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### Belmont Gets Share Of Tax On Cigarettes

State Controller Houston I. Flournoy has announced the distribution of \$6,152,291 to counties and cities as the December apportionment of cigarette tax.

San Mateo County received \$29,020.97, and Belmont got \$5,365.14.

This distribution represents 30 percent of the revenue deposited in the Cigarette Tax Fund during the month of December 1969.

### Building At Four Million

Building permit valuation for the first half of 1970 has topped the \$4 million mark, according to the building department's June summary.

A total valuation of \$4,093,435 was reached by June 30 — almost \$3 million more than last year at the same time.

The semi-annual total for 1969 was \$1,188,650. June totals for last year were \$124,380. June totals for this year are twice that, \$253,290.

The number of permits issued in June, 1969, was 237. This year's June total was up only slightly at 243.

Apartment construction permits accounted for most of the valuation increase. Semi-annual figures for 1969 showed applications to construct 12 apartment units with a valuation of \$117,250.

This year, to date, permits have been issued to construct four apartment buildings — 90 units — with a valuation of \$1,040,000.

Residential permits this year are higher, also. A total of 32 permits have been issued this year, to date, as against 24 last year. Valuation is up from \$660,725 as of June 1969 to \$1,036,350 for the same period this year.

If building activity continues at the same rate as for the first half of the year, total valuation may surpass the all-time record of \$10,024,147, set in 1965. The second-place figure for total valuation was set in 1968 with \$9,206,425.

### Taxed Sales \$3,974,000

Taxable sales in Belmont in the first quarter of 1970 totaled \$3,974,000, the State Board of Equalization announced.

Taxable sales in the comparable period of 1969 were \$3,979,000.

The bulk of the taxed sales were in retail stores, amounting to \$3,001,000. A year ago, in January,

February and March, taxed retail sales were \$3,037,000.

Belmont has 108 retail outlets licensed to collect sales taxes, a gain of five in one year.

There are 216 non-retail tax outlets in manufacturing, wholesaling, and business and professional services, a gain of 12 in the year.

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## Merchant Cooperation Asked in Litter Fight

Belmont merchants will be asked in a "resolution of appeal" to fight litter by voluntarily withdrawing from their shelves non-returnable containers.

City Manager James DeChaine said the Belmont City Council is seeking voluntary compliance instead of following the lead of the South San Francisco City Council which last Monday gave first reading to an ordinance banning "no deposit, no return" containers.

That ordinance, which has its second reading January 18, provides a \$100 fine or a 30-day jail penalty for any person selling canned malt or carbonated beverages in toss-away containers.

The measure, pushed through by ecology students at South San Francisco High School, faces stiff opposition by the city's merchants. In addition, a major beer distributor has threatened legal action if the ordinance is finally passed.

South San Francisco is the first community in California to pass so stringent a measure to rid itself of litter.

Belmont, on the other hand, De Chaine said, will "appeal to the better sense of community responsibility on the part of merchants."



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# 1970 Was Year of Change in Belmont

The year of 1970 was a year of change in Belmont, principally in city government with the April election. Some of the highlights of the first half of the year are noted below. July to December will be reviewed next week.

## JANUARY

Henry Jacquemet, Jr., was named new president of the board of directors of the Belmont County Water District, succeeding Harold H. Heidrick. Ed Morey was elected vice-president.

Winchell D. Epperson Jan. 1 joined the staff of the San Francisco Bay Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He was former scouting executive with the Sequoia District.

Building Official Alex Hokamp reported building permits for 1969 totaled \$123,745 compared to \$227,165 for 1968.

M.R. Denton of Belmont was named San Francisco International Airport manager for Pan American World Airways, formerly manager at the Berlin airport.

The Circle Star Theatre in San Carlos was put up for sale at a price of \$1.4 million.

Jan. 18 to 24 was proclaimed Jaycees Week by Mayor Milton Tromborg.

Fire Chief Richard Weare reported fire losses in 1969 totaled \$474,955, a 15-year record high. The total included a June 1969 fire at Dalmo-Victor which did an estimated \$300,000 damage.

Jeff Montgomery, 1923 Bayview Ave., filed for council candidacy in the April election.

Charles Chase, assistant city attorney, resigned.

Edward Morey was named Belmont chairman of the annual January "March of Dimes" campaign.

Kent Bauer, 505 Hiller St., was elected president of the Belmont-San Carlos Toastmasters.

Steven G. Schumaker, 25, Redwood City, was arrested in Bakersfield and charged with the theft of an airplane from San Carlos Airport.

The city council introduced an ordinance expanding the powers of City Manager Arthur Brandow.

Robert A. Jones filed for city council, James McLaughlin, incumbent city clerk, announced his candidacy for re-election.

"Chon" Gutierrez, trustee of the Belmont Elementary School District, recommended changes in the district's sabbatical leave policy, allowing two percent of district teachers to take leaves each year instead of five percent, reducing district cost from \$55,000 to \$20,000 annually.

