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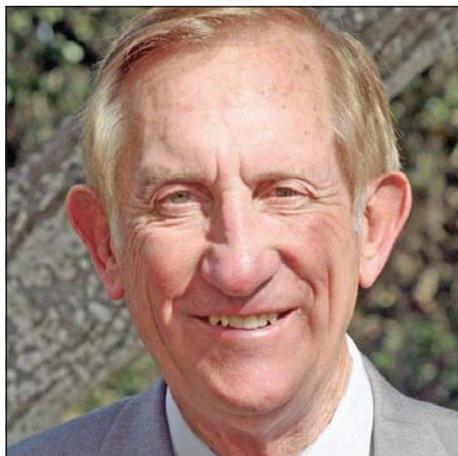
Break Out the Bunting! Make Way for the Candidates Forum!

**CARMEL
CANDIDATES FORUM
THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27,
CARPENTER HALL,
7:00-9:00 PM**

Every 2 years, for the past 30, the Carmel Residents Association has sponsored the Carmel Candidates Forum. These 15 Forums have allowed voters to assess candidates seeking election to mayoral and council positions. What makes this election different from the others is that for the first time in its history, Carmel will hold its Municipal Election in November, coincidental with the national election. Public interest in reducing costs of our municipal elections made it inevitable that the stand-alone Carmel election would merge with the national as all other Monterey Peninsula cities have done.

This is decidedly a break in tradition. Formerly, city elections were held in April, with members of the Monterey County Election Department at City Hall to reveal to expectant candidates and their supporters, results of the election. Although there will be no representatives from the election department on election eve, the City will still host a party in City Hall Chambers.

As in years past, the room will be filled with the candidates and their supporters all in a state of excitement, anticipation and dread. City staff will serve cake, punch and cookies from tables



Dean Flippo

festively festooned in red, white and blue. Instead of the city clerk tallying results on a large white board as they slowly trickle in, this new system will have results periodically posted on a large screen.

First to be tallied by the county election officials will be the absentee ballots. A hush will fall over Chambers as people read the incoming results. Slowly over the next several hours, we will wait for results from the two voting precincts. Finally, photographers and reporters from the various papers, eager for the best shot or best quote, will surround the winners.

The change in posting results will in no way diminish the public interest in the Candidates Forum. In fact, standing

room only is always forecast for the Carpenter Hall event. Monterey County District Attorney, Dean Flippo, will return as moderator of the Forum and will direct questions to the candidates which have been written by the audience. The candidates, sitting at tables draped with bunting, will give opening and closing statements and answer the questions posed by the moderator.

CRA timers will make sure that opening and closing statements are kept to the times set and that questions will be answered succinctly so that all candidates may have a fair shake at representation.

Pencils and cards for questions will be given out by CRA members attired in red/white/blue, and runners will pick up cards from the audience.

The community is encouraged to come early for best seating. The meeting, which will start promptly at 7:00 p.m., is free and open to the public.

See related election articles pages 3, 4, 5 & 6 ■

CRA Candidates Forum

Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

**Thursday, September 27
7 - 9 p.m.**

**Free and open to the public
Come early for best seating**



We've got rhythm,
We've got our town,
We've got our vote,
Who could ask for
anything more!

There is mounting concern over the unsettling knowledge that big development, once considered impossible for this tiny village, is not just pie-in-the-sky, but a coming reality.

It started a few years ago with the startling news that the Carmel Sands (renamed Carmel Lodge) would be torn down and a huge fortress-like hotel built in its place. Plans were approved; over the objections of villagers, however funding was not available and the property was sold. The new owners are sensitive locals with long-time ties to Carmel and Pebble Beach. Surely, should the time come



NIC COURY

lost. Once there were 7 gas stations in the village, now there are 2 with a possibility that there could be just one. And if just one, how easy to go to the number none.

Hold on to your hats! We are not through with the litany of ideas for changing little CBTS into a thriving metropolis. Rumors suggest a P.G. developer has an idea for a 5-star, 200-room hotel

What can we do? Other than hand-wringing and exclamations of dire gloom, what action should the city take?

for them to change Carmel Lodge, they would do so with care and concern for fitting the architecture to the streetscape, the neighborhood and village.

The recent development at Dolores and 5th is the largest construction since the building of the Carmel Plaza. How this big hole in the ground will turn out remains to be seen. The question is, how will it blend with the patina and scale of its neighbors? This mixed-use development will contain retail space as well as both market-rate and affordable/moderate housing.

