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## Transportation Workshop Set in Dublin on Nov. 2

The Alameda County Transportation Commission will hold a workshop on Wed., Nov. 2 in Dublin to take public input on the Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) update and development of a new Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) that will guide investments throughout the county.

The meeting will provide an overview of the CWTP and TEP and present preliminary TEP project, program and financial information.

The meeting take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza.

## Hospitality Task Force Make-up Questioned

Membership in the newly formed Pleasanton Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force were approved last week by the city council.

The vote was 3 to 1 with Matt Sullivan absent. Cindy McGovern objected to the make-up of the task force.

McGovern said that it favored people who would benefit economically. "I wish there were more people from the neighborhood. Most of the task force members are oriented towards the downtown and businesses. There are only three neighbors represented on a committee of eleven. To me that is totally unbalanced."

The eleven member task force is charged with creating guidelines with regard to the operation (See HOSPITALITY, page 12)

## Sessions to Offer Info on Energy Upgrade Rebates

Dublin and Livermore residents can learn about current rebates (up to \$4,000) for a home energy efficiency upgrade.

Energy Upgrade California is a new statewide collaboration of governments and utilities. The program provides:

- Over \$4000 in energy efficiency rebates
- A one-stop shop for homeowners to find contractors and rebates
- Financing options
- A quality assurance program

Those interested in energy improvements for a home and who want to take advantage of great rebates, come learn about the program at one of these forums. Participating contractors will be on hand to answer your questions. Tri-Valley residents can save 75 percent on an energy assessment, and attendees can win a free assessment worth \$350 or more.

Livermore workshop will be held Thursday, October 27, 6:30-8:00pm in the Livermore Library Community Room, 1188 South Livermore Ave. Livermore; RSVP: www.euc-livermore.eventbrite.com

The Dublin event is set for Saturday, October 29, 10-11:30am in the Dublin City Council Chambers, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin; RSVP: www.euc-dublin.eventbrite.com

# Livermore the Leader in Economic Development

The City of Livermore continues to lead the area in economic development, specifically due to the collaborative efforts of the city and its partners.

That was a statement made by Economic Development Director Rob White, who reported to the city council Monday on the economic development activities in the city. He said that the work has been accomplished by "a small, but mighty staff."

It is estimated that over the next 3 to 5 years, the efforts will produce 7500 new jobs.

White reported on the i-GATE

innovation hub, and science and technology. He also offered information on business attraction and retention. "Livermore has focused on science and technology to aid job creation and to build the economy," he stated. Starting in 2008, Livermore branded industrial areas as science and technology centers. That followed with the development of partnerships with Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Labs on a state iHub Proposal (i-GATE). Livermore was one of six cities selected for the program. He noted that since it was

first proposed in 2009, i-GATE has expanded. It now includes 40 partners. There are ten cities involved, including Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, Pleasanton, Fremont Tracy, Lathrop, West Sacramento, and Davis. White reported, "i-GATE is one of the few innovation hubs that have policy opportunities across ten cities."

A new piece of the puzzle, he said, is the addition of research institutions. These include the Joint Bioenergy Institute, CITRUS, CA Fuel Cell Partnership, and the UC Davis Energy Insti-

tute. "The new partners will add opportunities for networking leading to more job creation and economic growth."

The Academic Alliance is an important aspect of i-GATE. It is a shared effort with the Livermore Valley Open Campus and Innovation Tri-Valley, said White. "This is a significant upgrade that will bring national universities to collaborate with the national labs on research and create spin-off opportunities."

Mayor Marshall Kamena, a member of the i-GATE board of directors, commented, "We are

very close to bringing in a big name university." Already over 1000 technology jobs have been added. The city has received a \$200,000 grant from the Small Business Administration to use to assist in the growth of businesses in NEST.

NEST is a part of i-GATE. It serves as an incubator where new businesses can grow. White stated, "There is lots of opportunity here. I would love to fill the NEST with many more businesses. Spinning off technology from the laboratories is the way (See ECONOMY, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Paula Glogovac and Bruce Campbell, co-gardener and director of the Garden of Grace, picked fresh tomatoes that will be used to feed people at Open Heart Kitchen. Food day last Tuesday celebrated a partnership involving Asbury Methodist Church, Open Heart Kitchen, the Garden of Grace, and Alameda County Master Gardeners. The Open Heart Kitchen and the Garden of Grace partner to grow, prepare and serve healthy food to Livermore's hungry. Peelings and scraps are returned to the garden to be composted and then used to fertilize the next garden vegetable crop. During the event, which marked the expansion of the garden, remarks were made by Livermore Councilmember Jeff Williams. Information can be found at www.asburygardenofgrace.org.

## Zone 7 Hikes Water Rate by 5 percent

Zone 7 Water Agency has boosted its treated water rate by 5 percent. The increase will go into effect beginning in January.

The rise will cost the typical homeowner \$1.88 per month if the Valley's four retailers pass the increase through to their customers. The retailers are the municipal water operations of Livermore and Pleasanton, DSRSD, and California Water Service.

Retailers asked wholesaler Zone 7 for no increase in the rate for the coming year. However, directors said that between the rise in such costs as treatment chemicals and the need to establish some reserve for emergencies and to replace worn or broken equipment, the rate needs to be increased.

The vote at the board's meeting Oct. 19 was 5-2. Board president Sandy Figuers and director Chris Moore voted "no."

Figuers and Moore said they realize some increase had to occur, but felt that it was feasible to go as low as 2.5 or 3 percent

for 2012. Figuers said that a 2 or 3 percent boost could still cover the increasing operating expenses. However, that level of funding would push construction of new facilities out several more years into the future. He said that in light of the current economy, where water consumers are feeling the pinch, it looked like the desirable choice.

Moore said that it would be feasible to raise the rate only 3 percent for 2012. However, retailers would have to understand that in 2013, the rate would have to go up by about 7 percent, to make up for lagging behind in 2012. He wanted 3 percent to provide the retailers a break in 2012.

Directors Dick Quigley and A.J. Machaevich said that the need to boost the rate more sharply in 2013, if they held back on the 2012 rate with only a 3 percent increase, convinced them to go for 5 percent this year.

Machaevich said, "The 5 (See WATER, page 3)

## Police Chief Says Crime in Livermore Is Not on the Increase

Crime in Livermore has not seen an increase; rather it remains at a stable level.

That was the report made by Police Chief Steve Sweeney to the Livermore City Council on Monday.

The report follows a gang information forum hosted by the city earlier in October.

Sweeney noted that the budget has increased, not because there are more employees, but because the cost of personnel has

increased. Staffing has been reduced by 18.5 positions through attrition.

Crime rates remain fairly stable, said Sweeney. Part I crimes, which include rape, robbery and murder, are fairly constant. Part

2, which includes such crimes as assaults, DUI, fraud, drug influences, stolen property and vandalism, is slowly trending down. There has been an increase in part 3 crimes, which include information reports, psychological issues

and suicides among others.

"We are seeing a little increase in burglaries in Livermore in 2011," added Sweeney. One of the reasons is a nationwide problem with prescription drugs. (See CRIME, page 4)

## Committee to Review Pleasanton Historic Preservation Guidelines

The Pleasanton City Council voted to establish an ad hoc committee to review the Downtown Specific Plan as it relates to guidelines for historic preservation.

The determination to review the guidelines arose following

the recent approval of a development on Old Stanley Blvd. that included the demolition of a 103 year old home.

Brian Dolan, Director of Community Development, said that it has been suggested that the "words on the pages" in the

guidelines may not reflect the community's values. There are key definitions missing as well as conflicting wording. There is a need to add California Environmental Quality Act policies.

Dolan estimated that a seven member task force would spend

6 months on the process. "I don't expect a complete overhaul, rather surgical amendments to the policies," he stated.

The suggestion was for the ad hoc committee to include two members of the planning commission and one appointee to be

made by each councilmember. Dolan said that several organizations, along with downtown residents, have expressed an interest in the process. They include the Pleasanton Heritage Association, Pleasanton Downtown Association (See GUIDELINES, page 12)

## Livermore Candidates Make Their Views Known

### City Council

The League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women hosted a forum for Livermore City Council candidates last Thursday.

The council chamber was nearly filled with those there to listen to candidates Bobby Dale Burger, Stewart Gary, Marshall Kamena and Laureen Turner reply to questions posed by the

audience. As in other forums, candidates continued to be questioned about the BART extension, jobs and the city budget, the urban growth boundary, and the regional theater.

Each made an opening and closing statement.

Burger said that he would work to solidify the safety and (See COUNCIL, page 9)

### Mayor

Two of the candidates for Livermore Mayor exchanged a few sharp words at the close of a forum last Thursday.

The event was hosted by the League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women. The candidates for mayor are Barbara Hickman, John Marchand and Minuete

McKernan.

The exchange took place during closing comments when Marchand accused Hickman of sending out a hit piece in violation of the ethics pledge candidates had signed.

Marchand was referring to literature that stated he had spent (See MAYOR, page 5)

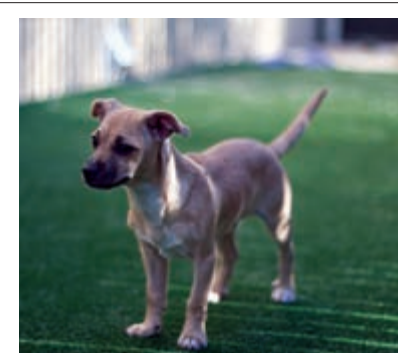


Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Foothill High School band headed downtown Main Street during the annual Band Review Parade Competition in Pleasanton last Saturday.

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Won't you take a little Chance? How could you not love this little guy? When Chance first showed up at VHS he was a little timid, but after a few weeks of love and affection he has become a volunteer favorite. He has begun hopping up on our laps and giving us kisses. He loves to sit on laps, hoping that somebody will scratch his ears. As you can see, he loves to have his picture taken, knowing that there is a family out there somewhere that knows they can get lucky when they take a Chance. To learn more, call 925-426-8656 or visit the website www.valleyhumane.org. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Hours are Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Photo courtesy of Aaron Czeszynski)

# History comes alive with a bang

By Patricia Koning

Before eighth graders at East Avenue Middle School in Livermore began studying the cause, course, and consequences of the American Revolution, they first experienced some of the sights and sounds of that important era. The students tried on uniforms from both sides of the conflict, handled replicas of medical equipment and camp furnishings, and experienced the firing of a Brown Bess flintlock musket, the weapon of choice of the British Army.

"Loud, and kind of thrilling," declared eighth grade core teacher Diane Lowery.

It was all part of a presentation by retired Air Force officer and military historian Roy Wells, which he gave three times last week at East Avenue. "Kids deserve a chance to see what history looks like," he explained. "Most people have never even seen a musket, much less heard one fired."

Wells dressed the part, wearing the uniform of the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment of the American Army complete with the original gorget, a leather collar to protect the throat, worn by his great-great-great-great-great-great grandfather in the Revolutionary War. He wasn't alone—at each of three presentations, East Avenue students tried on the uniforms of British and American soldiers.

The students learned that soldiers in both armies carried a lot of gear: a cartridge box, priming flask, a bayonet if they were British and tomahawk if they were American, haversack (a purse), canteen, and a Brown Bess or hunting rifle. They tried on the coats, hats, and wigs that went with each uniform.

A point of his interactive presentations, said Wells, is for students to understand the tedium of long marches in hot, heavy uniforms laden with equipment. He also demonstrated the many steps for reloading a hunting rifle, a 15-minute ordeal that requires mallet to drive the ball down the barrel, and a Brown Bess.

In a sometimes humorous and saucy presentation—one topic covered was bathrooms on the battlefield—Wells explained why some common beliefs about the Revolutionary War are false.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

**Historian Roy Wells shows East Avenue students how to march while carrying a musket.**

For example, Paul Revere and his companions Samuel Prescott and William Dawes did not ride through the streets of Philadelphia yelling, "the British are coming, the British are coming."

"That would have been like running through downtown Livermore yelling, 'the Americans are coming,'" he explained. "Everyone was still British at that point."

According to Wells, the British weren't called Redcoats in the Revolutionary War era; that term was first used in 1880 in a Rudyard Kipling poem. The Boston Tea Party was known by the less catchy name "the destruction of the tea" until about 50 years after the fact.

"Roy Wells did an excellent job bringing history alive for our students. Not only did the presentation meet our 8th grade history

standards, many of my students were impressed with the 'cool costumes, neat artifacts, and real American Revolutionary era guns,'" said East Avenue teacher Laurie Lesandro. "The general consensus of my students is that the presentation was not only informative, but entertaining as well, something most teachers strive for in lessons."

Wells gives about 30 presentations on both the Revolutionary War and Civil War at schools around the Bay Area—he was at Mendenhall Middle School as well last week. The presentations, which can last from 45 minutes to 2 hours, are free of charge. Wells is willing to travel up to 50 miles from his home in San Ramon. For more information, visit [www.historywell.com](http://www.historywell.com).

# ValleyCare Donation Will Help Fund 'Mammograms for Women in Need'

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation recently received a \$10,000 donation to help fund the "Mammograms for Women in Need" program, offered through the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation. The donation came from the recent Tri-Valley Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by Dentists Against Cancer.

"Mammograms for Women in Need" is a program that started in 2010 with funding from the same golf tournament. The fund allows ValleyCare to provide financial assistance for mammograms and radiologist's reports for women unable to afford them. The program also provides funding for prosthetic fittings, bras, bathing suits and wigs for women undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Since last year, fifteen women have sought assistance through

this program. With one in eight women being diagnosed with breast cancer in the U.S., regular, screening mammograms are time-tested exams capable of detecting cancer in its earliest stages—up to two years before a woman might feel a lump. Early detection is a powerful weapon in the battle against breast cancer because the sooner treatment begins, the better the chances for survival. Since a woman's risk for breast cancer increases with age, experts recommend a mammogram every one to two years for women ages 40 and older.

"We are very pleased ValleyCare is able to partner with community members such as Dentists Against Cancer and provide assistance like this to women in our area," says ValleyCare CEO

Marcy Feit.

Women who live in the Tri-Valley and are in financial need for a mammogram or other breast cancer services, can call for more information on how to apply for assistance. Contact, Mary Prishtina, RN, OCN, CBPN, ValleyCare certified breast cancer patient navigator at the ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center (925) 734-3315.

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Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) funding is available for practices to protect and improve important habitats for wildlife species.

Cost-share funding covers 75% of project costs. Farm Bill eligibility rules apply.

Applications for 2012 funding are due by November 18, 2011. Applications are accepted year round; any received after the deadline will be ranked in the next funding cycle.

To apply, contact Alyson Aquino, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3585

Greenville Road, Suite 2, Livermore; (925) 371-0154 ext. 116; fax (925) 371-0155; or email [alyson.aquino@ca.usda.gov](mailto:alyson.aquino@ca.usda.gov)

Applications can be downloaded at [www.acrcd.org](http://www.acrcd.org).

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**ENDORSEMENTS**

- Congressman Jerry McNerney
- County Supervisor Scott Haggerty
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- Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti
- Phil Wente
- Steve Kalthoff
- Pat Codioli
- Ted and Dale Kaye
- Herman and Marj Leider
- Congressman John Garamendi
- Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan
- Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena
- Former Mayor John Shirley
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## Join us to talk about transportation planning in Alameda County.

Please come to one of the five upcoming workshops to help prioritize transportation improvements in Alameda County.

**Berkeley—Tuesday, October 18th**  
South Berkeley Senior Center, Multipurpose Room  
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley 94703  
6:30–8:30pm

**San Leandro—Wednesday, October 19th**  
San Leandro Senior Community Center, Main Hall  
13909 East 14th Street, San Leandro 94578  
6:30–8:30pm

**Oakland—Monday, October 24th**  
East Oakland Senior Center, Multipurpose Room  
9255 Edes Avenue, Oakland 94603  
6:30–8:30pm

**Union City—Thursday, October 27th**  
Union City Sports Center, Classrooms B & C  
31224 Union City Boulevard, Union City 94587  
6:30–8:30pm

**Dublin—Wednesday, November 2nd**  
Dublin Public Library, Community Room  
200 Civic Plaza, Dublin 94568  
6:30–8:30pm

*All locations are ADA and transit accessible. Individuals who require special accommodations should contact MIG at least 72 hours in advance of the workshop.*

**Attend a meeting!**

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# WATER

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percent increase is the correct number to be responsible and strong, and reasonable, without killing the public next year with a much higher rate."

A staff-issued comparison showed that the 5 percent increase is lower than four of five other districts in the Bay Area. Two were at 6 percent, and one at 7.5 percent.

San Francisco Water District, which kept its water rates low for many years, is undergoing a huge capital improvements upgrade through much of its 160-mile long system. Its rate rose by 38 percent. Only Contra Costa Water District, at 3.5 percent, was lower than Zone 7.

Sentiment of the board majority focused on avoiding the build-up of a large debt in the water fund reserve. Also important was the need to ensure water reliability by being able to pay

for pipeline breaks or emergency problems at the three water treatment plants.

## SPEAKERS ASK BOARD TO HOLD THE LINE

Only one member of the public testified at the meeting. Ken Bradley of Livermore said that he is a property manager for several hundred people in the Valley. With the current economy, "now is not the time to raise fees. I urge you not to approve the increase at this stage."

"We've gone through a number of increases. We are paying more (for water), and enjoying it less," said Bradley.

By saying "enjoying it less," Bradley was referring to voluntary water conservation promoted by the water retailers and Zone 7. As a result, Zone 7 has been selling less water. The resulting dip in revenue is one of the factors in the increase. Zone 7 still has fixed costs to meet, despite lower

demand for water.

Salaries must be met, although no increase will be given in employee contracts already negotiated for the coming year. Zone 7 has also managed to keep chemical costs from rising more than they would otherwise by joining a buying consortium.

The agency has shrunk in staffing through attrition. There is a soft hiring freeze, which means that only essential jobs will be filled.

The only other audience speaker at the public hearing was Pleasanton utilities superintendent Dan Martin. He repeated a request that he made at an earlier Zone 7 meeting asking for no increase. The Pleasanton City Council made the request in a letter sent to Zone 7 earlier in October.

Martin said that he realized that freezing the rate at this year's level would have some impact

on Zone 7 reserves, but "we feel it's really important to keep the rate low."

Maintaining a balanced water fund is an issue in setting the treated water rate. At the 5 percent increase, the fund will have a \$2.6 million deficit, which will not be paid off until 2016.

If the board had raised the rate by 10 percent, as projected in one alternative presentation, there would be no fund deficit. If the board had gone with the staff's recommendation of 7.5 percent, there would have been a \$2.2 million debt, which would be paid off by 2015.

Zone 7's policy has been to pay as you go, so both the 7.5 percent and 5 percent are compromises with the pay-as-you-go philosophy.

## POLL SHOWS SUPPORT FOR 5% INCREASE

A poll that Zone 7 conducted early in October sounded out 400 registered voters about support for various levels of a rate increase. The questions were

split into two categories: support because it would help water quality, and support because it would help the dependability of the water supply.

Results showed that 62 percent would be willing to accept a \$2 per month increase to guarantee water quality. Some 58 percent were willing to pay a \$2 increase for a reliable water supply. The \$2 amounts to a 5.3 percent increase, which is slightly more than the \$1.88 monthly household increase that

is the consequence of the board's 5 percent rate increase.

At a \$10 per month increase, only 18 percent were willing to pay more for guarantees in either category. For a \$5 per month increase, 38 percent were willing to pay for water quality, and 33 percent for a guarantee of water availability.

That \$10 per month in the poll works out to a 26 percent rate increase. The \$5 in the poll would be a 13 percent increase.

## Artist's Work to Benefit Valley Humane Society

Studio Seven Arts has announced special events supporting the unique efforts of "Artist Hines" by purchasing and donating one of his fine art works to Valley Humane Society (VHS), a Pleasanton-based no-kill animal welfare organization benefiting stray animals, and families and pets in the Tri-Valley for the last 25 years.

The Artist Hines, recognized

globally, will be present live in the gallery during the Pleasanton Brew Crawl, Saturday Oct. 29, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. On October 15, Hines began a series of "20 Paintings in 20 Days" where a collection of abstract paintings, all 36"x36" are being produced.

One of Hines paintings will be selected by the gallery staff and donated to the VHS by Studio Seven Arts. Beginning

that Saturday evening, a silent auction box will be on display so that those visiting Studio Seven Arts can place their bid to win the painting. The winning or highest bid will be selected on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Studio Seven Arts. All proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to VHS.

"The creativity and stunning works of Artist Hines at Studio

Seven Arts in support of Valley Humane Society makes for a great way for the community to come together, both to recognize local art and in supporting the ongoing needs of animals in the Tri-Valley," said Melanie Sadek, executive director of the VHS.

Studio Seven is located at 400 Main Street, Pleasanton; (925) 846-4322.

## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Recycling Contest

People who work in Alameda County will have the chance to prove their recycling prowess – and win prizes to boot, by participating in StopWaste.Org's "Stop Waste at Work Contest."

From October through November, individuals who work in Alameda County can participate and become eligible to win prizes by pledging to sort their office waste properly and encouraging co-workers to do the same. People can pledge directly by "liking" StopWaste.Org's Facebook page and clicking on the 'contest' tab. Here, followers will also be provided with contest updates, helpful tips and other useful information about recycling at work. It is also possible to pledge directly through the StopWasteatWork.org website.

Pledge winners will be chosen at random, with one winner announced weekly. Weekly pledge winners will receive gift cards to Ace Hardware, BART, Jamba Juice, Peets, REI or Whole Foods.

In addition, the Stop Waste at Work Contest Prize Crew will travel to randomly selected businesses throughout Alameda County to sort through their garbage and reward those who are doing an exceptional job of recycling. Those businesses deemed to be accurately separating their recyclables; food waste and other compostables (where service is available) are eligible to receive an office pizza party, valued at \$100. One winning business will be announced per week.

The Stop Waste at Work Contest is an extension of StopWaste.Org's annual residential Ready Set Recycle Contest that launched last spring. Inspired by the success and enthusiasm surrounding Ready Set Recycle Stop Waste at Work offers individuals the opportunity to continue their efforts in the workplace.

To learn more about the contest and to make an online pledge to reduce waste by recycling and composting at work, visit [www.StopWasteatWork.org](http://www.StopWasteatWork.org).

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# EDITORIALS

## The Right Direction

In a recent city survey, 92% of the residents responding say that Livermore is a good place to live. John Marchand, Stewart Gary and Marshall Kamena want to build on these successes, continuing the good work that has brought satisfaction to so many in the community.

However, supporters of Barbara Hickman for mayor and Bobby Dale Burger and Laureen Turner for city council argue that the city is heading in the wrong direction. They state that their candidates if elected would reverse that course.

Voters might ponder what is "wrong" with what the current council and mayor have accomplished. They include an urban growth boundary that protects our surrounding open space and vineyards. The walkable, vibrant downtown features restaurants, movie theaters and the Bankhead Theater. In fact, the downtown revitalization program earned a Main Street Award. The long-term efforts that will continue to enhance the quality of life in the city include enticing the Paragon Outlet Center to locate in Livermore, and working to make the I-GATE and Livermore Valley Open Campus realities. Together, the outlet center and technology centers are predicted to produce over 9,500 jobs in the next five years. The city has balanced a budget that was \$16 million in the red without laying off police or fire personnel, or cutting core services. The unemployment rate has dropped to 6.6%, well below the state rate of 11.9%.

