

# Concern about Public Access to Open Space

Trail advocate Dolores Bengston is concerned about public access to open space in the Oak Grove project. The developer is proposing to dedicate 497 acres of open space as part of the development proposal.

Bengston, a former Director of Pleasanton Parks and Community Services, points out that the Pleasanton Community Trails Master Plan approved in 1993 includes a network of internal trails on the property. It also includes a segment of the regional trail and several staging areas. She points out that when the Oak Grove project was first proposed it included 98-units, network of trails, and a well developed staging area that included the basic amenities of parking, a restroom, and water.

Now, all that remains is the regional trail segment. There is no staging area indicated in the plans, says Bengston.

She said the consensus on the plan was reached without public participation. She described the internal trials as a way to spread out use.

"These changes are very alarming to a number of us," said Bengston. History shows that adding the trails and staging areas after homes are built is very difficult. She notes that should the city accept the land but not have convenient access, the land "would simply be a private preserve for Kottlinger Ranch maintained by the City."

According to a website established by the developer, "A portion of a regional trail linking Callippe Golf Preserve with Shadow Cliffs passes through the 497 acres of Oak Grove open space. Approval of Oak Grove would preserve both the open space and the regional trail link. There is no staging area proposed on site at this time."

Bing Hadley, president of the Kottlinger Ranch Homeowners Association, said in an interview that any plans for Oak Grove are speculation at this point. "There are a lot of ongoing negotiations (in regard to Oak Grove)," according to Hadley.

Early in 2006, members of the City Council launched an initiative to find ways to minimize the amount of new housing constructed in southeast Pleasanton and maximize the amount of open space preserved within the eastern part of the city. About the same time, the city manager convened a set of meetings between the Oak Grove landowners (the Lin family) and Kottlinger Ranch Homeowners Association representatives to discuss a compromise development plan. The result was the 51-lot plan now under consideration.

The Homeowners Association and

the developer have endorsed the 51-lot plan. Hadley commented, "Some people wanted zero homes. The developer wanted 98. The final number is a compromise on both sides. However, the developer wouldn't be agreeing, if the project weren't still doable at the smaller number."

Hadley pointed out that the Oak Grove project has dramatic impact on Kottlinger Ranch. "We have been in discussion for a number of years. There is a lot of positive agreement in principle. Not everything has been iced. All of the details will come out when they are finalized."

Hadley said that a meeting is planned with trail advocates to discuss their concerns. "There is a continuing open dialog about aspects of the project that we are all embracing," Hadley added.

The property was first settled by John

Kottlinger, who was appointed the first Justice of the Peace for Murray Township in 1853. Kottlinger, along with Joshua Neal, set the precedent for development improvements that formed the City of Pleasanton. The Ranch was acquired by the Lin family in 1977. All but 562 acres of the Ranch were transformed by the Lins into a neighborhood of homes that retains its historic name, Kottlinger Ranch.

In 1991, the remaining 562 acres were annexed into the City. In 1992, the Pleasanton City Council approved a development plan called "Kottlinger Hills" that included 86 homes and an 18-hole golf course. In 1993, the voters turned down the Kottlinger Hills proposal in a referendum. Seven years later, the landowners submitted a Development Plan for Oak Grove for 98 lots and 495 acres

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## Relatives Hope For Timely Gift To Save Livermore Native's Life

By Ron McNicoll

Relatives and friends of Charlie Stockley are hoping for a Christmas miracle.

Stockley, 38, is in the intensive care unit at Stanford Medical Center, awaiting a lung transplant. He is at the top of the list to receive a pair of lungs. However, it's more complicated than it sounds. Stockley must be compatible with the donor's blood and tissue type. So far, a match has not been found.

The ravages of cystic fibrosis, his lifelong disease, have shut down Stockley's lungs. A transplant is the only thing left for him. He is breathing with the help of a ventilator. However, if he is on it much longer, other complications could set in, problems that would nullify his ability to have the operation. A timely donation is crucial.

Stockley grew up in Livermore. He is still the drummer in a band with two of his best Livermore buddies, Dan Flores and Herb Toor. When they play Valley clubs, they are called Mad Dog Toor and the Milk Bones.

It's one of the things Stockley has done to keep active, refusing to have his disease put any limits on him, said his sister, Kelly Spruiell, who lives in Livermore.

Spruiell and other relatives have been sleeping on and off in the waiting room at Stanford for the past few days, hanging in there and pulling for Stockley. She said they realize that a newspaper story might not bring in the right match for him. However,

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Fred Erickson and Betty Boling have each seen 101 Christmas celebrations.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Two People and 202 Years Of Christmas Celebrations

By Ron McNicoll

Just two residents of Rosewood Gardens, an assisted living facility in Livermore, have enough birthdays between them to bring their combined total of Christmas observances to 202 years next week.

Both Fred Erickson and Betty Boling are 101 years old. They fool many people with their appearance. They both look about 20 years younger than they really are.

Boling has been hampered by arthritis for the past couple of

years, so she needs a walker to get around. Otherwise she could probably still be driving a car, her faculties are so sharp, said Sherri Douty, marketing director for Rosewood Gardens.

Like other residents of the facility, Erickson and Boling live in their own neatly maintained one-bedroom apartments. They attend the in-house special activities, usually performances by young singers and instrumentalists who donate their time to entertain them.

Erickson, who turned 101 in

July, speaks briefly, because he is hard of hearing, and must raise his voice to be heard. However, he is able to convey humor, and comes across as a great kisser. He was teasing Boling and another woman on staff in a friendly way, letting an interviewer know that there was still plenty of spark left in him.

Erickson's arthritis prevents him from dancing now, but in his younger days, he and his late wife, Wilda, loved to dance in Oakland's ballrooms in the

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## Pulido Trading School Board Seat For Bench

Steve Pulido is moving up to the Alameda County Superior Court bench. He will be leaving his seat on the Pleasanton school board behind.

Pulido told his fellow school trustees at their meeting Dec. 12 that he was appointed a few days earlier to the bench by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Pulido is an attorney with his own practice in Hayward. He specializes in family law. Pulido will leave his seat on the district board of trustees Feb. 2, the day that he will be sworn in as a judge.

The board voted 4-0 to re-

place him with an appointment, instead of calling a special election. Trustees Jim Ott and Kris Weaver said that normally an election might be a good thing. However, Ott was appointed in May to succeed Gloria Fredette, who resigned over time conflicts in her life. When the election rolled around in November, no one filed to run against the appointed incumbent, or the other incumbent, 10-year board veteran Pat Kernan.

Ott and Weaver interpreted this as an indicator that the com-

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## Local Electeds in Place to Push for BART to Tracy

"BART to Tracy" is the new cry raised by elected officials in planning the future of Interstate 580's traffic congestion relief.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty was the first to say it at a groundbreaking ceremony Dec. 15 at Dublin city hall. The earth-turning ritual next to I-580 kicked off the first of a series of projects for the next six years that will include widening both directions of I-580 to install HOV lanes and preservation of a transit median in the middle of the freeway.

The first phase of the project, due for completion next year, will be to install cameras, message boards, and other technol-

ogy that will enable CalTrans to monitor traffic flow on the freeway, and make adjustments to speed things up. Installing the vigilance hardware and software first will help monitor safety for the freeway-widening crews.

Assemblyman Guy Houston also said in his remarks that Tracy should be in BART's long-range plans.

Rep.-elect Jerry McNerney stated, "BART to Livermore, and possibly Tracy, are things I'm interested in."

