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## Oakville Bridge Open Again

A parcel delivery truck heading west on Oakville Crossroad crosses over the Napa River on the new Oakville Bridge Tuesday afternoon. The bridge reopened a week ago after having been closed last May when a 4.1 magnitude earthquake left the nearly 100-year-old structure unsound and required it to be demolished. The \$7 million project to build a new, 120-foot-long, 33-foot-wide concrete box girder bridge was primarily funded by the Federal Highway Administration. The new bridge is slightly higher than the old one. (Photo by Sharon Stensaas.)

## JCB Salon to Feature Smart Tasting Tables

When the new JCB Tasting Salon opens in Yountville on February 13 it will feature new technology that is getting lots of buzz on the web and is making its manufacturers quite hopeful that it may catch on throughout the industry.

The centerpiece of the interactive wine tasting experience to be offered at the new tasting salon are "smart tables" that seat four people each.

With the help of smart technology, 3D printed wine glasses and some sophisticated software which can identify the type of wine the glass contains, visitors will be served five different wines over the course of

the tasting.

Once the "smart table" has identified the wine, it brings up several interactive elements such as fact sheets, videos and personalized tasting notes, according to Clare Scott of 3D Print.com.

The tables were designed by Ideum, a New Mexico design company specializing in smart technology.

The tables have gold tops and a black crocodile-skin base to complement the lush decor of the new tasting salon.

The glasses are designed and made by Graphene 3D Lab with conductive and magnetic

filaments as well as graphene.

Jean-Charles Boisset, creator and owner of JCB Wines, told Scott, "Our vision has always been to transcend the traditional wine experience and bring a new dimension to the wine world. We partnered with Ideum to create the first truly interactive and social wine tasting we have ever seen -- an inspired experience that unites guests together while enhancing their wine experience to go beyond into another sensory world."

JCB is the sole source of the new smart wine tasting experience, but the manufacturers are eager to extend its reach.

## Yountville Will Have Little League Season

Twenty-three kids will be playing baseball this spring on Kaneshiro Field in Yountville.

Chris Pacheco, a member of the Yountville Little League Board of Directors, confirmed this week that the League has garnered enough volunteers to field three teams and play a full schedule of 13 to 15 games.

In December the League had announced it would not be able to operate this season due to lack of parental support.

After that announcement Pacheco, Jennifer Kaneshiro and other parents and concerned locals stepped up to salvage the season.

While many details remain to be nailed down and specific assignments must be made, Pacheco said a meeting at 6 p.m., February 11 at Yountville Community Center will focus on those specifics.

He added that three teams

have been formed -- T Ball (ages 4-6), Super Rookie (ages 7-8) and Minor League (ages 9-12).

Team sponsors have been secured, but businesses interested in securing signage on the field are encouraged to do this.

Other needs include a manager/coach for the Super Rookie team and volunteers willing to perform field maintenance.

Fundraising is another priority, and donations are welcome.

Registrations for this season are still being taken, and registration will remain open until February 11, Pacheco added.

Parents interested in registering children to play this spring may do so by contacting Pacheco at 363-8627 or jrcop22@sbcglobal.net.

The date of opening day has not yet been determined.

## Cyclist Sustains Major Injuries

Sally Krautner, 67, of Napa suffered major injuries yesterday and was hospitalized at Queen of the Valley Medical Center after a car driven by a 77-year-old Napa man collided with her bicycle as she was riding southbound on Silverado Trail, just south of Yountville Cross Road.

Krautner's bicycle collided with a 1997 white Lincoln Continental driven by William Wordsworth about 12:20 p.m.

The reasons for this collision are still under investigation, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The southbound lane of the Silverado Trail was closed while emergency aid an investigation were conducted.

## Free Concert Set for Feb. 5

A free musical treat is about to come to Yountville.

At 7 p.m. on February 5 at the Napa Valley Performing Arts Center at Lincoln Theater professional soprano Marnie Breckenridge, formerly of Napa Valley now of New York, will perform a "For Love of Music" concert with the musicians of the Theater's Artist in Residence Program (AIR).

The concert will feature current and alumni AIR musicians performing works by Ibert, Liszt, Kreisler, Ravel and Lady

Gaga.

Breckenridge, who graduated from Pacific Union College in Angwin, is enjoying a stellar career as a sought-after soloist with a wide range of performances. She recently composed the vocal lines for and sang the lead in WAKE, an original production at the Connelly in New York.

This community concert is free, but seats must be reserved (www.lincolntheater.com or 944-9900.)



## El Nino's Logo

A rainbow arches over Hurley's restaurant January 20 after storm clouds deposited over an inch of rain in Yountville. So far this El Nino has been well mannered, dropping needed moisture an inch or two at a time and then allowing the rain to run off and soak in before the next round. (Photo by Sharon Stensaas.)



MARNIE BRECKENRIDGE



	High	Low
Wednesday 1/20	62	46
Thursday	61	46
Friday	59	51
Saturday	58	45
Sunday	59	38
Monday	59	47
Tuesday	59	43
Precipitation =	1.02	
Season Total =	12.63	
Last Year =	20.51	