Chateau Molyneaux Cabernet Sauvignon will be released October 15th for wine club only, On October 16th both those wines will be available to general public. For more information email: info@rmwinery.com

## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



### Cheese Factories

When we moved to Livermore in 1970, friends told me about the Cheese Factory. I drove to Pleasanton and enjoyed various cheeses in the tasting room, but that day and every succeeding visit, I always chose a half-round of Monterey jack, the only cheese that originated in California.

Renee Charvo grew up in Pleasanton and remembered passing by the Cheese Factory. Steam would be coming out of the windows and doors. The owner, Dimitrios "Jimmy" Voulitides, was usually "sitting outside on a chair watching the world go by. He always wore a little white cap. He had a small mustache and a twinkle in his eye." Later, when she knew him more closely as his nephew's wife, she appreciated his lively social life and his generosity.

Jimmy immigrated to the U.S. from Greece in 1916 and worked in steel mills in the East. He came to the West Coast in the summer of 1917 and was welcomed by the Greek community in Oakland. He began his business, the Standard Cheese Company, in Pleasanton in 1920 when he was 24 years old. He specialized in jack cheese, but he made many other cheeses. He invented American teleme, a creamy delicately flavored cheese. In 1930 he married Calliope, according to Renee, "a sweet Greek lady, only about four feet eleven. She loved to visit with customers at the store. She and Jimmy would often invite friends to their home, which was next to the store, for a glass of ouzo or metaxa. Sometimes they invited customers for dinner."

Calliope had a sister, Marie Spiliotopoulos, still in Greece, who was raising two sons on her own. Jimmy and his wife visited Greece in 1948. They were childless, and Marie was struggling. They invited her son, George, then eight years old, to come to Pleasanton and live with them. Four years later after the red tape was cleared away, George

arrived. He started at the Pleasanton Grammar School knowing little English, but he graduated from Amador High School near the top of his class and from Cal Poly, where he majored in dairy management and was named the outstanding dairy student in his 1964 graduating class.

His uncle died in April 1967. Spiliotopoulos not only had a degree in dairy management, but also the priceless knowledge from his uncle about making cheese. He took over the business and said, "The Cheese Factory proves Uncle Jimmy's belief that there will always be room for a natural food product produced with all of a man's pride and experience blended into it."

He admired his uncle's uncompromising insistence on the excellence of his cheeses. In 1981 when his factory was making 6,000 pounds of cheese per day, Spiliotopoulos entered the company's cheese products at the Los Angeles County Fair, one of the few in the country that judge dairy products. California Cheddar, California Jack, Jack 'N Dill, and Garlic Jack won gold medals; American Teleme won the silver.

One of the problems with cheese manufacture is the expensive cleanup of the byproducts. After several wrangles with the city council, the cost of the sewer hookup in Pleasanton by 1984 had risen to \$60,000 a year for the cheese business. Spiliotopoulos had made serious overtures about moving the factory to the Central Valley before he died in a traffic accident at the age of 45. His wife sold the Cheese factory several times, but the new owners could not seem to make the business profitable. Large groceries were now competing with their own cheese selections. Finally, Renee gave up the business and sold the real estate. The Cheese Factory sign is still over the old store at 830 Main Street.

The Livermore Cheese Com-

pany was started by immigrants from Italy. Louis Calderoni came first in 1904. His two brothers, Salvatore "Sam" and Charles, came later with their parents, Sarafina and Felice Calderoni. By about 1925 they had started the cheese company in Livermore, making Monterey jack and other kinds of cheese. They built their headquarters about where AAMCO is on Railroad Avenue next to the parking garage across from the rear of the Bankhead Theater. The family home, the factory, and the office were in the same building. The Livermore Heritage Guild has an excellent photo that shows the building and two of their trucks with advertising on the sides.

The Livermore Cheese Company also ran into problems with the city, this time Livermore, about their waste products.

Once Charles and Sam were in court after "fisticuffs together with a few 'footicuffs'" were exchanged in a fight with the city engineer over the company's having dumped whey into the city's sewer system.

To avoid this difficulty, Louis Calderoni and his family built a new office and factory in Tracy in 1933. Louis said that after the Tracy plant was finished, they would use the Livermore building only as a warehouse. In September, just a few months after completion, the Tracy plant burned down.

The building was made of non-flammable material for the most part, but the cheese stored inside became "a raging inferno," according to the *Tracy Press*. The plant was a total loss, which was not covered by insurance. By 1936 the Calderonis were building another plant in Tracy, and several years later the Livermore building was deserted.

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# “Jeans and Jewels” Among Wine Country Activities

by Laura Ness

The Tri-Valley Conservancy invites the public to join them on Thursday, October 6, for a fundraiser featuring silent and live auction, gourmet dinner and did we mention wine? The gala, sponsored by Altamont Wealth Management, Friends of Livermore, Friends of the Vineyards, The Independent and Shames Construction, takes place at Casa Real at beautiful Ruby Hill. It begins at 6 p.m.

This is the one evening of the year where you can actually flaunt your fancy - or not so fancy — denim, along with the jewels you might normally keep in your safe. What are you saving them for, anyway? I look at jewelry the same way I look at wine: at some point, you have to wonder why the heck you are storing it like some kind of treasure with some kind of expiration date that outlasts yours. When you look at it that way, you can justify indulging in the pleasure you are most assuredly denying yourself.

