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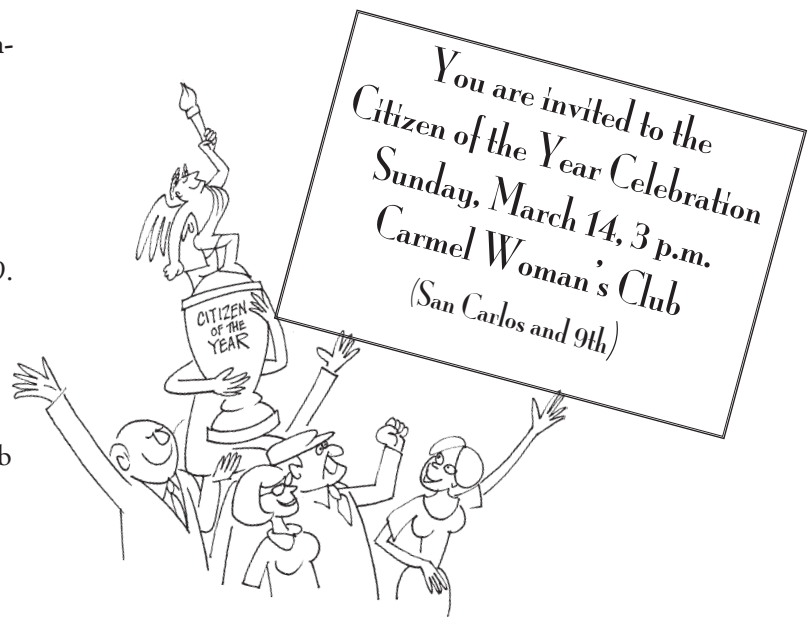
It's the 21st Citizen of the Year Celebration!

The 21st annual Citizen of the Year Celebration will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 14, at the Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos and 9th. Event chairs **Donna** and **David Berger** have planned a memorable afternoon. Refreshments and delicious hors d'oeuvres will be catered by the Culinary Academy at Cal State University, Monterey Bay and the traditional elegant cake will again be generously donated by **Magdy Ibrahim** of *Pâtisserie Boissiere*.

Former Director of Sunset Center **Brian Donoghue** will build suspense until he announces the honoree for year 2009.

Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. There is no charge.

Previous Citizens of the Year are Jim Wright, Joyce Stevens, the late Enid Sales, the late Jack Billwiller, Skip Lloyd, Noel Mapstead, Clayton Anderson, Roy Thomas, Jean White, Bob Kohn, Linda Anderson, John Hicks, Noel Van Bibber, the late J.S. Holliday, Frankie Laney, Nancy and Bill Doolittle, Merv Sutton, Barbara Livingston, Olof Dahlstrand, Wayne Kelley and Ken White.



CITY WATCH

Over many years of tracking City Council meetings, we have often been frustrated by the lack of transparency. We believe that once the council takes on an important community issue, citizens should be kept informed of its status—how and when resolution will be reached and, if not, what happened and why. Many projects start, then stop and disappear from the radar. We are fully aware that budgetary considerations are involved, but this should not and cannot preclude the council from providing complete, open information to the public and full disclosure of any analyses or decisions made. This column will be devoted to resurrecting these issues of importance to our village.

Here are some issues, their status and what has or has not happened

❖ **Beach Seawalls, Retaining Walls and Revetments**
Over the past several years, citizens have pleaded at Forest and Beach Commission and City Council meetings for the city to address critical repairs to aging, defective structures. Four large protective seawalls, in particular, are threatened and require attention now. Others are developing problems that should be addressed soon. The CRA was asked by Mayor McCloud to submit ideas and recommendations for consideration during last year's budget hearings. We did, along with all the city's commissions. The Forest and Beach Commission mirrored our concerns about the urgency of re-

pairs to sea walls. The council did not respond other than to suggest that an engineering analysis be done. Thus far there is no indication that an engineering study has been done and no remedial work has been performed.

