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Steel beam holds nation's sorrow



Firefighters Jamie Orozco and Doug Johnson and fire chief Steve Campbell begin the assembly of a display for a piece of the World Trade Center at Fire Station No. 1 last Friday.

New display honors 9/11 call of duty

By Pat Hampton Tribune Publisher

It arrived in a common cardboard box, but it is an uncommon part of the nation's collective sorrow.

"When we first opened the shipping container, it gave me goose bumps and I had to fight the tears back," said Fire Chief Steve



TO BY PAT HAMP

Mustard, Mud & Music Big name acts for jazz, wine lovers

By Michelle Wing Tribune Senior Staff Writer

Mustard, Mud & Music is bundling its jazz and wine festival into just a single day this year, but it's one powerful package.

On Saturday, March 5, from noon to 6 p.m., Calistoga will be hopping with music all over town and two big name acts on the main stage on Washington Street.

Roberta Donnay will be the first headliner, from noon to 3 p.m., followed by the Bay Area jazz quintet Dangerous Martini from 3 to 6 p.m. Both bands are widely followed in the jazz world, and Calistoga Chamber events coordinator Allison Day said bringing them to this jazz festival is quite a coup.

Other bands will be playing throughout town during the same hours, while nearly 20 wineries are pouring tastings.

But that's only the beginning. Cal Mart will once again host mustard tastings, this year both in its parking lot and in a booth at the main stage, and Mudd Hens will offer mustard tastings as well.

A cupcake truck, Kara's Cupcake Karavan, will be selling its goodies to the younger crowd (or any adult with a sweet tooth). And the Mobile Man Cave, a fully enclosed cigar lounge, is making

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SCHOOL BOND UPDATE Trustees consider two-part financing of first loan phase

By Michelle Wing

Tribune Senior Staff Writer

Recent changes in bond market conditions have led the school board to consider financing its first bond issuance for the Measure A projects in two phases instead of one.

The \$42 million general obligation bond passed by voters in November has been broken into several parts. The first issuance is for \$16.3 million, and will be used for a high school gymnasium and multipurpose building/student union, elementary school modernization, technology improvements and a renewable energy program.

Bruce Kerns from Stone and Youngberg explained that recent insecurity in the bond market has caused interest rates to rise. Although they have dropped some in the past two months, they are still significantly higher, and less stable, than they were a year ago.

He has recommended that the district schedule a series of smaller bond issues to allow more certainty as to future tax base growth.

Kerns noted that higher interest rates exist for longer term debts. His suggestion is that the district fund only the necessary costs until groundbreaking for the gym, multipurpose building and

Campbell.

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Fire chief Steve Campbell carries in part of a steel beam from the World Trade Center attack procured from The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Firefighter Doug Johnson hangs a bell in the 9/11 memorial barrel as Jamie Orozco watches.

In a special study session held on Wednesday, bond underwriter See BOND page 7

E. coli found in city water test EXPLANATION IN

Monday's mailing

By Pat Hampton

Tribune Publisher

An accidental switch in water sample containers is suspected of causing a positive test for coliform and e. coli bacteria in treated city water on Jan. 4 according to public works director Dan

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Rent arbitration extended after 2 days of testimony

By Michelle Wing

Tribune Senior Staff Writer

Residents of Rancho de Calistoga are going to have to wait a little longer for resolution on their rent arbitration.

After two full days of testimony last week, arbitration hearing officer Scott Snowden continued the hearing to March 10, because not all of the witnesses had completed testimony. Last Wednesday, HCA Management Company's attorney Anthony Rodriguez brought forward three witnesses on behalf park manager Dean Moser: real estate appraiser John Neet, economist Dr. Richard Fabrikant and Moser himself

Moser continued his testimony on Thursday, and then the Rancho homeowners' attorney, Bruce See RENT page 7

Gaye LeBaron to share history of early Calistoga



toga conjunction with this year's celebration of Calistoga's 125th anniversary, will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Tucker Farm Center.

LeBaron is a former reporter who for nearly four decades wrote a popular col-

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