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Candidates forum draws sparse crowd

■ Water, streets, budget topics for contenders

By Pat Hampton
Tribune Publisher

A sparse but interested audience listened to the three candidates vying for two city council seats on the Nov. 4 ballot as they offered opinions on a wide-ranging array of topics from economics to the drought, housing and a city mini-

mum wage.
Ballots for the upcoming election arrived in the mail this week for the 2,183 registered voters in the City of Calistoga as of Wednesday. Of those, 1,860 are permanent Vote By Mail (VBM) voters and 323 still go to a polling place to cast their ballots.
Napa County Registrar of Voters

John Tuteur has said that approximately 10 per cent of VBM voters will complete and mail their ballots within 7 days of receiving them and that about 75 per cent of VBM voters will complete and mail their ballots within 21 days of receiving them.
Of the five precincts in town, only one has a polling place open on election day (at the fire station) for casting ballots in person. How-

ever VBM ballots can be dropped off at the polling place. Monday is the last day to register for the Nov. 4 election.
Challenger Doug Cook sat between incumbents Jim Barnes and Gary Kraus in front of 26 people in the Community Center Tuesday night, the third and presumably last forum for this year's election.
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TIME mag spotlights technology at CES

■ Article looks at paperless classroom

By Amanda Rhodes
Tribune Staff Writer

Matthew Gudenius and his sixth-grade class work and learn on laptops in the classroom five days a week, and now the country is taking notice.
Calistoga Elementary was recently named a California Distinguished School, honored as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School and now has a featured TIME news magazine article on store shelves.
The Oct. 20 edition of TIME due out Monday includes *The Paperless Classroom is Coming*, an article on the reality of the national push to get a computer into each student's hands and how it will change the way all American children are taught.
Gudenius and his elementary class are the featured hot topic and

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New 'Harvest Splash Down' tonight at pool

■ Floating pumpkin patch part of fun

Calistoga Recreation Services is sponsoring a brand new fall event tonight when the Calistoga Community Pool is transformed into a harvest festival dubbed the "Harvest Splash Down."
"The event will be a fundraiser which brings the Calistoga Jr./Sr. High School together with Recreation Services to put a fun, wacky and even educational twist to Halloween," says recreation services manager Olivia Lemen.
All proceeds from the event will go directly to the Calistoga Recreation Scholarship Fund which awards scholarships to youth, adults and seniors in a wide array of programs which are offered by the city.
From 4-5:30 p.m. the Logvy Community Pool will become a Floating Pumpkin Patch where kids and their families can hunt for

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'It's a sweet little course'



PHOTO BY PAT HAMPTON

Former President Bill Clinton talks with Mayor Chris Canning and golf pro Kelly Hart (seated) about his golf course visit to Calistoga last Thursday. The President shot a respectable 79 on the par 68 course off Grant Street.

By Pat Hampton & Amanda Rhodes
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"It's a sweet little course," said President Bill Clinton when he finished the first of two rounds of golf at Calistoga's nine-hole Mt. St. Helena Golf Course last Thursday.
Accompanied by Secret Service agents and a California Highway Patrol escort, Clinton's surprise visit to the clubhouse and course was at the invitation of supporter Vin Gupta of Yountville. Clinton shot a 39 in the first round and 40 on the second nine, posting a 79 on the par 68 course.
"There's plenty of trouble out there," Clinton told golf pro Kelly Hart and Mayor Chris Canning, who were waiting at the ninth hole, noting that the sixth hole was particularly challenging. "I could have used a five iron on the fifth hole to get out from under those trees."

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President Bill Clinton putts at the ninth hole while friend Vin Gupta from Yountville watches. Clinton's visit to Calistoga lasted about four hours.