Council Won＇t Talk About Cedar Grove Plans

Winery Wins Approval Of Bottling Plant


#### Abstract

The Livermore City Council reversed its decision to hold a public hearing on the Cedar South Livermore． At its Sermotereer 11 meeting， the council voted 3 to 2 to hear the council voted 3 too 2 to hear the matter at its Sept． 25 meet－ ing．M ayor Marshal Kamena and Courraine Dietrich voted ver Dogainst the pro－ Dietrich vomeded against the pro－ posal detaring that it was a County issue． OnM onday On M onday，Councilmember Tom Reitter asked the council to reconsider the decision．He joined Kamena and Dietrich declining to hear the matter． A sked after the meeting why he had changed his mind，Reitter said，＂People are very emotional on both sides of the issue．I thoughtit would be best for them to go directly to the ounty to to go directly to the cout express their opinions．＂ The A lameda County ning Commission is scheduled to hear the matter at it $\mathbf{0}$ oct． 2 p．m．In tayward． The land on which C edar Grove Church proposes to con－ struct new facilities is located within A lameda County＇s juris－ diction and the South Livermore Valley A rea Plan．The church is planning for 75,000 square feet of new construction，plus a park－ ing lot that accommodates 508 Those supporting the church＇s plans say it is a religious issue．The opponents declare that it is about preserving the integ－ The church has received sup－ port for its plans from other churches in the area． Friends of the Vineyards，the Tri－Valley Conservancy，and A ssociation are opposed to the Cedar Grove project


## School

## Board Backs

 FirehouseArt Center


Taylor Dayne Kicks Off
Civic Arts Presents Season

Pleasanton Civic Arts Pre－
sents unveiled its 2006－07 pro－ sents unveiled
gram last week
It offers something for every－
one from comedy to dance and literary programs to dance and literary prograns
ning a artists．
want more music，more dance， more comedy，more family enter ainment，and more literary pre ager Andy Jorgensen．＂We have aspired to satisfy all of them with one of our most dynais calen The season kicks of Septem－
ber 23 with Grammy nominated songstress Taylor Dayne．She will perform her hit songs，such as Will Lead You Back．＂

| Concannon Vineyard＇s request build a bottling plant at 4950 | No one was present from the church．This failure to appear |
| :---: | :---: |
| Tesla Road has the green lightfrom Alameda County supervi－ | drew criticism from audience |
|  | members and supervisor Scott |
| sors．They have rejected an ap－ | Haggerty of Livermore，who |
| peal by a church group，seeking | made the motion to approve the |
| to build next door to the site． | 隹． |
| Supervisors voted 4－0 at their | Haggerty said from the dais |
| eeting Sept．14，to deny the ap－ | beforethev |
| eal by Cedar Grove Community | ing．They appealed and didn＇t |
| Church．The appeal，if approved， | show up．It＇s a tremendous act |
| ould have reversed the planning | of selfishness．Even more offen－ |
| mmission approval of the bot－ | sive，they don＇t think（the ap－ |
| plant．The plant will be an | peal）is harassment．If people |
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| facility． | board of supervisors．That will |
| our supporters，including an | not make me hap |
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| annon，made brief re－ | apparently referred to the |
| in support of the bottling | overall situation about The |
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The church，which is located
on College Avenue and South $L$
St．in Livermore，has bought plant，and wants to build bottling campus with six buildings there． The Wine G roup and supporters ing that it would be inconsistent with the South Livermore Plan which requires uses to support
directly agricultural uses．It could even kill future agricultural in Other speakers al so framed the hurch＇s opposition in the same

McK inley Day，who told the board that he is a candidate for Livermore school board，said

Gary Drummond（left）and Jim Concannon talk discuss some of the stories in the book．
Winery Was＂Part of the Family＂
＂Concannon the first One Hun－
dred and Twenty Five Years＂is
more than a history of one of
Livermore＇s oldest wineries．
It is the also the story of the
Concannon family as told by J J im
Concannon，the grandson of the
founder James Concannon．As the

| business the family ow ned；it | away．For the past two years，Jim |
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| was part of the family．＂ | has been working with Tim |
| There are archival pictures， | Patterson to publish a book |
| as well as new photos by Andy | about the Concannon family and |
| Kat． | vineyards．Jim says using the |
| Jim grew up in the original |  |
| word＂first＂in the titlew was away |  |
| family house on the vineyard | of indicating the history of the |
| property and still works in his | winery will continue into the fu－ |
| office today just a few steps | （See concanNoN，page 12） |

Search Is Underway for New Site for Friendship Center
ation and Park District B oard nar－ rowed down its search for a new ter to four sites．
Currently，the adult day care program shares Sonoma School with the Livermore Valley Char－ ter Schiol．However，the charter the Friendship Center must find
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take between 12 and 18 months
before the program can be moved 62 clients at various times； 33
from Livermore， 21 from anton， 3 from Dublin， 2 from San Ramon，and one each from Tracy， Danville and San Francisco． The main problem facing LARPD is time．The school dis－ 2007 to provide space for the in． For one thing，licenses are site
specific．A new license will be required for the new location，a process that is difficult and
lengthy，according to LARPD staff．The licensing is handled by the California
cial Services．
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Supervisors Overturn OK For Mines Road Events Center

A lameda County Supervisors
overturned a decision by the East
County B oard of Zoning A dj ust－ Overturned a decision by the E as
County B oard of Zoning A djust－
ment（BZA）to approve an events ment（BZA）to approve an events
center at 3721 M ines Road．
Supervisors Supervisors voted 4－0 at their
meeting Sept． 14 to strike down meeting Sept． 14 to strike down
the approval of the conditional the approval of the conditional
granted to Augustine and Judy
Garcii．
Speaking for the couple Speaking for the couple
Judy Garcia told supervi sors that the events center was an out growth of her vision for a place or lasses that she as a minister

## been performing weddings for 11

 years，and has a spiriof 25 people weekly ＂We don＇t want a ness lifestyle．We want to slow down the pace，＂Judy Garcia said about herself and her husband，
who does landscaping．He