More market-rate condos are in the works. Plans have been drawn for 4 condos above historic buildings on Dolores, south east of Ocean Avenue. Rumors are that the Shell station at Dolores & 5th will be torn down to make room for, you guessed it, more market rate condos!

If this development comes to pass, part of Carmel history will have been

at Vista Lobos. The concept has the developer gobbling up the small inn across from the Carmel Youth Center, as well as the corner lot on Junipero at 4th which is a gas/towing station. There would go the last gas station in our village.

Even larger threats now loom on the horizon. The Christian Science Church, with property on Monte Verde & Lincoln, between 5th and 6th, has plans to tear down the existing church, clear the parking lots and construct 26 market-rate condos and a new church. This proposal, which has not yet come to the Planning Commission for review, concerns townspeople for its lack of moderate-priced apartments for workforce who want to live in Carmel and cannot afford to buy. If this administration is committed to fulfilling its affordable housing quota, then it must develop new guidelines, policies and ordinances.

What can we do? Other than hand-wringing and exclamations of dire gloom, what action should the city take? Before any more permits are pulled for incremental building, the city should STOP, LOOK & LISTEN. STOP all development until a master plan and/or EIR can be developed for the village. LOOK at what we have done in the past. See our mistakes, see our successes and learn from them both. LISTEN to what Carmel's cofounders, Devendorf and Powers, had to say back in 1916. The city fathers intuited that pressure could bend the will of elected officials and they warned that future commercial development should be in human scale.

Over the years, there has been a graceful rhythm of development to Carmel's commercial district. What jars us the most is the realization that we might trade our rhythm, our grace and our 102-year traditions for something tempting and out of sync with the village. ■

REMEMBER TO VOTE

NOVEMBER 6
FOR MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL!

"A vote is an act of trust."

"A vote is an act of faith."

"A vote is an act of confidence."

"A vote is an act of hope."

J.S. Holliday – Carmel elections, 1988

Old Carmel

1916 ELECTION

By Doug Schmitz

Should we be a city---or not? By Summer 1916, the quiet conversations of spring in the Carmel Development Company office of J.F. Devendorf had catapulted to a boisterous public commentary. Devendorf, Perry Newberry and H.L. Warren were the chief initiators of the August petition to the Board of Supervisors, signed by fifty-four Carmelites, asking for a vote to create the “City of Carmel by the Sea.”

There have been many elections in the Village during the past century, some significant, some notorious, some ho-hum, but the 1916 plebiscite for incorporation has had the most lasting impact. The petition drafters listed the estimated population as 550. Pursuant to State law, a locale needed at least 500 inhabitants to have an incorporation vote placed on a ballot by the county supervisors. Decades later, Herb Heron would tell the apocryphal tale that the population in that summer of 1916 had only been 499 but a local couple entered Devendorf’s office and during the conversation announced they were expecting a child, causing J.F. to run onto Ocean Avenue screaming “we have our 500.”

The petition to the Board was signed by the mandarins of the village; there were six Leidigs, two Overstreets, and Devendorf, Kibbler, Warren, Tom Reardon, J.E. Nichols, R.J. DeYoe, L.S. Slevin and H.P. Lauroutte. In early September, the petition was placed before the Board of Supervisors in Salinas. *The Pine Cone* headlined “Citizens Take Preliminary Steps to Incorporate” in its 9 September edition and later reported that the population was “well over the 500 minimum required by law to incorporate.”

After its own census confirmed the population, the Board ordered an election for 26 October. During the autumn, a



Frank Devendorf

community meeting was held to discuss the pros and cons of incorporation and to select nominations for the new Board of Trustees (the early title for city council.) It was decided that the ten or eleven names receiving the highest number of votes would be the nominees for the Board; there would be two candidates for each of the positions of city clerk and city treasurer. Twenty-one names were placed before the citizenry at that meeting.

The Pine Cone advocated for incorporation, stating in an early October editorial that “there must be someone or some body of persons to assume the load of responsibility for the community’s common interests” and further enumerating that “...about \$1800 a year of taxes paid by us, now going to the county, will come back to us to conduct our own municipality.” “We can have police protection, fire protection, sanitary protection... We can have officers at our hand when they are

needed.”

Opponents believed that “...the village has been so happy and contented in the past that it is a shame to make a change” and that there was a “...fear of increased taxation, special assessments, more to pay out.”

