

Another Coastside Canyon Set Aside For Trash Dump

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The San Mateo County Planning Commission last week set aside a new landfill near Half Moon Bay, which is expected to meet the county's needs for more than five decades.

It's no secret that the county has been running out of space to dispose of its garbage. In recent years dumps in San Mateo, Burlingame, Pacifica and Daly City have closed.

Only two dumps still remain open — Marsh Road in Menlo Park, expected to close in May which serves Menlo Park, Belmont and 10 other south county cities, and Ox Mountain landfill on the coast which serves north county communities.

One area of Ox Mountain — the Corinda Los Trancos Canyon is expected to reach its capacity by 1990. According to the terms of the use permit given to Browning-Ferris Industries last week, an adjacent canyon, Apanolio Canyon will be used when Los Trancos is filled. Apanolio is expected to last until the year 2039.

The commissioners resolved the

landfill issue in theory only. Some coastsideers said they would appeal the use permit to the County Board of Supervisors.

The commissioners also left it to supervisors to decide if San Francisco should be given access to the dump.

A dozen coastsideers, who use Apanolio Creek water to irrigate crops and in their homes, were clearly concerned about what the dump would do to their water supply.

"What recourse will we have if the water becomes polluted?" one Half Moon Bay resident asked, "I'm sure cans of household pesticide and other toxins will find their way into people's garbage cans."

Planning Commission staff agreed that was probably true. But, they said the creek would be insulated with a steel pipe that will be built at the landfill. They also told residents the creek water would be monitored by the Bay Area Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Another concern of the coastsideers is traffic on state Highway

92, a twisting, two-lane, steeply graded road, which will be the main route used to bring garbage from a transfer station in San Carlos and from other areas of the county.

By 1990, 76 trucks will make the trip daily. But by the year 2020, 205 garbage trucks will be rolling across Highway 92 daily.

According to a report written by staff member George Bergman, by the year 2020, "traffic volume is expected to exceed road capacity by 50-60 percent."

The California Transportation Commission is considering a \$10 million improvement project between state Highway 1 and the Skyline Summit, the report said.

The transportation commission is also considering funding improvements between Interstate Highway 280 and Skyline Boulevard. Improvements would include a truck passing lane.

The staff report states that if no improvements are made on the highway, the county would use its authority to alter operating conditions and hours, perhaps restricting transportation to nights only.

Approval of county garbage rates

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A proposal that would raise garbage-collection rates by nearly 20 percent in San Mateo County cities from Burlingame south has been stalled by a San Carlos councilman's concern about the profit it would allow the county's garbage company.

Councilman Gayton De Rosa Monday questioned the validity of a formula setting the tonnage fee that will be paid to Browning-Ferris Industries for collecting county garbage and hauling it to the city's new

San Carlos plans meeting to vote on proposed dump fees

transfer station near the Bayshore Freeway.

The transfer station, scheduled to open next week, will serve as a temporary dumping port for garbage that eventually will be loaded into larger trucks and hauled to Ox Mountain Dump near Half Moon Bay. With the closure of Menlo Park's dump on Marsh Road April 2, the transfer station became the only dumping spot nearby San

Mateo County's Bayside communities.

BFI, which invested \$14 million in the San Carlos transfer station, is seeking \$33.42 per ton of garbage processed at the station, a rate that would mean an increase of from \$5.91 to about \$7 monthly for pickup of the average 32-gallon can.

San Carlos officials, in effect, are approving the rate for most San Mateo County cities because the

city holds the franchise agreement with BFI to collect garbage and haul it to the transfer station.

The council will hold a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the San Carlos City Hall to try to set the rate schedule.

The matter was tabled Monday night after De Rosa found fault with calculations on transfer station operating costs and BFI's com-

plex method for determining its fair rate of return.

For about an hour, De Rosa questioned BFI's accountant on transfer station cost figures, and despite assurances from City Administrator Warren Shafer that they were accurate and fair, said he could not approve proposed rates.

Shafer said the approximate proposed tonnage fee was known when the city earlier approved its franchise agreement with BFI on a 4-1 vote of the council, with De Rosa dissenting. The \$33.42 being

delayed

sought per ton is below earlier estimates of \$35.20 per ton, he noted. Even with the 20 percent increase, he said, the garbage-collection fee in the affected cities will be "very comparable to the rest of the Bay Area."

"Currently, we have one of the lowest rates in the entire Bay Area region," he said. "I'm assuming we'll end up in the middle someplace."

In other action, the council set May 14 as the date to begin discussion of the city's general plan, including a controversial proposal to increase from 50 to 75 feet the permissible building height for downtown apartment buildings.

Planning Director Neal Martin is to present an overview of proposed revisions to the plan. The council then will set hearing dates for specific elements of the plan.

Dump Closure May Clog Highway Traffic

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With the April 2 closing of Marsh Road dump in Menlo Park, citizens of Belmont and San Carlos will have to take their debris to either Ox Mountain or Sunnyvale pending completion of the San Carlos transfer station.

The transfer station, originally scheduled for completion by May 1, is experiencing a possible two week delay in construction. Residents, as well as Browning-Ferris Industries, owners of the site, may have to do their dumping at the other two sites until mid-May.

While the Menlo Park dump will be closed to the public for dumping, it will remain open for BFI use until May 1.

BFI officials are negotiating with San Carlos city officials to get a partial use permit for the new facility, in the event the transfer station is not complete by May 1, according to Louis Devincenzi, president of BFI.

If the use permit is denied and the 200 loads of trash collected daily by BFI can not be consolidated into 40-50 loads at the transfer station, all 200 trucks would have to go over Highway 92 to the Ox Mountain site, Devincenzi said.

Westbound traffic will face a delay of one to three minutes per truck and eastbound traffic will face a 30-second delay, according to an Environmental Impact Report prepared by Thomas Reid Associates of Palo Alto for county approval of BFI's plan to expand

dumping operations in Ox Mountain via the San Carlos transfer station.

"If no roadway improvements are made on Highway 92, by 1990, about three-fourths of the westbound traffic would experience some delay due to the presence of slow-moving transfer trucks climbing the grade between Interstate 280 and Skyline Boulevard," the report stated.

"The additional truck trips on Route 92 attributable to the proposed project are likely to increase the accident rate on that road, particularly near the intersection on 92 with the Ox Mountain access roads, where left-turn visibility is poor," it also stated.

Normal operation of the transfer station would entail consolidating the trash from collection trucks into larger trucks that would then make the trip over Highway 92. BFI collects about 200 loads of trash daily, and with the transfer station, 40-50 truckloads would traverse the highway.

The cumulative delay to westbound traffic, without use of the transfer station, could be as high as 10 hours a day, a situation Devincenzi said would be "horrendous."

Devincenzi said the smaller trucks are not specially designed for making the grade over the mountain, which could cause even further delay to motorists.

To help mitigate against congestion on the highway, however, the county is restricting truck traffic during the peak morning and late afternoon commute traffic hours.

Caltrans, responsible for the highway, budgeted money for construction of a truck-climbing lane for next year, according to one Caltrans official. Presently, there are few safe pullout lanes to pass, he said.

The truck-climbing lanes are scheduled to be built between Highway 1 and Highway 35, the Caltrans official said.

The \$15 million South Bayside Transfer Facility, located at 225 Shoreway Road in San Carlos, was scheduled to begin operations May 1. Delays caused by rain, material shipments and other exigencies may delay the opening a few weeks, however.

Warren Shafer, San Carlos city

administrator, said he is looking into the "functional versus complete" state of construction on the transfer station for possible partial use by BFI beginning May 1. City Engineer Parviz Mohkhtar is also looking into BFI's partial use permit.

More than 1,500 tons of refuse is expected to be dumped at the transfer facility.

A percentage of the fees collected at the station will go towards San Carlos as a franchise fee, and during the first year of operation, San Carlos will receive approximately \$500,000 from these fees, Shafer said. This is the approximate anticipated cost for resurfacing Shoreway Road, which the City Council will be entertaining bids on shortly.

BFI serves San Carlos, Belmont, Menlo Park and Atherton, as well as Half Moon Bay, Burlingame, San Mateo, Hillsborough, Redwood City and East Palo Alto.

New waste station set to open

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The Solid Waste Transfer Station that will replace the Menlo Park dump as the collection point for all of southern San Mateo County's garbage is scheduled to open Tuesday in San Carlos.

Brian, Kangas, Foulk & Associates of Redwood City, the company supervising construction of the station, was completing work last week on the massive concrete and steel structure.

The station will be operated by Browning Ferris Industries, southern

San Carlos

San Mateo County's scavenger company.

Sal San Fillipo, a supervisor for the company, said the station at 225 Shoreway Road will be one of the largest of its kind in the nation. It will be 35 feet tall, 280 feet long and 250 feet wide.

"What they are working on now is putting the finishing touches on all of the entrances and exits and the paving of Shoreway Road in front of the transfer station," San Fillipo said.

Work also is being completed on the electrical lines and plumbing for the structure, he said.

The Menlo Park dump closed April 1. Since then, all garbage from southern San Mateo County has been trucked to the Ox Mountain landfill near Half



Times Tribune staff photo by Bob Andre

A new waste transfer truck stands ready for its inaugural run outside the Browning Ferris Industries-operated Solid Waste Transfer Station set to open Tuesday. The truck and 13 others like it will transport garbage from the new station to the Ox Mountain landfill near Half Moon Bay. The Marsh Road dump in Menlo Park, where garbage from many southern San Mateo County cities used to end up, was closed April 1.

Moon Bay. The transfer station is being built so that garbage collected by route trucks can be transferred to larger trucks for the trip to Ox Mountain. The station also will give residents a place on the bay side of the Peninsula where they can dump their garbage.

The first step in the transfer operation will begin when the route trucks bring the refuse to the station and dump it on the floor. Beneath the floor of the

station will be another area where the 14 transfer trucks will receive the route trucks' loads.

The garbage will be pushed by loaders with 12-foot-wide blades through four slots in the floor, each 6½ feet wide by 47 feet long, to the transfer trucks below. Each transfer truck holds 26 tons of garbage and will make four trips a day to Ox Mountain.