**The Tri-Valley Conservancy is all about preservation of things that shouldn't be besmirched or drained of their inherent and most intrinsic value. They advocate preservation of land in its naturally wild or presently cultivated state. They don't advocate hoarding it or locking it away for nobody to see or enjoy. Hoarding jewels is equally silly. They don't enjoy being locked up in a box anymore than you would. Dust them off and come out and share your wealth with others who will truly appreciate them.**

Bid on some really fun auction items like a winemaker's dinner for 8 with Karl Wente, or sports tickets to the Raiders and 49ers games. How about camping without really camping? Sit around the “Camp” fire and drink wine with Cuda Ridge Winemaker Larry Dino, be entertained by Tim Gomes, and enjoy dinner by Checkers Catering and indulge in S'mores without having to worry about pitching your tent in an anthill or waking up with a squirrel eating your breakfast bars. There's also a Duck Hunting excursion, a week in a Big Sky Montana Condo, a Treasure Trove for Golf Lovers, a Spa Day for four, and a Chef & Sommelier 5-Course Tasting Dinner for Two, and of course, many more jewels to tuck in your back pocket for a future good time. Hope to see you there. Call 925-449-8706 to reserve your seats.

Harvest Update: Late September

The first grapes of the harvest

have been picked and crushed at pretty much every Livermore winery that makes Sauvignon Blanc or Semillon. Steven Mirasou reports that all those varieties have been harvested from the Ghielmetti vineyard, where he reports that the crop is overall quite light, especially for the reds. He's also brought in Pinot from two vineyards in Monterey, McIntyre Vineyards and Soberanes, as well as Pinot from Londer in Anderson Valley. Chardonnay has been gathered from Dutton-Morelli Lane in Sonoma and from Rosella's in the Santa Lucia Highlands.

Larry Dino from Cuda Ridge has Sauvignon Blanc pressed off and is awaiting Malbec at the end of this week. Collin Cranor of Nottingham Cellars, expected to get some Arroyo Seco Chardonnay and Viognier from a Wente property in Monterey county, but the desired ripeness levels have not coordinated with the Wente picking schedule, so he is still waiting on delivery. Meanwhile, he's picked up some local Chardonnay from the Frasier vineyard that the late Randy Bartlett of Charles R, had been making. So he's taking advantage of this unexpected windfall to do some experimenting for his wine edification. “I am throwing everything on it! New oak, once used, neutral, neutral with oak alternatives, etc. Trying all types of oak solutions just to gain some knowledge!” That's the hallmark of a true winemaker: always trying something new to experience the gamut of approaches as the core process is tuned to something approaching a regimen. He expects to get lots of calls from growers this week, wanting to pick before the forecast rains.

Occasio Winery brought in Pinot Noir for their rose by now, along with Sauv Blanc and Pinot Gris. John is confident there's a warmup on the way, and the Livermore reds will not be impacted by the rains.

At Rodrigue Molyneaux, where Gary was rearranging the contents of the winery to get ready for harvest, he observed that the Pinot Blanc hanging at Buttner Vineyard in Sunol, was far from ready, and it definitely caused him concern. On Tuesday, September 27, the sugars were at 20, and he was hoping for 25. “Apparently Mother Nature got wind of the rumor about climate change,” he commented, with a wry hint of worry. “We certainly won't be making any high alcohol wines this vintage!”

On the estate site, the Cabernet is struggling to maturity, along with the Barbera, while the Sangiovese, alas, is not a happy camper, and

will probably be grafted. They're debating the merits of Grenache, more Barbera, Petit Verdot or Cabernet Franc. “I'd prefer parking,” says Lindsey Roffey, GM at RM. “Oh, the asphalt clone,” I reply. It's really a tough choice: more grapes, or more parking spaces.

Without a doubt, harvest 2011 was put into a frenzy with the threat of rain earlier this week. In the Santa Cruz Mountains, winemakers and vineyard managers rolled the dice and decided to pick Syrah and Cabernet that was right on the edge of ripeness, rather than risk the threat of botrytis and swelling that might occur with a sudden, heavy rain. One winemaker, Bradley Brown of Big Basin Vineyards in Boulder Creek, is not worried about his estate Rhone varieties, but definitely was concerned about getting fruit from his earliest ripening pinot noir in the Corralitos area.

“Where the crop is especially light, at the Lester Vineyard, we are going to pick, because it's ready. The older vine pinot noir, at Woodruff Vineyard, is always later, towards the end of October, but I'm not worried about it. A little rain won't hurt old vines, because their roots go way deep, they're not going to uptake on rain that only penetrates a couple of inches into the soil. Old vines seem to shrug off weather impacts more readily.”

We'll see what the days of October bring. Warmth would be nice.

