

Livermore Eyes Development Fee For Social Services

By Ron McNicoll

Livermore is on the brink of becoming what is believed to be the first city in California to charge developers a fee so that the city can provide more facilities to deliver social services.

Although the proposed social services fee would cost a developer \$1600 per single family home, it would be more than offset by a dip of approximately \$3000 in the city's current in-lieu housing fee. That would bring the fee down to \$36,000, said Livermore human services manager Jean Prasher.

Prasher said that the current

in-lieu housing fee is too narrow. It can only go toward building affordable housing. What is needed now are facilities to help address the city's changing population.

She added that the reduction in the in-lieu fee won't hurt efforts to build low-income housing, because there are other leveraged funds available. The housing industry is in a slow-down anyway.

Livermore's population is aging. A daytime program catering to seniors has had to leave its quarters because a charter school is taking it over. There is

no long-term place to go, because the sponsoring LARPD is hard-pressed to be able to build a facility for the long term. This fee can change that, said Prasher.

There are more homeless people visible on Livermore streets, with the economic downturn. They need such services as counseling, alcohol and drug treatment. Some simply need a place to clean up in order to hold a job, so they can break the poverty cycle. "All those things we take for granted, they don't have," said Prasher.

AXIS, which delivers health care services to low-income cli-

ents, would have more facilities. More child care centers could be built in the city. The money could be matched with grants so it could go twice as far, said Prasher.

NO CITY IS CONSIDERING SUCH A FEE

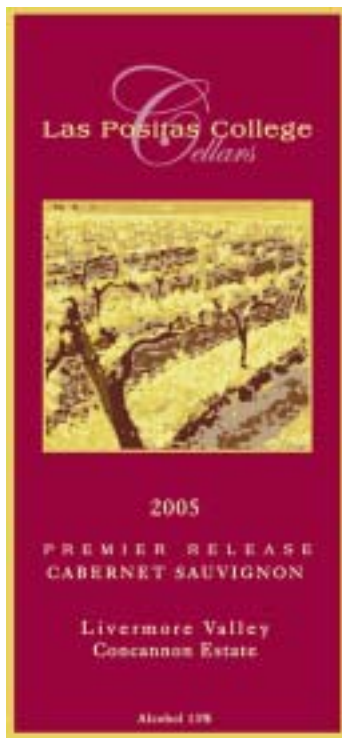
Other cities in California, such as San Francisco, already charge developers a child-care fee to help build child care centers. However, Livermore would be the first to have a range of social needs met by a single fee, said Prasher.

The proposed fee schedule would be as high as \$1628 per

residential unit. Other proposed fees on the schedule include \$1375 per single family attached unit (such as duets), \$1260 per unit for multifamily units, and \$967 per secondary unit, such as a granny flat. On the commercial scale, construction of new offices would cost the developer \$6.85 per 1000 square feet for the proposed fee. Retail and service commercial uses would pay \$4.80. Manufacturing and research and development would pay \$3.20.

The consultant took one year to complete the nexus study, which states the linkage between

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Las Positas Wine Program Wins Awards

Faculty, staff and students are celebrating at Las Positas College after the first vintage of wine from its Viticulture and Winery Technology program received two awards at the Alameda County Fair. The college entered its first vintage, the 2005 Las Positas College Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Concannon Estate Vineyard in the annual competition. The Livermore Valley Cabernet Sauvignon received a silver medal. The label, designed by the students of the Las Positas College Design Shop, received a gold medal.

Neal Ely, the dean who oversees the winery program, stated, "This is a watershed moment for Las Positas' Viticulture and Winery Technology program. It is

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Group Can Put Residents On Sunny Side Of Solar Power

Signed contracts for installing photovoltaic cells on roofs in Livermore and Pleasanton have been increasing, thanks in part to a grass-roots consumer group that seeks out providers and information about taking the step.

With the average investment in roof solar power at about \$30,000, homeowners want to investigate thoroughly what the costs would mean for their budgets, whether they can at least break even on the choice, and which firms have a good track record of installation.

Former Livermore councilmember Tom Reitter helped form the group after he left the city council in 2006. The group is called the Livermore Solar Electricity Group (LSEG). It's also open to Pleasanton residents and nearby unincorporated areas that have addresses in Pleasanton or Livermore.

LSEG has recommended two solar firms as being good ones in

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PET OF THE WEEK

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Artist Charlotte Severin signs the postcard during the festivities signaling the launch of the Firehouse Arts Center construction. Watching is Dr. Jerry Severin.

'Arts Center Will Change the Very Culture of Downtown Pleasanton'

Pleasanton officially launched construction of the Firehouse Arts Center with a community celebration held last week at the fire station on Railroad Avenue.