## FEBRUARY

The fall 1969 production of Thornton Wilder's "Skin of Our Teeth" presented by College of Notre Dame was recommended for presentation in the American College Theatre Festival.

E. Walt Libal was named chairman and James Wallace vice-chairman of the Belmont park and recreation

commission when the commission was reorganized following the resignation of Harry C. Keshishian.

Supervisor Gerald Day of Belmont filed for election to the Third District. He was appointed to the seat in June 1969.

Harold Boudoin filed for election to the city council.

Belmont Police Department began its Block Parent program, to be an "extension of the department in neighborhoods."

Dr. Morton L. Podolsky filed for re-election to the city council.

Robert Emery filed for election as city clerk.

City council approved a planned unit development zone for Belmont's western hills, ending a moratorium on building and also approved an ordinance for a finance director position.

Capt. David Alford of the Belmont Fire Protection District was promoted to Second Assistant Chief in charge of training.

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# Year of Change

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Florence Holland, incumbent city treasurer, filed for re-election.

Incumbent Councilwoman Eve Sterry filed for re-election.

Police Chief George Trenam reported major crimes in Belmont were up 21 percent in 1969. Traffic accidents were up 23 percent in 1969 over 1968, he reported.

Incumbent Councilman Dr. Morton L. Podolsky withdrew his bid for re-election.

Denyse McGriff, 18, College of Notre Dame student, was named "Miss Valentine" Feb. 18.

Belmont Jaycees picked five finalists in the "Outstanding Citizen" contest; Fr. John E. Daley, A. "Chon" Gutierrez, Guy Kitson, James McLaughlin and Tony Modory.

## MARCH

William H. Hardwick, member of the planning commission, filed for election to the city council.

St. Mark's Church at the extension of Marine View Ave., burned.

Mrs. Helen Sullivan filed for the office of city clerk.

Mrs. Renatta Zucca, mother of Councilman Joseph Zucca, died.

Robert J. Lanzone was named assistant city attorney, replacing Charles Chase, who resigned.

Thomas E. Paige of Belmont, filed for a Superior Court judgeship.

Kenneth Gurley, operator with the Belmont Fire Protection District, was promoted to lieutenant.

Alex Hokamp reported February building permits totaled \$1,433,260.

Trophies were awarded to Ralston School athletes for the San Mateo County league championships.

Vincent Hughes of Belmont was named president of the Peninsula National Bank.

Father John E. Daley, Pastor of the Episcopal Church of

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the Good Shepherd, was named Belmont "Outstanding Citizen" of 1969 by the Belmont Jaycees.

Two Carlmont High students were high scorers on the National Merit Scholarship test in February. They were Linda Kauk of San Carlos and Paul Wagner of Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Anisman, Arnold Palmer Cleaning Center were new March members of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce.

Ken Stenstrom and Diana Tingley were grand-prize winners in the Ralston School science fair.

Mrs. George Davis, 901 Chevy St., was honored March 20 for her 56 years of service with the American Red Cross.

All candidates for city offices came out against a recall move which would ouster city council incumbents.

Nina Mazzo, 1526 Escondido Wy., was zone winner in the regional Lions Club speech contest.

The State Water Resources Board imposed a ban on all new sewer connections until Belmont, San Carlos and Redwood City, in a joint project, could conform to standards of the Bay Area Water Quality Control Board.

#### APRIL

The Belmont Heights Civic Improvement Association held its annual dinner dance on April 4.

The YMCA had an installation dinner April 7.

Golden Pacific Airlines used the San Carlos airport during a "sick in" by air traffic controllers at the San Francisco Airport.

Belmont firemen rejected, then later accepted a pay raise of 8½ percent. The firemen wanted 12½ percent.

Edward J. Hussong, Jr., was elected to the presidency of the Belmont Rotary Club.

Robert Emery pulled out of the race for city clerk following a candidates night sponsored by the League of Woman Voters.

The San Mateo County Visiting Nurses Association celebrated its 20th year.

Richard LaRocca of Belmont received the "Silver Snoopy" award for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for his work on the Apollo project.

Mrs. Phoebe A. Kaech, 99, the oldest native of Belmont, died April 13 in a Redwood City convalescent home.

Newly elected members to the city council were William Hardwick, former planning commissioner and Robert A. Jones. James McLaughlin, incumbent city clerk and Florence Holland, incumbent treasurer, were re-elected.

Louis Zapata, a 16-year veteran with the Belmont Fire Protection District, was promoted to captain, replacing newly appointed assistant chief David Alford.

Merrill F. Higham, accountant, was elected president of the Belmont Lions Club.

Councilman Edward D. Vallerga was elected mayor by the new city council.

The El Camino Chapter of the Sweet Adelines placed fifth in competition in Reno.

The Belmont post office discontinued Saturday service.

Four teens were arrested and four officers received minor injuries in a rock-throwing incident at the Belmont Teen Center involving some 100 people.

Dr. Thomas Lewis was honored on the opening day of the 1970 Little League season.

