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## **Magic of Horses at Menlo Circus Club Celebration salutes Pat Tillman**

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### Invitation of the week

Peninsula Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired The 2005 Menlo Charity Horse Show, a six-day Olympic-style competition (Aug. 9-14) features the West Coast's top riders. The Magic of Horses dinner-dance and live auction raises funds for the center's programs. A cocktail reception and silent auction on the field begins at 5 p.m.; the Ryman Memorial Speed Jumper Class at 6 p.m.; the dinner-dance, with music by the Sound Wizards, starts at 7:30 p. m., Aug. 12. Event chairwoman: Nancy Collins. All events at Menlo Circus Club, 190 Park Lane, Atherton. \$150.(The Magic of Horses event only). (650) 324-1005 or [www.menlohorseshow.org](http://www.menlohorseshow.org).

### This week

Napa Valley Classic Foundation A fund-raiser for the Youth Grants Council and the Arts Council of the Napa Valley in support of projects and programs that benefit the youth of Napa County, this equestrian event also honors the work of Ron Yost, a student counselor at Calistoga High School. Included are gourmet food and wine-tasting, silent and Calcutta auctions, a jumping show and the 10K Jumper Challenge. 4 p.m. Saturday. Calistoga Fairgrounds. General admission: \$15-\$30. Reserved tables of 10: \$500-\$2,000 (includes a catered dinner and wine). (707) 942-4222.

Mendocino Unified School Enrichment (MUSE) The David Grisman Quartet performs perform a benefit concert to raise funds to save the district's school music programs. 7 p.m. Sunday. Festival tent, 735 Main St., Mendocino. \$25. (866) 861-6873.

East Bay SPCA The first Farallon-BASS Golf Tournament Registration, created by the Farallon Law Group LLP and BASS Electric to raise money for local animal rescue organizations. This tournament is held in honor of all the rescue animals that have provided us with so much joy and love over the years, and all the other homeless animals waiting to find good homes. Registration, 10 a.m. Shotgun start, noon. Monday. Lake Merced Golf Club, Daly City. \$125 (non-golfers; includes cocktails, dinner, & silent auction). \$350 (per golfer; includes 18 holes scramble format, one ticket to dinner and silent auction, lunch and complimentary course snacks and beverages). (415) 876-4394.

San Francisco Performing Arts Library & Museum The opening-night celebration of PALM's new exhibition, "Irving Berlin's Broadway," includes a cocktail reception and performance of Berlin songs by Andrea Marcovicci, Meg Mackay and Billy Philadelphia. 6 p.m. Tuesday. PALM, the Veterans' Building, 401 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco. \$30 (members); \$40 (general admission). (415) 255-4800.

### Coming up

Sonoma Valley Arts Alliance The Salute Celebration is the theme for this three-day festival, a fund-raiser for this organization that showcases the arts throughout the year. Celebrating

the festival's 20th anniversary and the era of the '20s in Sonoma, a series of parties, food and wine-tasting, art auctions, arts and crafts, live music and more are featured. Call for schedule information and prices. July 29-31. Sonoma Plaza, downtown Sonoma. Call for details, locations and reservation information. (707) 938-1133.

San Francisco Opera The 2005 Opera Shop Costume Sale features period costumes, wigs, props and fabrics for sale to the public and benefiting the opera. Prices range from \$5-\$1,000. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. July 30; 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. July 31. Opera Shop, 2400 Cesar Chavez St., San Francisco. Admission is free. (415) 565-6468.

Pat Tillman Foundation The life and legacy of this late pro-football player and Army Ranger who was killed while serving in Afghanistan is honored at Celebration Under the Stars, an evening featuring Tillman's favorite pastimes including dancing with live music by the Joe Sharino Band and catered food from his favorite local restaurants. Proceeds benefit the newly formed foundation's Leadership through Action program which fosters the development of local community leaders. 7 p.m. July 30. Almaden Valley Athletic Club, 5400 Camden Ave., San Jose. \$25; \$40 (per couple). (408) 445-4953.

The San Francisco Giants' Community Fund A Giant Day at Raymond Vineyards is a food and wine-tasting event featuring gourmet cuisine from local restaurants, which also includes the Giant Sub-Sandwich contest, a silent auction, live music and visits with former Giants pro ball-players and other sports celebs including, Tito Fuentes, Bill Laskey, Erica Wright, Jacob Green and Reggie McKenzie. 2 p.m. July 30. Raymond Vineyard & Cellar, 849 Zinfandel Lane, St. Helena. \$100; \$150 (per couple). (877) 574-4268.

Sonoma County charities/Russian Arts Foundation Carlo Ponti Jr. conducts the Russian National Orchestra at Imagine 2005, an afternoon concert, luncheon and live auction that raises funds for the Boys & Girls Club of Windsor, Sonoma Academy Scholarship Fund, the Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation and the WCC Charitable Foundation. Event chairs: Peggy and Fred Furth; Barbara Banke and Jess Jackson. 11 a.m. July 30. Chalk Hill Estate Vineyards & Winery, Healdsburg. \$700; \$2,500 (two sponsor tickets); \$10,000-\$100,000 (tables of eight). (415) 421-7137.

Napa Valley Wine Country Film Festival A benefit reception for the documentary "Champions of Conscience," with filmmakers Mary Wareham, Ally Walker and Jody Williams, raises funds for scholarships for college-bound students. 6:30 p.m. July 31. Nickel & Nickel Winery, 8165 St. Helena Hwy., Oakville. The ticket price includes an earlier screening of the world premiere of Wareham's "Disarm." 4 p.m. July 31. Copia, 500 First St., Napa. \$75 (for both events). (707) 935-3456.

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