Those who have made the project a reality were on hand to talk about the importance of an arts center in Pleasanton, particularly in the downtown. There were comments about the history of the project, as well as discussion of partnerships that made it a reality.

Artist Charlotte Severin chaired the task force. She com-

mented, "It's exciting to be here. We began talking about this ten years ago when we learned the fire station would be moving. Without the support of the city and councilmembers, we wouldn't be here today."

Severin said the project reflected the spirit of Pleasanton, "one of cooperation and caring," with all segments of the population helping to make the arts center a reality.

Fund-raising has been one of the keys to moving forward. The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foun-

dation (PCAF) was established to help raise money. Past president Greg Reznick stated, "We look forward to this piece of history taking on a new life and new career. It will be the jewel of the downtown. It is the right thing at the right time in the right place."

PCAF has committed to raising \$2 million and announced the group was within \$300,000 in pledges of accomplishing the goal.

City Manager Nelson Fialho spoke of the importance of the

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Candidates Divided On Hillside Measures

In the Pleasanton mayoral and city council races battle lines are being drawn with candidates active in campaigns for and against the hillside protection initiative and Oak Grove referendum.

Four candidates have picked up papers to run for mayor, and four for city council. None have returned papers. All of the incumbents have picked up papers, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilmembers Matt Sullivan and Cindy McGovern.

Three potential opponents for Hosterman are all actively supporting the initiative and referendum. They are Mary Roberts, Anne Fox and Greg O'Connor. Roberts is a former planning commissioner; Fox currently serves on the planning commission; and O'Connor is a planning commission alternate. All three are members of Save Pleasanton Hills.

O'Connor said there are several reasons that he decided to consider running for mayor of Pleasanton in November. He believes that over the past four years, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman has moved further away from the environmental individual he believed her to be.

O'Connor said of Hosterman, "She has voted to place large-scale homes on the top of our ridgelines and hilltops, has failed to improve city traffic congestion as promised and has been less than respectful to the Pleasanton residents who initiated hillside protections. She has refused to listen to the will of the people by placing a competing initiative to the Save Pleasanton's Hills and

Housing Cap initiative on the November ballot even though the city manager recommended against doing so."

In an allusion to the competing ballot measures about the south-side hills, McGovern said that she is "concerned about protecting citizens' rights. They should be part of the decision-making process. I feel there is a negative tone now. Whenever people have an initiative, some see it as divisive. I don't think it is. It's a right by California law, a system of checks and balances. If you don't like a decision, you have the right to be in the process of decision-making."

McGovern said she wants to run again because it's important to have veteran council members determining the adoption of the city's general plan revisions, which will be a matter before the council. Also, with the current deflation of the economy, local tax revenue is affected, so there will be increased pressure for economic vitality.

She is also working on the planning for the Bus Rapid Transit Line, which will run to BART, and wants to continue that. Protecting the city's viewshed and watersheds is also important, as is the update to the city's youth master plan.

She is also concerned about the troubles of the Friendship Center for seniors in Livermore. "It has a regional role. All of us are aging," she said.

In addition to the city council incumbents, Jerry Pentin and Howard Neely have taken out

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Competing Hillside Measures on Ballot

The ballot text for two initiatives aimed at hillside protection was approved last week by the Pleasanton City Council.

There was much disagreement over the wording for both, with the vote 3 to 2 in each case. Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio participated by telephone, a move which some saw as a way to make sure the council initiative was placed on the ballot. It is the first time a councilmember has participated by telephone.

Councilmembers lined up on opposite sides in writing ballot arguments for and against each.

The vote also officially placed both measures on the November ballot.

One initiative qualified for the ballot by citizens. The second is a council sponsored measure. Speakers called the council measure an effort to confuse voters. Karla Brown, one of the measure's

supporters, said the council should be embarrassed by its "lame excuse of a ballot measure."

The council measure will ask residents to confirm a statement in the general plan calling for establishment of an ordinance to protect the southeast hillsides. The measure is not subject to environmental review. The ordinance that would result would be subject to environmental review. It would identify elevations and major ridgelines. Some type of community collaborative effort would be used to develop the ordinance.

The citizens initiative would prohibit the building of structures and trading on slopes of 25 percent or greater or within 100 feet of a ridgeline. There is an exception made for developments of 10 or fewer units. The

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Nickolas Quintell as Cogsworth and Christopher Olson as Lumiere were audience favorites opening night of "Beauty and the Beast" at the Bankhead Theater. For more, see page 11.