By Patricia K oning
 of Trustees last week considered whether to put surplus money
into new and expanded pro grams，or to repay monies the District borrow ed from several
accounts during the fiscal crisis． The Board is considering
spending the $\$ 625,000$ set aside in last year＇s budget for M assure
$D$ replacement 2 well as addi－ D replacement，as well as addi－
tional money from increased state funding and decreased
costs．Susan Kinder，Director of Fiscal Services，says the District has a projected ending balance
for the $2006 / 7$ school year of
approximately $\$ 7.735$ million approximately $\$ 7.735$ million
over tha reserve．
That amount is about $\$ 2$ mil－ That amount is about $\$ 2$ mil－
lion higher than the projected
balance at the end of the 2005／ balance at the end of the 2005／
06 school year．The difference is due to several factors，among
them unfilled positions，good them unfilled positions，goo interest revenue，decreased spe－
cial education costs，and the
lower－than－ 1ower－than－expected cost of
utilities．The District budgeted for a $15 \%$ increase in utilities but
the actual increase is around $3 \%$ ． The District is currently ne－ gotiating sal ary increases and other items with the Livermore
Education A ssociation Education A ssociation．The out－
come of thesenegotiations could have a big impact on the bud－
get．

geproved considerably last year．
We＇re considering additional restora－ tions or new programs，＂says Su－ perintendent Brenda M iller．
She presented the Board with She presented the B oard with
a list of 14 options total ing
about $\$ 1.3$ million．Trustee Bill
M orrison recommended first

paying back $\$ 330,000$ the Dis－ trict borrowed from its cafeteria fund and $\$ 700,000$ borrow ed trict borrowed from its cafeeteria

fund and $\$ 700,000$ borrowed
from M easure L funds．The Dis－ trict borrowed from these funds
in order to meet the mandatory in order to meet the mandatory
$3 \%$ reserve requirement in the 2003／04 school year． ＂I＇m trying to look at the
whole picture，＂says M orrison．＂I think we need to pay back these
loans and commitments before talking about bringing programs The B oard voted unani－
mously to spend $\$ 62,000$ to hire seven counselo ors for grades 7 －12 This money supplements nearly $\$ 500,000$ in state funds desig－ nated for counsel ors to focus on
intervention plans for students intervention plans for students at
risk of not graduating from high A nother consideration was
spending $\$ 75,000$ to add anoth spending $\$ 75,000$ to add another
full time elementary teacher so that the program can accommodate all interested stu－ dents．Currently students must
test into the program．A total of test into the program．A total of
89 students were turned away lastyear．
Eleme
Randy Wementary M usic Director B oard that thon cautioned the tary music is a function of space ＂For the fourth grade string music program，we＇d be looking at adding a second class，which ever，finding space for the four fiff grade music classes w enow
offer is al ready an issue．A dding another class would be a big deal．＂
Kate
dent of Kate Runyon，former presi－ （See SURPLUS，page 4）


Work is underway on the restoration of Kottinger Creek to a more natural state．Plans are to create an 8 －foot wide low flow Invasive，non－neanders through a varying width flood plain be planted to provide riparian habitat．


## Pleasanton Chamber Endorses <br> Council Candidates；But Not the Mayor

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| Commerce has endorsed incum－ | 硣 | candidate we interviewed． |
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| ty | but solved on the basis of the | any long－term political ambi－ |
| ncil．There was no endorse－ |  | ns beyond community service |
| ent for mayor． | believes that traffic is a ke | a |
| Council candidates inclu | regional issue，not just | Cook－K allio believes that |
| horne，Cook－Kallio，Dan |  | ciness is essential to the city＇s |
| austina and Brian Arkin．Run－ | The Chamber believes | 㖪－being and should be an ac－ |
| ning for mayor are incumbent | Thorne is a positive influence | part |
| Jennifer Hosterman and | the Council and a successful and | nance of the city．She also be－ |
| ouncilmember Steve B rozosky | increasingly influential partic | lieves it is important，in address－ |
| ， | pant in the city and the reg | ing issues，to |
| otes that Thorne＇s long | The press release adds，＂We | or neighber |
| nificant business care | would like to see more assertive |  |
| as | re | d whenever possible），but |
| affairs of Pleasanto |  | the |
| years | him to support and lead the city | community as a whole must |
|  |  | me first．＂She struck us as an |
|  | ingly，weendorse and supp |  |
|  |  | sion maker with a balanced and |
| processes involved in cutting red | Cook－K allio，the press relea | （See ENDORSE， |

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## Time to Repay the Lord

Josh K een, 27 -year-old Liv- South A frica ministering to a
ermore resident, thanks od for
community whereAIDS and povsaving his life on two occasions.
He was mauled by a tiger at the He was mauled by a tiger at the
A lameda County Fair when he was 6 . In 1994 he almost died in afire. "Both times I should have died, but didn't. They were is more to life than just me. I made a commitment to do service to the Lord because He had
spared me" losh says. Seeking to fulfill that com mitment, he has signed up with Monte Christo M inistries
erty are rampant According to Josh, M CM 's
work is worming SouthA A fricans to transa transformation MCM believes
will produc futh will produce future generations
of leaders empowered to of leaders empowered to ov
come the society's problems come the society's problems.
"I will be ministering to the poor to remove the barriers that hinder spiritual transformation, health, education and econo
progress," explains losh progress, explains osh.
Hewill serve as assistant ca director, helping to run camps and
a retreat center. His duties will