Now, we read in the *Monterey County Weekly* that the mayor reacted to City Council candidate Jason Burnett's concerns about this infrastructure with the dismissive comment, "Henny-Penny, the sky is falling," while Councilman Gerard Rose said, "Does he know our local coastal plan addresses that?" We find this lack of understanding of a basic problem by two members of our City Council troubling. Rose is cor-

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Serious, systemic problems at Carmel City Hall

With their permission, we are printing below letters by longtime city employee Stephanie Pearce and CRA board member Jim Emery, which appeared in the *Herald* on Jan. 7 and Jan. 14, respectively.

Our decision to publish these letters was not taken lightly. Simply put, they disclose disturbing complaints about the administration and governance of our city, complaints that are not being properly addressed. These matters reach beyond the civil lawsuit that Human Resources Director Jane Miller filed against the city for sexual harassment and age discrimination attributed to City Administrator Rich Guillen.

Some city leaders shrug off those who speak out as “malcontents,” their complaints as mere “nastiness.” In doing so, they turn a blind eye to the larger issue—the dysfunctional management and administration at City Hall. The disclosures by a conscientious, 34-year city employee, well respected by all who know her, shine a light on serious systemic problems at City Hall. Carmel residents are rightfully concerned, for these problems affect the functioning of the city, the morale of city employees, and the bottom-line city finances. The mayor and council must be held accountable for this situation, because they have direct responsibility for the city administrator and his actions.

In most other jurisdictions, such allegations leveled against an administrator would have resulted in paid administrative leave

until the air could be cleared and the matter resolved. *Not in Carmel.* The mayor and others quietly claim Guillen was not put on administrative leave when complaints arose because an investigation handled by the city’s defense lawyers did not corroborate Jane Miller’s claims. However, employees who were interviewed took no comfort in the city’s written assurance that it “does not retaliate,” and feared that corroboration of Miller’s complaints would trickle back to their boss and could result in the loss of their jobs. They had observed previous city employees intentionally isolated, alienated and marginalized. Retaliation comes in many forms, as evidenced by the forced retirement of four middle managers, costing the city in excess of \$500,000 and the loss of valuable employees.

Working under a difficult management situation, some city employees now view the city administrator’s authority as compromised, lacking the ability to motivate or lead, rendering him ineffectual as a supervisor. If it were not for the poor economy and job prospects, we would probably see an exodus of more employees in search of a less toxic work environment.

In support of those city employees who have had the courage to speak publicly, of those who can’t speak because they fear retaliation or job loss, of those who cannot confide in council members or the mayor, we add our voice to their frustration. They look to the public to effect a change that will, as one employee said, “put an end to the suffering.”

CARMEL LACKS INTEGRITY

Contrary to cheerful statements from City Council incumbents running for re-election, city government in Carmel is badly broken. This observation stems from my time working at City Hall between 2004 and 2008, when I retired after 34 years as a city employee.

During the time I worked in the administration department, I observed a pattern of avoiding and ignoring resident and staff concerns on the part of upper management. I observed the mayor pursue pet projects and ignore the compromising circumstances being reported about the city administrator. A majority of department managers were forced out, leaving a leaderless skeleton staff to provide non-safety services to residents. Remaining management staff often had difficulty scheduling time with the city administrator while long meetings and long lunch hours with employee A or employee B occurred frequently.

Most currently, the quality of the city government was demonstrated by its callous treatment of Building Official John Hanson and the recent departure of the exceptionally capable administrative service director.

I hope civic-minded residents will come forward to run for office in order to restore integrity and superior administration to Carmel.

Stephanie Pierce [sic], Carmel Valley

CITY HALL ALLEGATIONS GO UNCHECKED

Stephanie Pierce’s [sic] letter Jan. 7 alleges grievous misbehavior on the part of the Carmel city administrator. Innocence must be assumed unless proved otherwise, but the described abuses are serious and creditable enough that the city must act promptly to resolve the matter. Any such misconduct cannot be dismissed as merely a private matter, because by many accounts it has created a poisonous environment in City Hall. If the charges were substantiated, they would justify dismissal.

There has been no indication that the mayor and City Council are pursuing the matter with any urgency. On the contrary, they have thrown up legal roadblocks. They brag about their group loyalty and harmony, while circling the wagons. In the meantime, the administrator continues to draw his full salary while the legal costs and potential future liabilities escalate.