On Election Day, Carmelites approved incorporation 113-86 and voted five candidates onto the first council--- A.P. Fraser, Peter Taylor, G.F. Beardsley, Eva K. DeSabra and D.W.W. Johnson. Among the names more familiar to us today, M.J. Murphy finished sixth and Perry Newberry ninth. L.S. Slevin was elected the city’s first treasurer.

The selection of a city clerk was fascinating. Two days before the election, J.E. Nichols, head foreman (chief) of the Carmel Chemical Company (the early fire department) announced his candidacy as a write-in for clerk. Nichols probably did this because his longtime nemesis H.P. Larouette was one of the two listed candidates on the ballot. To most everyone’s astonishment, Nichols beat both of the announced candidates, and by a considerable number of votes. The Nichols-Larouette rivalry would play out over the coming decade, culminating with Larouette’s election to the town council... and Nichols termination as the city’s second fire chief.

On Halloween 1916, the county supervisors certified the election results. The next day, the town newspaper editorialized with a few “suggestions” of where the new city trustees could focus their attention. “Remove unsightly shacks and out houses; repair the drinking trough on Ocean Avenue; order repair of unsafe sidewalks; erect street and points of interest signs; impose a dog tax; establish a speed limit for automobiles; and, there are others.” ■



Vote on November 6!

Are you ready for the November election?

HERE'S WHAT THE CANDIDATES HAVE TO SAY.

In advance of our candidates forum, *The Voice* talked directly to those who are putting forth their names for residents' votes.

We interviewed both mayoral and council candidates at various locations. We asked questions that we believed individual voters would have asked had they been present.

Here are the results of our meetings. If we missed an issue that is of special interest to our readers, you will have a chance to direct those questions in person on September 27th at Carpenter Hall.

We'll see you there. ■

Mayoral Candidates

STEVE DALLAS



Mayor Dallas is a born Carmelite. He and his family have been builders for over fifty years. He takes pride in having been chosen by his school to attend Boys State for High School seniors which brought him early to politics.

► *You have served for two years. How would you characterize your leadership in terms of problem solving, innovation, residents' concerns, and the general civility at City Hall?*

In response to questions of leadership and problem-solving, I think we've put more items on the agenda and

solved more issues in the last two years than Councils of the past. The Flanders mansion, the Sunset Center, the Forest Theater, and the PG&E settlements are all projects which have been debated and, in most cases, resolved. We're currently repaving our streets, and we're discussing and hope to implement a new beach pathway. We have been a leader in the banning of plastics in California cities. In fact, we have been one of the first cities in the country to do so.

To the question of civility in City Hall, we have, in my opinion, an excellent working relationship. Each Council member brings some specialty to the table. We read and study our agenda so that we're all up to speed at meeting time. And we have a 90% consensus record on voting issues. That speaks to resolution and congeniality.

► *What is your thinking on tourism, yearly events, businesses?*

Tourism: We need the right kind of tourist, and that is the overnight visitor. We've doubled tour bus fees, and we'll look at this next year when the issue is again visited. Events: I think we have the right number of events. Of course, we have Car Week which tends to be a crazy time in the village but remains a very popular happening. Business: I think we need to focus more on small, mom and pop businesses which are being gobbled up by internet shopping. Small businesses are at the very heart of this beautiful village. Wine tasting: The community will have to get together to look at the number of venues in the village. If we have to revisit the issue, we'll want our residents to be part of the decision making.

► *Why are you seeking a second term for the office of Mayor?*

I'm a candidate again in order to continue the real values we achieved in the last two years. To keep moving forward, working with the community, listening to each other. And carrying over the successes and the positive results of my first term. ■



EUGENE HUGHES



Eugene Hughes has been in and out of Carmel for 26 years. He and his wife own a house on Carmelo which they have had since 1992. In the early years they visited as often as Gene's work as a Consulting engineer in the Bay Area would allow. Since the beginning of 2018 he has been permanent resident.

► *You have been a full time Carmel resident for a relatively short time. How well do you know this village, its history, its needs, its tempo?*

I think I know this village, I'm in sync with the people and the environment. We don't want to be over-developed but at the same time we need to recognize that things change, we must accommodate that.

► *Some issues that candidates might consider, for instance, what is your thinking on tourism?*

We can't do without it but at the same time we don't want to be swamped by it. Of course, we'd like people to come and stay here, a week, a month. We don't want to be Disneyland, we want visitors to enjoy the natural wonders of our forest and beach just as we, as residents do.

