

Copying Skills Help Business Prosper

Six years ago, Michael Rodman took his vacation days and opened up his own business, the Coastal Copy Center in Belmont.

Employed as a sales and marketing specialist at Enviortech, an engineering firm in Belmont, Rodman was on the road most of the time. With only enough time to pick up his brown suit at the cleaners and exchange it for his blue one, Rodman thought there must be a better way to live.

"I figured if I could put in so much time for another company and make it successful then I could darn well make my own successful," Rodman said.

Today the smell of new carpet greets each customer as they walk in the dutch door of the copy center.

Times weren't so good when Rodman first opened his business.

The sparse surroundings — consisting of three well-worn director chairs, two big copy machines, a small desktop copy machine and a bookcase full of differently colored paper — don't suggest wealth, but their investment does, Rodman said.

The big machines cost around \$135,000 each, plus between \$3,000 and \$5,000 for the small copy machine.

Maintenance costs \$3,500 for service only, Rodman added.

Unlike the usual copy centers, Rodman's shop deals in the long-term business he says.

"We get about 40 percent walk-in business and 60 percent big business from companies.

"We provide back up for corporations with large machines that either go down or are tied up," he said.

Besides providing back-up, Rodman has started bidding his services to different corporations.

"I go into the corporations and bid to see if they can spend less by having my company do all their copying. You would be surprised, but overall we can save them money."

A reason Rodman believes the business has thrived is his attitude about customers.

"We give the customer the service they want without surcharging the heck out of them. If work is needed on weekends we don't raise our prices 30 percent to do it."

Partly out of necessity and partly out of interest, Rodman bought a computer and began teaching himself how to program. Now he has a file full of programs for keeping the books, copying form letters and paying salaries.

In addition to working all day and some nights at his business, Rodman belongs to the Belmont Rotary Club and is the chairman of the National Association of Quick Printers. He is planning to go to Florida for the mid-winter convention in February.



Michael Rodman and Ann Houston pause a moment for laughter while working on a copying job. Rodman is the owner and founder of Coastal Copy Center in Belmont. Houston has worked at the center for a year and is a manager.

**How to save time
at the post office**

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BELMONT — Postal service customers can save time by using Self-Service Postal Centers which are located in many post offices and at shopping centers, reported Belmont Postmaster Jeannette Jensen.

"The centers offer many postal supplies and services for no extra charge," she said. Customers can mail letters and packages, buy stamps, postal cards and stamped envelopes at the centers, she added.

San Carlos, Belmont lose power to

By Grant Willis
Times Tribune staff

AN ESTIMATED 4,000 UTILITY CUSTOMERS IN BELMONT AND SAN CARLOS LOST THEIR ELECTRICITY FOR NEARLY FOUR HOURS WEDNESDAY EVENING AFTER GUSTY WINDS SENT A TREE CRASHING INTO A POWER LINE.

The blackout, which occurred at about 3:15 p.m., was the latest of several outages on the Peninsula Wednesday that Pacific Gas and Electric Co. spokesmen blamed on winds gusting up to 50 mph.

Outages also affected 4,800 customers in Sunnyvale and more than 100 customers in San Jose, according to PG&E spokesmen.

Tree falls onto utility line, puts Sequoia Hospital on backup generator

Meteorologists at the National Weather Service's forecast center in Redwood City said the winds were caused by the difference between a strong high-pressure center over California and low pressure over Nevada. The winds should decrease steadily though Friday as both centers move east, the forecasters said.

PG&E spokesmen said the Belmont-San Carlos blackout began when a eucalyptus tree, buffeted by the winds, fell into a

12,000-volt line at Tower Road and Ralston Avenue in the Highlands area. Electricity was restored to all but 25 utility customers by 8 p.m., they said.

Belmont firefighters reported rescuing one man who was trapped in an elevator at 1 Elm St. The elevator lost power in the blackout, firefighters said, trapping the man for nearly two hours before firefighters pried the doors open.

In San Carlos, the outage darkened traf-

fic signals on San Carlos Avenue, slowing traffic, and at Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City, power was lost for about 10 seconds before a backup generator took over. Matthew Jackson, a hospital engineer, said PG&E restored electricity to Sequoia within 15 minutes.

In Redwood City, the strong winds blew out the window of the J.C. Penney Co. store on Broadway.

PG&E spokesman Anthony Ledwell said

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Protect your mail carrier from dog bites this summer

BELMONT — Postmaster Jeannette D. Jensen is asking dog owners to help protect their pets and their letter carriers from dog bites this summer.

More than 7,000 of the nation's letter carriers suffered dog bite injuries last year, and Jensen said three Belmont carriers were bitten.

"Dog bites can be disastrous," said Jensen. "That's why we're asking for cooperation from dog owners to protect both their pet and their letter carrier."

She suggests that dog owners keep their pets away from the mailbox and the

areas used by the mail carrier for access to the property. "If the pet is not kept behind a secure fence, then we suggest the owner restrain the dog with a leash or keep it inside during the usual hours of the carrier's delivery," she said.

The Postal Service has the right to protect its carriers by refusing to deliver mail to a household with an unrestrained dog. In cases where a dog is allowed to run loose in the neighborhood — and it interferes with a carrier — delivery

service to the entire area could be affected. The Postal Service also provides counseling to bitten carriers wishing to seek action against the dog owners.

"We constantly alert our carriers to the danger of unrestrained dogs."

crews were delayed in restoring power to the Belmont-San Carlos area because the short-circuit occurred in a hilly, sparsely populated area. "We were aware of an outage," he said, "but we couldn't locate the source of the trouble. We had to send a crew out for a visual check. "But when you have winds that high, you're going to have outages, and that's all there is to it." A National Weather Service spokesman at San Francisco International Airport said the early evening winds reached speeds of up to 50 mph — "not a record," he said, "but higher than normal."

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Belmont Shepherd Selected 'Top Dog'

By RONNI ROSS

A local four-year-old German shepherd, born on Christmas and named "Linnloch Silent Knight" because of his birthdate, won the highest award possible Feb. 5 at the two-day Golden Gate Kennel Club Dog Show.

The dog belongs to Dorothy Linn of Belmont and won the "Best of Show" award by beating 2,400 other dogs in three categories at the Cow Palace.

Although Linnloch Silent Knight is the dog's official name, he is called "Reddy" because of his vivid coloring of red and black, a rare coloring for a shepherd, according to Linn.

The first category Linnloch Silent Knight had to win was "Best of Breed." "In judges' eyes, he personified standards for the German shepherd breed," said Linn.

Next, he had to compete against all the Best of Breed winners in the herding group. "They are a trotting dog so they have to cover a lot of ground, which is different from any other breed. They also have to have an alert, alive temperament," explained Linn. "They have to watch everything."

Linnloch Silent Knight then had to compete against all the other group winners, like the sporting and hound dog winners.

The unusual thing about the dog's "Best of Show" win is that many of the other dogs already had a "champion" status, but Linnloch did not.

A dog needs to accumulate 15 points to become a "champion," but Linnloch Silent Knight had

competition.

"He's a show dog and had been entered in a few shows before, but is still a 'class dog.' Now he has 13 points. He picked up five in the show," said Linn. "This is the highest amount of points that can be picked up in one show."

'Class' dogs rarely win Best of Show awards. This had never been done by a shepherd before, according to Linn.

The last shepherd to win Best of Show was 12 years ago, and he already had a reputation of being a Best of Show winner, she said.

Linnloch was particularly alert during this show because a professional handler presented him to judges, Linn explained. "He was shown by Barbara Ross, a very well-known handler in the Bay Area."

Linnloch is a personality type dog and projects what everyone likes to see in his breed, Linn said. "He had to sit there for two days on a bench without anything to eat. He had to take a lot of stress. People were poking him and petting him," she said.

The Linn's are certain Reddy will get his championship very soon.

A champion dog can sell for over \$10,000, Linn explained. The Linn's bred one other Best of Show winner, but sold him as a puppy.

"The puppy we had was re-sold a third time for \$14,000. But they can pay for themselves," she said.

Breeding dogs is a hobby for the Linn's. They raise one litter of high-quality dogs at a time and sell most of them, she said. "We don't even have a kennel, we just have a

"You keep breeding better dogs all the time. It takes a lot of years and a lot of knowledge," she said.

The Linn's bred Linnloch Silent Knight themselves. "He was one of our puppies from our own stock, we don't buy him. I've bought one dog in my life, in 1957; that was the start of all this," she said.

Linn and her husband Roy have lived in Belmont for about 15 years and have two grown children.

One of her other hobbies is growing and showing violets. She is a member of the African Violet Club in Belmont. "I show dogs and violets," she said.

A new office nearing

Creekside project to be city's largest

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Preliminary work was begun last week on the site of what will be the largest office building in Belmont, the Creekside project between Ralston Avenue and O'Neill Street.

To prepare for construction, workers last week began demolishing an old home on the two-acre site. Trees and shrubs also will be removed.

"They should begin their grading operation sometime within the next two weeks," John Hopkins, city engineer, said.

Belmont

Laying of the foundation for the building should begin not long after grading has been completed, he said.

The three-story Creekside project will be directly adjacent to Twin Pines Park. It will have ground-floor commercial space and will be at 1070 Sixth Ave., near Emmett Avenue. It will have a total floor area of 42,878 square feet and will have parking for 172 cars.

The building will be the largest in downtown Belmont.

"We are looking for a completion date in November," Hopkins said.

The city has considered leasing space in the building for a badly needed senior citizens' center or for city offices. Both ideas still are under consideration by the City Council.



Times Tribune staff photo by Joe Melena
Ken Smithey of Belmont is taking advantage of the planned Creekside Project in his city by collecting some firewood for his house.

Creative Crayon-Coloring Kids Honored

By RONNI ROSS

Eight Belmont School children were given \$50 savings bonds by PG&E for their color crayon renditions of "energy conservation; our way to the future."

Pacific Gas and Electric held a contest for first and second-graders in Belmont School District as part of a community involvement effort, according to Paula Gualco, customer services supervisor at the Belmont headquarters.

This particular contest was just for first and second-graders, but they are going to approach other school districts with similar activities in the future, Gualco said.

A project involving school children is fairly new to the Peninsula

District Headquarters, but is fairly common to other PG&E headquarters, she explained.

The students colored in pre-printed pictures of the world with trees, the sun, stars and a rainbow. "We didn't look at the best, we looked for creativity and originality," Gualco said.

Customer services supervisors judged the contest, and the drawings are displayed in the PG&E office.

Although this was the first local school district project done in a while, PG&E has done many other community projects, Gualco said. "We will have more community involvement; it will be an ongoing

thing."

There were 143 entries for the contest, and participation depended on teacher approval, Gualco explained. "The superintendent was just wonderful in cooperating," she said.

"We tried to work with teachers because it could tie in with a lesson." Gualco said they wanted to do something related to energy conservation that a child could relate to also.

Savings bonds were chosen as a prize so the students can keep them until they mature in value and use them towards future education, Gualco said. They also wanted to try and make sure the children would actually be the

ones to benefit by the money, she said.