Cities Want Zone 7 To Go Easy On Flood Fee Boost

A 146 percent increase in the flood control fees proposed this month by Zone 7 Water Agency is so high that it could stop several developments projected for the short term, say top officials in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

The Zone 7 staff had proposed a 78 percent boost in the spring.

However, staff members changed the formula from a flat fee for all developers to one that would look specifically at the impact of each development, and allocate costs to each property's specific impact on flood control.

Development creates the impermeable surfaces of sidewalks, houses, driveways and other

things. It takes away some of the flood plain, and increases the run-off into streams. The reworking of the formula was felt to be fairer, because the properties would bear their actual cost.

Since some developers would not be affected as much as others, it was necessary to raise the fee to cover the overall expense

of future flood control improvements.

A letter to Zone 7 from Livermore Vice Mayor John Marchand, Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, and Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart dated July 8 suggested a liaison meeting to see if the fee could be delayed or phased in, and possibly lowered.

The board agreed at its meeting July 16 to have staff set a date for a public meeting between Zone 7 board members and cities' representatives.

DEVELOPERS' BUDGETS ALREADY SET

Delaying or phasing the fee could eliminate or soften the

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Artist's Choice is the theme of the August art exhibit at the Livermore Library. Forty artists from the Livermore Art Association have gathered together a diverse collection of their favorite works, which will display from August 1-31. All media will be represented, from watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel and pencil. Artist's Choice is showing at the Livermore Main Library Artist's Gallery at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. It is open during normal library hours. Pictured is a painting by Karen Fleschler called Yu Garden.

ARTS CENTER

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arts center to the economy of Pleasanton.

"There are five characteristics that make Pleasanton unique," he stated. One is Hacienda Business Park, which has provided many jobs and a lot of income for the city. A second is Stoneridge Shopping Center that draws shoppers from a large area. "The schools are fabulous. As for the downtown, I challenge you to find a nicer one. Main Street Pleasanton is a wonderful experience," declared Fialho.

A community that comes together to make things happen is the fifth attribute that makes the city unique. Some projects that have resulted are the golf course, Bernal Park, and renovation of the Veterans Memorial Building. The arts center is another example of the community coming together. It is a place where generations will meet. From our perspective it brings the downtown to a different level of economic development.

FEE

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need and fees. That's longer than the typical nexus study, because the city wanted to be very accurate, said Prasher.

The fee was broken down into separate components for child care, community care and senior services. Residential developers have the obligation for senior services, but commercial and industrial developers do not. Business generally doesn't have senior employees, so there is no impact on senior services. On the other hand commercial does have an impact on community services, such as counseling, said Prasher.

Most of the commercial and industrial fee is focused on the component of community care. A little is also linked to child care. The opposite is true for residential construction. Its biggest impact would be on child care. For example \$1180 of the total fee of \$1628 for a single family detached home is assigned to impact on child care services. Only \$127 of it is assigned to community care. The remaining \$321 is chalked up to senior services.

These allocations were determined in the nexus study. However, the ordinance would not require the money to be rigidly reserved only for a particular category.

The proposed fee will be discussed at a community meeting at 7 p.m. July 29 at the city council chambers. The council is expected to hold a first reading of the ordinance Sept. 8. The second reading, which would officially pass it, is scheduled for Sept. 22. The ordinance would go into effect 60 days later.

Prasher estimated that it would take a couple of years before any meaningful amount of money would be raised. However, once it is, it could be used to leverage other funds and bring about improvements. Virtually all of the Valley's 25 nonprofits that deliver services have been very active in supporting the concept, said Prasher.

Some of the more prominent groups have been AXIS, Community Resources for Independent Living, Tri-Valley Haven, and Senior Support of the Tri-Valley.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman declared that the arts center will change the very culture of Pleasanton and add to the vibrancy of the downtown. "It will be a wonderful brand new venue for artists and for the community to enjoy what they offer."

Pleasanton Poet Laureate Martha Meltzer composed a poem for the occasion entitled, "Let Us Begin," which she read during the festivities.

"We are a community of gardeners/ On this summer day/ when sky is blue and sunshine golden/ we roll up shirt sleeves/ put shovel to sod and turn the earth

Smelling the richness of promise/ the hope of harvest that will nourish/ today we begin by planting a seed/ Side by side friend and neighbor/ Long into time we will work

The sun will travel its arc/ while we toil and tend this garden/ The bud will bloom mature to flower/ The green fruit ripen and ripen/ Our efforts will be rewarded

When the sun sets our task complete/ together we will celebrate./ Pulling the quilt of indigo night sky/ round our shoulders/ we settle back and gaze at stars as they shine."