► *There are 20 wine tasting rooms in the village. Too many? A cap on the number?*

I think having wine tasting rooms is a good thing. Too many is not. I think we're saturated, maybe more than saturated. A cap on the rooms? I would hope that there is another way to limit these businesses.

► *Events like Car Week—how do you feel?*

I think Car Week is a good thing. We just need to be careful how we plan it in terms of traffic and congestion, keeping our residents in mind.

► **What qualifications would you bring to the Mayor's office if elected?**

We need to bring together government and residents. I've worked for years with groups seeking accommodation, consensus. It's possible with the right person at the helm.

► **Finally, why are you seeking this office?**

As mayor, I will seek to preserve our core values and community, enhance our safety and security, embrace change, and celebrate our unique village life. ■

DAVE POTTER



► **As a builder and a former county supervisor, you have name recognition in this election. Do you see a hurdle in changing hats from county to a small village?**

I don't see a problem with changing hats, as you say. I've been involved in administration in Monterey County for several years. Carmel is a small village, unlike the rest of the towns in Monterey county. I'm a resident here, and like so many locals I love it. And I'm familiar with its people. Well, we're a small village so it's no surprise that we know our neighbors. My hat fits the neighborhood.

► **What new ideas or innovations or reforms have you in mind if you are elected?**

I would hope that the city government would be more inclusive with the citizens, open-up dialogue. Where neighborhood communities, citizens, could speak to City Hall. Funds could be freed

up to support projects directly impacting those neighborhoods.

► **Any thoughts on tourism, wine tasting rooms?**

I think it's a delicate balance between too much and too little. When we have a peak season for tourism, I don't think we need to market that period at all. In the slower seasons, then we might go ahead to help-out the businesses in the off seasons. As to wine tasting rooms, I look at it the same way as art galleries, do we have too many? And if so, then we need to look at that number, carefully.

► **Why are you seeking this office?**

I think elective office is a privilege. There was a time when you weren't a politician, you were a statesman. The mayor is a figurehead in the city.

I think we can use experience representation that respects the public and the public process, and a person who is moderate in approach, and is consensus building. I have been a consensus builder, and I believe I can help Carmel to move forward in challenging times. ■

City Council Candidates

JEFF BARON



He has been a full-time resident of the village since 2011. A Harvard graduate in computer science, Jeff Baron seeks a chair on the City Council.

► **In what capacity have you served, or are serving in this community?**

I was appointed by Mayor Burnett to the Forest and Beach Commission. I serve at the library assisting patrons with electronic books and other technical

"If you live in Carmel-by-the Sea and die and go to heaven, you could be very disappointed."

Overheard by Carlin Jardin, CRA member

issues—I've been doing this for six years.

I frequently speak out at Council meetings for clarification on agenda items.

► **What special talents or knowledge would you bring to a chair on the City Council?**

First, I believe I'm a critical thinker on evaluating my own thoughts, but also for what is best for the community, and for our residents. I think the Council should do a better job in bringing the community into the process by attending and contributing thoughts and ideas at those meetings. There just isn't enough resident participation in our government. If the Council doesn't hear from the public, the government is unable to view and act on many local issues.

► **Do you have new or untested ideas for the governance of this village?**

I have long experience in working with and managing professionals in many projects. I would hope we could have a collective vision where we want to be 25 years from now. This was discussed in 1991 under the Jean Grace period. For me it was illustrative to read that report to see what progress, if any, we had made from '91 to 2016. One of the items in that report was the concern of the diminishing number of full time residents in Carmel. It seems to me we could put our heads together to see what we can do to encourage new home owners to live here permanently—not only for the natural beauty of Carmel, but also for the importance of having registered voters at election time.

► **Why are you seeking this office?**

I think I can help the city government do a better job of not only listening to its constituents, and talking to its constituents, in leading the town government that plans for the future and lives within its means. And a city government that respects the quality of life of all of us who live here. ■

CAROLYN HARDY



Carolyn Hardy is a native Californian and a Carmel resident for 32 years. She has a background in legal, accounting and design issues.

She is seeking a seat on the City Council.

► *You've spent close to two years on the City Council, and you have a history of community involvement. In your estimation, what decisions in your service were of the most importance, decisions that you may have taken pride in?*

Community service is what I do. The current City Council has been one of the most effective and productive in a long time. Most important decisions made in the last two years: We negotiated a long-term theater management agreement with the Sunset Center. Recently we implemented four million dollars in village infrastructure improvements, and significantly addressed limits on short-term rentals.