In response to community concerns, the council has made a number of course corrections, and then moved on to pursue additional jobs and economic growth for Livermore.

The "Say No to Everything" candidates have focused primarily on keeping BART on 580. However, all candidates agree on an Isabel station. It is the only station that can be funded in the next 20 or 30 years. If you want this BART station, Marchand and Kamena have the working relationship with the BART board and county leaders to obtain the millions that need to be included in the Measure B bond issue in the next six months.

To keep Livermore headed in what is seen by the vast majority of residents as the right direction vote for John Marchand for mayor and Marshall Kamena and Stewart Gary for city council.

## Innovative Strategies Funded

Pleasanton has put its money behind its goal of encouraging businesses and homeowners to improve energy and water efficiency.

The newly launched Upgrade Energy Pleasanton program is part of the city's climate action plan (CAP). The keystone of Pleasanton's CAP is to use incentives to encourage people to implement energy and water efficiency programs.

The city council last week authorized \$250,000 that would provide a \$500 rebate for projects under \$10,000, and \$1000 for those above \$10,000. Councilmember Jerry Thorne commented that he liked the idea of using a carrot rather than big stick regulations.

The program also includes a 10 percent discount in labor and material for upgrade work. It links interested parties with local contractors who have been trained and pre-qualified to participate in the program. Pleasanton has also included a water component to its program offering, among other items, a weather based water control device that would reduce by 30 percent current water use.

These and other provisions in Upgrade Energy Pleasanton are a sign that the city continues provide innovative strategies to protect the environment.

# Valley Congressmen Happy About Obama's Iraq Troop Speech

All three Valley Congressional representatives congratulated President Obama for planning to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq by the end of the year.

The announcement by Obama in a White House speech Oct. 21 closed nine years of American war in Iraq, in which more than 1 million Americans have served.

Obama said that 100,000 troops have been withdrawn. The remaining "tens of thousands" will be "home for the holidays."

Obama said the withdrawal completes his campaign promise to end the Iraq war. President Bush signed an agreement in 2008 with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki promising the troop withdrawal by the end of December 2012.

Obama said, beginning Jan. 1, we will begin a normal relationship between equal nations based on mutual respect.

Al-Maliki and Obama have agreed to convene a coordinating committee soon to work out the future partnership in trade, culture, and education. Al-Maliki will be invited to the White

House in December.

Rep. John Garamendi, whose district includes Livermore, said in a press release that many returning troops will be flown to nearby Travis Air Force Base. "I look forward to thanking many of them in person soon," he said. Garamendi's district includes nearby Fairfield.

"Every American willing to risk everything for our country is a hero, and deserves a hero's welcome. I recently visited Walter Reed hospital, where I met with wounded warriors and saw first-hand the devastating effects of war - sometimes visible, but often psychological," said Garamendi.

The congressman said that his staff is ready to help every returning combat veteran in the district "gain access to the resources they need to live long and fulfilling lives."

Garamendi said he was opposed to the invasion of Iraq. "I thought it was a war of choice that distracted our country from the very real threat of al-Qaeda

da."

"As we've seen in Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya, people-powered movements, sometimes with international assistance, offer a far more effective and affordable opportunity to rid the world of tyrannical regimes," said Garamendi.

Citing his own experience as a Peace Corps volunteer, Garamendi said, "An American hand extended in friendship can transform lives and even reshape the hearts and minds of people who have been traumatized by the specter of war."

Garamendi said that his web page at [garamendi.house.gov](http://garamendi.house.gov) contains information on resources for veterans and their families.

Rep. Jerry McNerney of Pleasanton told The Independent that Obama's announcement is a good move. "We spent the greater part of a decade, longer than World War II there. It's time for us to turn over their own security to that country."

With U.S. troops gone, Iraqi leadership will be motivated to

keep the country safe for their own protection, said McNerney.

However, there will be problems in Iraq. Some are unhappy that the Sunni Muslims are out of power. There will be terrorist acts. "They will be suffering for awhile. However, I'm hopeful they'll come out of it with some semblance of a democracy" said McNerney.

Rep. Pete Stark, whose current district includes Sunol and a southern slice of Pleasanton, issued a brief statement saying that he is happy to hear about the withdrawal by the end of the year.

However, Stark is concerned about the 4000 to 5000 contractors who will remain in Iraq. Obama said they are needed for protection of American diplomats, in addition to the standard detail of Marines assigned to all U.S. embassies.

Stark questioned whether the security contractors' continued presence squares with the notion that there will be a "true withdrawal of U.S. involvement."

## ECONOMY

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forward in growing these businesses."

White added that the Livermore economy is stable and showing signs of growth. One good sign is the drop in the unemployment rate, now at 6.6%. Last September the rate was 7%. Jobs are being created here. Over 450 new business licenses were issued for starts outside of the home. This will increase revenue for the city and bring in new opportunities for jobs.

Job loss has decreased. In 2010 there were 1000 lost in Livermore; to date in 2011 only 250 have been lost. Most of those people this year were reemployed within the companies where they had been working.

Kamena noted that the impact of the Lab and Sandia is driving the economic growth in the Tri-Valley. Roughly 2500 jobs will be created by technology from the two irrespective of i-GATE,

where it is anticipated there will be 5000 jobs added.

White said one area where the city would like to see more growth is in new manufacturing.

Other economic programs include workforce development, tourism and marketing, and arts and culture.

Catherine Ralston, Manager of Economic Development, discussed programs aimed at workforce development. She reported the following: The city provides layoff support for employees. The library operates programs where people seeking jobs are provided help with resumes, among other issues. Employers are asked what they need to have happen to hire people. The city will assist in the recruitment of employees. Job forums and small business workshops are offered, as well as help to businesses who may want to expand. They city

guides them through the permit process.

Ralston said of tourism and marketing, the city has done well. It was a start city for the 2011 Amgen Tour. "Livermore was described as one of the best cities the organizers had ever worked with," she stated.

The city has worked with the Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Livermore Valley Winegrowers on ways to promote Livermore. Marketing campaigns have been launched on television and radio. Ralston stated that one of the advertisements included a UR code, one of the first times the technology was used on television.

Rob White said that the UR code campaign was submitted along with 600 other ads and was selected as the top campaign. "The use of the UR code tells the story of science as well as tour-

ism in Livermore."

The final economic development area is arts and culture as related to the activities of the Commission for the Arts. Theresa de la Vega, Economic Development Specialist, reported, "Arts and culture are essential to the economic vitality and quality of life in a city."

Highlights over the past year include installation of the whale murals at the water treatment plant and the mural on the old firehouse in the downtown. The new urban art mural program decorating utility boxes moved forward. A new arts webpage has been added that is more interactive and includes walking art map and opportunities for artists.

Vice Mayor John Marchand said that he has heard many positive comments on the urban mural art program. "They really brighten up the downtown."

## MAILBOX

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Publisher's Note:

Last week, campaigners dropped at Livermore houses a piece supporting their slate for Livermore City Council that also criticizes my role in the community, and that of The Independent. Of course, this is just normal electioneering in the last days of a political campaign. It does, however, provide an occasion for me to give a short history of The Independent since its founding almost fifty years ago, and in so doing, to share its vision.

When I arrived in Livermore in 1962, I was taken by its unique mix of cultures — arts, science, viticulture and ranching. I felt that Livermore's resources and scenic beauty gave it the potential to become a cultural Mecca. Over time, I came to understand that an urban growth boundary not only would protect our surrounding hills and valleys against urban sprawl, but also would focus new development into the City's core. To me and others, it became clear that a revitalized downtown would generate greater revenue for the City's general fund than sprawl development, and would keep our business climate competitive with that of other Bay Area cities.

Whether attacked or applauded, The Independent has consistently focused since its founding in 1963 on these community objectives: a rich, cultural life and preservation of our surrounding open space.

In 1972, we were boycotted by advertisers who were not yet

ready for our editorials urging limitations on unbridled, sprawl growth. Thanks to generous community members who kept us afloat, we persevered, and survived. In recent times, objectives have changed. Business and labor interests have joined forces with environmental and cultural groups, all converging on the same Livermore projects and candidates, ones The Independent also supports.

In addition to advocacy in The Independent, I have been active personally in the community, investing both my time and resources in collaborative efforts to support the arts and open space. The Regional Theater, a project of the non-profit Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, serves as one example. Many with varied backgrounds have studied it carefully and believe strongly, as I do, that the Regional Theater is the catalyst that will bring new life and energy to the central portion of the downtown, just as the Livermore Cinema and

Bankhead Theater, a Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center facility, have transformed the eastern end.

Fighting for a cultural and environmental vision with economic and job creating benefits has been satisfying for me and all of us at The Independent. Over the years, we have seen Livermore, as well as neighboring Pleasanton, become model cities, flourishing with a breadth and quality of life that few communities can enjoy.

Joan Seppala  
Publisher and Founder,  
The Independent

## Bullying Story Fran English Livermore

This is written in response to Victoria Storti's letter "Bullying Story" which appeared in your October 13, 2011 edition. Storti's letter contains an ignorant understanding of API scores and a

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## CRIME

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Users are in need of money. Sweeney said that the three top priorities addressed by the department are drugs, gangs and traffic.

The most common problem is prescription drugs, mainly painkillers. When people can't obtain them, they resort to heroin. A big effort has been made to keep drugs off school campuses," he stated.

Gang activity spiked at the end of 2010 and the start of 2011. The department then reorganized its patrol officers. The change has been effective in reducing instances of gang activity, explained Sweeney. One of the key efforts to stop gangs is education. Presentations are made to groups on what to look for and what to do should they suspect gang activity.

Sweeney continued that the perception of increased gang activity is partly due to increased

media coverage. In addition, the department itself is reporting more of what is happening with crime in the city. Details can be found on the city's website.

Traffic is another area of focus with efforts focused on education, information and enforcement. The traffic unit conducts DUI checkpoints. These are funded by the state Office of Traffic Safety.

Livermore has created a mobile traffic education van. "People come form all over the state to borrow it. It is the only one like it in the state."

The department has won numerous awards for its traffic enforcement. Among those was selection by the California Highway Patrol Commissioner's Award for the Best Overall Traffic Safety Program in the state regardless of agency size.

An addition to the department is a new canine, who is very ef-

fective in sniffing narcotics. The dog is used on school campuses, said Sweeney.

One big change has been the merger of the Livermore and Pleasanton SWAT teams. "It is an experimental program," explained Sweeney. Both departments wanted the resource. However, it is very expensive to maintain. The merger has been successful. A final MOU completing the merger is being prepared.

Volunteers assist the department at events and in other areas.

Mayor Marshall Kamena said that he is impressed by the SWAT merger. "It is quite a nice move." Kamena pointed out that the city was able to trim its budget without laying off police officers. The reductions in staff have come through attrition, yet crime is stable and in some cases going down. Kamena asked if volunteers relieved sworn officers from some duties.

Sweeney said that they do. The reduction in crime is due to the work by the city and its residents, as well as the department.

He was asked about gang activity. Sweeney said that incidents tend to be in gang on gang and do not involve innocent bystanders. All officers are trained to deal with gang issues.

That was an echo of some of the information provided during the gang information forum.

Leading the forum were Officer Al Grajeda, a Livermore Police Officer recognized as an "expert" by Alameda County Court, who served four years in the gang unit and Officer Dave Blake, who also served on the gang enforcement team.

They told the 200 or so people present that gangs are largely Hispanic. However, there are other types such as white supremacist and bikers. Two primary gangs found in Livermore are the Nortenos (Norteners) also known as the Livermore Valley Mexicans (LVM), and Surenos (Southerners) the South Side Riders (SSR)/ Blue Rag Soldiers (BRS).

It was estimated there are 30 to 40 active gang members in Livermore. There was increased activity last summer. However, it has gone down.

Livermore police validate gang membership by completing identification cards and forwarding them to an intelligence analyst to compile. The identifying criteria include such things as clothing colors (red or blue) and tattoos. An officer would need 2 of 13 criteria to validate gang membership.

Most gang members are in high school or younger. They join

for a number of reasons. These include struggling in school, low self esteem, poverty, unemployment and substance abuse. Lack of parental involvement is one of the most important reasons. Those who join gangs may be looking for a sense of belonging or attention. Many parents are single and working long hours. Many feel helpless to deal with the problems.

Following the outbreak in gang activity last summer, several police officers and a Sergeant were assigned as adjuncts with gang work as a response to an increase in gang crimes. They aggressively patrolled gang areas and identified gang members. They worked with schools, juvenile/ adult probation, and CDC Parole. The result was that problems mostly stopped, gang related calls decreased, and gang graffiti dropped.

Community cooperation is needed to deal with gangs. Residents are asked to contact LPD when gang members congregate or if they see suspicious events or persons. For crimes in progress, specific information should be reported by calling 911.

Parents can also help by looking for indicators, such as aggressive/ defiant behavior at home, drop in schoolwork/ grades, problems at school, change of clothing type: oversize red or

blue; or with white or black shirt over top of colored shirts, obsession with gangster life-style: rappers with guns, posters, gang art, gang related friends, and use of marijuana and drugs.

Social networks are used for communication. Officers recommended that parents check in with their children's Facebook pages to see with whom they are talking. Officers are available to answer questions parents may have about whether or not a child is in a gang.

When it comes to transit gang violence, Officer Blake said he hasn't seen large groups coming in from other cities.

He said that citizens of Livermore don't have much to worry about with gang members coming after them as do members of competing gangs. However, they should be vigilant.

Police respond to neighborhood issues. For example, Ventura Avenue homeowners reported high gang activity; marijuana was being grown in a vacant house. When residents told police, it was taken care of and neighborhood residents fixed up the house.

Community groups are involved in efforts to stop gang activity. They include the Tri-Valley Community Foundation, which funds a Boys to Men after school program at Livermore High School.

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## MAILBOX

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misguided attack on Mendenhall Middle School Principal Susan Sambuceti—with the statement that Junction Middle School, under Sambuceti's management "had one of the lowest API scores in five years." Storti, as with most of the general public, has a shallow understanding of how API scores are generated for individual schools. It would be valuable for her to refer to the California Department of Education web site for clarification on how API is computed. I'm additionally disturbed by the comment that Junction will be brought "back on track" by the current principal.

While a Granada High School teacher, I received former Junction students as they moved on to 9th grade and found that not only were they academically prepared, they demonstrated character, enthusiasm, and a sense of responsibility. Junction did not at

that time appear to be "off track," whatever that means. This was several years ago while students were under Sambuceti's watch, providing evidence that (a) test scores don't tell the whole story, and (b) Sambuceti's work as a leader encompasses a dedication to educating the whole child.

As the parent of a current 7th grader at Mendenhall Middle School, I can attest to the fact that Sambuceti's leadership has been instrumental in creating an environment of high expectations, safety, respect, and tolerance of students who might otherwise become easy targets for bullies. This is evident in a mere walk across Mendenhall's campus during a school day. Sambuceti is a creative problem solver when it comes to dealing with student conflicts. I've experienced her skill in this first hand in her dealings with my child and have found the past year and a handful of months at Mendenhall have

been the best experience my son has had in Livermore schools. Ms. Storti owes Ms. Sambuceti an apology for an unfair and unfounded attack on her character and leadership.

### Response to Letter Linda Trame Livermore

At the beginning of the Mailbox column, there is a disclaimer saying that the opinions in letters do not reflect the opinions of The Independent. It also says that the Independent will not publish unsigned or anonymous letters. In spite of this someone decided to print an unsigned response immediately following the letter from John Stein concerning the Livermore Regional Theater (Independent 10-6-2011). I don't think I have ever seen such a response to an initial letter in any newspaper. The Independent has an editorial column in which to print the paper's stand on issues.

Please leave the Mailbox column to your readers.

### Cleanup Concerns Janis Kate Turner Livermore

A new Livermore Lab project to deal with toxic groundwater in the community is moving forward. The plan involves constructing a pipeline extension along Arroyo Seco and across Charlotte Way to Big Trees Park. The contaminated water will be pumped out of the aquifer, put in the pipeline, carried back to the Lab and treated in a special facility to remove hazardous constituents.

The plan represents progress in the Livermore Lab main site soil and groundwater cleanup because, now, the Lab will begin actual treatment of the "leading edge" of the off-site contaminant plume.

However, the Lab will have to build its pipeline through soils known to be contaminated with

plutonium, a long-lived radioactive element that is dangerous in tiny, microscopic quantities. The Lab's detailed design for the pipeline project does not adequately address this hazard.

Tri-Valley CAREs is hosting a community meeting at my home, located a few blocks from the contaminated plume, at 7 p.m. on November 3.

We will gather public comment on the importance of protecting workers and the community during pipeline construction. Experts will discuss dust suppression and air monitoring for contaminants as well as the federal Superfund law governing the cleanup process.

Interested members of the community are invited. Your input can make a positive difference. RSVP to 443-7148.

More information, including a flier with a pipeline extension map and the group's technical comments on the project, can

be found at [www.trivalleycares.org](http://www.trivalleycares.org).

### New Council Roger Lake Livermore

The choice for Livermore mayor and city council, if you boil it down to the basics, is simple. Are the present incumbents worthy of the trust of the community? I think not. They continue to focus on the desires of a very small, but vocal, well-funded minority.

They decided that the City of Livermore should co-sign for the regional theater bonds (\$184 million) for a term of 34 years. With this decision they have potentially indebted not just you, but your children and grandchildren.

This was the crowd that was pushing "downtown BART" down your throats, until the massive BART on 580 petition brought them to their senses.

It is their arrogance, huberus

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## MAYOR

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twenty years in office, making it look like a negative. He said that he felt that his service provides the experience needed to produce effective government.

Hickman declared, "I resent your accusation. My ethics and integrity will outdo yours any day."

The first part of the forum had all three candidates fielding questions provided by members of the audience, which almost filled the city council chambers.

In her opening and closing remarks, Hickman said that she is running because she believes the character of the city is at risk if the mind set of the current council prevails. She stated that she would respect the urban growth boundary. Hickman declared that important and controversial issues should go to a vote. Among those issues that she said should have been on the ballot for a voter decision are the BART extension, the regional theater, and the urban growth boundary.

Marchand said his goal is to keep Livermore a great place to live and raise families. He called the urban growth boundary the key element to preservation of Livermore's small town character and quality of life.

McKernan described herself as a proponent of the urban growth boundary and bringing business to Livermore. The project she is most interested in working on is the Livermore Valley Open Campus, with its educational and technological aspects. McKernan said that business should be happy to come to Livermore. The city shouldn't have to compete with Pleasanton and Dublin to attract business. She called herself the future, able to bring a fresh perspective.

When candidates were questioned directly about the urban growth boundary and vision for future growth, Hickman stated that she supports it. Infill development should take place on empty lots in the city before consideration is given to building anywhere else.

Marchand stated that the current council had approved four infill projects. Future growth would occur within the urban growth boundary.

McKernan's vision for growth was to propose strategic business growth focusing in the sustainable and green area.

The question about the urban growth boundary also asked candidates to state whether they support Livermore's request of a sphere of influence over Doolan Canyon. All of them replied that they did, seeing Doolan Canyon as creating a border between Dublin and Livermore.

Candidates were asked to state their ideas on business and job growth.

Marchand pointed to decisions made by the current council that are projected to bring over

6,000 jobs to Livermore over the next five years. These include I-GATE, the Livermore Valley Open Campus and Paragon Outlets. He noted that to encourage such development, the council had reduced fees.

McKernan said that she would look at continuing to reduce fees and the time it takes to obtain a permit. Businesses need to feel welcome here.

Hickman declared that she agreed with what the other candidates had stated. She proposed that the city ask some of the larger corporations, such as Google, to locate satellite offices in Livermore. Local employees of these businesses could then work in Livermore, eliminating their commute.

The regional theater is another issue candidates were asked to address. The question included whether a candidate supports a vote on the issue and the likelihood that the project could be stopped.

The theater is a project of the non-profit Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC).

McKernan said she supported a vote. "The city should afford voters a say, especially if the general fund would have to pay." As to whether or not it can be stopped, McKernan declared, "It's the will of the people that will decide. I can't tell 80,000 people we will go forward. Community support for the theater is important." She added that she believes the theater would provide benefits.

Hickman declared that millions of dollars have been committed to a project that will be built and run by a private organization. "If it were to fail, the city would be left holding the bag. In addition, constructing such a large building would change the character of a small town. People don't want to see parking garages built. The theater is a luxury we can't afford." She wants residents to be able to vote on the issue.

Marchand explained that the purpose of the regional theater is to serve as an economic engine continuing the revitalization of the downtown. It will provide \$400 to \$600 million in economic activity, plus many needed jobs. The tax increment funds that will help to pay for construction are accumulated as part of redevelop-

ment. They have to be spent to encourage new investment in the downtown. The theater provides that stimulus.

Should landfill money going to performing arts theaters go instead to a sports park was another question.

Marchand explained that the money is not the city's to allocate. It comes from Alameda County. He stated that if the agreement were reopened there is no guarantee the city would get those dollars back to pay for any Livermore project.

McKernan said the money should continue to go towards the performing arts theaters, unless directed otherwise by the county.

Hickman stated that it would be a great idea to use the money for a sports park. However, as long as the money goes to LVPAC, "we don't have a choice."

Candidates were asked to state their position on the BART extension. They all said it should remain on 580.

McKernan pointed out that Livermore has the support of at least 8000 residents for that route. Many had wanted to vote on the issue.

Hickman stated that BART should stay on 580 all the way to Greenville. As it stands now, it goes only to Isabel. "We have to make sure it ends at Greenville."

Marchand stated that the extension will stay on 580. The 9212 report commissioned by the council identified a site south of the freeway where transit oriented development could be accommodated without having to move the urban growth boundary. Measure B reauthorization could provide the funds to build the first phase.

The candidates were questioned whether the city had negotiated a sales tax deal in order to bring in Paragon Outlets.

Marchand said all of the candidates talk about providing incentives to bring in business. "This is a great agreement. It will ultimately result in 2000 jobs and will provide a positive long term economic impact." The deal was for the city to take the first one million in sales tax dollars; Paragon the second million. After that, all of the money comes to Livermore.

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Having not been privy to the negotiations, McKernan said that she had no comment. She would review the deal if elected.

Hickman expressed concern that the outlet mall won't succeed. "I don't see the jobs lasting. I hope it is successful."

Candidates were asked to relate what one project he or she would complete if elected.

McKernan said her focus would be on completing the Livermore Valley Open Campus. It is one of the most important development projects. It will continue to give back to the community with its elements of education and jobs.

Hickman said that she would work to get rid of the regional theater. "People don't want it. I would take it to a vote."

Marchand said his signature issue is preservation of the urban growth boundary. He would

work to realize the potential of I-GATE and the Livermore Valley Open Campus. He noted that the council had zoned 1600 acres for I-GATE where spin-off technology businesses could locate.

The final question asked what services that had been reduced would a candidate bring back and where would the money come from.

Hickman said she would continue her efforts to bring back the 4th of July celebration. The money will come from corporations and the community. To restore library services in Springtown, she would work with the main library. Police levels should be increased. She would look elsewhere in the budget for money to make that happen.

Marchand said that the city's role is to provide services, not

sponsor parades and festivals. Those are better accomplished through the private sector. He was proud that the city covered a \$16 million deficit without laying off fire and police personnel and preserving core services. He would like to see hours increased at the Springtown Library.