## Do You Remember?

## By Anne Homan

## Would Cal-OSHA Allow That Now?

 Ferdinand "F red" Holdener, a native of Switzerland, bought the Livermore he was a widower with three children, F red, C Carl, andM arie- Fred the oldestatage 10. The children attended St Michal's School and then Livermore High
The Valley Dairy, on Stanley Boulevard (then the Pleasanton Road) just west of what is now the Valley M emorial H ospital, had 15 acres of open fields, with plenty of room for pasture. In the dairy cessed the milk- at first raw, and later, starting in 1936, pasteurized. They delivered glass bottles of milk to stores and homes in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, and Sunol. The cows were mil ked twice Carl remembered going with his father on the morning route, starting at 5:30. "I'd run up to the houses, it was still dark. I really didn't know what Livermore looked like until summertime came." When the boys were old enough, they drove Valley Dairy panel trucks on the routes. Carr described the process in an interv ew for Mou'd pull a handle, jump out while it slowed down, deliver milk,
Your and jump back on while it was still moving. It was the damnedest thing. You think Cal-OSHA would allow that now?
Both Carl and Fred were excellent athletes. How Both Carl and F red were excell ent athletes. However, C arl noted that his hardw orking father never had time to watch their high school
games. Carl won the M V P award from the Eagles in 1942 for his outstanding work in football as receiver and quarterback. The Herald's sports writer praised him: "Holdener was a gambler in his
direction of team play, calling for razzle dazzle moves even when deep in his own territory, making every game a thriller."
Carl and young Fred served during World War II. Their sister, In 1951 F for them on the milk route.
Milk Company. For the next five years the Holdeners sold milk in bulk to Carnation. In 1956 the Holdeners added a drive mia th time an innovative concept, and changed the name from Valley Dairy to Holdener Drive-In Dairy. The processing plant was modernized. Paper milk cartons were
featured instead of glass. A half-gallon of milk sold for 38 cents. Customers could buy whole milk, low-fat, nonfat, chocolate, whipwith their teachers for a dairy tour which ended with an ice cream
Because of low milk prices and the pressure for development in
treat for en retired that year and left the business to his sons. F red Jr. and his wife, El sie, bought the Holdener Drive-In Dairy.
Carl bought the Hol stein dairy herd of 300 head, which included Car bought the Holstein dairy herd of 300 head, which included
160 mil king cows, and moved them to Tracy, where he and his wife, Betty, had 211 acres. Here, Carl raised alf alfa and corn to feed the an insulated tanker to the Livermore plant for processing and bottling. Fred Sr. died in1978.
On 15 December 1980, Fred and El sie Holdener closed the drivein dairy and sold the remaining five acres to a devel oper. The Taco B ell at Peppertree Plaza now has the dairy's street address- 985 E .
Stanley Boulevard. The advent of large retail grocery chains and the squeeze of expanding housing and taxes had taken their toll on the Mom and Pop business.
Fred and Elsie H oldener donated the old farmhouse to the Liverlege Avenue in June 1981 by the Spaeth family, who bought it from the guild for $\$ 1,000$. Standing before about 1878, the old redw ood house built with square nails predated any dairy farm at the Stanley
B oulevard site; perhaps it was built by a member of the M endenhall family.
After the dairy closure, Fred and Elsie enjoyed traveling with friends in several California Swiss clubs. A charter member of the Livermore organization Sons in Retirement \#101, he became an still tell stories of his generosity and kindness.
Carl and Betty Hol dener sold their Tracy farm property and dairy herd, but C arl helped his son, Robert, in raising tomatoes, safflower, and alfalfa on Union Island in the Delta. Even after moving to A ssociation: he was on the board for 20 years. When he was grand A ssociation; he was on the board for 20 years. When he was grand
marshal of the 1999 rodeo parade, he was still competing in team roping and team penning at the age of 76 . He died, the last survivor of his siblings, in september 2004.
In 2005 LARPD named thenew park on Hansen Road, off A rroyo (Readers can reach me at am3homan@ yahoo.com.)


Josh Keen discusses his plans
include teaching, overseeing nity to attend graduate school,
small groups and working in the at the South African Theol ogical
 Jons needs to roise funds to
finance his ministry, $\$ 15,0000$ cover start-up costs and $\$ 2500$ a
month to pay for his ongoing month to pay for his ongoing
expenses. Helaunched the fundraising about wo months ago. To date he has received commit the sums needed
Josh was born in Livermore
in 1979, the only child of "great Christian parents," in his words. He graduated from Valley Chris-
tian High School in 1998 and attended Biola University in Southern California from 2001 ness, managing projects for Bay Area sotware companies. ng for people," he says, looking to his long-range future. "I just have a passion for caring for Those who would like to support him in his South African ministry may send donations to Shepherd's Staff M ission Faciliators, PO B ox 27220, A l buquer-
que, NM $87125-7220$, put Josh que, NM $87125-7220$, put osh
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## CIVIC ARTS

Next spring, March 10 at 8 p.m., tures of Kavalier and Clay," cataa past finalist from the San Frantition will appear. Political satririst Will Durst and
his comedic friends will retun their annual show The Big Fa their annual show, The Big Fat
Year End Kiss-OffComedy Show, Yumber XIV, on December 29 at 8
p.m.
p.m. Shows aimed at all ages will

Shows aimed at all ages will
be led off by Don Lewis and a be led off by Don Lewis and a
troupe of award winning student
artists as they present Young Expressions on October 6 at $7: 30$
p.m. Jim Gamble's Puppets will per-

Jim Gamble's Puppets will per-
form The Nutcracker on December 8 at $7: 30$ p.m. The show traces the original classic ballot story
using Tchaikovsky's music as background to marionettes in mo-
tion. ${ }_{\text {The Russian-American Kids }}$ Circus will perform on Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. The troupe of young
performers will perform acrobatperformers will perform acrobat-
ics, tightrope walking, juggling, riding unicycles, and more. Company C Contemporary
Ballet, known for its high voltage Ballet, known for its high voltage
athleticism, will perform on April 7 at 2 and 8 p.m.
Pulitzer Prize winning novelist Pulitzer Prize winning novelist
Michael Chabon will appear on Michael Chabon will appear on
March 31 at 8 p.m. His first two novels became best-sellers and nis third, "The Amazing Adven- mat

$371-\mathrm{RYAN}$
 pulted him to literary prominence.
Chabon will also take part i the annual Poetry, Prose and Arts $\underset{\text { Jorgen }}{\text { Festival. }}$
Jorgensen introduced Julie gallery at the new Firehouse Art Center. Finnegan commented on the
Downtown Public Arts Master Plan. "It includes all kinds of events, sculpture and art experia banner contests and a light be dial festival, among others." She added that public conment is currently being taken on The "whimsical" piece af at hanging just outside the of art is chambers.
The school concert series will ncwis \& Young Expes by Don Harley, The Nutcracker by Jin Gamble Puppets, The Wright Brothers Razzle Bam Boom, RusLets Go Science Kids Circus, and All of the Civic Arts school concert series perfor
mances will be held in the Ama dor Theater, 1188 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Tickets may b purchased on-line at may be charged by phone at 931 3444.



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## CIITYROUNDP

Prop 89 Endorsed
The Sierra Club California has endorsed Proposition 89, an initiative on the November financing of political campaigns for all statewide offices. The initiative is supported by the Ceague of Women Voters, Common Cause and sored by the California Nurses A ssociation If passed by California voters on November th, Proposition 89 would establish a voluntary Clean M oney" system for full public funding of election campaigns modeled upon successful programs al ready in place in A rizona and It is designed to level the election playing field, open up the ballot to more good candidates, and stop political corruption by making elected officials accountable to voters, not big money donors, according to a Sierra Club press

## Vice President of APS

Cherry M urray, the deputy director for SCitional Laboratory, has been elected vice presdent of the A merican Physical Society (A PS) fo and will last four years
Following her year as vice president, she wil successively become president elect, presiden
and then immediate past president. Throughout the four years M urray will be a member of th
council and executive board, and will chair both bodies while serving as president.
APS has long been considered one of the most notew orthy scientific societies in the nation. "advance and diffuse the know "cs." Today, membership consists of more than 40,000 members. A PS publishes Physical Review and Physics Today, among other publications. APS is active in public and governmental affairs, and in the international physics community. L ast year A PS I led U.S. participation in the
World Y ear of Physics, a 100 -year celebration of Albert Einstein and some of his most important theories.
APS also monitors the human rights of scientists around the globe, and recognizes profes-
sional accomplishmentwith a spectrum of prizes, sional accomplishment with a spectrum of prizes A svice president M urray will serve Panel of Public Affairs and chair the Fellowship Committee, including the C ongressional Fellow Selection Committee. A s president, she will speak for the APS in a variety of forums, award Scientific Society Presidents.
Murray will continue to serve as deputy director at Law rence Livermore throughout her term at A PS

## ENDORSE

independent view point." Sheshares the Chamber's view that extending Stoneridge Drive s a critical part of the future inrastructure of Pleasanton that should not be removed from the eneral Plan.