He praised the attending politicians and staff people, who included CalTrans and the Congestion Management Authority

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## Film Festival Moves to April

The California Independent Film Festival (CIFF) is moving from October to April.

Festival founder Derek Zemrak explained that with the October date, CIFF was the last big film festival of the year. The film festival season kicks off at Sundance in January. Many film makers pulled their films from the CIFF festival in anticipation of submitting them to Sundance. All of the films shown at Sundance are required to be premieres.

Zemrak said the change in dates for the festival are already showing up in the numbers and types of submissions. Over 100 have been sent in. Of that total, 20 are feature films, a big increase for CIFF. "All are ex-

tremely high quality films," he stated.

The April 19-22 dates will also make it easier to bring stars in for special appearances. November is sweeps weeks. A lot of actors are working on television pilots at that time.

In addition, there are really no big major events in Livermore in April, added Zemrak. And, wineries aren't having to deal with the harvest.

He says he isn't too concerned about people being used to October and not ready for the films in April. There are plans to hold a lot of events over the next couple of months to let people know about the change.

There will be changes in the

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## Report Says Consensus Missing on Nuclear Weapons

A report issued last week by a Defense Science Board Task Force concludes there is agreement that the "overriding priority for the US nuclear weapons enterprise is to provide and sustain a reliable, safe, secure and credible set of nuclear weapons needed to maintain the nuclear deterrent." However, the report adds, there is no national consensus on the nature of that need.

John Foster, former Director of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, co-chaired the committee along with General (ret) Larry Welch.

The report points out that there are sharp differences found on the role and complexion of the use of nuclear weapons as a deterrent. On one hand, there is an entrenched view held by an influential segment of the population that transforming the stockpile is the wrong way to shape the security environment and counter nuclear proliferation pressures. On the other hand, there are views that the task force says need to be more widely understood in order to transform the nuclear enterprise to one effective in meeting the security

threats of today.

"The result of this lack of consensus is an entrenchment of long-standing and strongly held views, with little genuine debate aimed at forging a new consensus. A new consensus would enable sensible and supportable choices on future nuclear capabilities and doctrine needed to move forward in providing the right nuclear weapons."

The report presents five competing views. The first is that lower numbers of U.S. nuclear weapons are preferable regardless of the starting point, with zero as

the ultimate goal. The alternative view to this view is that the desirability of a nuclear free world is irrelevant. A fundamental requirement for credibility is the belief by the potential adversary that the U.S. would execute its deterrent threat.

The second view is that U.S. nuclear development and sustainment activity causes other states to seek their own nuclear weapons, spurring proliferation. The alternative view is that nations pursue weapons of mass destruction because they have

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## Condo Conversion Ordinance Sent Back for Additional Input

A proposed ordinance to regulate condo conversions in Pleasanton was sent back for more input from the public.

The Pleasanton City Council wanted to hear from such groups as real estate agents, affordable housing advocates, and the Chamber of Commerce before voting on the ordinance. The city's Housing Commission will host the workshop.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan pointed out that there needs to be a determination on what the council thinks the ordinance is trying to accomplish. "One thing missing is why we are doing this. Is it to maintain low and very low rental housing or do we want to create low and moderate for sale housing. These are two different objectives. I'm concerned about the fact that we're losing lower income rental housing. We need to have a conversation about our objectives."

A previous council discussion had looked at placing restrictions on converting rental units to condominiums in an effort to retain affordable housing in the city.

However, at last week's council meeting, members of the public suggested that allowing conversions provides an opportunity to create affordable "for sale" housing that might not otherwise be available in Pleasanton. They, along with Councilmember Jerry Thorne, called the proposed ordinance "too restrictive" in that it would discourage the conversions.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman commented, "Anyway you look at it, we're losing opportunities for housing."

The proposed ordinance would require a development to conform to existing building code condominium standards. It would require notices to assure tenants are informed of conversion plans

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The final performance of the Valley Dance Theatre's Nutcracker ballet will be presented Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Livermore High School Performing Arts Theater, 600 Maple St., Livermore. Tickets are \$18 adults, \$15 students and seniors for ground floor reserved seats; \$15 adults, \$13 students and seniors for open balcony seating. For information or tickets call (925) 243-0927.

## All Building In Livermore To Be Green

Green building will become mandatory for all new private property construction in Livermore starting on January 1, 2008.

The new ordinance, approved by the city council last week, will be phased in over the next year.

The idea behind green building is to promote resource conservation, consider environmental impacts and waste minimization, create a healthy and comfortable indoor environment, and reduce operation and maintenance costs. Green building can include, among other things, the use of certified sustainable wood products, use of high recycled content products,

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## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Turner Board President

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board of Directors unanimously elected Director Dale Turner to serve as President of the Board for the calendar year 2007. Turner, a real estate broker, joined the LARPD board in November of 2000.

Scott Kamena is the outgoing president. On another 5-0 vote, the Board appointed Director Steve Goodman to the position of Board Vice-President for 2007. Goodman joined the LARPD board in 2004.

In other action at the last meeting of the year, the Board accepted the 2007 meeting schedule. It will continue to hold meetings on the second and last Wednesday of each month, except in November and December 2007, when meetings will be held only on the second Wednesday of the month.

### County Fire Chief

Livermore resident Sheldon D. Gilbert was appointed by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors as Fire Chief of the Alameda County Fire Department. The appointment is effective Dec. 31, 2006. Gilbert has served as Deputy Fire Chief for 8 years.

Gilbert, who replaces William McCammon, who is retiring after 13 years at the held, stated, "I am honored by this opportunity to serve the residents of Alameda County."

Gilbert began his fire career in 1986 with the Eden Consolidated Fire District and was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief in the Alameda County Fire Department in 1995. In 1998, he was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief in charge of the Support Services Division.

Gilbert is currently president-elect of the California Fire Chiefs Association.

He resides in Livermore with his wife, Suzanne, and their two children.

### Housing Scholarship Program

The Tri-Valley Housing Scholarship Program is currently recruiting eligible participants who live, work or attend school in Livermore or Pleasanton.

The program provides rental assistance in the form of a scholarship to eligible low-income individuals and heads of households who are attending school or are in a vocational or on-the-job training program.

For more information email [nyllanueva@tricityhomeless.org](mailto:nyllanueva@tricityhomeless.org) or call 373-5313.

### Pleasanton Sobriety Checkpoint

Sixteen vehicles were impounded when drivers were found to be in violation of either driving under the influence or for license violations. And, two drivers were arrested for DUI during the Dec. 15 DUI/Driver's License checkpoint conducted by the Pleasanton Police Department.

"The checkpoint was successful not only because of the vehicle impounds and arrests, but also due to drivers being educated about the hazards of driving under the influence," stated Traffic Unit Supervisor Sgt. Michael Collins.

The checkpoint was conducted between 7 p.m. and 1 a.m. on northbound Santa Rita Road just south of Pimlico Drive. Police screened 913 vehicles. Ten drivers were given field sobriety tests for intoxication and thirty-four drivers were further investigated for various driver's license violations.

Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) provided educational materials to drivers of the vehicles screened during the checkpoint.

### Pedestrians Struck by Vehicle

Two young adults in Pleasanton were struck by a vehicle while crossing Santa Rita Road at Francisco Street. The accident occurred Dec. 12. The driver of the vehicle was an 85-year old resident of Pleasanton.

Both pedestrians sustained injuries and were transported to Eden Hospital where they are listed in stable condition. The driver was not injured. Alcohol was not a factor.

