

Pizarro: Music benefit at Santana Row to help the homeless

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Psychology professor turned singer/songwriter Michelle Chappel is hosting a benefit on World Homeless Day on Sunday at Santana Row.

She'll be performing music from her album "Beautiful World" and donating 50 percent of CD sales to two groups that do a lot to help the homeless: EHC LifeBuilders and Project Homeless Connect. There also will be bins to collect donations of winter clothing, toiletries and snack foods like granola bars.

The Joyful Noise Gospel Singers and John Cirillo will join Chappel during the free concert at Park Valencia from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PUMPKIN PARTY: The 16th annual Pumpkins in the Park takes place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at San Jose's Discovery Meadow, next to the Children's Discovery Museum.

The free family-friendly event, produced by the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, includes a pumpkin patch, scarecrow display, apple tasting and plenty of entertainment. For details, call 408-298-7657 or go to www.guadalupeconservancy.org.

COMMUTE MUSIC: If you're near The Harker School -- right off Interstate 280 at Saratoga Avenue -- don't be surprised to hear the UCLA marching band practicing today for its halftime show at UC Berkeley on Saturday.

UCLA wound up on the campus because band director Gordon Henderson stays in touch with three members of Harker's performing arts faculty who are UCLA marching band alumni: performing arts director Laura Lang Ree, orchestra director Chris Florio and middle school music teacher Dave Hart.

ART OPENING: The relatively new Gallery Ten10 -- at 1010 E. Taylor St. in San Jose -- opens a new show Saturday featuring work by South Bay artists collected through the years by Curator/Director Al Preciado.

An opening reception, with music at 8 p.m. by the Bob and Yumi Show, runs from noon to midnight Saturday. The exhibition closes Nov. 24. Call 408-476-1968 for more information.

STARRY NIGHT FOR THE REP: With an emphasis on glamour, the Silicon Valley Capital Club raised more than \$200,000 for the San Jose Rep with its successful "An Evening With the Stars" fundraiser Saturday night.

George Davis, chief financial officer of Applied Materials, was honored as a longtime trustee and supporter of the San Jose Rep. Event co-chairs Helen Owen and Donovan Funston pulled off a glittering evening for more than 250 attendees.

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