Peninsula hotel developments

MILLBRAE			
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Clarion Hotel	Millbrae Ave/101	expansion underway	224(+225)
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Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn	600 Airport Blvd.	completed	416
Marriott Hotel	1177 Airport Blvd.	under construction	1,100
Ibis Hotel	835 Airport Blvd.	under construction	305
Day's Inn of America	777 Airport Blvd.	completed	214
Grenada Royale Homotel	150 Anza Blvd.	approved	360
Hyatt Burlingame	1333 Bayshore Highway	proposed addition	303(+494)
Lagaspi Hotel	Airport Blvd.	proposed	580
Sheridan Hotel	1177 Airport Blvd.	approved addition	325(+210)
T.P. Lam	Airport Blvd.	approved	(240)
Ramada Inn	1250 Bayshore Highway	approved addition	151(+114)
Burlingame Group	450 Airport Blvd.	approved	300
FOSTER CITY			
Project	Location	Status	Rooms
Holiday Inn	Chess Drive	approved	281
Town Center	Hillsdale Avenue	proposed	400
SAN MATEO			
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San Mateo Hotel	S. Bayshore Blvd.	approved	16 (+14)
Brock Residence Inn	Mariner's Island	proposed	161
BELMONT			
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Kumam Corp.	Ralston Ave./Hwy. 101	proposed	300
Marine World	Marine World Parkway	proposed	350
REDWOOD CITY			
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A businessman commuting to his new job in Palo Alto last month casually asked his secretary to find him hotel accommodations and was shocked by the answer: Nothing available from San Francisco to Gilroy.

It was the week of the giant Semi-con/West semiconductor equipment trade show in San Mateo and the Gourmet Show in San Francisco, but even normally visitors are hard pressed to find a hotel room on the Peninsula on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday night. Those are the peak business days, and it primarily is because of the growing crush of business travelers that the Peninsula is undergoing one of the biggest hotel-building booms in its history.

From Millbrae to Santa Clara, 42 hotels have either just been completed, are under construction, are expanding or are proposed. They would bring nearly 10,000 new rooms to the Peninsula.

The pace of hotel building is equally feverish to the north. In South San Francisco alone, development of six hotels with a total 2,416 rooms is underway.

And the Marriott Corp. recently announced its newly formed Courtyard chain will build 12 hotels from San Francisco to San Jose.

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In San Francisco, Scott said, more than 1,000 rooms were opened in the last 12 months, and 1,400 will be opening in the next 12 months.

Much of the growth, however, is in the Silicon Valley, Scott noted. There, he said, 80 percent of the business is commercial, 15 percent is business, social or fraternal groups and only 4 percent is tourist.

Mountain View has seven hotels that are being built, expanded or proposed. There are five in Sunnyvale and four in Santa Clara.

In San Jose, where there are now 3,000 first-class hotel rooms, a Ramada Inn with 200 rooms is under construction on Fourth Street near the LeBaron Hotel. But the real focus of development is downtown around the convention center, where there are plans for a 550-room Fairmont Hotel and for towers to be built by the Sainte Claire/Hilton and Holiday Inn. The owners of the DeAnza Hotel say they will renovate it, making 190 suites. The construction would leave 2,000 first-class hotel rooms near the convention center.

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SUNNYVALE			
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CUPERTINO			
Project	Location	Status	Rooms
Vallco Fashion Park Town Center	Wolfe Road Stevens Creek/De Anza	proposed proposed	500 240
SANTA CLARA			
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Day's Inn of America Embassy Suite Hotel Doubletree Hotel Heirloom County Inns	Mission College Bowers Ave./Hwy. 101 Great America Pkwy. Stevens Creek/I-280	under construction under construction approved proposed	160 260 500 60

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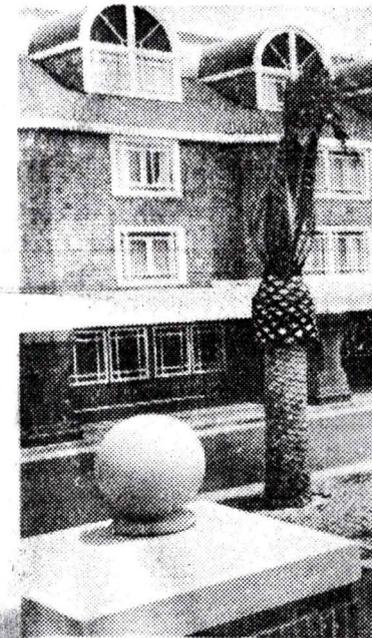
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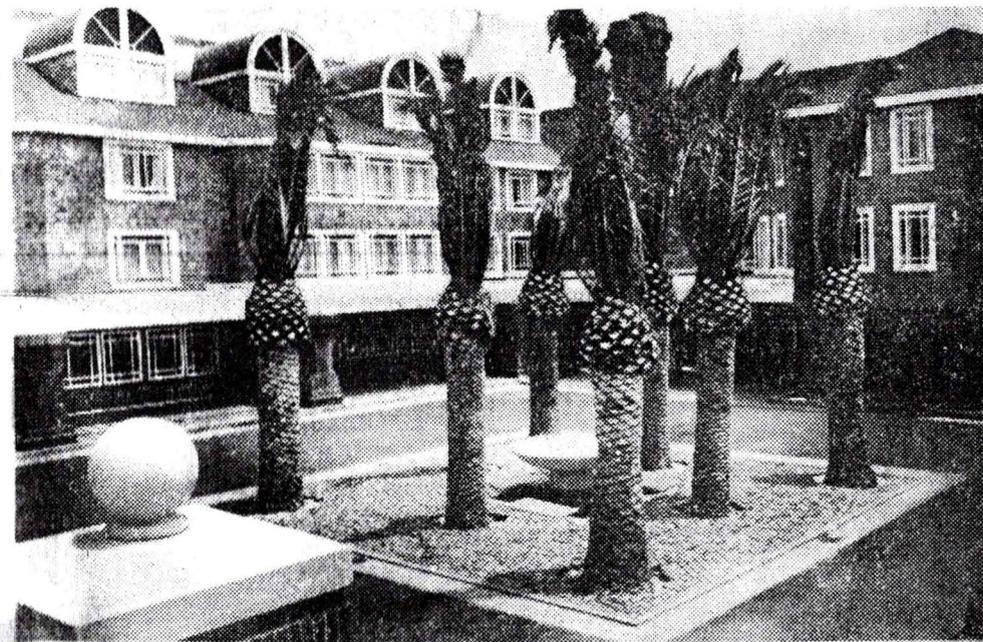
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By JOHN HUBBARD
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SAN MATEO — Palo Alto has lost its crown to San Mateo as the Peninsula's biggest business city.

According to newly released figures from the state Board of Equalization, San Mateo — which last year regained the No. 1 spot in taxable retail sales from Palo Alto — also moved ahead in total taxable transactions for 1984's second quarter. (Total transactions include those at other types of outlets such as manufacturers, wholesalers and construction contractors, as well as retail trade.)

During the April-June period, San Mateo's total shot up 35 percent from \$191.2 million in the second quarter of 1983 to \$258.6 million. Palo Alto was up 13 percent from \$222.4 million to \$250.7 million.

On the retail front, San Mateo gained 13 percent to \$169.7 million, while Palo Alto was down a fraction of a point to \$143.9 million.

Overall in the second quarter, San Mateo County retail sales of \$906.9 million represented a 16 percent increase over the same prior-year period, as total taxable transactions countywide advanced an even headier 20 percent to \$1.5 billion.

It was the fifth straight quarter of double-digit percentage jumps for the county.

The gains here compared to a statewide climb of 17 percent in total transactions to \$48.7 billion and 14 percent in taxable retail sales to \$31.8 billion. The latter was the second-largest quarterly dollar gain ever recorded in California.



Elsewhere in the Bay Area, which once more outpaced all other regions of the state, with an aggregate second-quarter gain of 18.5 percent, Santa Clara County registered a 23 percent increase to \$3.4 billion; Alameda County, 20 percent to \$2.3 billion; Marin, 16 percent to \$430 million; Contra Costa, 13 percent to \$1.2 billion; and San Francisco, 9 percent to \$1.6 billion.

Locally, excluding communities with relatively little emphasis on business (Atherton, East Palo Alto, Hillsborough, Portola Valley and Woodside), Foster City and Brisbane were the star performers in terms of improvement percentage. Foster City spurted ahead 37 percent at the retail level and 54 percent overall; Brisbane had an incredible 278 percent total leap.

Redwood City ranked second behind San Mateo in retail volume, up 32 percent to \$130.3 million, and South San Francisco was the runner-up in total taxable transactions, up 13 percent to \$173.9 million.

Again omitting Atherton, East Palo Alto, Hillsborough, Portola Valley and Woodside, the second-quarter results reported by the Board of Equalization for all cities in the county, in rank order for retail sales percentage growth, were as follows:

Foster City — Retail up 37 percent to \$17.1 million; total taxable transactions up 54 percent to \$30.4 million.

Redwood City — Retail up 32 percent to \$130.3 million; total up 33 percent to \$168.7 million.

Brisbane — Retail up 20 percent to \$10.4 million; total up 278 percent to \$66.9 million.

South San Francisco — Retail up 16 percent to \$77.9 million; total up 13 percent to \$173.9 million.

Menlo Park — Retail up 15 percent to \$49.6 million; total up 8 percent to \$62.5 million.

Daly City — Retail up 14 percent to \$107.1 million; total up 14 percent to \$118.9 million.

San Mateo — Retail up 13 percent to \$169.7 million; total up 35 percent to \$258.6 million.

Burlingame — Retail up 10 percent to \$66.2 million; total up 10 percent to \$126.8 million.

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Bay Area becomes Peninsula's No. 1



Locally, excluding communities with relatively little emphasis on business (Atherton, East Palo Alto, Hillsborough, Portola Valley and Woodside), Foster City and Brisbane were the star performers in terms of improvement percentage. Foster City spurred ahead 37 percent at the retail level and 54 percent overall; Brisbane had an incredible 278 percent total leap.