First-grade winners from Fox School are Sian Aynsley and Helen Wu and first-grade winners at Nesbit School are Matthew Macbeth and Verissa Sadsad. At Central School, first-grade winners are Christine McCarter and Aaron Cornell, and second-grade winners are Jenny Stang and Philip Cheung.

"I feel good," Jenny Stang said about her win. She chose her color scheme because "it reminds me of earth colors," she said.

Stang colors a lot, and the drawing took about 20 minutes to do, she said. She also said her parents are proud of her, but then that isn't surprising.

(Pic. on BACK)

County population increases

S.M. TIMES 5/10/84

SAN MATEO — If California's Department of Finance is right, San Mateo County's population is growing. Not by leaps and bounds, but gradually, a few tenths of a percent each year.

Not only that, but San Mateo is clearly the largest city in the county, with exactly 500 more residents than runner-up Daly City.

The Department of Finance each

year figures out how many Californians there are, and where they live, so the state can divvy up its tax revenue.

According to the May 1 estimate, which announced calculations based on a Jan. 1 baseline, the state has 1.9 percent more people this year than it did Jan. 1, 1983. That total population was 25,415,000.

San Mateo County, the state said,

had increased from 596,300 people Jan. 1, 1983, to 603,600 on Jan. 1, 1984. That's an increase of 1.1 percent.

The population of nearly every community in the county also had increased, not much but some, although San Bruno's total remained exactly the same and Colma's decreased.

According to the Department of Finance estimates, following are the population totals of San Mateo County cities, as of Jan. 1:

- Atherton, 7,875, up 25 people or .3 percent.
- Belmont, 24,600, up 50 people or .2 percent.
- Brisbane, 3,030, up 20 people or .6 percent.
- Burlingame, 26,750, up 200 people or .7 percent.
- Colma, 720, down 10 people or 1.3

Daly City, 80,400, up 800 people or .5 percent.

Foster City, 24,500, up 400 people or 1.6 percent.

Half Moon Bay, 7,525, up 125 people or 1.6 percent.

Hillsborough, 10,850, up 100 people or .9 percent.

Menlo Park, 26,700, up 250 people or .9 percent.

Millbrae, 20,400, up 200 people or .9 percent.

Pacifica, 36,950, up 200 people or .5 percent.

Portola Valley, 4,150, up 80 people or 1.9 percent.

Redwood City, 56,800, up 800 people or 1.4 percent.

San Bruno, 34,900, exactly the same as Jan. 1, 1983.

San Carlos, 25,800, up 300 people or 1.1 percent.

San Mateo, 80,900, up 1,300 people or 1.6 percent.

South San Francisco, 51,400, up

Woodside, 5,400, up 50 people or .9 percent.

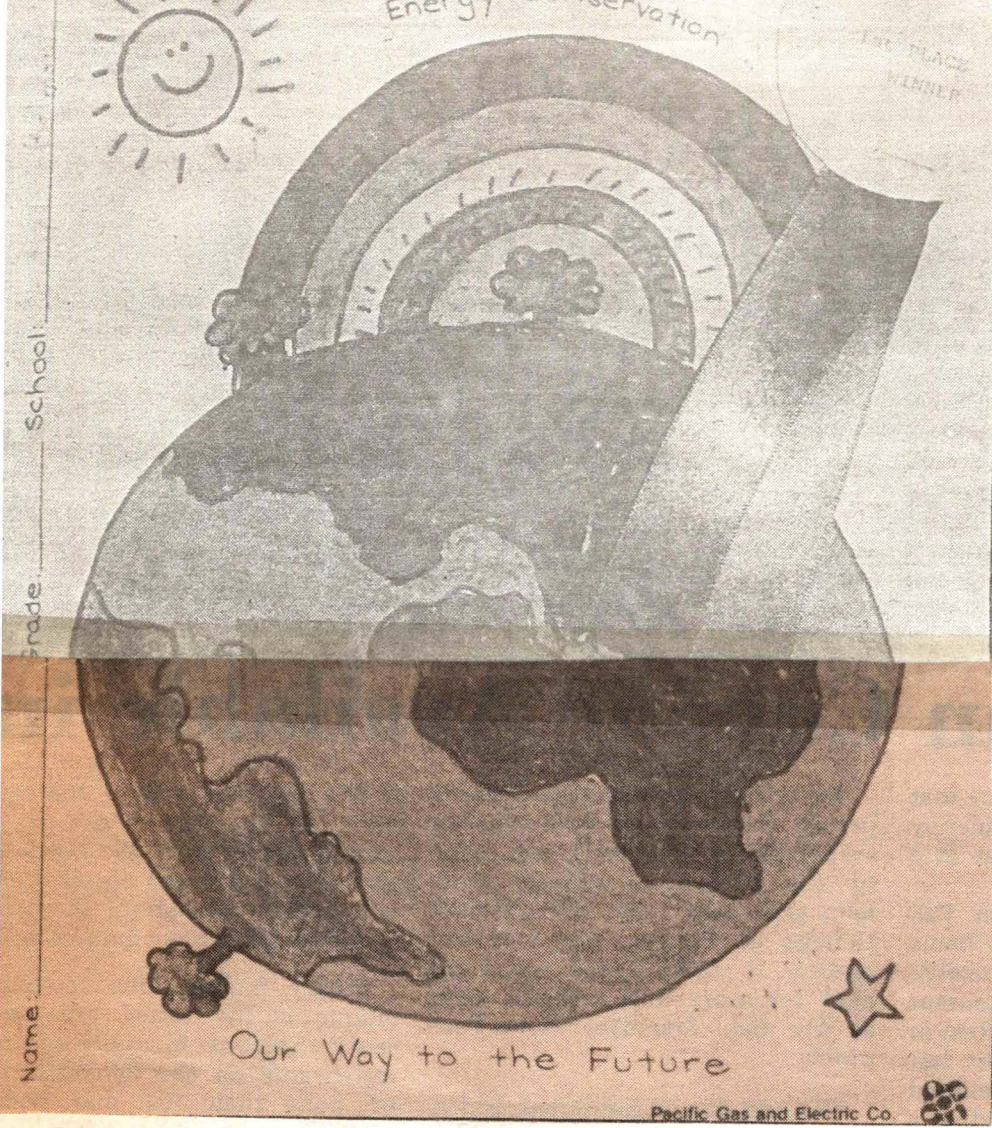
Unincorporated areas, 74,000 people, up 1,700 or 2.3 percent.

A 20th San Mateo County city, East Palo Alto, was incorporated this year after the Jan. 1 base date.

Compared with the U.S. census figures for 1980, the state's estimates show a county-wide increase from 588,164 people to 603,600. That's 15,436 people, or an increase of 2.6 percent over the 1980 census.

Statewide, the Finance Department's estimate indicates that some counties are losing citizens.

Two others, Del Norte and Plumas counties, had no change.



Jenny Stang, a second-grader at Central School in Belmont, received a \$50 savings bond from PG&E for her color crayon drawing of "energy conservation; our way to the future"

Demos dominate in county's cities

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REDWOOD CITY — Atherton, Woodside, Hillsborough and Portola Valley are the only communities in San Mateo County with a higher Republican than Democratic registration.

County Clerk Marvin Church reported Wednesday that a record number 293,672 residents are registered to vote in the June 5 primary.

Of them, 159,768 are Democrats, or 54.4 percent, and 98,401 Republicans, or 33.5 percent. The balance consists of minor party or decline to state.

City breakdowns for the two main parties, with Democrats listed first, followed by Republicans, follow:

- Atherton, 1,323 D, 3,427 R.
- Belmont, 6,868 D, 5,153 R.
- Brisbane, 1,009 D, 324 R.

- Burlingame, 7,274 D, 6,238 R.
- Colma, 254 R, 84 R.
- Daly City, 18,843 D, 5,827 R.
- East Palo Alto, 7,622 D, 623 R.
- Foster City, 5,571 D, 4,630 R.
- Half Moon Bay, 1,898 D, 1,365 R.
- Hillsborough, 1,705 D, 4,360 R.
- Menlo Park, 7,661 D, 7,059 R.
- Millbrae, 6,040 D, 4,070 R.
- Pacifica, 10,732 D, 3,806 R.
- Portola Valley, 975 D, 1,733 R.
- Redwood City, 14,577 D, 8,818 R.
- San Bruno 10,194 D, 4,235 R.
- San Carlos, 7,221 D, 6,347 R.
- San Mateo, 21,157 D, 15,305 R.
- South San Francisco, 14,199 D, 4,448 R.
- Woodside, 1,163 D, 1,919 R.
- Unincorporated areas, 13,482 D, 8,630 R./

20th District

PEN. TIMES 5/30/84

Area: Burlingame, Hillsborough, Half Moon Bay, San Mateo, Foster City, Belmont, San Carlos, Atherton, Portola Valley, Woodside, southern Millbrae, western Redwood City, western Menlo Park.

Registration: Democrat, 45.5 percent; Republican, 42.4 percent; decline to state, 10.2 percent; American Independent, 1 percent; Libertarian, 0.5 percent; Peace and Freedom, 0.2 percent.

1982 election results: Republican — Bob Naylor (Incumbent), 72,091; Democrat — Jack Smith, 34,102; Libertarian — Don Smith, 4,106; American Independent — David Castronovo, 1,535.

In the 20th Assembly District (Burlingame to western Menlo Park), incumbent Bob Naylor, R-Menlo Park, is unopposed, as is Democrat Art Lepore, a Millbrae City Council member.

Recyclers turn in 980,640 aluminum cans

S.M. TIMES 3/7/84

BELMONT — Recyclers cashed in a total of 980,640 recyclable aluminum beverage cans in 1983 at the recycling center operated by Matagrano's Inc., at 610 Quarry Road.

"A total of \$12,258 has been paid out to individuals and groups that cashed in cans at our center during 1983," said Louis A. Matagrano. The center currently pays 30 cents for each pound of recyclable aluminum cans.

The recycling center is operated by Matagrano's Inc. as a community service.

Paper-recycling bin

installed in Belmont

S.M. TIMES 5/9/84

BELMONT — A newspaper-recycling bin has been installed at the south entrance to the Congregational Church of Belmont, 751 Alameda de las Pulgas.

Members of the public are invited to drop off bagged or bundled newsprint for recycling at any time. Proceeds from the recycling project will benefit programs at the church; for further information, call the church office.

Training Orchestra Lets Kids Tune-Up Skills

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By RONNI ROSS

There is a place in Belmont where "building Mozarts" can turn to get first-time training with an orchestra.

The Midpeninsula Training Orchestra is designed to give string instrument players experience with a group.

"It meets a need in that some people don't get — orchestra training — in schools," said Kathleen Johnson, creator and director of the group.

"I started this after talking with other teachers in the area. We felt there was a need for this," she explained. "Kids who take lessons don't often get the chance to play with a group."

Johnson said the group gives novice musicians good experience so they can go on to other orchestras. "Many people have gone on to the California Youth Symphony and El Camino Youth Symphony after this," she said.

"The emphasis is on the older, more experienced players helping the younger ones," Johnson said.

