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Belmont Chamber Prepares For Biathlon



CHAMBER President Ed Weiss, left, Jane Hall and Ed Rodriguez.

IN THE second picture, left, Grant Richards, Dr. Tom Ewers and Mary Bosque.



Belmont Chamber/Community News

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She feels that it will be a good start leading to more community involvement with "environmental, cultural, and business concerns."

Biathlon chairpersons Tom Ewers and Cathy Mainini have been most gratified by the generosity of Bay Area corporations and service organizations.

Wadsworth Publishing's Ed Key and Lyn Levy were instrumental in designing and printing the Biathlon flyers. Frank O'Neill, president of the Rotary Club of Belmont, gave us the club's check for \$200 to cover postage costs.

Belmont Officials Pitch In

Chamber president Ed Weiss has called "the generosity of Mayor William Hardwick and Councilmen Donald Heiman, Joseph Green, Robert Hoffman and William Moore typical of the Biathlon enthusiasts that are bound to make this event a big success."

The mayor and councilmen dipped into their own pockets to pay for the Mayor's Trophies to be presented to the winners.

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COSTUMES ON PARADE

The winners of the Halloween costume parade sponsored by the Carlmont Merchants Association and the Belmont Parks and Leisure

Services include (left to right) Jay Morgan, Koi Takahasi and Lindsay Morgan in the 5- to 8-year-old age group.

Carlmont center goes crazy over Halloween costumes

S.M. TIMES 11/7/84

BELMONT — A Halloween costume parade and contest sponsored by the Parks and Leisure Services Department and the Carlmont Merchants Association drew 30 children to the Carlmont Village Shopping Center last week.

All contestants received a pumpkin donated by Bell Market. The winners of the contest, by age group, are:

- Infants to age 4 — Tori Nyberg, first place; Evan and Eva Geer, second; and Bobby Daniels, third.

- Five to 8 years — Koji Takahasi, first; Lindsay Morgan, second; and Jay Morgan, third.

- Nine to 12 years — Fawn Wright, first; Shannon McNulty, second; and Katie Borrelli, third.

The winners of the employee contest included:

- First place — Jim Murray, dracula, Bell Market; Rick Villaroman, ghost buster, Bell Market; Lisa Daniels, potted plant, Pine Brook

Inn; Michelle Holmes, visitor, Carlmont Camera; and Eileen Cafferata, sweet pickle, Bank of America.

The first-place winners received \$25 gift certificates.

- Second place — Terry Daniels, ghost buster, Hair Factory; Roy Shirappari, grape cluster, Bell Market; Julie Alt, cockatiel, Pine Brook Inn; Barbara Ezell, shy lion, Bank of America; Sal Perez, mummy, Pine Brook Inn; and Bob Plevney, dead man, Bell Market.

The second-place winners received \$15 gift certificates.

- Third place — Barbara De Santis, witch with brew, De Santis Acct.; Para Vlakos, painter, Carlmont Toy and Hobby; Adele Parissi, clown, Carlmont Pharmacy; Sabrina Sorensen, punk rocker, Village Host; and Calvin Chow, male nurse, Bell Market.

Third-place winners received \$10 gift certificates.



(Times Photo by Mike Russell)

'Color Me Pretty'

The winners of the Carlmont Village Shopping Center pumpkin-coloring contest in the 8- and 9-year-old age group are Elizabeth Rizzo, first place, and Maggie Rogers, second; ages 10-11,

Angela Padia, first, and Dee Faser, second; and ages 12-13, Tammy Pereira, first, and Michael Geiger, second. The children were judged on creativity.



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Locals Win In Fair Contest

ALL ENQ 8/11/84
Home Arts winners at the San Mateo County Fair include many local women.

First place winners include Connie Martorano of San Carlos who won for her preserved apricots, blackberries, and others. In the canned vegetable division she took first place for her tomatoes and tomato juice.

Martorano took first place for pickled artichoke hearts, chili sauce, sweet pickles, sweet pepper relish and others. Her raspberry jam also took a first prize.

Edith Spetino of Belmont took a first place in canned applesauce, clingstone peaches and prunes and in the vegetable division for her canned string beans, beets and corn, and in the jellies division took a first for her grape jelly.

Judy Evans of San Carlos took two firsts, one for her apple butter and another for her apple jelly.