A Night on the Greenville Hill by Horse and Wagon: Wednesday, October 13th 5-8PM

Hopefully, the weather will cooperate for this very fun full moon evening out on beautiful Greenville Road. Join Bent Creek Winery, Big White House, Charles R Vineyards, and McGrail Vineyards, Thursday, October 13th, from 5-8PM for a Night on the Greenville Hill by Horse and Wagon. Enjoy tastes of award winning wines paired with delectable treats at each of the 4 stops. Hop on the horse and wagon to visit the next winery. McGrail will be serving Jim's homemade chili paired with three different Cabernets. Limited to the first 100 people. \$30.00 per person. For tickets contact individual wineries.

Rodrigue Molyneaux Debuts New Labels, Oct 15 with “Wine by Candlelight”

**Rodrigue Molyneaux officially debuts its brand new labels created by award-winning graphic designer Arden Waters, on October 15. These labels**

**were created for RM's Italian Style wine that are produced on the property. Evoking the relaxing, serene, and inviting experience guests receive when visiting RM, Arden wanted to tie that in as well as the long family tradition of creating fine Italian style wines by creating a classy, artistic label series. The labels won a Silver in the recent San Francisco International Wine Competition.**

GM Lindsey Roffey invites you to experience the new labels on Saturday evening, with *Wine by Candlelight*. This event will light up the winery and tasting room with a romantic candlelit glow. Executive Chef Tracy Flores will be working a flambé station with

fresh fruits, crepes and a nearby chocolate fountain with fruits and sweets. These stations will be paired with three of RMs upcoming 2009 new releases: Chateau Molyneaux Cabernet Sauvignon, Rodrigue Molyneaux iL Segreto, and RM Rubino Dessert Wine.

If you would like to attend this event, join RM's exciting wine club with many discounts and events throughout the year. Friends of wine club members can attend for only \$15.00 per person. The RM iL Segreto and Chateau Molyneaux Cabernet Sauvignon will be released October 15<sup>th</sup> for wine club only, On October 16<sup>th</sup> both those wines will be available to general public. For more information email: info@rmwinery.com

## Best Selling Author Is Speaker

New York Times Best Seller, Catherine Coulter, will present an insider's look at the publishing industry at Tri-Valley Branch of the California Writers Club meeting.

Coulter has over 70 million books in print worldwide. Her historical romance novel, *Moonspan Magic*, hit the New York Times Bestseller List in 1988 and she has continued to hit The List 65 times.

Her popular FBI suspense thriller series began with *The Cove* in 1996 and the 15th in that series, *Split Second*, was released in July, 2011.

She lives in the Bay Area with her husband and their three cats Cleo, Peyton, and Eli. She loves travel, skiing, and watching professional football.

Tri-Valley branch invites writers of all genres and experience levels to learn more about their craft at its monthly meetings. The meeting will be Saturday, October 15, 1:30 p.m. at Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588 (south of I-580 between Owens Drive and Gibraltar Drive.) The cost is \$10 for CWC members, \$15 non-members and includes coffee and tea.

Anyone interested in the program or the organization may attend with no obligation to join. Reservations required. For a seat, contact Annette Langer at alanger2@comcast.net or (925) 484-5924 by Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

For more information about California Writers Club Tri-Valley branch, contact President, Violet Moore at vimoore@sbcglobal.net or (925) 960-9834 or visit [www.trivalleywriters.org](http://www.trivalleywriters.org)

## Tickets Available for Brew Crawl

Downtown merchants, restaurants and local breweries will come together on Saturday, October 29 for the Brew Crawl, the first event of its kind in Pleasanton, hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) and sponsored by Handles Gastropub and the Pleasanton Main Street Brewery.

Patrons can shop along Main Street, sample local craft beers and food pairings. To add to the festival holiday spirit of this event, guests are encouraged to wear costumes.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association encourages everyone to enjoy downtown responsibly. To support this effort, the PDA will sell designated driver tickets for \$10 on the night of the Brew Crawl and the event programs will include taxi contact information.

Tickets go on sale on October 3 for \$25 at Handles on Main – 855 Main Street, Pleasanton Main Street Brewery – 830 Main Street and Redcoats Pub – 336 St. Mary Street. Tickets will be available for \$30 at 4:30 p.m. on the day of the event. Tickets must be redeemed by 6 p.m. Ticket price includes a commemorative beer glass and tasting map. Only 500 will be sold.

Event is rain or shine, no refunds. PDA is not responsible for lost, misplaced or stolen tickets.

## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT



Copper and Bronze pendant with blue stone

## Jewelry Artist Work on Display

The Livermore Art Association (LAA) Gallery is featuring unique jewelry by Diana Carey the month of October. Diana hand-casts and carves her metal jewelry to produce striking designs. She has been working with silver, copper and bronze for five years.

Diana is a Senior Business Manager with AT&T, in San Ramon. During her off hours, she produces jewelry, spins yarn, weaves, and knits scarves. She is interested in many art forms, and writes poems and short stories. She resides in Livermore Valley with her husband Don. She has one son, Chris, a Naval Officer serving in England. She has one teenage grandson who resides in Scotland, whom she wishes lived so much closer.

The LAA Gallery is located at the Carnegie Building at 2155 3rd Street in Livermore. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. The Gallery is also open from 4-8 Thursdays during Farmer's Market season. Admission is free. For more info call the Gallery 925-449-9927.

### ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

**Livermore Art Association Gallery**, located in the Carnegie Building, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

**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).

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**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. 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.