Redwood City ranked second behind San Mateo in retail volume, up 32 percent to \$130.3 million, and South San Francisco was the runner-up in total taxable transactions, up 13 percent to \$173.9 million.

Again omitting Atherton, East Palo Alto, Hillsborough, Portola Valley and Woodside, the second-quarter results reported by the Board of Equalization for all cities in the county, in rank order for retail sales percentage growth, were as follows:

Foster City — Retail up 37 percent to \$17.1 million; total taxable transactions up 54 percent to \$30.4 million.

Redwood City — Retail up 32 percent to \$130.3 million; total up 33 percent to \$168.7 million.

Brisbane — Retail up 20 percent to \$10.4 million; total up 278 percent to \$66.9 million.

South San Francisco — Retail up 16 percent to \$77.9 million; total up 13 percent to \$173.9 million.

Menlo Park — Retail up 15 percent to \$49.6 million; total up 8 percent to \$62.5 million.

Daly City — Retail up 14 percent to \$107.1 million; total up 14 percent to \$118.9 million.

San Mateo — Retail up 13 percent to \$169.7 million; total up 35 percent to \$258.6 million.

Elsewhere in the Bay Area, which once more outpaced all other regions of the state, with an aggregate second-quarter gain of 1.5 percent, Santa Clara County registered a 23 percent increase to \$3.4 billion; Alameda County, up 1 percent to \$2.3 billion; Marin, up 1 percent to \$430 million; Contra Costa, 13 percent to \$1.2 billion; and San Francisco, 9 percent to \$1.6 billion.

Burlingame — Retail up 8 percent to \$66.2 million; total up 9 percent to \$126.8 million.

Colma — Retail up 12 percent to \$42.4 million; total up 12 percent to \$44.4 million.

San Carlos — Retail up 12 percent to \$38.5 million; total off 14 percent to \$44.4 million.

In only a few cases have hotel developments aroused controversy. The Marriott Hotel in Burlingame was originally proposed to be 15 stories, with more than 1,400 rooms, but was scaled down because airport officials did not want it intruding into the aircraft landing path. In Sunnyvale, the Planning Commission rejected plans for the 12-story Kim Camp XXIII hotel on

the southeast corner of the Bayshore Freeway and the Lawrence Expressway. Objections included the height of the building and the rezoning of land from residential to commercial use. But the City Council approved the hotel in concept Tuesday night.

Cities generally have not resisted hotels at least partly because they are tremendous additions to the tax base. Nearly every city levies a transient occupancy tax on hotel rooms.

"Hotels provide a wonderful employment base for a city," Scott of Lavenhol & Horwath said. "They also have a synergistic impact because a hotel is open for business 24 hours as opposed to an industrial park that basically is a 9 to 5 operation Monday through Friday. The streets around hotels tend to be more safe. People have a reason to be there, so the buildings don't become deserted caverns during the time when normal business is closed."

percent to \$52.5 million.

Half Moon Bay — Retail up 10 percent to \$9.6 million; total up 12 percent to \$11.2 million.

Belmont — Retail up 9 percent to \$15.7 million; total up 10 percent to \$21.7 million.

Pacifica — Retail up 7 percent

to \$16.7 million; total up 8 percent to \$18.2 million.

Millbrae — Retail up 5 percent to \$23 million; total off 8 percent to \$35.1 million.

San Bruno — Retail up 0.3 percent to \$66.4 million; total off 1 percent to \$73.1 million.

County welcomes

newest citizens

SAN FRANCISCO TIMES 7/28/84

REDWOOD CITY — Fifty-three persons from countries as diverse as Germany, Lebanon and the Fuji Islands recently became naturalized United States citizens in ceremonies in San Mateo County Superior Court.

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

BELMONT — Angela Hickey, Ireland; Jim Chung-Tung Chiang, China; and Laszlo Lajos Tomka, Hungary.

COLMA — Juanita Mohs Pierce, Costa Rica.

DALY CITY — Feuu Hosea, Western Samoa, and Solonaima Hosea, Western Samoa.

FOSTER CITY — Melba Gloria Silva, Colombia; Sargon Elia, Australia; Belinda Chua, United Kingdom; Efram Michael, Israel; Adina Michael, Israel; Mary Kong-Ling Chiu, United Kingdom and Colonies; and Anne George, Iraq.

HALF MOON BAY — Jose Adonaldo Hernandez, Mexico.

HILLSBOROUGH — Semaan Zaki Oueis, Lebanon; Genaro Rodriguez Gomez, Mexico; and Rollanda Oueis, Lebanon.

MENLO PARK — Ursula Lunk, Germany; Haxel Ann Chambers, Jamaica, West Indies; Liselotte Mertens-Fore, Germany; and Masoud Taghi Mostofi, Iran.

MOSS BEACH — Bertha Villa, Mexico.

PACIFICA — Alexandra Rabinovich, stateless.

REDWOOD CITY — Brenda Woolhouse, United Kingdom; Miguel Sanchez, El Salvador; Audrey Curtis, United Kingdom; Michel Khalil Tabib, Lebanon; David George Elms, United Kingdom; Domitila Sanchez Zendejas, Mexico; Martha Elva Baez, Mexico; Arthur Bernard Toft, United Kingdom; Irma Antonia Alvarado Weston, El Salvador; Susendra Singh, Fuji Islands; Robert Sarkis Babekian, Lebanon; Anne Paton Christie, United Kingdom; and Jose Manuel Arjona, Spain.

SAN BRUNO — Majed Mansour Massis, Jordan.

SAN CARLOS — Maria Magdolna Lory, Hungary, and Eng Tau Chang, Cambodia.

SAN MATEO — Silva Siranus Chakigian, Turkey; Manoochak Chakigian, Turkey; Ariadna Courbet, Romania; Ting-Chiu So, China; Ka-Ling So, China; Michelle Shin-Shin Chow, China; Haim Zion, Israel; Dina Asturias, Argentina; Valerie Rhoda Stefanac, United Kingdom; Maria Carmen Smith, El Salvador; Zoe Michaelides, Greece; Sunil Mehta, India; and Marilyn Jean Weseen, Canada.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO — Ofelia Enriquez Bernal, Mexico.

Things Happen For Seniors With Hugh Slay Around

CAAL END 8/1/84
By Steven Stark

Among the gadflies who congregate twice monthly for Belmont city council meetings and planning commission meetings sits a gentleman with more than a passing interest in the proceedings.

With a following of more than 130 senior citizens under his wings, Hugh Slay is acutely interested in the doings at city hall. As president of the city Senior Citizens Club, Slay has taken up the decade and a half mission of getting a site established for a senior center.

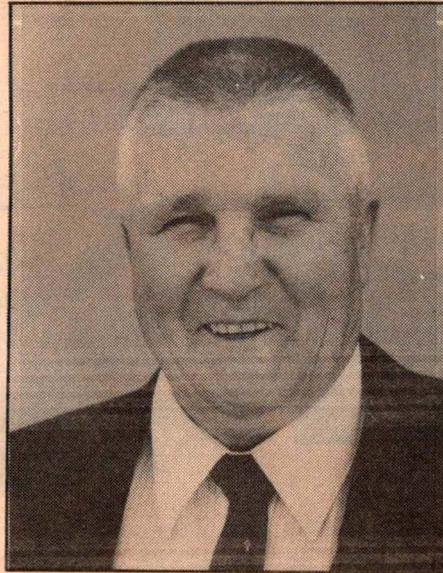
After 15 years, the native Alabaman has gotten farther than any of his predecessors, with the city hiring a part-time coordinator to assist the senior citizen's quest for a center and \$50,000 budgeted for study into possible sites for the center.

"Promises were made, but not kept," Slay said, referring to the odyssey that is the city's senior citizens' quest for a center.

Slay attributes the progress made so far to the tactic of "going through

the back door."

"If you can't get in the front door, get in through the back," Slay said. "What I did (to get the ball rolling on the senior



HUGH SLAY

center) was find out what I needed to do, then I came to the city."

Armed with the knowledge that the city needed to commit itself to establishing a senior center by admitting there exist potential sites, by hiring a part-time coordinator and by funding architectural studies, Slay went to work on city hall with a list of possible funding sources, including redevelopment agency funding which has the advantage of not costing city taxpayers a red cent.

Slay, who admits being "as political as I want to be right now," said the seniors needs are simple. "I told the city from day one we want nothing elaborate. Our minimum requirements are one floor in or near Twin Pines. We don't want a two-story building unless it's forced on us."

Along with his wife, Betty, Slay has lived in Belmont since April,

1949. After building their first house plank by plank, brick by brick without electricity, the Slays raised three adopted children. A survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the sinking of four destroyers, Slay met his wife while on shore leave.

"Some of my buddies asked me to come along with them to the beach and since I was financing their trips with loans, I decided to go," Slay recounts. It came at a perfect time, Slay said, for he was heavily into drinking and gambling.

"I've never regretted it a day," Slay said of marriage.

"I've got too many things to worry about now (to drink and gamble anymore), Slay said, drinking an Orange Crush, his beverage of choice since those days.

