

Friends of Livermore to Appeal Cemetery Approval

A cemetery in North Livermore was approved by the Alameda County Planning Commission at its meeting on Monday.

Opponents plan to appeal the decision. Bob Baltzer said that Friends of Livermore will lead the appeal. He anticipates other groups joining the effort. A condition of approval is that the developers must identify a sustainable of water. In addition, it must be shown that water usage by the cemetery does not negatively impact nearby wells. The studies are to be completed before a grading permit can be issued.

Another condition was that any trees removed be replaced at a 6 to 1 ratio. The development proposes to remove 40 trees.

The vote was 5 to 1, with Commis-

sioner Glenn Kirby opposed. His opposition was to this specific project, not to the idea of a cemetery.

The majority said it was comfortable that the new conditions would protect the wells of nearby residents.

The cemetery site is located along North Livermore Avenue. Planned are a mausoleum, mortuary, including a crematory, a caretaker's residence, and two other homes. There could be 210,000 graves, providing an estimated 50-year demand. The mausoleum would contain 948 crypts and 3754 niches for ashes. The developers would plant a 100-foot wide strip of vineyards along North Livermore Ave. Trees along the road would be removed. New trees would be planted further back.

The area is zoned for agriculture. A

cemetery itself is a conditional use allowed under the zoning. However, the other buildings and uses are subject to zoning requirements specified in the Measure D initiative and adopted by the County.

Kirby had made an earlier motion to find the project inconsistent with the provisions of Measure D. The motion failed.

Inconsistencies with Measure D include the mortuary and mausoleum that cannot fit inside the required 2-acre building envelope. Also, a third house is prohibited.

Kirby stated, "First and foremost, it is our duty to protect agriculture. I would support a cemetery. I cannot find that this proposal meets the intentions or specifics of Measure D. Infrastructure means

it is in support of agriculture. If it could be shown that it does then I may support it."

Kirby rejected the notion that a cemetery qualifies as a public use, public facility or infrastructure required to serve a public need.

He added that he believes this particular application is detrimental to the future of ag in the area. He said he could not support three dwellings nor construction outside the 2-acre building envelope. "I am still concerned about water."

In response to his comments, staff pointed out that a cemetery use is only allowed in an ag area. "This is an ag area. If it can't be shown that water is available, the project won't proceed," Kirby declared.

Staff counsel offered an opinion that there is adequate basis to decide a cemetery is consistent with plan for the area. In the memo, counsel says that the county's general plan does not explicitly define community facilities. It does contain a subsection that uses the term with the goal to "provide a full range of community facilities to maintain and improve service levels and the quality of life for existing and future residents.

Counsel also notes that the term "community facilities" is used in a more open-ended manner than the zoning code definition. Examples are items that are included. The language does not specifically limit the application of the word to those items. "Given this open-ended language . . . any reasonable per-

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'People's Rose Show' To Be Revived

After a two-year absence, the 67-year old "people's rose show," will be revived next May 12 at the Century House in Pleasanton.

Alain Pinel Realty is initiating the revival, with co-sponsorship from the City of Pleasanton and Alliance Title. Other businesses will be supporting the event, too, said Deb Cattaneo, chair of the event.

The show was first begun in the 1930's by the late Harry Harding, who founded a bank on Main Street. He had given rose bushes to his customers one year. They returned the favor by bringing him their roses.

So Harding began the custom of a show at the bank. It was carried on by his son, the late Warren Harding, who succeeded his father at the bank. Eventually the bank was sold, and the realty company picked up sponsorship. However, it took a lot of organization and volunteer time, so the event was discontinued in 2005 and 2006.

"We've been working for two years to get it back. It's a big project. We finally got it together," said Cattaneo.

The last show, in 2004, attracted 700 individual entries.

Judges for the event will be from the Mt. Diablo Rose Society, which also has a rose show in May. That show is restricted to Rose Society members.

Cattaneo said the show at Century House welcomes sponsors to help pay for many small, but necessary items, such as 250 miniature roses to reward exhibitors, and also trophies, ribbons, and refreshments.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Livermore Heritage Guild asked for full use of the Carnegie Building to establish a museum.

LARPD Keeps Status Quo at Carnegie Bldg.

The Livermore Heritage Guild and Livermore Art Association Gallery will continue to share use of the Carnegie Building.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board opted to maintain the status quo concerning leasing arrangements at the Building located at 2155 Third Street. The facility is owned by the City of Livermore, but operated and maintained by LARPD.

The Heritage Guild had asked to be granted exclusive use of the building. LARPD staff had recommended retaining the status quo. General Manager Tim Barry told the board that staff would not force one nonprofit group out so another nonprofit could have more space.

Guild President Jolene

Abrahams made the pitch for exclusive use of the building. The group wants to expand its displays. Over the past 33 years, the Guild has collected materials for display and archives for research. Over the last two years, so much material has been donated that the guild has had to rent two 10-foot storage units at a cost of \$2400 a year. "The money could be spent in museum rental."

She mentioned specifically three major donations. The Forsters presented all of their materials to the guild when their building was sold. Former Guild president Larry Mauch donated his collection of Livermore bottles, the only complete collection known to exist. In addition,

he gave his collection of drug store paraphernalia. Each of these donations would occupy 100 square feet of display space, according to Abrahams.

"Almost every week our collection grows. There is no way to display the items. The lack of space means there is little room available for researchers to conduct their work," she added.

Abrahams said that the Guild is concerned for the artists who occupy the building and would have to move. It is hoped that the city and LARPD would be able to accommodate the needs of the art community in other existing or planned facilities. "It would be an inconvenience for the artist to move. It would be

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City Staff Remakes Home for Couple Found Living in Squalor

Employees of the City of Livermore's Building Inspection and Neighborhood Preservation departments are extending themselves beyond the call of duty to aid a frail elderly couple who've been living in squalor.

Several local businesses have also become involved, but more needs to be done and the community is being asked for assistance.

Senior Building Inspector Doug Martin said police brought the couple's plight to the attention of his department. When inspectors visited the home, they were appalled by what they came upon. The couple, in their mid 80s, were too frail to take care of the place. Their son, a man in his 50s, was living with them, but seemed mentally unstable.

"The conditions were awful and the son was a hindrance," explained Martin.

"Our hearts went out to the couple. We got them out of there as fast as we could. The county got involved and placed them in a nice guest home in Pleasanton.

"Our goal is to fix up their home. The city has a rehab loan program, with low-interest loans up to \$50,000. Unfortunately, so much work was needed that the \$50,000 didn't quite go far enough. That's when de Haro Construction stepped forth. They're a small local contractor. They really stepped up and helped us. Another small local company, Anytime Plumbing, also got involved; they've been very helpful, too. In addition,

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Local Business to Match 'Operation Hope' Goal

Operation Hope, a joint effort by students at Hart, Harvest Park, and Pleasanton middle schools, Hearst Elementary School, and Foothill and Amador Valley high schools to rally the community and spread a message of hope, has received a boost from a local company, Accusplit. The company has agreed to match the goal of the schools to collect 660 toys by donating an equal number of scooters and helmets.

The drop-off of donated scooters will be at Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Sta-

tion 4 located at 1600 Oak Vista Way, Pleasanton (on Bernal Avenue across from the fairgrounds).

The donations are earmarked for several programs including Toys for Tots, the Tri-Valley Haven, Foster a Dream, and the Pleasanton Police Department's Giving Tree. Representatives from the school district, school sites, organization volunteers, and Accusplit will be present.

Operation Hope continues through December 15. Students

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New Pleasanton Council Takes Office

The new Pleasanton City Council was sworn in at Tuesday's meeting.

Jennifer Hosterman returns as mayor; Jerry Thorne on the council. The council newcomer is Cheryl Cook-Kallio.

Pleasanton had a high turnout of voters, with 24,978 or 69 percent going to the polls.

Leaving the council was Steve Brozosky, who had challenged Hosterman for the mayor's seat. He said of the campaign, "We ran a really good campaign. It was so tight, that it could have gone either way. The results show

that every vote counts."

Hosterman was elected with an 189 vote margin.

In his parting comments, Brozosky said that he estimates that he spent 40 to 60 hours a week over the past four years as a councilmember, totaling about 10,000 hours.

He took the opportunity to correct information that came out during the campaign.

Brozosky addressed stories about his missing emails, saying the information had come out late in the campaign, making it difficult to respond. He noted that

emails of all elected officials were missing, not just his. "The city does not have a system to retain emails for the public record. It never had a policy or procedure to do so. I believe we will see some put in place."

Another issue he talked about were accusations that the race was partisan. "I did not run one and never will. The one reason I don't like politics is the partisanship," Brozosky declared.

He brought up the issue that he said was raised by his opposition that he had a conflict of interest related to his business. "I

challenge anyone to spend 10,000 hours serving on a council and make money at it."

He accused Councilmember Matt Sullivan and the mayor of sending out attacks on the integrity of his campaign workers. "I want to defend my friends and supporters," he declared.

Brozosky also talked about his time in office. "It has been a very busy four years." Accomplishments he is proud of include the Bernal property and the plan for a park there, the downtown art theater, new sports fields at

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SFPUC Hears What People Want In Environmental Plan

Staff and consultants for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) conducted the third of four hearings slated for the agency's scoping of topics to be covered in a subsequent environmental review that would lead to the development of a habitat conservation plan (HCP).

The plan will cover the 44,000 acres in the watershed that comprises the San Francisco PUC's land in the Sunol Valley and adjacent property. The area reaches south to Calaveras Dam, and north to the south Pleasanton hills.

The plan would enable SFPUC to "take" or remove species and habitat as part of its work in maintaining its operations on the land. In exchange, SFPUC will outline the mitigation it expects to perform to allow that kind of taking. It's up to the federal Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) to approve or

deny the plan.

The meeting was held Monday evening in the Dublin public library.

Jeff Miller, spokesman for the Alameda Creek Alliance, urged the staff to include several items that they have left out of the scoping so far. The agency should specify in the subsequent EIR how it would deal with environmental impacts of the quarry that will be dug over the next 30 years, and how pesticides used on land leased to nurseries and the Sunol Golf Course will impact the area.

The SFPUC should also include preservation of habitat for the Bay checkerspot butterfly, a species that exists only on Mount Diablo and in a small area south of Alameda Creek in Sunol, said Miller.

Joanne Wilson, land and re-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Santa Claus was one of the main attractions at the end of holiday parades in Livermore and Pleasanton last Saturday.

Public Asked To Help with Stolen Checks

Organizers of the Livermore Thanksgiving dinner are looking for the public's help in solving a crime.

Helen Arnaud, donations chairman, related that mail containing many donations was stolen just prior to the event. "I don't know why anyone would steal money from a charity," Arnaud commented.

She said that people who sent donations should check to see whether the checks were cashed and the numbers altered.

Arnaud asks that if a check has been cashed, the person who wrote the check please to call her or dinner organization Lurline Moore.

"The police cannot do anything without physical evidence that a crime occurred," she explained.

Arnaud's cell phone number is 640-1501; Moore's phone number is 455-9782.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Small Business Event

On January 16, 2007, Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher will sponsor a large, one-day event for small businesses in the 10th Congressional District. The event is designed to connect small business vendors with government agencies and large private corporations seeking to contract with small businesses for products and services. It will take place at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts in downtown Walnut Creek, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The program will provide contract forecasts and government and private sector contacts for contracts. It will serve the needs of the range of inexperienced to experienced vendors, and will include panel presentations and face-to-face sessions between large contractors and small vendors.

The program agenda and RSVP information will be announced in December, 2006. For answers to questions in the meantime, call Congresswoman Tauscher's district office at 925-932-8899 or visit http://www.house.gov/tauscher/services_smallbusiness.shtml.

Danville Pushing Tourism

The Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB), in partnership with the Town of Danville, recently announced the creation of the new Danville Tourism Business Improvement District (DTBID). Formation of the DTBID was given final approval by the Danville Town Council at its November 21st meeting.

"We're thrilled to welcome the Town of Danville to the Tri-Valley CVB," said Bureau President and CEO, Amy Blaschka. "We look forward to partnering with Danville to promote its many assets as part of the CVB's marketing efforts."

The new tourism district comes on the heels

of the Tri-Valley TBID formation, which was finalized in January 2006. The TBID places a \$1 assessment on each paid room night at lodging businesses with 35 or more rooms located within Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, and San Ramon. Funds collected through both the Tri-Valley and Danville TBIDs will be used by the CVB to promote the area as a preferred destination for visitors, meetings, and events. Assessment collection for the DTBID begins December 1, 2006.

The formation of the DTBID and the Town of Danville's membership in the CVB opens the door for Danville businesses to also join the Bureau.

Personnel Commission Opening

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board of Directors is seeking applicants for a position on its Personnel Commission. Personnel Commissioners are appointed by the Board to four-year volunteer terms.

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. December 15, 2006.

The Commission monitors the District's personnel policies, oversees the hiring of full-time staff, hears appeals of disciplinary actions and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on matters of personnel administration. The Commission meets as needed, but normally not more than once a month.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest and information on knowledge and experience with personnel administration to District General Manager Timothy J. Barry, LARPD, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. For more information about the position, please call Carolyn Ulrich at (925) 373-5700.

Please visit the LARPD website to learn more about the District at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

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sources planner for SFPUC, said that the agency hired a specialist knowledgeable in this butterfly species. It was his opinion that

the environment suitable for the butterfly on SFPUC land was so minimal that it would not create habitat.

The quarry issue raised by Miller is being dealt with separately in an environmental plan that was part of the permit granted by Alameda County to the quarry firm.

On dealing with pesticides in the HCP, the FWS does not require SFPUC to deal with pesticides, said Wilson. "It's not really known how pesticide use affects species. They (FWS) are not willing to grant a permit for it. It's not our decision. It's the decision of FWS," she said.

Miller mentioned to the Independent that SFPUC never replied to a letter that the Creek Alliance sent in summer of 2004.

Wilson said that "we haven't sent Jeff a letter. We do go

through letters we receive. We incorporate new information. We do consider it as part of the environmental review process for sure, which is required under CEQA. At this point, we are just getting the information out there."

On the topic of getting out the word about the meeting, several ranchers near the watershed lands said that many landowners in the area had not heard about the meeting.

Wilson said there is a mailing list of 1600 people, some of whom received invitations and brochures about the meeting. There will be one more meeting, probably in spring, about the scope of what should be addressed. Then the final draft of the scope will be published. After that, the environmental review process will begin for creating the HCP.

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several larger businesses have contributed. They include: Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Lowes, Kelly Moore and Prestige Furniture.

"The couple need just about everything. Especially needed is good furniture, but we're asking that gift cards be donated, rather than furniture. Gift cards to places like Wal-Mart and Target would be especially useful. Also needed are groceries. Gift cards to supermarkets like Safeway would be most helpful.

"Our goal is to move them back to their home by December 22 — to a home that's safe and decent to live in. With the community's help, I think we can meet that goal."

In addition to the gift cards, volunteers are needed.