There are about 25 people in the orchestra with musicians from Belmont, San Carlos, San Mateo and other surrounding areas.

"We would welcome new members of all ages," Johnson said. However, the orchestra only consists of string instruments.

Midpeninsula Training Orchestra was formed about six years ago, and the level of musicianship gets better every year, according to Johnson.

Two free concerts are given each year by the orchestra, with the next one scheduled for June. Performances

used to be held at the Carlmont Methodist Church because practices were there. Now the group rehearses in the Congregational Church of Belmont, but it is not certain where the June concert will be held, Johnson said.

The orchestra meets every Wednesday night for about an hour under the direction of Johnson and Marjorie Lin, an assistant who is a violin teacher in San Mateo. "We were fortunate to be offered the use of the facilities there," Johnson said.

"Music can be such a social thing, but it can also be isolating if someone rehearses alone for many years," she said. Johnson emphasized that making music is a very social thing and is fun for youngsters to do.

There is a small fee to join Midpeninsula Training Orchestra, and anyone interested should leave a message at the church.

... reaching out to help those in need

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By ALAN QUALE
Times Staff Writer



BELMONT — By day, Sheldon Crop is a computer consultant and author.

By night, or on weekends, he joins the "Mid-Peninsula Bozos" to paint houses, clear trails or distribute food to needy families.

Crop is part of a growing number of men who are breaking out of their traditional work spheres to volunteer their services to the community. In the past, women have filled the ranks of most volunteer groups, but "I've noticed that we are becoming less of a novelty," said Crop recently as he and the other "bozos" prepared to paint the Family Home for the Adult Retarded, a center for developmentally disabled adults on North Road. Members of the group "range in age from the late 20s through the early 40s, we're all busy with our businesses, but we consider it our duty to work (on volunteer projects) in the community," Crop added.

Although the Mid-Peninsula Bozos were setting the work world on fire with their achievements at the office (the nine-member group includes engineers, skilled workers and businessmen who own their own companies) the young professionals soon learned that they were lacking something when they left the office.

"Early on we saw that we needed

some kind of purpose (away from their jobs)," Crop explained.

The nine men met at a workshop last fall, decided to volunteer for a community project "and at the end of the project we felt really good," said Dennis Blaile, a research biochemist with a Ph.D.

The group has since participated in a trail-clearing project for county parks, organized themselves in teams to do intensive "patterning" exercises for a severely handicapped person, helped resettled senior citizens and distributed food and toys to needy families during the holidays.

Many of their community projects are coordinated through the Volunteer Center of San Mateo County. "We see an increasing number of men, many of whom are deliberately adding another dimension to their lives by reaching out to others," said Loyce Haran, executive director of the Volunteer Center.

Janet Frakes, a staff member at the center, noted the men "approached volunteering with a spirit of adventure, wanting to experiment with different ways of helping. They were surprised at the variety of opportunities available and the kinds of people needing help."

"Every three months we have a 'what's next?' meeting," said Blaile.

"We all have our individual goals," Blaile added, "but it seems that as men working together we can accomplish so much more."

(Times Photo by Ray Zirkel)

MEN VOLUNTEERS

Dennis Blaile, Tom Brown and Chris Stevens, of the self-formed volunteer group called "Mid-Peninsula Bozos," paint a home for disabled adults in Belmont.

Senses Play Key Role To Learning At Armstrong

By HOLLY ALLEN
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Students at the Charles Armstrong School in Menlo Park don't sneer or giggle at each other, most of them know too well what it feels like to be laughed at or misunderstood.

"They've been put down so much, a lot of them are really sensitive to feelings," said one of the teachers. "There is a special empathy they have because they've been there."

"They have real camaraderie for other people's pride," Betsy Allen, associate program director, said.

Students at Armstrong School are there to overcome the obstacles created by what the Armstrong staff refer to as a specific learning disability (dyslexia) which often causes others (peers and parents) to see them as being dumb.

"The most important thing to remember is he is bright," Allen said. "He will often have a great deal of information about the outside world, but has a hard time for the school. Fruehling, superintendent of City School District, Merle featuring Dr. Kenneth Hill, superintendent of Redwood with a panel discussion and question and answer period. The program will conclude with a panel discussion and speak. Fair School Finance will also and the California Coalition for

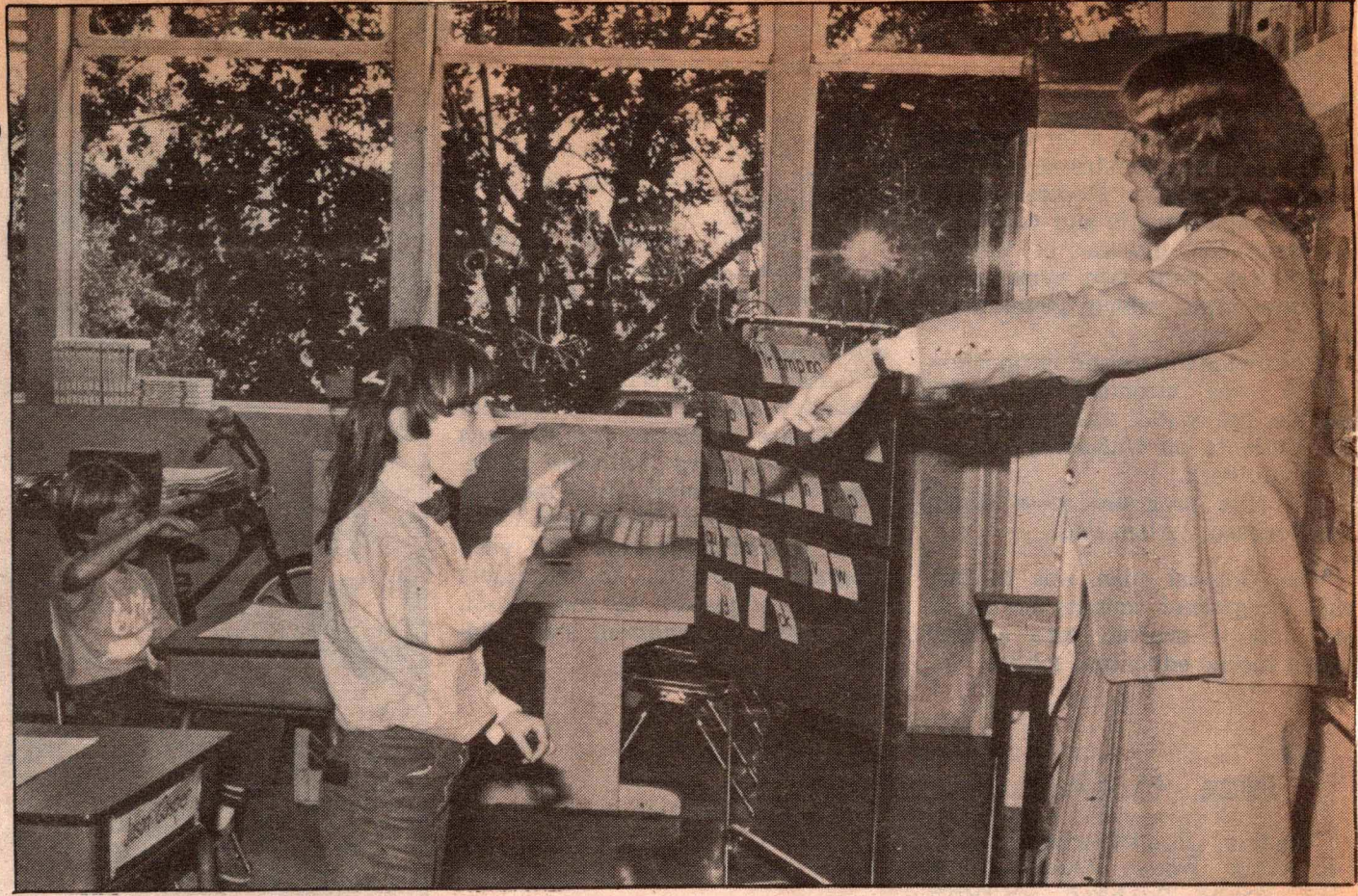


Photo by Mary Reis-Bussmann

Integrating the senses — auditory, visual and kinesthetic — with the learning process is the key to helping the Armstrong students overcome their Specific Language Disabilities.

A community forum on public education will be held March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kennedy School multi-purpose room, 1400 Connecticut St., Redwood City. The forum is entitled, "Is There a Crisis in Public Education" and will be presented by RESCUE, (Redwood City Elementary Schools Citizens' Fruehling, superintendent of

mainstream. "We're not curing anything, what we are giving them is strategies, the rules to go on and be successful," Allen said. "They're always going to have to be careful of

there they go. The older they are, the more failure they've experienced." Allen said the turnabout in students who once had behavior problems after coming to Armstrong is obvious. One high school student changed from always wanting to call a school to quit my mind, together we all looked for a school to quit my mind, but had no luck. Finally ready to resign my father was given the number of an education center. Andrea Young took

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When we started, there was nothing for these children. A child was left struggling," she said. "There were facilities to diagnose, but no place to send them for help."

The school, currently located at 360 La Cuesta Drive in Menlo Park, last week leased McDougal School in Belmont. The move will be made this summer.

Tuition for the school is \$5,300 annually, but tutoring and summer school are available for students who don't need full-time placement. They have also recently started adult evening classes. There is a screening process for each program applicant to complete prior to admission to the school. For more information, call 854-0888.

ool, was formed after the death of Dr. Charles Armstrong, a doctor in the Menlo Medical Clinic. Armstrong's friends and colleagues, showing his interest in learning abilities, held two symposiums on the topic which generated a lot of interest.

Following the second symposium, which was attended by 1,000 people, the school was opened with students on University Avenue in Menlo Park.

"It (the program) grew slowly like topseed," Allen said.

The original plan was to provide Slingerland training for teachers, but it evolved into a non-profit special education school.