**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. Information: 925-447-6250 or [carolgerich@gmail.com](mailto:carolgerich@gmail.com).

### MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Free 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-microangelo@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 ~ 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. (925) 216-7231, email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) or visit: <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.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 Poetry-OnCanvas@Mac.Com ~ Individual and group classes available.

**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, choice of day per week: Weds 10-7p, Thurs.-Sat. 10-9pm, Sun 10-4pm. 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)

**Kids After School Program**, after school program for 11-18 yrs. olds includes stained glass, mosaic or fused projects. Student may choose any of those 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)

**Cedar Mountain Winery**, 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

**First Friday Wine Lounge: Tapas and Tasting**, McGrail Vineyards and Winery, Oct. 7, 5 to 8 p.m. Live music by winemaker Mark Clarin, tapas by Posada Catering, McGrail wines. 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore. [www.mcgrailvineyards.com](http://www.mcgrailvineyards.com)

**A Night on the Greenville Hill by Horse and Wagon**, Wed., Oct. 12, 5 to 8 p.m. Join Bent Creek Winery, Big White House, Charles R Vineyards, and McGrail Vineyards. Tastes of award winning wines paired with delectable treats at each of the 4 stops. Hop on the horse and wagon to visit the next winery. McGrail will be serving Jim's homemade chili paired with 3 different Cabernets. Limited to the first 100 people. \$30/person. [www.mcgrailvineyards.com](http://www.mcgrailvineyards.com). Fortickets contact individual wineries.

**Grape Stompin'**, CudaRidge Wines is having an old fashioned grape stomp on Sunday, Oct 16 from 12:00-4:30. This is a ticketed event that includes grape stomping fun, lunch by Posada's catering, one glass of wine, wine tasting, and Live Music by Trusting Calliope. The cost is \$35.00 per person and \$25.00 for Cuda Cadres (tax included). There is special children pricing. RSVP by Oct. 13, reservations will be held to 50 Adults. Credit card prepay required to hold reservation. Call 510-304-0915 to make reservations. Event details on [www.CudaRidgeWines.com](http://www.CudaRidgeWines.com)

**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.

**Grape Stompin' and Wine Sippin'**, Oct. 22, noon to 4:30 p.m. McGrail Vineyards and Winery. Partake in some "IloveLucy" action by stomping grapes. Grab a friend and race to fill the bottle first. Soleil Pizza will be selling gourmet wood-fired pizzas, live music. Fullest bottle in 30 seconds wins the prize. \$10/person for stomping. 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore. [www.mcgrailvineyards.com](http://www.mcgrailvineyards.com)

**Food and Wine Walk-a-bout**, featuring The Steven Kent Winery's Single Vineyard Series Cabernets, and the cuisine of Chef Neil Marquis. This event will take place in the Barrel Room Wed., Oct. 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Reservations required as event is limited to 50 guests. \$55 per

person non-club members, \$50 per person for SK/LR Club Members. Call 925-243-6442 to RSVP. [www.StevenKent.com](http://www.StevenKent.com)

**Muestra de Arte Festival**, work by local artists displayed at Murrieta's Well in Livermore. Sample Murrieta's Well wines and a selection of artisan cheeses in the historic barrel room. Sat., Oct. 29, 11 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Admission is free. \$10 for wine tasting. Complimentary for Silver Spur members. 3005 Mines Rd., Livermore, 456-2395.

**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.redfeatherwinery.com](http://www.redfeatherwinery.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 925-984-4395

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Joe Hill's Last Will**, starring folksinger John McCutcheon, Sunday, October 9, 2011, 4:00 p.m. Asbury UMC, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. Tickets are \$15 in advance, for students and seniors, \$20 at the door. Purchase tickets at [www.AsburyLivePresents.com](http://www.AsburyLivePresents.com) or in the church office Monday to Thursday.

**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

**Thorougly 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 Dorough 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.

# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**CityRead with Jamie Ford.** Oct. 27, 7 p.m. Free. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramon.ca.gov

**Creators 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.

**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

**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.

**MOVIES**

**Little Shop of Horrors sing-along** will be held Sun., Oct. 30 at the Vine Cinema, 1722 First St., Livermore. Hosting the event will be the Tri-Valley Rotary Club. Pre-event social at 5 p.m. includes food provided by Zephyr Grill; beer and wine available to those age 21 and over. Doors open for the sing-along at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 adults and \$10 children under 12 (with parent or guardian). Call the ticket hotline at 925-273-1603 for more information.

**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 Hawks, 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. Fund raiser for LPC. Tickets \$20. Mertes Center for the Performing Arts, on the Las Positas Campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. www.brownpapertickets.com with the venue of Las Positas College, or call 1-800-838-3006.

**OPERA**

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

tion@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.

**Pirates of Emerson - Haunting Fields & Corn Maze,** through Oct. 31 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Weekdays 7:30 to 10 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. 7:05 to 11 p.m. Sat., Oct. 29, 7:05 p.m. to midnight. The Pirates of Emerson is a very intense atmosphere, with extensive use of smoke, strobe lights, animatronics and scores of freaky costumed characters. Not recommended for children under 13. Doing our best to make Pleasanton UN-Pleasant! General \$20, Speed Pass \$30, Combo Ticket \$40, Corn Maze \$10. Bumpkin Patch, Carnevil, Bone Ball, Fields Family Corn Maze, Misfortune Teller and more! www.PiratesOfEmerson.com

**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 or call 925-449-8706. Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton.