McKernan said that fire, police and other services need to continue. To do so, we need to bring in more money. "I'm a pro-business candidate. I want to bring in businesses so we don't have to make additional cuts and are able to restore services. She said that she had talked to the police and has been told that the gang task force is not the most important issue. The police personnel are able to handle it.

The complete forum can be seen at [livermorehistory.com](http://livermorehistory.com).

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# SPORTS NOTES



Photo is of the Bucs after the game in Livermore Junior Football League action.



Pictured are the Dublin Diamonds celebrating their move into first place in the League. They are (front row) Sophia Bueno, Kayla Grisham, Katie Demillo, Holly McRitchie, Celina Garcia, Makenna Toney, Vanessa von Sosen, Lucia Garcia; (back row) Coach Kevin, Raquel Espinosa, Megan Van Lare, and Coach Tony.



Olivia Zhu seeks a Rage teammate in U19 D3 action against the Union City Rebels. Olivia netted 3 goals in the game.



Pleasanton Rage's Sophia Shibliq, center, controls the ball against the Mustang Blaze in U10 girls soccer action on Saturday, Oct. 22. The Blaze beat the Rage Black team 1-0.



West Coast U9G Fury traveled to Pleasanton for a second match with the Rage. The Fury girls came to win with both offense and defense on fire. The West Coast girls took home a 5-0 victory to continue an undefeated season. Pictured is West Coast's Haiden Arruda making a move on a Rage defender.



Pictured is Haley Cook driving a ball to an awaiting target player. Cook allowed no goals in two hard fought matches between West Coast Katz and Mustang Freedom 1-0 Victory Saturday and the Walnut Creek Raptors 2-0 Victory on Sunday.



West Coast U12G Wild Fire headed to Fremont for a battle against a tough Mission Valley Gold team. In this league game, West Coast came out firing with six shots on goal in the first 20 minutes. Excellent defense and goal keeping by both teams kept the game to a 1 to 1 tie. Pictured is West Coast Forward Tori Diehl getting the edge on a defender.

## Cops vs. Cowboys

The 2nd Annual Cops and Cowboys fundraiser basketball game will be held Wed., Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Livermore High School main gym.  
The game will feature the Livermore Police Department vs Livermore High School Alumni.  
Tickets are adults \$6, and kids \$3 (youth free wearing a CYO jersey)  
The game will raise funds for the Lady Cowboys upcoming 2011-2012 basketball season. The Nov. 2 event will be an evening of basketball, performances and prizes. The Elite Defense Academy and LJFL Cheerleaders will be performing and a snack bar will also be available.  
Information can be found at <http://www.ladycowboynetwork.com/welcome.asp?url=htmln1adycowboys>

## West Coast Soccer

The West Coast Soccer Club U15 Katz played a pair of home games last weekend with a sound depleted by injuries, with an RAL league game on Saturday and a NorCal State Cup match on Sunday.  
Saturday's league game against the Mustang Freedom was a hard-fought, back and forth match. Despite lots of pressure and a number of scoring opportunities for the Katz, the first half ended with no score. They continued their stifling defense into the second half, led in the backfield by Niki Lutz, who erased a number of Freedom threats. At 45 minutes, in Kamryn Lipman (named as offensive MVP) netted a PK, and that proved to be all the scoring they would need in this very physical defensive battle, which ended in a 1-0 Katz victory.  
The girls were off to a fast start in Sunday's NorCal contest against the Walnut Creek Raptors, with offensive MVP Kylie Long tallying a goal off an assist from Grace Lara thirty seconds into the match. Despite the fact that the majority of the first half was played in the Raptors' end of the field, their defense held the Katz until the second half, when Kylie Long netted another goal, this time finishing off a cross from Sharon Singh at the 44 minute mark. Both teams had opportunities during the remainder of the half, but in the end, it was a defensive battle, anchored for the Katz by Vic Garza, and the game ended with a dominant 2-0 West Coast win to finish off a successful weekend.  
West Coast Soccer Club U14 G Wild continued their play in RAL on Saturday. Despite controlling most of the play in both the first and second half of the game the Wild found themselves down 1-0 with only 19 minutes left in the game.  
In a lopsided game vs Juventus, stand in goalkeeper Jessie Cahill only had to touch the ball 4 times the entire game as the Wild offense gobbled up any attack that the opponent created. The Wilds offense was not short on opportunities but struggled on several occasions to get the finishing touch. Finally with only 14 minutes left in the game Adilene Ruiz stepped up to whip in a beautiful corner kick that curved into the far post

and ultimately into the back of the net. The Wild went onto to shoot the opponent 10-4 but ended the game in a 1-1 draw.  
This first-year West Coast Soccer team is improving every game as they move up the table in the highest level playing league in Northern California called Regional Academy League (RAL)

## Livermore Fusion SC

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club results:  
**Division-4 (Recreation-Plus)**  
**U-10 Boys:** Barcelona 4, Destroyers 0: This was an important game for these U10 Rec-Plus teams as both have not lost a game all season. Barcelona scored early in the first half. Their ball control and field strategy gave them the advantage finishing the half at 2-0. The Destroyers fought back and came close to scoring but could not get past Barcelona's defense. Barcelona took the game 4-0 putting them in 1st place. Offense: Varoon Kini, Josh Kornegebel, Paul Wagoner (Barcelona); Andrew Macur, Patrick Connolly, Brett Oelrich (Destroyers); Defense: Jack Collins, Andrew Kim (Barcelona); James Dupery, Anthony Oppari, Edward Vilchis (Destroyers); Goals & Assists: Landon Scarpa, Nicholas Waizenegger, Andre Bussiere (Barcelona)

## Division-4 (Recreation/House) Girls

**Under-12:** Chaos 4, Kaos 4: Kaos defenders Carrone and Mullins kept the ball away from scoring range throughout most of the game while Linney (GK) and Geary (GK) swept the box clean of several shots. Chaos offense Stevenson, Meza and Koning were able to break through that barrier for 4 cumulative goals. Chaos' Meza (GK) and Rosendin (GK) fended off countless shots. Kaos strikers Woelk, Walling, and Balch were relentless and scored 4 goals. It was a masterpiece of Chaos/Kaos Saturday morning with both teams well-matched for a truly exhilarating game. Offense: Claudia Meza (G), Mikayla Koning (G), Ashley Dardak (Chaos); Heather Woelk (2G), Ariyana Walling (G), Destiny Balch (G) (Kaos); Defense: Claudia Meza, Taylor Lachman, Jennifer Hernandez (Chaos); Marie Linney, Ashley Geary, Isabella Carrone (Kaos); Goals & Assists: Savannah Stevenson (2G), Claudia Meza (G) Mikayla Koning (G) (Chaos); Heather Woelk (2G), Ariyana Walling (G), Destiny Balch (G) (Kaos)  
**Under-10:** Dynamite 4, Shockwave 2: The house team Dynamite defeated the Shockwave team 4-2. Both teams put up a fight but Dynamite won in the end. Offense: Sophia Michaels, Sarah Peters, Maddie Lovdahl (Dynamite); Sandra Sakaue (A) (Shockwave); Defense: Olivia Powers, Ashley McKinzie, Hannah Sandahl (Dynamite); Zaret Zamora, Chelsea Warner, Bianca Accosta (Shockwave); Goals & Assists: Cassandra Ward (2G), McKenna Howell (G), Noelle Rizzo (G) (Dynamite); Jordyn Patters (G), Elise Finnegan (G) (Shockwave)  
**Under-9:** Livermore Giants 5, Strikers 0: The Livermore Giants had a great game, starting out with a bang as Morgan Kuempel scored a goal right away. Jessica Vasquez scored two more goals, back to back, and

then Annette Rizzo scored the final goal of the first half. The second half, the Strikers had some great defensive plays, especially as Jackie Urban, who was playing goalie made several critical saves. Annette Rizzo scored the final goal of the game for the Giants in the second half. Offense: McKenzie Barker, Aria Roach (Giants); Parker Anderson, Katie Darling (Strikers); Defense: Ahmya Artis, Ashley Heikila (Giants); Hanna Ford, Jackie Urban (Strikers); Goals & Assists: Morgan Kuempel, Jessica Vasquez, Jessica Vasquez, Annette Rizzo, Annette Rizzo (Giants)  
**Under-8:** Thundercats vs The Crush: Offense: Audrey Galustian, Kyra Nishimoto (Thundercats); Gracie Contreras, Sophia Piper, Camryn Quartarolo (Crush); Defense: Ellie Hu, Callie Gendolfe, Cassidy Castro (Thundercats); Lauren Young, Sophia Piper (GK) (Crush)  
Soccer Sisters vs. Cheethats: The Soccer Sister team had a great game. The top players for the Soccer Sisters were Claire McGinnis, Wallis Bregman, and Calissa Smith.  
**Under-6:** Flower Girls vs Sparkly Ladybugs: Offense: Allison DeGuzman, Cassidy Bartolotto, Rachel Fuller (Flower); Nikki Ostien, Eliana Green, Sierra Bradford (Ladybugs); Defense: Zoe Marcel, Nani Isabella, Madison DeJesus, Jasmine Branda (Flower); Rebecca Jones, Sydney Goodwin, Aniella Zullo (Ladybugs)  
Kicking Unicorns vs Soccer Bunnies: Kicking Unicorns offense: Lilly Menges, Terra Kubiak, Katy Cannon, Olivia Draghi; Soccer Bunnies: Mackenzie Duffin, Arlene Jassar, Hailey Brackett, Riley Bateate; Kicking Unicorns defense: Kiara Franklin, Isabella Draghi, Sophia Glover; Soccer Bunnies: Hailey Gibson, Brooke Kor, Kyria Oki, Sarah Lovdahl  
**Under-5:** Sparkling Spaceships vs Rainbows: Offense: Lilah Makur, Eva Torico, Kaitlyn Stewart (Spaceships); Mea Neubauer, Alyssa Eaton, Avery Fowler (Rainbows); Defense: Ashleigh Tobec, Jessica Orthmann, Avery Maxwell (Spaceships); Jessica Seburn, Manikua Ribabaiti, Madison Swansiger (Rainbows)

## Pleasanton Ballistic

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club results:  
**BUSC U19 Select** closed out the regular season with a hard-fought 3-1 victory over the ASBC Azzuri. As was the case the day before, the Select started slowly and it cost them. A giveaway deep in their end resulted in a transition attack by the Azzuri and it was slotted home by the striker for a 1-0 deficit in the 12th minute. As opposed to the previous day, the Select bore down and kept pressure on the Azzuri end, and it paid off. Alex Lutz made a tremendous individual effort to chase down a ball into the right corner, fight off two Azzuri defenders, and chip the onrushing keeper. Jake Lorentz waited patiently and deftly headed it in for the 1-1 tie in the 45th minute.  
In the second half, center backs Morgan Melendez and Eric Brooks settled the back line, and it gave the Select time to press up. Lutz took a quick throw-in to Ian Newbery on the right sideline. Finding a slot between Azzuri defenders, Newbery went to goal and lofted a back post shot that found net in the 65th minute for the 2-1 lead. Lutz was rewarded for his helpers by Brandon Cohen, who slotted him to goal in the 75th minute on a run down the right. Lutz drew out the GK and went low and away for the 3-1 final. The Select finished 8-6-5, 6-2-2 in CCSL, and will regroup in the spring for the Association Cup.  
BUSC U19 Select came in needing a

win to stay in the league race, but despite an electric start, fell to the Montclair Clippers 4-2. The Select strung 3 passes to find Jackie Urban, who was playing goalmouth in the first 10 seconds but a cross went by two Select attackers and was cleared away. The game was even until two disastrous minutes when defensive breakdowns in the 7th and 9th minutes put the Clippers up 2-0. The Select battled back in the 12th when Ian Newbery pressured his man back towards his own goal. Tyler Briggs stole the ball and converted unassisted to cut the deficit to one. However, another lapse late in the half found the Clippers again making the Select pay and they converted in the 43rd minute for a 3-1 half time lead.  
The Select reorganized and kept pressure on the Clippers defense, and it led to a PK converted by Jake Lorentz in the 51st. The Select had their opportunities but could not make the Clippers regret them, and they hung on to the 3-2 lead. As the Select pushed up in the last 5 minutes playing for the tying goal, the Clippers added one in the 86th for the 4-2 final.  
**U13 Ballistic United Premier 99** boys got off to a slow start in Saturday's NorCal Under 13 Gold league action vs Alliance FC Diablos. The first half was all Pleasanton as the home team held the ball for long stretches of play on the attacking half of the field. The possession created six scoring opportunities but zero goals in the first 5 minutes of the game. In the 11th minute Kyle McClanahan's free kick opened the scoring with a brilliant 22 yard shot from the left side of the field that found its way over the keeper and into the goal. Ballistic continued to circulate the ball and create shots but the half ended 1-0 Pleasanton.  
In the second half Ballistic quickly went to work as Jason Campbell finished Daniel Ferguson's cross at the far post. Energized, the Pleasanton team held the ball and continued to attack the Alliance goal with renewed fury. Ryan Murray took an excellent pass from Nick Carreon that the Pleasanton Midfielder finished to the near post from 28 yards. Garrett Howell intercepted a goal kick and scored unassisted to the far post. A minute later Jason Campbell scored his second goal of the game heading home Howell's free kick for a 5 to 0 lead  
Alliance then cut the lead to 5-2 with back to back strikes. Things ramped up the last 7 minutes of the game as Ballistic scored 4 goals in succession. Tucker struck first in the 68th minute as Ryan Murray's corner kick found its way to Bryce Taylor. Taylor backed headed the ball for Tucker who finished from 8 yards out. In the 71st minute Ballistic scored again via a Murray corner kick as Kyle McClanahan was able to knock the short kick over to Taylor. Taylor quickly turned and finished near post. Tucker completed a hat trick with goals in the 72nd and 73rd minutes with assists from Murray and Howell.  
Ballistic finished the game with an impressive 37 shots on goal. The team improves to 4 wins, 1 loss, 1 tie in league play.  
**Under-12:** The Pleasanton BUSC U-12 Rampage defeated the Raiders, 7-1. Top offensive players for the Rampage include forwards Danny Lopez with 4 goals and Jake Bell, Anthony Campa and Ian Rondoni shooting 1 goal each. Jake Bell and Josh Ose are each credited with a goal-assist. Top Defensive Players include Jake Bell whose lightning fast sprints in the backfield ensured that no Raider forwards could get near the

Rampage goal, Adam Chase who was always in the right place at the right time with some nice footwork, Mark Vera whose on-field play and spectacular goalie saves were such fun to watch, and Luke Carter, Arnab Bhalla and Mustafa Afzal who all executed great defensive plays.

## Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage Soccer Club results:  
**The Rage U19D3 Orange** used Olivia Zhu's 5-minute hat trick to quell the Union City Rebels 7-1 at Val Vista on Sunday. After the Rage jumped out to a 2-nil lead on the strength of Kiley Zieker's strike from a sharp left angle and Haley Boehmer's finish of a multi-pass sequence from Arielle Siegel and Kiley, the short-handed Rebels rose up with a break-away goal of their own to cut the deficit to 2-1. That's when Olivia went to work, scoring three times in the last 5 minutes of the half with a goal from Nayo Clinchard sandwiched between Olivia's last two for a 6-1 halftime lead. Early in the 2nd half, Haley converted Mary Gruen's long cross with a half-volley into the net for a 7-1 score. Kelsey Milligan and Dana Syriani kept up the pressure in midfield and defense. Top Offensive Players: Olivia Zhu, Haley Boehmer, Kiley Zieker; Top Defensive Players: Kelsey Milligan, Dana Syriani, Megan Smart  
The Rage Orange U19D3 used a quick start and incessant attack to control the Mission Valley Chaos 5-2 in their final competitive game on the familiar Pleasanton Sports Park pitch on Saturday. Captain Mary Gruen got the scoring started 7 minutes after the kickoff with a point-blank conversion of a rebound from fellow captain Madison Nethery's strong left-footed try. Haley Boehmer doubled the score 25 minutes later when she took Murray's pass and blasted home a strong shot from outside the area. In the second half, Nayo Clinchard doubled the score by first completing a determined run with a put back after her initial shot was deflected by the goalie. A few minutes later, Nayo made it 4-nil for the Rage when she was able to deftly control Olivia Zhu's well-placed corner kick and send her shot past the goalie. After the Chaos tried to sew confusion in the Rage and their fans with two goals, Arielle Siegel closed out the scoring with a strike 5 minutes before the game's end. The team's third captain, Sarah Machado, proved her usual strength on defense along with stalwarts Kara Matsune and Autumn Whitney. Top Offensive Players: Nayo Clinchard, Mary Gruen, Arielle Siegel; Top Defensive Players: Sarah Machado, Kara Matsune, Autumn Whitney  
**Rage Grey U-11** overcame a one goal deficit at half time to finish with a 3-1 victory over the Tri-Valley Force in Saturday's game in San Ramon. In the first half, Grey forwards Hannah Gossett and Mary Tincher took shots that were stopped by the Force's goalkeeper. The Force girls answered back with multiple shots of their own, including one in the 13th minute that dramatically hit the cross bar out of reach of Rage's goalie. Defender Julianna Pereira stepped in and cleared the ball from the box. Not to be deterred, the Force pulled ahead by one goal in the sixteenth minute. In response, Rage Grey defenders redoubled their efforts to keep the ball away from the net, and Grey's forwards continued assailing the Force's goal with shots by Isabella Huyler and Karin McCarty. Mid-fielder Emily Tincher and defender Zoe Moura both took shots as well, but none found the net.

Within the first two minutes of the beginning of the second half, Rage Grey girls began showing what they are capable of. Emily Esparza scored Grey's first goal of the game off an assist from forward Isabella Clark. Devyn Baldus fired off a shot in the 5th minute that was denied by the Force's defensive unit. Ten minutes later, Huyler took a corner that found E. Tincher who crossed it to her twin sister, Mary, who scored the second Grey goal. In the 20th minute, Esparza passed the ball to Eknoor Kaur, who scored the final goal of the game.  
**Rage Gray U14** defeated the Black U14, 3 to 2. Tough ending to a hard played game by the Black team. Goals scored by Ali Jackson and Ashley Groth. Kate Chase had several great saves-one over her head. Excellent defensive plays by Darcy and Avery. Top honors to Samantha Osterholt for some aggressive pressure on the Gray team. Top Offensive Players: Ali Jackson, Ashley Groth; Top Defensive Players: Samantha Osterholt, Avery Mahdavi, Darcy Khron, Kate Chase  
**Rage U14 Black** defeated the Dublin Hot Shots, 4 to 1. Ali Jackson scored back-to-back goals, along with a monster kick by Ashley Groth and a turbo kicked goal by Loren Roundtree. Shivi Bhatnagar and Kyra Stemplinger worked the field to fend off goals along with goalie, Bridget Moe. Top Offensive Players: Ali Jackson, Kyra Stemplinger, Ashley Groth, Loren Roundtree; Top Defensive Players: Shivi Bhatnagar, Bridget Moe.  
**Rage Black U10** continued its inspired play on Saturday when it suffered a heart-breaking 1-0 loss to the Mustang Blaze in U10 Girls Bronze East league play at Diablo Vista Middle School. Sophia Shibliq spearheaded Pleasanton's attack, as she teamed with speedy Amanda Dilger, Andrea Harding and Paige Oniki to control the action. Aggressive play from Lydia O'Brien, Lucy Becker and Samantha Lipsker also helped Pleasanton force the Blaze back on their heels for stretches.  
The game's only goal came 12 minutes into the second half when Mustang's Brooke Balthasar tapped in a shot after a mad scramble in front of the Rage's goal. Balthasar had four of Mustang's 10 shots on goal. Anne Marie Santich and Mackenzie Chandler of the Blaze assisted on the score. After Dilger-led attacks down the left flank highlighted the Rage's first-half offense, Shibliq and Oniki accounted for most of Pleasanton's second-half pressure. They helped the Rage keep the ball inside the Mustang box, but sweeper Audrey Biekert led a strong Blaze push back.  
Livermore Fusion FC White 4, Pleasanton Rage 0: After displaying perhaps its finest effort of the season for most of the first half, the Rage saw Livermore's Megan Garka score on a breakaway during extended time to send the Fusion on its way to a 4-0 U10 Girls Bronze East league win at the Pleasanton Sports Park. Lydia O'Brien, Andrea Harding, Sophia Shibliq and Paige Oniki keyed Pleasanton's first-half surge that produced six shots directed toward goalie Lisette Hernandez. Samantha Lipsker's hustle from the forward line also helped the Rage. Meanwhile, Pleasanton was keeping the Fusion in check, thanks to strong defensive efforts from Julia Damiani, Olivia Murphy and Harding.  
However, after a quick sideline throw-in, Livermore's Garka broke away and scored on a short-range shot despite a strong effort from goalie Kelly Meyrath, who had 11 saves in all.

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**Rage Grey U-11's Zoe Moura wins for the ball in Saturday's game against Tri-Valley Force.** (Photo courtesy of Warren McCarty.)

The Fusion stayed comfortably ahead thanks to three goals during a six-minute stretch late in the game. Garka added her second goal and lightning-quick teammate Jillian Collom scored the other two goals.

**Top Offensive Players:** Sophia Shibaq, Lydia O'Brien, Amanda Dilger, Lacy Becker; **Top Defensive Players:** Andrea Harding, Paige Oniki, Julia Damiani

**Rage U10 Grey team** won handily on Saturday, 3-1, over Lamorinda at the Pleasanton Sports Park. The offensive firepower was provided by Annika Laberge-Shusterman, who had 2 goals, and Drew Pagtakhan, who added another. Julia Balesteri controlled the mid-field while Kendall Harris and Hanna Lurie played great defensive games. **Top Offensive Players:** Annika Laberge-Shusterman, Drew Pagtakhan; **Top Defensive Players:** Julia Balesteri, Kendall Harris, Hanna Lurie

**Pleasanton Rage Division 4 Under-8:** Mountain Lions and Monarchs put on a tremendous display of talent and sportsmanship on a warm sunny fall day. Both teams exhibited strong offensive skills. Midway through the season, the players' development was clearly evident. **Top Offensive Players:** Leila Lyons, Sophia Minnie, Gwem Buteau - Mountain Lions; **Top Defensive Players:** Olivia Martin, Julia Buteau, Jewels Smith - Mountain Lions

**Under-9:** The Pumas and the Pirates clashed on the high seas this past weekend, and in the end the Pirates were sunk! Natshelly Campos scored multiple goals with her cannon of a right foot. Emily Cassetti played her best game yet for the Pumas, both in goal and in the field. Taci Wieser put up a wall of pain on defense and sent the Pirates to walk the plank. **Top Offensive Players:** Natshelly Campos - Pumas; **Top Defensive Players:** Emily Cassetti - Pumas

**Under-12:** The Bay Cats met the Blitz on a sunny early morning dew covered field for a thrilling back and forth struggle. The short handed Bay Cats played strong defense after going down one goal early on. The Bay Cats offense took many shots on goal in an exciting bid to recover.