For those who would like to give or who desire more information, Doug Martin may be reached at his office, (925) 960-4422.

Free Bus Rides On Wheels for Food Donations

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There is no limit to the number of free fare exchanges. The Wheels Around Food Drive is co-sponsored by The Independent and KKIQ Radio.

Donations will also be accepted at the Wheels administration office at 1362 Rutan Ct., Suite 100 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at the Livermore Transit Center, 2500 Railroad Dr. from 5 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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COUNCIL

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Donlon School, and his work writing a website program for the youth of Pleasanton.

"I leave knowing I have worked hard. The best thing is all of the friends I've met. They are great people. I am looking forward to getting back to my private life - my family and friends. I plan to read books and not staff reports. I want to get back to winemaking, riding my bike, playing the sax, riding horses, and tending my garden. I also want to make money so I can afford to send my second kid to college," Brozosky concluded.

Each of the newly sworn in officials also had comments.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who was sworn in by her friend Assemblyman Alberto Torrico, stated, "I ran because I believe in government and the civic future. Our democracy depends on education. Elections are an opportunity to educate people."

"Whether or not I earned your vote, I will represent all of Pleasanton. I teach government. You

don't know how much it meant to me to swear an oath to the Constitution," said Cook-Kallio. She then thanked her husband and five children for their support, ending by telling those in the audience, "Serving is the best thing you can do."

Thorne also thanked his supporters. "This is a very, very special evening for me. I have run four full-blown campaigns over five years. The upside has been the people I have met who have become friends. It has been a very rewarding experience and one I would highly recommend for anyone who would like to serve."

Thorne said he wants to make sure that the dialog started during the campaign continues over the next four years. He will listen to all and make the hard decisions that are best for the community. He added, "It is time for timid, risk-free decision making to come to an end."

Hosterman said she had enjoyed being mayor and the chal-

lenges that go with it. She felt that during her first two years as mayor that she had forged some strong and meaningful relationships with local business, and officials in the Bay Area and beyond.

"I will keep Pleasanton on a progressive track to attract new families and new, vibrant businesses. In the coming two years I will work hard to represent all of the people of Pleasanton," said Hosterman.

She too thanked her campaign workers and her family for their support.

The two remaining councilmembers offered comments.

Matt Sullivan welcomed Cook-Kallio. He said, "I am looking forward to two years of productivity."

McGovern thanked Brozosky for his four years of service. She said of the new council, "I am looking forward to working together."

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EDITORIALS

'Think Globally, Act Locally'

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Grants will be made to promising projects by Bay Area nonprofits, private endeavors and public agencies. Additional funds will be solicited from foundations and corporations. It's believed that BAAQMD is the first air quality district anywhere to undertake this kind of program.

Underlying it is the belief that the Bay Area, with its wealth of creative high-tech thinkers (many of whom are centered in the Livermore-Amador Valley), has the potential to pioneer some important solutions.

"The idea is to think globally, act locally," remarked BAAQMD's air quality program manager, Karen Schkolnick.

This program gives meaning to that slogan. We applaud BAAQMD for taking the initiative.

Downtown Magnet

Livermore Cinemas, a 10-screen moviehouse, will open in downtown Livermore this month — December 15, it's been announced. Three additional screens may open in the spring.

The moviehouse will be a bright, irresistible magnet drawing thousands of people, young and old, to downtown. It will be a major force in revitalizing the area.

We hope the owner, Dave Corkill, will venture outside the mainstream and show independent and foreign films in at least one of his rooms. There is an audience for it, we believe. As home to the California Independent Film Festival (which grows larger every year), this community is adventurous and sophisticated in its movie tastes.

Livermore Cinemas, welcome!

CEMETERY

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son could conclude a cemetery is a community facility." The attorney concludes that the planning commission has the discretion to determine that the cemetery complies with the general plan.

Commissioner Kathy Ready stated, "I personally think the cemetery would be a lovely idea. I wish there were some way to bring in city water from the start. Ag land out there needs water. The cemetery is close enough to bring in city water." She said later that she was satisfied with the staff proposal to hold off on a grading permit until the water issue is resolved.

The applicant, Jack Smith, said the cemetery would not be built unless there were adequate water. "We are not going to put that kind of money into a project unless we know it can work," he declared.

All of the comments from the public were in opposition to the cemetery.

The City of Livermore is opposed to the cemetery. Planner Fred Osborne told the commission that the city feels that the issues of water quality and quantity have not been addressed. Nor does the city believe the project is consistent with ECAP or Measure D policy. The proposal exceeds the maximum allowable height of 30 feet and exceeds the allowable floor area. Osborne also noted that three units are not allowed, only two.

City Councilmember Tom Reitter spoke as a member of the public. He said he found it interesting that there is enough water for the cemetery. At the same time, everything he has been told about the area is that there is not enough water to support agriculture.

Jean King, a Livermore resident, offered comments on the availability of cemetery plots and support services. She noted there are two crematories in Livermore. Two of the crematories have enough space for 50 years, the third for 10 to 20 years.

Commissioner Alane Loisel stated later, "Livermore may have enough plots to accommodate

their residents. We have to look at the needs of the entire county on county land."

Resident Tom O'Neill was concerned about the loss of ag land. He noted that ag land is shrinking as the population grows. "It is the appropriate mission of government to protect ag land. We know few things will be more precious in years to come than ag and water."

North Livermore resident Lona McAllister commented on the water. Noting that measure D requires identification of an adequate and permanent water supply that does not violate any persons right to use the water, it must be shown that existing wells will be protected and sustained.

McAllister noted there is the potential to truck in recycled water. She wanted to know the impacts on the wells, creeks and main water basin. She suggested that a full EIR should be required. She urged the commission to continue the item until adequate studies have been completed.

Baltzer also addressed the water issue. He noted that the reports on water availability refer to peak flows. No where does it say these are sustained flows. Baltzer pointed out that six wells were studied by the developer's consultant. Three are in the Tassajara formation, two in Cayetano and one over the main water basin. He said that using wells that draw water from different areas of the ground basin, does not prove there will be water for the cemetery. He reminded the commission that Zone 7 has said that pumping would be required 24/7, 365 days a year to gain the amount of water said to be needed for the cemetery.

David Quinn, a neighbor of the cemetery site, said Livermore residents are dismayed that the commission is even entertaining this project. "Residents have approved Measure D and turned down development projects. We are frustrated that we have been doing things in an ethical manner, while the county is heading off in a divergent direction, allowing itself to be led by the nose by a developer."

Land Trust Movement Is Growing Rapidly

The Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) has been keeping ahead of the national and state averages of gains in acreage by land trusts.

Combined local, state and national land trusts increased 54 percent to 37 million acres between 2000 and 2005, according to a report released last week by the Land Trust Association (LTA). The national non-profit organization publishes a census of lands in trust every five years.

Locally, the TVC had an even better gain, at 57 percent, which brought its total protected land to 4132 acres, said TVC executive director Sharon Burnham.

So far, all of the land has been within the boundary of the South Livermore plan. However, in 2003, the TVC expanded its geographical scope. As a result it is

working with landowners in North Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, although none has obtained a trust yet.

California is one of the leading states in increasing preserved acreage, said the LTA. The West was also the leading region for growth in land trust acreage. The number of land trusts in the United States grew by 34 percent to 1667 during the past five years. The growth in preservation is a response to the rapid engulfment of the environment, said the LTA report.

Each year, the United States loses two million acres of farms, forests and open spaces to subdivisions, malls and highways. More than 100,000 acres of wetlands are destroyed each year.

Burnham said that the most

impressive point in the report was that "all regions of the country have been remarkable (in preservation growth) for the past five years." She attributed the success to people "really understanding the value of protecting land, and not building on every square inch that we have. The land trust movement has been gathering speed for several years. The public realizes the value of preserving open space and farmland."

The public, including farmers and ranchers, are coming to a better understanding of how land trusts can be beneficial to all, said Burnham. "There are a lot of landowners who can take advantage of tax incentives by donating land. In other cases, especially farmers, they can receive money for conservation easements, and

continue to farm. The public is understanding how important these natural areas are to the quality of life," she said.

Cooperation among land trusts regionally is important, too, said Burnham. She cited the example of the Save Mount Diablo trust. "They want to make sure that Mount Diablo is not an island in the middle of development, because there would be pressure to build (houses) up the mountainside. It's important to keep a corridor open, and connect it to the (Livermore) Valley. We'd like to keep that open, so there are contiguous habitat corridors. We need to keep it open for animals and for people. It's why you try to plan regionally, not just locally," said Burnham.

Livermore Wants Update On Doolan Area Development

Livermore City Councilmember Tom Reitter wants a council subcommittee to meet jointly with its Dublin counterpart to see whether there are any development plans in the works for Doolan Canyon. He is concerned about the potential.

The canyon and Doolan Road are north of Interstate 580, and west of Collier Canyon Road. It is nearly 1 mile east of Croak Road. Reitter said that he has heard vague rumors about development ideas for the canyon, which Livermore considers its western boundary for planning. The area is outside the urban growth boundary.

(However, the land is in neither city's official sphere of planning influence.)

There is support on the Livermore council to acquire parcels for open space to provide a buffer against Dublin development. Livermore has been amassing money in an open space fund into which developers have contributed through the density transfer program. The city also could apply for open space funds generated by the tipping fee at the Altamont landfill. Between the two funds, there could be as much as \$5 million, which pos-

sibly could leverage foundation grants to a much larger sum.

In addition, there is the potential to take out a loan to be repaid from the Altamont open space funds. It is estimated the amount of the loan could be over \$30 million. The loan would be paid back over a thirty year time period or longer.

The Livermore and Dublin city councils met jointly two years ago, and agreed that neither city would entertain development plans in Doolan Canyon. However, subsequent city councils would have the ability to negate that agreement.

"I'd like to know what Dublin thinks should happen there. I have heard nothing first-hand. I heard that some would like to develop something there. I don't know what that is. This is a high priority for me. People view that as our buffer for Dublin," said Reitter.

Reitter asked at the most recent city council meeting to have a letter be sent to Dublin requesting the meeting between the two cities. Other councilmembers agreed with the idea. City manager Linda Barton will be setting one up, said Reitter.

Livermore has not had any one approach it about developing in or near Doolan Canyon, said Reitter. It's unlikely that would happen, since the only way Livermore could annex land there, and allow development, would be by a vote of the Livermore electorate, he said.

The city's voters rejected the Pardee development in North Livermore, east of North Livermore Avenue, by a more than 2 to 1 margin last year. County Measure D prohibits residential growth, except on parcels of 20 or 100 acres, depending on location. That leaves Dublin as the most likely enabler of development.

Dublin has no requirement of voter-approved annexation and development. Dublin has a voter approved urban growth line, but only on the west side. The only boundary on Dublin's east side is the current city limit.

A look at maps shows that to be about 1700 to 2500 feet west of Doolan Canyon in the closest places, said Dublin associate planner Marnie Nuccio. She told the Independent that she had not heard about any developers asking about Doolan Canyon.

LARPD Extend LUNAR Launch Permit

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board of Directors voted unanimously to extend the permit use of Robertson Park to the Livermore Unit National Association of Rocketry club (LUNAR).

The extension to June 30, 2007 includes a provision that rockets launched from the park be limited to an engine size "D" with a launch height limit of 1,200 feet.

At issue is the growth and new housing surrounding the park over recent years, and the potential for rockets to land on the roofs of neighboring houses and ignite.

The club has used the park to launch rockets for thirteen years. However, two recent incidents led the district to cancel recent launches. These include one rocket that set a fire that had to be extinguished by the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department. In a second incident, a rocket landed on the roof of a nearby home.

Board president Scott Kamena commented, "It is difficult to launch rockets and not have them land on people's roofs. We have asked them (LUNAR) to leave."

Craig Saunders, president of LUNAR, made a pitch to use the park for two more public launches, as well as launches for

the TARC (Team America Rocketry Challenge) program. In the TARC program, students design, build and fly rockets. The top 100 teams across the nation go to Virginia for competition. Most recently, three teams sponsored by LUNAR qualified for the national event.

LUNAR is the largest rocket club in the United States with 160 members. "We are much more than a bunch of geeks flying rockets," said Saunders. He said the club is not happy with the situation. With the encroachment of development, the club has had to limit the size of rockets it launches. "It's not a great place to fly," he stated.

He added the group has already begun looking for a new site. "As soon as we find a spot, we are out of there. It's been thirteen years. We all had a lot of fun. We want to keep rocketry here in Livermore. It's an important part of the community."

It hosts classes, mentors student rocket teams, and organizes demonstration launches. The group reports that it has flown 25,000 rockets in Livermore in the past 13 years. During that time 7300 members of youth groups have taken part in the program.

The extension was not supported by staff, particularly counsel Michael Kyle who felt

the insurance carried by the group was inadequate. He asked that it be increased.

"We appreciate the modifications that the LUNAR group is planning, and hope that the group will further explore increasing its insurance policy as a step toward decreasing the liability risk for the District," according to Tim Barry, LARPD General Manager.

LUNAR is insured through the national rocketry association for up to \$2 million. LARPD felt that \$5 million would be needed.

Saunders said the club is not depending on insurance to protect it or the district. They review launch procedures. As a result they have moved the launch pad and continued to reduce the launch ceiling. The FAA allows a ceiling of 5000 feet. The club had set the limit at 1500 feet. Following the recent incidents, that ceiling has been reduced to 1200 feet, which Saunders said will make it impossible for rockets to reach any of the nearby homes.

Kamena, who lives next to Robertson Park, said he has witnessed launches. "They are fun. Over a hundred people were there. They had a good time. I have lived there three years and never had a neighbor complain to me about the event."

Representatives of schools,

youth organizations, and scout groups spoke in support of the program, noting that it provides an opportunity to learn by doing. It gets kids outdoors, working with their hands, rather than sitting in front of video games. They also commented on how safe the program is.

Mark Weiss, Lunar #1, started the program. As a police officer, he said he turned a blind eye to rockets being launched in parks.

He wanted the district to at least allow for the educational portion of the program to remain in the area of Robertson Park. He said that rocketry is included in the curriculum of history, math, science and engineering.

Kamena said he doesn't believe there is a substantial risk in allowing the program to continue at Robertson Park. "I personally would have no problem with an indefinite extension." He added he understood the concerns of staff.

Other board members said that it is important to pay attention to what legal staff and our general manager tell us. Maryalice Faltings suggested that staff work with the club to look at another LARPD park that doesn't have so many houses coming up to it.

Barry said he would be pleased to work with the group to find another location.

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also have the goal of raising \$10,000, an amount approximately equal to a donation of a "quarter a day" by middle school students for the 10 day period of the effort. Students will be present at the Pleasanton Farmer's Market on Saturday, December 9, to accept donations. Other parts of the project include fundraising dances, pasta feeds, and blanket and clothing collections.

The schools involved in Op-

eration Hope are all part of the Pleasanton Unified School District. Accusplit, Inc., located at 6120 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 210, Pleasanton, is an innovator in pedometers and pedometer-based activity wellness programs. The company has built a strong reputation in the sporting goods and wellness industries by providing quality stopwatches, runners' watches, and pedometers.