The arts center is projected to host its first performance sometime in 2010. It utilizes the historic fire station built in 1929 with bricks from a local brick foundry. When transformed, it will include a 240 seat flexible studio theater, gallery space, art classrooms and a grand lobby to be used for receptions and other events.

Residents Nancy and Gary Harrington have donated a dramatic feature for the center: two 30-foot glass marquees designed by glass artist Martin Donlon. Oakland artist Jill Turman will design the signage to complement the art glass marquees planned for both entrances.

The estimated cost is \$13 million.

Young Friends Share More Than Fun and Games



Caroline Surrage, with her new haircut, is pictured with Makenna Okamoto and Makenna's mother, Michelle.

By Ron McNicoll

Four-year-old Caroline Surrage was proud of her long hair. It grew down to her waist. Ever since she had the waist-length hair cut off this month, she has been even prouder of it, because she gave it to her four-year-old friend, Makenna Okamoto.

Makenna, who lives in Livermore, has alopecia areata, an immune system malfunction. Since the age of one, her body has produced an antibody that prevents her from growing hair on her head and the rest of her body.

Caroline's donated hair is being stored in the form of a braid right now. After it goes to a maker of custom hairpieces, it will be rearranged into small locks, glued together, and installed into a scarf. Then Makenna will be able to put it on every day before she goes to pre-school.

Having hair on her head is important for Makenna. She doesn't want to look different from the other children.

Makenna's fellow pre-schoolers treat her well, because her mother talked to teachers and parents about alopecia. She made it clear that her daughter does not have cancer, and that alopecia is not contagious.

Alopecia a deficiency that is connected with family genetics, and is not just a youth problem, said Michelle Okamoto. Alopecia showed up six years ago in Michelle's father, who is turning 64 this year.

Although the kids at Makenna's pre-school respect her, being out in public can be embarrassing. Adults are not a problem, although they wrongly assume Makenna is a cancer patient and think that things are worse than they really are.

However, one time, some children at a store laughed at her, and used a cell phone to take a picture of her. "Children can be cruel sometimes," said Michelle.

Michelle bought her daughter a ready-made hair piece. She wouldn't wear, because it was impersonal. So friend Caroline

started letting her hair grow out.

The two girls have been friends almost from birth. They were born five weeks apart. Their mothers grew up across the street from each other in Fremont, and are still close, although the Surrages are in Fremont and the Okamotos live in Livermore.

Caroline's haircut was done by Michelle's friend, Melissa Cox, who works at the Gary Patrick Salon in Pleasanton. Cox said, "It's wonderful that Makenna is interested in educating the community about her alopecia. It (alopecia) is pretty common."

The salon's owner, Gary Patrick, has a special interest in

Caroline's gift to her friend. His mother is a spokesperson for the National Alopecia Areata Foundation (NAAF), a non-profit based in San Rafael. The group educates the public about the problem, and aids people diagnosed with it.

The NAAF has lobbied for a congressional bill, HR 5936, which would improve health insurance coverage for alopecia. The bill was introduced by South Bay Rep. Anna Eshoo, a Democrat, and New Mexico Republican Rep. Heather Wilson. Another South Peninsula Democrat, Zoe Lofgren, is a co-sponsor.

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Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 91st Division (Training Support), who mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, their families and employers were honored at a recognition ceremony last Saturday at Camp Parks in Dublin.

The ceremony was part of the Welcome Home Warrior Citizen program enacted by Congress and signed into law by President Bush.

More than 30 soldiers who were mobilized for missions within the United States, three who served in Kuwait and one who served in Iraq were recognized during the ceremony.

All soldiers who were mobilized or deployed for 180 consecutive days or more in support of the Global War on Terror are eligible for recognition. In addition children of the soldiers, 18 and under, received gifts. Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart was on hand to present certificates and pins from the City of Dublin to each soldier. 91st Division Commander General Maj. Gen. Bruce

E. Zukauskas presented Welcome Home Warrior certificates and gifts.

Among those recognized were residents of the Tri-Valley including Major Derek Bonaldo, Dublin, who served in Iraq; Sgt. First Class Claude Holmes and First Lieutenant Heather Burgwald, both of Pleasanton, who both served in Kuwait, and Staff Sgt. Jason Hudson of Livermore. Also honored from Dublin were Master Sgt. Paul Lundholm, First Lieutenant Christian Martinez; Captain Joseph Mehrten and Staff Sgt. Michael Miles.



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First Lieutenant Heather Burgwald of Pleasanton returned from deployment in Kuwait.

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blow to any immediate development in the pipeline, said the cities' officials. The proposed rise is so dramatic that such costs could not have been figured into developers' project budgets several years ago, they said.