**Scores:** Blitz 1, Bay Cats 0; Xtreme Tigers 1, Her-Ricanes 3; **Top Offensive Players:** Lulu Castaneda, Ems Matei, Panda Panaga - Bay Cats; Jamison Gray, Mollie McKay, Audrey Emmett - Her-Ricanes; **Top Defensive Players:** Esha Chawla, Lauraur Dennen, Anna Pham - Bay Cats; Allison Defazio, Hailey Hogarty, Kyra Shah - Her-Ricanes

**Under-14:** Rowdies 1, Ladyhawks 0: Saturday marked the final of three games between the Ladyhawks and the Rowdies with the first two ending in a tie. On Oct 2nd, both teams had outstanding defense including the sister team of Daniela and Maya Block for the Ladyhawks and Maggie Cirvas and Rachel Schockley of the Rowdies. In the last five minutes of a scoreless game, Rachel Butler threw the ball into Megan Cavanaugh, who took a shot and scored the only goal of the game. **Top Offensive Players:** Megan Cavanaugh, Rachel Butler, Rachel Schockley - Rowdies; **Top Defensive Players:** Maggie Cirvas, Daniela Block, Maya Block - Rowdies



The Livermore Fusion SC U11 Girls "blue" Sacramento away this weekend as they competed in the annual Boofest Tournament there. Not only did the girls compete on the field in true Fusion fashion, dressed as smurfs, they won the funniest costume contest. Pictured above are the teams and their trophies. Pictured are (top row) Team Manager Lora Silva, Kylie Zentner, Coach Matt Fitchett, Alaina Sekany, Nicole Fairbanks, Kayla Jones, Hayli Edwards, Lauren Meeker, Camille La Blanc, Kaitlin Krakoski, Taylor Kirkpatrick, Madison Hood; (middle row) Lindsay Harnish, Hailey Hahlbeck, Kamy Farro, Kailee Haskins, Alexa Clatt, Stephanie Boschee, Maggie Rae McPeck, Abby Harnish, Alyssa Silva, Lauren Moore; and (bottom row) Cassidy Bates, Ashley Cole, and Emily March.

The second touchdown of the game when safety Raymond Carlson picked off a deep throw and returned it all the way for the score. Another Troy Wentworth to Alex Schicke pass converted the extra point and gave the Falcons a 14-0 lead. Among the defensive standouts, brothers Ryan and Parker Brandt combined for 14 tackles and Ryan Brandt recovered a fumble as well. Raymond Carlson effectively patrolled the secondary and Ryan Carlson contributed 7 tackles. Joseph Murphy was in on 5 tackles and added to the special teams successes with a booming 45 yard punt that trapped the Dolphins inside their own 10 yard line. Defensive end Mitchell Dennis also delivered several tackles throughout the game.

**49ers 6, Ravens 6**  
**Junior Division:** Bucs 25, Raiders 19: The Bucs and Raiders were very evenly matched this week. The Raiders may have scored the first touchdown but the extra point was denied. The Bucs took the ball back and Hunter Kronmal ran about 70 yards for the first touchdown for the Bucs the extra point was good. Defense work extra hard today getting in the back field several times and pushing the ball carrier back for negative yardage. Dylan Clinton made some great tackles today as did Elijah Hodgers and Shane Waechler. Cameron Stephenson & Julian Quagler worked together to take down one of the Raiders ball carriers. Cameron Stephenson had a big run for the punt return team. The Bucs offense worked hard to keep their lead Joseph Jonas had a touchdown today along with Hunter Kronmal's 3 touchdowns. Andrew Hernandez has been working very hard as center, the ultimate multi-tasker, snap & block. Great blocking by the entire offensive line helped out a lot today.

The Raiders ended their regular season with a loss to the Bucs 19 to 25 but played with high intensity and heart. On their first position of the game and trying to keep the drive alive on 4th down and 8 yards to go, Logan Church carried the ball, cut back to the middle from the outside and ran for a 45 yard touchdown assisted by excellent blocking by the front line of Harrison Meadows, Dylan Mesarich, Ethan Payne, and Aidean Buenostro. Jaxen McLaren added six more points with a long, 50 yard quarterback run with key blocks by Brody Miller and Benjamin Nuddelman. It wasn't until the 4th quarter that the Raiders got 7 more points on the board with Logan Church running for 35 yards down the sideline and Jaxen McLaren running it in for the extra point. The Raiders defensive did a good job of stopping the run and filling the gaps with their secondary made up of Royal Jones, Elijah Nuddelman, and David Woodbridge. Drew Braudrick was all over the field with key touchdown saving tackles and a fumble recovery on kick off to open up the second half. Drew was also in the backfield along with Caelan Roberts and Duncan Maloney making tackles and causing the Bucs to loose yardage to stall their drives. Damian Sandoval also contributed on goal line stands by filling the run lanes to keep the Bucs out of the end zone.

Vikings 41, Texans 19: The Vikings ended their season undefeated, beating the Texans 41-19. Top plays include, a touchdown pass thrown by quarterback, Hunter Musgrave to Zach Sandoval. Top defensive

plays and outstanding tackles were made by: Ian Humes, Riley Cornelius, Daniel Owen, and Kendall Hornbeck.

## Dublin Soccer

Dublin United Soccer Club results:  
**U10 Division 1 Girls:** Dublin Diamonds U10 Silver girls team moved into first place in league this weekend with 2 wins. On Saturday, the Diamonds dominated and beat Mission Valley 7-0. Sophia Bueno scored 3 goals, Kayla Grisham had 2, Holly McRitchie and Vanessa von Sosen each scored 1 goal. Katie Demillo, Celina Garcia, Raquel Espinosa, Luciana Garcia, and Megan Van Lare played very strong defense and provided great midfield support. Goalies Vanessa von Sosen and Makenna Toney played well in the goal with many diving saves to shut out Mission Valley.

On Sunday, the Diamonds played FCA Lightning in a very close exciting game ending in the Diamonds favor 3-2. Sophia Bueno scored 2 nice hard shots from the right side. Kayla Grisham shot the ball high and was deflected in the goal off the head of a FCA Lightning player. Katie Demillo, Celina Garcia, Luciana Garcia and Megan Van Lare played tight defense. Goalies Raquel Espinosa and Vanessa von Sosen made multiple saves. Makenna Toney and Holly McRitchie constantly pushed the ball up the field to create many opportunities. All the Diamonds played very well, and this win moved the Diamonds into first place in the league standings.

## Seahawks Host Tri-Meet

The Pleasanton Seahawks (PLS) hosted a Tri-Meet at the Dolores Bengston Aquatic Center in Pleasanton October 14 & 15. The PLS Age-Group swimmers had a standout showing with many competitors posting Lifetime Best Swims and New Cuts.

**Pre-Novice:** Lifetime Best Swims (LTB): Adora Do - 25 free/25 breast, Adam Valentine - 25 back, Nikita Gautham - 100 free/25 back/25 breast/50 back/25 breast, Maya Rosenberg - 25 back, Alice Sun - 25 free, Madison Schooley - 25 free/25 back, Vivian Sun - 25 breast, Vasuki Rao - 25 free/100 free/50 back/25 breast/50 fly, Vaishnavi Rao - 25 free/50 back/25 breast/50 fly, Gibson Sacramento - 25 free/25 breast, Dominick Wmosaputra - 25 back, David Yang - 100 IM

**Novice I:** Christina Coatney and Max Cory completed the USA Swimming IM Ready Award; LTB: Amala Rao - 25 back, Max Cory - 25/50 back/100 IM, David Peck - 50 free, Varun Rao - 50 back, Andrew Li - 50 freestyle/50 breast, Karna Mendonca - 50 free/breast; B Times: Christina Coatney - 5; Josh Atr - 4 with LTBs 25 free/ 50 back/25 breast; Amala Rao - 4, Max Cory - 4; A Times: Christina Coatney - one; Other Good Swims: Sophia Stiles, Derek Shue, Justin Shue

**Novice II:** 100% LTB: Emily Lewis, Dhruv Sagar, Samira Ravilisetty, Dalynn Miller; New B Times: Aven Lee - 100 free 1:49.20, Dalynn Miller 25 back/25 free; Great Swims: Emily Tsai dropped 22 seconds 50 fly,



Pleasanton Seahawks' Junior Group competitors from the PLS hosted Tri-Meet Swim Competition.

went 55.05/50 back, Madhav Vats 1:00.58/50 breast, Joshua Ko 1:49.20/100 IM  
**Intermediate II:** 100% Best Times: Mattias Bengtsson, Riya Joshi, Racheal Ko, Minseok Bu, Sam Huo, Anirudh Surapaneni; New A Times: Mattias Bengtsson 50 back; New B Times: Sam Huo 50 breast; Big Drops: Medha Gautham 50 back/4.85 seconds

**Pre-Junior Group:** New B Times: Isabella Chin, Rachana Mukkamala, Catharine Ren, Sydney Rosenberg, Justin Huang, Hunter Pace; New A-times: Duhita Gondhalekar, Lily Hu, Sruthi Mukkamala, Lara Serban, Vrushali Wagh, Calvin Chui, Kyle Kenny, Alex Ren, Ben Song, Nick Wonosaputra; 100% Best Times: Sruthi Mukkamala, Sydney Rosenberg, Vrushali Wagh, Justin Huang, Hunter Pace, Ben Song; Completed IMX Challenge Events: Calvin Chui, Kyle Kenny, Alex Ren, Lara Serban

**Junior Group:** Best Times: Katherina Cory - 3, Tanaya Gondhalekar - 3, Grace Kim - 50 back/100 fly, Christy Neufeld - 200 free/50 back/200 IM, Niklas Bengtsson - 2, Kevin Gao - 3, Aditya Gupta 200 free, Paarsa

Heidari - 200 IM, Alex Kuang - 4, Will Rose - 4, Ben Sproul - 2; 100% Best Times: Laurel Heckman, Izzy Thorn, Jonathan Mui, Olivier Rooney, Tim Yao; A Times: Alexa Bui - 5; Junior Olympic Cuts (JO): Sofia Barrera - 100 fly, Paulina Umansky - 4, Nja Zuniga - 100 fly, Justin Tsai - 50 back; Far Western Cut: Emma Valentine - 200 free; Matthew Neufeldswam first 1000 free; Miranda Heckman continued to move up the PLS All Time Top Ten list in every event

## Little Leagues Sign Up

Livermore Little Leagues are holding waitlist registration on Oct. 22 and Nov. 5 for the 2012 season, from 10am-2pm at the Livermore High School Student Union. Players who will be 5 yr-18 yr. on or before April 30, 2012 are eligible to register. Every player must provide proof of residency and new players need to provide Birth Certificate.

Not sure which league to register with? All three leagues will be there on these days. (continued on page 8)

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# Amador Senior Will Play at a Bowl Game

Amador Valley High School band students will be focused on their TV sets Jan. 7 to see their band's very first all-American selection for an Army Bowl game.

Ian Toy, whose outstanding musicianship, won him a spot on the 51-member U.S. Army All-American Bowl will play baritone horn when the band marches during the half-time at the Alamo Dome in San Antonio.

Capt. Brent Barnes from Army ROTC on the UC Berkeley campus presented the official marching band gear to Ian at a ceremony at Amador Valley on Oct. 20.

At least 80 band members, cheering loudly and frequently, showed their appreciation for Ian's accomplishment.

Ian was brief in his acceptance speech. He declared, "I'm looking forward to it, as I close out my high school career."

Barnes said that Ian relied on his family, friends and the band, and congratulated band teacher John Grantham.

Grantham said, "Ian is the first Amador student ever chosen for this band." He told Ian, "It is a pleasure to see your growth as a student."

Ian's parents, Ed and Lauren Toy, were seated on the impromptu dais. There wasn't anyone else musical in the family, Ed Toy told The Independent, although Ian's great grandmother, Margaret Flaherty, was a chorus

girl in the Ziegfeld Follies in New York.

Flaherty was an ancestor of Lauren Toy, who said that her son's musical talent really comes from his own effort. Lauren said her son's award is a great honor for the band. "Amador has been a great experience, and everything that Mr. Grantham has done has been good," she said.

Ian began school music in the 5th grade at Walnut Grove Elementary School, continued at Harvest Park Middle School, before entering Amador Valley.

Also up on the dais was Ashley Ybarra, an Amador senior who has signed up for the Army at the recruiting center in Livermore. Staff Sgt. Alexander Voss, who staffs the Livermore center, was also introduced.

The game itself pits a West team of high school players vs. an East team. The roster on the bowl's web page shows many Southern Californians on the West team. The East is dominated by players from North Carolina and Georgia.

Perhaps the most famous bowl player is Barry Sanders of Oklahoma. He is the son of the NFL Hall of Famer by the same name, who played his college ball at Oklahoma, and professionally for the Detroit Lions.

The game will be televised on NBC. A short film promoting the bowl game will be shown on Versus on Nov. 13.



Ian Toy holds the hat he will wear during the performance.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

# Volunteers Sought to Help Build Playground

Eden Housing and 24 Hour Fitness are looking for volunteers to help build a new playground at Stoney Creek Apartments in Livermore.

Stoney Creek is a 70 unit affordable apartment rental community that serves low-income families in Livermore. The children living there do not currently have a playground within walking distance. The brand new playground will replace two aging play structures that are no longer safe for the children's use.

The playground will be built from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fri., Nov. 4 at 5896 East Avenue,

Livermore. Anyone over the age of 18 with a desire to make a difference is invited to help. No prior experience is necessary, just willing hands.

Already signed up are more than 200 volunteers from 24 Hour Fitness and Eden Housing, organizers from KaBOOM! and residents of Livermore. The new playground's design is based on drawings created by children who participated in a Design Day event in September. This project is funded by 24 Hour Fitness and coordinated by KaBOOM!.

For more information or to sign-up to volunteer, please contact (510) 247-8101 or at RSVP@edenhousing.org.

# Halloween Carnival Set This Saturday in downtown Livermore

The 3rd Annual Downtown Halloween Carnival Saturday will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. this Sat., Oct. 29.

There will be activities for families with children in the 5th grade and younger.

There will be a Costume and Scream Contest, Carnival Games, Activities and some Surprise Entertainment compliments

of Marcel Orthodontics.

To participate, children will need to purchase a \$5.00 Fun Pass that will give them access to all of the downtown activities.

Passes are available at the booths, day of the event, at Livermore Valley Plaza and J Street.

The event is hosted by Livermore Downtown, Inc. For information, go to www.livermoredowntown.com.

# SPORTS NOTES

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A boundary map will be provided. Questions visit the websites, eteamz.com/hill, eteamz.com/hall or granadatiliteleague.net

## Lacrosse Registration Open

Join the fastest growing sport in North America. Registration for the Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Spring 2012 season is now open. Boys and girls teams are forming for players born between Sept. 1, 1996 and Aug. 31, 2004. The season runs mid-January through May. Registration closes Oct. 31. Teams are filling fast. Register on-line at www.phantomlacrosse.org.

## Race to the Flagpole

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

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

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

Every participant will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Awards will be given to the top finishers in each age division. All schools in Livermore will have a chance to compete for a participation award. The school with the most participants will receive a \$250 cash donation for their school. There will be an awards ceremony and a tribute to our veterans and flag.

For more information, visit www.livermoregranadaboosters.org. Application forms can be downloaded or registration can be made online. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please contact Mike Nagel, Race Director, at 925-667-6535 or email flagpolerace@yahoo.com.

## Bowling for Baseball

Livermore High School baseball is hosting a Bowling Tournament to raise money for the season. The cost is \$15 per person or \$90 for a team of six. The tournament will be on December 3 from 6-8pm at the Granada Bowl. Those interested in participating, please contact David Perotti at dperotti@ljvsd.k12.ca.us or 925-586-2811 or go to www.eteamz.com/LHScowboysbaseball for more info.

## Halloween Run/Walk

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will host the inaugural Halloween Spirit 5K Run & Walk and Kids' Challenge on Sunday morning, October 30, in downtown Pleasanton. The start will be at the Main Street Arch.

The challenge will benefit the Pleasanton Rotary Club's general charity, which focuses on projects in the Tri Valley. To date, the Rotary Club of Pleasanton has donated more than one million dollars to various charities.

5K Run or Walk is flat and fast certified course, which includes closed and monitored streets and a portion of the nearby Arroyo Trails, part paved and part trail surfaces. The 5K start will just be a few hundred feet west of the arch, on Main Street, with the finish line set up right underneath the arch. The Kids' Challenge is a number of age-specific 100-yard dashes (for children ages 2-8) on the closed portion of Main Street, also finishing underneath the arch.

Trophies will be awarded to the top male and female finishers, as well as the top male and female Masters (over 45-years old) winners. In addition, medals are given three deep in designated age groups for both male and female participants. Each child participating in the Kids' Challenge will receive a finisher ribbon and a cookie from Mr. Cookie, himself.

Entry are \$5 ages 2 to 8 kids' challenge pre-registered, \$10 race day; \$20 5K run/walk elementary and middle school students pre-registered, \$25 race day; \$20 each all events families of four or more pre-registered, \$25 race day; \$30 5K run/walk high school students and adults pre-registered, \$35 race day.

All participants will receive a com-

memorative orange and black T-shirt, goodie bag, refreshments (including ice cream), and will each receive a ticket to a huge after-race raffle. The 5K Run and Walk will start at 9:00 a.m. The Kids' Challenge events will begin around 10:15 a.m. Check-in and race-day registration will open 6:30 a.m.

Final online registration will close at midnight 10/27. Packets will be available for pick-up on race day.

For more Halloween Spirit Run information and/or to download and application to mail in your entry fee, contact On Your Mark Race Events at 209-795-7832, or visit their website. Online registration is also available on active.com.

## Cal vs. Granada

Tri-Valley TV will be at Cal High School to cover the Granada at Cal football game this Fri., Oct. 28. The show will not air live. Tri-Valley TV 30 will begin broadcasting the game on Comcast TV channel 30 and AT&T U-verse via channel 99 on Saturday, October 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Granada at Cal TV 30 broadcast schedule: Saturday at 7 p.m. and 1 a.m., Sunday at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., Tuesday at 10 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.

In addition, the game is scheduled to stream live and be available via Video on Demand at our website at www.trivalleytv.org the following Wednesday, November 2, DVDs of the games may also be purchased via the website.

Hosts from TV30 will include Ian Bartholomew along with guest commentator Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti and field reporting by Anna Kagarakis. Planned interviews during the game include mayors, coaches, students, city and school officials.

## Edge Gymnastics

The Level 6 Edge Gymnastics Team took first place on October 22 at the 2011 Hollywood Invitational in Vallejo, CA. Top individual results were:

Younger Age Group: Samantha Fredrickson placed second on bars, third on beam and third all around. Stephanie Lowe placed first on bars, second on beam and tied for the first place all around honors. Amy Noda placed first on beam, second on floor and tied for the first place all around honors. Madison Shasky placed first on floor.

Middle A Age Group: Amanda Fingerut placed second on bars. Hannah Skepner placed second on vault.

Middle B Age Group: Sophia Kalliaras placed second on vault and floor, first on bars, third on beam and she took the first place all around honors.

Older Age Group: Sarah Fletcher placed first on bars and vault and took the first place all around honors. Alexis Lovin placed first on beam, third on bars and second all around.

## Equestrian

The Rocky Mountain College Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) equestrian team competed in Twin Falls, Idaho, this past weekend, October 8-9, 2011.

University of Montana, University of Montana-Western, Montana State University, Utah State University and host team, the College of Southern Idaho, were the competitors for the weekend in three western shows, two on Saturday and one on Sunday.

RMC celebrated the victories of Erin Burns, of Castle Rock, Colo., Rachel Phillips, of Laurel, Mont., and Shauna Ketcham, of Livermore, Calif., for their high placings and qualifying for the Western Regional show in February, hosted by RMC.

Shauna Ketcham placed 3rd Saturday morning, advancing her to the Advanced class. Liz Parkman, of Granger, Ind., placed 2nd, 5th and 6th.

## PGSL Registration

2012 Registration is now open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play. Two ways to register: 1) Online at www.pleasantonsoftball.org; 2) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (download a registration form from our website). For more information or questions, email Christine Tanis at christine.t@pleasantonsoftball.org.

PGSL Player Evaluations and Tryouts: Evaluations for grades 3-8 are scheduled for January 14-15, 2012. The times and locations are to be determined and will be published on the PGSL website (www.pleasantonsoftball.org). Remember to register by December 1, 2011 to avoid the late fee.

# SHORT NOTES

## Pre-Halloween Hike

A Pre-Halloween Hike will be led by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sun., Oct. 30. Meet Ranger Pat Sotelo at 8 a.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Rd., Livermore.

No thrills and chills on this hike, unless you count the thrill of a good, long climb or the chill of an autumn morning. After a scorching September, we'll enjoy the cooler weather on a long hike in the hills of Sycamore Grove to see the sights and enjoy the colors and sounds of the park in autumn. This hike will cover 3 to 4 miles and include a steep climb, so be sure to bring some water and snacks to fuel the journey.

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.

## Cakebread Ranch Hike

Save Mount Diablo is offering a tour of the privately owned Cakebread Ranch overlooking rural valley.

The tour will provide access to six hundred acres of private land rising 840' from the floodplain of Marsh Creek up eastern facing blue oak studded slopes near Brentwood. Landowner, steward, and Save Mount Diablo Board member Brian Kruse and his wife Margaret will lead an exclusive hike on their family's land known as the Cakebread Ranch.

The moderately challenging 3.5 mile loop hike will be an opportunity to learn about ranching history and land use battles in the area. Bounded by Round Valley Regional Preserve to the south and portions of Cowell Ranch State Park to the North, the resource rich property has amazing views few have ever seen.

The hike will take place on Sat., Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cancelled if there is heavy rain.

Meet at 18201 Marsh Creek Rd. Brentwood, 94513 (just east of Deer Valley Road). RSVP is required to gphillips@savemountdiablo.org or (925) 947-3535

## Candy Buy-Back

Pound upon pound of sugary Halloween candy can be a scary proposition for a dentist, so Dr. Steven Nerad has come up with a way to cut down on cavities while helping the schools and supporting troops stationed overseas.

Ghosts and goblins of all ages are encouraged to drop by Dr. Nerad's office on Wednesday, Nov. 2 for the second annual Halloween candy buy-back. Candy will be accepted at the office, 1024 Serpentine Lane, Suite 107, from 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Trick-or-treaters will receive a sweet \$1 per pound for their sugary hauls, plus an equal \$1 per pound for their schools. The schools with the largest amounts of candy

turned in will received up to \$250 for first-place school, up to \$100 for second-place, and up to \$50 per pound for third-place.

The candy will be packaged and sent to American troops serving overseas.

Last year, the office collected 200 pounds of candy. This year the goal is to collect 500 pounds.

## High School Seniors

Las Positas College invites high school seniors and their parents to "Shifting Gears," an informational evening on Wednesday, Nov. 2, in the Physical Education Complex. Information tables will be open from 6-7 p.m. with faculty and staff available to speak with students and their parents. The formal program is from 7-9 p.m., featuring presentations about major and transfer academic programs.

Students are asked to RSVP online to indicate the name of their high school and the number of persons who plan to attend at: www.laspositascollege.edu/news/01hseniorenparentnight2011.php.

Parking is free for this event. To view a campus map and learn more, please visit the Las Positas College website at www.laspositascollege.edu, or contact Julie Thornburg at (925) 424-1421.

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

## e-Waste in Dublin

Valley High School in Dublin will host an e-Waste event on Saturday, October 29. Bring eWaste to Valley High School at 6901 York Drive, Dublin California, 94568. The event will be from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

The event is a fundraiser for Valley High School, a continuation high school. The funds will be used to fund and support many activities at the school including: the after school sports program, Tobacco Use Prevention Education, field trips and hikes, student leadership activities, graduation activities, the senior breakfast, the Friday morning breakfast club, PE class activities and supplies, and much more.