Out of the service in 1949, Slay said he really didn't know what he

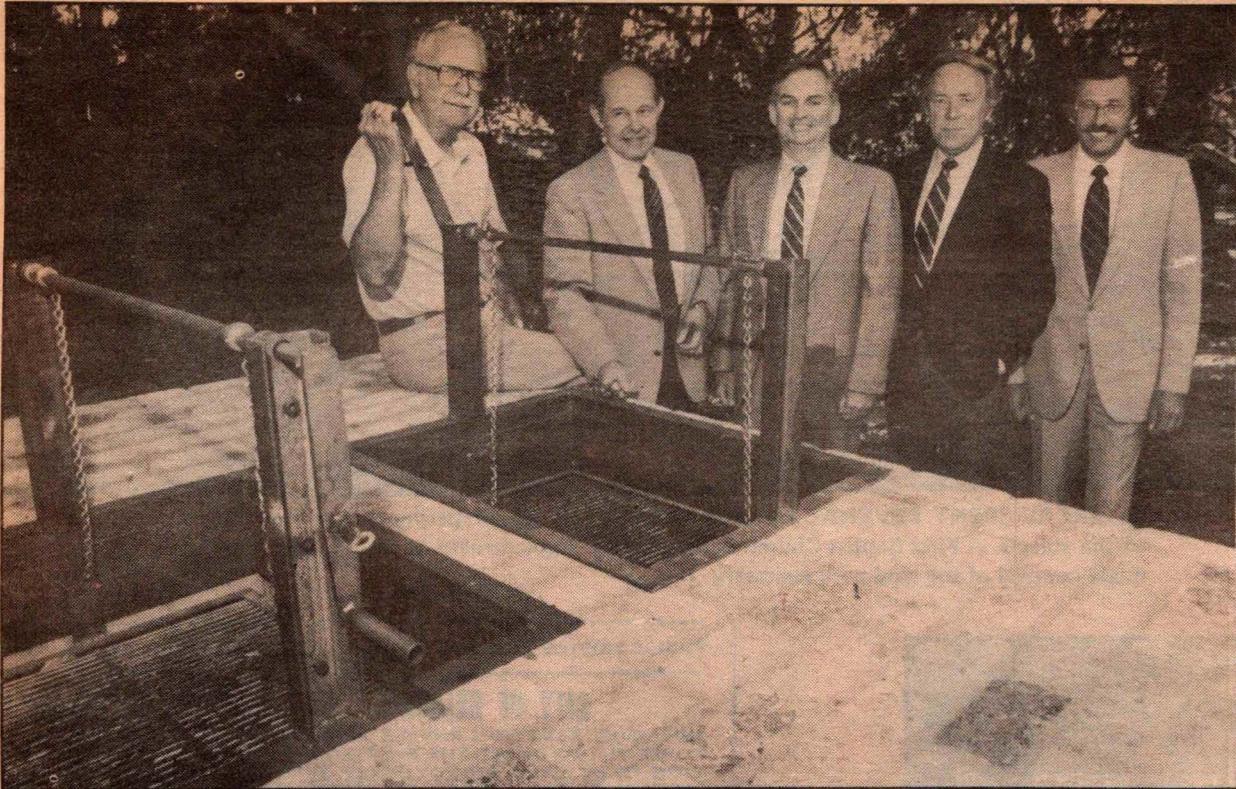
a mechanic for 29 years where he served as shop steward, executive board member and trustee in the union.

wanted to do with his life. In between trial runs at "8-10 different jobs," Slay was instrumental in organizing a county baseball league while coaching Babe Ruth teams and serving as a reserve police officer in town. The former Cub Scout pack leader coached city park superintendant Karl Mittlestadt in 1966, the year after his Babe Ruth team won the championship.

After serving a stint in Korea, Slay worked for United Airlines as

The Senior Citizen Club president said he hopes to succeed in establishing the senior center by the end of his term in December 1985. Between the city council and planning meetings, his garden, trout fishing, visits to family in Alabama, and every-other-year reunions with fellow survivors of the last battleship to be sunk in WW II, Slay keeps busy. Luckily, for the city's seniors.

Rotarians' Gifts Enhance Their Community



BELMONT ROTARY CLUB stalwarts stand on their community service record. The latest gift to the community is this new, two-part barbecue grill (for large and small groups) in Twin Pines Park which was requested by the senior citizens of Belmont. This group of Rotarians includes Bob Cross, left, chairman of the senior citizens committee of the club; Bill Hardwick,

Mayor of Belmont; Frank O'Neill, club president, Hal Heggstad, contractor and Floyd Sanderson, Belmont Police Chief. In the dedication festivities, O'Neill thanked past-president Mike Telleen, Heggstad Construction, Tiegel Equipment Mfg. and the senior Citizens committee. All work and materials were voluntarily donated by members of Rotary. *CARL EADS 1/18/84*

Rising smoke will be common at Belmont park

*Times Tribune staff
PEN. TIMES 7/29/84*
Picnickers at Twin Pines Park in Belmont now will be able to enjoy large group barbecues, thanks to the Belmont Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club recently donated the materials and the labor for a large barbecue pit for the park, located on Ralston Avenue. The barbecue pit was constructed near the lodge building in the park.

Frank O'Neill, Rotary Club president, said the club got the idea for the barbecue from one of its members, Bob Cross, who said seniors meeting in the lodge building wanted a place to have picnics.

The barbecue is near a number of other items the Rotary Club has donated to the park, including picnic tables and a swing set.

"The seniors can make a whole lot of hamburgers and hot dogs with this," O'Neill said last week.

The red brick barbecue is 6 feet wide, 8 feet long and 42 inches tall. It has two custom designed grills. The barbecue was built on a concrete slab for safety.

Belmont Chamber plans biathlon

SM TIMES 8/18/84
BELMONT — Registration forms are now available at the Chamber of Commerce for the 1984 Biathlon which will be held Sept. 3.

The combination bike and foot race will be hld on Canada Road. The pre-registration fee is \$10 or entrants can pay \$12 the day of the race.

More information on the biathlon is available by calling the Belmont Chamber of Commerce.

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Summer School

Students enjoy a Summer School dance class in the annual program which was organized by the Belmont School District and Belmont Parks and Recreation Department. A variety of classes have concluded at Ralston School. The dance students are, from left, Nicole Bahn, Tina Schillberg, Danielle D'India, Jena Reetz and Tiffany Romanek.

(Times Photo)



Belmont chamber plans benefit Labor Day bicycle, foot races

Times Tribune staff
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The Belmont Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a three-event bicycle and foot race Labor Day, Sept. 3. Proceeds from the event will benefit the chamber.

Belmont resident and professional race director Len Wallach will organize the event. Wallach is director of the Bay-to-Breakers and Bridge-to-Bridge races and is marshal manager for the men's and women's marathons at the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

The first race, called the "Crank 'n' Shank" and designed for the competitive athlete, will be a 20-kilometer bicycle race followed by a 10-kilometer footrace.

The pre-registration fee for the event

is \$10. Registration on the day of the race is \$12. There is no pre-registration fee for participation in the children's event.

Race-day registration will take place at Fox School, 3100 St. James Road, Belmont.

Belmont Biathlon

Race Set For Weekend

CALL: ENQ 8/29/84
Registration forms are still available at the Belmont Chamber of Commerce office for the 1984 Biathlon to be held on Labor Day, September 3.

The combination bike and foot race will be held on Canada Road between Highway 92 and Edgewood Road. Race Day registration will be held at Fox School, 3100 James Road, Belmont, beginning at 7 a.m. The pre-registration fee is \$10, or \$12 the day of the race.

According to Belmont resident Len Wallach, director of

this Biathlon—and also director of the "Bay to Breakers" and the up-coming (September 10) "Bridge to Bridge" runs this event is designed for several levels of athletic ability.

The first competition, beginning at 8 a.m., is the "Crank 'n Shank," a 20 km race for the competitive athlete, followed by the "Pedal 'n Plod" for the recreational participant. This latter event runs 10 km. Last comes the "Trike 'n Trot" event a 600 yard affair for the Sand Box Set.

Assisting Wallach on the committee will be Jane Hall, Lynn Levy and Ed Key, flyers; Linda Didero, Pat Kozub, David Altscher and Bea Aker, registration; Ed Weiss, Jeannett Jensen, Tom Ewers, Paddy McLennan and artist Ruth Waters, tee-shirts.

Also, Hall, Ed Morey, Ed Rodrigues, Robin Orvich Montalbo, John McMorrow and Rich Sciutto, course logistics crew; Bill Bono, score keeping; Betty Ann Nicewanger, awards, and Grace Bishop, emcee, starters, and dignitary crew.

Also, Cathy Mainini, phones; Mary Bosque, Larry Cortesi, Mike Lema, Eileen Schumacher, Garrett Evans, Sue Mintz and Sylvia Torre, publicity; Nancy Cuiutto and Donna McMorrow, medical and nursing; Charlie Monastair, bicycling certification and the American Red Cross, first aid.

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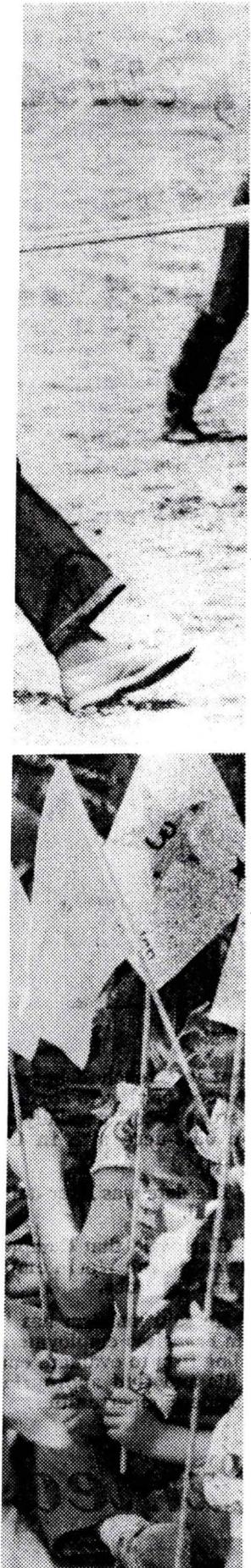


Oh, what a spirit

These Girl Scouts and their friends and leaders put on some wacky costumes to participate in the Bel-Carlos Day Camp at Huddart Park in Woodside recently. The two-week camp, led by Linda Teutschel of San Carlos and Lois Guthrie of Belmont, features hiking, cookouts, tricycle races and singing. The theme of this year's

camp is "Stars and Stripes" in honor of the Democratic National Convention and the 1984 Summer Olympics. More than 320 Girl Scouts and non-scouts are attending the camp, along with 60 adult volunteers from Belmont, San Carlos and Redwood City, and 35 teen-age aides.

