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## Promoter vows to do all he can to keep racing alive in Calistoga

■ County mum so far about its pending takeover of fairgrounds management

By Kim Beltran  
Tribune Editor

He no longer has a contract to host racing events and the county is billing him for back taxes he says he doesn't owe. Despite these and other hurdles,

promoter Tommy Hunt, though concerned, says he's trying to remain optimistic about Calistoga Speedway's fate. "We're trying to look on the bright side of things, but there's just a lot of unknowns," Hunt told the Tribune this week. "It makes me a little nervous because there is no plan or at least availability of a plan in regards to the future. Who is going to administer this fairgrounds

and when are we going to know who that's going to be?" The speedway is located at the Napa County Fairgrounds, officially owned by the county but managed under contract since 1935 by the Napa County Fair Association. The management contract is not being renewed and the county has

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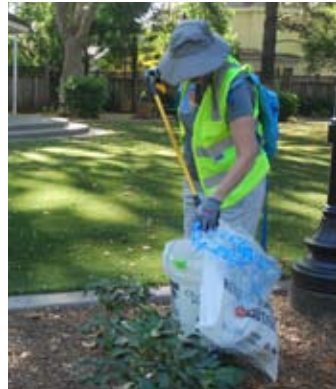


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Race fans pack the grandstands at Calistoga Speedway for the first annual Louie Vermeil Classic in 2008.



PHOTO BY CLAUDIA ACEVES



### Calistogans do Coastal Cleanup

Lee Glowinski, Claudia Rodriguez and daughter Ruth (above), help pick up trash from the drainage ditch near the Fair Way extension and Girard Street while Mary Hastings (left) does the same at Pioneer Park as part of California Coastal Cleanup in Calistoga last Saturday. They joined 24 other volunteers, rang-

ing in age from four to 75 years old, in cleaning up waterways throughout different areas of the city. Together they collected an estimated 200 pounds of trash and 100 pounds of recyclable material. Countywide, 553 volunteers covering 29.5 miles collected 2,402 pounds of trash and 932 pounds of recyclables.

## Buster's still closed over arbor violation

By Kim Beltran  
Tribune Editor

The popular and normally busy Buster's Barbecue at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Lincoln Avenue remained closed as of Wednesday, marking nine days since the city ordered the doors shut due to a building code violation at the site. Restaurant owner Charles

"Buster" Davis, who admitted that he over-built what was originally approved as a 12-foot high arbor, had crews on site this week lowering the 28-foot high steel structure. A cinderblock wall partially covered in natural rock remained in place, though city officials said they had

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## City's animal services provider in Santa Rosa

By Claudia Aceves  
Tribune Reporter

Looking for a lost pet or surrendering a found one is now more convenient for Calistoga residents since the Petaluma Animal Services Foundation is now working out of Santa Rosa. The city has contracted with PASF since 2015 for animal control services but the organization was working out of the Petaluma Animal Shelter in Petaluma. This year, the organization is providing animal control services to Calistoga, Cloverdale and Healdsburg and shelter services through the Sonoma County Humane Society, which has shelters in Santa Rosa and Healdsburg.

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## Calistoga artists welcome visitors to 2018 Open Studios

By Karen Lynn Ingalls  
Special to the Tribune

Ten artists in and around Calistoga will open their studios to meet visitors Sept. 22-23 and 29-30 during Open Studios Napa Valley – the free, self-guided art discovery tour which takes place each year the last two weekends of September. Whether you are an art collector, an art lover, or just curious about how various kinds of art-works are created, this is your

once-a-year opportunity to meet Napa Valley artists, ask them questions, discover multiple art mediums, and experience the studio atmosphere. Open Studios also gives you an opportunity to discover hidden parts of the valley – its creative spaces; to hear stories directly from the artists, to watch demonstrations, and to buy local art straight from the source. In town, the Calistoga Art Center, at 1435 North Oak St. on the grounds of the Napa County Fairgrounds, will host six Open

Studios artists showing their paintings, prints, jewelry and ceramics. Painters include Jennifer Deutsch, who presents her color-happy paintings of local landscapes, scenes of old buildings and bistros, still life and new floral pieces. Molly Corbett Kruse's fresh new lyrical work brings the poetry of color to her multi-layered abstracts and small bird paintings. Karen Lynn Ingalls, who also

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Calistoga artist Ramah Commanday's Silverado Trail studio where she makes fine and functional porcelain and ceramics – bowls, cups, teapots, platters, vases and covered jars – will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday this weekend and next for the 2018 Open Studios tour.

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