Free to recycle are Televisions, Monitors, Laptops, Cell Phones, Flat Screens, & Wire.; \$5.00 per item fee to recycle are Components of TV's, Stereo Equipment, Computer Equipment, & Small Household items; ie: DVD/VCR players, Radios, Telephones, Printers, Fax Machines, and Small Household Appliances. Microwaves are \$15.00 to \$30.00 (based on size).

Also on site will be Personal Document Shredding with Certificate of Destruction- \$10.00 per Banker Box.

For more info call Valley High School at 925-829-4322 ext. 7911

## Witch Winners

Livermore Downtown Inc. re-

cently hosted a Witches Night Out event that included a variety of contests.

The winners are: Favorite Martini, Pineapple Cilantro from The Clay Oven poured by Bartender Elias at ultra-spective photography; Favorite Bartender: Chase of Simply Fondue; Favorite Shopping Location: Main Street Designs.

## Drug and Alcohol Use

A forum on middle school drug and alcohol issues will be held at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton on Wed., Nov. 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Last Spring over 100 members of the community met at the Firehouse Arts Center to begin a dialog around alcohol/drug related issues facing young teens today. Community agencies continue this conversation by sharing their experiences, observations and guidance.

Partners for this event include: Representatives from the Pleasanton Unified School District, the City of Pleasanton, Pleasanton Police Department, Mother's With a Purpose and AXIS Community Health. Discussion will include prevention strategies and resources that are available to parents and our youth.

There is no admission charge. For more information, please contact: 925.426.4280 or register online at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted

## Hall of Fame Nominations

The 19th Annual Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame Luncheon and awards ceremony is set for Saturday, March 31, 2012, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Lincoln Avenue in Oakland. The event will be hosted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women.

Nominations are now being accepted for outstanding women in 12 categories: Business and Professions; Community Service; Culture and Art; Education; Environment; Health; Justice; Non-Traditional Careers; Science; Sports and Athletics; Philanthropy and Youth.

Visit http://www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame/ to submit an online nomination or to obtain more information, or call (510) 272-3884 or (510) 259-3871.

## Autism Workshop

Attorney and nonprofit advocate Cynthia J. Patton will launch The Autism A to Z Workshop Series on November 5, 2011. The first workshop in the series, "Introduction to Special Needs Advocacy: Empower Yourself, Empower Your Child," will help parents become more effective

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# COUNCIL

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security of families by looking at the police staffing levels to ensure they are adequate. He would use city resources to provide the infrastructure to bring in business development. He said that while serving in the military, he had managed budgets much larger than the city's budget, had been involved in politics and was active in school districts where he was stationed. Those activities, he said, provide him the experience to be a councilmember.

Gary, a member of the Livermore School Board, said that he would continue to protect open space, extend BART on 580 and to diversify and grow the economy. None of it will happen by accident. He stated that he had a 20-year vision for Livermore that could be viewed on his website. He pointed out that he has experience working in a positive manner. He along with other school board members cut the district budget without negatively impacting education and for the first time in history had negotiated a 3 year contract with bargaining units without acrimony.

Kamena said that the last ten years had been the most productive in history for the mayor and council. The budget is balanced, core services retained, the downtown renewed, the El Charro outlet center moved forward, the urban growth boundary approved, the Isabel interchange nearly completed, State Route 84 removed from the downtown and a park and master trail plan completed. He would continue to work energetically to extend BART on 580. Using his seniority on various county boards, he could have a positive impact on bringing BART to Livermore.

Turner said she understands the hometown feeling, health care and finance. She would focus on seven issues including opposing the LARPD merger, keeping BART on 580 and defining the

required housing, supporting the regional theater, which she says she has the experience to make successful, while at the same time opposing the use of the general fund. She supports the urban growth boundary, would work to bring back the 4th of July and hours at the Springtown Library.

There was a multi-layered question about the regional theater that included these topics: the bond financing, what if the theater fails, what happens to programs that would have received the money if general fund money were used to pay off the bonds.

Burger said that any time general fund money is used to back a project, the money is at risk. The general fund is used for many things that would be in jeopardy of being cut, if the bonds weren't paid. "In a perfect world, LVPAC would cover the bonds. If that doesn't happen, the general fund will pay." The council would have to determine what to cut such as police, library hours, sidewalk repair. "I am completely opposed to any risk to the general fund."

Gary said that he had studied the issue and was in favor of moving forward. The theater is an economic engine. He believes the risk to the general fund is low. Studies show the theater will be successful and will provide large economic value. "The city is not handing LVPAC a blank check."

Kamena said the issue is settled. The redevelopment agency was designed to finance improvements in the downtown. Tax increment funds, such as those used to finance the theater, must be spent in the downtown. There were 160 different financing models that were studied; all were positive. It would take a catastrophic event before general fund money were used. He noted that the bonds haven't been sold. If they were not, there would be

no theater. The state supreme court decision on the status of redevelopment agencies could also impact whether or not the theater moves forward.

Turner said that she supports the theater. "It is a done deal. It has been studied, researched and planned for ten years. If the bonds were sold, the council needs to help make the theater a success." However, she added, it is not appropriate to use general fund money to back the bonds. If there were a catastrophic economic problem, the last thing the city should spend money on is the arts.

One question asked whether a merger with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District were settled.

Gary said that it offers an interesting opportunity to look at restructuring the money the state takes from the park district. At least, there should be consideration given to reducing redundancies as a way of saving money and providing additional funds for parks. He stated that the only time a merger works is when both parties agree and work together to make it happen. He believes the idea is off the table for now.

Kamena said that the idea for the merger was generated by his son, an LARPD board member. His point was that \$2 million in taxes that are now taken by the state could go to the city if LARPD were merged. The city is awaiting a decision from the state controller general regarding what would happen to the tax dollars. In the meantime, there has been no discussion with the district, because the district refused to take part.

Turner, who is an LARPD board member, said that on this issue she is very clear. There should be no merger. She added that there is a huge percentage of land outside of the city that the district owns. She wondered

what would happen to it, whether it would go to EBRPD or to the county, where it couldn't be protected.

Burger said that he did not want to sacrifice the autonomy of LARPD. It should be separate. However, if there were ways to combine back office operations that could save money, he would favor that approach.

Candidates were asked if they had gathered signatures for or signed the BART on 580 petition. Also, why shouldn't there be a public vote on alignment and at the same time, why not vote on the regional theater?

Kamena said he had not gathered signatures nor signed the petitions. He didn't object to holding a vote. However, the initiative is directed at the city. If there were to be a vote, the initiative should be directed to the BART board. "I and my colleagues have gone to bat working on the project." He mentioned that Frank Wilson, former BART general manager who had overseen two BART extensions, had been hired to facilitate the Livermore extension.

Turner both signed the petition and gathered signatures. She said that voters should have a say. "They feel slighted because they were unable to vote. I would have put the regional theater on the ballot. Large ticket items should go to a vote of the public."

Burger also signed the petition and gathered signatures. He said that he understood why the council approved it because of other issues. He noted that having a project ready in time to be included in the pot of money provided by Measure B was important. However, when we're talking about projects that are in the millions, voters should have a say.

Gary said he had not gathered signatures. No one had asked him to sign the initiative. He noted that it would be difficult to bring

BART into a 100 year old downtown. A vote would have gotten in the way of the aggressive timeline needed to qualify the project for Measure B funding. "Votes are adversarial. I clearly want to increase the conversation on issues. That can be accomplished by listening."

The cost of garbage collection was an issue raised by one audience member.

Turner said that people have said the recent increase is not a lot of money. Forty percent is a lot. She suggested that people recycle more and use a smaller can. That would reduce the hit. She would put mechanisms in any future contract where rate increases could not exceed the cost of living increase.

Burger said that there should be provisions in a contract for every stipulation that may arise. For example, the social security cost of living increase is far less than the garbage rate increase. That is something that should have been addressed.

Gary said that as a society, we should advocate for safe environmental protection. We have to pay to make that happen when it comes to trash removal. There are those who want to use the general fund to subsidize garbage collection. If that were to happen, other services would be impacted.

Kamena pointed out that Livermore has one of the lowest rates in the county. The city is paid a franchise fee. The previous contract holder, Waste Management, did not bid for the new contract. The city had been told that Waste Management would need a 60 percent rate increase the first year. Kamena said that Livermore Sanitation has been innovative in providing enhanced services.

A question included multiple issues such as the urban growth boundary, Doolan Canyon, and North Livermore.

All of the candidates expressed support in moving forward with an application for sphere of influence over Doolan Canyon.

Burger said that Doolan residents should be polled to determine what the city could provide for them. Water is a great first step. He said that the urban growth boundary is the result of a voter initiative. The city growth policies and the urban growth boundary need to be looked at together to make sure they are in sync.

Gary said that the number one reason he entered the council race was to protect the urban growth boundary. There is no sane reason to develop Doolan Canyon. There is a need to have a serious conversation with Dublin concerning the future of the canyon. North Livermore open space helps enhance the city's economic attractiveness.

Kamena said the urban growth boundary and scenic corridor are unique to Livermore and have

been successful. As for the sphere of influence, he predicted that LAFCO, the governing agency of which he is a member, would require consensus between Dublin and Livermore. If there were none, the area would remain in its current status.

Turner said of North Livermore that she is from a small town in Iowa. "You know where one town ends and begins." The urban growth boundary allows that to happen here. "Although I would not stop an initiative by residents to change it, I personally support the urban growth boundary," Turner stated.

The gang issue is in the news. How should that impact decisions to fund the police?

Kamena said that gang activity has peaked and is going down. He believes the perception that there has been an increase is due to increased press coverage. The police chief is content with the current staffing.

Turner said that it is hard to determine if the increase were real or only one of perception. The chief feels he doesn't need more personnel. However, she said that she has seen more tagging in areas where it hadn't occurred previously. She would prefer to spend money now on gang suppression to prevent a greater problem down the road.

Burger said that safety and security are paramount. He would look at the drug and gang task force to determine the appropriate level of personnel. To add more personnel would require money. He would look at line items in the budget and determine where money could be shifted to the police.

Gary said that according to a recent briefing, there is a small handful of core gang members whose numbers are currently ebbing. The others are "wannabees" and urban artists (taggers). It would cost \$750,000 to implement the gang task force. Where other police services would be cut to provide that money is a question that would have to be answered.

The complete forum can be seen at livermorehistory.com.

# MAILBOX

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and the "we know best" attitude that is jeopardizing the economic future of Livermore. All so a small minority can see a Broadway show in Livermore.

The mayor and city council's job is to protect and preserve the city. These politicians have failed this trust. I suggest that you and your neighbors vote to elect Hickman for mayor and Burger and Turner for council. The economic health and the quality of life in Livermore depends on it.

## Turner and Burger Darryl West Livermore

I am writing to remind Livermore voters of a little history as it pertains to the current election for Livermore City Council.

Many voters may have forgotten one of the key issues candidate Marshall Kamena touted in the 2003 mayoral race. That was: term limits. He boldly pushed the issue through the council shortly thereafter. Mayors and city council members are now limited to two, four year terms.

Having served eight years as

mayor (and years previously as a councilmember, prior to the new rule) he is now running for city council. He is violating the spirit, if not the letter, of the regulations he ran on as a mayoral candidate in 2003.

Also, there have been instances where the Kamena council has opted to summarily make decisions on hot issues without consulting with our citizens through the ballot box (e.g., urban growth boundary; BART alignment). I believe the less authoritarian approach of testing the public pulse through the ballot box is a more appropriate process; particularly when our citizens are clearly divided on an important issue.

We need new faces to freshen the vitality and sensitivity of our city leadership. Vote for Lauren Turner and Bobby Dale burger for council.

## Wrong Direction Valerie Raymond Livermore

What is the worth of "proven experience" if you're going in the wrong direction?

## BART Issue Robert S. Allen Livermore

After Livermore's City Council reversed 25 years of planning for BART along I-580 to Greenville Road and voted for "Downtown-Vasco" BART instead, citizens took action. They circulated an initiative petition to clarify the General Plan, adding:

"A8. Advocate for a first-stage extension of BART along the I-580 freeway to a station at Isabel Avenue/I-580 with an eventual extension to a station at Greenville Road/I-580 as the City's preference."

8,300+ Livermore voters signed within a few weeks - far over the 10% required to qualify for the November 8 ballot.

To keep it off the ballot, the council reluctantly adopted the initiative into the General Plan. It is the law in Livermore, but BART has the final say. The issue is not settled. Hence the "Keep BART on 580" group supports candidates Barbara Hickman, Bobby Burger, and Lauren Turner. Each helped circulate the petition and opposes a costly downtown BART subway.

"Downtown-Vasco" is still the BART choice. BART has not considered the initiative or the change in Livermore's official preference despite my request that they agenda it. Strictly speaking it is on I-580 as far as Portola, where it goes subway to the first station at Junction

Avenue School. The initiative puts Livermore on record as favoring BART to an Isabel station first and later in a widened I-580 median to a station at Greenville Road and I-580 - not the "Greenville South" the establishment candidates mention.

I personally favor including a Vasco/I-580 station and future extension of BART along the former SP railroad to an ACE intermodal and beyond. Both are compatible with, but not part of, the "Keep BART on 580" initiative.

## BART on 580 Kristen Emery Livermore

Someone in your last Editorial was questioning why the "Keep BART on 580 signs." The "Keep BART on 580" is a group of people that came together last year with the goal to keep BART on 580. This same group of people is now focused on getting the right people in office who listen and talk to their people so we don't have to stand out in the rain and waste days/weekends getting signatures just so our voices can be heard.

I am one of those people that stood out in the rain. I must say I have NEVER been political in my life. I wasn't even registered to vote up until a few years ago. But, the BART issue concerned me. I went to the city council meetings. I felt it was pointless. The City Council was going to

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# OBITUARIES

## Arthur Lester Weiss

Arthur Lester Weiss was born on January 3, 1923 in Cleveland, OH, and passed away on October 19, 2011 in Livermore, CA. He was 88 years old.

He served our country in the US Navy from 1942 to 1946. He was a Vice President / Controller for Franklin Optical Company in Hayward, Ca. before retiring in 1989. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore; Cleveland Masonic Lodge #781, and the 100 Club of Alameda County.

He is survived by his loving wife, of 62 years June Waitman Weiss, his sons, Arthur (Barbara)

Weiss of Newberry Park, CA. and Mark (Bonnie) Weiss of Livermore, CA., brother Edgar Weiss of Canton, OH, and three grandchildren, Mark- Christopher, Lauren and Philip.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1060 La Avenida St., Mt. View, Ca 94043.

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# Lab Seeking Energy Collaborations

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) has issued a call to energy businesses of all sizes for proposals to collaborate with LLNL teams of experts in advancing energy technology through the use of high performance computing (HPC).

This one-year pilot program, called the hpc4energy incubator, aims to accelerate the development of energy technology and boost U.S. competitiveness in the global marketplace by teaming industry with the scientific and computing resources at national laboratories. Companies with the winning proposals will collaborate with LLNL scientists

and use LLNL's HPC systems to find solutions to urgent problems and learn how to employ HPC as a powerful tool for innovation.

"HPC lets companies collapse the time and expense of designing and prototyping new products and processes. That's important for advanced industrial countries like the U.S. that can't compete on wages and need to be at the frontier of discovery," stated Deborah Wince-Smith, president of the Council on Competitiveness.

The hpc4energy incubator emerged from the National Summit on Advancing Clean Energy Technologies held in Washington

D.C. in May, sponsored by the Howard Baker Forum, the Bipartisan Policy Center, LLNL, and other partners who focused on exploring how HPC can catalyze rapid advancement of U.S. clean energy technologies. This program also addresses the needs and benefits identified earlier in studies by the Council on Competitiveness in strengthening the U.S. manufacturing sector and competitiveness as a whole.

Specifically, LLNL is seeking proposals that address one of the five critical clean energy areas outlined in the National Summit report: Building Energy Efficiency; Carbon Capture; Utilization and Sequestration; Liquid Fuels Combustion; Nuclear Energy;

and Smart Grid, Power Storage, and Renewable Energy Integration. To be considered, proposals must address a compelling, critical problem to which the solution would advance energy through a combination of HPC resources and collaborative teams of industry, energy and computer scientists.

The first step for potential collaborators is to submit a one-page letter of intent providing a high level overview of the proposal. Letters of intent should be sent to proposals@hpc4energy.org before 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST) on Dec. 16, 2011.

For more information, see www.hpc4energy.org.

## HOSPITALITY

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of hospitality businesses in the downtown. There are six key elements that will be addresses. They are public safety, music and entertainment, multi-use sidewalk, quality of life, transportation, venue safety and security.

The membership is comprised of two planning commissioners, Kathy Narum and Jerry Pentin; two representatives of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, Michael Hosterman and Melanie Sadek; and an one appointment by each council member, Jon Harvey, Peter MacDonald, Christine Bourg, Lori Rice, and Kathleen Dugosh. Two council members will also serve. They are Matt Sullivan and Jerry Thorne.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said of the meetings. Everyone is welcome to participate. During meetings of the Hacienda Task Force and Housing Ele-

ment Task Force it was hard to determine who was a member of the task force, because there was so much participation from the audience. "In the new task force effort, divergent viewpoints will not get lost."

McGovern noted. "We're talking about the potential of making major changes in the downtown." Only six votes would be needed to produce a recommendation on guidelines.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio said that all stakeholders had an impact on the housing element and Hacienda recommendations. She suggested that the city post information on its website about upcoming meetings and perhaps issue an invitation for people to attend.

McGovern made a motion to increase the task force membership by two. There was no second.

## GUIDELINES

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tion, and a new formed Pleasanton Improvement Association.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern wondered if membership would include developers or people who make money taking downtown structures. She asked what assurance there would be that it would be a balanced committee.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said that he didn't have an answer. Community members can apply. The applications are reviewed and the appointments made. "I think that the selection will be a very honest process. At the end of the day, the five at-large members will be appointed by the council."

A member of the Pleasanton Heritage Association, Chris Bourg, raised concerns similar to those voiced by McGovern.

Bourg stated that the association is very pleased to see there will be a review. Hopefully, the goal will be the preservation of our unique heritage."

McGovern suggested that the new guidelines when approved should apply to the entire city, not just to the downtown. "There are other wonderful areas in the community that need to be preserved."

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said that she saw no reason the council couldn't take the same set of guidelines and apply them to the entire city."

One of McGovern's concerns related to past decisions to allow the removal of an older home, because no one important had lived there. She wanted consideration given to preserving structures that might be older, but may not meet all of the guidelines.

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## Comedy of MacHomer Mixes Shakespeare with 'The Simpsons'



Rick Miller performs "MacHomer."

Comedian Rick Miller brings his one-man tour de force show, MacHomer, to the Bankhead Theater on November 10, 2011. With spot-on impressions of more than 50 voices from the popular hit television series "The Simpsons," Miller plays out a hilarious version of Shakespeare's bloodiest tale, "Macbeth."

Formerly a fringe festival mash-up, the show has evolved into a full-scale multimedia experience, while still preserving the inspired and spontaneous lunacy with which it all began. Student tickets for MacHomer are just \$14 and range from \$29 to \$51 for adults.

Called by one reviewer, "the most intriguing interpretation

of Shakespeare's Macbeth ever to hit the stage," MacHomer is unquestionably a most unusual one, an uproarious collision of classic literature with popular culture. Using the distinctive voices of cartoonist Matt Groening's famously dysfunctional family, "The Simpsons," Miller has created a clever script that leaves 85 percent of Shakespeare's language untouched, while mining it for its unwitting humor. With video projections, puppets and costumes, the Bard's tragic tale of ambition, murder and witchcraft becomes an imaginatively-staged production that leaves audiences of all ages helpless with laughter.

In 1994, Miller was performing

in a touring production of Macbeth. As he tells it, his role as a "nameless murderer" was so small, he had plenty of time backstage to think. What began as an idea for his cast party skit, "What if the Simpsons performed our play?" eventually emerged as MacHomer and played to great success on the fringe festival circuit. Since then, the show has been revamped to keep it up-to-date with new songs, characters and enhanced staging. MacHomer has played to capacity audiences on four continents, reaching more than a half million people and appearing in such prestigious locales as the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and the

National Arts Center in Ottawa, Canada. Miller's show, praised as both educational and entertaining, has also been enthusiastically welcomed at schools and other venues.

Based in Toronto, Rick Miller is one of Canada's most respected multi-disciplinary performers. His credits range from classical theatre to avant-garde, from musicals to live comedy, from voice work to film and television. Miller hosted the ABC Television primetime series Just for Laughs and serves as artistic director of WYRD Productions, an internationally-acclaimed company devoted to multi-disciplinary theater which

has produced numerous shows including MacHomer.

The family-focused MacHomer is just one of several comedy programs offered as part of the 2011-2012 LVPAC Presents series. Later this season, standup comic Paula Poundstone takes the stage on April 13, 2012 with a stool, microphone, can of Pepsi, and her own brand of on-the-spot humor. She will be followed by the Capitol Steps who return to the Bankhead Theater on May 8.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

# College to Stage Arthur Miller's 'All My Sons'

*All My Sons*, Arthur Miller's first Tony Award winning play, opens the 2011-2012 theatrical season at Las Positas College. First performed on Broadway in 1947, *All My Sons* explores themes of self determination, familial loyalty, moral responsibility, war profiteering; and the struggle of generational views of the "all American dream."

The play was inspired by a true story about a successful businessman who knowingly sold the government defective airplane parts during World War II. Performances are Nov. 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 13 and 20 at 2 p.m. in the Black Box Theater in the Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts.

First performed on Broadway in 1947 with a run of 328 performances, the play won the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award and the Tony Award for Best Play. It enjoyed a successful Broadway revival in 2008 with the cast of John Lithgow, Dianne Wiest, Patrick Wilson and Katie Holmes in her Broadway debut.

Las Positas College Theater Instructor and "All My Sons" Director Wesley Morgan said he chose the play because of its subject matter. "All My Sons' explores themes of self determination, familial loyalty, moral responsibility, war profiteering and the struggle of generational views of the all-American dream," Morgan said.

"Arthur Miller has written in 'All My Sons' a twentieth-century Greek tragedy with the Second World War as a back drop," Morgan explained. Joe Keller, the owner of a metal works factory in middle America, in an effort to establish financial security for his family, makes a serious error



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Rehearsing for the upcoming production of "All My Sons" at Las Positas College are (from left) Adam Turk, Tim Ackerman, and Brennan Pryor.

in judgment that will haunt him and his family for as long as they live.

The play has a cast of 10 actors who represent the family and friends of the Keller family, prominent residents of a Midwest suburban neighborhood. The Kellers are: Joe, father of two sons; sons

Larry and Chris, both soldiers in WWII; and Kate, Joe's loyal and loving wife.

As the play opens, we learn that Larry has been missing in action for more than three years and that his brother Chris is bringing Larry's former fiancée, Ann Deever, to visit the family home

where he plans to propose marriage to her. With this inciting incident, the complications begin, Morgan explained. Kate has been in denial about Larry's true status because, if he is dead, family secrets that have been tenuously left unspoken and ignored surely will be exposed.

Ann also is the former next door neighbor and daughter of Joe's former business partner who was sent to prison for allowing defective cylinder heads to be sold and installed in WWII fighter planes, causing the deaths of 21 pilots. In a court case, Joe denied responsibility and eluded conviction.