The cities' officials didn't single out any particular development project in their letter. However, Pleasanton is going through the approval process of Staples Ranch development. Livermore has a large retail shopping center planned near the city golf course along Interstate 580. Dublin has several residential developments underway.

The new proposal contemplates charging developers \$1.80 per square foot of impermeable surface that they install. That's up from the proposal this spring of \$1.30 per square foot. The current fee is 73 cents per square foot.

Zone 7 directors have approved the Stream Management Master Plan (SMMP), a comprehensive flood-control plan that includes conservation and recreational elements. Its estimated price tag is approximately \$700 million. The SMMP is slated to have 45 projects. Some of them involve partnerships with recreation districts, others involve state grants related to recreation, because the arroyo-side improvements tie in with such recreational features as trails.

Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig said that the biggest question for Zone 7 in discussions is "how we balance their needs with ours. We have a duty for flood protection." Duerig added that Zone 7 home builders heard a presentation on the earlier fee boost proposal. "They didn't have a lot of comment, because building is slow. But they said phasing it in would be a good idea."

So far, the builders haven't spoken up directly on the revised fee proposal. They are tracking it, and are dealing with the cities, as the cities become more engaged in the fee discussion, said Duerig.

PALMER IS NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

During the board reorganization at its meeting July 16, the Zone 7 board chose board vice president Sarah Palmer to become president for the current fiscal year. Palmer, a high school science teacher, is beginning the third year of her first term.

Dick Quigley, who has served one term, became vice president. Quigley and new board members Sandy Figuers and Dale Myers were sworn in when the meeting started.

Figuers, who served previously on the board a decade ago, nominated Quigley, and Myers seconded the motion. Palmer's nomination was made by Steve Kalthoff, and seconded by John Greci, both longtime board members.

BOARD APPROVES SOLAR POWER LEASE

The board at the July 16 meeting approved a CEQA document for the solar power facility to be installed at the Del Valle water treatment plant. Construction is expected to be completed by December.

Craig Lewis, an official of GreenVolts, which will build a solar power installation in the Altamont, asked the board whether Zone 7 would pay the flood control fee. He said that he wanted to know whether Zone 7 considered itself exempt, and if so, shouldn't his firm and others also be exempt on solar installations.

Staff replied that there is some impermeability associated with solar arrays. Zone 7 recognizes this, and will pay the fee, because it is the developer of its project. Its operation will be leased to a solar power firm. Zone 7 will take the money out of its water fund, and place it in its flood control fund.

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SHORT NOTES

Veterans Park History

The History of Veterans Park is the topic of a Sat., July 26 program to be presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at the Park, 5211 Arroyo Road. The area called Veterans Park has had a rather interesting past including cowboys and Indians, padres and pumas, doctors and debutantes and a whole lot of wine. The program will include a slow-paced, one-mile walk through Veterans Park. Participants are encouraged to bring water and a camera.

There is a \$3 parking fee. The district requests a \$2 donation per person to help support the programs. Those interested in participating may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Teen Hang-Out

Students finding themselves with nothing to do during summer break can get off the couch and get into the Elbow Room, the teen activity center operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Teenagers from sixth grade through high school can drop in the Elbow Room and hang out with friends or meet new ones.

The teen activity center features artwork on the walls to create an atmosphere specifically appropriate for the teen crowd. The room is equipped with pool tables, air hockey, foosball and board games. Video game enthusiasts can play the Nintendo Wii and Xbox

360 systems, with games such as "Rock Band" - all on a 52-inch plasma TV screen. The Elbow Room is located inside the Recreation Building at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. The summer hours of operation are 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, through Aug. 15. The drop-in fee is \$3, making the Elbow Room one of the most affordable activities in town. The Elbow Room is also available for party rentals. For more information on drop-in hours, call 925-373-5729. For more information on party rentals, call 925-373-5763.

Nth Degree Tasting

Wente Vineyards will host a "Summer Jubilee to the Nth Degree!" on August 2. Featured will be the premier release of The Nth Degree Pinot Noir. A total of 5 wines will be poured, including two hand-crafted Small Lot wines.

The event is noon to 4 p.m. at the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. Food will be available for purchase by Wente Vineyards Catering.

Fee for winetasting is \$5 wine club members, \$10 nonmembers. Fee includes a Riedel logo wine glass.

Spine Seminar

San Ramon Regional Medical Center will present two free seminars,

"Treatment Options for Spinal Stenosis."