Officer Wells Lane was elected charter president of the newly-formed Belmont Police Officers Association.

#### MAY

Thomas Warden, 2103 Lyon Ave., took first place in Bank of America Scholarship Achievement Awards competition and was also named one of 10 outstanding youths in the state by the Belmont Jaycees.

William E. Scott and Guy Anthony Murnig were ordained to the Priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church. Both are from Belmont.

Lt. Comm. Morton E. Toole of Belmont was awarded the Legion of Merit award.

William Graig was named new principal of Carlmont High School, succeeding Ivan Griffin, who resigned to return to teaching.

James E. McGovern was elected president of the Belmont chamber of commerce.

#### JUNE

L.K. "Dusty" Rhodes, editor and publisher of the Belmont Courier, retired after nearly 10 years with the paper. He was an early Belmont resident and a former member of the Belmont Volunteer Fire Dept.

Frank Gonsalves, Alex M. Fletcher and Jeff Montgomery were appointed to the planning commission by the city council.

"Make the Scene in San Francisco" was the theme of 1970 Grad Nite.

Directors of the Belmont Fire Protection District adopted a 1970-71 budget of \$650,000, \$150,000 over the 1969-70 budget.

The state public utilities commission ruled the city's ordinance limiting the speed of Southern Pacific trains traveling through Belmont null. The ordinance limited speed at 35 m.p.h.

City Clerk James McLaughlin reported Belmont's population was 23,950, up 826 since the September 1968 census. The increase, he said, would increase city tax revenues by some \$14,000.

Carolyn Stoner was elected from a field of five as "Miss Belmont" for 1970. She was also second runner-up in the "Fiesta Dream Girl" contest for the San Mateo County Fair.

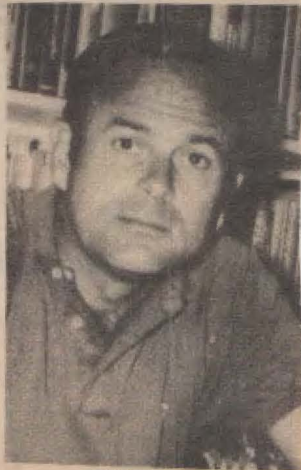


The council named his successor Sept. 16 in a special meeting — James P. DeChaine, former assistant city manager in Newport Beach.

The Belmont County Water District received an award



DR. HAROLD CHOPE  
retired



JOHN BUNZEL  
SJS President

from the State Compensation Insurance Fund for six years — 156,000 hours — without a loss-of-time accident.

John Cranston of Belmont scored low gross of 75 in the annual San Carlos Enquirer-Belmont Courier golf tournament co-sponsored by the papers and the chambers of commerce of Belmont and San Carlos. Some 160 golfers played in the contest.

Milton Tromborg, former mayor and veteran of two-and-a-half years on the council and five years on the planning commission, resigned to become building official and assistant director of public works in Dinuba, giving up his plumbing business on his doctor's advice due to a long-time back ailment.

The city council Sept. 28 rejected a proposal by Long Drugs, Inc. for a \$1½ million store at Ralston Ave. and El Camino Real, because Longs asked the proposed Ralston-El Camino overpass be relocated. LONGS OFFERED TO PAY \$15,000 for restudy of the overpass plans, but the offer was refused.

The Belmont 4-H Club dedicated its community project, a park at the corner of Notre Dame Ave. and Middle Rd.

#### OCTOBER

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) advised the cities of San Carlos and Belmont to study possible merger following a hearing on the Harbor Industrial area now in the county but sought for annexation by both cities.

Some 110 friends of Edward Morey gathered at a testimonial dinner in his honor Oct. 5 sponsored by the Belmont chamber of commerce.

San Mateo County Hospital was renamed Chope Community Hospital in recognition of Dr. Harold Chope, Belmont, retired director of the department of Health and Welfare.

City council approved a "memorandum of understanding" with the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) representing city aquatics personnel, specifying the union was not the sole bargaining agent for city employees and that the "memorandum" was not binding on the city.

Belmont 4-H Club won regional honors for its park at Notre Dame Ave. and Middle Rd. at the Community Pride Conference Oct. 14 and 15 in La Honda.

New construction at Central and Fox schools was dedicated, Oct. 13 at Central and Oct. 21 at Fox.

City employees held a surprise party for outgoing city manager Arthur Brandow and his wife Oct. 16.



EDWARD MOREY  
Testimonial  
Dinner



ROBERT MANNING  
CREA Veep

A "rock" concert at Arguello Park in San Carlos Oct. 18 was the first event for the "Whole Earth" teen program, with an estimated 500 to 700 attending.

John Pekarek, Joe Calloway, Carl Raff, William Dietz, Robert Vinay and Steve Hedlund were awarded the Eagle Scout rank.

Harold H. Heidrick retired from the Belmont County Water District board of directors. A 2-year Belmont resident, he was president of the board for two terms, first elected in 1957.