CLOTHING, TEXTILES

Linda Salter of San Carlos won first place for her granny square afghan and other crochet work.

Linda Litz of Belmont received a first in the coat or jacket division; Linda Salter, San Carlos, a fisherman knit sweater, Cecilia Poni, Belmont, a hand-knitted dress, and Linda Litz, Belmont, a man's sweater.

Rowena Woo of Belmont received a first place for a novelty rug.

A decorated Christmas tree, entered in the Senior Arts and Crafts division won a first place for the Federated Women's Club of San Carlos.

PAINTING

In the China Painting department, Hazel O'Neil of San Carlos took a first place for her birds and animals. Professional china painting artists, Allary Schwab of Belmont received a first for jewelry.

In decorative painting on dimensional glass, Elaine Hansen of San Carlos took first.

Winners in the 1984 contest include Jordan Davis of San Carlos who won in the Best Color Photo division of the amateur only in Photofiesta.

Almost a thousand pieces of art were exhibited at the 50th Anniversary San Mateo County Fair.

Home Brewers and winemakers from this area placed in two contests at the San Mateo County Fair.

In the second annual Homebrew contest, Randy Brown of Belmont received first place for the best label.

Fred and Anne Vernacchia of Belmont won Best of Show for their 1983 Dry Muscat at the Home Winemaker contest held at the Fair.

Ready to light up

S.M. TIMES 11/14/84

BELMONT — The ninth annual illumination of Belmont's official Christmas tree will take place Nov. 26 beginning at 6 p.m. in Carlmont Village Shopping Center.

The towering Monterey pine tree which grows through the center of the Pine Brook Inn Restaurant at the shopping center was selected as the city's official Christmas tree.

The Carlmont Merchants Association has provided the star for the top of the tree and numerous strands of lights. The public is invited to attend the event.

Disabled learn graphics

S.M. TIMES 12/26/84

BELMONT — The Center for Independence of the Disabled will graduate its first four students from the 12-week graphic arts-typesetting class today.

The students ready for entry-level jobs are Carie Bondad, Elizabeth Johnson, Lavinia Luippold and Ernie Lee. Their course included layout, pasteup, typeset-

ting and basic camera operation. Another 12-week program begins Jan. 2 followed by another class starting April 1.

The course is funded by a grant from the Job Training Partnership Act and is available free of charge to low income and/or disabled residents of San Mateo County.

Trash rate increase approved

Redwood City charges to go up 11.72 percent

Times Tribune staff

TIMES 10/16/84
The Redwood City Council Monday approved an 11.72 percent rate increase for garbage collection, the same rate that many other San Mateo County cities will be asked to approve.

The increase, which is effective Oct. 1, affects customers served by Browning-Ferris Industries Inc. of San Carlos. The company serves most cities from Burlingame to Menlo Park.

The increase was negotiated by Browning-Ferris and a committee made up of San Carlos City Manager Warren Shafer, Redwood City Finance Director Pete Tassey and Lou Rowe of the city of San Mateo.

Tassey said Browning-Ferris originally had requested a 16.06 percent increase.

The new rates for backyard pickup in cities except for Atherton, San Mateo, Hillsborough and Menlo Park will be \$6.60 per month for one can and \$5.94 for an extra can.

The old rate was \$5.91 for one can.

Backyard pickup in Atherton and Hillsborough will cost \$9.98 for the first can and \$8.96 for the second. The costs in San Mateo will be \$8.86 and \$6.66 respectively and \$7.46 and \$6.56 in Menlo Park.

Curbside pickup rates for two cans will be as follows: San Mateo, \$8.86; Menlo Park, \$9.34; and East Palo Alto, \$6.60.

Dan's Upholstery does it all!

ALL END 11/17/84

By Paul Newton

Dan's Upholstery, in Belmont, offers services for de-
corating your home in ways
at save a lot of money.
wner Dan Hardle will arrange
r free estimates, pick-up and
elivery.

Not everything is free, of
course, but Dan is able to dis-
count materials prices due to
s large inventory. He keeps
0,000 yards of over 1,000
designs and material types in
ock.

Division of labor cuts costs
labor. Dan has 32 employ-
ees, and they are very good at
pecific jobs.

"We have girls that just cut,"
an said, and other workers
pecialize in padding, stitchery,
nd tacking.