"The play begins on a bright sunny Sunday in August, and with the arrival of both Ann and her brother George, the truths of the Kellers' and the Deevers' lives are to be gradually illuminated, as darkness of their consequences

slowly envelopes the Kellers' quiet suburban home," Morgan said.

The Las Positas College production cast includes veteran actor and Livermore resident Tim Ackerman as Joe Keller, Chris Macomber of Oakland as Kate Keller, Brennan Pryor of Tracy as Chris Keller, Jasmine Richard of Tracy as Ann Deever, Josh Ze of Livermore as George Deever; with Kathi Hileman, Rich Cook, Jeremy La Clair, Katie Lloyd, Adam Lagodzinski and Adam Turk. Production design is by Jeremy Hamm.

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or 1(800) 838-3006.

## Last Week to Purchase Ghost Walk Tickets in downtown Pleasanton

There is one week left to purchase tickets for Ghost Walk 2011, a Pleasanton Halloween tradition.

Participants will tour downtown Pleasanton to see the haunts of some of our Pleasanton ghosts.

This past weekend nearly 500 people took part the "spirited"

walk and some eerie things happened, such as lights flickering in the basement of the Gay Nineties Pizza and ghosts being seen in cell phone cam pictures at Serenity Stoneworks and Gay Nineties Pizza.

The tour last approximately 2 hours and stops at 19 sites where

your Ghost Host or a ghost will recount the stories of the haunting of that location. Tours leave the Museum every 30 minutes starting at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are necessary and may be purchased at the Museum on Main in person or by phone at 925.462.2766.

# Fiddler Next in Firehouse Cabaret Series

The Firehouse Arts Center Cabaret Series will host renowned fiddler April Verch for a Saturday, November 12 performance at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

The concert begins at 8:00 p.m. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

The April Verch Band, featuring Clay Ross on guitar and Cody Walters on upright-electric bass and banjo, has won over audiences with their virtuosity, charm, humor and boundless energy on stage.

Verch was born to traditional music in Canada's hard-working, hard-dancing Ottawa Valley where the music combines the foot-stomping, open-minded fusion of Irish, Scottish, French, German, and Polish influences, with the with the spices of American country music. The twang of the banjo and the driving Franco-Celtic pulse of the fiddle are ingrained in Verch's performances. "What makes the Ottawa Valley unique," she says, "is that it's melting-pot music. People there worked hard, and when it was time to let loose, you went out and had fun together; you danced and played music. Growing up around that, being able to perform and see how happy it made people feel, I'm sure that's what drew me into music."

The first woman in history to win both of Canada's most prestigious fiddle championships, the Grand Masters and Canadian Open, Verch was asked to represent her country's music at the opening ceremonies of the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver, British Co-



April Verch

lumbia.

Multi-instrumentalist Dirk Powell, who has worked with Jack

White, Joan Baez, and Riverdance said, "April has an amazing ability to touch people's hearts, get them

Pleasanton artist Gina Kaiper will exhibit oil paintings on the theme "Work, Study, Play" in the art gallery of the Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts, Las Positas College, November 1-13. In her paintings, Kaiper focuses on people at work or at leisure, many of them in U.S or European museums. Kaiper enrolled in art courses at Las Positas after retiring from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The gallery is open to the public whenever the college is in session and during performances at the arts center, located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. Admission to the gallery is free. However, there is a \$2.00 charge for parking on campus. Gina Kaiper's oil painting "Feeding Time" (shown) is included in her exhibit at Las Positas College, November 1-13.



having fun, and sharing the whole range of human emotions. She's a grand master fiddler and a very expressive singer, but what sets her apart is the openness, humor and social fun she got growing up in the music. It's not always easy for professionals to keep that social joy in their music. Even though April is playing at a very high

level, she brings that explosive joy with her."

Tickets are adult \$15, \$20 and \$25; child \$12; senior; \$20. 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.

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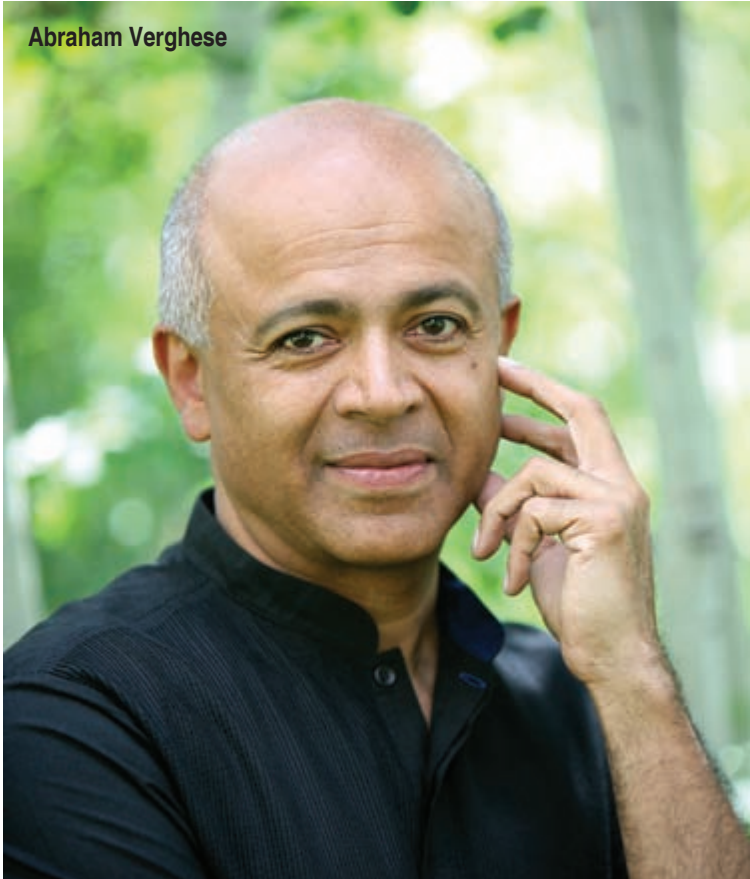
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## Speaker Regarded as Having Influenced the Views of Modern Medical Students

An Evening with Abraham Verghese, the next talk in the Rae Dorough Speakers Series will be presented Tues., Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bankhead Theater.

Verghese is Professor for the Theory & Practice of Medicine at Stanford, a renowned physician, teacher and bestselling author of "Cutting for Stone." He is widely regarded as having influenced the way modern medical students think about what it means to be a doctor and the importance of the doctor-patient relationship.

Much of Dr. Verghese's life's work is brought to bear in his debut novel *Cutting for Stone*, which has spent over 50 weeks on *The New York Times* best-seller list. Dr. Verghese has also written two nonfiction books. *My Own Country*, published in 1994, is a mem-

oir about his time treating AIDS patients in rural Tennessee. It was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. His second book, *The Tennis Partner*, was a *New York Times* Notable Book and a national best seller.

All of Abraham Verghese's works reflect his background and his view of medicine. Dr. Verghese was raised in Ethiopia, attended medical school in India, and came to the United States to practice. He soon became concerned about doctors losing touch with the roots of medicine and with their patients.

"The patient in America is becoming invisible," observes Verghese. "It is as if the patient in the bed is merely an icon for the real patient, who exists in the computer." He has worked to reverse

the trend in his own practice, and has appeared on CBS's *60 Minutes* and on National Public Radio to discuss these issues. He has published extensively in the medical literature, and in major magazines and newspapers, including *the New Yorker* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

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

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

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)

## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



### The "G" in G&M Farms

Two young men, after graduation from Livermore High School, decided to continue in the footsteps of their families in local agriculture. John Gandolfo and Dan Marciel have not found that career an easy one. The Gandolfos recently had one of their choicest fields gobbled up by the new Isabel Road highway exit. Dan, whose family's property is on Collier Canyon, has struggled with lack of water for his cattle and his vegetables.

Their decision to work together on the pumpkin patch and corn maze on the Gandolfo property at 487 East Airway Boulevard for the last seventeen years has been a good one. At first, they grew their own pumpkins, but because of their smaller acreage and the exhaustion of the soil by pumpkin growing, they have recently bought pumpkins from other growers. Dan Marciel, however, still grows gourds and some specialty pumpkins. They added the corn maze, which takes up six acres, in 2003. They run these two events as well as a number of tours for school-age children and their teachers during the entire month of October (weather permitting).

An earlier family, the Ramkes, first owned the Gandolfo property. Max Ramke came from Neundorf, a town in an area called Schlesweig-Holstein that has gone back and forth in ownership between Germany and Denmark. He immigrated about 1870 and came directly to the Livermore area. He farmed with Herman Ruter Sr. on land near the Pleasanton brick works on Stanley Boulevard, then called the Livermore-Pleasanton Road. After Ruter died in 1874, Max married his widow, Lena, and acquired the farm. In 1880, according to his obituary, he bought property on the north side of East Airway Boulevard, then named the Dublin Road, and moved his family there. By this time they had three children: Max, Arthur, and Helen "Lena."

Meanwhile, his brother, Otto Ramke, had bought matching farmland on the south side of Dublin Road. He built a home for his family there in the spring of 1896. In May 1908 Otto Ramke sold his 268 acres of land to Luigi

Gandolfo, along with his stock and buildings, for \$30,000. Anita Gandolfo remembered that Otto and his family left their furniture and all their farm tools and machinery behind because they were moving to Germany. Luigi Gandolfo and his wife, Guiditta, had emigrated from Rovigno, in the province of Genoa, Italy in 1864 to New York and had moved to San Francisco by 1874, where he ran a drayage business. Guiditti, however, was unhappy living in a big city, and she talked her husband into moving to farmland near Livermore. They had been farming in the Townsend District to the east of Livermore since 1905. On 11 May 1920, Lena Ramke married Richard Gandolfo, son of Luigi. Max Ramke Sr. died in 1918 and his wife in 1910. After young Max Ramke committed suicide in 1930, Richard and Lena Gandolfo added the Max Ramke property across the road to the Gandolfo holdings.

The farmyard at the Otto Ramke/Luigi Gandolfo home place has a number of old buildings

that have been carefully preserved over the years. There are three large barns: a horse barn, a milking barn, and a feeder barn. Since they had a milking barn, they must have kept a small herd of milk cows, most likely to sell their cream to creameries. In 1935 Richard joined the Wool Growers Association, so he probably had sheep as well. There is a lovely little two-story Victorian house built by Otto Ramke. A good-sized chicken coop testifies to their raising chickens for family use and for selling their eggs to local merchants. The most unusual building, however, is one that the Gandolfos used as a granary. The wooden building has a front porch with an overhang held up with four pillars. Beneath the overhang is a large double door, with windows on either side. Facing the porch, you see that the left side of the building has an annex with two large folding doors that could be used to store a stage coach or horses. There are two windows on both sides, and two more at the rear along with another sliding

door. This structure is unlike any granary I have seen, and family rumor says that it used to be a stage coach stop.

When World War II began, the Navy took over the Livermore airport, then on Rincon Avenue. In order to have more of a buffer zone to the west of the airport, the federal government forced the Gandolfo family to sell them a large portion of their property.

Richard and Lena Gandolfo had a son named Richard, and he married Anita Caratti, whose parents owned the buildings and land in Joesville on the old Dublin Road not far from the Gandolfo farm. Anita lives in small modern house on the farm, and their son, John, and his family also live there. Anita said that her husband and his father raised hay and grain on their properties and acted as hay and grain brokers. The business was called Richard Gandolfo and Sons. They hauled hay and grain from local ranches and farms to the feed lots of the stockyards in Stockton and San Francisco in four large trucks. Next week, I will write about the "M" in G&M Farms—the Marciel family.

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## Various Groups Hold Annual Bazaars, Boutiques, etc.

### Animal Lover's Boutique Is Nov. 5



The Animal Lover's Boutique, a small animal-themed gift boutique in the lobby of Feline Medical Center in Pleasanton, is holding its annual holiday sale. All donations and the proceeds from the boutique go into Jackie Barnett's Just Like New fund (JLN).

The 12th Annual holiday sale will be held Sat., Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Holiday Sale will showcase animal-themed items for the holidays, such as planters, garden art, wind chimes, home decor, brass gifts, decorative pillows, purses and other fashion accessories, as well as cat and dog toys, dishes and accessories. Check out the "Litter Box" for bargains galore.

The Just Like New Fund was founded in 1995 by Pleasanton animal advocate Jackie Barnett, who passed away in 2009. The JLN Fund provides financial assistance to pet owners who cannot afford emergency, lifesaving veterinary care for their pets, thus avoiding unnecessary euthanasia.

Since 1995, the fund has saved the lives of hundreds of Tri-Valley companion animals. JLN also funds emergency medical and surgical expenses for sick and injured companion animals, as well as emergency medical and surgical expenses for sick and injured homeless animals who are subsequently adopted from Valley Humane Society's no-kill animal shelter in Pleasanton.

Today more than 40 volunteers mentored by Jackie are continuing

her work. Volunteers raise money for the JLN Fund by making and selling catnip toys and by operating the Animal Lover's Boutique at Feline Medical Center. Although FMC does not offer veterinary services on weekends, it is opening its lobby on Saturday, November 5 for the Holiday sales event. For more information, please contact Cindy Ferrin (925-323-8517) cfer-rin@pacbell.net or visit the Valley Humane Society website, www.valleyhumane.org.

Livermore Lions is holding its 18th **Annual Christmas Boutique** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 5. It will be held at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Hand crafted gifts are the primary focus. There will be some company manufactured gifts. There will be food and regular raffles of gifts and prizes.

Food will be sold during event by the Lions. Also, those who would like to participate as a vendor please contact Lion Joan Beason at 925 980- 2628 or jbeason@comcast.net for booth costs.

The Livermore Lion's a 501C-3 non-profit helping the Livermore community at large thru service to the community. Sales of food and drink go to help with the club's community service in the Livermore Valley area.

**Christmas Tree Lane** will be held at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton November 17 to 19.

The event, a fund-raiser for the ValleyCare Charitable Foun-

dation features the sights and sounds of the holidays. Dozens of lavishly decorated trees, wreaths and garlands transform the Palm Event Center into a Christmas wonderland.

Events include the following:

- **Wonderland Family Stroll:** Thursday evening. Bring the whole family and stroll through the enchanted forest of Christmas Tree Lane. Enjoy simple holiday fare and treats. Kids can shop for their parents in Santa's Secret Shop and visit with Santa Claus.

- **The Tinsel and Christmas Tea:** Friday morning and afternoon. Walk through a magical indoor forest as you preview the sparkling Christmas trees, enjoy holiday shopping, and bid on unique silent auction gift baskets. Purchase chance-drawing tickets for the trees and spectacular china table setting.

- **Silent Night Soiree:** Friday evening. Featuring a silent auction of exquisite gift baskets, sit-down dinner, no-host cocktails, dessert auction and entertainment.

- **Silver Bells Luncheon:** Saturday Gourmet Luncheon. Enter the glittering wonderland of lights and colors. Visit the Merry Gentlemen to purchase tree and china raffle tickets, or bid on dozens of unique silent auction gift baskets and designer decorated wreaths. Enjoy holiday fare and entertainment.

For more information on Christmas Tree Lane, please call the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation at (925) 373-4560 or go to <http://www.valleycare.com>.

**Holiday Boutique**, Sat., Oct. 29, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ambrose D. Regalia Auxiliary to VFW at Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Variety of handcrafted items including holiday decorations, jewelry, knitted and crocheted items, homemade jams, candles, paper crafts, floral arrangements & more. Snack bar open.

**Silent Auction**, support hospitalized veterans, annual fund-raiser, holiday shopping on Nov. 2, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Veterans Hospital Country Store, 4951 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Information 449-6448.

**Heritage Estates Annual Holiday Boutique**, Fri., Nov. 4 and Sat., Nov. 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Heritage Estates, 900 East Stanley Boulevard, Livermore. Handcrafted gifts and baked goods made by residents and their families. Items include jewelry, jams & jellies, scarves, blankets, kitchen helpers, and much more.

**Annual Holiday Bazaar**, Friday and Saturday, November 4-5, from 9am-4pm. Handmade gifts, ornaments, and holiday decorations. Homemade jams, jellies, and baked goods. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street, Livermore. Free admission.

**Holiday Craft Fair** on November 5 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Livermore Valley Charter School, 543 Sonoma Ave. Handmade jewelry, clothing, hair accessories, Christmas decorations, body soap, home decor, antiques and Shabby Chic, music, baked goods, make and takes, all day raffles and more. Free gift to the first 50 customers.

**2nd Annual Pasta Feed Fund-raiser**, Exceptional Needs Network, Sat., Nov. 5, 5 to 10 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Raffle prizes, good foods, good times for a good cause. Dinner catered by A Tasteful Affair. Elbow room will be open for children activities and respite. Adults \$25, children \$15. Tickets can be purchased online at [http://ennetwork.org/pasta/Pasta\\_Dinner/Pasta\\_Dinner\\_Fundraiser.html](http://ennetwork.org/pasta/Pasta_Dinner/Pasta_Dinner_Fundraiser.html). All proceeds benefit annual summer camp.

**37th Annual Carnival**, benefit Heifer International, 3 to 7 p.m. Sat., Nov. 5. Heifer International is an organization that fights

world hunger by promoting sustainable agricultural practices in developing countries and the USA. There will be games, a cake walk, an animal exhibition, home cooked meals, baked goods, fresh vegetables sales, craft sales, and a costume parade. Come in either street clothes or Halloween costumes. International donations will donations to the organization will be facilitated at the carnival. Heifer International gift items will also be available for purchase.

**Holiday Boutique**, The community is invited to the annual Our Savior Lutheran Ministries Holiday Boutique on Saturday, November 12, from 9am-2pm. Our Savior is located at 1385 South Livermore, Avenue, in Livermore. There will be assorted crafts, from several local vendors, in addition to a bake sale. Questions regarding this event may be directed to the church office at 925-447-1246.

**Barton Reading Program fund-raiser**, Stella and Dot Trunk Show. Sun., Nov. 13, 2:30 p.m. 7669 Martin Canyon Rd., Dublin. Afternoon of fun and fashion; 15% of all sales go to the Barton Tutor Program. Raffle opportunity. Preview at [www.stelladot.com/sites/arzubrown](http://www.stelladot.com/sites/arzubrown).

**Donlon Elementary** in Pleasanton is holding its annual Holiday Boutique & Bake Sale fund-raiser on Friday, December 2 from 2:30-6:30p at the school, and is currently taking applications for hand-craft vendors. The event takes place on a school day so we can take advantage of the huge parent foot traffic we have on campus in the afternoon. Table prices are \$25 for half table (5.75') and \$50 for full table (11.5'). Because of space limitations, applications from commercial or 'home party' vendors cannot be accepted. All table fees and bake sale proceeds go directly to Donlon's Parent-Faculty Club, which supports school-wide activities and classroom enrichment. For a vendor application or more information, please email donlonboutique2011@gmail.com.

**Christmas Boutique**, Dec. 3, Veterans Hall, 5th and L Streets, Livermore. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments available. Hosted by Unit 287 Livermore, Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association. Funds help troops stationed overseas and/or a veterans' project in Livermore. Vendors interested in participating, contact Polly, 447-5986.

## Next In Series of Community Walks This Saturday in Pleasanton

Community members are invited to join a series of Saturday morning trail hikes led by Dolores Bengtson, known for her career with Pleasanton Parks and community Services Department.

"Even in retirement, Dolores is a tireless advocate for quality trails in this community," said W. Ron Sutton, founder of the World Walk to Wellness. Sutton's company, ACCUSPLIT (makers of certified accurate pedometers and stopwatches) sponsors weekly local walks. "We are very fortunate

that Dolores has volunteered to lead longer trail hikes as part of our free program to promote healthy walking."

Those who would like to receive e-mail notification of the time and meeting place of future Saturday morning walks should e-mail [info@WorldWalkToWellness.org](mailto:info@WorldWalkToWellness.org). The e-newsletter also is free.

The destination on Saturday, October 29, will be Hacienda Business Park and also Creekside Park in northern Pleasanton. The

business park covers 875 acres, home to 450 companies employing 17,000 people – larger than the population of many communities. In addition, Hacienda Business Park is home to more than 3,000 of Pleasanton's residents, who live in detached homes, townhomes and apartments. Hacienda Business Park is the largest development of its kind in northern California and has been named as one of the 10 best business parks in the world by Site Selection magazine. We will explore part of this well

landscaped business park and also the 6.6-acre Creekside Park at its southwestern edge.

On November 25, Bengtson will lead the group on the Callippe Preserve trail that surrounds the municipal golf course in southeastern Pleasanton. This hike has more elevation change than the previous two and is unpaved (unlike Sycamore Grove and Hacienda Business Park. If winter rains make the trail too muddy by that date, the alternate location for the

hike will be the Marily Kane Trail off of Bernal Avenue.

"Since January, we have walked and talked in most of the city's 42 parks," Sutton said. "Many of us who have lived here a long time have discovered new sights. Dolores has expanded our knowledge even further, taking us along arroyos and into regional parks on previous hikes. She has a wealth of fun knowledge to share about the plants and animals we get to see."

# Hairspray stands up at the Bankhead

## Tri-Valley Rep weighs in with naughty good clean fun

by Harry Stoll

Overweight overwrought over the top teenager Tracy Turnblad (Melissa Modifer) wants to audition for the Miss Teenage Hairspray dance-off on the Corny Collins (Danny Cozart) TV variety show that she and best klutz Penny Pingleton (Morgan Frazer) watch every day after high school.

It's 1962. Overweight girls maintain a low profile. Black and white TV is not black and white. Color TV is rare. Black kids appear on the Corny Collins Show only on once-a-month Negro Day. A bit of perspective: 1962 is the year Rosie O'Donnell was born, 1962 was three years before civil rights protestors crossed the bridge at Selma.

Appropriately, the Hairspray cast is black and white, and includes other racial groups in enticing mixtures. It represents something that is all to the good of the country.

This is not a tragedy; you know plump plucky Tracy and the rest of the very talented cast shall overcome and cross the bridge over the racial divide. It's the how that is thrilling in this very positive production with big hair, jokes, voices, music, moves, gags, dances, and a big finish, of course.

Jo Anne Fosselman is the musical director. The orchestra does its job of supporting the voices with a big Broadway sound. From early on, when Edna, Tracy, Prudy, and Penny sing, "I'm a big girl now," through all the songs, we are hugely entertained.

Melissa Modifer as Turnblad has a resonant voice. Her generous body makes all the right moves from a stomping teenage tantrum to dancing to a salacious groping of new boyfriend, the desirable Link Larken (Robert Lopez). When her mother, Edna Turnblad (Peter DelFiorentino) refuses to let her audition, to protect her, and criticizes her hairsprayed do, Tracy says, "Mother, you're so 1950s." Older generations are so uncool. The script is alive with good lines.

Fat chance she will audition, but her father, William Turnblad (Jeff Seaberg) says, "If you want to be big, you have to think big." Seaberg's William Turnblad is like Hank Hill on King of the Hill, an ordinary man who is a bit of a buffoon but a man of integ-

riety. He puts it all on the line for good causes. Seaberg excelled in Tri-Valley's The Producers and Putnam County Spelling Bee, and continues that skill here. The wife-husband interplay is touching.

David Lam's lighting design is bright. Spot operators Arlene Avila, Lauren Avila, and Ben Baczenas place the larger Edna in a large spot, and the smaller William in a smaller spot, then merge the spots for a subtle touch.