**Gem Faire,** Oct. 7-9, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Fri. noon to 6; Sat., 10 to 6; Sun., 10 to 5. General admission \$7, valid entire weekend. Over 60 vendors. www.gemfaire.com.

**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, or by calling 925-231-0639.

**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, or website 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.

**Museum on Main,** 2011 Ed Kinney Lec-

ture 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 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 members and seniors, \$3 students/teachers with ID. Information, contact Jennifer Amiel, Director of Education at (925) 462-2766

or education@museumonmain.org. **Downtown Halloween Carnival,** Oct. 29, 1 to 5 p.m. downtown Livermore. Presented by Livermore Downtown, Inc. www.livermoredowntown.com.

## The "Legacy of Quran; Message of Peace" Art Exhibit at the Pleasanton Public Library

American artists tracing their ethnicities from Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, China, Europe, Africa and the United States of America will display their works in an Art Exhibit, organized by a local non-profit, Islamic Art Exhibit.

The "Legacy of Quran; Message of Peace" Art Exhibit of Islamic Art will be on display at the Pleasanton Public Library through October 23.

"We have so much diversity in the Bay Area Muslim community. In order to showcase their artistic talents and display the many characteristics of Islamic Art, we invited them to participate in an Art Exhibit based on the common theme of 'Peace'." Says Nabeela Sajjad, its founder.

Providing a number of verses from the Quran for inspiration and a set of rules, forty-one artists submitted seventy-five pieces of artwork. One hundred Muslim children from the Bay Area also



participated. Their theme is based on a song called "A is for Allah" by Yusuf Islam (formerly known as Cat Stevens).

People view Islamic Art as mostly Calligraphy. While Calligraphy is genre of Art in its own right, Islamic Art includes a lot more. It has evolved and accepts

new media through which artists can express themselves.

With the prohibition of depicting human form or faces, Islamic Art has developed a unique character, utilizing a number of primary forms: geometric, arabesque, floral, and calligraphic, which are often interwoven. The result is an exhibition of paintings in oil, acrylic and watercolor, photographs, traditional calligraphy, quilting, textile, digital collage and more.

The "Legacy of Quran; Message of Peace" Exhibit opened at the Pleasanton Public Library on October 2 and will remain on display through Oct. 23 in the library's large meeting room. Display hours will depend on whether the meeting room is occupied.

Please call 925/931-3400, ext. 7, after October 2 to find out if the room is open for viewing the display.

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

## Symphony Guest Soloist Known For His Work on Soundtracks for Films Such as "E.T."

Most people have heard Sheridan Stokes play the flute, but few know it. As the soloist on the soundtracks for films such as "E.T.", "Mission Impossible" (both the film version and the television series), "Jaws," and "Scent of a Woman," the sound of his flute is ubiquitous, if anonymous. He played the flute for the 1997, 1998, and 2008 Academy Awards. In 1998, he played the famous penny whistle solo from the Titanic song "My Heart Will Go On" with Celine Dion.

Stokes has been the recipient of many honors, including four MVP awards from the National Association of Recording Arts and Sciences. His publications are distributed worldwide, and include "Special Effects for Flute" and "The Illustrated Method for Flute" (endorsed by Jean-Pierre Rampal).



**Sheridan Stokes**

On Saturday, Oct. 8, Stokes joins the Pacific Chamber Symphony for the world premiere of a piece by composer Christopher Caliendo, "World Music Suite #2."

Composers from Bach to Bartok have used traditional dance forms as the basis for serious "art music." Caliendo continues the tradition with this recent composition. The piece is a set of four dances based upon musical forms from around the world; a bolero, 2 tangos, and a Norwegian springar.

The program also includes Mendlesohn's Sinfonia XII, Serenade number 6 ("Serenata Notturna"), by Mozart, and the beautiful and charming Serenade for Strings by Dvorak.

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

## 'Super Diamond; Raises Funds for Diabetes

A one-day fund-raiser raised \$481,000 for type 1 diabetes treatment and research benefiting JDRF, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The 6<sup>th</sup> annual "Summer Classic" at Wente Vineyards on August 19, was an all-day and night event featuring a golf tournament, dinner, auction and concert by "Super Diamond."

The "Summer Classic" was conceived by Active Charity, a group of local businessmen and their supporters. They have now raised over \$1.8 million dollars for JDRF in the past six years.

"We are so thrilled with this year's turnout and the amount of generosity in the East Bay," said Jason Skeoch, co-founder of Active Charity. "This is all about businesses and individuals stepping up to help kids, teens and adults with type 1 diabetes," Skeoch added. Chevron and Valentine Wealth were the major sponsors.

The Bay Area Chapter of JDRF worked closely with Active Charity to achieve another successful event.

"We are excited that so many people with type 1 diabetes and their families will be helped by these donations," said Kelly Craft of JDRF, who added, "We look forward to our continuing partnership with Active Charity."