The collision is still under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call Officer Jim Blanchard or Officer Tom Hansen at 931-5100.

### Bridge Toll Increasing

On January 1, 2007 a \$1 toll increase will go into effect on the Bay Area's seven state owned toll bridges. The toll will rise from \$3 to \$4. However, drivers of cars and other two-axle ve-

hicles who pay tolls electronically with a FasTrak toll tag will receive a \$1 discount off the new toll throughout the month of January 2007. The month-long promotional discount is being offered as a way to encourage motorists to enroll in the FasTrak program.

Motorists can sign up for FasTrak at a temporary customer service center that is being opened at the Bay Bridge toll plaza administration building. The center will be open through Friday, Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Customers can also enroll on-line at [511.org](http://511.org) or by calling 511 and asking for FasTrak.

### CSUEB Selects Provost

Michael Mahoney, the dean of the College of Engineering at Cal State Long Beach, has been named university provost and vice president of academic affairs at California State University, East Bay.

Mahoney first joined the CSU system as a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at Long Beach in 1980. He was appointed assistant professor in the same department in 1982 and moved through the faculty ranks to full professor. He has served as college dean since 2000.

Mahoney will take over as provost on March 1. He replaces interim Provost Fred Dorer.

Mahoney earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in mathematics from UC Santa Barbara and taught as a lecturer there before joining Cal State Long Beach. In addition to his teaching positions, before becoming engineering dean, he held various administrative posts including associate dean of the College of Engineering, associate vice president for Academic Information Technology and special consultant on Information Technology to the CSU.

Mahoney is married to Louise Mahoney and has two children attending public universities in California. The couple will look for a home near campus.

### Top Ten Golf Course

Pleasanton's Callippe Preserve Golf Course is listed on the Golf Digest's list of Best New Golf Courses for 2006. It was named among the top ten public golf courses in the country.

Rounds played on the 145-acre, 18-hole course have been above the 55,000 projected. The actual number is 73,000 rounds. The course is surrounded by 280 acres of open space with hiking and equestrian trails.

### Nuclear Materials Removed from Lab

The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has begun reducing the inventory of special nuclear material at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Special nuclear material, including plutonium and highly enriched uranium, is fissile material used in nuclear weapons and for research and development purposes at the laboratory.

The first shipment of material out of Livermore was recently completed. The material was sent to a secure site at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. NNSA plans to remove nearly all nuclear material from Livermore by 2014. A small inventory of nuclear materials will remain at the laboratory for research with overall security requirements greatly reduced.

NNSA's strategy is to reduce the number of sites and facilities with Category I and II amounts of special nuclear materials, which require the highest level of security. Consolidating nuclear materials and eliminating duplicate capabilities at facilities will allow NNSA to further reduce the total square footage set aside for weapons work at the eight sites around the country in the nuclear weapons complex.

"Consolidating material is one of our main goals to transform the Cold War-era nuclear weapons complex to be even more secure, more efficient and more modern. We are taking concrete steps to reduce the number of locations where we process and store significant quantities of nuclear weapons materials," said NNSA Administrator Linton F. Brooks.

Additional consolidation efforts are currently underway and planned across the complex. Facilities are being constructed to enhance security and consolidate highly enriched uranium at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Tennessee. Special nuclear materials will be removed from Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico by 2008 and from Los Alamos National Laboratory by 2022. Like Livermore, Sandia and Los Alamos will retain small amounts of special nuclear materials.

## GREEN

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recycling of waste that occurs during demolition and construction, and orientation and design of a building to reduce the demand for heating and air conditioning.

Residential development will have to earn 50 points based on the county's green checkpoint list. Nonresidential will be required to earn 20 points on the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) national rating system.

Councilmember Marj Leider had suggested that projects over 20,000 square feet be required to meet a 26 point goal. A motion for that provision failed 2-3, with Leider and Tom Reitter in support.

Councilmembers opposed to the change, felt that the point total could be increased at a future date. Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich was most concerned about the city's ability to attract larger commercial devel-

opment if a higher point total were required.

The ordinance will be reviewed each year to determine whether changes are needed.

Stephen Kiefer, building official for the city, said the one-year transition from voluntary to mandatory provides building industry professionals an opportunity to analyze various items on the checklists to determine which ones work for their clients.

Kiefer told the council that staff believes the point totals are effective, yet achievable. He observed in response to a question about different point goals for different size nonresidential development that it is more difficult for smaller nonresidential projects to meet the higher point totals, because of their greater initial design costs as a percentage of the whole.

Marc Roberts, Director of Development for the City, was concerned about the ability of the

city to compete for larger projects, if they had to achieve a higher point total than smaller buildings. "The city is much more likely to go head-to-head with other communities for the larger buildings, which can be built anywhere. The last six points are the hardest to achieve."

David Best, a member of Shea Homes, stated, "Contrary to popular opinion, homebuilders are not opposed to green building." He commended staff for putting together a "pretty good ordinance. Fifty points is something we can actually achieve."

### KOHL'S COMING

The council approved plans to build a 95,000 square foot Kohl's Department Store in Livermore. It will be located between Wal-Mart and Kaiser Permanente.

### MARCHAND VICE MAYOR

Mayor Marshall Kamena appointed John Marchand as the new vice mayor. Marchand replaced Marj Leider in the role.

## GIFT

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if it educates just one more person about the thoughtfulness of organ donations, it all will be worth it. It's in the Christmas spirit of giving, said Spruiell.

One of Stockley's friends put up a web page on Monday, [charliestockley.com](http://charliestockley.com), which shows how widely he has been active in people's lives. It's loaded with pictures, showing him relating to friends and family, his serious dark-rim glasses offset by a broad smile.

One of the photos shows him with his fiancée, Margie Roper. They have set a wedding date of March 15.

Stockley owns a Victorian house in San Francisco, and works as sound designer on electronic games. He has planned to sell the Victorian, and look for a home in Pleasanton, said Spruiell.

Roper put a note under the lovebirds' web page photo. It says, "This love story began when the moon, stars and planets all aligned in perfect formation for the two of us to meet. Our spirits soared, our eyes connected, and our hearts filled with love."

It continues, "When you meet the love of your life, you are grateful for each moment, but want the moments forever. This is a connection made once in a lifetime — please help us get the forever."

People who wish to help Stockley and his family in any way they can may send an e-mail to [info@charliestockley.com](mailto:info@charliestockley.com). Visitors to the web page who are interested in organ donation may also click a line near the bottom, which will take them to a national web page for organ donations.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

City officials and others got a sneak preview of the new Livermore Cinemas that opened last weekend in the downtown. The theater complex includes ten screens and features all the latest technology. It is the first all-digital DLP projection movie in the Bay Area. Livermore Cinemas has stadium seating, wall-to-wall screens, THX presentations and advance ticket kiosks.

## CONDO

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and schedules. The ordinance would limit rent increases for existing tenants to the CPI with a maximum of 5 percent during the conversion period.

The ordinance also sets in place special leasehold rights for existing tenants, particularly for seniors, the disabled, and low income families. It establishes a right of first refusal for tenant purchases and provides current tenants with purchase and financing discounts. Another provision would be for tenants displaced by conversion to have moving expenses paid within a 25-mile radius, access to professional real estate services, and payment of deposits for utilities.

Condo conversions would also be covered by the city's inclusionary housing ordinance with 25 percent of the units required to be affordable to very low, low and/or moderate income families. Before a condo conversion could occur, a building owner would have to submit an affordable housing plan to the city.