Hieu Ball, M.D., spine surgeon, will speak Wednesday, July 30, 2008, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Vikram Talwar, M.D., spine surgeon, will speak Thursday, August 7, 2008, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Both seminars will be held in San Ramon Regional Medical Center's South Conference Room, located in the South Building at 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon.

Individuals with dull or aching neck and back pain that causes numbness or "pins and needles" in the arms, legs, calves or buttocks, could have spinal stenosis. Stenosis is a narrowing in the spinal canal that carries nerves to the legs and arms. As the space in the spine shrinks, the nerves passing through it are compressed resulting in arm, back and leg pain.

The surgeons will discuss treatment options for spinal stenosis, including minimally invasive fusion techniques,

artificial disc replacements, bone morphogenic protein (BMP), and non-surgical treatments.

Space is limited. Please register. To register for the spine seminar, call 800.284.2878 or on-line at www.sanramonmedctr.com.

New Location

Vino Cellars and Accessories has moved to a new location.

The new showroom location is 2241 First St., downtown Livermore. For information, call 447-8000 or go to www.vino-cellars.com.

Towne Center Books

Towne Center Books offers the following events:

For Kids: • Tues. July 29, 11:00. Meet fireman Scott. Activities and photos. Free. No reservations required.

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Stephanie Meyer. Prepay for the book by July 17 and receive a \$5.00 gift card. 846-8826.

For Adults: • Mon., July 28, 11:30 Noelle Oxenhandler author of the Wish-ing Year: an Experiment in Desire. Free no reservation needed.

• Sun., Aug. 10, Mystery writers panel with Camille Minochino (writing

as Margaret Grace); Steve Hockensmith (Holmes on the Range Mysteries), and Hailey Lind (the Art Lover's Mysteries.) This is a celebration of the publication of the second installment of "Margaret's" Murder in Miniature Series Murder in Mayhem. Free, no reservation needed.

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Ruby Hill representatives as well as ValleyCare Health System were on hand for the check presentation.

Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Funds Awarded

The Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Committee has distributed proceeds from its 11th Annual event, The Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Fiesta Mexicana, which was held at the Ruby Hill Pool and Community Center on Friday, June 6. Proceeds were donated to the Emergency Room Refurbishment project at ValleyCare Medical Center.

Over 200 guests and sponsors attended the Jimmy Buffet-themed fundraising event, which included music from one of the leading Jimmy Buffet tribute bands, the Parrot Heads. It was a casual evening filled with Mexican fare, margaritas and wine, silent auctions and prize drawings that included jewelry, art and a mixture of other valuable items.

Top sponsors to this year's event were The Pleasanton Emergency Medical Group, The Sasco Foundation, Club Sport, Gail and Milton Green, Don and Marianne Bradley and Sybase. The Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Committee has donated over \$2.6 million over the last 11 years.

Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Committee, a 501(c)3 organization, was founded in 1997 by a group of Ruby Hill and Tri-Valley residents, who organized the first Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Ball.

For more information about the Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Committee and Charity Ball, visit the website www.rubyhillgivingthanks.org.



On Wednesday, July 16, 2008, the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117 took part in one of its many activities involving the community. With the help of a grant from the Elks National Foundation (ENF), Bill Biehl, ER; Trill Torrilhon, CDAVP / ENF Chairperson for the local lodge and Tammy Sturgill, Youth Activities Chairperson donated supplies to the pediatrics ward at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton. Items donated were, DVD/VCP Players, DVD's, Child's Swing, Bouncy Chair, and Books, Arts & Crafts, Games, and an Ice Cream Party. Accepting the donations were Gina Teeples, Maternal/Child Interim Manager, Bonnie Domiguez, Pediatric RN, and Lorena Omelas, Pediatric Certified Nursing Assistant.

Pleasanton Teacher Taking Questions in NASA Program

Later this month, NASA's Spaceward Bound program will send a team of scientists and teachers to explore the permanently frozen landscape of Axel Heiberg Island in the Canadian high Arctic.

Rob Palassou, a fifth grade teacher at Valley View Elementary School in Pleasanton, is part of the team that will conduct research at the McGill Arctic Research Station from July 25 to August 2. Palassou is inviting Pleasanton students and teachers to submit questions to team members who will respond during the expedition.

Spaceward Bound was developed by the Education Division at NASA's Ames Research Center and is a key component of NASA's goal to create engaging participatory educational activities. The expedition is a partnership of NASA, the Canadian Space Agency and McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The field activities are conducted with the support of the Canadian Polar Continental Shelf Project. Team members will challenge their minds in an extreme polar research environment as they map icy structures and study microbes that live in the permafrost. Scientists believe that, in its early history, Mars may have been home to life in places similar to Earth's icy polar regions.