The next big JDRF event in the Bay Area is the "Walk to Cure Diabetes" on Sunday October 9 at Great America in Santa Clara; Sunday, October 16 at the Oakland Zoo; and Sunday October 30 at Marina Green in San Francisco. To register to walk, just go to: <http://jdrfbayarea.org/walk/>

Since its founding in 1970 by parents of children with type 1 diabetes, JDRF has awarded more than \$1.5 billion to diabetes research, including more than \$107 million last year. More than 80 percent of JDRF's expenditures directly support research and research-related education. For more information, please visit [www.JDRFbayarea.org](http://www.JDRFbayarea.org).



Guests examine auction items up for bid at A Starry Night, a charity event, sponsored by Pleasanton North Rotary. (Photo by Harold Ho)

## A Starry Night gala finds success by backing local charities

Pleasanton North Rotary's focus on charities close to home was the formula for this year's A Starry Night's success, raising more than \$70,000 at the gala fund raiser.

Over 200 guests attended the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual dinner, dance, raffle, and charity auction at Casa Real, Saturday, Sept. 24. Their support will help fund more than 200 hours of therapy for children with autism and other early childhood development problems addressed at Dublin's School of the Imagination and Happy Talkers.

Other Tri-Valley programs benefitting from the event include REACH, a housing program for special needs adults; Pleasanton Gardens, an assisted living program for retired Pleasanton residents;

Open Heart Kitchen, providing meals to the needy, Relay for Life, supporting cancer survivors; Camp RYLA and Rotary Interact encouraging youth leadership development; and programs sup-

porting active and retired members of the U.S. military.

"I am always impressed with the way this community comes together," said Ronda Henstorf, PNR president and A Starry Night event chair. "The economy is very challenging, however, we were able to pull the community together and have a successful year."

Charlene E. Sigman, co-founder of School of Imagination and Happy Talkers, thanked PNR for supporting fund-raising efforts for the construction of a permanent school in Dublin opening its doors in October.

"You have helped us through a challenging journey to make this school a reality," she wrote in a prepared statement. "Thank you once again for always being there for us and believing in our dream"

A Starry Night will also help international programs. PNR has distributed more than 5,000

wheelchairs in Central and South America through the Wheelchair Foundation and the monies raised at this event will allow us to continue this support. Additional funds will assist El Oasis Orphanage in Mexico, a new computer literacy program for elementary schools in Bali, Indonesia, and on-going efforts by Rotary International to eradicate polio.

Mark Ibanez, sports director of KTVU-TV, served as masters of ceremonies. East Bay rock group Public Eye provided musical entertainment, and Frank Hanna was the auctioneer.

Major event sponsors included Big O Tires of Pleasanton, Complete Business Systems, Green Leaf Partners, The Noonan Family, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Ritter Investments, Sierra Graphics, Wealth Management Associates, and Wells Fargo. Another 26 merchants and organizations and 49 individuals donated auction items.



Livermore Lowe's store donated a grant to a Reggio Emilia inspired School – Best Friends Enrichment Campus at 2828 Marina Ave in Livermore. This grant helped to purchase sod, artificial turf and blinds for this non-profit school. Wente Vineyards also donated a complete 50 foot vineyard to create a learning experience for children in the garden area. The Lowe's Hero Program of Livermore also contributed community service for Best Friends Campus to install sod, turf, blinds, consultant landscaping, building planter boxes and plant trees and vines. The first phase was completed September 24. Best Friends Campus will accommodate 75 students including infant, toddler, preschool and after school programs. For further information, contact Best Friends Campus at (925) 249-1868

# Milestones

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## Pleasanton Fundraiser Continues Her Efforts on Behalf of JDRF

Zoe Francis, a top fund-raiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), will be among approximately 6,000 walkers representing local families, corporations, schools and other organizations in the 2011 Walk to Cure Diabetes taking place around the Bay Area throughout the month of October, including the Oakland Zoo on Sunday, October 16, 2011, with check-in beginning at 7:30am.

Zoe lives in Pleasanton with her husband Rick, youngest daughter Emilie, and family dogs, Goldie, Chelsea and Chloe.

Zoe walks in honor of her 18-year-old daughter, Hannah who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at the age of 5. The Francis family's Walk Team, called Hannah's

Hikers, aims to raise \$10,000 each year to help fund research to find a cure for diabetes and its complications. Her family has raised more than \$160,000 since 1998. "I do it by asking – ask, ask and ask again," she says. "I am amazed every single year by how supportive people are of our walk team."

This is Hannah's Hikers' fourteenth Walk to Cure Diabetes and the first year Zoe will walk without her daughter who has gone off to college for the first time. "We'll continue to walk and raise funds, despite the fact that Hannah's at college," says Zoe. "Too many people see high school graduation as JDRF graduation, but our kids still have diabetes and still need a cure."

Zoe has been JDRF's Family Walk Team Chair for the last four years. In this role she rallies family teams to register for the Walk and write fund-raising letters, as well as provides help in setting up fund-raising pages on the JDRF website. Her advice to family Walk teams is to get those letters out, either by email or post, and always follow up with reminders. "The reminders are crucial," she explains. "People have good intentions, but busy lives." It also helps to set the first example. She says, "We always make our donation first, so people can see that we donate to JDRF, too."