Several real estate agents addressed the council. Their concern was the lack of starter housing in Pleasanton. They criticized the affordability aspect of the ordinance, observing that if the requirement is too high, it makes it unaffordable for the developer.

One apartment owner, Charles Clark, pointed out that he purchased the rundown Pleasanton Manor. The only way to afford to

upgrade it is to convert it to condominiums. "We're dying. This place is losing money. There are plumbing and electrical problems. The place is falling apart." He told the council that the inclusionary requirement takes \$1.1 million off the top. He said he would be willing to make the 14 one-bedroom units affordable if the city required only one parking space for each of those units.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern suggested that the city take another look at its inclusionary ordinance. She said that the city had moved to inclusionary requirements to try to obtain additional affordable housing. McGovern pointed out that new condominiums are only required to be 15 percent affordable, while conversions are required to provide 25 percent. She suggested that there is a fairness issue.

The Housing Commission will be asked by staff to set up

the workshop. Staff estimated that it take about 90 days to bring back the commission's recommendations to the council.

### VICE MAYOR

Cindy McGovern was selected to serve as vice mayor by Major Jennifer Hosterman. She replaces Matt Sullivan in the role. The council was unanimous in its support of McGovern as vice mayor.

### ART PURCHASE

The city council approved the purchase of the artwork, "Bucket of Bolts" by artist Ray McGinnis at a cost of \$2200. The painting had earned an "Award of Excellence" from the city's Civic Arts Commission, making the painting eligible for purchase under the city's fine arts lease/purchase program.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman commented that the painting had received "overwhelmingly positive comments from the public."

The painting will be di

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# RELIGION

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## Christmas Eve and Christmas Services

**St. Clare's Episcopal Church**, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Christmas Eve services, Sin., Dec. 24: 5 p.m. family service with children's pageants and carols; 8 p.m. festival service of Christmas with Lessons & Carols; 11 p.m. Candlelight Holy Eucharist with chamber music; Christmas Day, Dec. 25: 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Information, 462-4802.

**St. Charles Borromeo Catholic**, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. Mass (children's choir), 4 p.m. Mass (Borromeo hall); 6 p.m. youth mass; 10 p.m. Mass with carols at 9:30 p.m. Christmas Day, 10 a.m. Mass. Information, 447-4549.

**Discovery Church of Livermore**, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Christmas Eve Candlelighting service from 4 to 5 p.m. includes carols, special music, and inspirational message. Information, 449-5256.

**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries**, 1385 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Christmas Eve candlelight services at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.; Christmas Day, 10 a.m. festival communion service. Information, 447-1246.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**, 1223 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Christmas Eve services: 4:30 p.m. family worship; 8 and 10 a.m. festival candlelight worship includes communion. Information, 846-6363.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Christmas Eve services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship; 4 p.m. family candlelight services; 8 p.m. family candlelight services. Information, 447-8840.

**Unitarian Universalist**, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24: 10:30 a.m. service, The Origins of Christmas; 7 p.m. candlelight service, Lights of Peace with Rev. Eric Meter speaking. Information 447-8747.

**Candlelight service**, Christmas Eve, 7 p.m. Tri-Valley Unity Church, 6680 Regional St. (at the Radisson), Dublin. All are welcome for this very special service. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. (925) 829-2733. www.trivalleyunity.com.

**St. Elizabeth Seton Church**, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Mass schedule: Christmas Eve: 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and midnight; Christmas Day: 9 a.m. (no incense) and 11 a.m. 484-5020. Advent Christmas concert, Fri., Dec. 15, 7 p.m. children's choir, adult choir, teen choir, instrumentalist.

**St. Augustine Catholic Church**, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Mass schedule: Christmas Eve: 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and midnight. Christmas Day: 8 a.m. (no incense), 10 a.m. and noon. 846-4489.

**Pleasanton Presbyterian Church**, 4300 Mirador Drive, will present "Meet Me At The Manger," a children's Christmas musical pageant. Two performances are scheduled for Friday, December 22nd at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 24th at 5 p.m. Through spirited songs, dance and a fun-filled story, the audience will learn how the gifts of the Wise Men are relevant today. There is no charge for either performance. A free will offering to offset production costs will be taken. Two Christmas Eve Services at 9:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. During the morning worship service, those attending will gather around the grand piano and sing Christmas carols, listen to special readings and heartwarming messages and hear the seasonal scriptures of inspiration. The classic 9 p.m. evening candlelight service will feature the choir and orchestra musicians. Pastor Mike Barris will deliver a special Christmas Eve message.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**, 7:00 p.m., Tri-Valley Unity Church, 6680 Regional St (at the Radisson), Dublin. All are welcome for this very special

service. Experience the true meaning of Christmas. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. (925) 829-2733. www.trivalleyunity.com.

**United Christian Church**, 1886 College Ave., Livermore. Worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 24 at 6 pm, followed by refreshments. Children are welcome! Call 925-449-6820.

**First Presbyterian Church**, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore, has worship services on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, located at 4th and L Streets. Adult Bible study is at 9 a.m. and Sunday school is held at 10:30 a.m. For details, call (925) 447-2078. Christmas Eve 5 p.m. Friendly Beasts services; 9 and 11 p.m. worship, carols and candles.

**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries**, 1385 So. Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

**Tri-Valley Bible Church**, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 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.

**Asbury United Methodist Church**, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Christmas Eve services at 7 and 11 p.m. Information 447-1950.

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

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God**, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton. Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship with Pastor Glenn Matlock at 10:30 a.m. (nursery for both Sunday school and worship); children's church (age 3-12) at 11:15 a.m.; women's Bible study, Wed. at 10 a.m., Wed. evening programs; choir 7:15 p.m. (boys and girls' mission club K-6); seniors 55 Plus meet Thursdays 7 p.m. Information 846-8650.

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

**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore**, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at third

and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

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

**Third Friday Night Labyrinth Walks**, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Open to the public, the walk takes place on the 11-circuit Chartres-style labyrinth in the courtyard, accessible from the 4th St. entrance. The walks are enhanced by candlelight and include meditative music. If you would like more information about these walks or about labyrinths in general, please contact Judy Hughes, labyrinth facilitator, 925-485-2524, or the church office, 925-447-2078.

**WINGS** is a weekly gathering of Christian women that encourages spiritual growth through inspiring speakers, small group discussions, prayer, Scripture study, catechesis, life-sharing and community. Meetings on Thursdays, at the Catholic Community of St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Avenue, Livermore, from 9:15 AM to 11:15 AM. Theme is Spirituality. Childcare provided for a nominal fee. Registration fee to join \$25/year; includes materials. Contact Mary Fair at 925-447-4549 or bob.mary.venter@comcast.net.

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God**, Pleasanton, 6656 Alisal St. Sunday school for all ages 9:30 a.m., worship service 10:30 a.m. (nursery for both Sunday school and worship), children's church program, age 3-12, 11:15 a.m. Singles and young married home Bible study Monday 7:30 p.m. (call for address). Women's Bible study Wednesday 10 a.m. Information, call the church office, 846-8650.

1930s and '40s. Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey were among their favorites.

Erickson worked as a machinist for Caterpillar in San Leandro during World War II and afterward. In the big war effort, women replaced men at Caterpillar, as they went off to war. Erickson's task was to instruct the new workers about how to do their jobs. Erickson and his wife lived in North Oakland, and raised two children, Martin, a Livermore resident, and Diane, who lives near Modesto.

He is looking forward to celebrating Christmas with his visiting family. Asked the secret of his longevity, Erickson replied, "Heredity. If you inherit good genes, you might live a long time," he said.