► *In your opinion what issues remain to be addressed? Can you refer to tourism, events, resident's concerns?*

We are a one industry town, relying on tourism for much of our revenue, and we must be mindful of that. But as over-tourism becomes a worldwide problem, we should come together to see how our community might address potential negative impacts of visitors who vacation in our village. We must look to future revenue opportunities. We need to see through the renovation of the Police Department. There is much to address.

► *Why are you seeking another term on the Carmel City Council?*

As I said at the start of this interview, community service is what I do. I have

been committed to this village and have served in many capacities for many local causes for many years. I hope to continue to do so. ■

CARRIE THEIS



► *You're a business woman catering to the Carmel visitor/tourist. How has your occupation influenced your decision-making on the Council, or has it?*

It has not. Look, I'm a business woman, and also a full-time resident, and have been for many years. I understand this place. I so enjoy sharing the beauty of Carmel with the people who come to me in my Carmel Inn. I understand, too, what the visitor brings to the village—dollars, and the appreciation of our natural beauty. And those dollars go to the upkeep, the infrastructures of a very special place on the California Coast. We must have a balance of residents and businesses.

► *If you should succeed in winning a second term what would be your priorities in facing the number of issues left unresolved during your tenure?*

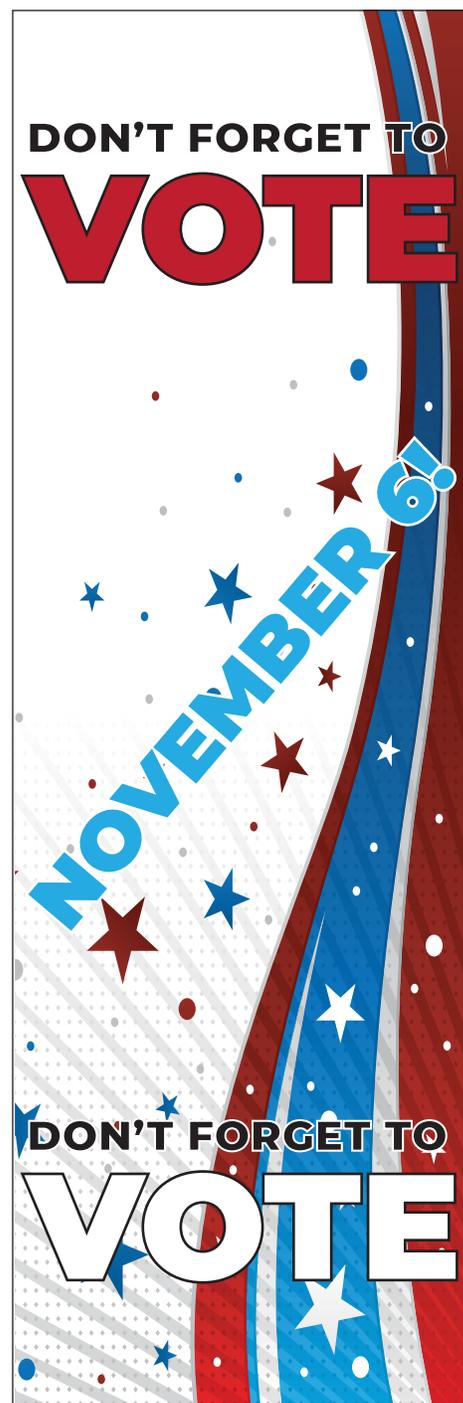
I would say there are probably four: The remodel and expansion of the Police Station. We need to revisit Measure D, the current 1% addition to the sales tax, keeping it at a total of 8.75%. We need to look again at employment retirements. And we all know that water is as important as any issue facing Carmel and all of California.

► *Your take on beach fires?*

We can't please everybody. The situation in the past of 75 to 100 wood fires on Carmel Beach was terrible. Today we have installed 9 fire containment rings. There is now considerably less smoke. It's a compromise that we're continuing to monitor.

► *Wine tasting rooms? There are currently 20.*

Retail is changing today. The boutiques of yesterday are going or are gone. People are shopping on line. Carmel's small shops are having a difficult time keeping up with web sales. We need alternatives in retail and the wine rooms are offering that. And they offer an experience that our visitors find attractive. As much as many of us would like resident-serving businesses (the shoe repair, the laundry, etc.), we no longer have a population that can support those businesses. ■



Celebrating Community

Many thanks to all who attended the July 4th Picnic in the Park and a great big thank you to the city and staff of CBTS who worked so hard to make a safe and festive event. According to chair Ann Pendleton, "800 bowls of fruits and nuts were given out." CRA was happy to be part of this celebration of our country's birthday. We hope that this tradition of city and non-profits, working closely together, will continue for many more years.