Cook-K allio is concerned that high that residents' children may never be able to live here and that efforts should be made to ensure that some of the city's housing
stock is more affordable. Shealso believes the city's permit process needs to be streamlined. The chamber provided reacandidate.
candidate. The chamber states, "We've
had enough 'avoid the tough issues' type leadership; we' re ready for a M ayor who will lead our community through these chalenges smartly, openly and decisively." and respect J ennifer Hosterman. If re-elected, we will look forward to continuing to work with her as $M$ ayor. But, because of her views about the role of mayor, geopolitics and the roles of business and government in a free economic society, we are not able to endorse M s. Hosterman. "We are concerned that not all of Brozosky's responses align
with previous actions. For example, we are concerned about his prior lack of leadership and vision on housing issues, including his exclusion of affordable property via $M$ easure $V$ and in the Vintage Hills redevelopment
project. W hat's more, he, like other candidates, has focused
more on neighborhood traffic solutions than citywide solutions outlined in our current Gen-
eral Plan. W hile the Staples eral Plan. While the Staples
Ranch MOU is a step in theright Ranch ion, it falls sthort of the leadership we feel is necessary to truly improve local traffic circulation. "B rozosky has clearly learned
what the business connity what the business community
thinks is important and knows how to frame his comments to be consistent with that. We hope that if elected, his actions will indeed match his current posi-

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERSENDORSE BROZOSKY
$\qquad$ Weaver, Juanita Haugen, Pat Pulido and former trustee Gloria Fredette added their names to the growing list of local and regional officials supporting and endorsing Pleasanton City
Council member Steve Brozosky in his bid to tor Steve Brozosky in his bid to become These endorsements follow those of A lameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty as well as
current City Councilmember and current City Councilmember and
former school board trustee Cindy M CG overn.
"It is critical for the Pleasanton Unified School District to work closely and seamlessly with the City of Pleasanton. Our in-
teractions with Steve Brozosky teractions with Steve Brozosky
over the past four years in his service on the Joint Pleasanton Unified School District/City of Pleas-
anton Liaison Committee have yielded results that directly ben-
efit the children and families of Pleasanton. Steve's leadership on the City Council was critical in helping fund new sportsfields for
the community at Donlon EI the community at Donlon EI
ementary School. We look for ward to working with Steve when he is elected mayor," stated Sulido.

AW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALSSOLIDLY ENDORSE JILL BUCK the 18th A ssembly Distrign for has the support of local and seate law enforcement officials. A lameda County Sheriff Charles Plummer, Pleasanton Police Chief Tim Neal, Peace Officers nia (PORAC), Bay A rea Peace nia (PORAC), Bay A rea Peace
Officers Research A ssociation, and the A lameda County Deputy Sheriff's A ssociation.
In a letter dated September 13, Ron Cottingham, President
of California PORAC, stated, "PORAC prides itself on care fully scrutinizing the qualifications of every candidate. We berity, willingness to address cog rity, willingness to address com munity concerns, and demon
strated dedication to public safety, makes you truly deserv ing of the PORAC endorsement We look forward to working with you toward victory in your elec you towad
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## PLASTIC SURGERY SEMINAR

Latest Advances in Plastic Surgery following Weight Loss


Brett E. Stompro, M.D.
Chester K. Cheng, M.D Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 Time: 5:30pm
Location:
ValleyCare Medical Plaza Conference Room 2 Pleasanton
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## Candidates to Be Heard at Forums

ley League of Women Voters has scheduled a series of candidate orums for the November elec
Tione schedule is as follows:

- Livermore Valley Joint Uni-
fied School District B oard, Wed., fied School District Board, Wed., Sept. 27,7 p.m. at the Livermore,
City Council Chambers, 3375 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. There are four candidates for three seats. Incumbents William challengers MCK inley Day and $K$ atherine Runyon.
- Pleasanton City Council, Mon., Sept. 25,7 p.m. in the Pleasanton City Council Cham-
bers, 200 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. There are four candidates for two seats. Incumbent Jerry horne will face challengers Brian A rkin, D an Faustina and ber.
- Pleasanton M ayor, M on., Sept. 25, 8 p.m. in the pleasanton City Council Chambers, 200
Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Incumbent Jennifer Hosterman is
being challenged by
councilmember Steve B rozosky. If B rozosky were to lose, he
would no longer by on the coun-
cil. Dublin San Ramon Services District candidates M on., Oct. 2, 7 p.m. in the DSRSD B oard
Room, 7051 Dublin Blyd. There Room, are candidates for two seats. Incumbents Jeffrey Hansen and Tom Ford face challenger
$M$ ohinder K hanna. - East B ay Regional Park District, Ward 5, candidates on M on., Oct. 2, 8p.m. in theDSRSD Board Room, 7051 Dublin BIvd. Incumbent Ayn W ieskamp faces
one challenger, Frank Pirrone - Dublin City rank Pirrone. dates, Wed., Oct. 4, 7 p.m. at the Dublin City Council Chambers. There are six candidates for two ppen council seats. The candi-
dates are Robert Boboc, Ronald Boggs, Ginger Ripplinger, Tim
Sbranti, William Schaub and
ate Anne Scholz
Thurs., Oct. 5, 7 p.m. Dublin
School District Board Room, 1471 LarkdaleAve., Dublin. Can-
didates are incumbent D avid didates are incumbent D avid
Haubert and challengers Dan Haubert and challengers Dan
Cunningham, Jennifer Henry and


Each forum will include comments from each candidate folowed by an opportunity for
members of the audience to pose questions.

