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## EARLY HARVEST BEGINS IN CALISTOGA



PHOTO BY SHELLIE SAKAI

Right to left: Hugh Davies, Sean Thompson, Jessica Koga and Anton de Villiers saber sparkling wine to kick off the opening of harvest at Schramsberg.

## 50th harvest underway for Schramsberg Vineyards

■ Earliest crush in 10 yrs

By Amanda Rhodes  
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A full 15 days early, Schramsberg officially began their 2015 harvest with the annual sabering celebration Tuesday morning.

President and CEO of Schramsberg, Hugh Davies, said that this first harvest is the earliest date in more than 10 years.

Sabering team Hugh Davies, Sean Thompson, Dan Person, Jessica Koga and Anton de Villiers used swords to open Schramsberg 2011 Querencia Rose, which was then poured over the first harvested grapes, pinot noir bundles from

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This year's crop of pinot noir grapes from Richburg Vineyard in the Carneros was harvested at the earliest date in more than 10 years.

## Sewer trunk line construction begins, bike path closed August to December

By Amanda Rhodes  
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Construction workers broke ground this week on the sewer trunk line upgrade through Calistoga.

The sewer line runs the length of Washington St. from Lincoln Ave. to the Wastewater Treatment

Plant on Dunaweal Lane.

The sewer line upgrade is a one-time windfall to the city promised by the owners of Calistoga Hills.

Aaron Harkin, Calistoga Hills Project Manager, said that the sewer line will be nearly a mile and a half long and should be completed by the end of December.

Due to the construction, the

pedestrian path from the Little League Field on East Washington St. to Dunaweal Lane will be closed beginning Aug. 10 and will remain closed through Dec. 31.

*Construction workers begin digging a new sewer trunk line on Washington St. that will stretch nearly one and a half miles.*

PHOTO BY AMANDA RHODES

## Lawyer Kristin Casey dies from brain injury

■ Unknown why she lost control of her vehicle

By Amanda Rhodes  
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With her husband by her side, former Calistoga Planning Commissioner Kristin Casey passed away early Thursday morning at Queen of the Valley Hospital after crashing into a tree on Tuesday afternoon.

According to her husband Carl Sherrill, Casey, 68, passed away gently and peacefully at 12:35 a.m. Thursday.

"My soul mate has passed to the other side," Sherrill, who is not ready to speak in person just yet, wrote in an email.

Casey was driving her silver 2007 Toyota Prius July 21 northbound on State Route 29 just north of Diamond Mountain Rd. when her car drifted off the east roadway edge and collided with a tree.

She was transported to Queen of the Valley Hospital with severe



Kristin Casey

head injuries and placed in critical condition. CHP reported that it was unclear why the vehicle veered off the road.

Sherrill said that a witness in a car behind his wife told CHP that Casey's car veered from the highway onto the shoulder and hit a large tree at full speed, with no braking or slowing. An autopsy was performed Monday but Sherrill said it is unlikely to determine what could have caused her loss of consciousness.

By late Tuesday night, the neu-

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## Rails don't make cut for historic assessment

■ Up to city council to determine what's next

By Amanda Rhodes  
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The 300 feet of train rails that stretch from Lincoln Avenue to Gerard Street have historic value but do not fit the criteria to be protected by federal or state historical groups according to a newly released report.

Public works director Mike Kim received the Cultural Resource Evaluation (CRE) Tuesday from historic preservation specialist, Sally Evans, who works for the Sebastopol firm that was contacted by the city.

The firm was asked to complete a historical status of the rails.

According to the report, features, materials, spaces and spatial relationships that contribute to their historic character distinguish historical resources.

The project area was evaluated to determine the presence or absence of potentially significant cultural resources, namely those that have the potential to meet the Napa Valley Interurban Railroad following National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) criteria. According to the report, the historic rails did not meet one of the four criteria used for historic assessment. Fire Chief Steve Campbell and Kim took a closer look at the rails and agreed repairs need to be

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