Rising Temperatures to Negatively Impact Crops

Increasing temperatures in California during the next 45 years could negatively affect the amount of almonds, walnuts, oranges, avocados and table grapes that Americans put on their tables.

According to new research in the journal *Agricultural and Forest Meteorology*, production losses in some of California's most popular crops could be as high as 40 percent by mid-century.

The modeling shows that wine grapes will undergo very small changes in yield over the next century because of climate change. However, almonds, table grapes, oranges, walnuts and avocados show moderate to substantial yield declines. For ex-

ample, avocado crops are expected to yield 40 percent less than current harvests. The expected yield of almonds, table grapes, oranges and walnuts decreases by as much as 20 percent.

In the study, researchers from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory evaluated the impact of climate change on six major perennial crops in California: wine grapes, almonds, table grapes, oranges, walnuts and avocados. Each of these crops is typically planted only once every 25-40 years. Climate can change considerably in the lifetime of individual vines or trees.

Using more than 20 climate models, the authors assessed the response of these crops to projected changes in temperature (an

increase of 2 degrees to 4 degrees Celsius) and precipitation.

"Climate change should be an important factor in selecting perennial varieties and deciding whether and where they should be planted in California," said David Lobell, the lead author of the paper who collaborated with scientists at the Carnegie Institution, Stanford University and UC Merced. "This study indicates that warmer temperatures will tend to reduce yields of these crops in their current locations."

While these particular crops could be grown in cooler regions, it takes close to three years for orchards and vineyards to mature to a point where they are producing harvestable fruit. In addition,

other regions are often unsuitable for reasons other than climate, such as poor soils.

The research did not include the effects of an increase in CO2 in the atmosphere or farming modifications due to increasing temperatures and less rainfall.

However, the models did account for a variety of mechanisms that can influence yields in a changing climate, such as plant physiological processes, climate-related influence of pests, pathogens and air pollution.

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SPORTS NOTES

Youth Soccer

Livermore Elite Express AC1 U-10 captured the District Cup tournament title. In the first game, it was Livermore Elite Express 4, Ballistic Gold 1. Ryan Ruley and Scott Buskey both scored in the first half for the Express. Ballistic Gold scored in the second half. Tony Jimenez scored the third goal for Express off an assist from Scott Buskey, and Curtis Wiggington scored the final goal of the game. Logan Gruidl played awesome in the goal, and Matthew Dremalas played phenomenal defense for the Express.

Livermore Elite Express 5, Newark Earthquakes 1. Scott Buskey scored twice in the first half, one unassisted and one from an assist from Ryan Ruley. Newark came back and scored in the second half. Tony Jimenez scored the third goal for the Express off an assist from Curtis Wiggington. Then Bailey Bartlett put the final touch on the game with two more goals in the second half. Michael Rademann and Josh Revay played solid in the back, and Jake Foscalina and Cole Souza played great offense for the Express.

Livermore Elite Express 11, Fremont Flash 0. The Express came out strong. Ryan Ruley had a hat trick. Tony Jimenez and Baylie Bartlett both scored twice for the Express. Scott Buskey had one goal and two assists. Josh Revay, Jake Foscalina, and Logan Gruidl all had goals, and Curtis Wiggington assisted three times for the Express. Dominic Foscalina played awesome in the mid field with Matthew Dremalas and Michael Rademann playing touch defense to shut out Fremont.

Championship Game - Livermore Elite Express 6, San Ramon Revolution 0. Scott Buskey scored a hat trick for the Express. Two unassisted, one of an assist from Ryan Ruley. Ryan Ruley, Dominic Foscalina, and Tony Jimenez all had individual goals. Logan Gruidl had four saves in the goal. Jake Foscalina and Curtis Wiggington played great offense for the Express, and Cole Souza and Josh Revay played solid defense to end a phenomenal season for the Livermore Express.

The Livermore Warriors Under-12 Boy's soccer team recently closed out a remarkable season, taking home championship honors at the prestigious Sunset Soccer Tournament in San Ramon.

In a thrilling tie match, the Warriors downed Alamo Rangers 1-0 on penalty kicks. Following a scoreless regulation match, two hard-fought overtimes, and 8 pressure-packed penalty kicks, center midfielder Derick Solorzano finally closed out the contest with a bullet to the back of the net. Goalie Sam Leepers smothered the Rangers' final volley to give the Warriors the win.

It was a fitting finale for the squad, which enjoyed a 23-2-1 season, highlighted by victories in the Crossroads District Tournament of Champions, the LYSI U-12 Boy's Tournament, and a regular season crown. Combining a potent offense with a stalwart defense, the Warriors scored 40 goals during league play while allowing just 5. Overall they posted shutouts in 18 of their 26 matches.

Captain John Stepanek anchored the squad at mid-field, while Stephen roamed at sweeper, and top scorer Justin Peters and Dalton Miller provided firepower at the forward position. Other offensive stars included Tanner Cortez, and Anthony Celeste, who oftenscored on rushes from his mid-field position. Brandon Howard, Connor Harsch, Michael Doczy, Taylor Wirth and Solorzano joined Celeste at mid-field, while on defense Taylor Futral, Jonathan Futral, Nick Winter, and Andrew Mardrossian created a nearly impenetrable wall in front of goalie Leeper.

In addition to winning all four games at the Sunset Tourney, the Warriors swept the table at Crossroads Tournament, defeating the admirable Fremont Blizzard 1-0 in the title match with Stepanek scoring the winning goal. They also went undefeated in the Livermore U-12 tourney. Celeste scored two of the three Warrior goals, as they overcame West Coast Fury 3-1, the second straight time they'd beaten their in-town rivals. The Warriors were led by head coaches Rich Howard and Jim Peters and assistant coaches Paul Stepanek, and Herve Mardrossian.

The Livermore Elite U-10 Clash took second place in the District Cup Bronze tournament this weekend.

Seeded fourth of 11 teams going into the weekend, Livermore opened with an impressive 3-1 victory over the fifth seed Mustang Vipers. Down a goal at the break, Kent Greene ignited the Clash in the first minute of the second half. His blast from right side on a pass from Tanner Sandy gave immediate confidence to Livermore. A short time later, Calvin Rasbold battled his way through three Mustang defenders. His shot was stopped, but Diego Plascencia hammered home the rebound to give the Clash a lead. Ryan Ball finished the scoring with a late insurance goal.

The Clash continued their winning ways Saturday afternoon with a 2-0 result against the Dublin Force. Plascencia scored two goals in three minutes midway through the second half to secure the win. Only the inspired play of the Dublin keeper kept the score from being much greater.

Needing a decisive victory in their third game to advance to the final, the Clash responded against Ballistic White on Sunday morning. In the first half, Plascencia scored on a seeing eye through pass from Ryan Ball. Moments later, he intercepted a goal kick to convert his fifth goal of the weekend. In the second half, Calvin Rasbold masterfully connected with a Jake Hall serve from the corner for the 3-0 final.

Led by Livermore shutout defenders Hall, Nolan Parker, Mike Brooks and goalkeeper Donnie Buchanan, the team allowed only a single goal in the first three games, best in the tournament.

Advancing to the championship game on the strength of their defense and some heads up coaching, Livermore's luck ran out Sunday afternoon against the first seed Mustang Galaxy. Mustang took advantage of some defensive confusion and led 1-0 just 4 minutes into the game. Repeated attacks on goal by Alec Foster, Plascencia, Rasbold, Sandy and Hall were all turned away by the stout Galaxy defense. The one goal stood up through the final 46 minutes, and the disappointed Clash took home second place.

The Livermore Clash finished their 2006 season under coaches Mike Earle and Fred Salgado with a record of 15 wins, six ties and seven losses. They are looking forward to the 2007 Al Caffodio season.

Dublin Fighters: In Nor Cal Cup play over the weekend the Dublin Fighters U12 team secured a spot in the finals with a 3-1 win over the Novato Velocity. Veronica "V" Highsmith struck first for the fighters off a pass by Joanna Grinn. Amanda Garcia found the back of the net twice with assists by Rebecca Beasley and Megan Zummo. The fighter mid-field kept the pressure up with Nikki Mohebi, Mikaila Constable, Adriana Nugen and Christine Laymon all making shots on goal. Top Defensive Players: The Fighter backfield, with brilliant play by Allison Mitchell, Annie Jones and Hailey Zummo, and anchored by keeper Heather Seelye, shut down their opponents allowing them only two shots on goal.

Pleasanton United Ballistic Soccer Jetstream U10 and the Fremont Dragons tied 3 - 3 in the first round of the San Ramon District III Season Sunset Champion's Cup. Reed Marques opened the scoring for the

Jetstream with an unassisted goal at the 12 minute mark of the first half. Reed then made a beautiful pass to Jordan Ott who booted it in for the Jetstream second goal right before halftime. Brennan Morris rounded out the scoring for the Jetstream with a goal from a perfect pass from Patrick Pipitone. Ricky Muro, Shantanu Deshmane and Luis Garcia also helped the Jetstream with their strong offensive effort. Brennan Morris, Miles Santos and Vincent Chang led the Jetstream defensive effort. Patrick Pipitone and Ricky Muro played outstanding goalie for the Jetstream.

The Livermore Mustangs defeated the Pleasanton Ballistic Jetstream 3 - 1 in the consolation round of the San Ramon District III Season Sunset Champion's Cup. The Mustangs captured third place and the Jetstream a fourth place in the very exciting tournament. Reed Marques scored the lone goal for the Jetstream from a perfect centering pass from Jordan Ott. Luis Garcia, Ricky Muro, Miles Santos, Shantanu Deshmane and Brennan Morris also helped the Jetstream with their offensive effort. Brennan Morris, Jordan Ott, Reed Marques and Vincent Chang led the Jetstream defensive effort. Shantanu Deshmane and Patrick Pipitone played outstanding goalie for the Jetstream.

The Livermore Fury girls U-11 D3 team completed its season by playing three games in District Cup. In the opener against the Dublin Hurricanes, the Fury fell behind early on a well-placed center pass and shot for a goal. Ten minutes later, Rebekah Johnson got behind the Dublin defense, dribbled around the goalie and scored to tie the game. Livermore controlled most of the rest of the game as Amanda Fairclough, Morgan Brandt, Erin Winegamer and Britany Ahnbeck played well in the mid field. Despite numerous scoring chances, the Fury was not able to score again and settled for a 1-1 tie.

In the second game versus the Mustang Eagles, the Fury struck in the first minute. Allison Lau drove a long ball into the box and when the goalie lost control of the ball Alison Pierson was there to kick in the loose ball for a 1-0 lead. The Eagles countered with a lot of pressure during the rest of the half but Alyssa Stevenson and Nicole Kurian made some nice defensive plays to turn away some strong rushes. Finally, the Mustang scored the equalizer by on a long left-side run and shot by its speedy forward. Goalie Skylar Kriz stopped the Eagles the rest of the half to maintain a 1-1 tie. In the second half, the Eagles offense continued to attack and scored two more goals to win the game, 3-1.

In the final game against the Mustang Stampede, the Fury fell behind early 1-0 but kept the game close as goalie Beth McCall made some excellent saves. Forward Kaitlin Dadalt made a nice run behind the Stampede defense to draw a penalty but the Fury just missed wide on the following kick. In the second half, Livermore stepped up its pressure, led by the strong mid field play of Callie Crowe. An unlucky handball led to a Stampede penalty shot for a 2-0 lead. However, the Fury played hard at the end as Olivia Cabatage had two excellent shots on goal. Finally, in the last minute the Fury pressure in the box resulted in a deflection and goal and a final score of 2-1.

The U-12, Division 3, Livermore Elite Lightning played in the tough District Cup over the weekend. Their highlight of their tournament was the Lightning's 4-1 win against the Fremont Manics. After a scoreless first half, the Lightning came out, fired up for the second half, stunning the Manics. With a total team effort and surge toward the net, it was Daniel Toscano who made the final kick from the side, into the net which was surrounded by players. Two plays later, Daniel came up with the ball again and from the backfield passed the ball to Tyler Ellis, who made a break away run in the middle of the second goal. In the middle of the half, the Manics managed to get a goal of their own, but it was the Lightning who posted the final goal with Jeff Gellerman executing a perfect shot across the net to the far back corner.

Other highlights of the tournament included goal line saves with key kicks by Jason Stearns and Ricky Martinez, as well as goalie Tristan Lewis, who came up with over a dozen saves of his own. Morgan Melendez and Cody Martinez each added crucial header saves out of the box. Contributing solid performances and playing a variety of positions were Christopher Sund, Justin Moore, and Lee Wood, Gerald Cuyle, and Jose Zavala.

The Pleasanton Ballistic United U10 team won the Copa Del Rey Soccer Tournament this past weekend in Sacramento. The United team had victories over Chivas Academy 10-2 and Santa Rosa 3-0. On Sunday Ballistic defeated San Juan 7-1. In the Championship game Ballistic defeated Eureka Rumble 3-1. The offensive power of Collin Richardson, Steven Dougherty, Sahit Menon, Jackson Still, Alex Krause, Jared Sengel, Jason Sarubin and Matt Powell led the way. The defense of Daniel Payne, Daniel Rodriguez, Jeff Klei and Jack Geasa played great the entire weekend. This was the final tournament of the season for the boys. Top Offensive Players: Collin Richardson, Alex Krause, Jackson Still; Top Defensive Players: Daniel Payne, Daniel Rodriguez, Jack Geasa.

Livermore Crew '97 Girls U9 Division 1 team won three games and lost the championship game in overtime to take second place in the District Cup post-season tournament last weekend. Crew '97 began with a 2-0 win over the second seeded Mustang Outlaw team. Cameryn Long and Ashley Arnett supplied all the offense. Crew '97 needed with a goal each. The Crew '97 offense broke loose in the second game when Ashley Arnett scored 7 goals along with 2 from Cameryn Long and one from Carleigh Thurman in a 10-1 victory over the San Ramon Spirit. San Ramon Courage where up next and Crew '97 continued their winning ways with a 4-0 victory. Ashley Arnett had 2 goals while Amelia Mowry and Hanna Beauchamp each scored a goal for Crew '97. The championship game pitted Crew '97 against the Nor Cal gold division winner Mustang Xplosion. Crew '97 jumped out to an early lead off an Ashley Arnett goal but couldn't hold on when the Xplosion struck back for a late score and a 1-1 tie at the end of regulation. Xplosion went on to score the winning goal in overtime for a 2-1 win.

Livermore Rampage Girls U14 Division 3 team took second place in the District Cup post season tournament last weekend. The Rampage opened up the tournament with a 2-0 victory over the Pleasanton Rage. Olivia Mowry scored both goals off assists from Sarah Slabaugh and Jennifer Wakefield. The Rampage took on the Dublin Divas in their second game and came away with a scoreless tie. The two teams then squared off for penalty shots to see who would advance to the championship game. Rampage goalie Katelyn Krueger stopped two of the three Diva shots while Sissi Gonzalez, Becca Woll, Sarah Slabaugh and Olivia Mowry all scored to give the Rampage an insurmountable 4-2 lead and a spot in the championship game against the Mustang Earthquakes.