Chris McKay, a NASA Ames planetary scientist, is the Spaceward Bound Expedition lead. McKay participated in the Phoenix mission currently on the North Pole of Mars. Palassou participated in a previous Spaceward Bound expedition in the high desert of California.

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Evening of Music Benefit For Habitat for Humanity

Coldwell Banker Pleasanton will sponsor an evening of Broadway music to benefit Habitat for Humanity East Bay on Sat., Aug. 2 at 8 p.m. Coldwell Banker has lined up an array of performers for the Broadway Revue, which will be held at 520 Main Street in Pleasanton in the



Romar De Claro of Coldwell Banker Pleasanton, the organizer of a Broadway Revue to benefit Habitat for Humanity, will also perform at the August 2 event with other well-known Bay Area singers and musicians.

garden courtyard of Acc'sentials.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization which creates home ownership opportunities for families with limited incomes by building housing and rehabilitating neighborhoods using volunteer labor and donated funds and materials.

Since 1988, the East Bay chapter has built 200 single family homes in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, including a 22-home development in Livermore.

All proceeds from the August 2 event, which includes a minimum \$50 donation per person, will go to Habitat for Humanity East Bay. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Popular tunes from a range of Broadway musicals will be performed.

The line-up of performers includes Romar De Claro, who was last seen playing the role of Mereb in Aida. He has performed

in numerous musicals including American Musical Theatre of San Jose's Miss Saigon and Phantom of the Opera and worked with the composer and writer of Dreamgirls on the world premiere of Kept with the Bay Area's TheatreWorks.

Victoria Theodore has performed in numerous Bay Area ensembles and bands and is a highly sought-after pianist and keyboardist. She is currently touring as a back-up singer/pianist for Stevie Wonder.

Lorraine De Arco, who has been performing in the Filipino theatrical revue Sinag-tala since 1993, has opened for several Filipino entertainers, performed with the Best of Broadway Revue and in several musicals, and is the lead vocalist for the TAAL Band. Laura Delahaye, who will be a senior at Loyola Marymount University this year, has performed in musicals and dramatic performances since the age of nine, including roles as Lucy in Jekyll and Hyde and Adelaide in Guys and Dolls.

Romar De Claro, who is a Coldwell Bank real estate professional as well as being one of the concert organizers and performers, has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity for the past six years. This is the third year he has hosted this event under the sponsorship of Coldwell Banker.

De Claro commented, "In the past two years, our Broadway Revue has brought in over \$10,000 in donations to our local Habitat for Humanity, a program which profoundly impacts people's lives. We hope to match or exceed that amount this year so that we can help Habitat East Bay reach its goal of building 200 more homes in the next five years."

As in 2007, Bennie McKay, owner of Acc'sentials, is donating the space for the concert. It will be held in the garden courtyard at the rear of the building. To reserve a seat or for more information, call 925-784-3068. To secure the seat, mail checks payable to CBRB Community Foundation (with a minimum donation of \$50 per person) to Coldwell Banker, 5980 Stoneridge Drive, #122, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

Longevity—in for the long haul



Debra and Phil Long

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

by Harry Stoll

Not a leaf quivered, the pavement would fry eggs, the sky was a cauldron of hot lead, but Longevity Wines was a cool place on Sunday July 13, on its opening weekend. Although one of those soulless spaces in an industrial park is neither a rustic nor a sophisticated venue for a tasting room, Debra and Phil Long make it work. Glide to the airport area, from Kittyhawk Drive, find Rickenbacker Circle South and take up a heading of 090. Their tasting room is in Rickenbacker Plaza, which is the second long flat slab of a building painted an inoffensive color.

The first inroad into innocuousness by the Longs is the nicely designed Longevity Wines sign that you can spot from the street. It's white, red, black, silver and gold, with a graceful apostrophic swoosh of a symbol taking off in a slant. They use this mark in many places including the smart labels.

Although it obscures the view of the industrial park, the window covering does filter the light into a pleasant glow. The tasting bar is in the form of their swoosh and has a nice gold tone. Debra and Phil designed and finished it. Everything is first rate and enjoyable, from the bricks set into the wall, the shelving, a rotating rack of stunning photos by Phil.

Phil Long, long into wine, grew up a household where wine was served with meals. In the past few years he has attended classes, picked grapes and the brains of winemakers. He has been a home winemaker and a few years ago

the Longs started Longevity Wines, a wine club featuring a different appellation each month. Previously Phil made wine at el Sol and Tenuta, but now he fits the production snugly into the back room of the space.