CHAMBER FORUM
The Pleasanton Chamber of
mayor and city council candi-
dates on Tues. $0 \mathrm{ct}$.10 from 11:30 a.m. to $1^{\prime}: 30$ p.m. at the Palm Pavilion at the A lameda
County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Candidates will deliver campaign platforms and then answer Cost is $\$ 25$ per person. The general public is invited to attend. Please RSV P by October 5 at www.pleasanton.org. For infor-
mation call 846-5858.

## COFFEE HOSTS

CANDIDATES Church will be hosting a terfee on 0 ctober 7 for the four candidates running for the Pleasanton City Council, and the two candidates for Mayor.
The "Coffee" will be held in the sanctuary at PPC, located at the sanctuary at PPC, located at
4300 M irador Drive, starting at 7:00 pm sharp. Everyone in the

## SCHOOL

might "take the arts programs for schools boards, including (current trustee) Juanita H augen, hel ped to preserve them. We cut years ago."
On another item, trustees
heard Rich Puppione, senior director of pupil services, state that the district enrollment has grown
by 73 students over the same date by 73 students over the same date
lastyear. This was good news, because it means the district will receive more state money, since the formula is
student count.
How ever, the population dis-
tribution of high school students
tribution of high school students had trustee K ris Weaver concerned. There is an especially big
discrepancy in the freshman discrepancy in the freshman
class, with 703 atA mador Valley and 546 at F oothill high schools. "I don't think it's an anomaly," said Weaver.
There is concern that A mador
The board made a decision to
and listen to each candidate discuss their visions for making Pleasanton a better place to live,
work and retire This will not be a debate. It will be conducted under the Pleasanton Rules of Etiquette. $\begin{gathered}\text { Before each candi- }\end{gathered}$ date speaks, the host will read a be given up to six minutes to describe their goals, plans, and or visions.
Following the sixth speech Following the sixth speech,
candidates will answer questions at some six different locations within the sanctuary as they ro tate their positions to meet as many citizens as possible.
Refreshments will be coffee and tea, along with a few cookies.
Since there are over 300 seats, there should be ample room for many neighborhoods to attend
For further questions please cal How ard Neely at 4623346 or use eelys@ greenisp.com

Many streams make a mighty river,
Many voices a mighty sound.
allow open enrollment from cer-
allow open enrollment from cer-
tain areas, which apparently contributed to the imbalance. However, the board also agreed to look at the high school atten
dance boundaries again, said Weaver. said that he agreed another look S needed. said he will have staff prepare material about it and bring it to The board a he report on the fact that th a short for the first time took part in a pre-kindergarten program sponsored by First 5 of A lameda County during summer school.
There were 30 children, 15 of whom were non-English speak ers. Three-Fourths of the students were bilingual Spanish, and 45
minutes a day were spent minutes a day were spent on lan First 5 professi. ducted health and academi screenings.

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## EDITORIAL

Fast Wheels
Wheels will launch bus rapid transit within two years under a plan approved by the Livermore A mador Valey Transportation A gency (LAVTA) Iast week.
The plan will put "fast buses" on Wheels' No. 10 line, which travels from the Livermore Lab through ivermore and Pleasanton to Dublin/Pleasanton B A RT The present No. 10 buses will continue making their regular stops. The fast buses will make fewer stops (downtown Pleasanton may be bypassed). They'll run every 15 minutes initially, perhaps half that time later They'll be going all day, not just during commute hours.
"This is really meant to appeal to people who hav not tried transit, who' ve thought it's too slow," said B ar bara Duffy, LAVTA general manager
It's a terrific plan, we believe. Though this isn't the BART station that Livermore has long been promised he fast buses can serve as a rapid transit alternative until BA RT has funds for the station. In the meantime the Valley's transit planners will have an opportunity to evaluate just how successful buses can be in meet ing rapid transit needs. With their cheaper costs and route flexibility, fast buses may have a future whether or not the BART extension ever occurs.

MINES ROAD
planned to add a small nursery with his work.
changed its name to the Sweet Remembrances M inistry and cation process.
held there, neighbors have been They said that, in effect, the property was used as an events center
or the past two years, but illegally, until the East County
Board of Zoning A djustment grante
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## MA|BOX



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## Two Livermore Programs Honored for Excellence


#### Abstract

The City of Livermore was named as a double G rand Prize winner, receiving the prestigious Helen Putnam A ward for ExcelHelen Putnam Award for Excel- lence in two categories during lence in two categories during the opening session of the League of California Cities' Annual Conference in San Diego September $6-9$. Prize award in the Community Services and E Conomic Develop ment category for the Children's Health Access Partnership. Th other G rand Prize was awarded other G rand Prize was awarde in the Internal Administration category for a agery project. Livermore K Livermore May say M M Marshal that the City was recognized with ing not one, but two G rand Prize Awards. We have such talented Amploy.ees who work very hard and their commitment to thi


## APPROVAL


#### Abstract

to the Independent was signed by attorney John Doyle, and re- counted past arguments against counted past arguments against the planning commission's acCounty Community development director Chris B azar told supervisors at the meeting that supervisors at the meeting that requiring an EIR for the church and only a negative decl aration for the bottling plant is "entirely for the bottling plant is "entirely appropriate." The winery is aperappropriate." " he winery is a per- mitted use by the South Livermore Plan to promote viticullure Further, offices are permitted in such uses. The wording is clear in the Bazar. Al though, according to B azar the church can legally exist in the agricultural zone, it may do


## SURPLUS

Education Foundation and
B oard candidate, urged the trusteeard candidate, urged the trust-
ees expand the elementary music program.
"It feels really good to be add
ing back music," she says. "K in mind that music classes ar large, which supplements smaller specialized classes. We need to keep the pipeline full at the
younger levels so we can keep younger levels so we can keep
offering courses like AP Calcu-
lus and Physics at our high schools." $M$ orrison disagreed with a proposal to put $\$ 50,000$ int
middle school athletics and $\$ 100,000$ into athletics at Liver-
moreand G ranada High Schools. more and Granada High Schools.
"I don't see athletics as a necessary expenditure. Only one in
16,000 kids will ever become a professional athlete," he says. the idea that high school sports are the only venue available."
disagreed, describing athletics as
"Life $101 "$ for many kids. A udi