The Earthquakes struck first in the championship game when they took an early 1-0 lead 5 minutes into the game. But the Rampage came back on a Sissi Gonzalez penalty shot 7 minutes later to tie the game. The Earthquakes jumped back into the lead before halftime with another goal and put the game away for good late in the second half with their third goal off a corner kick for a 3-1 win.

The Pleasanton Rage U13 Division 3 team took 2nd place in this weekend's District 3 Cup Tournament held in Danville. The Rage played well in all three preliminary pool games with wins over Danville, San Ramon, and Dublin. In Saturday's first game, the Rage met up with the Mustang Spirit. The girls made every pass count and Stephanie Little got the girls on the board in the first 10 minutes with a nice right side cross in the back corner of the net. It was Little again on a penalty kick outside the eighteen that hit the cross bar but Marissa Victor was there on the rebound putting Rage ahead 2-0. It was then Megan Clark getting the ball out of the Rage backfield feeding up to Dani Ramirez who crossed into Jessie Hopson for the score bringing it to 3-0 at the half time whistle. That score would hold for the second half.

In the second game on Saturday, Rage met up with the San Ramon Stingers. Both teams played very even and finally it was Danielle Homan on a corner kick to a waiting Stephanie Little. Although San Ramon gave it their all in the second half, all shots were denied with Rage keeper Aria Crawford playing another great game in the net. Sunday morning's showdown was between the Rage and Dublin with the winner advancing to the Championship game. A penalty in the box led to a PK by Stephanie Little who drilled it in the back of the net for a quick 1-0 lead. Dublin would even it up with a nice shot, but then it was Danielle LaMarche taking the ball all the way from the backfield, dribbling by and through several defenders and then shooting right through the keeper's legs for the go ahead goal.

In the Championship match, Rage met up with the number one seed, the San Ramon Lightning. Play was fast and even for the first half with the only goal coming in very late in the first half. That goal would stand for the game as the Rage fought hard putting several shots up. Another outstanding game was played by the Rage defense - Megan Clark, Kristin Dumanski, and Autumn Whitney. Aria Crawford was her usual wall in the net and even saved a direct kick in the box. **The Pleasanton U14 Division 3** Rage team beat second-place Dublin Divas in the consolation final of the District Cup. The team dominated shots on goal by a 2-1 margin, and corner shots 8-1. Offensive play was supported by strong defense, notably Kristen Desprez, and by an aggressive midfield. Forwards Chelsea Loewenstein and Ellie Kim pressed continually toward the goal. The first Rage goal was a confident shot to the middle of the net by Julia Price. The winning goal came in the final three seconds of play, with Maggie Blasing firing one past the opposing goalie out of a high traffic situation. First-half Rage goalkeeper Alex Villanueva had a notable save, stopping a hard shot placed low and to the far post. Second-half Rage goalkeeper Jessica Johns placed her kicks well into Diva territory, including one near their goal box.

CYO Basketball

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) 7th grade girls (team 7005) improved their record to 2 and 1 by defeating St. Isidore (team 7002) 34-18 in CYO basketball. CCOP took control and out scored St. Isidore 18-2 by the half. St. Isidore rallied in the 3rd quarter scoring 11 points but CCOP was to powerful and finished with a solid game. Leading scorers were Lindsay Godwin (15 points), Nicole Ponzini (8 points), Lauren MacDonnell (4 points), Michele Mann (4 points), Kelly Parson (3 points). The defense was anchored by Godwin (12 rebounds), Vivian Hare (7 rebounds) and Sydney Okumura (5 rebounds).

In the third game of the season, CCOP 7th grade girls played a very balanced scoring game, with 7 of 9 players earning points for the 23 to 9 win over St. Raymond's. A strong defensive effort kept St. Raymond's team from scoring, holding them to only 5 points in the first half. Rebounding for CCOP was Keri Butler and Stephanie Hogan. CCOP led by only 2 points at the half, but they came on strong in the second half by scoring 16 points to their opponents 4 points. Executing the full court trap allowed a wealth of steals by Rachel Orpina and Jessica Woodruff. Top scoring players for CCOP - Rachel Orpina with 7, and Autumn Whitney with 4.

CCOP 6th grade girls #6007 played a smart defensive game against Saint Joan of Arc in winning 38 to 28. Aubry Wolff started the game off with a great steal, and topped it off with the first basket of the game. CCOP #6007 battled hard and ended the first half with a 17-14 lead. Sydney Hitesman made seven baskets and two free-throws, combined with Arleen Firoozan's five baskets they secured a win. Top Offensive Players for CCOP: Hayley Bradley, Sarah Loduba, Bailey Downum; Top Defensive Players: Ailana Urban, Kristina Dunworth, Marlo Agghazarian.

St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) 7th grade girls (#7010) took on the SM/SC (#7007) and won 32 to 31 in a thrilling overtime game. The 7007 team jumped out to an impressive 5 point lead with great hustle and rebounding. Not to be out done was the guards for 7010 Brittany Campiotti with 14 points and Ashley Holmes with 10 points. Battling for the ball was Erin Walthall and McKenzie Hubert on defense for 7010. Katy Jones and Shannon Sunnergren played great defense for 7010 blocking shots and rebounding against a much taller team. The crowd was on their feet the whole game. SM/SC 4th grade boys (#411) vs. St. Isidore (#410) won 32 to 18. Leading the way for SM/SC on offense was Michael Pierce 10 points and Jason Bohl 10 points. Michael Bohl added 6 points to help

SM/SC keep the lead. Defensive pressure was applied by Omar Naisan, Dustin Allen (2 pts.) and Ryan Holmes (4 pts.). Patrick Miron added 3 rebounds to help SM/SC secure the victory. Both teams showed great hustle for the fans.

The SM/SC 4th grade boys Team 418 lost a hard fought game to St. Isidore's 36-16. Top scorers for St. Isidore's were Adam Sweate with 8 and Scott Shirreffs with 6. SM/SC's top scorers were Alex Cupps with 6 and Brett Allen with 5. Blake Richards, Zack Kline and Troy Simpkins all played touch defense for SM/SC in the effort against St. Isidore's balanced scoring attack.

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in the Level 4 NorCal State Championships in Brentwood on December 2-3. RESULTS (by event): LEVEL 4: Age Group: 6yr-olds VAULT - Riley Kuderca - 9th place (8.7) BARS - Riley Kuderca (7.475) BEAM - Riley Kuderca (6.375) FLOOR - Riley Kuderca (8.8) ALL AROUND - Riley Kuderca (31.35); Age Group: 7yr-olds VAULT - Kelly Hebert - 2nd place (9.4) BARS - Kelly Hebert (8.575) BEAM - Kelly Hebert - 9th place (8.5) FLOOR - Kelly Hebert (8.875) ALL AROUND - Kelly Hebert - 8th place (35.35); Age Group: younger 12yr-olds VAULT - Peri Ouyang - 2nd place (9.15) BARS - Peri Ouyang (8.25) BEAM - Peri Ouyang - 4th place (8.95) FLOOR - Peri Ouyang (8.825) ALL AROUND - Peri Ouyang - 5th place (35.175); Age Group: 12+ VAULT - Kate Scheibner - 8th place (8.9) BARS - Kate Scheibner (8.45) BEAM - Kate Scheibner (8.25) FLOOR - Kate Scheibner (8.0) ALL AROUND - Kate Scheibner (33.6).

Diablo Gymnastics

Diablo Gymnastic team members competed in the NorCal Level 4 State Championships over the weekend. Pleasanton resident Katherine Marotto was one of the competitors. She finished 12th with an all around score of 34.3 in the 6 and young 7 division. Her results: vault 8.9, 9th place tie; bars 8.4, 12th place tie; beam 8.3, 13th; and floor 8.9, 13th place tie.

Tsunami Aquatics

Personal best times were achieved by the Tsunami Aquatic team members who competed at the Junior National Championships held at Oceana High School in Pacifica on Dec. 1-3.

Katie Kulp, 10, swam to two new "A" times in the 50 back and 200 IM. Shelby Swanson, 11, improved her AA 50 fly time and her A in the 50 back. Eric Santin, 14, competed in the 100 breaststroke, improving his time.

Tsunami is accepting membership on the team. No experience is necessary. Stroke improvement groups offered. High school get in shape program is in progress. Call Emily at 443-7700 for information.

Baseball Camp

A holiday baseball camp is planned for Dec. 26 to 28. Guest instructors include Brad Bergeson, Brandon Crawford and Jeff Lyman. Proceeds from the camp will be donated to local charities: Camp Arroyo and the DARE Program.

The camp will be held at Bill Payne Park in Livermore, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is open to groups 8 to 10 and 11 to 14. Instruction will be fundamental pitching, fundamental hitting, and fundamental baseball. Fee is \$125 per player. Registration is on-line at www.thepitchingcenter.com. Cosponsoring the camp are The Pitching Center, Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters, Pleasanton Police Department, Livermore-Pleasanton Pony Baseball, All Star Sports, and ThinkSport Consulting Services.

Blue Dolphins

Two of the members of Livermore's Blue Dolphin swimming team qualified for the Pacific Swimming Junior Olympics held last weekend in Pacifica.

The Junior Olympic meet is restricted to swimmers fourteen and under who have met a qualifying time standard. Blue Dolphins qualifying were Luc Hamilton in the 50 free and Alex Wang in the 50 Back, 100 Back, 100 Breast, 100 Fly and 200 IM. In addition, Alex Wang achieved his Far Western time at his last meet.

The Far Western meet standard, also known as the Q time standard, is the qualifying time standard for the two Far Western Championship meets that Pacific hosts each year in late March and late July. The Far Western meet standard is currently the fastest time standard in Pacific used for meet entry purposes.

Of the qualifying Dolphins, only Alex Wang was able to attend the Junior Olympics where he made improvements on his times, moving up the time standards in several swims. He earned three new A times in the 200 IM, 100 Breast, 100 Back, and has qualified for the Far Westerns in the 100 Butterfly.

Lacrosse Camp

Girls lacrosse camp is open to 5-12th grade girls, all levels of play. The girls will be divided by age and ability. The camp dates are from 12/19 - 12/21. Camp hours will be from 1-4PM at Granada High School. Equipment will be provided. The application form can be obtained from the Granada High web

site, granadahigh.com. Stu Brokowsky will be running the camp. He can be reached at 925-484-5854 or sbrokowsky@mindspring.com. Camp fee is \$60.

Bowling News

Granada Bowl's Prime-Timers took the spotlight during league play. Fritz Rittmann, 177, finished with 234-222 and a 639 set; Harry Thompson led as the 171 averager came in with a big 255 game for a 624 series; Dwayne Childress, 168 par, used a 243 game for his placement at 606; John Waite, 179, had highs of 211-224 for his 602 set; Emile Cigliuffi, 147, erupted for a 235 game and Dale Irving, 133 norm, posted a seasons high 201. Tanya England, Eagles Renovations Match Point, topped the ladies with 233-193-255 for a big 681 series. The Monday Mashers saw Aldea Burgis, 154 par, top the women highs of 213-211 for a 601 set; Craig Snow, 174, led the men with a 265 and 670 series.

The Sunday Rollers witnessed a battle between Roger Purta and Rich Costa with Purta using a 289 game plus 227-227 for his 744 set; Costa had an eleven strike game of 279 for his 720 set. Gene Bruhl, Gene's Pro Shop, started with a strike filled game of 277 for his 723-242 for a 748 series. In the Modified Guys and Dolls, Darin Smith was the best with 236-244-257 - 737 total; Mark McCreary followed with a strike filled game for his 715 set. Dean Lonskey started with the first ten strikes for a 288 game. Lloyd Smith, 4 Seasons Heating and Air Strollers league, rolled a solid 708 series with 233-260-215; Roger McClenathan became an USBC award winner by bowling 100 plus pins over his 175 average with a 279 game and 651 set.

The Wednesday Wonders saw Al Piazza strike his way to a 259 game and 660 set; Daniel Howe, 149 norm, bowled his first 600 series with a 224 game and 608 series. In the Eagles Renovations Match Point league, Ralph Soto came in with 247-222-231 for a 700 series. Claude Wilson, Lab League, said goodbye to his 169 norm, with a 633 series and games of 222-220-191. Valley Family and Friends league had Scott Cooper post a 723 set with highs of 255-249. Tom Vice, 142, became an USBC award winner for bowling a 246 game.

Water Polo Signup

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) has announced that registration is currently underway for the winter season of Livermore Laser Water Polo.

All practices will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center (RLCC) Swim Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. High school boys will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., high school girls will practice from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and boys and girls in grades five through eight will practice Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Tournaments for the season will be held on the weekends of December 16-17, January 6-7, January 20-21, and February 3-4. The fee is \$200 for high school players and \$175 for participants in grades five to eight.

Players can sign up online at www.larpd.dst.ca.us or sign up at the pool. Participants will also be required to register for U.S. Water Polo. Please call RLCC Aquatics at (925) 373-5751 for more information.

Fastpitch Tryouts

Livermore Smoke will be hosting tryouts for the 12U A-Ball team. This will be a highly competitive travel team for advanced skilled girl players who are 100% committed to fastpitch softball. Pitchers and catchers will have a separate tryout. Saturday, December 9, 2006, check-in 8:30am, Joe Michell Elementary, 1001 Elaine Ave., Livermore. Further information: John Heinz, (925) 454-1406.

Golden Era Baseball

Golden Era Baseball, based in Dublin, California, has limited openings remaining for their 10U, 12U and 13U advanced travel teams and is currently seeking talented players to fill these positions for the upcoming 2007 Season. Any players who would like to be considered for these positions should contact Golden Era Baseball at: (866) 230-1781 right away to schedule a try out. Full details regarding the program can also be found on the web at: GoldenEraBaseball.com.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League 2007 Season Baseball Registration Sat., Dec. 9 10 am to 2 pm GLL Fields by snack bar (weather permitting) Tues., Dec. 12 6 pm - 8 pm Round Table on Stanley Blvd., Livermore. For more information visit www.eteamz.com/granadal.

Winter Baseball Camp

Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting a three day winter camp. Each camper will receive individual instruction from coaches and Livermore High players, a snack each day and a camp shirt. This 5-12 year old camp costs \$125 and runs

from 9:00-12:00 everyday. The dates are December 18-20. If you sign up before December 11th (post marked), pay only \$110. For more info to sign up please contact David Perotti at (925) 443-2742 or lvbinfo@yahoo.com or check website www.eteamz.com/lvb.

Alumni Soccer Game

Foothill and Amador Valley High School Alumni will be playing in the 4th Foothill-Amador Alumni Soccer Game on Saturday, December 30th. There will be 2 games featuring Men's and Women's soccer players from the 70's, 80's, 90's and 2000's.