According to a recent article, the mayor justifies inaction on the grounds that “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it,” and Councilman Gerard Rose dismisses the allegations as mere “nastiness.” Under these circumstances, what is the chance that the facts will come out? I fear that the city will try to reach a private settlement that hides the truth, while we citizens pick up the continuing bill.

Jim Emery, Carmel

by Barbara Livingston

Passing the baton to the next generation



Barbara Livingston

In the *Village Profile* on page 5, Richard Flower responds to a question from Tom Parks saying: “As an incurable optimist I am heartened by at least one development. Two bright, superbly educated young people, who have already highly productive careers, have declared an interest in participating in the Carmel city government. Having been privileged to spend my career on university campuses among talented and accomplished young

people, I learned that experience alone is no substitute for imagination and creativity. We should also remember that Carmel’s unique history was initiated by young people. Although senior among them, Frank Devendorf was only in his mid-forties; trendsetters like George Sterling, Gertrude Atherton, Mary Austin, James Hopper, and Jack London were all in their thirties. Even though I have qualified as a senior citizen for more than twenty years, I would revel in a return to their spirit and vision.”

When I read these words, I started thinking about the many ways in which my generation has already—gracefully, I might add—shifted responsibility onto the much stronger shoulders of the younger generation.

- In my family, I find myself turning to my two sons for advice on matters which complicate my life. I gratefully listen to the thoughtful ways in which they dissect my problems and make them go away. Young, vigorous minds are very good at problem solving.
- A local ophthalmologist (booked ahead for months), who has performed cataract surgeries on numerous Carmelites, comes to mind. Your first impression could be that this is a handsome, college student—but his looks belie his credentialed education, which has prepared him to treat an aging Monterey Peninsula population with so much skill and dexterity that his mentors are now sending their patients to him.

- And, it has happened in our nation’s capitol! A year ago, Americans overwhelmingly chose a younger man over a grizzled veteran of many campaigns.
- A challenger in this election attended my *alma mater*, Stanford, — but he wasn’t born until more than 20 years after I graduated! The other challenger earned *two* law degrees from Georgetown University and Syracuse University Law Schools while I was paying college tuition for my own sons.

The incumbents want to stay in office, they say, to sell the Flanders property. But selling Flanders is no longer an issue. The three incumbents and two challengers all agree that the issue has already been decided by the voters.

The incumbents want to stay in office to work on city finances. But can we afford this same “team” which has managed to spend more than \$1 million of public funds on legal bills and consultants, more than any council in Carmel’s history? (That total will increase dramatically if the city settles or loses Jane Miller’s pending sexual harassment and age discrimination suit against the city).

The existing City Council has been in place for a very long time. You could say the incumbent candidates’ tenure qualifies them for “career politician” status. The fact that they refer to themselves as a “team” conjures up the image of a slate of candidates marching in lock step. Missing from the “team’s” equation at City Hall is vibrancy and energy, enthusiasm and fresh ideas, and a vision for Carmel’s future. Career politicians in any situation become stagnant, placid and complacent, reactionary rather than visionary.

So, back to Richard Flower’s quote, “... experience alone is no substitute for imagination and creativity.” I too would “revel in a return to the spirit and vision” of Carmel’s youthful trendsetters. It seems logical then, that Carmel voters would want to carefully consider the two challengers seeking office in our April 13 municipal election. I for one am ready to pass the baton to a younger, more vital generation, the generation upon which our future depends.

Although legal, the ballot language is confusing ...

According to City Clerk Heidi Burch, the Election Code says that if there are more than two candidates running for two available seats, the ballot language should read “Vote for no more than two.” That seems clear, or does it ... ? We have heard over the years from many voters who think they *are required* to vote for two candidates if there are two seats open. In fact, if there is one candidate you *really* want to see in office, a smart strategy, which helps the votes add up and proves out mathematically, is to vote *only* for your favorite candidate, giving that person an edge.



Jason Burnett, left, candidate for Carmel City Council, gives his closing statement at the Feb. 17 candidates' forum sponsored by the Carmel Residents Association. Mayoral candidate Adam Moniz is seen at right. Moderated by Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo, the standing-room-only event was the 11th candidates' forum CRA has presented since 1988.

