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Landslide puts Burnett on council; McCloud gets sixth term



Things were hopping at city hall on election night. (Clockwise from top left) Mayor Sue McCloud, city administrator Rich Guillen and Gerard Rose await the returns. Scott and Judy Martin begin counting the ballots as city clerk Heidi Burch looks on. Rose, Jason Burnett and Paula Hazdovac greet each other just before the results are announced. Adam Moniz hugs a supporter. Burnett adds initial vote totals to his Facebook page via his mobile phone. And McCloud is congratulated on her victory by Paul Brocchini.

PHOTOS/PAUL MILLER

■ Hazdovac reelected over Rose

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CITY COUNCIL challenger Jason Burnett, who seemingly came from nowhere when he announced his candidacy just four months ago, had a resounding victory Tuesday night, with almost 72 percent of voters picking him for city council.

Burnett received 1,182 votes from the 1,652 voters who participated in the election.

Mayoral challenger Adam Moniz lost to five-term Mayor Sue McCloud with 736 votes to her 847, and councilwoman Paula Hazdovac, who joined the council in 1994, was elected to her sixth term, receiving 696 votes.

Carmel-by-the-Sea has 2,800 registered voters, city clerk Heidi Burch said.

Burnett's huge margin was remarkable in a city whose elections have often come down to differences of just a few votes.

In 2008, challenger Michael LePage lost to incumbent council member Ken Talmage by just 22 votes, receiving 747 to Talmage's 769, while incumbent councilwoman Karen Sharp received 784. At the time, some said LePage lost the election because people thought they had to vote for two candidates, failing to realize they could vote for one or two. During this year's campaign, some Burnett supporters were reportedly urging voters to solely choose him, which partially accounts for his decisive victory.

"Vote for one," was huge," said Hazdovac, who was sad to see Gerard Rose lose and said she will miss his legal expertise and experience on the council. "Nearly 400 people voted for one person, so how do you combat that?"

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Final election results:

For mayor

Sue McCloud	847 (53.5 percent)
Adam Moniz	736 (46.4 percent)

For city council (two seats)

Jason Burnett	1,182 (47.1 percent)
Paula Hazdovac	696 (27.7 percent)
Gerard Rose	628 (25 percent)

1,625 ballots were cast from among 2,800 registered voters

RAPE ACCUSATIONS PILE UP AGAINST POLLACCI

■ Jane Does 1 and 4 come to the aid of Jane Doe 5

By PAUL MILLER

MONDAY MORNING in a Salinas courtroom, the attention of everyone was raptly focused on a prim, blonde woman, known only as Jane Doe 1, who took the witness stand to tell of a horrific crime in Carmel Valley she said she kept secret for 29 years.

"I was getting ready for school, and I was drying my hair, and I just had my bathrobe on," said Jane Doe 1, recalling a day in 1980 when she was 16 and busy with her early-morning routine at her family's home near Carmel High School. "My mother had left for work, and I thought I heard the doorbell."

A few moments later, she was kidnapped, taken to the edge of the Carmel River and brutally raped by a man she said was Tom Pollacci, then 20.

The statute of limitations on that crime has long ago run out. But Jane Doe 1's testimony could play a critical role in the jury's deciding whether Pollacci is guilty of a different rape that allegedly occurred in his family's Pacific Grove liquor store in 2008.

After the recent crime became the subject of extensive news coverage, several other women came forward to tell of being assaulted by Pollacci, who has been convicted of sexual battery and is a registered sex offender, but who was put on probation for his earlier attacks.

And while the circumstances of the 2008 incident are far from certain, Monterey County prosecutors felt they could prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a rape had occurred. Combined with Pollacci's record and the allegations from other Jane Does, his alleged spree of sex crimes could come to an end.

Monterey Superior Court Judge Russell Scott's courtroom is where the drama is playing out.

'Put me over his shoulder like it was nothing'

The events happened three decades ago, but in a story that was replete with enough details to give it all

the credibility prosecutors could have hoped, Jane Doe 1's testimony Monday morning made it seem like Pollacci should have been sent to prison a long time ago.

"I knew Tommy Pollacci from him working at Ron's

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New Zealand man accused of assaulting stepdaughter

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A NAKED, screaming 15-year-old girl showed up at the back door of the Carmel Police Department just before 4 a.m. April 14 and told officers she had been punched and raped by her stepfather in a San Carlos Street hotel, according to Sgt. Paul Tomasi. Officers arrested 40-year-old New Zealand resident Michael Brady and took him to Monterey County Jail, where he remains on \$500,000 bail.

"She was at the back door, and you could hear her screaming," he said.

The girl had been sharing a bed with her 7-year-old brother, and their 5-year-old and 13-year-old sisters were sleeping in another bed in the room, when Brady came in after a night of drinking and partying with people he and his wife had met at a pub, according to Tomasi. His wife had returned earlier, having consumed too much and gotten sick, and was asleep in another room of the suite.

"He woke the girl up around 3 a.m. and proceeded to take her clothes off of her and touch her, but we're not sure where," Tomasi said. "She was saying, 'No,'

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Bite victim asks city to restrict dogs on beach

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A MAN bitten on his side by a German shepherd during a frisbee game on Carmel Beach last week wants a leash law or dog ban imposed on part of the one-mile stretch, according to an email to city administrator Rich Guillen.

"Just like there is a law restricting fires on the beach (only south of 10th), I am recommending that the city adopt a similar ordinance which

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Agha sues Potter over campaign contribution

By KELLY NIX

DEVELOPER NADER Agha has filed a lawsuit against Monterey County Supervisor Dave Potter alleging fraud and breach of contract over a \$10,000 campaign contribution six years ago Agha said the supervisor never reported.

The lawsuit alleges Potter took a \$10,000 political donation from Agha in 2004 while Potter was running for a third term as Fifth District

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