The games have become an annual event that benefit the Soccer Programs at Foothill and Amador. All gate receipts (\$7 adults and \$4 students) and Snack Bar proceeds will go directly to the programs.

The teams will be playing for trophies that will be awarded to the schools of the winners. The winning school will gain possession of the trophies each year. Games during the 1st three years featured victorious teams from both Amador and Foothill.

Ryan Gordon was a 2003 graduate of Foothill High School. He was killed in a boating accident shortly after graduating. He played soccer at Foothill for four years and was planning on attending Santa Barbara City College where he planned to continue playing soccer. The original Alumni Game was organized to fund a scholarship that benefits a graduating member of the Foothill women's or men's soccer team who aspire to play soccer in college. Since the 1st year all proceeds go directly to the soccer programs at the 2 high schools.

If you are an ex-soccer player from Amador or Foothill and would like to play, you can get more information and/or register at All-Star Sports. There is a \$20 fee to play. Players and fans are invited to the "Hop Yard Alehouse" after the games. Fifteen percent of proceeds will be donated to the programs.

There will be "special entertainment" at each of the half-times this year!

The games will be played at Amador Valley High School, women at 4 p.m. and men at 6:30 p.m.

To register go to All-Star Sports, 3037-A Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; 846-7928.

For more information, call Curt Gordon, 426-1540 or Janet Mullaney, 426-6756.

Girls Softball


2007 Registration for all Pleasanton Phantom divisions is now open. Phantom softball is open to girls in grades K-12 living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol. Registration can be completed online or mail-in. See the PGSL web site for additional information www.pleasantonsoftball.org.

Pleasanton Lacrosse

The Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Spring 2007 season registration is now open. Programs are available for girls and boys grades 3 thru 8. The season runs from February thru mid May. Full equipment required for all players. Register early as spots are limited and additional fees for late registration will apply after October 31st. To register and/or obtain more information go to www.pleasantonlacrosse.com or call Byron Hay at 925 998-5550.

Livermore Lacrosse

Spring registration has opened for Livermore Phantom Lacrosse. Boys and Girls, grades 3 through 8 are welcome. For information, go to www.phantomlacrosse.com.



LIVERMORE AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE

Last Opportunity to Sign-Up in Person!

Registration for the 2006 - 2007 Season will take place from 6:00 - 9:00 pm on Thursday, December 7, 2006 in Room 10 at Asbury Church, located at 4743 East Ave. Avoid late charges and sign-up by Dec. 31.

For more info and/or to register online, please visit our website www.eteamz.com/all or call our hotline 447-5255.



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Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



Coast Manufacturing & Supply Company

From 1913 until its merger with Hexcel Corporation in 1968, the Coast Manufacturing and Supply Company was a major employer in Livermore. The company made safety fuses—twisted jute ropes that slowed and controlled the burning of their blasting powder cores. The exterior ropes were coated with water proofing.

William Bickford invented the safety fuse in Cornwall, England in 1831. The device was first manufactured in Connecticut, starting in 1840. The business merged with others to become the Coast Manufacturing Company, and in 1867 a west coast facility was opened in San Leandro. In 1913 the operations moved to Livermore, where the first workers were on the job at the "Fuse Works" by July 26.

In 1916 the payroll contained 200 employees. Wages were raised to a minimum of \$2 per day. The black powder was kept in bunkers to the north of First Street and when needed brought by horse and wagon down Trevarno Road and across the railroad tracks to the powder houses and spinning rooms. At 8 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m. the company whistle could be heard all over town.

Ramon Figueroa and Fred Masch were killed in a powder explosion at the bunker site in April 1922. Figueroa was the driver of the powder wagon; Masch was employed as a powder mixer. The cause of the accident was never discovered. They were at work alone when the explosion occurred.

In 1925 the company shipped 225 train carloads of safety fuse. Various mining industries used the safety fuses that the company manufactured. Their three top sellers were the Dreadnaught, the Tripletap, and the Comet Special.

For World War II they developed the Prima, a special fuse that could be ignited underwater for use in the Philippines. They furnished over 50,000 miles of fuse to the allies. In the late 1940s the company turned in a different direction and began manufacturing fiberglass.

Trevarno Road was the main thoroughfare through the 25-acre company complex, with sidewalks lined with walnut trees and a grass median strip. A 1928 county history described "a hospital and dispensary, a laboratory, a large, two-story structure for offices, and about 20 dwellings for its employees. ... The well-kept lawns are ornamented with shrubs and much effort has been expended in making this a model community as well as an industrial center."

There were also large bird aviaries, a baseball field, a golf putting course, and tennis courts. Trevarno had its own volunteer fire department and its own engine. Walnut orchards were planted behind the houses.

According to the *Herald*, the name Trevarno, meaning "head of the valley," came from the estate in Cornwall owned by George Bickford, son of the safety fuse inventor. All the buildings remaining on Trevarno Road today were built and owned by the company.

The "Big House" with its own ballroom and walk-in fireplace, once the residence of the company president, is nearest First Street on the northeast side, and Rose Cottage, home of the vice-president, is directly across the street. Besides these two, there are 10 other surviving homes, with lots averaging between one-quarter to one-third of an acre.

The R.E. Merritt Building, the office building for Coast Manufacturing, was named for Ralph E. Merritt, president of the company from 1946 to 1964. His grandfather, father, and uncle were presidents before him, beginning in 1867. Ralph E. Merritt was active in the successful campaign to make LARPD a special district governed by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

His daughter, Barbara Merritt Adams, remembered her dad as "a man who had more integrity than any 100 people put together. Although not an outgoing person, he was fair and honest. He had high expectations of me and taught me that my civic duty was to put into the community more than I took from it." He and Joe Callaghan spearheaded the successful fundraising for Valley Memorial Hospital; the hospital lobby contains plaques in their memory.

In 1968 the Coast Manufacturing and Supply Company merged with Hexcel Corporation and confined their business to the facilities south of the railroad tracks, site of the original factory. In the early days trains stopped here at "Trevarno."

The R.E. Merritt Building and one of the company bungalows were given to LARPD in 1974, after the local school district had been allowed to use them for several years. LARPD used the Merritt Building at 71 Trevarno Road for its headquarters until the opening of the new Robert Livermore Community Center on East Avenue in 2005. Hexcel sold the remaining 12 company homes to a developer who renamed the area Trevarno Estates. Buyers discovered that the vintage buildings required a great deal of repair.

Today, the charming restored houses with their spacious lawns and shade trees create the pleasant ambience of a bygone era for their individual homeowners. They will stand in marked contrast to the modern housing planned when the old factory buildings to the south, now accessible from Mines Road, are demolished by a developer sometime in 2007.

(Readers can reach me at am3homan@yahoo.com.)

Food Donations Needed

Almost 600 Tri-Valley families in need will receive holiday assistance from Tri-Valley Haven's holiday program on December 7 and 9. Parents who have registered for the program will be able to select gifts for each member of the family and receive a bag of groceries and a canned ham or frozen turkey.

To meet this need, the Haven is requesting donations of toys, gifts suitable for adults and teens, and canned hams.

Ann King, Tri-Valley Haven executive director, stated, "We have 570 families signed up this year. These families are working hard just to make ends meet throughout the year. There just isn't any money left to celebrate the holidays. We are asking individuals, businesses and other groups who have prospered this year to please donate." The Haven also welcomes donations of gift cards that can be used at local department and grocery stores.

To arrange a donation drop-off, call the Tri-Valley Haven community building at 449-5845.

SHORT NOTES

Yule Log Hunt

The Great Yule Log Hunt will take place Sun., Dec. 10 starting at 2 p.m. Meet at the Veterans Park group picnic area.

This will be the 13th Annual Yule Log Hunt. The festivities will start with some traditional games and merriment followed by a fun, old-fashioned hunt for the elusive log. After the hunt participants will gather around the fire and share some holiday cheer as they design and make Yule logs to take home. Activity will be cancelled in the event of rain.

There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

Charles R Wine Tasting

Charles R Vineyards, Livermore's newest winery, will host a special wine tasting event this Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9 and 10 from noon to 4:30 p.m. each day.

"Sniff, Sip & Oh! Snap!" offers a lesson in the art of tasting wine. The wine will be paired with nibbles. Hosting the event will be Livermore Valley Wine Country Advocate Annie. Starting at noon, sessions will be held every 25 minutes. The fee is \$2 per person; wine club members free.

The Charles R winemaker will be on hand signing bottles of wine for holiday gifting.

The winery is located at 8100 Crane Ridge Rd., Livermore. For information, call 454-3040 or go to www.charlesvineyards.com.

New Fish Habitat

New fish habitat will be installed at Lake Del Valle on January 6, 2007.

The project is undertaken by the Black Bass Action Committee, local Boy Scout troops, Walton's Pond, the Alameda County Fish and Game Commission, and East Bay Regional Park District.

Volunteers and trees are needed for the project that takes new unsold Christmas trees and creates structures consisting of anchored cables with the trees tied to them. The structures are anchored to the bottom of the lake. Fish live in them, lay their eggs there, and develop.

Participants will meet Jan. 6 at 8 a.m. for work assignments and details. A breakfast of fruit, rolls, juice and coffee will be served, as well as a hot lunch at noon. Tips on fishing by Bass

pros will conclude the project.

Please contact Mike Riehl, BBAC Delta-Foothills Project leader at 443-8811 or Jon Walton at 510-352-3932 if planning to attend. A head count is needed for work assignment and the number of meals to be ordered.

Meet at the Lake Del Valle entrance kiosk. The ranger will provide directions to the work site.

Victorian Tea

Beginning Friday, December 1, reservations will be taken for the Victorian Tea held at Ravenswood Historic Site, located at 2647 Arroyo Road in Livermore.

The 2007 Victorian Tea will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2007. There will be two seatings, the first from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., and the second from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., with a maximum of 50 guests at each seating.

Ticket price donations of \$35 per person benefit the Ravenswood Furnishing Fund, an ongoing project of the Ravenswood Progress League, the non-profit organization that supports historic programs at the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's Ravenswood Historic Site.

For reservation information, please call (925) 443-0238.

December at the Library

The Livermore Library has a variety of programs planned for the month of December.

On Sat., Dec. 9, storyteller John Weaver will present stories at the Springtown Branch, 998 Bluebell Drive. The program begins at 11 a.m.

There will be an evening family storytime at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., on Mon., Dec. 11. The session, which begins at 7 p.m., is called "Abracadabra." It features funny stories for the whole family about things that go poof.

"My Family/Mi Familia," is the theme for a storytime at the Rincon Branch, 725 Rincon Ave., on Sat., Dec. 16. The program begins at 11 a.m.

All ages are welcome to attend these free programs. Contact youth services at 373-5504 for more information or pick up a fall-winter storytime schedule at any one of the Livermore libraries.

On Dec. 27, Puppet Arts Theater will present a show starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

Holiday Activities

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) offers a number of activities for children and teens this holiday season. For example, the LARPD will host a "Parent's Night Out" on three evenings in December in the Elbow Room of the Robert Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. While parents shop unencumbered by sippy cups and bored kids, children ages 3 to 12 (who must be toilet trained) will be entertained in a fun and safe environment with snacks, games, movies, and arts and crafts.

Parents can register their children for the following dates by December 9 by calling (925) 373-5700. There will be no drop-ins, all spaces must be reserved by December 9: Tuesday, December 12, 5:00-9:00 p.m. \$20; Thursday, December 14, 5:00-9:00 p.m., \$20, and Saturday, December 16, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., \$20.

A series of holiday trips for teens in grades 6 to 12 are also planned through the holiday period. On Tuesday, December 19, teens can visit the Tracy Mall and Movies in a day trip that runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$30. On Thursday, December 21, a field trip to the Great Mall in Milpitas will be combined with Glow in the Dark Miniature Golf. That runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a fee of \$30. Finally, weather permitting on Thursday, December 28 will be an excursion to Sunol for Paintball from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The fee is \$50.

Drop off and pick up for all trips will be in the Elbow Room at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Participants are encouraged to be on time, and trips will be taken in LARPD vans. Please bring a lunch, snack, or money for food and extras. Participants must register for these trips and turn in a completed waiver form. Please call (925) 373-5700 to register, or for more information.

The Elbow Room, Livermore's teen center, will have special holiday hours for teens interested in hanging out over winter break. The Elbow Room is equipped with pool tables, air hockey, PSII, music, computers, games and more. The Elbow Room will be open from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m. from December 18-21 and on December 27 and 28. There is a \$3 drop-in fee.

Toddler Program Added

Carden West School has launched its newly-licensed program for two-

year-old children at its facility, 4576 Willow Road in Pleasanton, Calif.

A few openings exist in the program, which completed the strict State of California licensing process in October 2006. It is open to children who are 18 months to 36 months and operates Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 6 p.m. Parents may choose from four registration options: five full days, three full days, five half days or three half days. Full day programs extend from 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Half day programs run from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Tuition ranges from \$500-\$1,375. The teacher-student ratio for the two-year-old program strives to be 1 to 4.

"We offer toddlers a nurturing, loving, creative program in a secure environment," says Preschool Director Valerie Hand. "We encourage learning through play, and help children develop the social and emotional skills that are the foundation for future reading, self-esteem and learning. Our curriculum presents a different theme for the children to explore each month."

The program's approach to potty training is easy going and without stress with the goal being to work with parents so that their children are potty trained by age three.

"Adding the Toddler Program is an important accomplishment for Carden West because of the great demand for quality care for this age group," says Carden West Principal Craig Blackburn. "Parents need to know that their very young children are busy and happy in an environment where they are cared for in a way that is appropriate for their age. That means lots of understanding and creative play with experienced professionals who love this age group."

Carden West School was established in Pleasanton, Calif. in 1977 as a private, nonprofit, nonsectarian elementary school. The school offers pre-school-5th grade education as well as extended care for students at 4576 Willow Road in the Hacienda Business Park. Tours are available. The school may be contacted at (925) 463-6060 or info@cardenwest.org. Detailed information about the school, including summer camp and registration, is available at www.cardenwest.org.

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Police Cracking Down on DUI

Look for saturation police patrols and numerous DUI checkpoints in the coming weeks as the Livermore Police Department kicks-off of a new Selective Traffic Enforcement Program.

The Livermore Police Department is aiming to reduce the number of DUI-related collisions occurring in Livermore during the coming holidays. Livermore Police Officers will be taking part in the "Avoid the 21" DUI enforcement campaign. The department will also have numerous officers working saturation patrols targeting impaired drivers.

"We want to remind everyone that the fight against DUI starts with each and every one of us," said Chief of Police Steve Krull. "Don't make the mistake that so many people make by trying to guess if you've had too much to drink. If you plan on drinking any alcohol, make other travel arrangements. A designated driver is the person who hasn't consumed alcohol at all, not the person who drank the least."

The special holiday season crackdown is just the first in a long-term effort the Livermore Police Department is undertaking as a result of a \$296,926 grant from the Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Safety Administration. The grant will aid in their fight against hazardous driving practices and DUI enforcement, while enhancing occupant protection efforts.

