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Carmel High caps 12-0 season with another rout

■ Team to be honored with dinner, parade

By CHRIS COUNTS

FAMOUS FOR its pristine beaches, its thriving art community and its quirky charms, Carmel can now lay claim to an honor that few imagined was possible — football champion.

Carmel High School had its hands full Saturday against Menlo School of Atherton, but the team's offense continued its season-long domination of opponents, leading the Padres to a 56-35 victory and a first-ever Central Coast Section Division IV football crown.

As they have done all year, quarterback Devin Pearson and halfback Dylan Hopkins paced the Padres' offense. Pearson was nearly perfect, completing 16 of 17 passes for 296 yards and three touchdowns, and running for a score. Hopkins, meanwhile, rushed for 97 yards on 16 carries and reached the end zone twice. Also filling up the stat sheet



The Carmel High School football team defeated Menlo School Saturday, 56-35 to capture the Padres' first-ever Central Coast Section Division IV football crown. To help celebrate the win, the team will host a fundraising dinner and march in a parade.

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were wide receiver Garrett Woodward, who caught two touchdown passes, and wide receiver Martin Enriquez, who caught another scoring toss.

"I'm so proud of how hard our players worked," head coach Golden Anderson said. "We knew we had a good team, but the way we played this year, it was pretty amazing."

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Mandurrago sues over Dolores Street project — again

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WITH THE Carmel City Council's final denial of his building plans in November, designer John Mandurrago filed suit against the city again Friday. Mandurrago, who wants to tear down the old bank building at Dolores and Seventh to replace it with condos, a couple of low-income apartments, retail space and an underground parking garage, is asking a judge to overturn the denial and demand the project be permitted.

"They're calling the building architecturally significant, and saying that by tearing it down, we are having a negative impact on the surrounding environment," Mandurrago told The Pine Cone. "We think this is a bunch of baloney, so I guess we have to go into court, and the judge will decide."

The Plaza del Mar project has followed a convoluted path since Mandurrago first approached the city with his ideas for the property in early September 2001. An environmental impact report concluded the building, designed by architect Walter Burde and constructed in the early 1970s, was not historic, and the city council eventually agreed with that finding

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Bach Fest picks Goodwin to succeed Weil



Paul Goodwin will take over as music director of the Carmel Bach Festival in 2011.

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WHEN BRUNO Weil puts down his baton for the last time at Sunset Center in July, he will be replaced as Music Director of the Carmel Bach Festival by Paul Goodwin, a renowned British conductor of modern and classical music, Bach Fest officials announced Thursday. The appointment will give the festival "fresh vigor" and help it reach "new heights," said Camille Kolles, the festival's executive director.

"I got such a wonderful feeling when I visited

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COMMISSION: NO EIR NEEDED FOR CARMEL SANDS

By MARY BROWNFIELD

IN THE city that conducted extensive environmental impact reports on the proposed sale of an historic house, the tear-down of an old bank building, and the demolition-turned-remodel of two cottages on Scenic Road, the Carmel Planning Commission unanimously decided Wednesday not to require an EIR for a proposal to demolish an outdated motel and replace it with an upscale boutique hotel.

Pacific Grove architect Eric Miller offered a lengthy presentation on the project, including a video simulation of a walk around and through the property. Owner David How has proposed to construct a new 42-room hotel with conference rooms, two shops, a restaurant, a spa, a 65-space underground garage, and an intrablock walkway and courtyard.

Sand City hotel project gets big thumbs down

By KELLY NIX

THE EXECUTIVE director of the California Coastal Commission, Peter Douglas, has recommended commissioners turn down a proposed oceanfront "ecoresort" in Sand City drawn up by a San Francisco developer.

For the second time this year, Douglas and his staff have urged the commission to reject the Monterey Bay Shores Resort, which includes a 160-room hotel, 180 condominiums, conference center, underground parking and dune habitat restoration project on oceanfront property in Sand City which has long been zoned for a hotel.

In its recommendation to turn down the project, the staff's report says the project is inconsistent with state law and local

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The plans were first unveiled in the summer of 2008 and then underwent revisions following a planning commission meeting a year ago. Miller and How said they took planners' and community members' comments into account in the redesign, including reducing the number of proposed rooms from 58 to 42 — the same number on the property now —

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Former EPA official mulls run for city office

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A FORMER high-level Environmental Protection Agency staffer who runs his own green-energy investment company and is helping the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History get back on its feet is also considering running for office in Carmel.



Jason Burnett

But before he commits, Jason Burnett is taking the unusual step of polling city voters over the phone.

"I'm in listening mode right now," Burnett said Tuesday. The filing period for the April 13, 2010, election of the mayor and two city council members

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