Therefore, requiring an EIR is
totally appropriate for the use,
said Bazar.
One objection from the
church has been that some of the
square footage of the bottling
plant, which will include office
space and conference rooms,
might be used as an events cen-
ter. The winery hasn't been held
to account in detail about that,
said attorney Doyle's letter.
David K ent, chief executive
of The W ine Group, told super-
visorsthat there is no plan for an
events center. The rooms are
"standard meeting rooms, justas
you have in this building the
county administration build ding
in aka land). They are for sales
and marketing, and would re-
place rooms used for the same
purpose in a current old structure,
K ent said that the winery's
plan has been before the county
for nine months. He said he ap-
preciated the planning commis-
sion approval of it, despite
threats of lititigation from the
church. "These del ays cost
Concannon and the community,
especially local grape growers,"
said K ent.
K ent explained that
Concannon buys grapes from
Livermore growers. The facility
won't be ready for next year's
harvest. That can hurtfarmers, be-
cause it would be one less buyer
for them. That can affect the
price they receive for grapes, with
fewer buyers in competition for
their product, he said. of the delay. slowed dow
ence member Maggie
Schumacher noted along with music, are two things that "eep some kids in school. "Sports are so much more than future profession," says
Granada Principal Chris Van Schaack.
Currently, parents pay several
hundred dollars out of pocket for
each high school sport in which
a student participates. Van
Schaack said he would use the
additional funding to offset that
amount by about $\$ 40$. Livermore
amount by about $\$ 40$. Livermore
High School Principal Stephen
wards additional scholarship
and tra
A proposal to spend $\$ 18,750$ with some controversy The met gram would consist of random and scheduled middle and high
the school year by dogs trained
to detect drugs, alcohol, and
der. ${ }^{\text {I }}$ ' ${ }^{\text {associated with gunpow- }}$ detection on campus becausel'm af raid we'll violate students'
 Orvis questioned if the
tradeoff between the costs of K-9 detection, both in terms of dollars and students' rights, would A nne W hite noted that the B oard did approve K-9 detection at one point in the past. She said she
would be happy to vote for it again were $\$ 40$ other options discussed achieverent servicgeted student achievement services; $\$ 200,000$
for physical education teachers to provide one hour of weekly instruction for fourth and fifth grade students; $\$ 20,000$ to fund
character education programs (one-time cost); $\$ 30,000$ to fund Welfare \& A ttendance (CWA)
Bilingual Specialist; $\$ 100,000$
novative use of technology, sav-
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an indispensable ser ang time, money and providing
an indispensable service to em ployees. The City of Livermor
recently began using a new soft recently began using a new soft-
ware product by @ City, Inc.
called IStreetV iew. The browserbased application. links multiple photo images with digital map
files from the City's Geographic Information System. The result allows the user to virtually "drive" the city streets from any Project has result ted in a notable savings in staff time previously
spent on field visits. Field conditions can be viewed within a
few secands from any computer few seconds from any computer
workstation on the City's network. This saves not only staf vehicles as well as provides a re-
duction in fuel consumption and duction in
emissions.

Mutz told the Independent that the appeal filed by the church
slowed things down by only two or three weeks after the planning commission gave its approval to the winery's plans.

the church had commented on the bottling plant during th public hearings about the appli The supervisors also heard from Harret Cole, president of Friends of the Vineyards. She said that Concannon is "a good citi-
zen of the South Livermore Plan They are agreeable and coopera tive. It's unfortunate they were
slowed down."
to develop career technical edu cation; $\$ 132,501$ for reading in-
tervention; $\$ 10,000$ for B oard member conferences, bringing $\$ 4.000$ per year: $\$ 125$ up up t $\$ 4,000$ per year; $\$ 125,000$ to in and Livermore High Schools
(one time cost): $\$ 200,000$ for (one time cost); $\$ 200,000$ for
$M$ aintenanceand 0 perations site improvements; and $\$ 162,000$ to replace $M$ aintenance and Operations equipment and vehicles (one-time cost).
The trustees
The trustees agreed that they
want to consider spending want to consider spending
around $\$ 6-800,000$ on new expenditures. They will di scuss further the possible expenditures at the Sept. 26 B oard meeting, but
do not antici pate taking action until O ctober or later.
Susan Kinder notes that could be feasible for the District additional personnel costs that result from negotiations, and add
the $\$ 6-800,000$ in new expendi-

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## College Fair

 day, September 21, $6: 30$ to $8: 30$ p.m. in the large gym.
A pproximately 100 schools will be represented. This event is open to
parents and students romm Amador
Valley, Dublin, Foothill, Granada,
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## Grandparents Day



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it will require renovation to adapt to the seni or day care roogram The district board was hopepermanent site would show the charter school they are really
working towards a sol ution would lead to an extension of the urrent lease. Board president amena said, "People don't understand whati ttakes to do some
thing like this. The program can't just be moved.
hold up the charter school and stop its expansion. If we look like We are serious in looking for an
andernative space, $I$ think the alternative space, I think the
school board will help us out," stated K amena.
The LA RPD board heard pre liminary reports on nine possible locations. Options selected for further study by the LARPD in-
clude renovating the M erritt Building on Trevarno Road which is owned by the district: leasing a commercial space; building a new facility at the
Civic Center site; or acquiring a former private school site on Vasco Road
own the forpressed a desire potential for a future need to move the program.
All of the options will be ex-
pensive, between $\$ 1.5$ and $\$ 4$ pensive,
million.
The program would fit in the
Merritt Building, However, the estimated costs of renovations is betw een $\$ 1.25$ and $\$ 1.75 \mathrm{mil}$ nificantstructural changes would be needed, including leveling smaller rooms to one area. C oncerns were that the site would not
gram from the current license for 30 clients to a license for 48 . In
addition, the time it would to finish the modifications exceeds the time frame given to vacate the current location, about 18 District staff is looking at available commercial buildings. One draw back, according to
staff, is that a typical commerstaff, is that a typical commer-
cial site would lack a courtyard cial site would lack a courtyard
or outdoor space. The former private school 5 acre site on Vasco Road would
cost $\$ 2$ million to purchase. Required renovations would require additional funds. The property includes three portable buildings that served as classrooms and of-
fices for the school a asmall swimming pool, a 4 -bedroom house, a barn and 3.5 to 4 acres of undeveloped land.
The fourth would be to build a new facility on city owned land
on the Civic Center site on Pacific Avenue. The cost to build a 10,000 sq. ft. facility is estimated at $\$ 3$ million.
B oard member David Furst
said it appeared that the Vasco said it appeared that the Vasco
Road site would be the quickest to get up and running. additional acreage could be used for other district programs. Dale Turner proposed selling
the M erritt Building and adjathe M erritt Building and adja-
cent house and using the funds cent house and using the funds
to finance a new Friendship Cen-
ter location. The board suggested that Pleasanton and Dublin be asked to help fund the program, since
itis serving their residents, as well it is serving their residents, as well
as those from Livermore. K amena commented, "Only half of the clients are within the district. It shows this is a unique They have to come here,"