#### NOVEMBER

Arlen Gregorio, Dixon Arnett and Paul "Pete" McCloskey were winners in the Nov. 3 election.

The planning commission Nov. 2 held its first public hearing on the proposed development plan for 500 acres in the western hills, with a total assessed valuation of over \$250,000.

The Belmont Police Officers Association elected new officers for its second year. Named as president was Officer Joseph Pierucci. Others were Tom Martin, vice-president; Dan Bailey, secretary; Sgt. Robert Pent, treasurer and Sgt. Jim Scales, sergeant-at-arms.

New officers for the Belmont Kiwanis Club are J. Paul Ortega, president; E. Walt Libal, first vice-president; Reg Williams, second vice-president and Del Braise, secretary-treasurer.

Robert Manning, Belmont realtor, was named regional vice-president of the California Real Estate Association for 1971.

Friends of Milton Tromborg and family attended a dinner in their honor at the Marriott Inn Nov. 6.

A committee to raise funds to repair Belameda pool roof had its first meeting Nov. 7.

Nov. 23, Charles Ketham, former member of the city finance committee, was appointed to the city council to fill the unexpired term of Milton Tromborg. Bruce G. Lawson, former assistant city manager in Corvallis, Ore., was appointed assistant city manager-finance director. His salary was set at \$13,200.

Eugene M. Howell and Harvey O. Banks were appointed directors of the Belmont County Water District, replacing Harold H. Heidrick and Guy Kitson. Kitson resigned because he moved to San Carlos, outside the district. He was first elected to the board in 1955 and was president from 1963 to 1965.

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DECEMBER

The Belmont Fire Protection District board of directors approved creation of a new taxable zone to raise funds for a \$50,000 aerial ladder unit and \$88,000 for a new fire alarm box system. The tax rate was estimated at 10 cents per \$100, beginning July 1, 1971. The zone includes the city's apartment and commercial properties. Purpose of the new equipment is to improve the district's fire insurance rating.

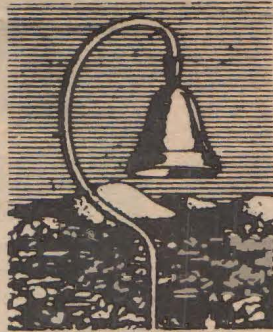
The Belmont Elementary School District board of trustees adopted an "identification of vandals" policy, providing a \$25 reward for information leading to conviction of school vandals.

City Council Dec. 16 told Gordon Tillson, city engineer, to proceed with plans for the Ralston overpass after he presented a progress report. The project later gained a third place priority position for state funds from the public utilities commission. Anticipated state funds total \$1,112,500, 45 percent of the \$2½ million cost of the project.

The Albert J. Aschero home at 2904 Hallmark Dr. and the Victor Gavron home at 1584 Fifth Ave. tied for first place in the annual Christmas decorations contest sponsored by the Belmont chamber of commerce.

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# Second Half of '70 Sees Changes in Faces, Policy

Again this week, we take one final official look at the year 1970 in the form of that journalistic tradition called the year-end summary. Last week the January-to-June highlights of Belmont news were noted; news notes from the years second half follow:

## JULY

Mrs. Eugene Sullivan was installed president of the Belmont Womens Club.

St. Mark's Church broke ground for its new \$250,000



**ARTHUR BRANDOW**  
city manager  
resigned



**JAMES DeCHAIINE**  
new city manager

multi-purpose church building at the foot of Marine View Ave. Estimated completion date was set for Jan. 1971. Fr. Dave Walsh said the church had been in the planning stage for five years. Church members will be moving from "God's Garage," their present church on Old County Rd.

The Belmont planning commission approved an 18 x 11 foot addition to the Black Stag restaurant, 600 Ralston Ave.

The Belmont Elementary School District board of trustees gave tentative approval to a \$3,585,900 budget for 1970-71 and set Aug. 3 as the date for public hearing. They also heard a report that vandalism cost the district \$14,950 to date in labor and materials, a figure representing two cents on the district tax rate.

The Belmont Park Boosters released the results of last year's park survey. Of some 500 questionnaires returned, those polled indicated first priority should go to development of school grounds, followed by those favoring development of Belameda pool, Water Dog Lake and a community recreation center. Bike paths got a low priority listing. Fox and Nesbit school neighborhoods favored school ground development, the Barrett and Central neighborhoods favored development of Water Dog Lake.

Neal Martin, city planner for Belmont, told the planning commission Belmont's projected population for 1990 would

be 40,000. That figure was derived from a report done in April by Hahn, Wise and Associates, based on a post card survey of some 8100 residents. Survey results indicated Belmonters spent some \$50 million in 1969, \$36 million of it outside the city limits, \$14 million inside. The findings indicated the median family income in the city was \$14,023 annually, with an average family size of 3.22 persons. Total sales in 1969 were reported at \$7,400,000 in the Carlmont Shopping Center and other areas, with a combined total floor area of 82,000 square feet. The downtown area, with the same floor area, had sales of only \$3,600,000, Martin reported.