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Women's Shelter Relies On County-wide Support

CARL ENO 8/8/84
By Roberta Furger

In 1983 nearly 1200 women - representing every city along the Peninsula - called the San Mateo County Battered Women's Shelter for help.

Because of the widespread use of the shelter, representative Bonnie Evans "made the rounds" for the first time this year, requesting a portion of revenue sharing funds as local city councils reviewed their 1984-85 budgets.

Although reactions ranged from enthusiastic to cool, Evans said her presentations served an educational purpose, "broadening the awareness of councils," even if they denied funding.

Several cities granted funding requests, said Evans, with South San Francisco continuing its third year of funding, and cities such as Menlo Park and Foster City approving first-time requests.

The councils of Belmont and San Carlos, however, denied the \$700 requests made by the shelter.

The San Carlos City Council's 3-2 vote to deny funding was based largely on the hesitancy of some councilmembers to support programs that fall under the county's responsibility.

"If we could get funds from the county or the state, I would be there," said Evans. "But we can't, and so we are asking cities to help support the shelter."

Evans said she recognizes the hesitancy of some cities to get involved in funding social programs for which the county has primary responsibility. She argues, however, that because the shelter is used by both women and police

departments throughout the county it should receive the support of local councils.

During revenue sharing hearings councils were asked to help fund the shelter based on the number of women from each city using the service. A total of \$20,000 was requested to help finance the shelter's community liaison staff of 1½ persons.

Approximately 20 women from San Carlos and Belmont used the shelter last year. In Menlo Park the figure was roughly double that amount, with the council approving a \$1400 funding request.

Although the majority of women using the shelter come from the larger cities in the county, Evans said it would be wrong to assume that women from smaller, more affluent communities do not use the services.

"We consider the shelter a last resort and when people call we suggest they stay with a friend or family if they can," said Evans. "But women do not necessarily have that option and may not have cash available to stay at a hotel—even if they are members of affluent families.

"We don't have enough beds to serve all the women who call for help," said Evans, but the individual need is not always based on the income level of the family.

Because of the "mixed response" of area councils, Evans said the \$20,000 goal was not reached. Continual support of local service groups, she added, has enabled the shelter to maintain staffing at its current level.

As the only shelter for battered

women in the county, the San Mateo County shelter receives all of the revenue generated through the county's marriage license fee program. The fee currently stands at \$13 and will be raised to \$19 in January.

Even with the county funding, Evans said the shelter is "constantly running a bare bones operation," and as such is unable to provide the community awareness services they would like.

The attitude of local law enforcement officials, she added, weighs heavily on how aware women are of their options when faced with a violent partner.

Cities such as Menlo Park have their officers participate in family violence training - preparing them to deal with domestic violence and offering alternatives to the women involved.

Lt. Gerald Hellman of the San Carlos Police Department said the officers have used the shelter as a referral service. He added that many women have chosen to use restraining orders to keep their violent partners away. Any violation of the order is cause for arrest.

Because an order has to be approved by a judge, Evans said the shelter also offers legal counseling to women interested in filing for a restraining order. Clinics are held where women are instructed in the use of a restraining order and on the procedures by which one can be obtained.

One of the most important services offered by the shelter is a 24-hour hotline for women in violent situations. "The first step in solving the problem is to recog-

nize it," said Evans, "it helps a lot when a woman can know she isn't the only one in a violent situation."

In a creative step to provide additional shelter funds, the San Mateo County Women's Shelter will be opening a toy store at 511 East Fourth Avenue in San Mateo. Donated items will be resold with proceeds going to help support community awareness programs.

How to send messages overseas

^{5/11/85}
BELMONT - If you have friends of relatives travelling abroad this summer there are a variety of ways of keeping in touch, noted Belmont Postmaster Jeannette D. Jensen. Aerogrammes, at 30 cents each, offer a real bargain for international correspondents, she noted. Aerogrammes are sheets that are folded into the form of an envelope, sealed and sent by air mail.

For extremely fast overseas delivery of messages, the postmaster recommended INTELPOST service. Another service is International Express Mail which offers delivery within a few days.

Regulations on parcels vary from country to country, so the postmaster suggested that customers get details at the post office.

Last year, she noted, almost 905 million pieces of mail were sent from the United States to other countries. There are 160 nations who belong to the Universal Postal Union.

Citizens urged to adopt a pothole

CARL ENO 9/19/84
By Steve Stark

Following a proposal by City Clerk Jim McLaughlin for citizens to "adopt a pothole" as a way of financing street repairs, a Belmont "gift catalog" will be making its debut in the next few days.

Gifts range from a breakfast with the mayor, a city councilman, or the city official of your choice (with the \$25 donation goes to your pet project) to a \$400 children's field trip. Donations will augment, rather than replace services currently offered.

"It's an innovative way to raise funds while involving citizens in community services," Haffey said. "The catalog, will also impress upon citizens the actual costs invol-

ved in services often taken for granted."

The three-month effort was the work of College of Notre Dame student Cecile Lino, who was responsible for the compilation of materials, graphics, and the editing of the catalog. Lino is editor-in-chief of her college newspaper and was recently commended for her work on the catalog by the Belmont City Council.

The catalog, printed by Wadsworth, Inc., with typesetting donated by Atherton's Typography, will be mailed to

more than 50 city community organizations and to every chamber of commerce member, Haffey said.

Citizens may get a copy of the catalog at the Parks and Recreation office in Twin Pines Park, at the city clerk's and city manager's offices, or at city council meetings.

Neighbor's kids getting on your nerves? Send them on a field trip (\$400), buy them playground equipment (\$300-\$15,000), sponsor a teen dance (\$400) or just send them swimming for the day (\$100). The choice is yours.

Ekolepta group
CARL ENO 10/13/84
The Ekolepta Camp Fire Group of Belmont has been named a national winner for its community service program in the 1984 Help Young America campaign.

This group of fifth grade girls from Central School was one of the 330 winning entries from youth units throughout the nation who created special projects to meet the needs of their communities.

The group developed an Earthquake Preparedness Plan, urged Mayor Bill Moore to declare Earthquake Preparedness Week, hung posters and distributed pamphlets. They also set up booths at shopping centers.

The Camp Fire group received a check for \$100 and a certificate for fourth place.

CID issued job training grant

CARL ENO 10/13/84

Graphic arts and typesetting training will be provided to disabled individuals under a grant received by the Center for Independence of the Disabled in Belmont.

The training grant, issued through the Private Industry Council and the San Mateo County Employment and Training Division, is the first of its kind to be issued, according to Lucy Muir, CID director.

"We are very excited about this new program," said Muir. "This will open new employment opportunities as typesetting is a wonderful vocation for disabled people."

The three-month course, which will train five students at a time, will provide skills and experience in the use of the latest high-tech typesetting computers and camera processors.

Classes will run six hours a

day, five days a week. Applicants must be San Mateo County residents and must **qualify** as "economically disadvantaged," under federal guidelines. No tuition will be charged.

Course instructor Rose Hays has founded and operated two typesetting businesses and has trained many disabled individuals in the field throughout her business career.

"Typesetting is a growing industry," said Hays. "It offers good pay and many job opportunities." She adds that applicants must have a good understanding of English grammar. Some artistic skills would also be helpful.

Anyone interested in the training program should call Hays at CID, 595-0783(voice) or 595-0787 (TDD) for more information.

Business Revue

Silver G garden design

CARL END 10/3/84
By Beth Brown

Did you ever notice that some of the homes in your neighborhood seem to fit in with their surroundings so much better than others? How both the house and the landscaping complement each other in a way that makes the whole picture attractive and comfortable looking?

It could be that those wise homeowners sought the architectural landscaping and illumination services of Silver G Designs of Belmont.

Owner/designer Steven Silver believes that our outdoor environment should be an extension of the one we have created indoors; one that is suited to our lifestyle and tastes; one that works on both a practical and an aesthetic level.

"Landscaping is an art form," says Silver, a licensed landscape contractor whose firm concentrates on designing for each of their clients an individual work of art, using as their medium the infinite range of alternatives the grounds provide.

Although Silver G calls itself an architectural landscaping and illumination firm, it is actually a full-service design firm, offering an array of services ranging from every type of outdoor design work to interior design assistance, ably provided by Gretchen Parr Silver, who heads Silver G Design's interior division.



STEVE SILVER of Silver G, garden design company.

"The landscaping around your home is a reflection of you and the way you live," says Silver, who works with the owner to plan an attractive, personalized landscape, which can include decking, patio work, wall and foundation construction, pools, and spas.

Silver enjoys seeing a plan

develop and change as he begins to implement it. He knows that the best results are achieved when the owner remains flexible so that Silver can adapt the plans as new, previously unseen options present themselves. Silver himself oversees each project, and

having drawn up the original plans, is there to make critical design decisions.

"People see my enthusiasm. I get excited by all the possibilities. That's what my company is all about — the myriad ways we can enrich the homeowner's environment," he says.

Silver uses low-voltage lighting to highlight his outdoor landscaping. He feels that, in addition to being cost-effective, they provide both security and visual appeal.

Silver G Designs' professional capabilities are virtually unlimited. Call them today 570-6486.

Business Revue

Furniture refinishers offer care,

CARL ENO 10/10/84

By Beth Brown

Have you ever reluctantly parted with an old, much-loved piece of wood furniture, thinking it unsalvageable, only to be astonished by the price of a replacement?

Robert Burke of Burke Refinishing and Jack Dixon of the Refinishing Touch, both in Belmont, share a furniture refinishing shop where they can transform and beautify new, unfinished, old, and antique furniture to your exact specifications. With 20 years of experience between them, Burke and Dixon are masters of the Four RS—Repairing, Rebuilding, Re-Gluing, and Re-finishing—working miracles on anything made of wood.

Furniture is stripped completely by hand, then covered with a high-quality, durable lacquer finish to produce anything from a low luster to a high gloss, ensuring low maintenance once the piece is back in your home.

In addition to refinishing, Burke and Dixon also make replacement parts for furniture, do wicker and rush seats, and hand and machine caning.

Both men believe furniture repair and refinishing are highly practical alternatives in the inflated eighties.