Boling said that she didn't know why she has made it to 101, the age that she attained Dec. 20. "I haven't done anything special. I have a physical every year. I ate normal things, like fruit, vegetables, meat and potatoes. I didn't smoke or drink. I never thought I'd live to 101. I can't believe it yet. You never know," she said.

Boling was born in a part of Saskatchewan that is near Alaska. Her parents were immigrants from Austro-Hungary, the 19th century version of the two separate nations today. The farm fam-

ily traveled around in a buggy in the summer and a sled in the winter. She was 14 when the family purchased its first car in 1919.

Christmas in her youth was much different than it is now, said Boling. In those days, they didn't have much money. They'd have a tree, and people would make presents for each other.

"When I got married (in the early 1930s, when she was 28) my husband earned \$75 a month. We had to live on that," she said. "Prices weren't so bad. Bread was 10 cents per loaf."

Boling's family moved to Oregon when she was 15 to find a warmer climate. She went to business college in Salem, and met her husband there. He worked his whole career for the Oregon state hospital in Salem. The couple was married 62 years, until his death.

Asked the secret to a long marriage, Boling said, "I don't like to argue. Too many people fight with each other, like on the Dr. Phil program."

Boling said that she is looking forward to Christmas with her grandchildren, and her son, Ralph, who lives in Livermore. He is a retired engineer from LLNL. Their birthdays are only 10 days apart, so they were scheduled to have a joint birthday celebration earlier this week.

## Churches Planning Services and Events of the Season

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**Christmas Day**  
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10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

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- December 10, Advent 2: Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- December 17, Advent 3: Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- December 24, Advent 4: Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. only

**Christmas Eve Services on Sunday, December 24:**

- 5 p.m. Family Service with Children's Pageant & Carols
- 8 p.m. Festival Service of Christmas with Lessons & Carols
- 11 p.m. Candlelight Holy Eucharist with Chamber Music

**Christmas Day Services on Monday, December 25:**

- 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

All are welcome at St. Clare's, regardless of faith.

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St. Clare's Episcopal Church is located at 3350 Hopyard Rd. in Pleasanton. For more information about St. Clare's, contact the church office or the Rev. Ronald Culmer at (925) 462-4802 or stclare@att.net.



Christopher Shepard stands in front of one of the trees. The plaque is in front.

### Eagle Scout Project Honors Junction Teachers Judy Hazen & Maynard Moreland

By Patricia Koning

Over the past 12 months, Boy Scout Christopher Shepard has been working on his Eagle Project, a permanent memorial to two of Junction Avenue Middle School's legacies: former teachers Judy Hazen and Maynard Moreland. Shepard graduated from Junction last year and now attends Livermore High School.

Hazen and Moreland spent nearly six decades combined at Junction, and were much loved by their colleagues, students, and families. Judy Hazen, who taught science at Junction for 20 years, died from cancer in January 1996. Moreland, who taught social studies and language arts for 34 years at Junction, also died from cancer about 5 years ago.

For his project, Shepard placed plaques commemorating Hazen and Moreland in concrete aggregate in front of trees that had been planted in memory of each teacher. Hazen's plaque is located in front of the library and Moreland's plaque is in front of room 26, his classroom of 30 years.

According to Junction Principal Susan Sambuceti, the plaques were gathering dust in the school office before Shepard's project.

"I'm grateful to Christopher and the Boy Scouts for having eagle projects," she said. "I'm glad we now have a permanent legacy to these two fine teachers. It's quite clear that the memories do not die."

Shepard held a dedication ceremony last week that was attended by the Hazen and Moreland families, their colleagues and former students, and Boy Scouts from Troop 939. Many of Shepard's fellow scouts helped on the project.

At the ceremony, Moreland's son Weldon spoke of his father's legacy and his experience growing up in Livermore.

"I spent most of my childhood here, at this school," he said. "I really appreciate the work that was put into this project, speaking on behalf of my entire family."

Weldon was one of six Moreland children. He talked of how his father, in addition to being a teacher, owned the old Dairy Queen on Second Street and was a reserve police officer.

Hazen's husband Chuck, who also taught at Junction, and her son Glenn shared their memories with the group. Glenn's wife Katie and their two children were at the ceremony.

"This school was like a second family to my mom," said Glenn. "I didn't totally understand that until her funeral, which was delayed because so many people wanted to sign her memory book."

Junction science teacher Denia Segrest shared her experience as Hazen's student teacher. She intended to work with Hazen, but wound up replacing her after her death.

"She told me that teaching middle school is like being behind a pack of wild ponies. You have to let them run but you had better let them know who is holding the reins," Segrest said.

Retired Junction teacher Sharon Schmidt recalled teaching in the classroom next to Moreland's. Another retired Junction teacher, Betty Hovendin shared her memories of Hazen. She concluded her remarks by saying, "I truly miss her."

For Shepard, completion of this project means he is on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout.

"I think it came out looking really nice. The approval I've gotten from the families and teachers feels nice," he said. "I was too young to have either Judy Hazen or Maynard Moreland as teachers, but they sure seem special."



The Harvest Park Middle School Competition Cheerleading Squad placed 2nd at the USA Regional Competition held in Tracy, at Merrill West High School on December 9th. Their performance qualified them to attend the USA Nationals to be held in Anaheim in March of 2007. In addition, both Harvest Park Stunt Teams performed well, placing 2nd and 4th overall. Team members are Ana Marquez, Ashley Nair, Baqiyah Bent, Candela Martinez, Caroline Fiegel, Chloe Avelenda, Danielle Pope, Erin Mezzetta, Hannah Milano, Jenae Poffenbarger, Julia Park, Julie Sharify, Katarina Marjanovic, Kerry Carmichael, Laney

Turay, Madysen Benz, Margo Little, Monica Kim, Natalie Klein, Nicole Thompson, Nicolette Allen, Paige Carlstrom, Rachel Cilk, Rachel Hardy, Rachel Latsis, and Tracey Rustick. Head coach is Linda Montoya; assistant coach Natasha Bojkovic.

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# Livermore Valley Charter School Opens New Middle School Laboratory

By Patricia Koning

The Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) officially opened its new middle school science laboratory with an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony. Students have been using the new lab for several weeks.

The lab has seven full stations, each equipped with its own gas and water supplies. Based on LVCS' middle school class sizes of 27-1, students will never share a lab station with more than three other students. There are also 78 outlets in the room—enough to accommodate the students' laptop computers.

"We have the room and equipment to conduct any experiment open to the imagination," said LVCS middle school science teacher Sue Johnston.

At the open house, several middle school students shared their results from a recent project. They studied the function of a cell in class. They then examined samples of local creek water to identify organisms such as algae, bacteria, and paramecium. Using microscopes hooked up to their laptops, the students captured digital pictures for use in presentations and further study.

"I'm saving my album to use for notes and studying for tests," said seventh grader Michaela Glover. "Plus the pictures are really interesting to look at."

Anne White, a Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District trustee, stopped by to check out the new lab and became caught up in looking at microscopic images with a student. White, who has a masters in Biology and taught lab instruction for teachers, walked seventh grader Brandon Clutter through scraping the



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students are looking at pond water seen under a microscope. The information is shown on the computer.

inside of his cheek and preparing a slide to view under the microscope.

Also on hand for the opening was Richard Farnsworth, Science & Technology Education Program manager for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Planning for the 1440 square foot building began nearly a year ago, last February, with hopes of opening the lab at the start of school. Delays happened along the way. Construction didn't begin until July. The building was delivered in October.

