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## Sunny skies, bands and floats, and a town that is so proud



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Wells Fargo stagecoach driver Paul Fellinghan – whose mother had the job before he started driving 20 years ago – had an uber VIP passenger, former Mayor Clint Eastwood, in Saturday's centennial parade, which also included (left) the Otter and kids from Carmel River School and (right) performers from the Dance Center. Firefighter/paramedic and lifelong local David Jedinak drove the fire department's 1923 LuVerne engine (below), carrying resident Mary Liskin and her Dalmatian, Moxie, along with members of the Leidig family. For a full page of photos from Centennial Day, see 10A.

## Centennial celebration draws record crowds

By MARY SCHLEY

YEARS OF planning, thousands of hours of work, extensive coordination and participation — and a little magic, in the form of perfect weather sandwiched by days of rain — combined to make the city's centennial celebration last Saturday a tremendous success. And while organizers expected 10,000 people to attend

Saturday's festivities, police estimated the actual number was closer to 13,000. Many spectators set up chairs along the parade route the previous night, and the bleachers filled up hours before the 11 a.m. start.

With former Mayor Clint Eastwood serving as grand marshal and riding in the Wells Fargo stagecoach, and KSBW-TV news anchor Dan Green emceeding, the parade included six professionally built floats, marching bands, dancers, dignitaries in vintage cars and other acts. Crowds were rows deep along every block, while some spectators stood on nearby rooftops and balconies. The only real hitch involved the Rotary's birthday-cake float, with its large bottle of Champagne, getting hung up in an oak tree while making the turn at Monte Verde Street, but it wasn't too much the worse for wear and still finished the trip, accompanied by a squad of beautiful dancers.

"All the stars aligned, all the groups came together, everything we had put them through the previous few months in terms of rehearsals worked," said parade organizer Tom Brocato. "I was really, really



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## Panetta takes aim at Lucius over backing from Super PAC

By KELLY NIX

THE RACE to replace Congressman Sam Farr took a dramatic turn this week when Democratic candidate Jimmy Panetta attacked Republican rival Casey Lucius for the support she's getting from an Ohio-based political action committee, while Lucius fired back by pointing to the big bucks Panetta has received from out-of-town special interest groups.

The Panetta campaign Tuesday night issued a press release blasting Lucius for the backing she's had recently from American Freedom Builders Action Network, a conservative Super PAC that, according to the Federal Election Commission last week, paid \$52,913 for a 30-second TV commercial and air-time to rally support for Lucius. The ad started running this week.

"The 20th Congressional District has never seen out-of-state dark money come into a race like this before," said Panetta, 47. "My opponent has talked endlessly about special interests on this campaign, and here she is getting help from a Super PAC that comes out of the Tea Party and does not disclose the sources of its money?"

Panetta alleges that the group's treasurer, Joel Riter, has been

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## FIRE DAMAGES HOUSE, KILLS PARADE DOG

By MARY SCHLEY

A BELGIAN Malinois that had walked in the city's Centennial Parade just a day earlier died in a house fire on San Carlos Street Sunday night, according to fire crews and a family friend on the scene. The blaze also destroyed a quarter of the residence and resulted in smoke and water damage throughout the rest of the two-story home, which is located near 12th Avenue.

The destruction would have been far worse, had a fire crew and a PG&E worker not been contending with a fallen tree and downed power lines just a couple of blocks away. The utility company's crewman had just gone up the street to shut off the power at the pole, when firefighters heard an explosion, according to Monterey Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer.

### A house in flames

"They were concerned that it might have been the lineman that was hurt," he said. "They went and checked, and he was fine." But a nearby house was in flames.

"Firefighters found fire on the front left corner of the house, and arcing power lines, which limited their ability to get in and fight the fire," he said. Coming to the aid of the engine and

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## Marina Coast fails again to stop test well

By KELLY NIX

MARINA COAST Water District has lost a major legal battle in its effort to shut down California American Water's test well in the city — one of numerous attempts that have cost the Marina public water agency and its customers nearly three quarters of a million dollars, and probably more than that to Cal Am ratepayers.

On Oct. 26, three justices with the Sixth District Court of Appeal in San Jose ruled that a Marina Coast lawsuit alleging that the California Coastal Commission lacked jurisdiction and violated CEQA when it approved Cal Am's test well in November 2014, was "without merit."

In September 2014, after the Marina City Council denied Cal Am's application for a permit for its test well, Cal Am appealed the decision to the coastal commission, which approved the per-

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