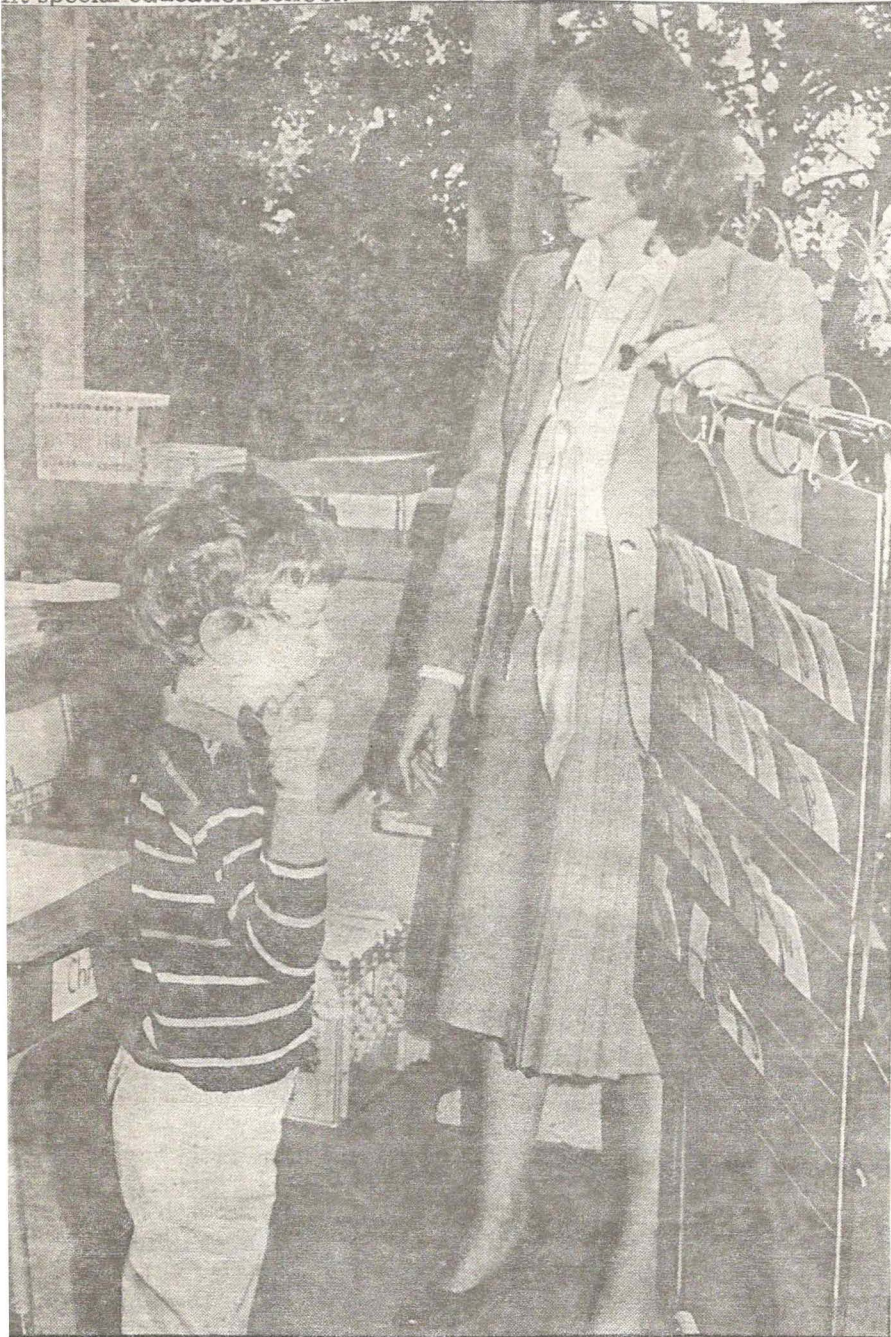


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the aid of his teacher, this Armstrong student learns the Alphabet by verbally pronouncing the letter and its correlating word while drawing the letter in the air with his INDEX finger

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~~My~~ Magic light

Before I attended C.A.H.S., I had been shuffled in the local public schools, so called "Learning Center," where the majority of the class was severely emotionally disturbed. I knew I was much more intelligent than they were, but they did not understand why I could not read or write. So there I sat academically, inert making very little progress. My parents were told that I was just lazy and needed to apply myself. By this time I was frustrated and did not understand what was wrong with me. I often drifted off in to a world of tears and depression, wondering when that "magic light" was going to click on in my head and everything would be clear to me, but as I grew older things turned for the worst. My parents decided that it was time for a change. Together we all looked for a school to suit my needs, but had no luck. Finally, ready to resign my father was given the number of an Education Consultant Ancha Young who diagnosed me dyslexic and pointed us towards Armstrong School. Then the light bulb finally clicked on. Thanks to the Saline and all of my other fantastic teachers, now I have regained confidence and have progressed quite a bit in a year and three months. Thank you all very much!!!!

By
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This letter, presented to the Armstrong faculty, was written by a student who is enrolled in the high school program at the Menlo Park School.

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Armstrong to

host meeting

S.M. TIMES 5/16/84
BELMONT — Officials from a private school that will soon move into the vacant McDougal School will host a community meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the staff members from Armstrong School to residents of the neighborhood surrounding McDougal.

Organizers urged residents to attend and hear officials describe Armstrong's educational program for students who have difficulties with spelling, reading and writing.

McDougal is one of three elementary schools closed last year by the Belmont School District. Armstrong has agreed to lease the site and has an option to purchase the school for \$1.1 million within five years.



AT POLISHED ELEGANCE the staff lines up: left to right, Lucy Weare Campbell, Kathleen Healy, Kathie Gall, the owner, and, in front, Fanya Eveleva. —Photo by Paul Fry

'Polished Elegance' Does More

CALL ENO 57989
Kathie Gall recognized a need for a full service nail and skin care salon in the Belmont area, and seized the opportunity. Her new business, Polished Elegance, was the result.

Gall, 32, had been paper-wrapping and sculpturing her own nails for ten years when a hand injury prevented her from doing her own nails.

"I tried in vain to get an appointment to have my nails done, but every place was booked weeks in advance. I had always wanted to own my own business, but didn't know what that would be."

Gall enrolled in Ganay Academy in Redwood

City, and opened Polished Elegance in July of 1983, only one month after graduating.

The salon offers a variety of services, including manicures, pedicures, acrylic nail sets, fills and Juliette paper wraps. According to Gall, Polished Elegance is one of the few salons to offer Juliette paper wrap, which she says is the healthiest way to maintain a natural nail.

In addition to nail care, the salon offers facials, waxing, eyelash tinting and eyebrow arching, as well as color and makeup consultation.

A staff of four consists of Gall, Lucy Weare Campbell, a resident of Belmont since 9 months old, Kelly Quinne, who at 19 years of age is the "baby of the family," and Fanya Eveleva, a native of the Soviet Union, who does facials and waxing.

At Polished Elegance, the atmosphere is relaxed. Customers are pampered with white wine and soft music, without the noise of blow dryers.

The interior is decorated with antiques, including antique Singer sewing machines which serve as manicuring tables.

Polished Elegance is located in the Belmont Plaza, at 390 No J. El Camino Real.

Business hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Appointments should be made 24 hours in advance.

Belmont

Home Helps Fill FHAR-Reaching Goals

CARL ENO 3/14/84

By RONNI ROSS

FHAR house in Belmont looks like any other house from the outside, but there is something very unique about it.

FHAR, Family Homes for the Adult Retarded, was established in 1970 to aid in teaching developmentally disabled adults "whatever it takes so they can be self-sufficient," according to David Curson, executive director.

"FHAR was started by a group of parents with developmentally disabled children and concerned citizens. They wanted to start something in the community so their children would not have to go to state institutions," Curson explained.

The house is located at 901 North Road and has eight resi-

dents, with an office on one side of the house.

Staff and counselors rotate so that 24-hour supervision is provided. However, the residents are fully responsible for upkeep of the house including yard maintenance on the weekends, Curson said.

"A typical day for the residents is very similar to yours or mine. They all get up and have breakfast and go to work," Curson said.

After work, the residents come home and have classes from 4:30-9:30 p.m. every day. The classes cover six areas including money management, community resource awareness, household maintenance, independent recreation skills, socialization skills and meal preparation.

The meal preparation and house maintenance are practiced every day, but other classes are held only one to three times a week, Curson said.

Guest speakers and volunteers also come in and work with the residents. A course in reading is taught once a week.

In their spare time, the residents participate in recreational activities, like seeing movies.

FHAR was recently given a \$1,000 grant from Bay View Federal Savings in support of the program. Donald Doyle, Bay View chairman, announced an additional \$1,000 would be presented to FHAR again later this year.

FHAR is a non-profit organiza-

tion funded through various sources and client fees, Curson said. "We get special funds from the Department of Developmental Services in order to provide independent living skills." The residents' social security and club membership fees also help support the program.

The club is a community membership and dues are paid as tax-deductible donations to FHAR. Members receive a newsletter four times a year and can participate in voting and activities the program offers, Curson said.

"I would invite all the public to come see what we do. We are very community-minded," Curson said.

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David Curson, executive director of Family Homes for the Adult Retarded, (left) received a check from Donald Doyle, chairman of Bay View Federal Savings, for \$1,000. The check is in support of FHAR, a program dedicated to helping developmentally disabled adults become independent. Recently, participants of the Family Homes for the Adult Retarded (FHAR) were taken on a ski trip to Aspen, Colorado. At right, a few of the residents of the FHAR house prepare for a trip down the slopes.



FHAR is a two-year program, and at the end of each individual's two years, it is decided whether a patient should move on to another program or stay at the home, according to Curson.

Many of the adults are referred

FHAR by the Golden Gate Regional Center, the "action" arm of the State Department of Health.

A second home for FHAR participants is now sought in the San Mateo area, and Curson said they hope to open it by June of this year. "It's up to state, city and county requirements before we can open it," he said.

As executive director, Curson is in charge of finding the second home, along with his usual duties of making sure everything runs smoothly in the Belmont home.

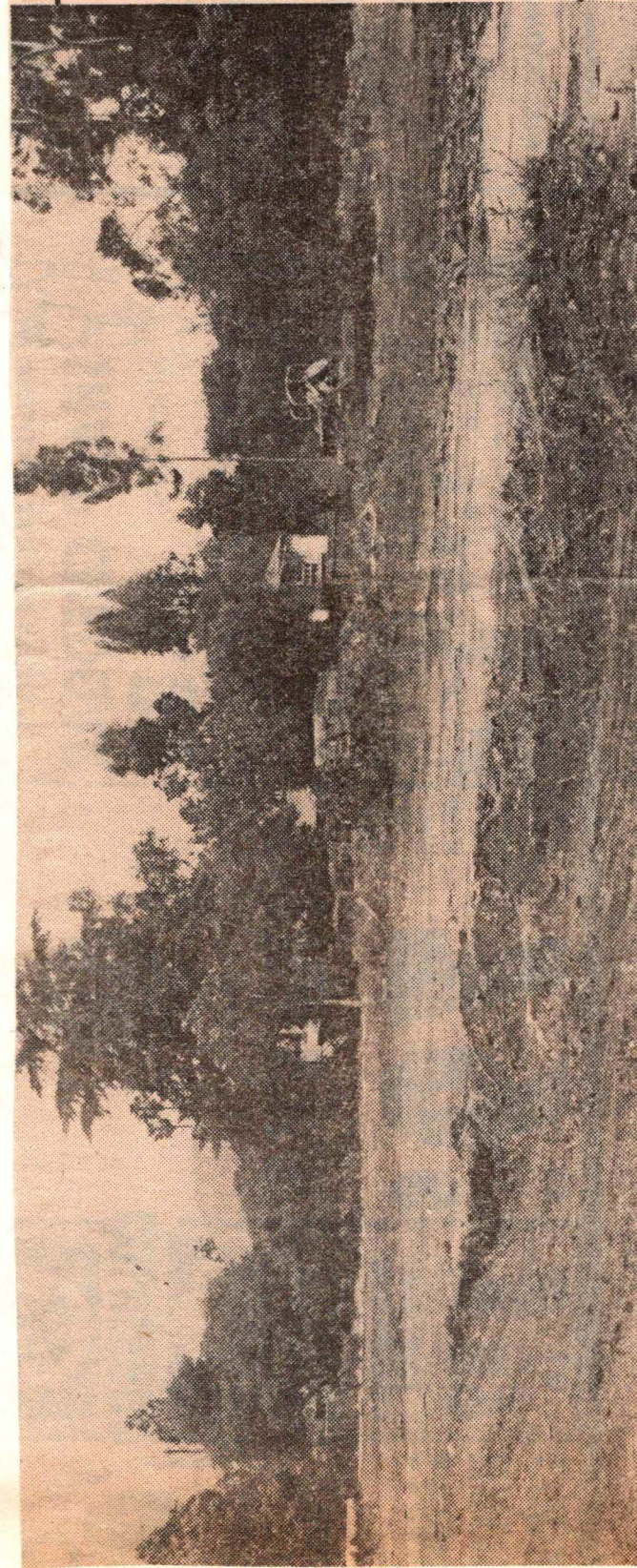
For more information about FHAR or becoming a member, contact Curson at 593-2516.