Because of the delay, the elementary school Spanish teacher

was without a classroom for three months. Senora Stonich adapted by becoming a traveling classroom, with a cart of her supplies that she brought from class to class.

"For a little old charter school this is not bad," said Lon Goldstein, executive director of LVCS. "It's a nice complement when Sue Johnston says this will put most other science labs to shame."

Johnston has taught math and science for 18 years, including 12 years at Granada High School and four years at East Avenue Middle School.

LVCS Principal Tina Morris was equally pleased with the new lab, describing it as a fabulous facility.

The lab is intended primarily for middle school students. However, fifth graders may also work in the lab occasionally if plans to open a new charter school serving grades 8 and 9 come to fruition.

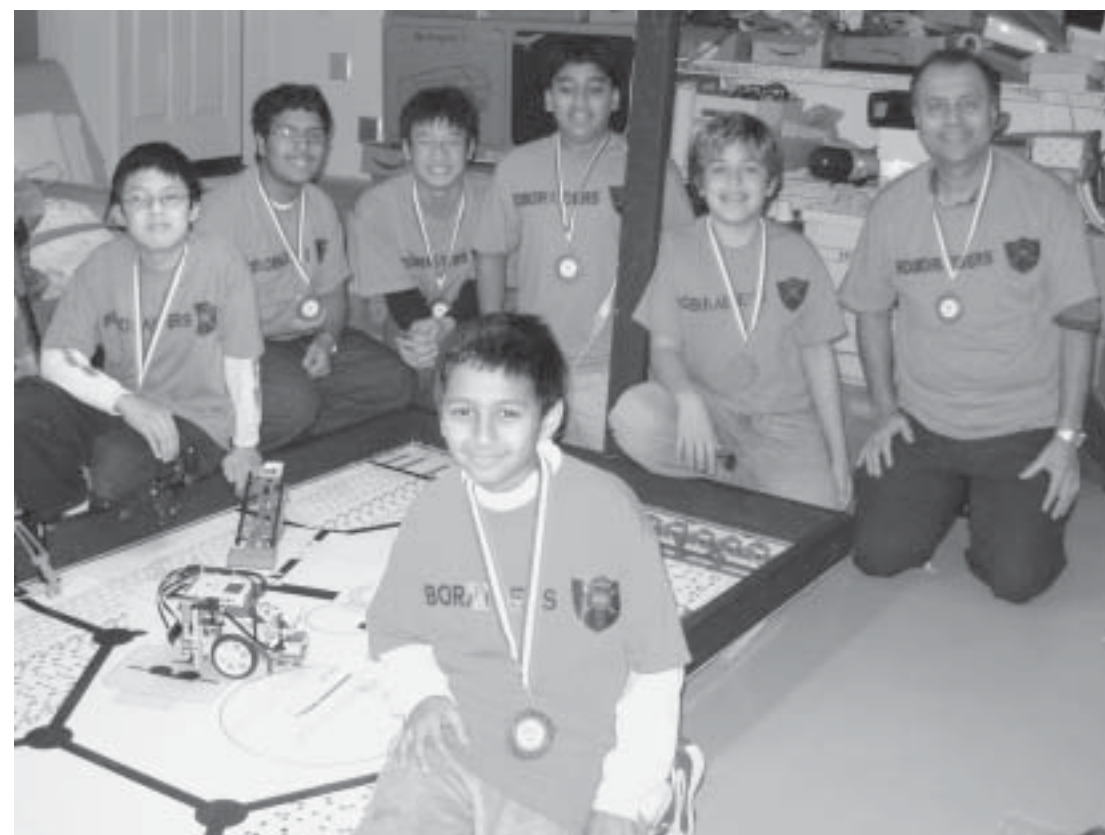
### Lab Employees Host Seniors at Holiday Party

Clients at the Friendship Center in Livermore, the Tri-Valley's only adult day-care program, will share in the holiday spirit at a holiday party scheduled for Thursday, December 21 at 1:00 p.m. Employees from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will provide wrapped gifts for the clients at the center, which is located at the Sonoma Learning Center, Room FC21, 543 Sonoma Avenue in Livermore.

"The Lab employees have been very generous to the Friendship Center and we appreciate their efforts, which help to make a fuller and better experience for our clients," according to Sandra Kaya, Activity Director at the Friendship Center.

Now in its 14th year, the Friendship Center serves adults over 50 years of age who cannot care for themselves during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The facility is licensed to serve 30 adults per day with a systemic approach to their mental, emotional and physical care, blended with social and recreational activities that are supervised by a caring staff. Hot meals are provided daily by Spectrum Community Services.

The average age of clients is 80, and most have some form of dementia, such as Alzheimer's, the most common form of dementia. An estimated 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, more than double the number since 1980, and a number that is expected to grow to as much as 16 million by the year 2050. The impact of Alzheimer's on individuals, families and the health care system makes the disease one of the greatest challenges facing the nation.



The team members of RoboRaiders are: Abhiraj (Pitu) Chowdhury (Foothill), Andrew Eng, Peter Huang, Justin Hernandez, Amruth Darapaneni and Rohan Punamia (all PMS).

## Robot Team Heads to State Competition

Pleasanton RoboRaiders, a club that specializes in robotics using Legos, has qualified to go to the State Championships to be held in San Jose on Jan. 20, 2007.

The team was formed last year by six team students from Pleasanton Middle School and coach Rishi Chowdhury.

There are regional competitions held every year under First Lego League.

This year at West Contra Costa Regional on December 9, RoboRaiders qualified to go to State. One of the parents, Rishi Chowdhury volunteered to be the Coach with Tommy Eng as Assistant Coach. The team practice sessions are on every Wed, and Sundays from Sep 1 till now. In the past month team members have met on Friday and Saturday as well.

In the West Contra Costa Regional, RoboRaiders were ranked overall 3rd among 19 teams from all over the Bay Area and 2nd in Robot Programming. They also qualified for finals in Robot Design.

The team used the latest Lego robotics called Mindstorm NXT set to create their robot with built-

in light and touch sensors.

This year's challenge was in Nanotechnology.

There are four parts to the challenges: Robot Performance, Robot Design, Programming and Research Project. RoboRaiders' research project was on "Nanotechnology in Cancer Research."

To prepare to build the robot, team members interviewed Dr. Robert Langer, Professor at MIT-

Harvard Cancer Center of Nanotechnology and Dr. Eric Jakobsson of University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Director of Nanoconduction Institute. They also researched articles and created an experiment to show targeted delivery of cancer drugs using their robot.

The Robot Performance round has 9 tasks, which needs to be completed by the robot in 150 seconds (2.5 minutes).

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**New Year's Eve Dance**, Parents without Partners is sponsoring a dance on New Year's Eve. The event is open to the public. It is set for Dec 31, 2006 from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at Rhythm Street Dance Studio, 6635 Dublin Blvd., Suite D, Dublin, CA. Cost \$35. Call Clyde for more information (925) 443-7168.

**Tri-Valley Republican Women**, Ward Connerly will be the guest speaker at the Thursday, January 11, 2007 dinner meeting of the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Pleasanton Hotel (formerly the Wyndham Garden Hotel) 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Pleasanton. New members and visitors are welcome. Reservation deadline is January 8. Contact Marilyn (925) 485-9869.