New crew to run April 13 election

On April 13, instead of our long-time, well-trained poll workers, and the staff of the Monterey County Election Department counting ballots at City Hall on election night, contractors from **Martin and Chapman**, an Anaheim-based election firm, will be in charge and volunteers from a local **Lions Club** will man the polls.

The City Council made this decision in November on the recommendation of City Clerk **Heidi Burch**, who said, "In an effort to run a cost-effective election, staff sought out other California cities to see what they have done to reduce their elections costs. Many have contracted with the Anaheim-based elections company **Martin and Chapman**, with satisfactory results. Cities that have used their services include Pasadena and Santa Barbara.

The price differential between **Martin and Chapman's** \$23,000 and the county's estimate of \$40,000 to \$50,000 seems

large, but is it? The Monterey County Registrar of Voters **Linda Tulett** told us that a large part of that difference is the fact that the city is failing to account for the considerable cost of time its own employees are spending, working on the election for the past five or six weeks, trips to Salinas by Heidi Burch and her deputy, Molly Laughlin, to verify the candidates' nomination papers, future trips to verify absentee and provisional ballot signatures and the very necessary training of the Lions Club volunteers. In addition, the Election Department will send the city a bill for all of its staff time involved in assisting and overseeing Carmel staff.

Tulett said that citizen observers have the right and are welcome to observe every aspect of the election—the set up and "audit" of the machines, sitting with poll workers, watching the absentee ballot opening, vote counting; and verifying provisional and absentee signatures at the Election Department.

BEACH CLEANUP

**Saturday, March 27
10 a.m. - noon**

- Meet at foot of Ocean Ave.
- Please bring gloves
- Coffee and cookies served courtesy of **Carmel Coffee House** and **Safeway Stores, Carmel**
- Thanks to the **Pine Cone** for the ad donated each month!

Oops! We goofed!

We had a less than stellar track record with names in the Jan./Feb. *CRA News*. We misspelled mayoral candidate **Adam Moniz's** name in the article about the Candidates' Forum, giving him an unwanted "t."

And, after her poem, we left the "n" out of **Laura Newmark's** name, turning it into a New Jersey city.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Citizen of the Year Celebration
Sun., March 14, 3 p.m.
Carmel Woman's Club
(Details page 1)

City Council Budget Workshop
Tues., March 23, 4:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
(Details page 7)

CRA Beach Cleanup
Sat., March 27, 10 a.m. to noon
Foot of Ocean Avenue
(Details this page)

Local History Lecture
The Street of the Sardine
Mon., March 29, 12 noon
Carmel Youth Center
4th and Torres
(Details page 7)

City Council Meeting
Tues., April 6, 4:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Ongoing city meeting dates
All held in City Council Chambers.
Check with City Hall for updates.
City Council, 1st Tues., 4:30 p.m.

Forest and Beach Commission, 1st
Thurs., 1:30 p.m.

Planning Commission, 2nd Wed.,
4:30 p.m.

Community Activities and Cultural Commission, 3rd Wed., 10 a.m.

Historic Resources Board, 3rd Mon.,
4 p.m.

Library Board, 4th Wed., 9 a.m.

Please see the CRA's website for the year's schedule of meetings and events.

www.carmelresidents.org

Council meeting broadcast Sunday after meeting, 8 a.m. - noon, Channel 26.

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Richard Flower—a senior who thinks young

Richard Flower is a current member of the Board of Directors of the Carmel Residents Association. This interview was conducted by both e-mail and phone. However, we have been promised a glass of excellent wine the next time we meet in person. We're looking forward to that meeting.

What brought you to Carmel? I understand you were brought up in Napa—that's a nice place to call home.

My love affair with Carmel began with my first visit in 1942. I have over the years developed respect for this village's history of treasuring and protecting its matchless environment and unique character. A part-time resident since purchasing a home here in 1996, I became a full-time resident following my wife's death four years ago. As to Napa, I feel it's a city which has recklessly squandered its resources in largely unsuccessful efforts toward immediate economic gain—certainly and thankfully something Carmel has not done.

You're from academia, on the faculty of the University of California, San Francisco. May we know your specialization; your field?

Speech pathology and audiology—the field devoted to the education and rehabilitation of children and adults with speech, language and hearing disorders. My faculty appointment was in the department of otolaryngology—put in simple terms, ear, nose and throat.