S.M. TIMES 5/19/84

Where are the trees?

Many passersby in Belmont these days are wondering why a two-acre, wooded lot has been cleared near the intersection of Sixth and Emmet avenues. Fambco Investment Company cleared the site and will now begin constructing a \$6 million office building. The three-story structure will have a parking lot for 157 cars and will provide a new entrance to adjacent Twin Pines Park.

(Times Photo by Ray Zirke)



Recycling Center Turns Cans To Cash

CARLEND 3/14/84
By RONNI ROSS

Recycling cans is not only a good way to help keep the community clean, but it is also a good way to earn a few extra dollars. In Belmont, recyclers cashed in over 980,000 cans at one center and received \$12,258 for their efforts.

Matagrano's Inc., area distributor of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., operates the recycling center, located at 610

Quarry Road, as a community service.

"The fact the center is able to put extra dollars back into our community through the cash payments to recyclers is in some ways as important to our area as the fact it helps reduce the amount of litter here," said Louis Matagrano of Matagrano's.

The recycling center is part of a national program voluntarily under-

taken by Anheuser-Busch beer distributors in cooperation with Container Recovery Corporation (CRC), the recycling subsidiary of Anheuser-Busch.

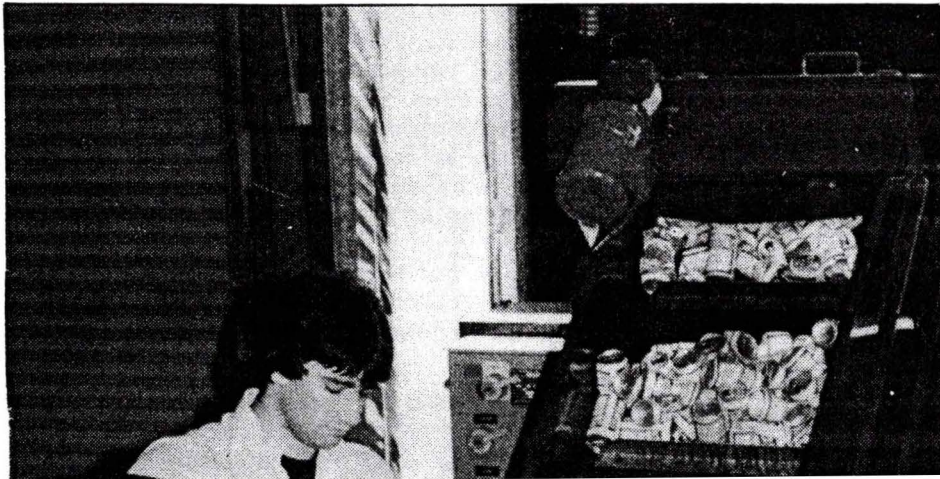
Throughout California, participating Anheuser-Busch distributors and CRC were responsible for about 245 million recycled cans in 1983. Across the country, CRC programs produced more than 1.7 billion recycled cans last year.

Anheuser-Busch set up the recycling centers for two reasons, Matagrano said. First, it helps clean up the environment and

The community centers are sponsored by the distributor with CRC supplying the necessary recycling machinery.

Cans collected at the center in Belmont are shipped to a recycling plant where they are shredded, and then they are transported to an aluminum processing facility. There they are made into new aluminum can stock and forwarded to can manufacturing plants.

"Almost all of the Anheuser-Busch distributors in California participate in this by running recycling centers," Matagrano said.



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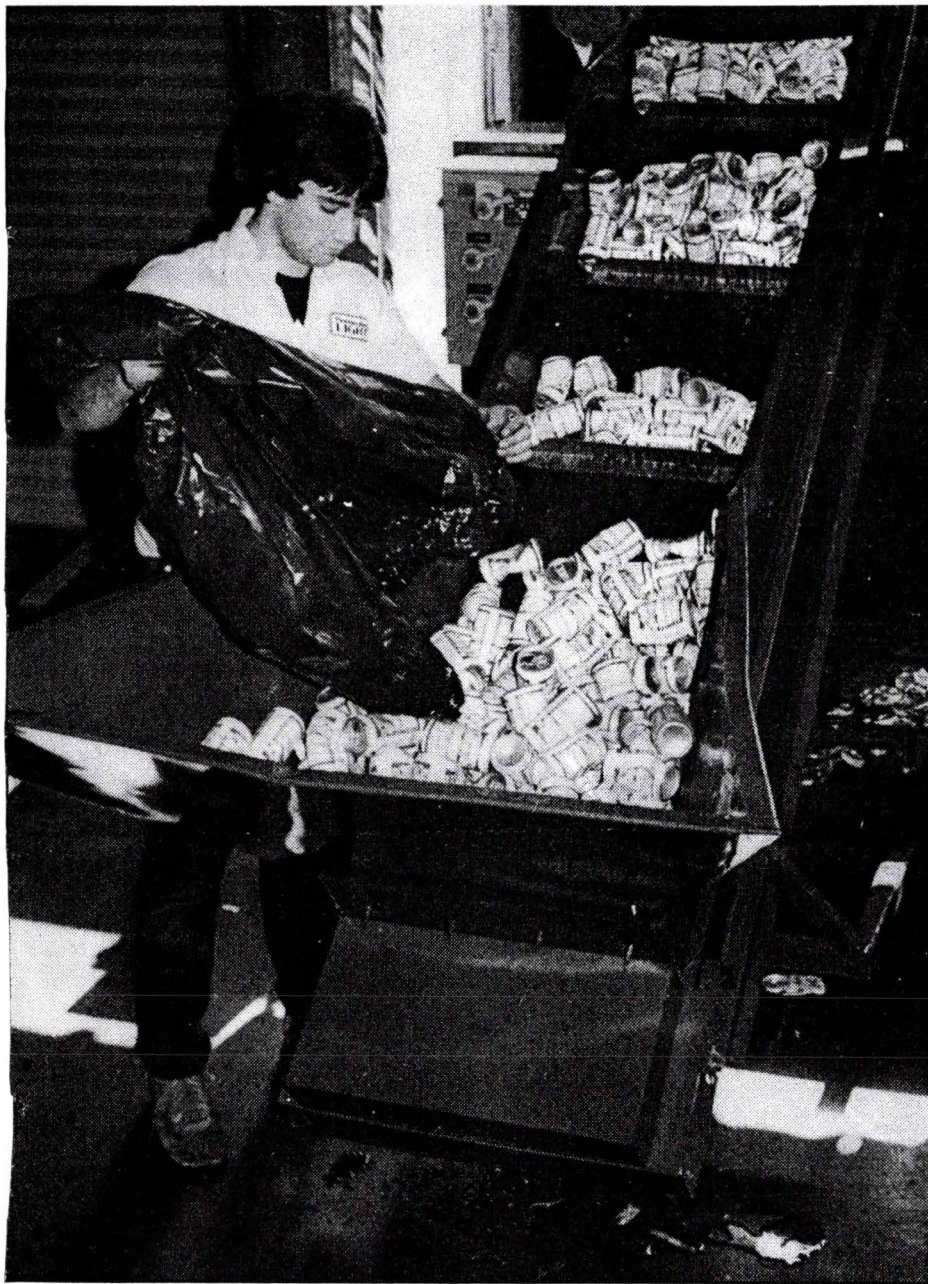


Photo by Mary Reis-Bussmann

Local residents can earn money by bringing cans to Matagrano's Inc., in Belmont to be recycled. Matagrano's is area distributor of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., and is located at 610 Quarry Road. Dave Philibosian, an employee, operates the machinery.

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encourages people to save cans or pick them up.

Secondly, can manufacturing companies give credit to buyers when they purchase aluminum cans and then return them. Anheuser-Busch gets a discount on aluminum when cans are returned, Matagrano said.

The center has been open about three years and is "getting bigger and bigger all the time," according to Matagrano. "There are more and more people bringing in cans."

He said one client comes in every day with a big bag of cans and walks out with \$20-30.

Currently, the center pays 30 cents for each pound of recyclable aluminum cans. There are about 24 cans to a pound.

"We are violently opposed to forced deposit fees on cans. This is one of the things we are doing to eliminate the need for forced deposit legislation." Matagrano said forced deposit fees would be "horrendous and expensive."

"The environmentalists are always blaming the litter on the business community. They make it sound as though we're the ones responsible for the fact that some inconsiderate individuals litter the roadside," Matagrano said.

"We are doing everything we can to make sure people use our product right and then dispose of the cans properly."

The center is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Matagrano at 591-8911.

Belmont Debris Station to close

OPEN TRIP 5/19/89
The city of Belmont Debris Station will remain open through Saturday. After that date, service will be provided at the San Carlos Transfer Station, 225 Shoreway Road, San Carlos.

The transfer station will be open to the public seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excepting major holidays. For information on the closure of the debris station, telephone City Engineer John Hopkins at (415) 573-3495.

Up a tree

Woman leaves no stone unturned in fight for house

By Steve Taylor

Times Tribune staff

VEN. TIMES 4/15/84

A Belmont woman who owns an elaborate but illegal tree house ignored an April 1 deadline for demolishing it and hopes to convince a public official that it should remain perched among five redwood trees.