The College of Notre Dame won reaccreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the California Department of Education and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. Five-year reaccreditation was gained from the first two agencies, 10-year accreditation from the third.

Sister Mary Justine McMullen, professor of history and librarian at College of Notre Dame, retired after 23 years.

The college was also awarded a \$12,000 grant from the



**COUNCILMAN**  
**MILTON TROMBORG**  
resigned

National Science Foundation for a study on computer research.

Building Official Alex Hokamp reported permits for the first half of 1970 totaled \$4,093,435, almost \$3 million more than last year at the same time. Some 243 permits were issued from January to June, he reported, with 32 residential permits compared to 24 for the same period in 1969.

The Belmont Lions Club announced plans to develop Homeview Park at Hiller St. and Ralston Ave.

John Bunzel, 1519 Escondido Wy., was named president of San Jose State College, coming to the job from San Francisco State, where he was chairman of the political science department. Bunzel said, in an interview for the Courier, that "the academic world needs the power of reason," that he would work to "preserve liberal education," at San Jose State.

Carolyn Stoner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Stoner and "Miss Belmont" of 1970, announced her engagement to James C. Vaughn of San Carlos.

Belmont Womens Club took third place for its garden

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**CHARLES KETCHAM**  
New Councilman



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entry in the San Mateo County Floral Fiesta.

Volney J. Julianel, 10 Notre Dame Ave. and Stephen J. Mackey, 1617 Ponce Ave., were graduated from the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo.

The sewer connection ban imposed in April on Belmont and San Carlos by the Regional Water Quality Control Board was recinded after a plan for increased chlorine and increased use of the centrifuge at the sewer plant shared by both cities was worked out.

The city council voted unanimously against rezoning the Hallmark No. 7 area, 10½ acres, for planned development zoning. Denial was supported by Nicholas Meris, representing the Belmont Heights Civic Improvement Association.

Richard Tone, owner of Carlmont Car Wash at the Carlmont Shopping Center, lost an appeal made at the same meeting for a second sign.

## AUGUST

Louis P. Ricks, 1528 Desvio Wy., retired as a pilot with



**JOSEPH ZUCCA**  
Ravenswood  
vice-principal



**WILLIAM CRAIG**  
new Carlmont  
principal

American Airlines after 34 years.

Bill Clark, San Jose, took first place in the eighth annual Ocean to Bay marathon, with a record of two hours, 33 minutes and 57 seconds. He entered the race on a last-minute decision. The old marathon record was two hours, 44 minutes. Senior Division winners were Dr. Ralph Paffenbarger and Peter Mattei. Second place went to last year's winner, Skip Houk, of Fresno.

The planning commission approved an application by Peterson and Moretti to build 195 apartment units on Carlmont Dr., adjacent to the Peninsula Jewish Community Center. The application was put over by the city council, then approved on Aug. 26.

The Belmont Elementary School District board of trustees Aug. 3 adopted its 1970-71 budget of \$3,577,400 after a public hearing where virtually no objection arose.

Gordon Tillson, city engineer, told the city council the proposed Ralston Ave. — El Camino Real overpass would cost an estimated \$2½ million.

Wadsworth Publishing Co., 10 Davis Dr., broke ground for



**NEW DIRECTORS** of the Belmont County Water District, Eugene M. Howell, left, and Harvey O. Banks, third from left, replace Guy Kitson, second from left and Harold Heidrick, third from left.

a \$200,000 addition to its offices, increasing office space by 8200 square feet.

James R. Allen, 1578 Escondido Wy., was appointed member of the board of trustees of Lone Mountain College in San Francisco.

Louis Pouroy, "The Walker" of Fifth and Sixth Ave., celebrated his 85th birthday. He lives at 1617 Sixth Ave. and walks to San Carlos and around Belmont every day.

Belmont was awarded \$90,000 in county gas tax funds by a subcommittee of the Greater Transportation Committee of San Mateo County for widening Ralston Ave. from Belmont Canyon Rd. to Hallmark Dr. The award pays for half the \$180,000 project, with city funds making up the remainder. The project includes installation of traffic signals at Ralston Ave. and Hallmark Dr.

Police officers and sergeants won a salary increase of 7½ percent, retroactive to July 1, raising a starting patrolman's salary from \$727 to \$782 with other increases proportionate. Lieutenants, the deputy chief and chief got the same raise the following week.

City Council adopted the 1970-71 budget and tax rate. The budget was set at \$1,239,628 and the tax rate at 76 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, an increase of 11 cents over 1969-70, but two cents less than the proposed 13 cent rate. Breakdown includes 66 cents for general funds, 9 cents for parks and recreation and 1 cent for bonds.

## SEPTEMBER

James McLaughlin, city clerk, reported 1000 business licenses were issued during the first half of 1970, 69 more than last year for the same period. Of these, 585 went to businesses outside the city. Thirty-eight citations were issued to date to businesses outside the city for violation, with 13 going to inside-city businesses.