**Granada Dance Clinic for Elementary & Middle School Girls**, Granada High School Dance Team will be holding 2 jazz/hip-hop dance clinics on Jan. 27, 2007 from 9am - 12pm. The elementary clinic will be for 3rd-5th grade girls. The middle school clinic will be for 6-8th grade girls. Each clinic will teach a separate routine and will perform at a Granada Basketball game. The cost is \$40 and includes dance instruction, a t-shirt, snacks, and a cd with music to take home. Registration forms can be found online at <http://www.granadadance.com>. The deadline to register is Jan. 15, 2007.

**ValleyCare Auxiliary**, Volunteers needed. Nine different areas of volunteer service available in both Pleasanton and Livermore. Floorservice, information desks, office, the library, gift and thrift shops. For more information, please call 734-3368.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., Dec. 23, 45 miles Pleasanton to Sunol, meet 9 a.m. behind Tully's Coffee Shop, Kim Autrey, 417-0260. Mon., Dec.

25, 40 miles Benicia and beyond, meet 10 a.m. at Matthew Turner Park, Edith Norby, 707-748-1508 or Barbara Wood, 707-745-6353, Wed., Dec. 27, 37 miles Castro Valley to Moraga Commons and back, meet 10 a.m. at Castro Valley Park 'n Ride, Kaman Tong, 415-722-6797. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Jack London Foundation Auction**, books and collectibles, Jan. 13 at the Sonoma Community Center, 276 East Napa Street. Preview noon to 1 p.m. Auction starts at 1 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 707-996-2888 or email the Foundation at [jlondon@vom.com](mailto:jlondon@vom.com).

**Book Sale**, by Friends of the Livermore Library on Sunday, January 7, 12:00 noon to 4 p.m. in front of the former Library at 1000 South Livermore Avenue. Fiction and non-fiction books, magazines and audiovisuals are sold at deep discounted prices and there will be a table of free books. From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. shopping bag sale for \$ 2.00 a bag of books.

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**Service news**: Air Force Airman Ryan A. Merrill has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Paul Merrill Pleasanton, Calif., and Anne Merrill of Sanford, Fla. Air Force Airman Jace C. Yin has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of James Y. Yin of Lakehurst Road, Livermore, and Cindie Simons of Honolulu, Hawaii. Yin is a 2005

graduate of McKinley High School, Honolulu. Air Force Airman 1st Class Sean M. McLaughlin has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of John and Pamela McLaughlin of Pleasanton. McLaughlin is a 2002 graduate of Amador Valley High School.

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**San Ramon Newcomers Club**, lunch at Forbes Mill in Danville on Jan. 25, 11:30 a.m. social, lunch at noon. Open to residents of San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton and

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**Pleasanton VIP Senior Club**, meets every second and fourth Monday each month 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Second Mondays are business meetings; fourth Mondays are social sessions with entertainment. Regular Snappy Cafe lunch served at noon for \$3.25 donation; meetings follow. Reservations for lunch must be made by the Thursday before each meeting by calling 931-5385 before 1 p.m.

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## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



### FORGOTTEN ARCHITECT

Many significant early structures, from single-family homes to two-story commercial buildings, in Livermore, Sunol, and Pleasanton were designed and built by architect and contractor Julius Lars Weilbye. His parents, Lars and Ida Weilbye, were natives of Copenhagen. Lars was a seaman who came to San Francisco in 1847. Soon he sent for his wife. They settled on a farm in Alvarado. Lars died when Julius was only three years old; Ida left the farm and moved with her three children into Hayward. Eventually, Julius learned the carpenter and joiner trade.

From 1874 until 1877, Julius lived in Livermore. In 1874, when he was only 20, he designed and built Livermore's IOOF Hall on First Street. In Dec. 1875 he was working on the Hart house on L Street. He married Maude "Molly" Overacher Fuller, a widow with one son, on Christmas Day in 1876. Also in that year, he was the architect and contractor for the sum of \$8,000 for the Livermore Public School, a two-story wooden structure with a cupola.

When a "taxpayer" wrote a letter to the editor complaining about the plans for the proposed school, Weilbye wrote back a lengthy defensive letter to the anonymous author, who he proposed must be "an architect out of employment for the lack of brains sufficient to design a one-story log cabin."

The *Livermore Enterprise* announced in October 1876 that Weilbye had been hired by William M. Mendenhall, the founder of Livermore, to design and build a family mansion for him to the east of the Livermore Collegiate Institute on College Avenue. The cost of the mansion was \$9,000. Later, the building became a part of the Livermore Sanitarium.

In 1877 Weilbye moved to Oakland and then to Nevada, where he worked at lumber planing mills for eight years while making architecture "a special study."

When he returned to the Tri-Valley, he lived in Sunol from 1885 until 1895. During that time he designed and built a 17-room Victorian sandstone house on Kilkare Road in Sunol for Henry and Elizabeth Ellis. The stones were cut from the nearby Mehrmann quarry in Niles Canyon.

The *Pleasanton Times* in 1890 wrote of the project, "The building will be a grand piece of architecture, deserving of great credit, and will speak volumes for the ability of the architect and builder J.L. Weilbye, of Sunol, who has designed it and under whose supervision it will be constructed." Today this is the home of Elliston Vineyards.

During this time Weilbye also built "many of the private residences" in Sunol as well as a hotel and the Sunol public school building—to say nothing of the Tassajara schoolhouse, the Catholic parsonage at Mission San Jose, and in Pleasanton a pharmacy for Dr. Cutler and a brick building for the Druids.

In mid-1895 Weilbye started a lumberyard across the street from the Pleasanton city hall. In 1897 he drew plans for several structures on Main Street, including one for Henry and Emma Reimers that cost \$4,000, perhaps today's Pleasanton Hotel.

In an article describing a "housewarming" for Livermore's Sweeney Opera House, in April 1904, the *Herald* declared the structure a decided credit to the architect and building supervisor, J.L. Weilbye.

Later that same year he designed a two-story cottage for Carl Holm, Tilli Calhoun's grandfather, on the Livermore-Pleasanton Road, now Stanley Boulevard. The *Echo* listed Weilbye in 1905 as the owner of one of the six cars in Pleasanton, a 10-horsepower Imperial. In 1907 the Weilbye family moved to a California bungalow in Livermore on S Street that Julius designed and had built. A year later Weilbye completed plans for Dr. James K. Warner's combination home and office.

In 1909, he designed the three-story Colonial Revival style Masonic Building on the flagpole corner at First and Lizzie (now North Livermore Avenue) Streets; after viewing his plans, the *Herald* noted, "It will undoubtedly be the show building of the town." Weilbye in that same year designed a "large modern cottage" at North Livermore Avenue and Walnut Street for Frank Gomes. He also drew plans for a six-room cottage for John Flynn up in the Altamont hills.

After Julius's death in 1911, Molly Weilbye left Livermore and lived with her son in Palo Alto until her death in 1916. The S Street bungalow was torn down in 1978.

Even though Weilbye designed and built so many varied early structures in the Tri-Valley and Sunol, he is largely unknown—perhaps because his stepson lived in Palo Alto, too far away to celebrate his life and keep his memory alive. No known clues to his personality exist except for his artistry and that crotchety letter to the editor.

The main sources for this article are early Livermore newspapers: the *Enterprise*, the *Herald*, and the *Echo*. Only a few copies of the *Pleasanton Times* have survived. If you know of anyone with copies of the *Pleasanton Times* squirreled away in an attic or garage, let me know. I think I asked that question before. However, I can't emphasize how important those newspapers are—just one copy can reveal many interesting facts.

(Readers can reach me via e-mail at am3homan@yahoo.com.)