Thank you to our committee and donors who made the fruit and nut offering possible.

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CRA Community Outreach

The Carmel Residents Association is pleased to announce our community outreach programs (Dick Stiles, Chair) for 2018:

I Carmel High School scholarship given to advance educational opportunities for a CHS student in community college, with vocational needs. A meaningful investment in a student's life.

I Music in the Schools through Chamber Music Monterey Bay which creates opportunities for aspiring musicians to learn at the hands of professional musicians.

I Carmel High School Sober Grad Night for a safe and fun way to celebrate graduation.

CRA Dines Out!



CRA members mark your calendars October 17, 5:30 p.m. for a very special Dines Out! at the Village Corner! Chef Soerke Peters is well known in town for his culinary talents and the menu selections he's chosen for us are sure to please! Our meal will begin with a green salad. Entrée choices: Mary's Oven Roasted Chicken Breast with mashed potatoes and brocolini; Skuna Bay Salmon Filet with Pistachio Crust, Cilantro Butter Sauce; Crepe & Farm Egg made with Spinach, Wild Mushrooms, Wild Arugula, Lemon Vinaigrette and a Poached Farm Egg. A special dessert accompanied by world-renowned Illy coffee will be served. The Village Corner, located at NE corner of Dolores & 6th is a green certified restaurant and all produce and fish are locally sourced. The cost of this delightful adventure is \$35.00 per person. A selection of wines will be offered at \$7.00 (cash) per glass. This is sure to be a Dines Out! that can't be missed!

Please join us by sending your check made out to CRA with your entrée selection of chicken, fish, or veggie to Darlene Mosley, P.O. Box 1135, Carmel by the Sea, CA, 93921. Reservations must be received by October 8th for this sure to sellout dinner.

CRA LOVERS OF CARMEL BEACH

CRA's beach clean-up activity – Lovers of Carmel Beach, has been at it since May. As usual we have a great group of volunteers (old and new) who show up to help keep our beach clean. We like to think that we are helping not only those of us who walk and use the beach but also



the underwater ocean community which we share. What is left on the beach ends up in the water.

The ongoing beach fire pilot is an important step in reducing the amount of charcoal on our white sand. The smokeless fire pits help reduce smoke pollution.

Over the next months we will be doing more to get the leftover charcoal off the beach.

A big thank you to all our dedicated volunteers. We set up at the bottom of Ocean Ave. on the third Saturday of each month, 9am-12pm, May through October. The dates for our upcoming clean ups are September 15 & October 20... global awareness, local action.

To volunteer for CRA Lovers of Carmel Beach Cleanup, email Lauren: lcottrell@me.com

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CHEERS & CHIDES

 **CHEERS** The Carmel Residents Association has expanded its membership to include a larger geographical area for those who consider Carmel-by-the-Sea as “their town.”

 **CHIDES** The orange mesh mounted on the police station demands that the city reconsider the design of the expansion. Suggestion: find another architect. Scale it back, guys.

 **CHEERS** Harrison Library, our library, is considering Sunday openings. Great for working residents who are unable to get to the books during the week. Let's hope this happens.

 **CHEERS... AND CHIDES**  Dog owners—we love 'em. BUT, if you want them to run on the beach you gotta pick up after them. That's why baggies were invented.

 **CHEERS** To the Historic Resource Board for voting to keep the 1902 Jeffers Log Cabin on the historic inventory of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

 **CHEERS** Driving life is much relieved for locals and visitors since the new turnabout on 68 and the redo of Highway One and Rio Road soon will be completed. Now, if we can only get everyone to observe the STOP signs.

 **CHIDES** City regs may have finally enforced the no sidewalk touting by Ocean Avenue retailers. Still, there they stand hawking their wares at their front doors. The carnival lives—right here in town.

 **CHIDES** To one of our city attorneys who personally attacked a respected newspaper man. CRA endorses civility in all city matters.

 **CHEERS** Eric Nystrom, Carmel's favorite auto mechanic, is returning to Carmel! He'll be open for business in September at the Alliance service station, 4th and Junipero. Welcome home, Eric.

On
November 6,

Don't
forget to vote!