For more information about the walk, visit [www.jdrfbayarea.org/walk](http://www.jdrfbayarea.org/walk)

## Fabulous Properties Team Among Top 1000 in U.S.

The Wall Street Journal and REAL Trends Inc. have the Pleasanton-based Fabulous Properties Team of Keller Williams Real Estate ranked 93rd among the Top 1,000 real estate teams in the United States based on closed volume.

"The Thousand" is a nationwide summary compiled by the Wall Street Journal and REAL Trends Inc. based on closed transaction volume for 2010.

The Fabulous Properties Team includes Dave and Fran Cunning-

ham, Donna Garrison and Susan Schall. The team's volume in 2010 was \$66.3 million. The Fabulous Properties Team specializes in the Tri Valley communities of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. [www.FabulousProperties.net](http://www.FabulousProperties.net)



Tim Buckley

## Agreement Will Bolster New Initiatives in Glaucoma Market

IRIDEX Corporation (Nasdaq: IRIX) announced that it has exclusively licensed the rights to all of the intellectual property of Ocunetics, Inc., a privately held company based in Alamo, California. Ocunetics develops procedure-enabling medical devices that are intended to increase surgeons' efficiency, while improving case predictability for ophthalmic surgeries. Further terms of the deal have not been disclosed.

"This is a great example of technology and talent that fit our

culture and match our strategic initiative of rapidly expanding our portfolio of consumable instruments across the ophthalmology spectrum," said Theodore A. Boutacoff, President and CEO of IRIDEX. "Ocunetics' co-founders Timothy Buckley and Kenneth Peartree will join IRIDEX as Vice President of Marketing, MIGS & Laser Systems and Vice President of Product Development, Consumables, respectively, and we are excited about their future contributions to IRIDEX."

Ocunetics' co-founder and cataract/glaucoma surgeon Dr. Steven Vold added, "IRIDEX will accelerate the development and commercialization of the transformative product line created by Ocunetics. These products have been designed to improve efficiencies in a wide range of ophthalmic surgeries."

Mr. Boutacoff concluded, "The benefits to the organization resulting from the agreement and the people will be immediate and broad. The Ocunetics products are currently in development and are

expected to begin commercialization under the IRIDEX brand within 18 months."

Ocunetics, Inc. was founded in 2011 with the mission of bringing innovative procedure-enabling medical devices to market quickly. Through close collaboration with leading physicians and physician-inventors, the Ocunetics' team focuses on medical devices that improve operating-room efficiency, healthcare economics, and improve patients' clinical outcomes.

## Lab Scientist Receives Presidential Award

The White House announced last Monday that Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) computer scientist Greg Bronevetsky has been named a recipient of a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers for helping advance the state-of-the-art in high performance computing.

The Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers, or PECASE, is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government on science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers. Bronevetsky was one of 94 early career scientists and engineers to be recognized this year.

"To receive such recognition at this stage of my career is a great honor," Bronevetsky said. "This award is especially gratifying as it not only recognizes scientific achievement, but also the importance of this research to the nation."

Bronevetsky has dedicated his early scientific career to ensuring that the increasing power, size and complexity of the supercomputers critical to national security research and scientific discovery do not come at the expense of reliability. The methodologies he is developing to study the effects of the hardware failures that are inevitable on supercomputers with millions of components are likely to influence the design of next-generation high performance computers (HPC) and the software applications that run on them.

"The research Greg is doing is critical to the development of next-generation supercomputers at a time of fierce global competition in high performance computing," said Dona Crawford, associate director for Computation. "Greg's research embodies the spirit of innovation that is a hallmark of this laboratory and underscores Lawrence Livermore's global leadership in HPC."

The awards, established by President Clinton in 1996, are coordinated by the Office of Science and Technology Policy within the Executive Office of the President. Awardees are selected for their pursuit of innovative research at the frontiers of science and technology and their commitment to community service as demonstrated through scientific leadership, public education, or community outreach.

In 2010, Bronevetsky received a U.S. Department of Energy Early Career Award consisting of research funding of \$500,000 a year for five years. After receiving his doctorate in computer science from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. in 2006, Bronevetsky came to Livermore as a Lawrence post-doctoral fellow. He became an employee in 2009.

# 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.)

**1st Annual Peddlers Faire** at Ravenswood Historic Site on Sunday, October 9, noon to 4 p.m. 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 spectacular 100 year old quilt. 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. Ravenswood Historic Site is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Admission is free.