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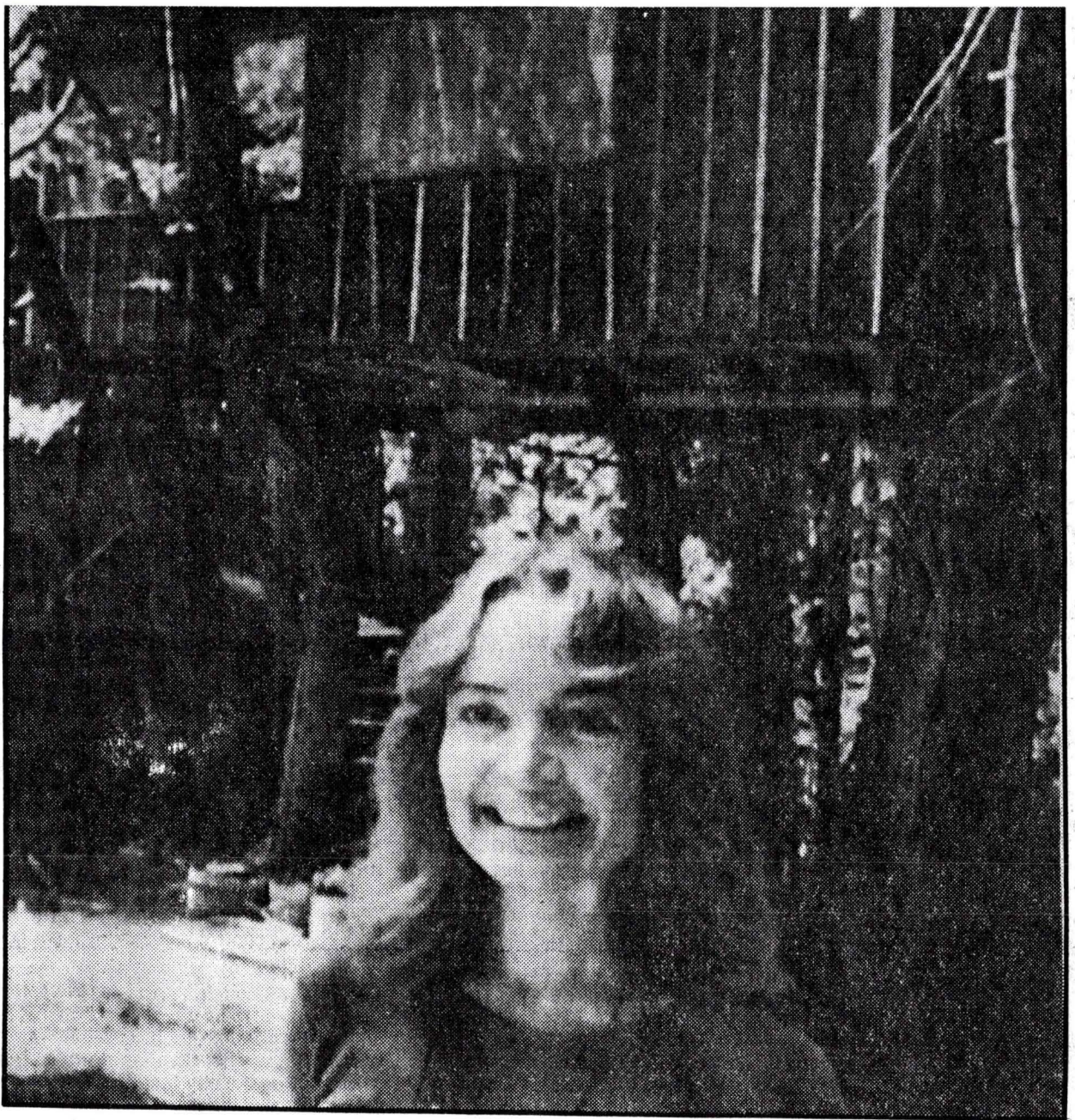
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In an interview with the Times Tribune last year, Read said she knew the structure was illegal, but she proceeded anyway because she felt it was unfair of the county to prohibit tree houses. It has been free of problems so far and has provided her a quiet environment away from urbanization and the pressures of her job, she said.

Schmidt argued, however, that the tree house could collapse if any of the supporting chains broke. He also noted that sewage from the house flowed through a hose onto the ground below, creating a health and safety hazard.

Schmidt's office told Read she had to tear it down. Read moved out of the home, severed the plumbing so



Associated Press

Rosemary Read has hired attorney Paul N. McCloskey Jr. in an effort to prevent San Mateo County from forcing her to demolish her tree house in the hills west of Belmont. The county's chief building inspector will meet with McCloskey, but says, "He's wasting his time."

16 people become U.S.

S.F. TIMES 4/30/84

REDWOOD CITY — Forty-six persons, including a 4-year-old from Korea, a 6-year-old from Hong Kong and a 6-year-old from Greece, became naturalized United States citizens here April 20 in ceremonies before Superior Court Judge Gerald Magan.

James Richman was the examiner for the group. Philip Aaron, representing the Kiwanis Club, and Kathleen Weisenberg, representing the Women Voters, joined in the ceremonies and welcoming party.

The 4-year-old from Korea is Kimberly Ann Dodge, daughter of Marjorie Robinson Dodge of San Mateo, while the 6-year-olds are Jamie Janne Chin from Hong Kong, daughter of Richard and Carrie Chin of San Mateo, and Evangelia Christa Daskalakis of Greece, daughter of

Christo George Daskalakis of Burlington, game.

The other new citizens, listed by hometown, name and country of origin, are:

- ATHERTON — Margaret Jane Young, South Africa.
- BELMONT — Chwen-Hao Lin, China, and Robert Lister, United Kingdom.
- BRISBANE — Sang Ho Lee, Korea.
- EAST PALO ALTO — Pamela Aurita Lewis, Panama.
- FOSTER CITY — Aysun Kunduoglu, Turkey; Carmen Luisa Castro, Peru; and Naim Nicolas Halabi, Lebanon.
- HALF MOON BAY — Raul Almaguer Guzman, Mexico.
- HILLSBOROUGH — Frederick Pung Yung Koo, China.

- MENLO PARK — Nancy Quach Neuhausen, Viet Nam.
- MILLBRAE — Charn Thamchai-penet, Thailand; Aristea Sarikakis, Greece; and Marise Sevilla Smolla, Philippines.
- MONTARA — Marcos Morales-Barreiro, Argentina.
- PACIFICA — Ruth Recalde, Nicaragua.
- PESCADERO — Giuseppe Muzzi, Italy.
- REDWOOD CITY — Miguel Herrera Mora, Mexico; Sylvia Car-men Yeager, Nicaragua; Heidi Ellenberger Byers, Switzerland; Asghar Hamid, Pakistan; Marva Alvarez De Arias, Mexico; Janette Elizabeth Shuster, El Salvador; Tak Chau, United Kingdom and Colonies; Vas-ilije Ljohki, Yugoslavia; and Philomena Mary Dolan, Canada.
- SAN BRUNO — Hugo Ernesto

Cardona-Monge, El Salvador, and Leila Mikhael Paolino, Jordan.

SAN CARLOS — Ingrid Kruger, Germany.

SAN MATEO — Gabor Lajos Szegedy, Hungary; Vitaly Boris Luskina, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Lieselotte Koelling Aedo, West Germany; Yu-Fun Thomas Lai, United Kingdom; Agnes Yau-Lan Lai, United Kingdom; Fernando Bustamante Magallanes, Mexico; Betty Shih-Mai Cheng, United Kingdom and Colonies; Candelaria Solomon Jose, Philippines; Malia Nive Saffings, Tonga; Parkash Jhurani, India; Mohini Kumari Joshi, Fiji Islands; and Giuseppe Micalizio, Italy.

WOODSIDE — Ensieh Chehregosha Schainker, Iran.

OTHER — Vladislav Vitaly Luskina, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Berkeley.

it was unusable and obtained a demolition permit.

The permit expired April 1, but Read took no steps to raze the house. McCloskey argued that no home that can be made safe and secure should be destroyed on the Peninsula, which has a housing shortage.

"It would seem insane to tear down a house if it can meet county standards," McCloskey said. He argued the trees in which the house is nestled "have been through more earthquakes than the California missions. It (the tree house) will survive an earthquake, while other homes would not."

McCloskey said Read is willing to install a septic-tank sewage system and to take steps to make the home accessible to vehicles.

Michael Murphy, the deputy district attorney who

handles illegal building matters for the county, said McCloskey will be allowed to state his case. He added, however, that Schmidt appears to have his mind made up.

Schmidt said he would rather not meet with McCloskey, but he will do so on Murphy's advice.

There is one complicating matter. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is to decide Wednesday if it will purchase a 1,660-acre parcel of land Read must cross to reach her home.

If the purchase is made, the district would have to give Read an easement to reach her property. McCloskey has contacted the district about the idea of buying Read's property, Craig Britton, the district's land acquisition manager, said.

District officials are uncertain if they are interested in buying Read's land, but Britton expressed doubt that a sale would occur. McCloskey said if the district buys it — and if the county does not order the house demolished — he hopes the district will allow Read to return to her home if she performs such duties as watching for fires and cleaning up after visitors.

citizens



Times Tribune staff photos by Sam Forenci

Rosemary Read (above) gazes out the window of her tree house. Her lawyer, Paul N. McCloskey Jr. (below,

center), and architectural consultant Lewis Butler (left), show the structure to building inspector Paul Schmidt.

Tree house will be fixed or torn down

Tour of elaborate house can't change officials' minds

By Steve Taylor

Times Tribune staff

DENVER TIMES 5/4/84
A Belmont woman's elaborate but illegal tree house must be torn down unless more than \$30,000 in improvements are made to it and the property, San Mateo County officials said Thursday after they toured the home.

Rosemary Read, an airline flight attendant who owns the structure near Skyline Boulevard, said she cannot afford to make the changes. Attorney Paul N. McCloskey Jr., the former Peninsula congressman who represents her, said he may ask the county Planning Commission to eliminate some county requirements.

If the government won't back down, McCloskey said, "I think the courts might be sympathetic to letting her keep it (the tree house)."

The tree house is at the bottom of a steep canyon west of Huddart Park and north of Kings Mountain Road. The dwelling features a kitchen, bathroom, sunken bathtub, living room and a bedroom above the kitchen. With electricity generated from an automobile battery, Read can enjoy television and music.

The structure, estimated to weigh 36,000 pounds, is suspended about 20 feet above



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Chief Building Inspector Paul Schmidt said the chains holding up the home could break. All homes must have foundations and must be accessible to fire trucks and ambulances, he said.

Schmidt, however, has the power to waive the requirements, McCloskey said. To convince him, Read, McCloskey and Lewis Butler, an architectural consultant hired by Read, took Schmidt to Read's home to show what could be done to make the home safe.

Schmidt was accompanied by Clevenger and Deputy District Attorney Michael Murphy, who handles illegal building matters for the county.

