Best wishes for your merry Christmases and your happy New Years, your long lives and your true prosperities.
Local groups make the Yule season merry for underprivileged children

This year, two local groups will make Christmas a lot merrier for needy children. The Christian Pilots Association (CPA) and Camp Fire Girls are collecting toys, blankets and usable household items for children who would otherwise be without.

The CPA flies to Baja, California and Arizona to deliver items to children who have been living with a parent unable to care for them. They also fly to several orphanages in Baja that care for hundreds of these children.

The outposts in the Apache and Navaho lands of Arizona are also stops of CPA where the “winters are cold, the need always great and the missionaries and their people are always so grateful,” according to Gordon Wadhurst, CPA member.

The association is specifically requesting clean, un torn blankets and used toys.

“We’ve seen the faces of those who receive gifts like these,” said Wadhurst, “at such a joyful occasion when the children pick up a toy that has already been loved, only to add more love to it,” he said.

Tax deductible receipts are available for persons who leave items at: McDon als, 26002 Trabuco Rd., Mission Viejo, or: McDonalds, 23861 Bridger Rd., El Toro.

Persons may also call Wadhurst at 837-B2162 and he will make arrangements to pick up the items.

In addition to the CPA, the Camp Fire (Continued on Page 3)

MVBC sponsors lighting contest

Mission Viejo residents are invited to put their creativity into lights this Yuletide season when the Mission Viejo Beautification Committee sponsors its annual Christmas lighting contest.

No special entry forms are necessary to enter the competition, according to project chairman, Ed Parker. Every home decorated on the exterior is automatically entered.

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Cash prizes, donated by the Mission Viejo Company and MVBC, will be awarded to first through fifth place winners. A number of honorable mentions will also be given to entrants. First through fifth place winners will receive a framed color photograph of their decorated home.

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EACH year, the girls hold an annual Christmas party, “Toys for Trinidad” in which they bring the collected items and one new toy per member.

This year, Santa Claus will be present to accept the gifts and visit with the girls on Friday, Dec. 8 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Laguna Hills.

The girls will also view a slide show of the party given last year for the children of Trinidad.

For further information regarding this gift giving endeavor call 838-9991.

Bowers exhibiting Mickey Mouse

“Mickey Mouse: 1928-1978” is currently on display at Bowers Museum.ickeymania objects range from a working 1978 telephone to 1930’s original Walt Disney arf from 50th anniversary plates back to early wind-up toys. The display runs until Dec. 31. Permanent exhibits, including African and Oceanic sections, are also open to the public. Bowers Museum is located at 2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana.

Chorale slates music festival

Saddleback College Chorale, under the direction of Don Walker, will present a festival of Christmas music on Dec. 9 and 10 at St. George’s Episcopal Church, Laguna Hills.

The concerts, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. will feature works by Verdi, Buxtehude, Berger and Daniel Pinkham.

The entire family is invited to attend. For more information call Theo Clark at 830-7421.
Holiday events on tap in MV

An adult New Year’s Eve party and the 10th annual children’s Christmas party will highlight the December activities at the Mission Viejo Recreation Center.

The New Year’s Eve dance is set for Sunday, Dec. 31, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. An added feature this year will be a complete disco and light show set up with music recapitulating the past and present sounds.

Special requests can be made, as the disc jockey will have a wide variety of music at his disposal.

The dance is open to all Mission Viejo residents and their guests. Limited tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis beginning Dec. 1 at Montanoso. Tickets will be available at the door.

The cost at $15 per couple includes admission, hats, horns, noisemakers and snacks. Drinks will be sold at $1 apiece. Dress is either casual or cocktail attire.

For the children, 11 and under, the recreation center is sponsoring a party from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at Montanoso Recreation Center.

Viejo Drive-in will screen “Once upon a Wintertime,” and a visit from Santa Claus will highlight the party.

Refreshments will be served while the children open their gifts.

Admission is a wrapped gift, ($1 limit) for someone your own age and marked for boy or girl. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are welcome.

Viejo tradition

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The Biblical story of the first Christmas will be re-created Dec. 17.

The Mission Viejo Activities Committee has been in the business of building community tradition for the past 12 years.

The committee’s “annual report” reflects high yields in community pride and involvement in a parade of seasonal activities. Among the most popular of these is the highly celebrated Five Nights of Christmas. Over the years this series of Yuletide events has become as dear to the residents of this planned community as their individual family holiday traditions.

The first of the five special events was Santa’s arrival on Sunday, Nov. 26, at the intersection of La Paz Road and Chrisanta Drive. It was a night of excitement for young children as anticipation mounted prior to Santa’s season debut.

Residents enjoyed a Christmas concert by professional tenor Bill Baker, who was interspersed with special radio communication with Santa as he made his journey from the North Pole.

The opening of Santa’s Workshop will be celebrated on the Second Night, Dec. 3. The jolly old gift-giver will open his doors to area youths who wish to relate their holiday wishes from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Santa’s Workshop will be located at the southeast corner of the La Paz Road and Chrisanta Drive intersection.

The Second Night marks the first of several occasions when Santa will be available to hear Christmas wishes. His workshop also will be open Dec. 6, 10, 13, 17 and 20 from 6 to 8 p.m., and on Dec. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m.

A Christmas concert is scheduled for the Third Night of Christmas. The Capistrano Valley High School orchestra and choir will stage a two-hour performance at the La Paz Plaza parking lot Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. Coffee and hot chocolate will be available to help brace against the chill of the evening.

The Fourth Night, Dec. 17, a community pageant re-creating the Biblical story of the first Christmas will be staged at the mini-park adjacent to the intersection of Chrisanta Drive and La Paz Road. Choral accompaniment will be provided by the Mission Viejo High School Choir.

The Five Nights of Christmas will reach its climax on Christmas Eve as Mission Viejo residents repeat a Spanish tradition of the Southeastern United States by lighting of luminarias. The practice is symbolic of the fires that lit the way for shepherds as they journeyed to Bethlehem. Luminarias, candles embedded in sand in the bottom of paper bags, are placed in residents’ front yards. Luminaria kits will be sold at local grocery stores in Mission Viejo.

While the Activities Committee may not reap the monetary profits associated with most business ventures (these special events are provided at virtually no charge to all comers), their gains are equally as satisfying. They come in the form of community involvement, community pride and community appreciation.

Fiesta de Hacienda

Six Mission Viejo families have “decked their halls” with boughs of holiday hospitality especially for the Mission Viejo Beautification Committee’s annual holiday home tour, Dec. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Tickets to “Fiesta de Hacienda” have already been sold out, according to committee representatives.

Following the tour, a reception honoring the families who have offered their homes will be held at the Mission Viejo Country Club, where complimentary hors d’oeuvres, a no-limit bar and a wealth of door prizes will set the holiday mood.

The three major door prizes include a round-trip ticket for two, via Air California, for three days and two nights at Harrah’s Lake Tahoe highlighted with a dinner show given by Bobbie Shepard, Broker of Goldenwest Realtors and Associates, and a “Ginza” garage door opener given by Besse Brothers.

Tour guests will be treated to an eye-pleasing selection of some of Mission Viejo’s most fashionable residences featuring innovative structure changes, unique art objects and handsome decor.

Three of the six homes that are featured in the Reporter belong to Mark and Nila Wilczynski, Steve and Malli Thompson and Vaughan and Susan Biglow.

The remaining families who have offered their homes are Colby and Barbara Marcoux, Gary and Sue Tanquinio and John and Micky Shannon.
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