The Livermore Police Department is asking the public to help reduce DUI related collisions and injuries by reporting suspected drunk drivers: Livermore P.D. dispatch 2013; 925-371-4987. If driving on the freeway, call 911 for the C.H.P. Provide the dispatcher information on what street and direction the possible drunk driver is headed, a description of the vehicle, and license number if possible. Do not pursue the vehicle or drive in an unsafe manner in an attempt to keep the vehicle in sight.

MADD AWARDS

MADD Alameda County will honor officers from law enforcement agencies throughout Alameda County for the fourth consecutive year with Deuce Awards. Three officers, all from the CHP-Oakland Area Office have earned MADD's prestigious Century Award for the first time in Alameda County by making at least 100 DUI arrests in one year. All the officers will be recognized for exemplary service to the community in the arrest of impaired drivers within the last fiscal year (July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006).

Five Community Recognition Awards will also be presented to representatives from the Alameda Police Department, Fremont Police Department, Emeryville Police Department, Pleasanton Police Department and Alameda County District Attorney's Office for outstanding performance in their efforts to further MADD's mission through their professionalism and dedication.

One hundred and four officers, who collectively were responsible for 4,611 arrests, will

be recognized at the event and will be receiving *Deuce, Century and Community Recognition Awards*. MADD's *Deuce Award* is given to officers with 25 to 99 DUI arrests in a 12-month period ending June 30, 2006. This is the fourth consecutive year the *Deuce Award* has been presented in Alameda County.

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Holidays in the Vineyards attracted shoppers looking for holiday gifts and decor. Looking at items at Wente Vineyards are Liza Reynolds (right) and Jenna Leysher. The annual event is hosted by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. Area wineries are decorated for the season. There is entertainment, food, wine tasting, and fun for all ages.

Safety Patrols Planned In Livermore

The Livermore Police Department has announced that the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) will be staffing a Holiday Safety Patrol during the upcoming holiday season.

The Holiday Safety Patrol will be working in teams of two, walking the various shopping centers and downtown area in Livermore. The purpose of the Holiday Safety Patrol is to provide a visible presence to help prevent crimes of opportunity, as well as added comfort to shoppers and merchants.

The Holiday Safety Patrol will take place each evening from 5 to 10 p.m. beginning December 1st and ending December 23rd. The Holiday Safety Patrol volunteers are not police officers or security guards. They will not be taking action if they become aware of a crime being committed. The volunteers will have direct access to the Livermore Police Department dispatch center, and will immediately report any suspicious activity or crime.

The volunteers have been trained to be excellent witnesses, and will provide responding police officers with pertinent information. The Holiday Safety Patrol volunteers will be dressed in bright orange jackets with "Livermore Police Volunteer" in white lettering. They will be passing out holiday safety information to shoppers they come in contact with.

The Police Department sees this as a way to increase community outreach while adding extra sets of eyes in locations where crimes may occur.

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Holiday Breakfast and Bazaar, Hosted by: Girl Scouts of San Francisco Bay Area, Cresta Blanca Association Saturday, December 9, at Croce Elementary School, 5650 Scenic Avenue, Livermore, 9am - 11am Pancake Breakfast. Tickets: \$3 kids under 12 / \$5 everyone over 12. Bazaar is 9:30 - 2pm. For more information, contactjoan@crestablanca.com or call 925-243-1046. Proceeds of the Breakfast and Bazaar go to supporting Girl Scout activities, trips and program for the Cresta Blanca Association of Livermore Girl Scouts. Public is invited.

NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees), members invited to the Livermore Chapter 397 holiday luncheon on Dec. 14 at Emil Villa's Restaurant, corner of S. Livermore and Pacific Ave., Livermore. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. The new executive board for 2007 will be on hand. For further information, call 484-0813 or 447-5030.

The Tri-Valley Democratic Club invites the public to its annual Holiday Party and to meet newly elected Congressman Jerry McNerney on December 18, 2006. Potluck Dinner 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Bring either an entree, salad, side dish and a bottle of wine or other beverage to share. 8:00 PM meet Jerry McNerney and have dessert at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy, Dublin. Come to one or both parts of the evening. www.trivalleydemns.com.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sun., Dec. 10, 40 miles Dublin to Niles Canyon, meet 10 a.m. at Shannon Center, Kandice McDonald, 505-400-1609. Wed., Dec. 13, 23 miles Shannon Center to Hartz Ave. in Danville, meet at 10 a.m. Jennifer Burton, 455-8228. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

34th Annual Crab Feed and Dance, hosted by the Livermore Knights of Columbus Council #4588 on Sat., Jan. 6 at St. Michael's Hall, 3rd and Maple Streets, Livermore. Menu includes crab, pasta, salad and cake. Social hour 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., music and dancing 8 to 11:30 p.m. Live music by Open Road. Tickets \$35 per person until Dec. 21 and \$40 per person after Dec. 21. For more ticket information, contact Michael and Cecilia Valent, 455-9420; Manny and Chris Figueiredo, 455-0543; or Jake and Angel Raposa, 449-1278.

Amador Valley High cheerleading clinic, Saturday, Dec. 9. Clinic is hosted and taught by the 'Nationally Ranked' Amador Valley High School Competition Cheerleading Squads. 9:00am - 3:00pm (9:30am for Pre Paid). Amador Valley High School MP Room for Elementary / Middle School Students (K-8th grade). \$45 for pre-

registration or. \$50 At the Door (For registration at the door - parent must arrive with the student at 9:00am, to complete an AVHS Registration/Release Form). Price includes T-shirt, lunch, cheers, motions, jumps, dances, certificates and prizes. For more information contact Kelly Royer 462-7627; kelroyer@comcast.net or Sue Pesicka at 925-462-4136; spesicka@yahoo.com.

Armchair Travelers, Thurs., Dec. 14, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. A film entitled "Tuscany and Umbria" A Tribute to Italy," will be shown. Adults are invited to this free program. Information, call 373-5500.

MAP Senior Program, The "JB Smooth Sounds Band" Swing musicians to perform at the Pleasanton Public Library on Tuesday, December 19, 1 to 3 p.m. B Smooth Sounds Band features the mellow voice of Joe Buonsante, the accordion artistry of Ken Logsdon, a terrific trombone played by Chuck Cannon, and the swinging rhythms by master drummer Jerry Harrington. Come and enjoy this free hour of ballads and dance tunes. Please call 931-3400 ext 37 for more information.

Livermore Area Blood Drive - Friday, December 15, 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue in the Gym. There is a severe shortage of blood in the Bay Area, and only 3% of the eligible people give blood. Please help save a life by giving blood. The process takes 1-1 1/2 hours, and snacks and refreshments are served after you donate. You must be 17 years old, and have a form of identification with you. To sign up, go to www.GiveLife.org, and use ASBURY as the sponsor code. For information contact Tom Petty at 447-1950, menu #7 (leave a message) or e-mail BloodDRE@asburylive.org.

Amador Valley Toastmasters meets every Thursday morning at 7 a.m. at Mimi's Café Restaurant, at the Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center, Dublin Blvd. and Hacienda Dr. in Dublin. Come improve your speaking and listening skills, and have a lot of fun while doing so! Contact Mark Triska for more info, mtriska@colliersparish.com, or 925-227-6210.

Santa Claus visits, after December 9th, Santa will be available at Cooleykatz Toys for free visits. Bring your camera and create your own holiday memories.

Attracting Equity Investors and Lessons Learned, Wednesday, December 13, 8:30am-12:30pm. Radisson Hotel Dublin 6680 Regional Street, Dublin, 925-828-7750. Free event. This session discusses the developing relationships with investors, intellectual property, securities issues, term sheets, and the art and techniques of negotiation. We will also gain the benefit of hearing from those individuals who have experienced the equity funding process. Technology Ventures Corporation (TVC) provides consulting and support services to technology start-ups. Register online at: http://www.123signup.com/calendar/org-techventures. For more information, contact TVC at 925-960.1600 or tvcca@techventures.org.

CARE/CalWorks Holiday Party,

Special Programs Focus on the Holidays

The Pleasanton Presbyterian Church choir will present its annual Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols on Saturday, December 9th at 7:30 PM at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador Drive. The program includes sacred and familiar holiday music directed by Diana Cefalo, with accompanist Kathryn Walda playing one of the few pipe organs in the Tri-Valley.

Cefalo, who is the choral director for Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, reflects on the history of the Service of Lessons and Carols: "The Service of Lessons and Carols is based upon the century-old tradition established at Kings College in Cambridge, England, where it is performed every Christmas Eve. The program consists of nine lessons (readings from both the Old and the New Testaments of the Bible) that tell the story of Advent and the birth of Christ. Each lesson is followed by carols sung by the choir and also by the congregation. This service incorporates choir,

organ, strings, brass and other instruments to present the music of Christmas."

Cefalo has ample experience in producing such programs as Lessons and Carols. She received her Master of Music degree from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, where she studied composition under full scholarship. She currently serves as the choir director at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church. Cefalo also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Las Positas Community College, maintains a private teaching studio and continues to be active as a composer/arranger.

Walda has a degree in Organ Performance and has performed concerts all over the world, including Salisbury Cathedral in London, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, St. Thomas Church (Thomaskirche) in Leipzig, as well as Mission Dolores in San Francisco and Atonement Lutheran in Florissant, Missouri. She has been a professional accompanist for over 25 years, playing for various groups, in-

cluding Opera San Jose and the San Francisco Bach Choir.

Please call 846-4436 for further information. Donations will be kindly accepted.

The King's Players from Cedar Grove Community Church will present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," on Dec. 8 and 9.

The play tells the story of a church Christmas pageant being "invaded" by the town ruffians, the Herdman kids.

Performances are at 7 p.m. both days at the church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. The production is suitable for all ages. Admission is free.

For information, call 447-2351..

Trinity Baptist Church will present its annual drive through Nativity Story December 14-17 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening.

Six scenes will feature live actors and animals. The story narrative will be available on the car radio.

Trinity Baptist is located at 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. For information, call 447-1848.

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries presents a concert of Advent and Christmas music on Sun., Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. "Good News of Great Joy" will feature both choral and instrumental music.

The church is located at 1385 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. For information, call 447-1247.

Asbury United Methodist Church will hold its 10th Annual Christmas Concert at 7 PM on Sunday Dec. 10, in its Sanctuary at 4743 East Ave. in Livermore. All of Asbury's vocal choirs, bell choir and worship band will be performing. A special Christmas orchestra and Asbury's pipe organ will also be part of the evening's musical offerings.

The concert is open to the public. A free will offering can be made at the door. There will be a punch and cookie reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information call Jean Braun at 449-4168, the church office at 447-1950 or e-mail: JoanneP@asburylive.org

a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 449-4403 or www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com.

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Topic for Dec. 10 is "What Men Dare to Do." Rev. Eric Meter speaking. Information 447-8747.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

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

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

Catholic Community of St. Charles, An Advent Bible Study: "Joy to the World" - Matthew 1-2 & Luke 1-2, November 27th - December 11th, 7:30 - 9:15 pm at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore in Pope John XXIII room. A \$10 donation for material would be appreciated. For more information contact Julie at 925-447-4549 or e-mail at upcatholic@aol.com.

United Christian Church, 1886 College Ave. Livermore worships each Sunday at 10:30am. On Dec. 3, the service will include decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas holidays. Children are especially welcome to participate! Contact Rev. Marty Williams for more information about holiday programs and events at 925-449-6820.

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4:00 PM Mass (Borromeo Hall)
6:00 PM Youth Mass
10:00 PM Mass - Carols at 9:30 PM (Adult Choir and Ensemble)

Christmas Day
10:00 AM Mass



Scout recycles trees last year.

Scouts Take Sign-ups for Christmas Tree Recycling

Youth groups representing the Livermore Boy Scouts of America Troops 903, 924, 931, 932 and 939 have announced plans for their 31st Annual Christmas Tree Recycling event, scheduled to take place on Saturday, January 6, 2007.

For a small donation (\$5 for residential or \$10 for business or flocked trees), scouts representing these five troops will pick up your tree at the curbside of your home for disposal and recycling. Residents and/or businesses interested in this program can make a reservation online at www.begreen.tv or by calling 925-447-6511. Reservations for pickup must be made on or before January 1, 2007.

"The trees we pick up are processed into rich compost for farming, gardening and landscaping uses in the valley area," said Jeff Hanson, Troop 924 Representative. "The event also reinforces the values of community service for scout members while raising money for future scouting activities and programs."

The 2007 event marks the 31st Anniversary of this recycling program. Funds raised through this event support local troop programs which teach valuable life lessons such as teambuilding skills, leadership skills, environmental and nature appreciation, time management skills and self-esteem. The fundraiser also supports numerous activities hosted by the local troops including camping, hiking and community service projects.

The local sponsors who have contributed to making this event successful are Waste Management, Alden Lane Nursery, LARPD and Tri-Valley Youth Services.

Christmas Tree Recycling Facts

In a national survey conducted by the National Christmas Tree Association, 93% of consumers who used a real Christmas tree recycled theirs in some type of community program. Christmas trees are recycled for five main types of large-scale uses for post-harvest trees. These include: chipping (mulch to hiking trails); beachfront erosion prevention; lake and river shoreline stabilization; fish habitat; and delta sedimentation management. Today around 98% of real Christmas trees are grown on farms throughout the United States and for each tree harvested, up to three new seedlings are planted in its place. In 2004, over 60 new seedlings were planted by Christmas tree farmers from all over North America.

Annual Yule Celebration at Ravenswood

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) and the Ravenswood Progress League invite you to step back in time to a Victorian Yuletide at the Ravenswood Historic Site on Sunday, December 10.

From noon to 4:00 p.m., the public is invited to experience Ravenswood's two 19th century houses dressed for the holidays and enjoy a variety of seasonal activities on the grounds. Admission to the event is free to the public.

Yuletide entertainment will be provided by strolling carolers from the Livermore High School Chamber Chorale. Excerpts from Valley Dance Theatre's "Nutcracker" ballet will be performed. Visitors can also enjoy miniature horse and sleigh rides, a special children's area featuring crafts, face-painting, and a visit with a real Victorian Saint Nicolas.

Sandwiches, sweets and beverages will be available for purchase. Shoppers will also have plenty to choose from with Victorian-inspired presents at the Tank House Gift Shop and the works of local artists and craft persons for sale in the Main House Billiard Room.

Ravenswood Historic Site is located at 2647 Arroyo Road in Livermore. Please call (925) 443-0238 for more information.

Website of 'Lights' Up and Running

Lights of the Valley website (<http://lightsofthevalley.com>) is up and running.

Since 1999, over 150,000 people have used this site to find and preview the greater Bay Area's best Christmas lights and displays.

The site now covers over 25 communities: Alamo, Antioch, Bethel Island, Clayton, Concord, Danville, Dublin, Folsom, Fremont, Hayward, Lathrop, Livermore, Manteca, Martinez, Milpitas, Novato, Pleasant Hill, Pleasanton, San Ramon, Stockton, Tracy, Walnut Creek and coming soon a couple of more communities!