"People are finding out that they can save a bundle by having their old furniture refinished instead of replacing it with brand new furniture," says Dixon. "Sometimes,



ROBERT BURKE and JACK DIXON and one of the antiques that they lovingly refinish.

you can have a whole dining room set refinished for the price of just a new dining table."

Burke and Dixon will finish new, unfinished furniture and kitchen cabinets, but this is done only in their shop. However, they will come to your home to do some touch-up and minor repair work.

The Refinishing Touch and Burke Refinishing provide free in-home estimates, which will

not vary once work is completed, and free furniture pick-up and delivery is included.

Now, you don't have to pass up a great deal on a less-than-perfect antique when you can have it repaired and refinished at The Refinishing Touch or Burke Refinishing.

"We take a lot of time with the customer before we start work so we know exactly what they want," says Dixon.

The Refinishing Touch and Burke Refinishing are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. They are located at 1717 Old County Road No.8, in Belmont. Give them a call at 592-4444 or 595-2331 to see how they can give your old wood furniture a face lift. Present their ad on this page for a 15 percent discount.

Avenues To The World



THE BELMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE celebrated the Grand Opening of Avenues to the World Travel Agency in Belmont on Thursday, July 19. Pictured here are (front, left to right): Belmont Mayor Bill Hardwick, Chamber of Commerce Public Relations Coordinator, Suzanne Mintz; Owner Laura Quan, Ray Blakney, Rosalinda Nelson, Suzanne Vartanian, Dotti Stallings, and chairperson of the Chamber's Ambassador Club Cathy Mainini. (Rear, left to right): Bob Hoffman, Noreen Pellegrini, Anzel Mills, Rudy Tamparong, and Cesar Quan.

Here's a chance to give Be

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By ALAN QUALE
Times Staff Writer

BELMONT — Charitable citizens who've always wanted to help this city — but didn't know how — may now order a wide variety of civic gifts from the Belmont Community Catalog.

For \$105 a citizen can order a barbecue grill for a city park. A brand new bus stop bench is \$400 and trash receptacles can be purchased for \$150 each.

Those who feel especially generous can buy more expensive items such as a \$1,500 video camera for the Police Department or a \$10,000 auxiliary power generator that can be used by police during emergencies.

Since the 21-page civic gift catalog has just come off the presses, it's too soon to determine what the response will be, said Rick Haffey, a recreation superintendent from the Parks and Recreation Department.

"You never know, but it could really take off," Haffey said.

"We certainly have a segment of our population that is very affluent and is civically involved. This might be a positive channel for that involvement."

Haffey, who supervised the production of the catalog, said 2,000 copies will be distributed to members of 50 community groups. The catalog will also be available for anyone to browse through at any city office.

Cecile Lino, a business/graphics major at College of Notre Dame, did most of the work on the catalog as part of her summer intern project in the Parks and Recreation Department, Haffey said.

"She got free paper, free typesetting and free printing, and the catalogs were stapled together by members of the Belmont Seniors Club," Haffey said. "It didn't cost us a cent."

The idea for community catalogs surfaced in 1978 after California voters passed Proposition 13 and many cities saw their municipal funds diminish. Several cities have since published their own community catalogs, Haffey said.

The catalog provides charitable Belmont citizens with an uniform means of forwarding gifts to the city.

All departments in the city were surveyed prior to compiling the gift list, the recreation superintendent said.

Some of the civic gifts are not items, but rather services.

For \$400, for instance, you can sponsor a teen dance. Or for a \$100 donation you can provide a free swim day for youth at a public pool.

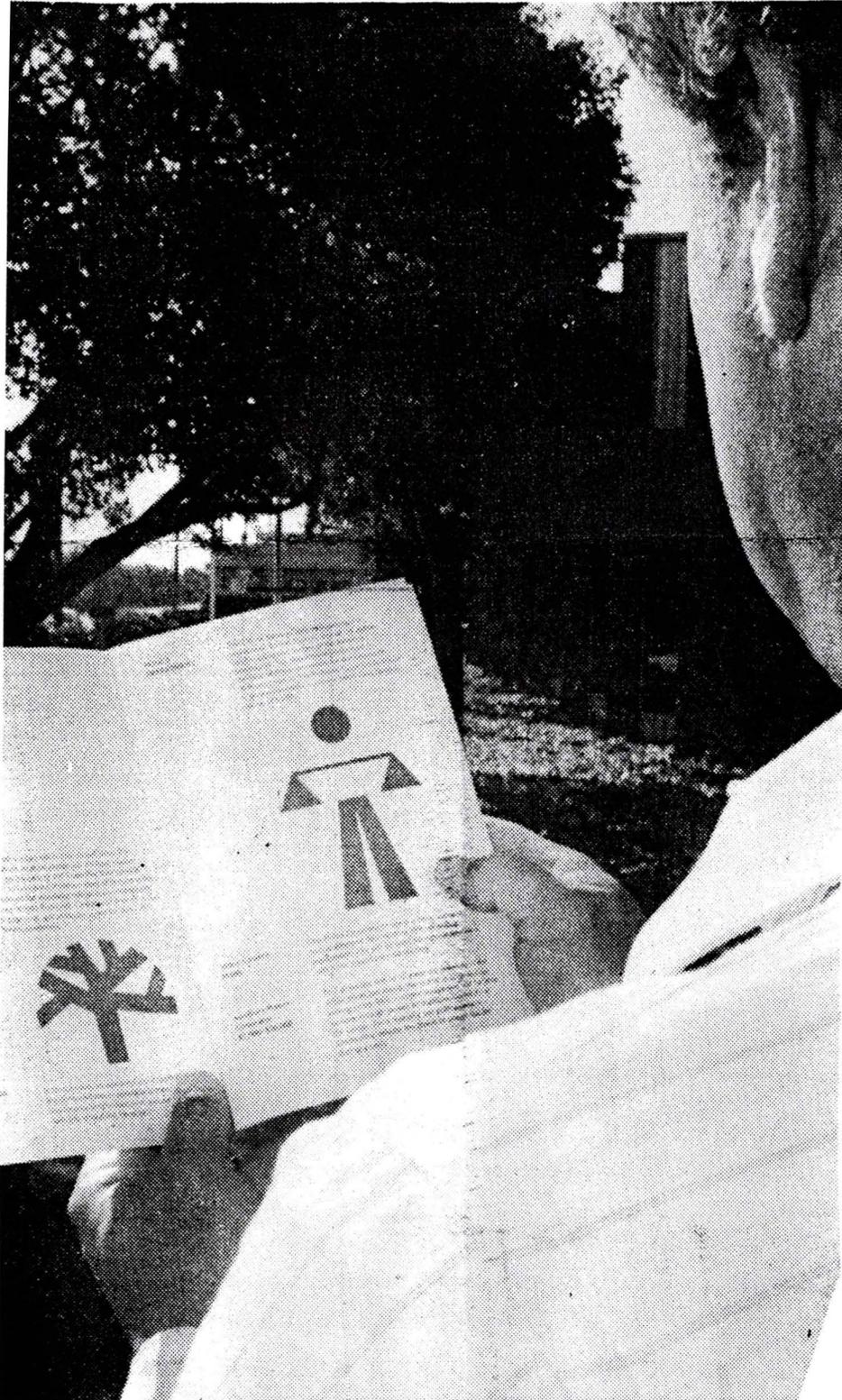
The sky is the limit, for the price tags for items like playground equipment can range from \$300 to \$15,000.



CITY WISH LIST

Belmont's recently published Community Gifts Catalogue lists a variety of ways that civic-minded residents can contribute their services to help make t

to give Belmont a boost



Some other items include a soccer goal net for \$165, picnic table \$185, pool table \$500, ping-pong table \$250, or an air hockey game \$300.

Tree lovers can buy Belmont a 15-gallon redwood, ginkgo or pine tree for \$40.

The Belmont Community Catalog also has unique gift ideas such as replicas of city street signs "with your requested name or word on it" for \$50.

Finally, for those citizens who don't want to buy anything but would rather gripe to city officials, the catalog offers "breakfast with the mayor, City Council or city official of your choice. During this breakfast you may approach the official with your concerns, gripes or grievances about any aspect of our city government, or the quality of life in Belmont."

The griping citizen must pay \$25 for this opportunity — plus the cost of breakfast.

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Lantos talks with B

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By JOHN HORGAN
Times Staff Writer

BELMONT — Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Burlingame, is working the room. He is in the midst of about 70 people at one of his regular town hall meetings.

Clad in a dark gray suit, blue shirt and red and blue tie, he dominates the proceedings, alternately lecturing, joking, gesticulating, explaining, arguing, making points and stating views.

It is hot in the council chamber at the Belmont City Hall. On a muggy Saturday afternoon, most people in Lantos' audience are clad in shirt sleeves. Some are fanning themselves. There is no air conditioning.

The heat doesn't seem to bother Lantos. He begins by giving his general opinions on such varied subjects as the significance of World War II, the Normandy invasion, the meeting of Soviet and American forces on the Elbe River in 1945, Walter Mondale's choice of Geraldine Ferraro as his vice presidential running mate and the overall political climate in America today.

At one point, Lantos, making eye contact with listeners with almost every phrase, says, "No issue is more important than preserving the peace." He adds fervently, "The things that bind us are infinitely more important than the things that divide us."

Smoothly, he switches from topic to topic, bringing his audience along with him for 25 minutes of easy listening.

Lantos, a former college professor, could be addressing students again. One of his aides whispers, "Ever the teacher." There is a distinct air of the pedagogue about him.

Striding about the council's quarters, the white-maned Lantos smiles, cajoles and agrees with many of his questioners in deep, modulated tones tinged by his Hungarian accent. As a public speaker, Lantos seems to be able to keep the audience firmly in his grip.

In all, Lantos, who says he will shortly leave to begin his rounds at the Democratic convention in San Francisco, answers 14 questions from the audience.

The queries range from ones about the Inter-



CALM BEFORE THE STORM

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nal Revenue Service and the U.S. tax code to the federal deficit and from immigration rules to the decline in the American steel industry.