Peter DelFiorentino's Edna evokes Dame Edna as he/she dominates the stage. A man in a woman's clothes is a show biz staple that draws automatic laughs, but can be a drag. Yet DelFiorentino's performance is compelling and funny. John Tavolta played the part in the 2007 movie version and said his final dance number was a tribute to Tina Turner. DelFiorentino's big number shows what love has to do with it.

Effusive Danny Cozart (teenage talent host Corny Collins) has a handsome glowing open face and a strong voice. In his bright purple suit with white shirt and shoes, he is somehow not garish and show biz silly, but quite striking. Collins too, shows integrity in insisting his show be integrated.

The Corny Collins Show is based on the Buddy Deane Show that ran in Baltimore from 1957 to 1964 and introduced the twist. (Thankfully, the troupe in Tri-Valley's version does not accurately depict that frozen feet feat.) The original Hairspray playwright John Waters is a Baltimore boy. The Buddy Deane show was closed because the sponsor, Westinghouse, did not want to integrate the show.

Velma von Tussle (Suzie Shepard) is the shrill bitch hateful stage mother who undermines Tracy's efforts to be on the show and pushes for her talentless daughter, spoiled Amber von Tussle (Morgan Breedveld), to be crowned Miss Teenage Hairspray. Tiffany in the comic strip Luann follows Amber. The pair plays the hateful parts to the hilt, showing great skill in ruining songs.

Wide-ranging Morgan Frazer transforms saggy-shouldered caved-chest nerdy-clothed Penny Pingleton into a vavoom performer in a deliciously slinky lamé dress to belt out a soulful number. Yum yum. Her name might honor Penny Singleton, who played Blondie in many Blondie and Dagwood



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

**Melissa Modifer portrays Tracy Turnblad in Tri-Valley Repertory's high energy production of 'Hairspray.'**

movies. In real life Singleton was no ditz. She was instrumental in unionizing the film industry.

Choreographer Sheri Stockdale has the cast dancing, taking chances, and in general lighting and singing up the place. When the whole troupe is doing intermingled big big numbers the Bankhead rocks with their skill and enthusiasm.

Seaweed (Isaiah Boyd) dances with soul, feet, legs, torso, head, and neck, in a sensuous blend of ilium brilliance. Twist and shout, push and pull, side to side, back and front, up and down, this guy's got it all and gives it all. "Suggestive" doesn't come close to describing his pelvic thrusts in one scene. Thrilling and brilliant but it goes on too long. Naughty is nice when naughty is brief.

Penny and Seaweed hooking up plays to part of the theme.

When Little Inez (Imani Wil-

son) is spotted front and center in a pink dress and sings, her strong but sweet beautiful voice swells and pushes against the Bankhead's walls, bouncing back to elicit enthusiastic ahs. She is 12-years-old.

Prudish Prudy Pringleton (Ginny Wehrmeister) is Penny's uptight mom. Wehrmeister plays this and other parts with histrionic sexual repressiveness, and finally, with boisterous freeing gymnastics.

The Dynamites (Ashley Forney, Clarissa Forney, and Tiffany Gaines) strut soulfully in exciting red dresses and belt it out in strong visceral voices. They are a tribute to groups such as The Supremes and Martha & The Vandellas (both with big hair) that enriched our musical scene.

Motormouth Maybelle (Sherrill-Lee Rogers) runs the Negro Day part of the Corny Collins

show. She gives inspiring speeches and more inspiring singing. Rogers is expansive and effective and a powerful presence on stage. When Edna and Tracy walk in to join the cast, she says, "If we get any more white people in here this is gonna be a suburb."

In an ironic line, after the show is integrated, the sponsor sees profit possibilities, and appoints the rich white Velma as, "VP in charge of beauty products for women of color."

Dorky clothes, saddle shoes, short gym shorts, and an Elvis do show up on the troupe's dancers who are lively, accomplished and enjoy themselves. Dancer Carolyn August has got rhythm, she's got music. Her hands, head, elbows, shoulders, torso, hips, legs, and feet feel the beat and repeat and send secret messages to one another. She has one brief number (maybe less than a number) with a male dancer that stays within the choreography but bursts out at the same time.

Cast members not mentioned above are J.J. Baczenas, KJ Brown, Alena Buschini, Camron Jones, Alaina Campbell, Lavalae-William Davis, Derek Demsher, Michelle Freschi, Nina Gosiengfiao, Ned Hansen, Jenny Hudson, Catherine Kirsch, James Leonard Koponen, John Maio, Liz Marsh, Steve McCloud, Bella Ohlmeyer, Nick Quintell, and Katie Robbins. Oodles of kudos to these essential members.

Kathleen Breedveld is the producer, Daren A.C. Carollo the director, Sean Kana the vocal director, Lisa Danz the costume designer, Scott Johnson the sound designer and operator, and Christina Valvedre the stage manager.

These productions require a huge number of dedicated actors and staff. As with many community theater groups, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre needs financial backing. They are valuable to the community. Please go to their web site and give until it feels good, [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org).

Performances are 8 pm Fridays and Saturdays, and 2pm Sundays, through November 6, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Tickets are \$35 for adults (18-60), \$33 for seniors (60+), and \$25 for juniors (under 18). Tickets may be purchased on the [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org), by phone at 925-373-6800, or by visiting the Bankhead Theater ticket window at 2400 1st Street, Livermore

# Harvest Weather Proves Tricky, But Not Without Treats

by Laura Ness

Those who panicked when the rains came earlier this month and picked, perhaps a wee bit prematurely, are certainly ruing that decision now, as the unseasonably mild, and unusually long Indian Summer weather has come to roost like a late bunch of Canadian Geese. What's good for the goose may well be even better for the gander, as those who gandered on an improvement in conditions are sitting pretty right now. Livermore Valley overall is in pretty good shape, compared to other areas where shatter in the spring led to poor fruit set and cool weather caused many vineyard owners to drop fruit to the point of no return on investment. The big downside is lower crop yields on the grapes everyone wants most: the benefit is that those in oversupply are now naturally mitigated. It is ever thus in the continuing circle of life. I've heard from folks in the Monterey AVA that several wineries have so many ducks in the freezer, they're not going hunting this year, leaving their grapes to others to bag. Smaller, newer labels looking for cheap fruit might get their wish. Many vineyards have already declared their crops a loss to their insurance companies. Luckily, that's not the case in Livermore.

Here in the Livermore Valley, Steven Kent reports that they are still patiently waiting for their reds to come in. Their whites are all put to bed, but the red Bordeaux varietals still linger on the vine. Warm weather and the prodigious wind over the last several days

have helped to dry out the vineyards and moderately move sugar levels higher. It is anticipated that warm temperatures will continue for the next 7 to 10 days, which means Cabernet from the Home Ranch should come in over Halloween weekend. Things will be a bit later at the Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard, given its deeper soils and higher elevation. Steven and company are still expecting the majority of the Bordeaux varieties to be ready there in the first two weeks of November. At this point, there is no rain in the forecast for the early part of November, which is certainly good news.

Just in time for Halloween, there are some very nice treats available for filling up those empty slots in your wine cellar.

With the current wine release, Rodrigue Molyneux (RM) has introduced a rasher of fresh and beautiful wine labels. Now it's time to move out the old and bring in the new. While supplies last, visit RM for the next few weekends, beginning October 29 (or until it is gone), and receive 15% off a case of wine made up of "retired" labels. At these prices, they'll fly out the door like candy on Halloween, so get them while you can.

For example, there are only two and a half cases left of 2008 Primitivo, a wine very similar to Zinfandel, but with a much spicier finish. Aged in American oak, the coconut flavors really add some nice complexity to this wine, which already has a great nose and lots of dark berry undertones. This

wine pairs nicely with BBQ pork or beef ribs, as well as spicy pasta Bolognese. And get this, only 15 cases remain of 2008 Cabiovese, a really delicious blend of estate grown 25% Cabernet Sauvignon and 75% Sangiovese: definitely a crowd-pleaser. The Cabernet gives it backbone and structure, while the Sangiovese adds zippy excitement. It is a great food wine and fun to drink.

Then there's the RM 2008 Barbera Late Harvest (LH), which was picked a little late and when it began to ferment, the yeast didn't quite gobble up all the sugar, leaving behind a sweet little residual sugar treat. This Barbera has a nose of red ripe cherries, but in every sip, there's a lovely soft, sweet feel in the mouth. There's plenty of acidity to keep it lively: perfect for sipping as a before dinner aperitif, or after dinner by the fire.

The 2008 Nebbiolo from Santa Barbara County comes from a vineyard fairly near the ocean. Perhaps Italy's most noble grape, it is grown only in Piemonte and Lombardy, and is revered in bottlings from the villages of Barolo and Barbaresco. This is a classic food wine, one built for aging, and it is quite common in Italy for Nebbiolos to be cellared for decades before they are ready to enjoy. This Nebbiolo has an earthy, almost Pinot Noir like nose, with smoky, leathery flavors, and is packed with plentiful acidity and tannins. Pair with a big slice of sourdough bread, olive oil, heirloom tomatoes, a slab of fresh mozzarella cheese, and salami. Or,

a pizza! Mangia!

RM also still has both the award winning 2008 Sangiovese and 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon that is only being served to wine club members, but schmooze the staff, and they might give you a swig. Both these wines are big, yummy, and complex. To top off the flight, RM still has some 2006 Rubino dessert wine: the bottle age has really done it proud. Made with 100%

Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, it has a nose of honey and almonds, and delivers lush caramel mingled with ripe fruit on the palate. The ample acidity and tannins bolster it, keeping it a serious contender. Taste it on special weekends up until November 12th, for the "End of Harvest" celebration, when it will become part of the flight until it is gone, which might be quite soon, since there are only 6 cases remaining.

Ladies Lipstick Wine Tour, November 5: Girl's Day Out in Wine Country Ladies, grab your girlfriends and a designated driver and come enjoy a fun day of wine tasting in Livermore Wine Country. Be pampered at every stop with girly treats, like chocolate, cake, spa treatments, hair styling, jewelry, fashion accessories, makeup and lots more, including special wine discounts.

Participating Artisan Wineries are Les Chenes, McGrail Vineyards, Nottingham Cellars, Occasio Winery, Retzlaff and Rodrigue Molyneux.

Visit at least four out of six wineries and be eligible to win an enormous special "Just for Girls"

gift basket created by "Uptown Girls," stuffed with amazing girly bling and delicious consumables, worth nearly \$400. What's not to love?

The first 75 ladies to visit Rodrigue Molyneux receive roses from Fantasia Blooms and chocolate covered strawberries from Chef Tracy Flores at Castlewood, to go with a special flight of sweet wines. Relax with a by-the-minute foot, back or neck massage by Cheri, just \$1/minute! Les Chenes has sassy edible works of art to taste and purchase—how about a cake purse - from Sugar Mama Bakery, plus hair styling tips from a high end San Francisco salon. McGrail will feature Holiday Smoky Eye demos by makeup professional Sheri Balken, plus scarves and purses by CC Kelly. Nottingham Cellars offers delicious confections from Danville Chocolates and Stella and Dot Jewelry. Occasio Winery will be serving mini cupcakes from Dolce bakery, and featuring one-of-a-kind handcrafted jewelry by Holly Ellsworth Rose.

Don't miss the "Kissing Booth" at Retzlaff, where you can have your official "Wine Babes" lipstick kiss tattoo tastefully applied by a handsome hunk! Learn how to shape brows with Nadine of La Di Da Beauty Lounge. Browse creative designs from Lynda Yonemoto of Silpada Jewelry. Indulge in Chocolate Mousse and fresh berries with Port.

Each winery will charge a \$5 tasting fee. See mcgrailvineyards.com for a map and details.

## Young Livermore Readers Congratulated by Mayor, City Council



Readers line-up to meet mayor and councilmembers.

The Livermore City Council, during its September 26 meeting, congratulated Livermore's "Super Readers" who read 100 books during the Livermore Public Library's 2011 Summer Reading Program, "One World, Many Stories." This year, over 600 children earned "Super Reader" status and were

rewarded with a medal and an invitation to attend this special City Council event.

The evening began with the children checking in to get their name badges at the Civic Center Library, where they were also invited to sign up for a gift certificate drawing sponsored by the Friends

of the Livermore Library. Library staff and volunteers then assisted parents and children in lining up and proceeding through the Civic Center complex to the Council Chambers.

Mayor Marshall Kamena and the City Councilmembers John Marchand, Doug Horner and Jeff Williams, shook each child's hand after Library Director Susan Gallinger read the child's name aloud. Parents and friends watched the children receive their kudos, applauding and taking photos as the children met the Mayor and City Council. A recording of this special Livermore City Council Meeting can be viewed online at <http://www.tri-valleytv.org/VOD.html>.

This event was made possible through the support of over 40 volunteers, including members of the Friends of the Livermore Library and graduates from the Livermore Citizen's Police Academy.

Plans are already under way for Livermore Public Library's 2012 Summer Reading Program. For

any questions, contact the Library at (925) 373-5504, or visit the website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

### Lego Workshops Offered

Livermore Public Library presents a series of workshops introducing engineering fundamentals to children by working with LEGO™. Two instructors from Play Well TEKologies, a regional firm specializing in engineering fundamentals, will introduce children to projects they can build and will guide them through the process.

In these workshops, children will such things as how to identify LEGO™ materials and how to apply the engineering concepts from the projects, to real-world situations

Registration is required for the 2 free workshops, held at 2:00pm and 3:00pm on November 5, 2011. Each workshop is limited to 20

children and children may register for only one workshop. In addition to the workshops, from 2 to 4 pm there will also be a free-play area to work with LEGO™, for those who are waiting for or who have completed their workshops and for those who were not able to sign up for a workshop.

This program will be held in the Storytime Room of the Livermore Public Library, Civic Center.

This event is appropriate for children ages 4 and older and is free of charge.

To register for a workshop, please call the Youth Services Desk at (925) 373-5504. Please visit the Library's website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net) for additional program information.

## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT



Charlotte Severin will show her watercolors painted from life en plein air and still life at the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery Nov. 1 to 30. An artist reception will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Nov. 6 at the winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge. The exhibit includes views of valley vineyards, various moods of Mt. Diablo, and other plein air works painted during trips abroad. Still life compositions are comprised of valley thistles and dried seed pods, persimmons and pomegranates, flowers in bloom, treasured teapots and candlesticks and dramatic combinations of these elements. Charlotte states, "I paint with a passion for life and hope that the view feels that exciting too." Pictured is a view of Mt. Diablo.

## 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.

**Firehouse Arts Center's Harrington Gallery**, 2010 traveling exhibit of the National Watercolor Society October 26-December 10, 2011. 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Admission is \$5.00. A companion exhibit, "Five Palettes," features works by five California Watercolor Association artists. Harrington Gallery hours are Wednesday-Friday 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., for one hour prior to each Firehouse Arts Center performance. Call (925) 931-4849 for more information or visit the Firehouse Arts Center website, www.firehousearts.org.

**Maclay 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. 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.

**Livermore Art Association (LAA) Gal-**

**lery**, featuring jewelry by Diana Carey the month of October. 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.

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Figure Drawing Workshop**, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. At the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or email Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 -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). Thomasin Dewhurst, instructor, (925) 216-7231, email 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. Limited to 8 students. Additional Tools and supplies are \$174. Does not include glass. 5 week class, 2.5 hours each, your choice of day per week: Weds 10-7p, Thurs-Sat 10-9pm, Sun 10-4p. Classes are ongoing so you may start anytime. Art Glass Studio, 174 South L St., Livermore. For more information contact Roberta Jones at: 925-447-1962 www.artglassstudio.weebly.com

**Kids After School Program**, after school program for 11-18 yrs olds includes stained glass, mosaic or fused projects. 6 weeks. Classes are ongoing so you may 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

## WINERY EVENTS

**Eagle Ridge Vineyard** celebrates Fall with "Sweets & Treats" & "Pumpkin for a Penny." Each weekend in Oct. (12:00 - 4:30) pumpkin goodies are paired with Eagle Ridge wines. Also, with any wine purchase, a pumpkin may be purchased for a penny (while supplies last & limited 1/customer). Eagle Ridge Way, 10017 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

**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.

**Haunted Tasting at Rodrigue Molyneux**, October 30, 12:30-5:00PM. Come out and try some witches brew. The tasting room will be all decorated and ready to scare. Free candy to the kids. Tasting is \$5.00 per person and wine club free. 3053 Marina Ave, Livermore. 925-443-1998, info@rmwinery.com, www.rmwinery.com.

**Wente Winemaker's Dinner to the 10th Degree with Karl Wente**, Thurs., Nov. 3, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Karl Wente shares his wines with culinary creations from Master Gardener Diane Dovholuk, Chef Jeff Farlow and Chef Leena Hung. Reservations are required and space is limited. \$109 per guest including wine, \$89 for Club Wente Members. Wente Vineyards Event Center, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Vegetarian option available. Call for details 925-456-2405.

**Winemaker's Dinner, Murrieta's Well**, Sat., Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m. Gourmet four-course dinner featuring estate blends from Murrieta's Well. Meet co-founders Philip Wente and Sergio Traverso. Cost for Silver Spur members is \$95. All guests are \$105. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore. Space is limited, reservations call 925-456-2395.

## 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

**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 colle-

gium2011@gmail.com or 925-424-1209 or 925-984-4395

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

**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.

**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/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.

**Blues Brothers Revue**, Thurs., Fri., Sat., Nov. 3, 4 and 5, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

**Leo Kottke**, Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Linda Purl and Cabaret's Lee Lessack Steppin' Out with My Baby**, Sun., Nov. 6, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

**Jazz at the Library**, Tony Corman Quintet; Friday, November 11; 8 p.m. the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery Street, San Ramon. \$20 each (Seniors 62+ and Students \$15) www.sanramonjazz.org/wp/wp-admin/edit.php

**Triple Forte** (Trio including David Jalbert on piano), Nov. 12, 8 p.m. Del Valle Fine Arts Concert, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**April Verch, Folk Acoustic Fiddle Performer**, Sat., Nov. 12, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

**Pleasanton Community Concert Band**, family concert Sun., Nov. 13, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. No admission charge.



**Montrose (pictured above)**, presented by Guitar Player Magazine, Thurs., Nov. 17 and Fri., Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

**Al Stewart**, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Men of Worth**, Sat., Nov. 19, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

**Robert Cray Band**, blues, 5th anniversary Bankhead gala, Nov. 19, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Simon & Garfunkel Tribute**, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Livermore High School Theater, 600 Maple St., Livermore. ABC Music Store and Academy benefit Livermore school music programs. Advanced Ticket Sales ABC Music, 2156 First St. Downtown Livermore or call 925-443-1244

**Liszt Festival - All Day Event** Celebrating the Bicentennial of Franz Liszt, 2, 3:30, 5 and 8 p.m. Sun., Nov. 20. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

**Music Department Recital**, Las Positas College, Wed., Nov. 30, 12:30 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 with the venue of Las Positas College, or call 1-800-838-3006.

**A Charlie Brown Christmas with David Benoit**, jazz, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

## ON THE STAGE

**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 or 373-6800.

**The Laramie Project**, Oct. 27, 28 29 and Nov. 3, 4 and 5 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Amador Valley High School drama students production. Friday nights, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, the Amador Gay Straight Alliance will join the cast and crew for an audience Q&A after the performances. No children under six and no children under 13 will be admitted without parent. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults. Contact Kelsey Hartman (Drama Director) at khartman@pleasanton.k12.ca.us or visit www.amadordons.com for more information

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

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

**Rosenkrantz 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

**Abraham Verghese**, Professor for the Theory & Practice of Medicine at Stanford, Tuesday, November 8, 7:30 p.m. LLNL Presents The Rae Dorrough Speakers Series at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Servant of Two Masters**, classic Italian Comedy with a modern twist by Carlo Goldoni, adapted by Oded Gross and Tracy Young, Ohlone College Fall Theatre Production November 4-5, 10-12, 17-19, 8 p.m. Fast-paced comedy and preposterous situations as Truffaldino, the deceptively zany servant serves two masters, four lovers and a psychotic cook, outwitting them all. Smith Center at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont. Tickets \$10-\$15, 510.659.6031 or http://www.smithcenter.com/

**All My Sons**, by Arthur Miller, Las Positas College fall production. Performance are November 11, 12, 18, 19, 8:30 p.m. and Nov. 13, 20 at 2 p.m. in the 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. Advance purchase tickets will be available online at www.brownpapertickets.com with the venue of Las Positas College, or

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call 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door.

**COMEDY**

**MacHomer**, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Night at the Improv**, November 18 - 19, 8 p.m. Tickets \$10. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov)

**DANCE**



**Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre** (pictured above), Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Momix Botanica**, dance, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**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](http://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.

**Wine at the Vine**, November 17, Come to the Vine for a showing of Bottleshock starring Alan Rickman, Chris Pine, and Bill Puman. At 6:30 PM Rodrigue Molyneaux, Occasio, Nottingham, and McGrail will be pouring wine tasting in the lobby. Wine by the glass will also be available as well as a full dinner menu. At 7:00 the movie starts. Immediately preceding the movie, their will be a question and answer session. The panel will consist of Livermore marketers and winemakers such as Mark Clarin, Laura Ness, Lindsey Roffey, Collin Cranor, and John Kinney. \$10 per person includes wine tasting and ticket. Vine Cinema is located in downtown Livermore.

**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**

**Broadway Chorus**, presents Broadway A-Z, Nov. 11-13, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, tickets [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org).

**OPERA**

**Broadcast from the Met**, Dublin Regal Hacienda Cinema. Anna Bolena, replay Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 2. Saturday morning, Oct. 29, Don Giovanni; replay Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 16. Siegfried, Nov. 5; Satagraha, Nov. 19, Dec. 7; Rodelinda, Dec. 3, Jan. 4; Faust, Dec. 10 and Jan. 11; Enchanted Island, Jan. 21; Gotterdammerung, Feb. 11; Ernani, Feb. 25 and March 14; Manon, April 7 and 25; Turandot, April 14, May 2. First date is a morning showing, second date afternoon. Check for exact curtain time. 560-0900.

**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](http://www.operasj.org). Pagliacci and La voix humaine are made possible, in part, by a Cultural Affairs Grant from the City of San José.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**M.o.M.'s Reading Time**, ages 2 to 5 and families, Museum on Main monthly reading program, 10 to 11 a.m. with theme related crafts immediately following. Admission is free. Donations are always appreciated. No Reservations required. Large groups or playgroups please call in advance: 925.462.2766 or email: [education@museumonmain.org](mailto:education@museumonmain.org). 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](http://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*.

**Downtown Halloween Carnival**, Oct. 29, 1 to 5 p.m. downtown Livermore. Presented by Livermore Downtown, Inc. [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com).

**Brew Crawl**, Sat., Oct. 29, 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. Designated driver tickets for \$10. Tickets at 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.

**Like There's No Tomorrow**, Warren Miller's 62nd annual reminder that winter is on the way. Nov. 3, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Veteran's Day Parade and Ceremony**, Nov. 6, downtown Pleasanton, 1 to 2 p.m. Main Street.

**Lithorama**, annual rock and gem show, hosted by Livermore Valley Lithophiles. Nov. 19 and 20 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Something for all kids, young and old. Doors open at 10 a.m. \$5 adults, children under 12 free w/adult. [www.lithophiles.com](http://www.lithophiles.com).

## Livermore Library to Host Program Offering Insights into Handel's Messiah

*Hearing the Hallelujah! Insights into Handel's Messiah* will be presented at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, at 2pm on Sunday, November 6, 2011. There is no charge for this event.