What is your connection with Harrison Library? You seem to spend a great deal of time there.

Some of my most rewarding hours are spent as a volunteer in the Local History Department. The experience has given me an even more profound appreciation and understanding of what truly distinguishes Carmel, and of the perspectives and principles which guided it through the Twentieth Century. And ... I love research.

In an earlier conversation (was it a quiet moment at a CRA Board meeting?) you alluded to another of your volunteer assignments. Was it The Center for Change in Monterey?

It was and is. Our major activities have



Richard "Dick" Flower is a retired U.C. San Francisco professor and an active member of the CRA Board of Directors.

been related to building local support for health care reform. My years of experience directing a clinical services program in a large comprehensive medical center gives me a thorough understanding of the monstrous waste, inefficiency, and unfairness of America's health care system. To some extent, national failures can be mitigated by local level creativity. I'm pleased to say that some promising ideas are coming forward in Monterey County.

As a confirmed Carmelite, what are your thoughts on the politics of this village? Of course, some would say everything is political. But where do you think Carmel is going—right, left, unchanged, constant?

I am concerned about the erosion for preserving the fundamental values that have guided Carmel. Those of us who share that concern are not just impractical "tree-huggers." We must always remember the economic health of our village depends on maintaining the uniqueness that keeps us one of America's most popular destinations for visitors. Furthermore, preservation is essential to maintaining the value of the property we own.

What is it you see in this community that gives you the most hope for the future of a tiny little village on the Pacific Coast? What could you point to as a positive indication of sustaining "the good life" here, now and in the future?

As an incurable optimist, I am heartened by at least one development. Two bright, superbly educated, young people, who have already highly productive careers, have declared an interest in participating in the Carmel city government. Having been privileged to spend my career on university campuses among talented and accomplished young people, I learned that experience alone is no substitute for their imagination and creativity. We should also remember that Carmel's unique history was initiated by young people. Although senior among them, Frank Devendorf was only in his mid-forties; trendsetters like George Sterling, Gertrude Atherton, Mary Austin, James Hopper, and Jack London were all in their thirties. Even though I have qualified as a senior citizen for more than twenty years, I would revel in a return to their spirit and vision.

by Tom Parks

For more than twenty-five years, Tom Parks was a dialogue coach for many of the biggest names in Hollywood—Bob Hope, Carol Burnett, Julie Andrews, and the cast of *Laugh In*, to name a few. He moved to Carmel 25 years ago and has since written, directed and performed in several plays and revues to broad critical acclaim and the delight of local audiences. He serves as a board member of the Carmel Residents Association, the Carmel Public Library Foundation and the Alliance on Aging.

rect that Carmel's adopted Local Coastal Plan addresses this issue. What he didn't say is that, despite repeated warnings, this City Council has totally disregarded the provisions in the coastal plan which require the city to take action to protect our beach and our sea walls. Council members seem to have no memory of the 1982-83 storms, which seriously damaged our seawalls, bluffs and beach stairways, necessitating very costly repairs. The four sea walls mentioned above have undermined footings, which could be fixed relatively inexpensively now rather than waiting for a repeat of the previous collapses. This winter's storms have not been kind. We encourage you to visit the beach and look for yourselves.

"Henny-Penny, the sky is falling."

Mayor Sue McCloud in 2/4/2010 Monterey County Weekly dismissing concerns about the need to shore up damaged sea walls

❖ An Ode to Roads

A couple of years ago the City Council commissioned an expensive consultant to do a "state of our streets" engineering study, even though another one done a few years earlier is still sitting "on a shelf."

You can do your own study—drive around the village, take a look and feel the vibrations—bad vibrations. The new report recommends an investment of nearly \$600,000 annually for the next decade just to keep pace with street deterioration. How much has been invested to date? Hardly anything. What they *have* spent has been almost exclusively in the commercial district other than a slurry seal on Scenic Road. *Nothing* spent on the residential streets in our neighborhoods.

The mayor's *Achieving Council Objectives, January 2010* report boasts \$516,000 spent on street projects in 2008-09, with "some 60 in the downtown district." How is that possible? Outside sources are providing grant funds for rebuilding another downtown street and the beach parking lot—but the city is not willing to expend any of its own annual revenues or vast reserves for our rapidly-crumbling residential streets.

