

# Clean comedy crew brings funnies

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FREMONT - Clean comedy and coffee will highlight the Recession Buster Free Comedy Show on Thursday night.

The show will take place at the Mission Coffee Roasting Company on Washington Boulevard at 8 p.m. and will feature comedians Norm Goldblatt, Dan Edwards, Sandi Selvi, and Gail Jones.

Jones, a former member of the Alameda County Board of Education, produced the show and said she wanted to give people a chance to watch professional comedians "without paying an arm and a leg."

"I think it's a good idea to give back to the community," she said. "This is a time when we need some laughs."

Goldblatt, an engineer by trade, said that he is using the current state of the economy as an opportunity for more material.

"It's certainly a theme of our lives these days," he said. "In these times I put more jokes in about the economy than I did when the economy was good because somehow good conditions aren't as funny as bad conditions."

While the performers are all older, Jones said the comedians material will appeal to the audience regardless of age. "I think anybody can come but it's not going to be high school comedy," she said.

"We're all mature adults but the things I talk about make people laugh."

Goldblatt said younger audience members will be

able to relate to the humor because it deals with the human condition, which he said is something everyone has in common.

"They either have experienced it directly themselves in the first person or know people that have," he said. "I think it's universal."

But Edwards, a C++ instructor at Ohlone College, said he has a different approach. "I just slant it to the audience that's in front of me," he said. "With the younger crowd, I try to connect with them in such a way that I understand what it's like to be young."

"Then, I give them a little glimpse into the future when they're going to be old," he added. "If that doesn't scare them to death it makes them laugh."

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