San Mateo County Fire Chiefs Association came out against consolidation of Belmont ranger headquarters with the unit at Felton in Santa Cruz County.

Dr. Harold Choep of Belmont announced his retirement as director of the San Mateo County Health and Welfare Department after 22½ years with the county.

The cities of San Carlos and Belmont and the Carlmont YMCA inaugurated their joint "Whole Earth" teen program Sept. 28, with Doug Shinn, 24, as program director.

A special bond and tax rate election Sept. 15 for the San Mateo Junior College District lost, with voters turning down a \$2,704,000 bond issue and an increased tax rate to 61 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. The bond issue only gained 47 percent in favor.

Arthur Brandow, city manager for four-and-a-half years, tendered his resignation to the city council Sept. 14, effective Oct. 15.



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# Second Look at the Past-- Budgets, Raises, Overpass

Editor's note: This week we take a look (our last) at the second half of 1971, July through December. The first half of this year's annual summary ran in last week's issue, Dec. 29.

## JULY

July 1 was proclaimed Postal Service Day in Belmont, in honor of the new national Postal Service.

Belmont 4-H began its summer house number painting program.

July 11, Fred England of Belmont celebrated his 99th birthday. Mr. England is a 60-year resident of Belmont.

July 26, the city council and the Belmont Chamber of Commerce hosted a reception for Carolyn Stoner, Miss California and former Miss Belmont and Miss San Mateo County.

July 12, the city council approved plans for 222 apartment units on Hastings Dr., planned by John Huberty.

July 6, the Belmont Elementary School Board had its annual reorganization. Stanley Roberts was elected president, Chon Gutierrez, vice-president; Florence Settemeyer, secretary; Mrs. Dorothy Gay, representative to the county board, and Douglas Emery, alternate representative.

July 10, James Welch, Belmont, was given a life membership in the San Carlos-Belmont Optimist Club.

Building department figures for June, reported in July, showed a monthly total of \$1,397,750, with the semi-annual total for 1971 at \$5,622,300.

Belmont assessment for the period ending June 30 was reported by the county in July to be \$59,138,054 — up 1.93% from 1970, while San Carlos assessment dropped.

July 19, U.S. District Judge Robert Schnacke upheld a vote of the trustees of the Sequoia Union High School District to rescind the district's mandatory transfer plan. The board took the action on July after new trustees William Jordan and Percy Roberts took office.

Belmont-San Mateo Babe Ruth All-Stars won the Sixth District championship July 19. The team later took second place in the northern California division, losing to Lompoc.

Dick Gay was elected president of Belmont Jaycees.

In response to a suit charging that the City did not meet and confer with representatives of the city employees' union, the city council July 28 voted to rescind the compensation plan adopted in June, and to resume negotiations.

July 28, the trustees of the Sequoia High School District in a special meeting agreed there would be no consideration of boundary changes until next year.

Winner in the annual Belmont Ocean to Bay marathon was Robert Calvert, from Birmingham, England. The race was held July 31.

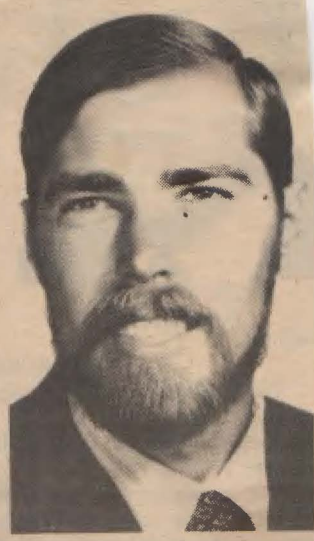
July 29, Judge Frank Blum dismissed the suit filed against the City by the employees' union. The judge said the City had met with representatives, properly, before the compensation plan was adopted.

## AUGUST

The planning commission on August 2 denied an



JAMES DeCHIANE  
got a raise.



CHARLES OSBORN  
YMCA Director.

application by Lincoln Properties, Inc., to develop apartments on Twin Pines property. The decision was later appealed to the city council and the council upheld the commission's decision.

Also on August 2, the trustees of the Belmont Elementary School District approved the final budget for 1971-72, at \$3,693,500. The district reached salary agreements with non-teaching personnel, but failed to reach a settlement with teachers.

Forty French students visited the Peninsula from July 15 to August 14. Housing two of the students were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Moulton of Belmont.

Sister Ann Louise Schlitt was reappointed head of the Provinciate of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

Steven Zmay of Belmont and Matthew Egan of San Carlos' lost a bid to perform building maintenance on county buildings because they were under age. The board of supervisors made the denial on August 3.

The city council on August 9 approved a 1971-72 municipal tax rate of 76 cents per \$100 assessed valuation; the same rate as for 1970-71.

August 9 the Whole Earth Switchboard began 24-hour operation.

The national price and wage freeze effective August 15 left City and Belmont School District salaries unsettled. The City reverted to the compensation plan originally adopted in June, and teachers and other certified personnel of the school district were put on the 1970-71 salary schedule during the freeze.