Many people use the site to plan their viewing, according to Alex Dourov, the site's founder.

"I have truly enjoyed myself these past 8 years by putting together this site. I am overwhelmed at the kind comments that I have received from many people telling me how much this site has helped them, or how it even helps 'shut-ins' be able to take a virtual tour of the Bay Area's lights," he stated.

Cruisers to Award Funds

For the past 17 years, the Altamont Cruisers classic car club has held the Nostalgia Day Car Show in downtown Livermore. The event is used to raise funds for Tri-Valley youth. All monies from the event are given to nonprofit groups that work to protect and encourage youngsters towards a healthy life-style.

Proceeds from this year's car show will be given out during an awards ceremony at 7 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Livermore Police Department.

This year's recipients are as follows: Livermore Police Department's "Every 15 Minutes," Pleasanton Police DARE, Brentwood Police DARE, Dublin Police DARE, Livermore Grad Night, Axis Community Health, Tri-Valley Youth Services, LARPD., ValleyCare

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Paul Jacobs: A Phenomenal Performance

By Nancy O'Connell

The audience was plunged into darkness. A disembodied voice introduced the evening's concert artist, Paul Jacobs. A young man appeared at the organ which was the only portion of the entire church to be lit. It was a dramatic beginning to an unforgettable evening of music making. Jacobs proceeded to take the audience by storm, playing his entire program from memory.

This event was sponsored by Del Valle Fine Arts and was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore on Saturday night, November 25th. The church's pipe organ was showcased, and as people crowded around it at intermission, everyone noticed that the usual black keys of a piano keyboard were white. The keys which are normally white, were a stark black. This instrument, installed by Casavant Freres in 1995, has three manuals, or keyboards, and a total of 3,748 pipes accessed through 32 different stops.

Jacobs opened his program with Bach's *Sinfonia in Contata No. 29*. His feet flew over the pedals, and again this reviewer was surprised. He used only his toes for the pedals unless there was a long sustained note, when he used his entire foot. Most organists are taught to use their heels and toes, and to trill heel, toe, heel, toe. A scale is handled in the same manner. But there is another technique, obviously, another school of organ playing where only the toes are used. In the *Sinfonia* he had beautiful contrasts between piano and forte passages. Driving contrapuntal passages filled the entire church with magnificent sound. Inadvertently, the *Sinfonia* had been left off of the program notes, so the well trained audience was rather puzzled when he dramatically threw his hands up after the final notes of this short work. These sophisticated listeners expected two more movements and knew they shouldn't clap until the work was finished.

Jacobs leapt off the organ bench and grabbed a mike. His remarks between the works were appreciated. He provided clues for our listening pleasure. In Bach's next work, the *Trio Sonata in G Major*, we heard that the three different melodies were played: by the right hand on one manual, the left hand on another, while the feet on the pedals played the third. This composition was probably written by Bach to train one of his twenty-two children, (Do I have the reader's attention now?) Wilhelm Friedemann Bach, in the art of composition. There was an intriguing dialogue between the three voices. The first movement used reed and flute stops such as might have been heard in Bach's day. The second movement had a singing melody, but in the *Allegro* the fireworks began. His feet danced on the pedals. An oboe stop was heard, as were many other rich sounds. The sequences drove the work, propelling it forward to an exciting finale.

The *Suite, Opus 5* of Maurice Durufle followed, and again Jacob's comments were interesting. He told us that Durufle was such a perfectionist that he destroyed much of what he wrote. The *Prelude* began with a melancholy melody which was answered by high flutelike tones. These tones were playful, almost teasing, leaving the low tones in the pedals to be the serious voice. If one closed one's eyes, it could represent a child playing, and a father's deep voice cajoling his child to not be too daring. The *Sicilienne* demonstrated some of the ethereal effects that this organ can produce. The *Toccata* had a fiery beginning, loud and dramatic, while Jacob's fingers raced over the keys. Again, there was thunderous applause at the end of the first half of the program.

After intermission, we were given a bit more light. People could actually read their program notes. Children no longer slept, but sat up and listened with rapt attention. John Weaver, who was

an organist and the Director of Music at a Presbyterian church in New York City, preceded Paul Jacobs as Chair of the Organ Department at Juilliard. His music, *Fantasia for Organ*, was new to this reviewer, and evoked a feeling for the Middle East. After running 16th notes, and a technically difficult introduction, the oboe had a melody which could have accompanied a Turkish dancer. *Scheherazade* by Rimsky-Korsakov is similar, and may have been Weaver's inspiration. This haunting melody was followed by lightning quick notes in the right hand and angry clashing chords in the pedals and left hand leading to a forte fortissimo climax.

Prelude, Fugue, et Variation, Opus 18 by Caesar Franck followed. Jacobs said that Franck was very modest, almost a mystic. He described the *Prelude* as having a "hauntingly beautiful" melody. The *Fugue* opened with deep, dark chords answered by an oboe or clarinet stop two octaves higher. It was mysterious with grandeur and solemnity. One could picture Franck himself performing this familiar gem in the Church of Sainte Clotilde in Paris. The original melodies of the *Prelude* returned in the *Variations* in a more contemplative and quiet form.

Again Jacobs explained that the last work on the program, *Fantasia and Fugue on BACH, Opus 46* was composed by Max Reger as a tribute to Bach. He played the four notes that exist in the German musical spelling of Bach. The four-note figure occurs again and again in this work. In a very human gesture, Jacobs whipped off his jacket before this last work and said, "If

you don't mind." He must have been thoroughly warmed up with this marathon of organ playing!

The Reger was very dramatic. Virtuoso sections alternated with quiet sections. In the *Fugue* there were amazingly rich sonorities. This is one of the most difficult and demanding works in the organ repertoire, and Paul Jacobs certainly rose above the challenge and played with an astonishing technique. He called this a "muscular Max Reger" and told the audience he spent hours and days working on the nuances to be found in this homage to Bach. He also said that playing Bach, whose music has endured for over two centuries, is a "bit like stepping into eternity for a few moments in time."

For an encore after a standing ovation and two curtain calls, Jacobs performed Bach's *Fugue in A Major*, which was somehow soothing and reassuring after the bombastic Reger. For many of today's listeners it is difficult to realize that Bach was not world famous in his own time. Other composers and performers, who have since faded into obscurity, were then much better known.

At only the age of 29, Jacobs has attained a position few organists can aspire to. Appointed two years ago to the Chair of the Organ Department at Juilliard, he is the youngest person to ever attain that post. To perform an entire program as varied as this one was, completely from memory, is a remarkable feat. He is a masterful and mature musician destined for greatness. No one who heard him in this concert will ever forget his interpretations of these difficult masterpieces.

Performance of 'A Christmas Carol' Set

Traveling Lantern Theatre Company out of San Diego will perform a child's version of the holiday classic, A Christmas Carol at the Pleasanton Library on Saturday, Dec. 9th starting at 2:00pm.

Ebenezer Scrooge lives a bitter and empty life until he is forever changed by a special Christmas Eve journey which reveals all the good in the world and that it's not too late for him to be a part of it all.

Free tickets to this show will be limited to children 1st grade and older. Tickets will be distributed to children from the children's desk 30 minutes prior to the start of the program. Due to the popularity of this program, the library staff will only be able to include parents and younger children if space becomes available.

Children's Chorus In Holiday Concert

The Cantabella Children's Chorus will perform its annual winter concert "What Sweeter Music" on Saturday, December 9th from 2 to 4 p.m. at Valley Community Church.

The choir of children ages 5 to 17 will perform seasonal songs from around the world. There will also be a sing-along as part of the program.

The church is located at 4455 Del Valle Parkway in Pleasanton. Tickets are available at the door. A donation of \$5 is suggested.

Cantabella Children's Chorus is a non-profit organization providing classes for school age children in the Tri-Valley. More information is available at www.cantabella.org or (925)292-2663.

able.

Patrons are asked to please arrive on time as doors will close to late arrivals at the start of the program.

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

Pleasanton Band, Army Band Perform Holiday Music

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band and the 91st Division Army Band will present a Holiday Concert - Joy To the World on Sunday, December 10, at 2 p.m. in the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, California.

The 91st Division Army Band will open the program with Christmas and holiday music. After a fifteen minute intermission the Pleasanton Community Concert Band will perform *Sleepers Wake, And the Mountain Echoed: Gloria, Battle of Trenton, and Chanukah Is Here*. The two bands will then join together to perform two holiday favorites, *A Christmas Festival and Sleigh Ride*.

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Scott Schwartz, one of the stars, will be at the Livermore showing taking part in a Q&A session.

'A Christmas Story' Showing Will Benefit Film Festival

The California Independent Film Festival Association will present a special showing of "A Christmas Story" at the Vine Cinema in downtown Livermore. This 1983 film is becoming a classic for the holiday season.

The movie will be shown on Sat., Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. (doors open at 10:30 a.m.)

There will be an opportunity to meet actors Ian Petrella (who plays the role of Randy Parker) and Scott Schwartz (Flick). They will be participating in a Q&A before the showing.

Also this event will be a toy drive for local Livermore Children's Charity. Please bring or drop off a unwrapped toy at the Vine Cinema between 10:30am-12:30pm. To purchase tickets, call 925.552.REEL (7335) or visit www.myspace.com/caindiefest. Tickets are \$10 each.

The movie, which is directed by Bob Clark, is based on the childhood memoirs of humorist Jean Shepherd and his book, "In God We Trust: All Others Pay Cash."

All little Ralphie (Peter Billingsley) wants under the tree on Christmas morning is a Daisy Red-Ryder BB rifle. He not only wants it, he's consumed with an aching desire for it. Unfortunately, his mother (Melinda Dillon) repeatedly crushes his dreams with the familiar, harsh mantra, "You'll put your eye out!" Among the movie's highlights



are a surrealistic visit with younger brother Randy to a department store Santa and the childlike mixture of delight, pride and awe with which Ralphie's dad (Darren McGavin) takes possession of a spectacularly gaudy prize he's won in a radio contest. McGavin delivers a splendid comic performance as a middle-aged-kid-turned-patriarch who alternates between grownup temper tantrums and unabashed juvenile joy.

The California Independent Film Festival & The Danville International Children's Film Festival is dedicated to furthering the art of independent filmmakers, and is produced by the California Independent Film Festival Association. For more festival information go to www.caindiefest.com.

Auditions Sunol Repertory Theatre for the performance of the melodrama, *Taming the Wild, Wild West* in a Dress or Let's Give the Villain the Slip by Billy St. John. Auditions will be held on Thursday evening December 7 at 7 p.m. in the Sunol Glen School auditorium. Kids, as well as grown-ups who think it's fun to act like kids, are invited.

Polar Express at Wente Vineyards, Saturday, December 16, matinee begins at 1:30 p.m. screening of *Polar Express*, the animated family movie. The story: On Christmas Eve, a doubting boy boards a magical train headed to the North Pole and Santa Claus's home. And just like the kids in the movie, kids in the audience are encouraged to come in their pajamas to watch the movie. Wente Vineyards will serve a delicious prix fixe lunch (optional) to accompany. Hot chocolate and coffee will be served. Two-course prix fixe lunch and ticket for the show: \$29 Adults (plus tax and gratuity), \$16 Kids (plus tax and gratuity) Movie only ticket: \$9 Adults, \$5 Kids. Buy tickets now by calling 925.456.2400 or Ticketmaster.com. Proceeds benefit the California Independent Film Festival. Barrel Room at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

Heroes and Villains: A Classic Film Series. Las Positas College and Pleasanton Public Library present this classic film series with Candy Kluschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College. A film will be shown every first Thursday of the month. Dec. 7 film is "Strangers on a Train." Shown at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

Auditions, Valley Concert Chorale. by appointment for experienced singers interested in singing with the chorus on Monday, January 15 and Monday, January 29, 2007 in Livermore. The Chorale is looking for singers who enjoy performing a wide range of music from classical to contemporary, from folk to jazz. If you have sight reading skills and enjoy singing exciting and challenging music, call 925-462-4205 to schedule an appointment. For more information, go to the website at www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

Political satirist Will Durst and friends in *The Big Fat Year* End Kiss Off Comedy Show XIV on Friday, December 29, 8 p.m., Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. This show is appropriate for adult audiences. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents will host. Appearing with Will Durst will be Jim Short, a regular guest of the Craig Ferguson Show, improvisationists Debi Durst and Michael Bossier, and well-known comedians Steven Kravitz and Arthur Gaus. Advance tickets are \$15, \$20 and \$25. Tickets may be purchased online at www.civicartstickets.org until 1:00 a.m. the day of the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office.

Contra Costa Wind Symphony. Duane Carroll conducts "Winterfest," a holiday concert featuring seasonal favorites, familiar carols, a new work celebrating Hanukkah, and a sing-along, with singers and musical theater artists Keith and Bobbie Barlow. 7:30 p.m. December 11. Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Free admission. Information: (925) 944-5392, www.CCWindSymphony.org.

Wine, chocolate and appetizers. Aloha Island Trading Company, Gourmet Works and Studio 7 provide complimentary appetizers, Livermore wines and chocolates every Friday through December 22nd from 6-9 PM. This is for the enjoyment of adult shoppers. Music is also offered on most Fridays. Aloha Island Trading Company, Gourmet Works and Studio 7 are located at 400, 410 and 420 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton (corner of West Angela and Main). Check www.AlohaIslandTradingCompany.com for the Livermore wineries to be featured each week.

Worthington Gallery West, Cuna Indian Benefit, December 5-30. Benefit for the San Blas Medical Mission through the sale of colorful Mola textiles. Proceeds of the sale go directly to the Mission. December 8, 7 to 9 p.m., Pleasanton Jewelry Designer Kim Pace will be in the gallery for a trunk show. All Friday night events free to the public; seasonal refreshments. 739-J Main St., Pleasanton, (925) 485-1183 www.worthingtongallerywest.com. Tues. - Sat. 10:30-5:30.

Valley Concert Chorale, John Rutter's "Gloria" and Donald McCullough's "Cantata: A Christmas Triptych." Saturday, December 9 at 8 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton & Sunday, December 10 at 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 4th & L Streets, Livermore. Tickets \$20 adults and \$17 seniors. Students 18 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. To purchase tickets, call (925) 866-4003 and leave a message, or send email to tickets@valleyconcertchorale.org.

Jim Gamble's puppets will perform "The Nutcracker" at the Amador Theater, Friday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. The Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents will host. Master puppeteer Jim Gamble will present a captivating marionette performance of "The Nutcracker," tracing the original classic ballet story and utilizing the enchanting music of Tchaikovsky. Advance tickets are \$10, \$14, and \$18 for adults, and \$6, \$10 and \$14 for children. Tickets may be purchased online at www.civicartstickets.org until 1:00 a.m. the day of the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office.