Kamena pointed out that if a site were not found, the program This led to comments from the public and other board members that if the program were suspended, it would never start up
again.
Two board members became emotional when making their comments.
Steve Goodman stated, "This program is the most important difference in people's lives. If goes away, it won't come back. The people who will lose are not just the clients, but those who olunteer.
"With people living longer, it ther had dementia. WhatI learned at the Friendship Center helped me adjust to what we went suggested that the distriaid. He Suggested that the district ask the the park district an extension on the current lease. M aryalice Faltings declared am not prepared to accept thi program will end because we the school board owes us. We put a lot of money into the Sonoma facility. N ow we are being kicked "I want to challenge our own district to to do what wat's right I wan to challenge the charter school to do what's right," Faltings stated.
Fr, A nnette Center staff mem"The program is more than se niors. Our volunteers are young seniors, children and middle age people. A ot of people come to
the center to work with the clients on arts and crafts. They tell stories. They make us laugh
They make us cry. It's a really They make us
good place."

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 Tauscher Among Those OfferingDissenting View On Mllitary Commission

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Hot Rods, Classic Cars to Fill Downtown Streets

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roll oldies and helping to announce the continuous prize drawings roll oldies and helping to announce the continuous prize drawings
held throughout the day. Car owners from as far away as Washington and Lake Tahoe attend event year after year.
There will be an active street fair at the same time.
The final event will be a parade of the winning cars down First Street at about 2 p.m.
This fund-raiser has contributed over $\$ 130,000$ to local Tri-Valley youth programs from past car shows. It remains a popular event
among car enthusiasts.

## 'Culinary Affaire' Benefits PPIE

Presenting this fundraising event will be Pleasanton Partnership Presenting this fundraising event will be Pleasanton Partnerships
In Education (PPIE) Foundation. Festivities take place between 6:30
and $10: 30$ p.m. and $10: 30$ p.m.
This festive cocktail party features seventeen culinary teams, each
starring a Corporate/Community sponsor, a Pleasanton School Disstarring a Corporate/C ommunity sponsor, a a Pleasanton School Dis-
trict School Principal, and a local Chef. Each team will offer its
"shining star" signature cul inary samples and compete for the $\$ 500$ cash "Best In Show" aw ard, judged by celebrity judges from our community. The evening will be hosted by a K K IQ's S Jim Hampton.
In addition to tempting culinary delights and wine, the event also includes live jazz, live and silent auctions, martini bar and lots of fun.
This event is PPIE's major fundraising effort and raised $\$ 70,000$ for Pleasanton Schools last year. Proceeds will assist in funding
programs PPIE facilitates at various school sites and to fill grants
submitted by students and teachers of the Pleasanton Unified School District. Participating will be B aci Seafood \& Steak, Cabana Dave, First \& Grill, Jeffrey's Catering, K ibble's Catering, Mahalo Grill M cN amara's Steak and Chop House, O asis Grille, Pasta's Trattoria, Ticket are $\$ 50$ each. They may be purchased through the website
at www.ppie.org, or the PPIE office at (925) $846-5620$ or at www.ppie.or
F or more information on how to become a sponsor and donate to
PPIE, please contact the PPIE office (925) 846-5620 or

## Autumn in the Vineyards Set

 The event is open to the public. It features live music, games, raffle baskets, and an auction.
Proceeds from this year's event will help fund the purchase of Rotarian Health Van. The van will be operated by Valley Care Health System to provide health screening and basic medical care for area
youth, seniors and others in need in the Valley. Proceeds will also
help fund a number of other community projects focusing on youth. help fund a number of other community projects focusing on youth
B ands featured at the event include: Georgi and the Roughw eek, The Steve Shyska Trio, Loren Olk, Blue Truth, and M ud Daddy
Entertainment will also include Zappo, a strolling magician. Raffle baskets and live auction items include a spa day at Purple Orchid Inn, a sky box at an A's game, golf at The C Course at Wente
Vineyards, vacation stay at a more.
Purchase of a $\$ 35$ ticket includes a light supper, beverages, and a commemorative wine glass.
chase tickets, contact event chairs Cathy C Cardas at 415-884-7459, The Foundation was formed in 1987. It has granted more than

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little girl, her father died leaving little girl, her father died leaving
a space in her heart for the rest of her life. She attended Immaculate Conception Elementary
School and St. Francis High
School in Sacramento. Throughout her life, Ginny was simply
the best mother a child could the best mother a child could
have. She was an exceptional homemaker who could cook,
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and care for others. She was a lover of all nature, taking great please in her hummingbirds, gar-
dening, dogs, the ocean and the dening, dogs, the ocean and the
ever beautiful Bay A rea fog. She origami, and a voracious reader. She was the keeper of all birthdays, anniversaries, hol idays and
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1 , at 7.30 ..m. in Pleasaton. City of Pleasanton Civivi Arts Presents will host the competitio
at the A mador Theater, 1155
Sit Santa RitaR Road, Pleasanton. The
program is appropriate for adult program is appropriate for adult
audiences. Civic Arts is a pro-
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and Community Services. "Every year, our Civic A audiences ask that more comedy
beincluded in our Civic Arts Prebe included in our CivicArts Pre-
sents season," says Civic Arts
 comedy Competition Semifinals in the fall and a performance by winners in the spring. During the holiday season another popular
SF Stand Up Comedy Competition winner, Will Durst, will pay his annual visit to the A mador
Theater."
Only thirty finalists are chosen from the hundreds of comedians who audition each year to
compete in theA nnual San Francisco International Stand Up Comedy Competition.
In 1976, the first year of the Comedy Competition, R obin Williams won second place. The
same year, B ob Sarlatte the onsame year, Bob Carl atte, the on-
field master of ceremonies for the San Francisco 49ers at M onster Park, fini shed third. The Competition has
launched the careers of comedians who have become successful in many entertainment genres outside stand up comedy, espeDana Carvey 1977 Comedy Champ, went on to Saturday
Night Live. $M$ arsha Warfield.