## Young Carolers Collect Donations for the Needy

By Patricia Koning

Last Sunday a group of ten families braved the cold for their annual "Caroling for a Cause" night. The group collected toy and food donations from the homes they visited along Mt. Day Drive and Mt. Diablo Way. They finished the evening with hot chocolate and snacks at Fire Station #8 on Scenic Drive.

This is the fourth year of Caroling for a Cause. It all started five years ago when Monica Baucke's children asked to go Christmas caroling with some friends.

"People were really surprised to see us and wanted to give us something," she says. "They said they'd wish they'd known ahead of time that we were coming. So we got the idea to ask for food and toys for the needy."

The next year the Bauckes invited neighbors from Mt. Day Drive and their children's friends to join in the caroling. They distributed flyers ahead of time asking neighbors for donations of toys and food items. The response was quite generous.

Last year they collected so many toys and food items that Croce Elementary School was able to request three additional families from the Adopt-a-Family program. This year because Caroling for a Cause was held after the start of Croce's winter break, the carolers added their donations to the firemen's Toys for Tots collection.

"This is like a Christmas party with my friends," says Kaitlyn Baucke, age 9. "It's really fun except for the cold."

Emily Ilharreguy, age 6, enjoyed singing her favorite holiday song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Young carolers were out in Livermore, "Caroling for a Cause." One of the singers proclaimed her favorite was "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

"This is a lot of fun," she says. "I get to spend time with my friends and help others who don't have as much stuff."

The firemen at Station #8 also enjoyed the visit by the carolers. The parents provided the snacks and hot chocolate, and the firemen provided a warm spot and cool fire trucks to look at.

"This is a really cool deal," declared engine captain Chris Parker.

The staff at Dr. Thomas Marcel's office in Livermore tries to do something for the community each year. They volunteered for Habitat Humanity during the past year, helping to build homes. For the holidays, they took money they would have spent on cards and gifts for other offices and donated it to Habitat Humanity in the names of those offices. In addition, they sent out Gingerbread House kits to each doctor's office. The doctors and their staffs put the 30 kits together in a variety of creative ways. The houses will be donated to Shepherd's Gate, Tri-Valley Haven, and Rosewood Gardens. Pictured sorting the houses are (left) Janet Nierneyer and Erin Tenca.



## Multicultural Holiday Celebration Brings Together Croce Families

By Patricia Koning

Last week several hundred students and families from Croce Elementary School celebrated Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, Chinese New Year, and other winter traditions at the school's annual Multicultural Celebration.

"The purpose of this party is to emphasize our similarities rather than our differences," says Croce parent Monica Baucke. "We all have winter holidays with music, crafts, food, and other customs. I think this helps the kids realize they have more in common with other cultures than they think."

Baucke organized Croce's Multicultural Celebration with the PTA for the first time last year. The goal, she explains, is to represent the school's diverse population, which includes East Indian, Mexican, Jewish, Asian, French, Scottish, and Irish families.

Combining learning with fun,

parents and children participated in craft stations celebrating Las Posadas, Diwali (Deewali), Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Members of the Livermore High School French Club helped children create roses from pipe cleaners and tissue paper to commemorate the French fable of Christmas roses blooming in the snow.

Livermore High's Asian Cultural Club led a Paper Dragon Bag puppet-making activity for Chinese New Year's Day, which will occur on Feb. 18, 2007 to usher in the Year of the Pig. For the high school students, the Multicultural Celebration provided a way to connect with younger children, earn service credit, and even learn a little.

"It's about giving back to the community," says junior Darryl Tanimoto. "The kids are really creative and fast at making these puppets. They've taught me a few things."

Croce Kindergarten teacher Elise Allen showed students how

to play dreidel, a popular Hanukkah game played with a four-sided top, usually for coins or candy.

"I try to get in a little about the tradition of Hanukkah, but the kids mostly just want to play," she says.

Another activity was making Diwali Lamps with candles and playdough. Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a colorful Hindu celebration held in October or November.

There was also plenty of entertainment. Jeff Campbell, a Croce parent of Scottish ancestry, played the bagpipes. Dancers from Isabel Loza's dance company performed traditional Latin dances in bright, colorful costumes.

Café Art supplied ceramics for the children to paint in a Secret Santa Workshop. Parents brought a variety of desserts, many of which were cultural treats to go along with the theme of the evening.



### PET OF THE WEEK

Tyson is an independent and tough cat, with a big heart to match. This 2-year old Orange Tabby loves attention. He shows it when he gives you one of his powerful head butts. He gets along just fine in a multi-pet household, holding his own with the dogs, and cuddling with the cats. He's got a huge purr and a lot of pizzazz. He's Tyson The Cat and he'd love to meet you! For more information on Tyson (ID# 6354), call Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs and cats at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## SHORT NOTES

### Christmas Crafts

The Springtown Branch Library in Livermore will host a Christmas crafts program on Fri., Dec. 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children will make a craft to decorate the home for the holidays.

The crafts program is free. No registration is required. The library is at 998 Bluebell Drive. Call 373-5517 for more information.

### Movies for Kids

The Pleasanton Library invite children to Friday movie programs during the holiday break.

On Friday, Dec. 29th at 11:00am, movies for the preschool set will be shown in a program lasting approx. 30 minutes.

On Friday, Jan. 5th starting at 2:00pm, the library will show Ice Age II: The Meltdown. The movie lasts approx. 90 minutes and is rated PG.

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

### Polar Bear Slide

The Aquatics Division of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) invites the public to participate in its extreme winter event, the 2nd Annual Polar Bear Slide. Adults and children (at least 48-inches tall) are

invited to take an exhilarating trip down the 22-foot spiral waterslide at the Robert Livermore Community Center pool on Saturday, January 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Complimentary hot chocolate will be waiting at the bottom for all participants, and all participants receive a certificate of completion. For more information, the public may call (925) 373-5751.

### Cancer Support Group

Men who have prostate cancer and their family members are invited to participate in a free Man to Man\* Prostate Cancer Support Group on the second Tuesday every month, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The support group meets at San Ramon Regional Medical Center in the South Building, West Day Room, located at 7777 Norris Canyon Road. The Man to Man\* American Cancer Society program and the Us Too\* are cosponsors of the support group.

The group is designed to help men cope with prostate cancer by providing community-based education and support to patients and their family members.

Men in any stage of prostate cancer—from the newly diagnosed, those in treatment and long-term survivors—are invited to participate. The group provides an opportunity to speak one-on-one with others who have been treated for prostate cancer, and learn

from their experience. Family members are welcome.

The support group is not intended to and will not provide medical advice, consultation and/or diagnosis. Michael Stephens, MST, a licensed therapist from The Wellness Community, facilitates the group.

For more information about the Prostate Cancer Support Group, contact The Wellness Community 925.933.0107.

### Yellow Ribbon Tree

The yellow ribbon tree in downtown Livermore is in need of new ribbons. People can make a donation at Richard's, 4502 Las Positas Rd. (by Target) or to Operation: S.A.M. at P.O. Box 2992, Livermore.

After the new year new ribbons will be put on the yellow ribbon tree. A ribbon costs \$5.00.

### Immunization Clinics

Axis Community Health offers drop-in immunization clinics for low-income and uninsured families. Winter clinics will be held from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, January 6, February 3, and March 3, 2007. All immunization clinics are held at Axis' Pleasanton location only, 4361 Railroad Avenue.

The clinics are open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured. Families enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care programs

are also eligible. Parents are required to bring their children's immunization records and any information they may have about family income and medical insurance, including Medi-Cal. There is a charge for some immunizations.

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