On August 23, the city council approved addition of a Hill St. loop to plans for the proposed Ralston-El Camino Real overpass.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court denied a petition to reinstate mandatory transfer of students in the Sequoia High School District to achieve racial balancing. The panel ruled on August 25.



## SEPTEMBER

Dr. William Craig, principal of Carlmont High School, beginning his second year at Carlmont, said his first year there was the best of his career.

Sept. 3, Carolyn Stoner, Belmont's Miss California, left for Atlantic City and the Miss America Pageant.

Belmont Swim Club, newly-formed, held its first try-outs Sept. 7 through 10.

August building department figures, reported in September, showed building for 1971 up to \$9 million; \$6 million of it in apartments.



LIZ OLDT leaves City

MICHELE SHAW CM secretary.

"Charlie," a dog belonging to Alan Jensen of Belmont, was issued the 50,000th dog license in San Mateo County.

Lawn was planted at Belameda Park.

Mrs. Edna McIver, 1105 Maywood Dr., died in an auto accident near Pescadero Sept. 9.

Sept. 11, Carolyn Stoner, Miss California, returned from Miss America competition. She did not make the top 10 finalists, but said she was happy for the chance to compete and glad to be back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Tromborg were guests of honor at the annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Fair, Sept. 19.

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church held its Greek festival, Panigiri '71, on Sept. 19.

Pop Warner Football season began Sept. 19.

College of Notre Dame brought the first intercollegiate soccer to Belmont on Sept. 24.

Mary Maloney and Mary Crusick of Belmont were awarded Most Valuable Player and runner-up, respectively, in the Mid-Peninsula Bobby Sox softball league.

Five men began training for Belmont Police Reserves on Sept. 15. They are Robert Ibsen, Robert Hanely, Leslie Jung, Alfred Kerst and Basil Rivard.

James McLaughlin, city clerk, published a book of his  
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verses, titled "Complete Guide to Governmental Insanity (with Rhyme and Reason)."

Hays McLellan presented a proposal to the city planning commission on Sept. 20 for 40 cluster-type homes on two parcels bounded by Ruth, Anita and North Rd. Some 50 persons protested. The application later went to the city council, then was withdrawn.

Jill Monte and Teri Markley of Belmont won awards in ice skating competition in Culver City.

Belmont Little League held its annual awards banquet Sept. 24. Bill Swan was elected new president, taking over from Sal Pantano, and Mrs. Nanci Campi was picked Women's Auxiliary president, succeeding Mrs. Judy Helsel.

In a special meeting Sept. 22, the city council asked the planning commission to review a proposal to develop Sugarloaf Mountain in San Mateo. The council later sent a resolution to San Mateo city council, opposing the development.

Winners of the annual Belmont Chamber of Commerce golf tournament Sept. 29 were Lee Borges, Al Hansen, Laurette Luce, Gil O'Shaughnessey, Lillian White, Jack Turturici and Jeff Mountain.



WALT LIBAL  
Kiwanis prexy.



JIM McLAUGHLIN  
new book.

## OCTOBER

The Holy Name Society of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church held its tenth annual Spaghetti Feed on Oct. 7.

Linda DeMello, a graduate of College of Notre Dame, was named assistant dean of housing; the first graduate to hold such a position.

Members of Belmont 4-H distributed plants in honor of national 4-H Week, Oct. 3 to Oct. 9.

Bren Ferguson, 2521 DeKoven Ave., was appointed new director of Belmont's Belameda Pool.

Liz Oldt, secretary to City Manager James DeChaine, left city employ for a position in San Jose on Oct. 26.

On Oct. 13, the city council approved raising the salary of City Manager James DeChaine from \$20,000 to \$24,000 annually, to be effective after the 90-day national price and wage freeze.

Oct. 30, Belmont firemen demonstrated equipment at Barrett School's "Barrett Capers." On the same day, firemen also held their annual Widows and Orphans benefit dance at St. Michael's Hall.

Rich Perry, park and recreation director, was named chairman of the San Mateo County Red Cross Water Safety Committee.

Mrs. Frances Ellis was selected chairman of the Belmont Salvation Army unit.

Charles Osborn was named new director of Carlmont YMCA.

On Oct. 26, the city council voted for a one-month moratorium on the Ralston-El Camino overpass.

The Mills Brothers performed at the Circle Star Theatre Oct. 24, in a benefit for the Margaret Bennett Fund. The fund is to raise money for the Carlmont High School student to undergo a kidney transplant.

Oct. 24, the city council took a walk through the western hill prior to adopting the western hills development plan.

## NOVEMBER

The Belmont County Water District and the Belmont Fire Protection District held elections Nov. 2. Water district incumbents Edward Morey and Eugene Howell were challenged by C.R. Smith; fire district incumbents John Benton and Robert Walter were challenged by James Wallace, Jr. Smith and Wallace both lost.

New police officers Fred Ottinger and Richard Fogarty started work on Nov. 1.