The wines are good. Currently available are a Multi-vintage Chardonnay California (Santa Lucia and Mendocino) \$16, with a bright, crisp palate for your palate that leaves you dreaming of apples and peaches; a 2007 Viognier, scheduled for release in August; a 2004 Merlot Livermore Valley that plumbs the depths with its plum taste. A medium body and an elegant taste; 2005 Longevity Signature Rhône Blend \$28, with syrah 66%, grenache 16%, mourvèdre 13%, petite sirah 5%, adding up to 100% of oh, yeah, that's what I came here for, the vanilla and spice and everything nice that slides down smooth and leaves you a lot to remember it by; and a 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Paso Robles \$25, with anise, rich blackberries and currant events. Drink it alone, with somebody or with food or with somebody and food.

On the opening weekend, Longevity Wines had a steady stream of tasters in the cozy space. On Saturday, Chris Chandler and Andrea Branton, executive director and events and marketing manager, respectively, of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association dropped by. Sandi Bohner and Connie Davis of Little Valley Vineyard and Red Feather Winery were there

on Sunday, enjoying the wine, the space and the company.

Bian, a furniture salesman from Vallejo and Carl, a realtor from Alameda—two aficionados on their first trip to Livermore Valley wineries, sat in easy chairs in the production room, which for the opening was loaded with excellent eats. Carl raved about the Merlot, although he's "...not usually a merlot fan."

Susan Slater—who said, "I work for the garbage company in Vallejo," —is familiar with Longevity Wines wine. This was

her first visit to the valley. She has six bottle of the wine and loves it all. "And the price point is good."

The Longs are taking a chance to open in this venue and deserve a visit from tasters. It's a pleasurable culture shock to transition from the funeral stillness of the industrial park to the nicely lit and appointed tasting room and stand at the golden bar, watch the wine flow into the glass, get your nose in there, then tip the oval pond up, taste and savor and wonder where you are.

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Livermore-Amador Symphony Honors Four Young Musicians

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Association presented four awards to 2008 graduates who had attended high school in the Tri-Valley. Each student award recognized significant contributions to school and community musical activities.

Matt Felver, Livermore High School, received the Joan H. Green Memorial Award. A pianist, he also plays clarinet and saxophone and has performed in the high school marching, concert and symphonic bands, as well as the Pleasanton Community Concert Band. He has played in pit orchestras for school musicals and for Valley Dance Theatre. In the fall, he will attend UC Riverside.

Anthony Sangiocomo, Amador Valley, received the Bill King Memorial Award. He played saxophone in the high school "A" jazz band, wind

semble, marching band and jazz combo. He also performed with the Diablo Wind Symphony. With his jazz combo he participated in various fund-raising events. At CSU Northridge he will major in jazz studies.

Madison Burgess, Livermore High, received a Livermore-Amador Symphony Association Award. A member of the symphony's viola section, she also participated in the high school orchestra and pit orchestras for high school musicals. As president of Tri-M Honors Music Society, she produced and participated in benefit concerts. She serves on the board and dances with Valley Dance Theatre. Madison will attend San Diego State University.

Olivia Glass, Livermore High, also received a Livermore-Amador Symphony Association Award. Principal cellist of the high school advanced orchestra, she was selected for All State Honors Orchestra. She has performed in solo and ensemble festivals and pit orchestras for school musicals and has been a member of the symphony cello Section. Olivia will major in biological sciences at UC Davis.

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certainly wonderful recognition for our students, the program and our instructor David Everett. We are grateful to Concannon Vineyard for its donation of grapes to the program and I can hardly wait for our own Campus Hill Vineyard to come into production of a Las Positas College Cellars 'estate' wine."

The Cabernet Sauvignon competition drew more than 125 entries that were evaluated by wine writers and wine experts from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Las Positas College Viticulture and Winery Technology program is led by Everett who is also the chief winemaker. The premier release marks another milestone in the program's development.

"Last summer Campus Hill Vineyards was planted on a hillside next to the college through the sponsorship of Concannon Vineyard and other generous donors. I couldn't be happier for our program or more proud of our students. The 2005 Las Positas Col-

lege Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon reflects the wine program here at Las Positas in that it has matured and really improved with age," said Everett.

The wine label's gold medal, awarded to the Design Shop, is another recognition for the work done by the visual communication students under the direction of faculty member Fredda Cassidy. The label was designed by Kim Lauritsen, working with Everett, fellow classmates and instructor Cassidy. Last fall The

Design Shop was recognized by a statewide group as one of the 15 best practices in two-year and four-year California colleges and universities.

"I am so proud that Las Positas College's Design Shop students took first place in the amateur wine label category at the fair. This award is icing on the cake for our Design Shop students," said Cassidy.

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