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Feige Canyon water tank is demolished

By Kim Beltran
Tribune Editor

Calistoga's one million-gallon Feige Canyon water storage tank, originally built in 1966, was demolished this week as contractors made room for its replacement.

The plan to replace the tank has been on the city's Capital Improvement Project list for well over two decades and is part of an overall master plan created in 2000 to address the city's water supply issues.

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The 52-year-old Feige Canyon water tank was demolished this week and is being replaced with a new one.

School trustee wants coach removed, then OKs his hire

By Kim Beltran
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A request by the Calistoga Joint Unified School District superintendent to approve a list of staff appointments for the coming school year didn't sit well – at least initially – with one board member.

Trustee Mark Galindo requested that the item be removed from the school

board's consent agenda Monday night because he objected to Cesar Cruz being named varsity boys basketball coach. Cruz has coached both boys and girls basketball at Calistoga Junior Senior High School for 12 years.

"I would like the co-curricular stipend position of varsity

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Tribune photographer Clark Mishler got a bulls-eye view of Sunday's Mexican jaripeo, or rodeo, in which riders must try to stay atop the bull until he stops bucking. Unlike American rodeo cowboys, the Mexican riders have no bull rope to hold onto.

Plenty of action at Fair & Fiesta

■ Meanwhile, fairgrounds sale talks between county, city stall

By Kim Beltran
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There was no word from organizers this week about attendance figures for last weekend's two-day Fair & Fiesta event, which coincided with American Motorcycle Association Flat Track racing on Saturday night and with a Mexican rodeo, or jaripeo, on Sunday evening.

Crowds for both the Saturday night racing action and Sunday's bull-riding event were large, and the revving engines and blasting mariachi music could be heard across town.

The activities, which ranged from circus and live band performances to a petting zoo, pony rides and Cinco de Mayo party, were a welcome sight for many locals, concerned about the future of the fairgrounds which is struggling to reinvent itself even as the city of Calistoga and its owner, County of Napa, attempt to come to some kind of terms on management of the

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Ballots in the mail, drop box on Fair Way near Cal Mart

By Kim Beltran
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The countdown to the June 5 California primary election is officially underway this week with Monday marking the day vote-by-mail ballots began being mailed to registered voters.

While most Californians must still request a vote-by-mail ballot, registered voters in Madera, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento and San Mateo counties will automatically receive a vote-by-mail ballot.

This is part of the Voter's Choice Act, which has been adopted by these five counties. Voters in these counties will be able to return their ballots via U.S. mail or at any ballot drop box located in their county. Voters in

these counties will also have the option to vote in person at any vote center.

In Calistoga, one ballot drop box has been located near the sidewalk on Fair Way next to Cal Mart. Completed and signed ballots may be deposited in the drop box at any time. Elections officials will collect the drop box ballots on a regular basis.

Calistoga's Vote Center will be located at the Fire Station on Washington Street and will be open June 2-5. Voters who lose their ballots or make a mistake while marking their ballot can receive a new replacement ballot at any vote center in their county.

Napa County residents will be

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Hollywood comes to Calistoga

■ Some locals get in on the action as film extras

By Kim Beltran
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Downtown Calistoga played its role in the upcoming Netflix comedy, *Wine Country*, superbly last Friday afternoon, offering up its western, small town charm under blue skies and moderate temperatures to Hollywood's elite.

Director and film star Amy Poehler arrived on set – the awning-covered sidewalk on Lincoln Avenue – shortly after 1 p.m., dropped off in the middle of the closed off street by a large, black suburban. The diminutive comedic actress,

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PHOTO BY CLARK JAMES MISHLER

Wine Country director and actress Amy Poehler, left, chats with co-star Paula Pell during a break in filming May 4 on Lincoln Avenue in downtown Calistoga. Several scenes of the Netflix comedy about a group of friends celebrating a 50th birthday in wine country, were shot along Lincoln Avenue throughout the day and into the evening.