The San Carlos-Belmont Committee on Social Justice held a town meeting at Carlmont High School on Nov. 7.

Joe Renati was honored by San Carlos-Belmont Pop Warner teams at a dinner.

On Nov. 15, the Belmont Elementary School Board approved a 4% raise for certified personnel, effective with the end of the national price and wage freeze.

The Belmont Chamber of Commerce asked the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) to rule on the "sphere of influence" of the Harbor Industrial area. LAFCo took no action on the matter at its Nov. 24 meeting.

Nov. 22, the western hills plan amendment to the city General Plan was adopted by the city council.

Citizens in favor of fluoridation of Belmont's water appeared before the Belmont County Water District board of directors Nov. 30. The board voted to take no action on their



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# Remembrances of Things Past --



**GERALD DAY**, County Supervisor, from Belmont, was chosen chairman of the County Board of Supervisors Tuesday, Jan 4. He takes over from James Fitzgerald, last year's chairman, in the annual rotation of the board. Bob St. Clair was elected new vice-chairman of the board. The board meeting was delayed by a bomb threat, when some 800 employees were evacuated from both the old court house and the Hall of Justice.

## Council Agenda

A public hearing on a circulation element addition to the city's General Plan and an ordinance increasing dog license fees are two of the items topping the tentative agenda for the Jan. 10 meeting of Belmont city council.

The circulation plan, which delineates primary and secondary streets, residential and "feeder" streets, was recommended for adoption by the planning commission on Dec. 6.

The Jan. 10 hearing date was set by the council at its Dec. 13 meeting.

An ordinance raising dog license fees to \$3 and increasing fees at the county animal shelter will be up for adoption by the council Jan. 10.

The ordinance, up for adoption by all cities in the county, was first read Dec. 13.

Also before the council is a resolution setting the next municipal election for April 11. The resolution sets up election precincts and voting places.

The official document approving funds from the state for the proposed Ralston-El Camino Real overcrossing will be up for council approval.

Assisting City Manager Bruce Lawson said the funds have already been promised but the agreement must be signed before funds can be released.



**BREN FERGUSON**  
Pool director.  
request.



**DICK GAY** Jaycees prexy.

## DECEMBER

Victor Theen, new Belmont police officer, started work on Dec. 1.

Both Central and Fox Schools held Christmas boutiques on Dec. 2, 3, and 4.

The newly-formed Belmont Environmental Association began a move to put the Ralston-El Camino Real overpass issue on the April municipal ballot.

Michele Shaw joined the City staff as secretary to City Manager James DeChaine.

New officers installed into Belmont Kiwanis were Walt Libal, president; Ron White, first vice-president; Mike Gubner, second vice-president, and Dale Brase, secretary-treasurer.

Sharon Blaha, Belmont Swim Club, received word she had been rated in the top five for the National Junior Olympics.

Belmont County Water District board of directors approved plans for the district's \$500,000 westerly source of supply project.

Cindy Fae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Fae, 840 Holly Rd., was named Belmont Jaycees Junior Miss for 1972.

On Dec. 13, the city council concurred with the Belmont County Water District, in taking no action on a proposal to put the fluoridation question on the April municipal ballot.

On Dec. 15, children from Cipriani School sang carols for patients of Crystal Springs Rehabilitation Center.

Winner of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas Decoration Contest was the George Swain home at 2723 St. James Rd.



# News Notes

## ELECTION PAPERS

James McLaughlin, City Clerk, advises that nomination papers for the April 11, 1972 municipal election are available in his office at City Hall, 1365 Fifth Ave.

Three seats on the city council are open; the seats of Councilmen Charles Ketcham, Edward Vallerga and Joseph Zucca. Nominations may be submitted no earlier than Jan. 13 and no later than noon on Feb. 3.

Also, the last day for registering to vote or for transferring registration is Feb. 17.

## SPECIAL MEETING

Belmont County Water District board of directors adjourned their Dec. 30 meeting to Jan. 10, when the board will consider bids for the district's Westerly Source of Supply project. The meeting will be at the district office, 1513 Folger Dr.

## SCHOOL BOARD

The regular meeting of the Belmont Elementary School

Board Monday night was cancelled for lack of agenda items. Next meeting is Jan. 17.

## FIRE COMMISSION

Next meeting of Belmont Fire Protection District commissioners is Jan. 10 at 8 p.m., Central Fire Station, Fifth and O'Neill Aves.

## COMMISSION ACTION

Both items on the agenda Monday night of Belmont planning commission were continued to the next regular meeting, Jan. 17. One is an application by Edgar and Maxine Filion for resubdivision of a lot at Forest Ave. and Alameda.

The second item is a public hearing on a proposal to rezone western hills property from R-3 and R-4 to R-1E zoning.

## FLUORIDATION SPEAKERS

At its regular meeting Jan. 11 at noon at the Holiday Inn, the Belmont Chamber of Commerce will host two speakers on the proposed fluoridation of Belmont water.