❖ Forest Theater Renovation

In 2008 the council took control of the Forest Theater Foundation's design and continued to use its Los Angeles-based architect. The city held only one meeting to obtain public input. The architect was directed to eliminate many design elements, distilling it to a master plan even though a similar adopted document has been sitting "on the shelf" at City Hall since 2001. Sound familiar? The architect's pared-down design was presented at an estimated cost of \$3.4 million, excluding

many required fees. Actual costs could reach \$5-6 million.

The architect was also directed to provide a construction phasing plan. The council was unhappy with his plan and the impossible price tag, reflected in Councilman Talmage's statement on July 7, 2009, "We may have wasted money." To date the city has committed \$146,000 for the design phase and cost estimating.

In September 2009, hoping to salvage the project, the city contracted with a professional construction management firm to determine how best to affordably address construction phasing, provide better costs estimates, and report its findings. Despite hopes of completing the renovation in time for the theater's 2010 centennial, the city has not presented the report to the public, even though the firm's representative said the report would be completed in a month's time.

❖ Abandoned City Assets

It appears the council has walked away from the Scout House. It lies abandoned (on the N.E. corner of Mission and 8th), unoccupied with virtually no maintenance. The same is true for the Rio Park property. Conceptual design plans were prepared years ago with no action on the council's part to move forward with even minimal improvements. The park languishes as a dumping ground for city materials and construction waste. There are well over \$100,000 dollars sitting in a city reserve account designated specifically for site restoration and landscaping. If minimal improvements were undertaken, our residents could use this valuable piece of property as a natural extension of the Mission Trails Nature Preserve.

❖ Fire Service Options

In March 2009, Monterey presented its proposal to merge fire departments with Carmel, offering a high price tag with sketchy details. After persistent urging from citizens and the CRA board to consider all available options, the Carmel City Council agreed last December to do just that. So what's missing? A time line for the city administrator to provide this report at a public meeting for council's review of these options. Monterey pulled back from pressuring Carmel into a decision to merge and extended its contract for administrative services to December 31, 2010. Their new strategy is to push for the development of a regional fire district, encompassing other Peninsula cities, which would proportionally share both governance and costs. Carmel agreed to participate in the analysis of this option, although this does not commit our city to any particular outcome. Again, there is no time line set for completion of the analysis. So far, all requests from the CRA board to the mayor and council for progress updates on fire service analyses have been met with silence.

This is a beginning. We have more issues on our list. If you have a concern about an unresolved issue, please send an e-mail to carmel-residents@gmail.com and we will make every attempt to present as many facts as we can find in a future City Watch column.

Still time to register to vote!

If you are not registered to vote or have recently moved, you can pick up a *Voter Registration Form* from Carmel City Hall or the Post Office. According to the Monterey County Election Department, in order to qualify to vote in the April 13 Carmel municipal election, your voter registration form must be postmarked on or before March 29.

Anyone can be placed on the permanent absentee voter list by checking and initialing a box on the voter registration form. Or, you can order an absentee ballot with the form on your sample ballot. It's a good way to ensure that your vote will count, even if travel or illness keeps you away on election day. With new, volunteer poll workers and the increased possibility of confusion, this is probably a good year to vote absentee!

It's budget time again!

City Council budget hearings are the best time to let the council know how you think they should spend your tax dollars. Whether you want your neighborhood streets repaired, more trees planted, more cleanup of charcoal on the beach or more library hours—this is your chance to make a case for your favorite projects.

Here is the schedule—all meetings are in Council Chambers.

Tues., 23 March, 4:30 p.m.

Special workshop for City Council to set 3-year goals and priorities

Wed., 14 April, 4:30 p.m.

Planning commission will review the 2010/2011 Capital Improvement Program

Tues., 27 April, 4:30 p.m.

Special meeting for council to receive proposed budget from the city administrator

Thurs., 20 May, 4:30 p.m.

City Council workshop study session and public hearing to review/adopt budget

Thurs., 27 May, 4:30 p.m.

Special City Council Meeting (if budget not adopted on May 20)—public hearing to review/adopt budget

Move over—or you might be sorry!

