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Canning, McNay join City Council race

■ Residents interested in running for a seat on the City Council or Calistoga school board in the Nov. 2 municipal election must complete and file nomination papers by 5 p.m. on Aug. 6.

As of Wednesday, no takers for two openings on school board

By Kim Beltran
Tribune Editor

With just a week remaining until the filing deadline, six men have said they will seek one of three spots on Calistoga's City Council – including the mayor's post. But as of Wednesday, the county's Elections Department said no one had

yet picked up nomination papers to run for the Calistoga Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees. Chris Canning and Dennis McNay were the most recent residents to pull nomination papers, indicating their intent to run for City Council on Nov. 2. Canning, 39, is executive director of the Calistoga



Jack Gingles



Michael Dunsford



Gary Kraus



Chris Canning



Kurt Larrecou

Chamber of Commerce. McNay is owner of the Foothill Avenue bed and breakfast, The Bear Flag

Inn. The City Council terms of Placido Garcia and Gary Kraus end in December.

Garcia is not seeking re-election. Kraus has picked

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Group forms to campaign for bond measure

By Kim Beltran
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A group of local citizens, led by current schools trustee Dana Cole, has organized an election campaign committee to support the passage of a \$42 million school bond measure this November.

The Committee to Support Calistoga Schools announced the opening of its office space at 213 Wapoo St. this week.

Measure A requires more than 55 percent voter approval. If it passes, it will finance major renovation, modernization and new construction at Calistoga's two school campuses over the next 12 years.

"We have a huge opportunity to transform the district," said Cole, who is serving as co-chair of the committee with Lisa Graul.

In addition to major remodels and improvements at both the elementary and junior/senior high school campuses, the bond would also pay for a new gymnasium and cafeteria at Calistoga Junior/Senior High School.

The bond measure authorizes the school

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Silverado Trail repair coming

Work from Bale Lane to Larkmead Lane next priority, says county

By Pat Hampton
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The pitted, teeth-jarring stretch of Silverado Trail between Bale Lane and Larkmead Lane will be patched before the rainy season arrives, officials said this week.

Complaints that upvalley sections of the popular roadway were being ignored by the county are not true says Juan Arias, principal engineer for the Napa County Public Works Department.

"The county's intending to do an overlay this construction season, by the end of fall," Arias said Wednesday. Arias said the work would "probably begin sometime in mid- to the end of September" but that specific dates had not been determined. "But before the rain season starts," he said.

Portions of the Silverado Trail have

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The county is scheduled to repair a potholed stretch of the Silverado Trail between Bale Lane and Larkmead Lane before the end of the construction season according to principal county public works engineer Juan Arias. The county received \$443,000 in federal aid to make the repairs to five different segments of the popular roadway.

PHOTO BY PAT HAMPTON

City borrows against pending property taxes to pay its bills

By Kim Beltran
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The city will borrow up to \$1.6 million to pay its employees and benefit costs between now and the end of the year, when it will receive its first installment of property taxes.

The City Council last

week authorized the sale of Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) in an amount not to exceed \$1.6 million.

The money will allow the city to pay its expenses – chiefly payroll – until cash starts flowing into the city's coffers again in December.

The city budget has been cut to the bare bones due

mostly to falling TOT (Transient Occupancy Taxes) and sales taxes due to the recession, creating a "cash flow shortfall," Administrative Services director Bill Mushallo told the Council at its July 20

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New vice principal formerly with KIPP charter schools



Kara Mannix has been hired as the vice principal at CJSHS.

By Kim Beltran
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Fremont native Kara Mannix has been hired to serve as vice principal at Calistoga Junior/Senior High School.

The school district announced its decision in a press release sent via email on Wednesday.

Mannix, 34, leaves her

four-year post as Director of High School Placement at KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) San Francisco Bay Academy, a charter middle school (grades 5-8) in San Francisco. Prior to that, she served as Dean of Students for KIPP's Summit Academy in San

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