Launch the holiday season with an exploration of one of the most famous compositions of all time—Handel's Messiah. Lawrence Kohl, Pacific Chamber Symphony Maestro, and Chorus Director Robert Lappa from Las Positas College will discuss the historical and musical background of this celebrated work. The program will include a lively and engaging multimedia presentation.

A performance of Handel's Messiah will be presented at the Bankhead Theater on December 2nd.

As founding Music Director, Lawrence Kohl has led the Pacific Chamber Symphony from its San Leandro inception to the premier regional organization it has become today. He was the Music Director of the Ohlone College Symphony Orchestra for fifteen years, Conductor for the KAMSA youth orchestra for three years, and he was a founding member

of Walnut Creek's Sierra Chamber Ensemble. A consummate clarinetist, Kohl has performed and toured with the San Francisco Symphony. He was awarded a full fellowship at the Aspen Music Festival, was the first Chancellor's Fellow at UCLA and a National Art Association prizewinner. He also holds a Master's Degree in Philosophy from San Jose State University and has taught both music and philosophy at several Bay Area colleges.

Rob Lappa is a member of the music faculty at Las Positas College, where he directs the Chamber Choir, Concert Choir and Vocal Jazz Choirs. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education and a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting. In addition to his years as a choral director, music teacher, pianist and singer in Michigan, Rob has also directed and sung with numerous choral ensembles in the Bay Area over the last 20 years, including the San Francisco Concert Chorale, The Valley Concert Chorale and the vocal jazz quintet, Special Blend. In 2009, he joined the music faculty of the Cantabella Children's Chorus and directs their

Chamber Choir. Rob is also the founder and owner of Camerata Music, which provides on-line assistance in obtaining print music, as well as information about his popular Music Exploration Series, a music appreciation course that is a lively and informative mixture of lecture, multi-media and musical performance.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have generously underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

## Votes Sought for Glee Project

Livermore resident Natalie Hawkins is auditioning for "The Glee Project." Votes are needed to make it happen. To vote for Natalie go to [www.thegleeprojectcasting.com/auditions/view/2939655](http://www.thegleeprojectcasting.com/auditions/view/2939655). To hear her sing go to [www.youtube.com/AvidActress007](http://www.youtube.com/AvidActress007).

The Glee Project is an American reality television series from Oxygen. It serves as an audition for the FOX TV series Glee.

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UNCLE Credit Union conducted a free document shredding event for the credit union membership on Monday, October 17, 2011 at its corporate offices in Livermore. In conjunction with International Credit Union Day, UNCLE in cooperation with CINTAS Document Management was able to recycle 3894 pounds of paper products from over 60 members during the three hour event. Members shredded documents ranging from financial records to bulk mail. According to estimates, over eight trees were saved in the process. The event continued UNCLE Credit Union's tradition of community service and environmental responsibility. For more information, please visit [www.unclecu.org](http://www.unclecu.org) or call us at 925.447.5001 today!

## West Coast Soccer Club Hosts Parent Appreciation Dinner

West Coast Soccer Club coaches and players celebrated start of the fall season by hosting a parent appreciation dinner. Over 300 parents, family members, coaches, and players came together for the event.

"It's amazing how much progress we've been able to make in the short time our Club has been in existence," says the founder and director of coaches, Troy Dayak. "We are so thankful to all our parents, extended soccer families, and the community for supporting our club and the very talented players who represent the teams we've built."

West Coast Soccer is a new U.S Club Soccer and Norcal sanctioned club. The club is based in Livermore. It attracts players from as far away as Stockton and Manteca. The Club is 10 teams strong with both boys and girls representing U9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 16 age groups including a Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) team the WildKatz. The U14 and U16 West Coast Soccer girls are Livermore's first ever Regional Academy League (RAL)

teams. RAL is the highest level of competitive soccer in the Norcal league. The West Coast Soccer U16 girls, the Kryptonite, are the reigning U.S. Club National Champions in their age group.

The West Coast Soccer profes-

sional coaches want to thank all the parents and the Livermore community. They are Troy Dayak, Stuart Rafferty, Marlon Fernandez, Paul Giamona, Lauren Pennisi, Sara Giroto, and Goal Keeper coach Chelsea McIntyre. Additional

information about West Coast can be found at <http://westcoastsoccerclub.com>.

Pictured below are the 2011 West Coast Soccer players and coaches representing the nine different teams. (Photo provided by Dawn Schubert Photography)



## Community

### Lab Awarded National Institutes of Health Funding

Researchers at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory recently received \$3 million from the National Institutes of Health to acquire a new biomedical accelerator mass spectrometry (bioAMS) instrument.

The instrument will provide faster analysis for medical and other biological research.

Historically, no matter what form a biological sample started out in, it had to be converted to graphite before being analyzed in an accelerator. The traditional AMS technology required operation by experts in disciplines far removed from medical fields, unforgiving special chemistries to prepare samples for analysis and extensive time required for that sample preparation – all factors that have impacted its utility for clinical researchers.

However, in recent years, Lab investments have allowed re-

searchers to develop an interface that would handle liquid samples and bypass the graphitization process. The new bioAMS instrument will couple with this transformational technological development to rapidly and cheaply perform biomedical human subject tracer studies and body burden assessment addressing important questions in nutrition, toxicology, pharmacology, drug development and comparative medicine.

The instrument also will support LLNL's biological detection and medical countermeasures programs. Examples of applications include dating of cancer stem cells, developing individualized patient therapies and rapid testing of new therapeutics against infectious agents.

These technological advances were driven by the specific needs of the biomedical community, according to Graham Bench, director of the Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (CAMS). LLNL's National Resource for Biomedical Accelerator Mass Spectrometry works with more than 60 entities around the world on various studies.

The new instrument will be the first AMS system at LLNL not housed in CAMS. Rather, it will be deliberately sited in the Lab's bioAMS experimental suite as part of the effort to move the technology out of expert accelerator laboratories into more routine biomedical laboratory settings. LLNL researchers will work to develop and validate the instrument with the goal of deploying the technology to general clinical laboratories in approximately five years.

This is only one example of the partnerships needed to create and advance this technology. On a larger scale, support from the National Institutes of Health, National Center for Research Resources, the pharmaceutical industry and academic community were leveraged with Laboratory funding and support from LLNL's Global Security Principal Directorate, Physical and Life Sciences Directorate and Science and Technology office to make this instrument a reality.

# Milestones

Community

## Pleasanton City Council Recognizes Long Time Businesses

The Pleasanton City Council recognized 88 local businesses that have been in the city for 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40 years at a presentation in last Tuesday's City Council meeting. The Council presented each business with a special gift to commemorate its tenure in Pleasanton.

"While Pleasanton is considered one of the best places to live, it is also a great place to do business, as seen by this very long list of businesses that have all been here at least 15 years," noted Economic Development Director Pamela Ott. "Over the years, these businesses have provided jobs, services and products valued by our residents and other businesses. They have contributed to charitable causes, local programs, and much more to

become integral to the fabric of our community."

The Small Business Administration reports that small businesses are a critical cornerstone of the U.S. economy and represent 99.7 of all employer firms, where they employ just over half of all private sector workers.

The following businesses were recognized for their long-term commitment to Pleasanton:

15 Years: Alliance Security & Technology; Andersons Uniforms; Anixter; Atrium Café; B.C. Marketing; Bicycles Pleasanton; C. H. Robinson Company; Decision Design Corporation; Delta Groups Engineering; Ericsson; Faz America; Fiesta Taco; Guckenheimer; Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics;

Hot Dog On A Stick; Koryo Martial Arts; Law Offices of Cynthia Magnus; Law Offices of Lisa D Wills; Main Street Round Table Pizza; Martial Arts America; Marzels; Payless Shoe Source; Peridot Corporation; Personal Harmony; Pleasanton Hilton; Pleasanton Rentals; Dr. Robert Dimayuga; Rock & Roll Auto Recycling; Rutledge Financial Group; Sears; Starbucks Coffee; Stoneridge Deli; Surf City Squeeze; The Image Salon; Unisource Worldwide; Victoria's Salon; Banana Republic; Tuesday Morning.

20 Years: Al's Hair Designs; American Express Financial Advisors; Bank of America; Bank Of The West; Bay Area Cardiology Medical Group; Burke & Associ-

ates; DeBernardi Development; Fastemps; Fredericks of Hollywood; Frito Lay; Golden Valley Mortgage Corporation; Guard Express; Law Office of J. Michael Hosterman; Individual Software; Jamie's Dance Company; Jazz N Taps; Law Office Of Jeanne A Farley Rodgers; Dr. Linda Mori; Mark Stoklosa, Architect; Peggy Wynn, MFCC; T. Marshall Associates Ltd.; Teco Pneumatic Inc; The Quarry Lane School; ValleyCare Health System.

25 Years: Bay Valley Medical Group Inc.; Chromagraphics; Dr. Eric T. Hisaka; Hearing Science of Pleasanton; Jewelers Gallery; Dr. Ralph Vandersloot; Randick O'Dea & Tooliatos; S C J Insurance Services; The Foot Doctor;

The Hunan Chef Chinese Restaurant; Total Life Chiropractic Center; Sallman, Yang & Alameda.

30 Years: Dr. Eric Bachelor; Tri-Valley Upholstery; Calipsos; Carin for Hair Inc.; Clubsport of Pleasanton; Helping Hands Landscape Design; Lifetouch Portrait Studios; Performance Electric Incorporated; Zales; Stride Rite Shoes; Maselli Bros Shoe Repair; Pleasanton Tool & Manufacturing.

40 Years: Russ Slater, CPA; Pleasanton Custom Care Pharmacy.

For more information about the Business Recognition Program please contact the City of Pleasanton Economic Development Department at 931-5038.

## Hope Hospice Earns Gold Seal of Approval

Hope Hospice has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for accreditation by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national

standards for health care quality and safety.

Hope Hospice underwent a rigorous unannounced on-site survey earlier in the year during which

Hope Hospice was evaluated for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

Established in 1988, The Joint Commission's Home Care Accreditation Program (which includes evaluation of and specific standards for hospice agencies) accredits more than 5,600 organizations. The Joint Commission's standards address the hospice organization's performance in specific areas, and specify requirements to ensure that patient care and services are provided in a safe manner. The Joint Commission develops its standards in consultation with health care experts, providers and researchers, as well as measurement experts, purchasers and consumers.

"In achieving Joint Commission accreditation, Hope Hospice has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for its patients," says Peter P. Wong, MD, Medical Director. "Accreditation is a voluntary process and is an objective and systematic way to evaluate the quality and safety of our patient care."

"We are pleased that The Joint Commission has recognized the high quality patient care provided by Hope Hospice. We use The Joint

Commission accreditation process as just one more checkpoint in our standard of excellence as we work with patients and family members," says Larry Lakes, Chief Executive Officer. We are honored to have earned this accreditation

from the Joint Commission

Hope Hospice is a regional community-based organization providing compassionate care, insight, and guidance as families navigate through the end-of-life process.

## Jay Alan Jewelers Opening in downtown Pleasanton

Jay Alan Jewelers is opening in downtown Pleasanton.

The business is moving from a Palo Alto shopping center.

Established in 1966 as an Estate Liquidator, this emporium is a mix of fine jewelry, vintage estate jewelry, designer jewelry, antiques, art objects, bronzes, art glass, porcelains, Asian art, jade, Netsuke, Inro, snuff bottles, cloisonné, Japanese block prints, paintings, prints, and more.

Jay Alan Jewelers will open at 739 Main #J, Pleasanton; 925-462-5200. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Big Lots Opening in Plaza 580 in Livermore

Big Lots continues to grow with its newest location set to open in Plaza 580 at 4484 Las Positas Road, Livermore. The grand opening celebration begins on Friday, November 4 at 9:00 a.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony and donation of \$2,500 made to Jackson Avenue Elementary School.

Every Big Lots is specially designed so customers can easily find the brand-name products on their shopping list. The new Livermore Big Lots will stock merchandise that typically sells for 20 to 40 percent less than discount stores and up to 70 percent below traditional retailers. At 20,000 square feet, customers will find thousands of products available from everyday consumables, seasonal goods, home decor, electronics, toys, and

one-time closeouts other stores just can't match. Big Lots also offers great values on a full assortment of brand-name furniture and Serta mattresses.

"At Big Lots, our easy-to-shop stores and unbelievable deals have been big hits with customers for more than forty years and we are thrilled to bring that same successful concept to a new group of shoppers," said Rob Claxton, senior vice president of marketing for Big Lots. "We encourage Livermore residents to think Big Lots when it comes to deciding where to spend their hard earned money. We know they will love this new store and the values we offer on the products they want and need."

This is just one of 90 stores the retailer is opening in 2011.

## Education

Robert Romano of Pleasanton, was named to the Dean's list for academic excellence for the Spring 2011 semester at The Johns Hopkins University. To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in a program of at least 14 credits with at least 12 graded credits.

Robert Romano also received the Richard J. Johns Award for outstanding academic achievement in biomedical engineering. Robert Romano is the son of Andrew and Yukari Romano and attended Delaware Valley Regional High School in Frenchtown, N.J. Romano, who majored in biomedical engineering, graduated in May 2011.

## 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.)

**Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner** is having a planning/volunteer meeting. Anyone interested in helping out, please attend on Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00 PM, in the Bothwell Center at 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Volunteer sign-ups will be started at this meeting. For more information please visit <http://www.lctd.org>

**Lady Cowboys car wash** at Livermore Car Wash, 2855 Old First St., Livermore. Sun., Oct. 30, 1 to 5 p.m. Fund-raiser for the Livermore High School women's basketball program upcoming 2011-2012 season. \$10 per car. Snack Bar with hot dogs, snacks & drinks provided. <http://www.league lineup.com/welcome.asp?url=hustlnladycowboys>

**Free flu shots**, Alameda County Public Health Nurses will be administering free flu shots for Seniors on Thursday, Oct 27, between 9:30 AM and 2 PM at the Robert Livermore Senior Center, 4444 East Ave; Livermore. Questions, call (925) 560-5860

**Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group** meets every fourth Tuesday of the month - exception is December - at 10am in the second floor conference room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Grafrath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280

**Pleasantonians 4 Peace** sponsoring a candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, at 7 p.m. Wed., Nov. 9. 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, Nov. 23 between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. [www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org](http://www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org)

**GNON (Girls Night Out Networking)** for our 4th annual tradeshow. Buffet and no host bar available. Thurs., Nov. 3, 5 to 9 p.m. Allegra Print (1063-A Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton). Cost is \$10/pp for members and \$15/pp for non member. Visit [www.gnontrivalley.com](http://www.gnontrivalley.com) or call (925) 487-4748 RSVP: Please RSVP by November 1st at [gnoners@gmail.com](mailto:gnoners@gmail.com)

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society** will meet Tuesday Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker Deborah Dash will talk on "Find-A-Grave" with such topics as What is this site? How can it help your research? It is a resource for finding the final resting place of family, friends, and famous people. Over 70 million graves listed. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. For additional information: Richard Finn, [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org)

**Livermore Library Board**, meets 7 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 27 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Wed., Nov. 2, 38 miles from Vacaville to Winters, meet 10 a.m. at Lagoon Regional Park, Edith Norby, 707-771-0483. Sat., Nov. 5, 31 miles time trial and ride, Castro Valley, Redwood Rd., Skyline Blvd., Pinehurst Road, Redwood Road, meet 9 a.m. leaving at one minute intervals, Chris Lundell 510-566-4464. Sun., Nov. 6, progressive dinner by bicycle, 50 to 65 miles, start at 10 a.m., Must sign up by Nov. 3, Bonnie Powers, 828-5299. Anyone planning to take part in a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**READ Project.** There are adults in our community who struggle with basic reading and writing skills. Become a volunteer literacy tutor. A free tutor training workshop will be held at the Livermore Library on Saturday, October 29, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Once trained, a volunteer can tutor any day or any time. To register, or for more information, call 373-5507. The READ Project is a service of the Livermore Public Library.

**Boy Scout Troop 934** is offering recycling of home and office inkjet and toner cartridges to help the Pleasanton community protect and conserve natural resources. Instead of throwing away your inkjet and toner cartridges,

drop them off at U.S. Bank, 749 Main Street, Pleasanton, or arrange for a pick at your local business by contacting the scouts at [recycle@bstroup934.com](mailto:recycle@bstroup934.com).

**Ohlone Audubon** will meet on Tues., November 1 at 7:30 at the Eden Congregational Church, 21455 Birch St. Hayward. Gary Ivey from the International Crane Foundation will describe the biology of Sandhill Cranes and discuss the origins of cranes wintering in California. No admission charge. Refreshments are served. For more information call 510-507-3383 or go to web site [www.ohloneaudubon.org](http://www.ohloneaudubon.org).

**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.

**Armchair Travelers**, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Thurs., Nov. 13, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.. Frank Rainer will show digital photographs of the trip he and his wife took to Libya. Once Libya began issuing visas for American tourists again last year, the Rainers booked a tour. Merely weeks before their departure, Arab Spring broke out in the neighboring countries of Tunisia and Egypt. They were given assurances that strongman Khadafy had everything safely in control, so they embarked on their Mediterranean odyssey. They explored modern Tripoli and its ancient Medina, walked the ruins of Roman cities of 2000 years ago, clambered through underground desert cities and granaries on caravan routes, and camped near Saharan lakes and oases. With only one week left of their trip, the violence of Arab Spring broke out in Benghazi and the Rainers beat a hasty retreat back to Rome, where they followed the events in Tripoli via the safety of western TV. 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 925 373-5500.

**San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club** invites new and long-time residents to its monthly luncheon on November 20 at Faz Restaurant, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$20. The speaker will be Jean Meredith, a representative of the 100 Club, which supports families of fallen fire-fighters & policemen. Call Susan, 925-718-5214, for reservations & information.

**Dance, Dance, Dance**, Sat., Nov. 5, lesson from 7:30 p.m., dancing until 11 p.m. Benefit for Rohi Children's Home in Nakuru, Kenya. Hosted by Our Christian Singles CarPool. Music by The Phantom DJ. PSC Event Hall, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Information, 408-421-2743 or 918-3344. Suggested donation: \$15 to \$10.

**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.

**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).

**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 [mh3frog@yahoo.com](mailto:mh3frog@yahoo.com). **Toastmasters - Livermore Lunch Bunch**

meets Mondays at noon, conference room, 2157 First St., Livermore. Learn to develop communication and leadership skills in a supportive environment that fosters self-confidence and personal growth. [www.livermoretoastmasters.org](http://www.livermoretoastmasters.org). Sept. 15, 12:15 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony and open house planned.

**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 [arnaisco@comcast.net](mailto:arnaisco@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.

**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, 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.

**Drop-in Computer Tutoring**. Need help with downloading E-Books from the library to your E-Reader, sending E-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general internet questions, or ??? Help is available at the Pleasanton Library Thursday evenings 6 to 8 p.m. Questions? Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400 (press 7 for Ref. Desk). Library programs are free and open to everyone. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information.

**Beginners Internet Classes**, four-class series to learn to surf the Internet and send emails. Absolute beginners are welcome. Classes are held at 9:00 am with a choice of Tuesday or Thursday sections. Registration is required. Reserve a spot at the Reference Desk, or call 925/931-3400, extension 7. Library programs are free and open to everyone. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information.

**Pleasanton Military Families** is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through. Three times per year, the group collect supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Please contact [PMFSG.ca@gmail.com](mailto:PMFSG.ca@gmail.com) for the location of the next meeting.

**Lawyers in the Library** offers free legal information and referral. The program is co-sponsored by the Alameda County Bar Association. The lawyers visit Pleasanton Library on the third Tuesday of each month. This program is free and open to all. Each person will have a 15 to 20 minute free consultation with a member of the Alameda County Bar Association. Appointments are by lottery. Register from 5:30 to 5:45 p.m. Names will be selected at 5:50 p.m. You must be present when names are drawn. Appointments begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. For more information, call Merry Luskin, 931-3400, extension 7.

**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.

**Navy, Marine Corp. & Coast Guard veterans.** Meet with other like minded veterans

for camaraderie and more. There are no laws to protect your benefits so it is time to get involved. The local branch of the FRA, a veteran's service organization, meets the first Friday of each month at 1900 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L St., Livermore. For more information go to [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) or contact Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

**Livermore Military Families**, a support group for families in Livermore who have a loved one serving in the Military, is intended to be a safe place for family members to come and share their experiences and concerns with others who understand what they are going through. All family members are welcome to attend meetings. Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livermore Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information please call Tami Jenkins, 925-784-5014 or email [livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com](mailto:livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com).

**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.

**Volunteer Drivers Needed**, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for Volunteer Drivers to transport seniors to their medical appointments. The Senior Transportation Program supplements existing public and paratransit services by providing rides via volunteer drivers. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, a registered vehicle, carry automobile liability insurance, and have a clear DMV record. Please contact Jennifer Cullen for more information at (925) 931-5387 or email: [ja.cullen@yahoo.com](mailto:ja.cullen@yahoo.com). Funding for this program is provided by Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and Measure B Funds.

**Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) Pleasanton**, meets Wednesdays 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton (not affiliated with the church. Information at [www.dbsaalliance.org/pleasanton](http://www.dbsaalliance.org/pleasanton) or contact chapter leader, Al Pereira, 462-6415.

**Disability Action Network (DAN)** meeting, second Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m., Livermore CRIL office, 3311 Pacific Ave., Livermore. The Disability Action Network is a group of people with all kinds of disabilities who are working together to make changes in the community. The group works on health care, housing, access, attendant programs, transportation, and other issues affecting people with disabilities. For more information, please call Jessica Lehman at (510) 881-5743 x5937.

**Pleasanton Newcomers Club**, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee on the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, bunco, Mah Jongg, bridge, walking and hiking groups, family activities and monthly adult socials. Information, visit [www.PleasantonNewcomers.com](http://www.PleasantonNewcomers.com).

**Good News Bears**, nonprofit with a mission to distribute stuffed animals to social services, emergency services, medical facilities and anyone who needs a hug. Based in Livermore, the group reaches around the Bay Area and the world. Volunteers needed to hold collections of gently used teddy bears and other stuffed animals, assist with fund-raising and deliver the animals to organizations supported by the group. Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the Livermore Police Station. Log on to [www.goodnewsbears.org](http://www.goodnewsbears.org) or call 373-7982 for more information.

**The Bingo Ranch**, 3070 Pacific Ave. in Livermore and is open Mondays, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch has been running Bingo for 16 years and is now working with Livermore Charter, Christensen, Arroyo Seco, East Avenue, Livermore High and Granada High schools, Pleasanton Seahawks and All American Sports Academy Teams. Come play Bingo and support the kids in the Valley. Call 925-606-7777 for more information.

**RELIGION**  
**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.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church** Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

**Asbury United Methodist Church**, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

**Calvary Chapel Livermore**, Sunday Services 10:30 am and 6:00 p.m. 545 N. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - [www.calvarylivermore.org](http://www.calvarylivermore.org).

**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; worships 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.

**Tri-Valley Unity Church**, 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. Class for children, ages 1-10, during church service, 10 to 11:15 a.m. Ongoing adult classes and small groups. All are welcome. (925) 829-2733. [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com)

**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.

**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.

**Mass of Remembrance**, Come, remember, and give thanks for all the persons you have loved and who have died, at a Mass of Remembrance on Monday, November 14 at 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. Family and friends are invited to join this special evening. Those who wish, bring a small picture or memento of your loved one.

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