Should we believe everything that lands in our e-mail in-box? Of course not. So, when we received a couple of stories about someone's son receiving a ticket, "points," and large fine for passing two police cars which were stopped on the side of the road, we decided to investigate.

Turns out the State of California *does* have a *Move Over/Slow Down* law—but it has been in place since 2007. On Jan. 1, 2010, sunset provisions were removed from the law, making it permanent, along with a few changes.

Basically, motorists are required to take specific action when approaching an area on the freeway where emergency vehicles are present and displaying emergency lights. Drivers must ideally move over to a lane not adjacent to the stopped emergency vehicles. If that is not practical or safe to do, you must slow down to a reasonable speed that is safe for the existing weather, road,

and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions, 20 mph *under* the existing speed limit, for example.

One of the Jan. 1 changes adds Caltrans vehicles displaying flashing amber warning lights to the list of vehicles for which motorists must slow down and, if safe, move over. To date, 45 other states have enacted similar move-over laws.

"This protects the safety of our workers," said Caltrans Director Randy Iwasaki. "Highway workers face the same dangers from fast moving traffic as emergency personnel and tow-truck operators." Since 1924, 174 Caltrans workers have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Back to the circulating e-mails—we were unable to verify the \$700+ fine or "points" referred to in the versions we received. The only reference to a fine is \$50 in the original 2007 law.

Local History Lecture

The Street of the Sardine: The Legacy of Cannery Row

March 29, 12 p.m., Carmel Youth Center, 4th & Torres

Eva Lothar's 1968 short film *Street of the Sardine* stands as stark testimony of man's mismanagement of his natural resources and of a microcosmic civilization rapidly come and gone: the sardine industry of Monterey's Cannery Row. Thirty-two years later, see how much Cannery Row has changed and how the environmental message still resonates today. The program includes a screening of the 21-minute film.



Judy Knight and David Refuerzo were part of the large Carmel Residents Association group which had dinner at Flaherty's in January. After years of commuting back and forth from Fremont, Judy, David and their three Italian Spinonis are now full-time Carmel residents. No, we're not talking about tricolor ice cream. The Italian Spinoni, a beautiful sporting dog, is becoming more and more popular in the U.S., not only for hunting, but as a gentle companion.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Jane Frost

OUR FAVORITE PLACES

Carmel Plaza and all that jazz

A constant, but shy, reader writes: "After a delicious dinner at **Kenny Fukumoto's Flying Fish** restaurant at **Carmel Plaza**, we were headed home, but stopped dead in our tracks at the sound of great guitar music coming from **Bistro Beaujolais**. We didn't leave for another hour and a half! **Martin Shears** (unless he has another gig) plays guitar and sings Friday and Saturday nights starting about 7:30 p.m. at the Bistro. A delightful evening." And while we are on the subject of the

Plaza, we were very pleased to learn that **Khaki's Men's Clothier** (and soon to be women's) is opening in the Plaza's flagship location—the vacated I. Magnin/Saks/Wilkes Bashford store. Depending on how long you have lived here, you know it by one of those three names.

And, **Homescapes** will soon move back to Carmel and into the Plaza. Very good news that we will have these two locally-owned and operated, highly-esteemed businesses in our village.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Blaming this administration or any other administration for a lot of silly lawsuits is simply drawing the wrong conclusion from the facts."

Carmel City Councilman Gerard Rose—at the CRA Candidates' Forum in answer to moderator Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo's question: *"If elected, or reelected, what would you do to reduce the city's exposure to additional harassment and discrimination lawsuits that the city can ill afford to defend?"*

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READABLE READS

The Lacuna

by **Barbara Kingsolver**

Mary Condry writes, "Barbara Kingsolver's latest historical novel, *The Lacuna*, provides a rich view into early and mid twentieth century events and political philosophies. Through the life of the main fictional character, Harrison Shepherd, we get to live inside and experience the Trotsky/Stalin, WWII and McCarthy eras with insightful doses of life in Mexico and the U.S. thrown in for good measure. The lives of artists Diego Rivera and his wife Frida Kahlo add more enriching color!

"What a well-written work! You will find yourself savoring this read even after you finish the final word!"

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