Mystery Writers to Tell How It's Done A panel of three local mystery
writers will discuss their latest novels and the "mystery" of their
craft at a September 24 event at the Livermore Library The three panelists are
Camille M inichino, Margaret Dumas, and A nn Parker. Minichino has published
eight novels in the periodic table mystery, series. "The Oxygen has had a long career in research, teaching and writing. She is currently on the faculty at Golden
GateU University in 5 an Gate U niversity in San $\mathrm{Francisco}$, Livermore N ational Laboratory. Minichino is president of N orCal Sisters in Crime and on
the board of the California W ritthe board of
Dumas holds a masters degree
in English Literature, which led her into a career as a technical ecutive She says she eventually came to her senses and turned her attention to the murderous pleasures of crime writing. Her first


Court's bailiff and two first runners up, Ellen Degeneres and series. 1993' C rown Prince Patton O swalt became a celebrity in
King of Oueens. The 2006 competition will
take place from September 12. take place from September 12-
October 8 with the top five semifinal performers advancing to the final round on October 8 . The competition will award
$\$ 30,000$ in cash prizes with $\$ 30,000$ in cash prizes with
$\$ 10,000$ oing to the winner. All $\$ 10,000$ going to the winner. A
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Stand Up Comedy Competition Semisinals are $\$ 15, \$ 20$ and $\$ 25$. audiences. They may be purchased online at at
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for two hours prior to the performance. Group discounts are shortlisted for the 2003 CWA
DebutDagger Award. Her current novel is titited
at M urder."
Parker earned degrees in physics and English literature from
UC Berkeley before falling into a career as a science walling into a carcestors include a Leadville
blacksmith, a Colorado School blacksmith, a Colorado School
of $M$ ines professor, and a of $M$ ines professor, and a gandy
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Her critically acclaimed, awardwinning historical mystery, "Sil-
ver Lies," is set in the silver boomtown of Leadville, CO. "Silerary Award for Best Historical
Fiction and the 2002 Colorado Gold A ward.
The second in the Silver Rush series, "Iron Ties," received a
starred review from Publishers Weekly, which called it "out-
standing," standing."
There is no admission charge The program begins at 2 p.m. at
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#### Abstract




## 'Our Town' Portrays

Timeless Moments
byJ anet Armantrout
ence back to the early theth century. It was a time when people
lived in the same town where they were born, got married and expected to be buried. Pleasanton Playhouse's proclaction of the Thorton Wilde
clasic opened last Friday at the classic opened last Friday at the
Studio Theatre. It is a well done play that conveys moments in
life that aretimeless. Today's aulife that aretimeless. Today's au-
dience can still relate to thechaos dience can still relateto the chaos when children get out of bed and leave for school.
The play focus Theplay focuses primarily on
two neighboring families living two nelghboring families living
in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire. The Gibbs family and the Webbs. There are three acts, each
setin adifferent time: 1901, 1904 set in adifferenttime: 1901, 1904
and 1913 . The play is narrated by stage
managers - Tom Reardon, ohn managers - Tom Reardon, John
Brown and Wendy A mador. They also take on the role of variou
characters in the story The play is perfor almost-bare stage.
Act 1 presentsa a day in the life of the town, starting with the sun
rising in the east. In the act, the stage mant. In the opening describe
and the layout of the town with its six churches, the railroad tracks, town hall and jail, and Polish
Town. The narration includes own. The narration includes
what will happen in the future, such as when the first automobile will come to town and who
will own it. We learn about the family members, such as the fact that
George Gibbs (Bradly Mena) is an up and coming baseball star, while Emily Webb (M organ B reedveld is
her school.
While the residents are happy, at least one, M rs. Gibbs (Teresa
Reiches-Schacher) Reiches-Schacher) expresses the
a desire to visit Paris coment a desire to visit Paris, comment-
ing, "That at one time before you
die, you ought to see another ing, you ought to see another
ciountry where they don't speak
English, and don't even want to." and Emily Webb. It follows the
two ast they grow up, fall in love and marry. In Act 3, the young couple faces tragedy. Emily comes to
realize how precious life is. She
asks."D asks, "Do any human beings Sever realize life while they I The cast includes Dr. Gibbs
(Shawn Bonnington), Mr. Webb, a newspaper editor, (J ohn M aio)
and M rs . Webb (M arsha How ard and M Ms. Webb (M M arsha H ow ard). Director G reg Schuh chose the
(ast well. cast well.
Performances continue weekends thorugh October 8 at Stu-
dio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309 , Pleasanton. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Fridays and Tickets are $\$ 20$ adults, $\$ 18$
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about the ups and downs of the wine business.
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lawn out in front of the winery lawn out in front of the winery
and hired a hundred men to help with the bottling and labeling. There was a line of trucks that stretched halfway into town hauling the wine away taking it to the railroad and shipping it by
train all over the country." His traid sent one trainload to Seattle. $W$ hen it arrived, there was a big celebration, with banners saying, "Welcome Concannon."

Jim tells of taking a bottle of a 1925 vintage to a meeting of the Wine Institute. No one else
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1925, because it was produced during Prohibition. The book documents many firsts Concannon contributed to the wine industry. Concannon
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historic winery will become the nation's first wine museum. building more up to date facil ties for the wine to date facili-

Copy M onday, Jim presented a more Heritage Guild, represented by Gary Drummond.
"This is thend said of the book, "This is the first complete vineyard history we have today. Group for putting it together." Jim said he decided to write the book, because. "If you wait too long, it's all gone."
Drummond conducted research for the book, digging through H eritage Guild and Mu seum on M ain archives. sked what his favorite story his first wine. "I was 8 years old. didn't know what I was doing. The wine fermented and leaked
through the ceiling into through the ceiling into mom and
dad's bedroom. I wasn't pundad's bedroom. I wasn't pun-
ished. Dad justtook my hand and said 'let's teach you to make wine the right way.'
"The book has been a labor of love," said Jim. "It is for the com
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three young fans are (from left) Connor Layton, Ryan Layton, and Alex Jorgensen.

Girl Scouts to Gather at Del Valle for an 'Amazing Day!'
A mazing Bay Day!, community celebration of the San Francisco Bay, will be sponsored by Gir Scouts Save the B ay, a program of Girl Scouts of San Francisco B ay A rea.
It will be held Saturday, September 30, at Del Valle R eservoir in Livermore.
Activities are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or noon to 4 p.m. This is a community festival celebrating the A ctivities are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or noon to 4 p.m. This is a community festival celebrating the San
rancisco Bay. There will be a circuit of hands-on activity booths. Follow the circuit and earn an EPA water drop patch. The booths include arts and crafts, an A mazing Bay mural, Leave No Trace 7 -step conservation principles, Bay A rea's first quest, wetlands, information about a heal thy lawn, and more. Tickets are $\$ 5$ advance/ $\$ 7$ day of event. Kids under 5 are admitted free. Parking fee of $\$ 6$ goes to ast Bay Regional Park

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