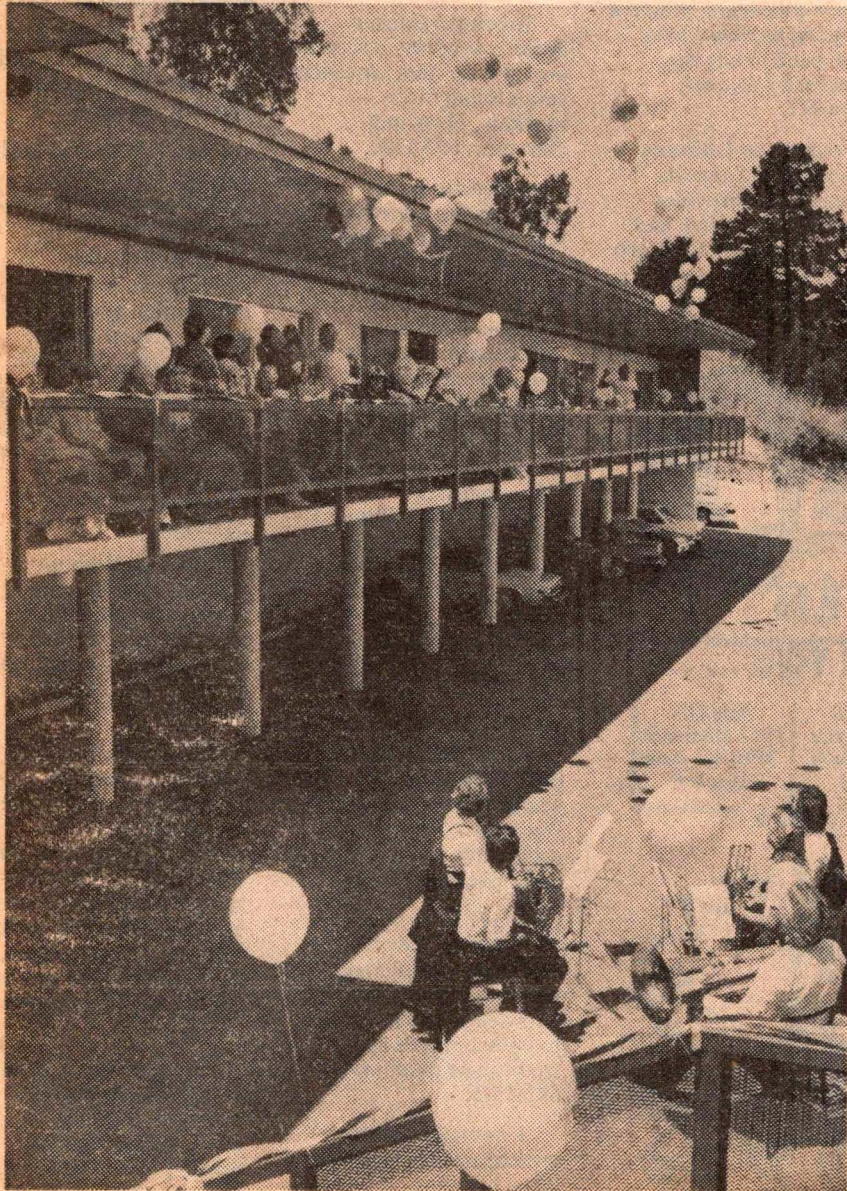
Murphy and Schmidt said the trees might die or grow so that the tree house falls or is bent. Schmidt said, however, that he is willing to study plans for placing the home on poles among the redwood trees and gave McCloskey 60 days to file them.

he ground by chains from six large redwood trees. The living-room windows offer occupants a picturesque view of unspoiled scenery.

The home was built by Read and a former boyfriend about 10 years ago at a cost of between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Read never obtained a building permit and never had the home inspected.

It went unnoticed by county building officials until March 1983, when inspector Jerry Clevenger heard about it and hiked through steep terrain to reach Read's one-acre parcel.

Since then, Read has been told she must tear down the structure. If the county government permits it to stay and it falls down or catches fire, the county could be sued by anybody injured or by survivors of anyone killed, officials argued.



PATIENTS RELEASE BALLOONS

Patients at Belmont Convalescent Hospital gather on the balcony of the facility recently to release balloons in observance of National Convalescent Hospital Week. They were entertained by a band (below left).

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5/30/84

Why development is choking the B

Development along Highway 101

Project	Status	Use(s)	Square footage (hotel rooms)
BRISBANE			
Brisbane Marina	under construction	marina	36,400 sq. ft.
Sierra Point Office Park	under construction	office park	1.5 million
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO			
Oyster Point Business Park	approval	commercial	700,000

MILLBRAE			
Millbrae Plaza International	approval	hotel	(400)
BURLINGAME			
Marriott Hotel	approval	hotel/office	25,000 (1,321)
Holiday Inn	completed	hotel	316,221 (576)
Communication Workers of U.S.	completed	hotel	10,800 (25)
Day's Inn of America	completed	hotel	(214)
Anza Office Park	draft EIR complete	office	434,000
Intertelephone office	approval	office	130,000
Granada Royale Homotel	draft EIR	hotel	(350)
Seabreeze Plaza	completed	office	104,000

FOSTER CITY			
Vintage Park	draft EIR	office/misc.	480,000
Lincoln Business Park	draft EIR	office/warehouse	285,000
Bridge Landing	draft EIR	office	190,000
Town Center East	draft EIR	office	1.7 million

SAN MATEO			
Fashion Island Shopping Center	completed	retail/commercial	1.01 million
Mariner's Island Corp. Center	completed	office	125,878
Bay Center	completed	office	328,000
Mariner's Plaza	completed	office	53,042
Mariner's Plaza West	negotiating	office	136,106
Mariner's Island Ltd.	negotiating	office	120,000
Home Federal S&L	negotiating	office/bank	176,700
Cross Roads Office	under construction	office	489,000
Atrium office building	under construction	office/restaurant	300,000
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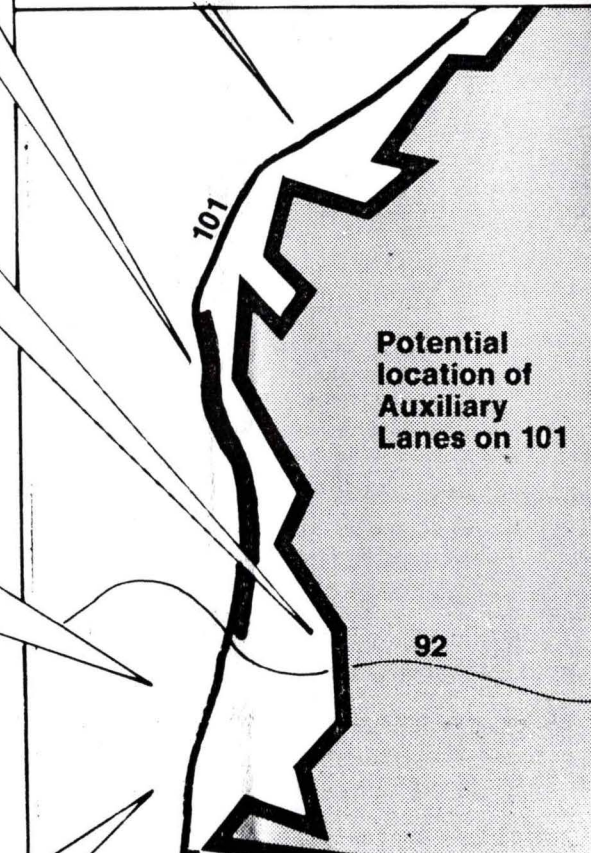
By Myron Myers *Pen Times*
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Bottlenecks continue to increase each year

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Freeways 101 and 17 and Highway 237, planners contemplate the construction of projects with 41.3 million square feet of floor space over the next few years.

State traffic officials consider the Bayshore corridor to include both the Junipero Serra and Bayshore freeways, connecting freeways and expressways and Highway 237, which runs from Mountain View to Milpitas. There are more than 1.1 million daily automobile trips in that corridor, they say. During the afternoon rush hour, 500,000 cars are on the road.

Chris Brittle, senior planner for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in Oakland, said new traffic estimates are that by the year 2000 there will be 134,000 additional afternoon peak hour vehicle trips in the corridor.

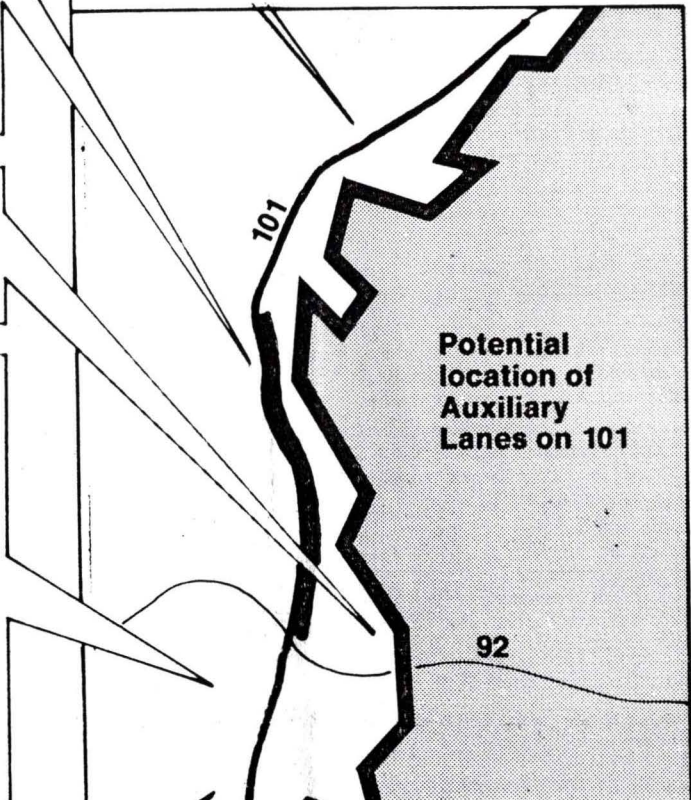
"It is very clear," Brittle said, "that bottlenecks will increase in length and duration. Instead of a trip's taking 20 minutes, it may take 30 minutes. Instead of lasting two hours, the period of severe congestion may last 3 to 3½ hours."

The primary focus of building and congestion, however, is the Bayshore Freeway. As a whole, the engineers say, the freeway is within 10 to 15 percent of capacity, with capacity already being exceeded at some points. Proposed development will increase traffic 27 percent.

In the northbound direction, traffic bogs down regularly at four locations, in San Jose between McKee Road and the Trimble-De La Cruz interchange; from Rengstorff Avenue in Mountain View to Willow Road; between Willow and Whipple Avenue in Redwood City; and from south of Third Avenue in San Mateo to Peninsula Avenue.

Southbound, there are five bottlenecks: between Millbrae Avenue and the San Francisco International Airport interchange; near the Poplar Avenue onramp in San Mateo; north of the Stevens Creek Freeway in Mountain View, backing up almost to Willow Road; between North Fair Oaks Avenue in Sunnyvale and Trimble Road-De La Cruz Boulevard in San Jose; and in San Jose at the Highway 17 interchange.