"We can specialize and be-
ome better at certain things,"
id Dan, and that is proven
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omers who have moved away,
ut still want Dan to do their
ork. "We've done work for
people on the Peninsula who
love) and call us from across
e bay."

Dan's family has been
pecializing in fabrics since
ne of Dan's brothers opened
n auto upholstery business in
an Francisco in 1949. Now
Dan and his three brothers
ll do upholstery.

Decorating doesn't end with
pholstery, though, and car-
eting is available through
Dan's (his son owns Dan's Car-
ets, in Millbrae). Dan's Car-
ets carries such quality
rands as Barrett, L.D. Brink-
ian, Philadelphia, Walters,
nd many others.

And Dan's does windows
although he doesn't wash
hem). Expert window dress-
ing work, including draperies,



—Photo by Paul Fry

AT DAN'S UPHOLSTERY, Roman Rodriguez, left, one of 20 uphol-
sterers shows salesman Jerry Decarsky his work on a hard-carved, solid
wood sofa.

shutters, and mini blinds is
handled by Barry Lintt, for-
merly of Lintt Draperies in
Menlo Park.

There are other advantages
to Dan's large operation with
specialists. They offer free
estimates, from South San
Francisco to Santa Clara, days,
evenings, and Saturdays. And
average delivery time on major
work is two weeks.

As a special offering to his
customers, Dan's received 75
French Louis XIV sofa frames,
this fall. These beautiful

carved hardwood frames will
be upholstered to the individ-
ual customer's taste, and can
"be handed down from gener-
ation to generation," Dan
said. For future generations,
the sofas can be reupholstered
to fit the design of each new
household.

Dan's Upholstery has been
located in Belmont for 15
years. The present location
is 551 Taylor Way, Ste. 2 If
you have upholstery, carpet,
or window dressing needs, you
can call them at 591-8993.

Women's Shelter Relies On County-wide Support

CARL ENG 8/18/84

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.

Postal news
BELMONT 12/5/84

For residents who can't get to the post office during the week, Postmaster Jeanette D. Jensen has good news. The customer service counter will be open Saturday and Dec. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Customers will be able to purchase stamps and gift items and have domestic and international mail services available at the main post office, 640 Masonic Way.

Belmont girls' group

wins \$100 in contest

The Ekolepta Camp Fire group of Belmont has been named a national winner for the community-service program it entered in the 1984 Help Young America Campaign contest.

The group of fifth-grade girls from Central School was one of 330 from throughout the United States with winning special-project entries, designed to meet the needs of their communities.

The group received a check for \$100 from the Colgate-Palmolive Co., sponsor of The Help Young America campaign.

Belmont plans own credit card

Will give discounts to senior citizens

Times Tribune staff
DEN. TIMES 10/17/84

Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners Club, look out. There is tough competition on the horizon, and from one of the unlikeliest of places: the city of Belmont.

That's right, Belmont is planning to establish its own credit card. But this one will not charge interest; it will give a discount to senior citizens using it at various Belmont business establishments.

The Senior Gold Card is the brain-child of city Parks and Recreation Superintendent Rick Haffey, the father of the Belmont Gift Catalog, which, like Sears, offers items for sale, with the sales price benefitting the city.

"It would provide discounts — 10 percent on your laundry, 20 percent on lunch — at businesses honoring the card," Haffey said.

The idea is only in its formative stages. The Parks and Leisure Services Department at present is approaching the city Chamber of Commerce and individual businesses to see if they would participate in offering discount goods or services.

But Haffey said he is confident it will be popular with local merchants. "It would benefit senior citizens and it also might promote business in Belmont," Haffey said.

The Gold Card probably will not be available to seniors for another month or two, Haffey said. It will

Dealers' at Country Store

CARL ENQ. 11/14/84

By Paul Newton

Wouldn't it be nice for antique shoppers if they could find the salable collections of about 70 different collectors under one roof? That's exactly what is available at the Country Store Antique Collective, at the corner of Ralston Avenue and Old County Road, in Belmont.