Most of the questions are friendly. They are gently lobbed at the legislator, who fields them without missing a beat. Most of the questioners

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(Times Photo by Ray Zirkel)

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turn when one man in the audience assailed the congressman with accusations about his support of Israel, his voting record, travels and other sensitive matters.

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are seemingly well-informed and concerned citizens. Lantos' constituents appear to be people who pay attention and do their homework.

But the smooth goings-on are shattered when questioner number 13 takes a deep breath and begins a verbal assault on Lantos.

The man is sitting in a rear row, near an open back door. Apparently, he has been waiting for this moment. He brandishes some magazine and newspaper stories as he presses his attack.

At the core of his complaints are Lantos' close ties with Israel and U.S. Jews who support him financially. The man is angry. His voice, quavering at times, rises in pitch as he assails the congressman on the sensitive Jewish issue.

He blasts Lantos' travels and alleges that Lantos continually misses key votes in Congress. Much of the man's diatribe focuses on Lantos' staunch support of Israel.

The three-minute fusillade seems to shock the gathering. A couple of people gasp. Lantos, however, remains silent, smiling somewhat grimly as he slowly walks down the aisle closer to his accuser. He places one hand on an empty chair and stares at the man. Finally, he is finished.

The room is completely quiet. Lantos, who doesn't ruffle easily, says it's his turn. In a measured voice that belies barely concealed anger, the congressman attempts to rebut the man's caustic criticisms.

But Lantos can't mask his real feelings. He says the fellow has revealed "sickening anti-Semitism" and outright bigotry. Lantos is clearly upset, but returns to a more moderate approach almost as soon as he has momentarily abandoned his cool exterior.

He finishes with the man, answers one more question on a mundane topic and concludes the meeting.

His aide, sitting across the aisle from the outspoken critic, says this sort of unpleasantness occurs from time to time. "You have to be willing to take some heat in this job. He gets a lot of hate mail, you know."

As the meeting ends and most in the audience file outside into the 90-degree haze, Lantos stays at the front of the room to press the flesh and chat more intimately with those who remain.

Lantos will next conduct town hall meetings Saturday at 10 a.m. at 2212 Beach Blvd. in Pacifica and at 1 p.m. at 2415 University Ave. in East Palo Alto.

More Than Just Spare Change

By Erica Glessing *CARL END. 9/5/84*

Rosie Jones checks her purse for spare change, wondering if she can afford both the fish, and the loaf of french bread for supper. She remembers just in time to tell the clerk that there is a senior discount in the grocery store, and 10 percent of her purchase will be taken off the total amount.

The senior discount program is available to the 90,000 seniors in San Mateo County, encompassing discounts in over 500 stores.

Whether it is a hair cut, a deli sandwich or automobile repairs, the Senior Discount Booklet lists the places seniors can receive a 10 to 15 percent discount, or just a dollar off the total purchase. Discounts vary from store to store, and seniors must inform the store clerk before the purchase is rung up.

"If half of the seniors in the county use a \$1 discount in one month, they would have extended their purchasing power by \$45,000," Rachel Ralston, president of Concern-

ed Seniors, Inc., said.

Teams of volunteers are organized to contact individual businesses in the area, with the goal to always expand the program throughout the county, Ralston said.

"It is a form of therapy for the volunteers themselves," Ralston said. "It is physical and mental therapy to get out and talk to people in the community."

"We had a visitor from Sacramento, from the Golden State Discount Program, who said that our program is more organized than any in the state," Ralston said.

Senior groups in the county have evaluated the program, she said, and "91 percent of the people who know of the program use it."

At Floy's Coffee Shop in Belmont the program "seems to be working quite well. We get quite a few seniors here," Manager Francis Bruneman said.

Judy Gardenier, the manager and buyer for Dorel's Clothing in Belmont, said "It

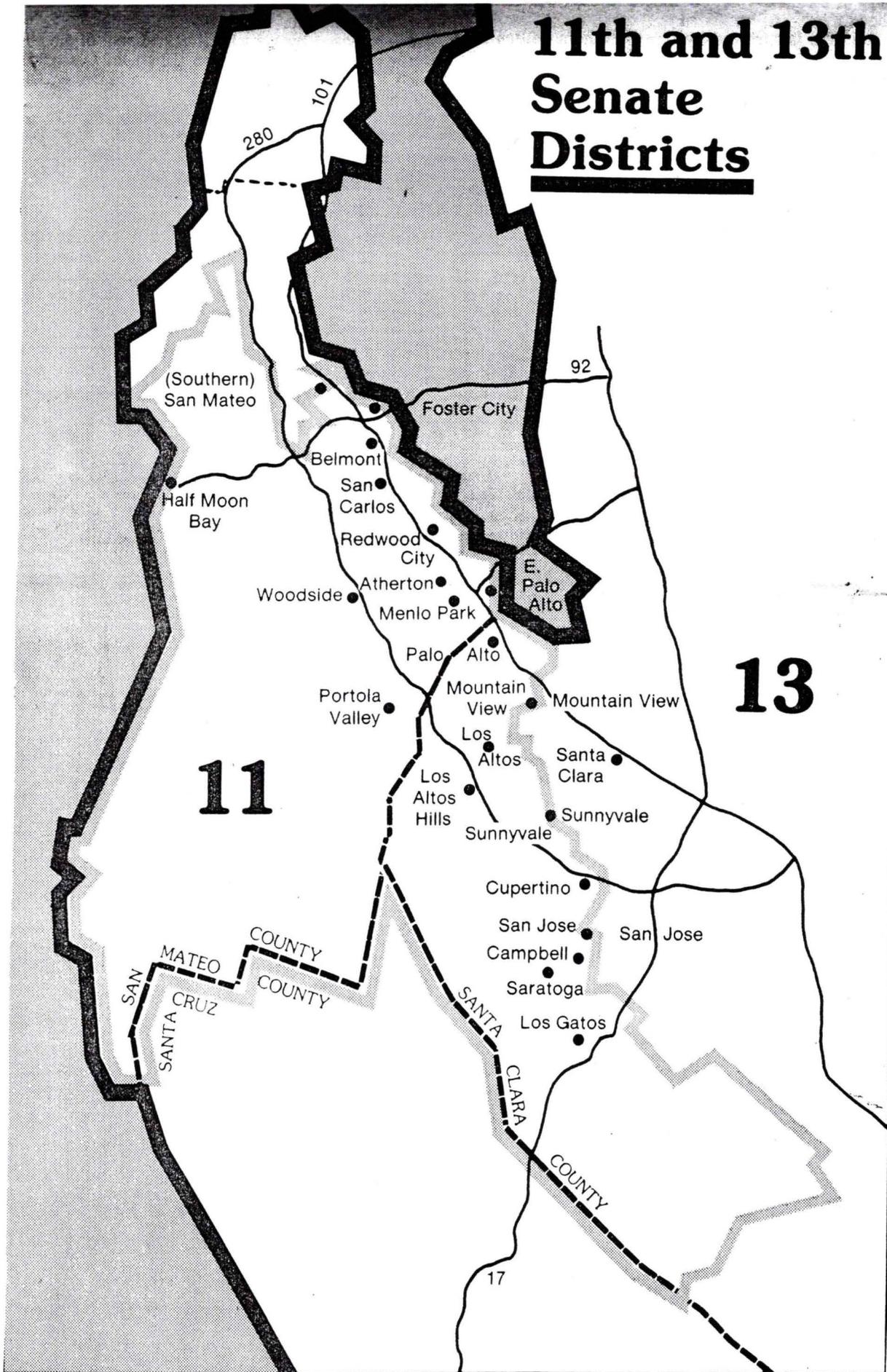
is terrific for them, and it has proven to work for our store."

Moses Kapawan, manager of the Willow Road Market, said "If they come in, we give them a discount. I would like to see more people use it, but many people go to the big stores."

Booklets listing the names and addresses of stores with discount programs in Belmont, Redwood City, Menlo Park and San Carlos can be picked up at the following locations:

- Parks and Liesures Services
Ralston Avenue, Belmont
- Senior Center
601 Chestnut, San Carlos
- Veterans Memorial Senior Center
Madison Street, Redwood City
- Senior Citizens Center
2555 Middlefield, Redwood City.
- Little House Senior Center
800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park.
- Bellehaven Senior Center
100 Terminal Ave., Menlo Park

11th and 13th Senate Districts



Times Tribune staff graphic by Elizabeth S. Lada

Five Republican candidates have been waging a heated battle for the party's nomination in the 11th Senate District, a race that has become the most expensive Peninsula political campaign of the year. The seat has been vacant for two years because of 1982 reapportionment plans. On the Democratic side, San Mateo County Supervisor Arlen Gregorio is running unopposed — as well as running a write-in campaign in the Republican primary.

