MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ARTS OFFICE

NEWS RELEASE

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Colton Hall 162st Birthday Celebration

On March 8, 1849 Colton Hall opened as a school, beginning 162 years of continuous operation as a public building. In September of 1849 Colton Hall was the site of the California Constitutional Convention, which led to California becoming the 31st State.

On Sunday, March 6, at 2 p.m., join us for cake and a short lecture by Colton Hall Docent Jeff Lanzman on the history and uses of the Hall since its completion in 1849 until its establishment as an historical monument museum in 1948. Colton Hall has been in continual public use as a meeting hall, court house, police department, WW II rationing station, elementary school since its beginning.

The public is invited to attend this **FREE** event to enjoy and learn more about this historic treasure of Monterey. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call the Museum at (831) 646-5640. Colton Hall is open daily from 10 am to 4 pm and is part of the City Hall Complex. The second floor of Colton Hall is not handicapped accessible.

Who: **City of Monterey**
Colton Hall Museum and
Cultural Arts Commission

What: **Birthday Celebration**

Where: **Colton Hall (570 Pacific Street)**
831-646-5640

When: **Sun, March 6, 2011**
2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

WHY COVER THIS? This is a great opportunity to learn the history of Colton Hall. Human interest and visuals.

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