**Friends Holiday Boutique**, Friday, October 14, noon to 5 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission Holiday boutique featuring hand-crafted gifts from local artisans. Jewelry, scarves, pens, soap, knit and crochet items and much more. Cash or checks only please, no credit cards. 963 Kolln Street, Pleasanton 94566 (Jensen tract across Santa Rita Road from Amador High School)

**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).

**Golden Monkey Sale**, Veterans Hospital Country Store, Oct. 19, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. features second hand treasures and secret family recipes. Benefit for the Veterans services at the VA Hospital in Livermore. 4950 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Information, 449-6448.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., Oct. 8, 20 miles celebrate Navy Fleet Week, ride in San Francisco, meet 10 a.m. at the Ferry Building, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., Oct. 9, 62 miles San Ramon, Diablo Junction, Morgan Territory Road, meet 8:30 p.m. at Bollinger Canyon Park & Ride, Alberto Lanzas, 510-825-9581. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Amador Valley Quilt Guild** will meet on Saturday, October 8, at 1:30 pm at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. The meeting is open to all who are interested in the culture, history and artistry of quilting. Guest speaker is Marjan Kluepfel, who grew in the Netherlands. Her talk titled "Evolution of an Art Quilter and Fabric Dyer" will include humor as she describes her nontraditional approach to quilting and how she hand dyes her fabrics. She creates colorful art quilts inspired by nature.

**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 speakers, and other activities, please call Phyllis at 925-462-4931 or email [cupclan1962@pacbell.net](mailto:cupclan1962@pacbell.net).

**Grant Writing Workshop**, Las Positas

College Community Education will sponsor a Grant Writing Workshop on Wednesday October 26 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Participants will learn the steps in nonprofit grant writing, and are invited to bring their own grant proposals to the workshop for a private critique from the instructor. The workshop instructor is Patricia Belding, long-time Tri-Valley grant consultant and former field representative/program analyst for the federal Office of Economic Opportunity. Register online at [www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed) or by telephone at (925) 424-1467 with credit card. To register by mail send payment to: Community Education, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore CA 94551

**Operation: S.A.M.** "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004 and is dedicated to the continued support of our deployed troops. Preparation of comfort packages takes place every other week - all year long. Providing morale support for those deployed. All information provided is confidential and is not shared for security purposes. To submit a name and address, inquire about donations or helping, please visit [www.operationsam.org](http://www.operationsam.org), email [operationsam@comcast.net](mailto:operationsam@comcast.net) or call 925 443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

**Fall Native Plant Sale**, seeds, and bulbs suitable for California gardens. Speak to experts about lawn alternatives such as native perennials, wildflowers, and grasses. Native plant books, posters, and note cards on sale. Organized by California Native Plant Society (Santa Clara Valley Chapter). Saturday, October 15, 2011, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hidden Villa Ranch, CNPS Nursery, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills, 2 miles west of I-280. Free parking. Come early for the best selection; bring boxes in which to carry purchases home. Cash or check only. For more information, visit [www.cnps-scv.org](http://www.cnps-scv.org), email [cnps\\_scv@yahoo.com](mailto:cnps_scv@yahoo.com), or call 650-260-3450.

**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.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.**, 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.

**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).

**Pilates for Pink Event**, Oct. 7, Breast 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-spective, 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).

**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)

**Veterans Benefits Seminar**, hosted by Visiting Angels, will be held at no charge for Veterans and their families who want to learn more about Long term Care. Livermore Civic Center Library, Oct. 18., 5:30-6:30. Refreshments served. For information and R.S.V.P. call 925-443-1000.

**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)

**Del Arroyo 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).

**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-spective photography studio at 925-449-9879.

**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.

**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!

**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 [larpd.dst.ca.us](mailto:larpd.dst.ca.us) or 373-5700, or go to [susanprep.com](mailto: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 [anarisco@comcast.net](mailto:anarisco@comcast.net).

**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.

**Livermore High School Class of '61, 50th reunion**, looking for class members and/or teachers. Main event on Oct. 8, Doubletree Hotel, Livermore. Other festivities include cocktail party, Oct. 7 and breakfast, Oct. 9. Contact LHS Committee at [1961lhs@gmail.com](mailto:1961lhs@gmail.com) or PO Box 888, Livermore, CA 94551, 925-371-0824.

**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.

**Free counseling on job search skills and resume writing** is now available at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Sign up at the Reference Desk for a 20 minute consultation. Receive help with resume writing, find employment web sites, learn how to search for a job on the web, and get help with on-line applications. The Pleasanton Library has extensive support material available to assist job seekers. For appointments call the Reference Desk at 925/931-3400. Library programs are free and open to everyone.

**Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL)** offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community for as long as they are willing and able to do so. CRIL maintains offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at [abril.tamayo@cril-online.org](mailto:abril.tamayo@cril-online.org). All services are free.

**Pacific Locomotive Association**, nonprofit group operates the Niles Canyon Railroad between Fremont Niles District and Sunol. Volunteers are sought for the following glazier, painter, electrician, mechanic or welder to restore historic trains. Other volunteers can be a brakeman or brakewoman, shopkeeper, tree trimmer, docent, caterer or engineer. For more opportunities, call Rich Alexander at 510-996-8420 or email [pla\\_ncry@ncry.org](mailto:pla_ncry@ncry.org).

**RELIGION**  
**Unitarian Universalist**, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747.

**Congregation Beth Emek**, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055.

**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews**, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or East-BaySecularJews.org.

**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore**, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

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

**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; workshops 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.

**Granada Baptist Church**, 945 Concanon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

**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.

**The deaf community** is invited to worship at First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, where ASL translation will be provided every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The church is located on the corner of 4th and L streets.

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God**, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

**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).

**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.



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