

## The Caravelle Gaslight Opera House Opens Tonight

Caravelle Island -- The Caravelle Gaslight Opera House opens this evening with a performance of Giacomo Puccini's Madam Butterfly.

The new 20-million-dollar opera house features state-of-the-art acoustics, one of the most sophisticated lighting systems in a modern opera house, a Dolby and THX- certified sound system and a Michelin-rated restaurant attached to the lobby.

"Ironically, these features are not what sets the Gaslight apart from other theaters," said Mary Anne Kristov, chairperson of the Kristov Group, a non-profit organization that financed the Gaslight and is devoted to fostering Caravelle Island's cultural growth.

"What really sets the Gaslight apart is the fact that we have the option of turning off the sound system and lighting our productions with a gas lamp lighting system.

"It gives our audiences the opportunity to see many of these operas the same audiences would have seen them when they were first introduced," Kristov said.

Many residents of Pleasure Harbor have criticized this very feature, however.

"The possibility of a disaster from a gas leak, or some other tragedy

involving carbon monoxide is a real danger," said Terrance "Little T" Bartholomew, a local bar owner and comedy shop manager.

"This isn't the 1920s. We have electric lights and such for a reason. That old-fashioned stuff is dangerous, he said.

"Carbon monoxide is simply not a concern," Kristov said.

"The Gaslight has a state-of-the-art ventilation system that is virtually silent. It pulls gas fire exhaust from the building and replaces it with fresh air on a continual basis," she said.

"Furthermore we have carbon monoxide monitors throughout the theater, and if levels become anywhere near dangerous, the ventilation system kicks into high gear and can evacuate any exhaust in mere minutes," she said.

"When it comes to fresh air, fire control and structural integrity, I doubt there's a safer structure on the whole island."

After the 8pm inaugural performance of Madam Butterfly, the venue's first gaslight performance will follow at midnight.

almost entirely exsanguinated.

According to an anonymous source in the Pleasure Harbor PD, a copy of the book Starship Trooper and a DVD of Showgirls were shoved in the deceased director's throat.

## Island Divided Over Caravelle - Long Beach Causeway Proposal

Long Beach, CA -- The Long Beach City Council had several uninvited guests at their weekly council meeting last Thursday: ten angry Caravelle Island residents.

"We have come from Caravelle Island to say that if fences make for good neighbors, twenty miles of seawater makes for great neighbours," exclaimed Monica Roche, chairperson of Citizens for a Better Caravelle.

Tourism is the lifeblood of Caravelle's economy. Our businesses, resorts and very livelihoods rely on a steady flow of vacationers from the mainland," said Roche.

"But there's a difference between vacationers and the kind of short-term partiers we'd see if the causeway were made a reality," she continued.

"Because of Caravelle's lax laws on drinking and curfews for younger adults, we would become the destination of every teenager looking for a thrill.

"Instead of being a resort known for showing adults a superior nightlife, we would become a cesspool of underaged binge drinking, vomit and frat parties," Roche said.

Roche, whose husband was found dead a year ago, one of the first victims of the Oceanside Slasher, has been an advocate for more restrictive access to the island from so-called "mainland locals."

Initial investigations by Pleasure Harbor police showed that the Oceanside Slasher

## "Southpoint Event" Remains a Mystery, Speculation Continues

It is one of the most famous unexplained mysteries in recent history: the Southpoint Event

In the early morning hours of October 5th, 2015, a source of intense heat melted the sand of a small, previously unnamed natural harbor on the south side of Caravelle Island.

"To this day, we still have no idea what happened," said Dr. Alaster Gibbons, history professor from the California State University, Long Beach.

"Many geologists, physicists and other scientists have viewed the site and stated a small nuclear device must have been detonated," said Gibbons.

"Yet, there is no secondary evidence of such an explosion: no radiation, no reports from nearby neighbors, no disruption of the coal sea life, nothing," He said.

Gibbons, who has made unravelling the Southpoint Event a personal mission, has since moved to Caravelle Island to continue his investigation. He is currently on sabbatical from CSU Long Beach.

"There is an answer to this mystery, we just have to be persistent. We'll figure it out," he said..

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may have been a "mainland local.

The causeway proposal is under consideration in both the Caravelle and Long Beach councils. and Long Beach city councils.

## Has the Oceanside Slasher Claimed Another Victim?

Caravelle Island -- Famed Dutch film director Paul Verhoeven was found dead in his seaside villa on the Pleasure Harbor peninsula early yesterday.

Consistent with other Oceanside Slasher deaths, Verhoeven's throat was ripped out and his body was

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