Traffic engineers have identified the southbound section between North Fair Oaks and Trimble-De La Cruz as the worst bottleneck in Northern California. It is congested from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on business days. Cars often have to wait about 30 minutes. Motorists



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BELMONT

Island Park	approved	office/residential	800,000
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SAN CARLOS

Browning-Ferris offices	proposed	office	n/a
SamTrans south operating base	approved	office	n/a

REDWOOD CITY

Marine World Executive Park	proposed	office	1.5 million
Parkwood 101	proposed	office	n/a
Redwood Shores expansion	proposed	residential	n/a
South Shores	planned	miscellaneous	3 million
Seaport Centre	proposed	office/warehouse	1.03 million
Seaport Village	completed	retail/commercial	63,500

MENLO PARK

Bohannon Industrial Park	completed	office/R&D	153,000
Raychem Corp. expansion	approved	office/misc.	155,802
Menlo Industrial Center	approved	office/warehouse	1.02 million

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Shoreline Business Park	expansion	office/R&D	1 million
Office park	completed	office	429,000
Office park	completed	office	209,701

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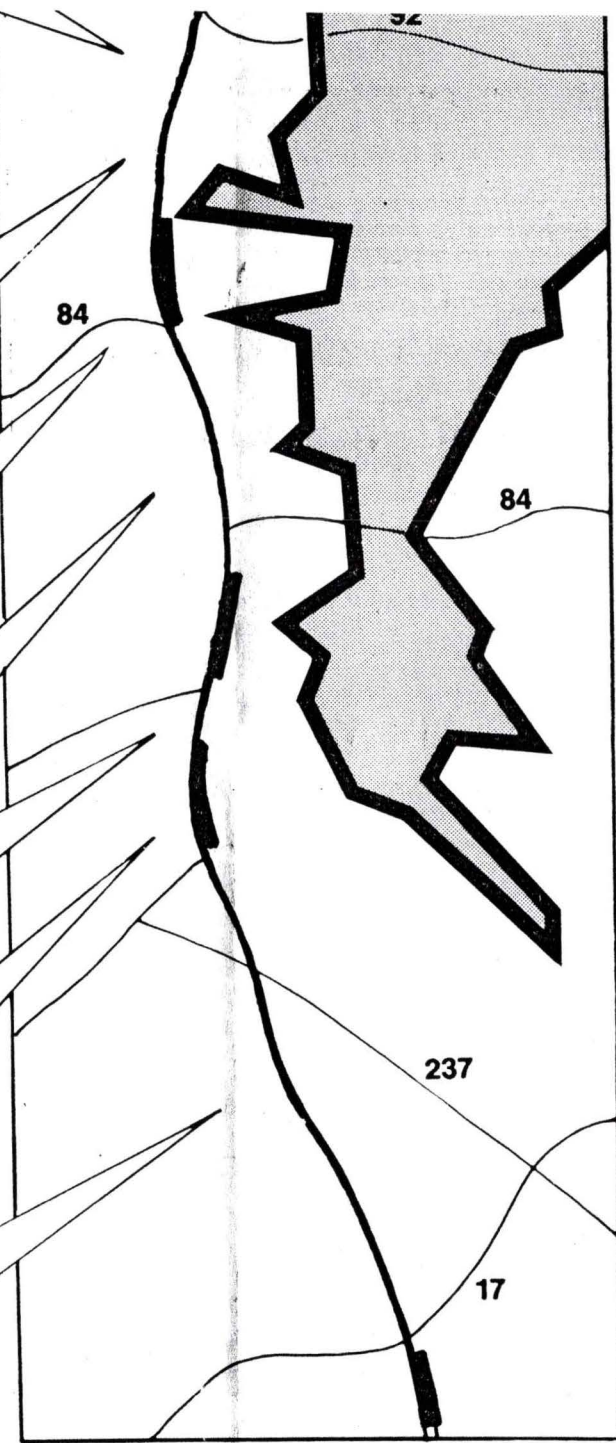
Lockheed Co. expansion	under construction	R&D	1.36 million
Moffett Industrial Park	under construction	industrial	950,000
25 acres/Hwy. 237 and 101	planned	industrial	384,000
50 acres/Mary and Macara	under construction	office/homes	225,500

SANTA CLARA

Marriott Business Park	proposed	office/R&D	957,000
Sobrato Development Co.	under construction	R&D	885,000
Mission Park	prop. for 1986 or later	office	300,000
Day's Inn	planned	hotel	(240)
Peery & Arrilaga	planned	office	900,000
Siliconix expansion	application in	office	150,000
Intel	under construction	office	250,000
Air Products site	under construction	office/R&D	600,000

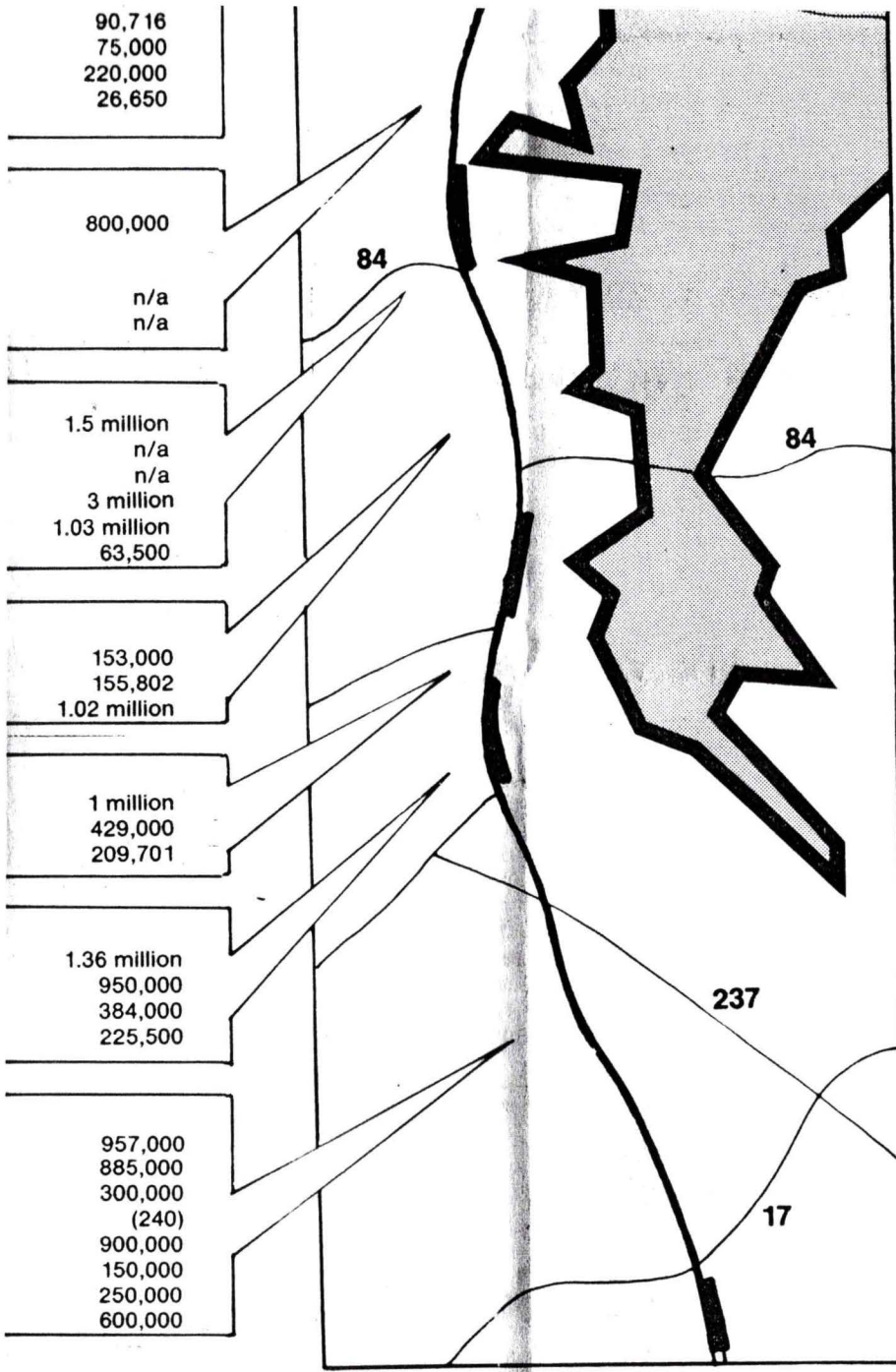
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Sources: San Mateo County, South Bay Master Plan



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Traffic engineers have identified the southbound section between North Fair Oaks and Trimble-De La Cruz as the worst bottleneck in Northern California. It is congested from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on business days. Cars often have to wait about 20 minutes. Motorists waste an estimated 3,000 hours there each day.

In contrast, traffic moves freely on Interstate 280 for most of its length. There is some morning congestion northbound at the San Francisco end, but the only place traffic really bogs down is south of the Stevens Creek Freeway in Sunnyvale. The freeway is six lanes wide there, but plans are under way to widen it to eight. Funds are more easily obtainable for Interstate 280, officials say, because it is a designated interstate freeway whereas the Bayshore is not.

Business leaders and developers are acutely aware of the congestion problems.

The impact on traffic was one of the main arguments development opponents used last fall in Redwood City to defeat a proposal for 3,700 homes, 2.1 million square feet of offices and 900,000 square feet of research-and-development space. The project would have been built on 1,100 acres of salt ponds and mud flats east of the Bayshore between Holly Street and Whipple Avenue.

Peter Giles, president of the Santa Clara County Manufacturing Group in San Jose, said his group is working hard to get funding for interchanges identified by a South Bay Master Plan as vital to removing traffic bottlenecks.

Much of the emphasis is on making Highway 237 into a freeway. The critical points of congestion, the master plan notes, are the four signalized intersections, at Great American Parkway, Lafayette Street, North First Street and Zanker Road. Driving in the morning from Milpitas to Mountain View takes 41 minutes when it should take only 15.

Business and Peninsula cities teamed up to win MTC support for widening the Bayshore Freeway between Sunnyvale and San Jose.

Traffic congestion is largely at the root of feuding over Santa Clara's approval of 19-story office towers proposed by Maskatiya, Suri and Co. on 27 acres at Mission College Boulevard and Juliette Lane. The project's million square feet of floor space is expected to generate 4,000 jobs and 12,000 daily car trips. The Maskatiya project, which will have greater building density than permitted on other parcels in the area, has been opposed by the Sunnyvale City Council, nearby businesses and residents and other developers. Intel Corp. sued to try to stop it.

"The problem," Giles said, "is that development has gotten so far ahead of transportation that anything we

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there next month. Completion of the 101/92 interchange gives the area freeway access from four directions.

One reason the state has been slow to fund highway improvements is that Caltrans may have underestimated the number of jobs development would bring. The state has figured on 31 vehicle trips per gross acre. But the trend toward developing combination office and research and development parks has prompted Economics Research Associates, the national firm that prepared the South Bay Master Plan, to figure 130 vehicle trips per gross acre.

Here are some of the things Caltrans recommends to help the Bayshore Freeway:

- Add auxiliary lanes through bottleneck sections.
- Encourage alternative routes for local traffic by improving arterial streets.
- Place traffic lights on ramps (ramp metering).
- Add freeway lanes reserved for high-occupancy vehicles (HOV), buses, vans and carpools.

do in transportation is basically catch-up. The widening of 101 is very important. It should be as wide down here as it is in San Mateo County, but adding two lanes is simply not going to make everything better."

Improving Caltrans' railroad commute service, construction of the Guadalupe Corridor light-rail system and eliminating some grade intersections on the Central Expressway are all needed, Giles said.

The total cost of the master plan improvements is \$351 million.

Scott Carey, president of Cornish & Carey Commercial Real Estate, believes future growth may be determined in part by accessibility, making San Mateo and Foster City more attractive development areas. Cornish & Carey Commercial plans to open an office