Whiskers, Galatean Players Ensemble Theatre is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the popular children's musical *Whiskers!* (an adaptation of Margery Williams' classic *The Velveteen Rabbit*) by Caroline Altman. Performances will be at the Regional Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek, Dec. 6 to 10. The Musical features characters from the book including the Rabbit, the Skin Horse and a life-sized Jack-in-the-Box. Tickets, at \$8-\$15 and are available by calling (925) 943-7469 (SHOW). Senior, group and school discounts are available.

Close Up. Livermore Art Association exhibit at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Focus is on life in a macro view. The object of the show will be to view things encountered at close range. Exhibit Dec. 1-30. Available for viewing during regular library hours.

Instrumental Jazz Concert. Las Positas College. Sunday, December 10, 2006 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 general, \$7 seniors/students. Tickets can be purchased at the campus bookstore, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, at the door, or at Fine Fretted Friends in Livermore. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Mary Campbell at 925-424-1118.

History Lecture Series. Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Don Meeker will present a program, *Old Words 101*, "Menagerie and other words from the past." \$2 suggested donation. Light refreshments provided. Presented by Livermore Heritage Guild.

Orchestra Concert. Las Positas College. Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 general, \$7 seniors/students. Tickets can be purchased at the campus bookstore, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, at the door, or at Fine Fretted Friends in Livermore. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Mary Campbell at 925-424-1118.

Vocal Jazz Concert. Las Positas College. Friday, December 15, 2006 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 general, \$7 seniors/students. Tickets can be purchased at the campus bookstore, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, at the door, or at Fine Fretted Friends in Livermore. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Mary Campbell at 925-424-1118.

Broadway Chorus concert. Dec. 15-17, Holiday concert. Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. presented by Pleasanton Playhouse at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets \$15 adults, \$13 seniors over 60, \$10 juniors under 18. 462-2121 or www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Sing-It-Yourself Messiah. Valley Concert Chorale, Fri., Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. For more information, visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

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Choir Concert. Las Positas College performance. Saturday, December 16, at 8 pm. Location to be announced. Tickets are \$10.00 general, \$7 seniors/students. Tickets can be purchased at the campus bookstore, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, at the door, or at Fine Fretted Friends in Livermore. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Mary Campbell at 925-424-1118.

Valley Dance Theatre. Nutcracker ballet. Dec. 16 at 2 and 7 p.m., Dec. 17, 2 p.m., Dec. 19 and 22 at 7 p.m. Livermore High School Performing Arts Theater, 600 Maple St., Livermore. Ticket information www.valleydancetheatre.com.

Dream of the Snow Queen. Livermore School of Dance, showcases variety of dance styles. Performances Dec. 20 and 21, 7 p.m. 245-9322 after Nov. 11. Tickets are \$13 adults, \$9 ages 10 and under and seniors 65 and up. Reserved seating. Tickets available at the door.

Golden Bough Concert. Saturday, Dec. 16, The Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd; Alamo. Celtic Christmas Show featuring the McGrath Irish Dancers Doors open 7:15; showtime 8 p.m. General Admission: Gold Circle: \$37, Adult: \$22, Sr/Child: \$20. Box office/information: 925-229-2710 or www.communityconcerts.com.

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By Nancy O'Connell

The Livermore-Amador Symphony played to an appreciative audience on Saturday night, December 2nd, at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore. So appreciative that it was overflowing. An announcement was made: "If you have a seat free in your row, please raise your hand." Many listeners had to sit in the choir loft behind the orchestra. Nor were the listeners disappointed. There was something for everyone in this presentation. The music ranged from Bach to Shostakovich. It was a richly varied program.

Dmitri Shostakovich was born in 1906. This is his centennial year. His *Festival Overture* opened the evening with a brass fanfare. The work was first performed in 1954 in honor of the 37th anniversary of the 1917 Revolution in Russia. The entire symphony entered with clashing cymbals and a full percussion section. A quieter, more reflective passage followed with running sixteenths, played first by the violinists and answered by the other string sections, one by one. A luscious, rich melody in the 'celli was heard. The pizzicato portion which followed, where all the strings were plucked rather than bowed, and the snare drum was featured, was quite novel in its instrumentation. Several cadential passages with full orchestra led to a fiery conclusion. Drum roll and all!

Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 2* showcased several soloists: Kristina Anderson on the violin, Eva Langfeldt on oboe, Jeff Pelletier on flute, James Tinsley on trumpet, Ken Windler, playing the continuo cello part, and Paul Kasameyer on harpsichord. When we looked around for the harpsichord, it was invisible, because it was played on an electronic keyboard placed back by the percussion section. The harpsichord setting on this instrument sounded fairly authentic. Chances are that it doesn't have to be tuned daily as most delicate harpsichords are.

The piccolo trumpet used in this performance was high and piercing in tone and commanded our attention immediately. James Tinsley had some fiendishly difficult passages. In the first movement, the driving contrapuntal portions drove the entire work forward in a very exciting fashion, using a greatly reduced Baroque orchestra with only four 'celli and far fewer players than in the Shostakovich. In the *Andante* most of the orchestra was tacet (silent) throughout the movement. It opened with a duet between the continuo 'cellist and the solo violin. Then the other soloists entered. The thirds and the undulating phrases which characterize this *Andante* make it one of the most beautiful of all of Bach's compositions. The third movement, the *Allegro Assai*, brought back the full chamber orchestra again. Its rich contrapuntal passages with the four soloists in the higher registers soaring above the rest of the players, continued to amaze the audience.

Janet Holmes, as organ soloist, starred in the next work: *Concert Piece for Organ and Orchestra* by Leo Sowerby, who lived from 1895 to 1968. He studied composition with Howard Hansen, the head of the Eastman School of Music for many years, and was clearly influenced by him. This is an electrifying work for a virtuoso organist, and Janet Holmes played brilliantly. Her instrument is the Presbyterian Church's own Casavant Freres pipe organ which was installed in 1995. and has the staggering number of 2,194 pipes! She is currently the organist with this church. Her mastery of this instrument was evident throughout the performance. Sowerby's work was first performed just four

years before Shostakovich's *Festival Overture*. It was interesting to compare the two works. Ms. Holmes had her eyes on the conductor, Arthur P. Barnes, throughout. He conducted this piece with great accuracy and enthusiasm. Every cue was given, and the two fused their styles together to give a wonderful interpretation of the music. Her solo passages were answered by the full orchestra, including a clash of cymbals (now in the hands of a very young-looking man). There were rather haunting melodies and carefully controlled dissonances in one of her cadenzas, which ended with a diminuendo. The 'celli entered with a soulful, unforgettable melody, and gradually the full orchestra joined in. The rich, lower tonalities were answered by a more optimistic melody in the upper voices. This was definitely a tour de force for the organist.

After the intermission, Mozart's *Symphony No. 40 in G Minor* was heard with its very familiar melodies. These were played with subtle nuances in the strings. The work is so transparent in its parts that every note has to be executed cleanly. There is no room for muddy playing or muffled entrances in Mozart. The second movement, the *Andante* began in Eb Major. A beautiful flute solo was played by Jeff Pelletier. Horn solos were adroitly played. There were question and answer passages in the strings, leading to a real dialogue between the voices. In the *Menuetto* the full strings entered with brass. As the excellent program notes indicated, it would be difficult to dance to this particular minuet. The last movement, *Allegro Assai*, had opening arpeggios. Later a bassoon solo was well played by Charles Herrera and there were several beautiful violin melodies. The music of Mozart has enjoyed a full year of celebration with orchestras and chamber music ensembles because this is the 250

year since the young prodigy's birth.

Caucasian Sketches by Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov (1859-1935) closed the musically exciting evening. Ivanov was a pupil of Rimsky-Korsakov. Like Bartok and Kodaly, he was influenced also by the folk songs that he heard. Two of the most memorable movements were unusual in their instrumentation. *In the Village* had a long introductory dialogue between the viola, as played masterfully by Hazelle Miloradovitch, and the English horn. I believe it was Larry George performing so well on the English horn. The haunting passages sounded mysterious and eastern in origin. *In the Mosque* also was unusual. It opened with trumpets and winds. No strings were used. Brass and winds were heard throughout, but the absence of the strings made for some extraordinary sounds. The *Procession of the Sardar* brought in all of the players again. Even the tambourine was heard. Rousing chords with 'celli tremolo brought the exciting performance to a final close.

An evening to remember!

Handbell Choir Performs at Library

Celebration Chimes, a handbell choir, will perform music of the season and more at a program to be held at the Livermore Library on Sunday, Dec. 10.

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OBITUARIES

Jack "Charlie" Fasshauer

Jack "Charlie" Fasshauer (60) passed away on Nov 17, 06 in Clovis, CA. He is survived by his wife Phyllis, his daughter Amanda Collins, his son Wade, and his sister Jean Kraft.

Memorial Services will be at 11 a.m. on Dec. 9, 06 at Hotchkiss Mortuary, 5 W. Highland Ave., Tracy, CA.

Millie "Billie" Barnett

Millie "Billie" Barnett died November 28, 2006 at Stanford Hospital. She was 82.

The native of San Francisco had lived in Livermore for 40 years. She was always taking care of others whether family or friends. Her life consisted of giving to others, including volunteering at the hospital, at schools and for the Salvation Army. She loved water sports, socializing with friends and working out at LifeStyleRX. Her most treasured times were spent with family.

She is survived by daughters, Roxanne Springer of Livermore and Cynthia Dee of Modesto;

sons Bob Barnett of Brentwood and Bill Barnett of Livermore, nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband James Barnett in 1999.

Funeral services will be held December 2 in Livermore. Burial was a Memory gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Darlene H. Leri

Darlene H. Leri died November 30, 2006 at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton. She was 78.

The native of Albion, CA had lived in Livermore for 48 years. She was a certified mail clerk, who had retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Darlene enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She loved her pets, baseball, cooking and gardening. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore and a V.A. volunteer.

She is survived by a daughter, Diane Leri of Tracy, a son Brion Leri of Tracy, sister Lois Urbani of Fort Bragg and grandchildren, Christa and Michael.

Garveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Fri., Dec. 8 at Memory Gardens Cemetery, 3873 East Ave., Livermore.

Gifts in her name may be made to the Valley Humane Society, 273 Spring St., Pleasanton, CA 94566.

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Patricia Anne Teel

Patricia Anne Teel died December 1, 2006 at Modesto Memorial Hospital. She was 77.

The native of Chicago had lived in Modesto for 21 years. She worked as an office manager at the Hacienda Care Center in Livermore for 10 years. She was a longtime member of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church of Livermore, where she taught Sunday School. Patricia served on the Alter Guild at St.

Dunstan Church in Modesto, and most recently was a member of Christ the King Episcopal Church of Riverbank. She enjoyed traveling Europe with her husband after retirement.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Lloyd Teel of Modesto, daughter and son-in-law Linda and Jim Meints of Palm Bay, FL; son and daughter-in-law Keith and Patricia Teel of Southington, CT, sisters-in-law Bonnie Teel and Vivian Luscombe, both of Turlock, a niece Ralene Anderson of North Hollywood, cousin Annie Bryson of Illinois, five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Craig Teel in 1978.

Visitation will be 9 to 11 a.m. on Thurs., Dec. 7 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. at the same location. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

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Mildred Beebe-Hicks

Mildred Beebe-Hicks, of Pleasanton, died December 3, 2006 at her current home in Livermore. She was 88.

She was born in 1918 in Chickasha, Oklahoma, but lived most of her life in California. She enjoyed travel, dancing, card night with friends, painting ceramics, her family and a cold frappacino. She will be missed everyday.

She is survived by her daughter

ter Bobbie Jo Harris of Livermore and five grandchildren, Kelly, Krista, Mark, Marlo, Tracy, and her two great granddaughters, Sadie and Ava. She was preceded in death by her son, Eddie Jordan and her late husband Robert C. Hicks.

There will be a private family celebration of her life and her feisty spirit.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 14, 2006. Expires November 14, 2011.
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Livermore Police Seeking Donations For Thirty 'Giving Tree' Families

The Livermore Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA), in conjunction with the Livermore Police Department, will be conducting its annual community project, the holiday "Giving Tree."

The Giving Tree is on display in the lobby of the Livermore Police Department, located at 1110 S. Livermore Ave., and will remain available through Friday, December 15.

Community members are encouraged to come to the police department Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and choose a "needs" tag from the tree. Community members can then shop for those needs and return the new, unwrapped gift donations back to the tree.

The department will accept gift donations until 5 p.m., December 15.

Monetary donations cannot be accepted. However, the depart-

ment will accept Gift Cards, which will be used towards the purchase of any needs that have not been fulfilled. All donations collected will go directly to the hand-picked, local families needing assistance to make this a joyous holiday season.

The Association will be gift wrapping the presents. They will be delivered to the recipients during the holidays by the Livermore Police Department and the CPAAA members.

Last year with the community's assistance, the CPAAA made the holidays brighter for 26 families in need.

This year we hope to increase that to thirty families.

The Livermore Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association works in partnership with the Livermore Police Department to enhance the quality of living in the Livermore Community through community service, education, training and volunteer participation. The CPAAA is a volunteer organization formed strictly from the graduates of the Livermore Police Department's Citizens Academies. All graduates of future academies will be eligible to join as well.

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more inconvenient for the Heritage Guild to move," she stated. Representatives of both groups commented on the proposal.

Angela Johal, president of the Livermore Art Association, felt the two groups had shared a great relationship. "We have artists where this is their sole income. There are older artists who would lose their identity if they did not have a home for their art."

Johal and other artists said it is important in selling art to be in a visible location. The Carnegie is close to other retail in the downtown.

City Historian Gary Drummond said his appointment as city historian, "tells me that the city has a strong commitment to history." He conducts walking tours in the downtown. One of the stops is the history center. "There is only 24 linear feet of display space for historical items. Livermore deserves a good museum," said Drummond.

Don Meeker, museum curator,

noted that the arts community got the Bothwell Center. He suggested that the matter be considered by the city's Commission for the Arts for a more formal discussion. "The issue needs to go to the community, rather than LARPD alone."

Bill Junk, a member of the Guild stated, "I don't want to fight with the art people. We need space. They need space. The Guild belongs in an historical building."

Artist Barbara Stanton, director of the gallery, noted, "We can't afford any more rent than we pay now. We are in the red. If we had to move, there would be no more art gallery. We love this place. Please don't make us go."

The Board encouraged the Livermore Heritage Guild to work with other nonprofit groups sharing the Carnegie Building to reallocate space in a way that is acceptable to all.

Director Maryalice Faltings said, "Some study needs to happen on this. The Heritage Guild

is being denied the ability to do what they do, because of lack of space." Faltings said that Carnegie is a perfect space for the Heritage Guild. I think the gallery is more portable. I personally don't agree with the status quo."

Board president Scott Kamena said the board is being asked to decide which use is most important. "I believe the board sees them as equally important. It's clear the board does not want to deviate from the status quo." He said he felt it was appropriate to take the issue to the Commission for the Arts. "If it can come up with something acceptable to both parties, I think we would go for it."

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