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11th Senate city-by-city

DEMOCRATS			REPUBLICANS					
City	Gregorio	Shields	City	Morgan	Garcia	Huening	O'Keefe	Swaggart
Atherton	408	56	Atherton	576	719	262	193	5
Belmont	2,151	482	Belmont	508	898	673	225	35
Cupertino	2,865	1,225	Cupertino	1,996	801	997	1,328	56
East Palo Alto	1,000	460	East Palo Alto	68	68	47	5	2
Foster City	1,796	353	Foster City	324	920	456	144	21
Los Altos	2,701	553	Los Altos	2,856	1,255	979	948	27
Los Altos Hills	775	122	Los Altos Hills	787	367	293	238	16
Menlo Park	2,401	370	Menlo Park	1,006	1,543	706	302	30
San Mateo	6,549	1,543	San Mateo	1,607	2,656	2,282	606	181
Palo Alto	8,540	1,166	Palo Alto	3,826	1,840	995	533	51
Portola Valley	421	42	Portola Valley	300	304	180	36	5
Redwood City	4,753	1,113	Redwood City	1,103	1,685	1,095	357	79
San Carlos	2,522	493	San Carlos	776	1,315	758	271	57
Sunnyvale	1,087	356	Sunnyvale	784	474	370	482	18
Woodside	450	50	Woodside	369	391	199	78	10
Stanford	832	207	Stanford	232	90	51	19	4
Total	53,321	13,321	Total	25,114	20,679	15,465	10,199	841

San Mateo County Supervisor city-by-city

City	Silvestri	Nolan	Berlin
Atherton	769	544	493
Belmont	1,763	1,630	1,082
East Palo Alto	375	750	644
Foster City	1,249	1,465	855
Menlo Park	2,095	1,544	1,890
Portola Valley	439	251	373
Redwood City	3,377	3,518	3,012
San Carlos	1,991	2,261	1,369
San Mateo	5,849	4,740	3,267
Woodside	554	305	402

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By John Raess

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Woodside	554	395	402
Totals	42,800	38,569	27,625

Santa Clara County 5th District Supervisor city-by-city

City	Bechtel	McKenna	Horn
Cupertino	2,201	3,930	2,645
Los Altos	3,037	2,757	2,566
Los Altos Hills	897	512	631
Mountain View	3,199	4,227	2,960
Palo Alto	10,350	3,257	3,236
Stanford	866	461	314
Sunnyvale	627	3,449	1,168
Unincorporated	539	611	909
San Jose	289	700	540
Totals	25,114	23,506	19,004

Unofficial totals for the top three vote-getters were compiled by the Times Tribune from precinct breakdowns.

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There were charges and countercharges of incompetence, malfeasance, and slimy campaigning.

"Our campaign makes Becky Morgan and Marz Garcia (running for the Republican nomination for state Senate) look like a tea party," Municipal Court Judge James Stewart said last week, before winning more than 70 percent of the vote for a vacant Superior Court seat Tuesday.

The most potent campaign weapon of Stewart's opponent, fellow Municipal Court Judge Edwin Pearce II, was given to him free by the county.

It was Pearce's ballot statement that caused most of the fuss in the campaign. The statement, which accused Stewart of an illegal act, got Pearce two trips to the Superior Court for hearings and a public rebuke from the county Bar Association.

The 200-word statement was included in the back of each of the 642,000 sample ballots mailed to every registered voter in Santa Clara County. And it was included free of charge to the candidate.

"He got something comparable to a \$30,000 mailer," Stewart said of Pearce's statement.

Santa Clara County is alone among California's five largest counties in publishing free of charge such statements for judicial candidates.

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Unlike their counterparts in California's larger counties, supervisors in Santa Clara County, the state's fourth largest, decided to keep the ballot statements free for judicial candidates.

Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Zoe Lofgren said supervisors intended that the free ballot statements would keep judicial races from succumbing to the rising costs of political campaigns.

Judicial ethics make it more difficult for incumbents to raise money, she said. Lofgren, a lawyer herself, said attorneys running for the bench have fewer restrictions in raising campaign funds.

Free ballot statements for incumbent judges were meant to give them an advantage to counter the fund-raising edge of a challenger, Lofgren said.

"Now, whether our good intentions are backfiring is another question," she said.

The ballot statements run by Stewart and incumbent Municipal Court Judge Virginia Mae Days didn't refer to their opponents. Pearce and Days' opponent, attorney Ralph Dixon, used their ballot statements to criticize their opponents.

Those statements "changed all the ground rules," Stewart said, forcing him and Days to raise more money to counter the ballot statements.

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Democratic presidential primary city-by-city

11th District

(five delegates)

	Hart	Mondale	Jackson
Total district Top 5	4	1	
Belmont Top 5 Votes cast	5 11,197	8,061	2,352
East Palo Alto Top 5 Votes cast	1,805	2,991	5 15,586
Foster City Top 5 Votes cast	5 8,738	5,740	3,242
Menlo Park (partial) Top 5 Votes cast	4,046	3,423	5 5,041
Redwood City Top 5 Votes cast	5 23,245	18,667	5,647
San Carlos Top 5 Votes cast	5 12,592	9,487	2,223
Woodside (1 precinct) Top 5 Votes cast	3 11	2 9	1

12th District (four delegates)

	Hart	Mondale	Jackson
Total district Top 4	4		
Atherton Top 4 Votes cast	4 1,650	1,154	357
Cupertino Top 4 Votes cast	4 386	0 261	0 107
Los Altos Top 4 Votes cast	4 10,787	0 6,889	0 1,940
Los Altos Hills Top 4 Votes cast	4 3,256	0 1,747	0 539
Menlo Park (partial) Top 4 Votes cast	4 5,325	3,495	1,167
Mountain View Top 4 Votes cast	4 18,327	0 11,939	0 5,411
Palo Alto Top 4 Votes cast	4 30,549	0 18,911	0 9,822
Portola Valley Top 4 Votes cast	4 1,591	694	385
Stanford Top 4 Votes cast	4 4,033	0 1,696	0 1,762
Sunnyvale Top 4 Votes cast	4 32,630	0 23,131	0 7,044
Woodside (partial) Top 4 Votes cast	4 1,705	789	412

Special district nominations set

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REDWOOD CITY — The nomination period for elections in special districts to be consolidated with the Nov. 6 general election will open on Monday, San Mateo County Clerk-Recorder Marvin Church announced.

Nomination papers are available from the county clerk's offices at 401 Marshall St., Room A, Redwood City, or 40 Tower Road, San Mateo, from Monday through the close of the nominating period Aug. 10.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the county clerk's office.

The following offices are up for election: three seats of the San Mateo County Harbor District; two seats of the Peninsula Hospital District; two seats of the Sequoia Hospital District; and two seats of the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District. An election also will be held in the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Ward 7. Nomina-

tion forms for that office are available from the district secretary.

Four cities have consolidated their regular municipal elections with the Nov. 6 general election. Those cities are Atherton, Daly City, Menlo Park and Pacifica. Nomination papers for those cities may be obtained from the city clerks' offices.

In addition, Belmont has called for a recall election to be consolidated with the November general election.

SM County values reveal 'healthy

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REDWOOD CITY — Assessor Roland Giannini puts San Mateo County in the middle range among California counties in rating the total assessed value of property for 1984-85.

Some farm counties have experienced a noticeable depreciation of land values, Giannini said Friday. San Mateo County, however, shows an 8.22 percent increase in

the total assessed value of property, which he attributed to "a healthy real estate market" during the past year.

The property roll increased some \$2 billion, to \$26 billion this year compared to \$24 billion in 1983-84.

The county's 20 cities' assessed values increased 10.65 percent while the assessed value of the

unincorporated areas dropped 4.97 percent. The major reasons for that, the assessor noted, were the incorporation of East Palo Alto and major annexations by Brisbane during the past year. Without those changes, he said, the assessed value of unincorporated area property probably would have gone up 5.5 percent.

The total assessed value, in-

real estate market'

cluding land, improvements (new structures, fixtures, machinery and renovations) and personal property for the cities was \$20 billion in 1983-84 and \$22 billion this year. The figures for the unincorporated areas were \$3.7 billion in 1983-84 and \$3.5 billion this year.

Brisbane blew the top off the gauge, registering a 142.61 percent increase in assessed value and upping the total from \$122 million last year to \$296 million this year. Most of that increase was the result of annexing Crocker Industrial Park land, adding \$126 million to the assessment roll, and Sierra Point property transactions, \$32 million.

Some of the other major gains in valuations were attributed to the following projects and activities (property sold or ownership transferred, construction and equipment purchases, etc.):

- Burlingame, development of four hotel properties -- Holiday Inn, \$8 million; Marriott, first stage, \$4.6 million; Hometels, land only, \$5.6 million; and Burlingame General Partners, land, \$3.9 million.

- Daly City, Linda Vista Apartments sales, \$8 million.

- Foster City, office building transaction, \$12 million; El Capitan transaction, \$9 million; and Shelter Cove Apartments sales, \$7 million.

- Menlo Park, Sand Hill Circle, office and condominium sales

and transfers, \$27 million; Johnson and Johnson, sale, \$7 million; Raychem Corp., additional facilities, \$8 million; and Stanford Park Hotel, \$13.5 million.

- Millbrae, improvements to date to Clarion Hotel, \$2.5 million.

- Pacifica, Pacifica Apartments, sales, \$8.6 million and Highland Development transfers, \$2 million.

- Redwood City, Fluor Corp., building sale, \$18.7 million; Piombo, marina transfers, \$9 million; and Herron Court, affordable housing cooperative, \$5.5 million.

- San Bruno, Tanforan Mall transfers, \$13 million and Crystal Springs Apartments transfers, \$10.5 million.

- San Mateo, Scotch Hollow Apartments transfers, \$8.6 million and Bay Center office center transfers, \$6 million.

- South San Francisco, Woolworth warehouse sale, \$6 million and Sierra Point land acquisitions, \$9.5 million.

The general assessment summary prepared by Giannini's office provides the following growth figures for the cities:

- Atherton, up 10.16 percent to \$617 million.

- Belmont, up 6.90 percent to \$920 million.

- Brisbane, up 142.61 percent to \$296 million.

- Burlingame, up 10.24 percent to \$1.5 billion.

- Colma, up 3.33 percent to \$64 million.

- Daly City, up 7.43 percent to \$1.7 billion.

- East Palo Alto, up 8.81 percent (from its value as an unincorporated area) to \$262 million.

- Foster City, up 10.86 percent to \$1.1 billion.

- Half Moon Bay, up 7.06 percent to \$269 million.

- Hillsborough, up 8.46 percent to \$1 billion.

- Menlo Park, up 12.81 percent to \$1.6 billion.

- Millbrae, up 5.71 percent to \$742 million.

- Pacifica, up 8.40 percent to \$854 million.

- Portola Valley, up 8.62 percent to \$296 million.

- Redwood City, up 10.77 percent to \$2 billion.

- San Bruno, up 10.96 percent to \$1.1 billion.

- San Carlos, up 4.71 percent to \$1.2 billion.

- San Mateo, up 7.32 percent to \$3.5 billion.

- South San Francisco, up 6.59 percent to \$2.3 billion.

- Woodside, up 9.35 percent to \$458 million.