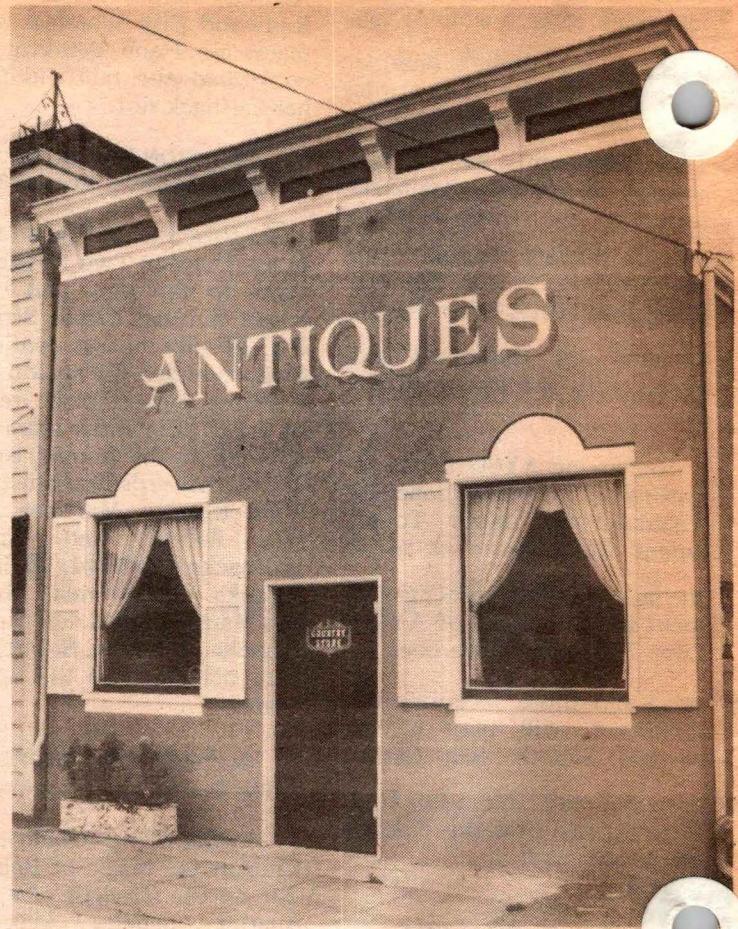
It all began when Roger Graves got tired of the retail furniture business. Roger had been in furniture since he was 12 or 13-years old, in connection with his father's business in Sunnyvale.

The furniture trade became "kind of stagnant," Roger said, and in 1982, he bought his father's retail business in Belmont. In 1983, the Collective opened. He had seen an antique collective in San Mateo, and "decided to give it a try," said Roger, and the result is "one of the biggest collections of antiques in the area."

Not only does the Country Store have about 12,000 square feet of antiques, it is housed in an "antique building," Roger said, and it has easy access from I-101, I-280, and El Camino Real.

The Country Store aims its sales at "the middle of the road guy," said Roger, "not the aficionado. . . We're aimed at the regular buyer," not the person who wants to furnish a whole house, he added.

Having the specialties of so many different collectors gives the Country Store the ability to display extensive variety, including collectibles. One dealer specializes in old telephones—with 30s and 40s



COUNTRY STORE Antique Collective, from Old County Road.

phones, and even telephone booths.

Another has old gas pumps and barber-chairs and poles.

"Beatles...(and) military stuff are very popular," said Roger, "the whole spectrum."

Customers feel "they're shopping at a neighbor's...no high pressure," said Roger, and they can pay with cash, Visa, Mastercard, or American Express. And there is a lay-

away plan. "They can come in and find almost anything they could possibly want for a good price," he added.

There are two major sales events each year—the autumn sale, and the anniversary sale, in the spring.

There are also two minor sales, only a week long and not heavily advertised. One is in the summer, the other at Christmas.

Eligibility for owning a Gold Card won't require a pristine credit rating, Haffey said. All that will be needed will be Belmont residency and a verifiable age of 60 or over, he said.

Haffey said he would like to take credit for originating the sterling idea, but he can't he said several cities already have the cards.

take about that long to line up participating businesses and prepare a catalog listing their names so seniors know where to use it.

What delivery!

Neither snow ... nor volume of Christmas mail keeps post office from moving

By Ruthann Richter
Times Tribune staff

DEPT. TIMES 12/16/84

Peninsulans in the throes of mass mailing their Christmas cards can take faith in the U.S. Postal Service's promise to deliver quickly — most of the time, that is.

In a postal experiment conducted in the last 10 days by the Times Tribune, the post office was found to have been relatively prompt in its deliveries, even during this busy Christmas season.

There were some exceptions, however. Out of 190 Christmas cards sent Dec. 6 to five cities around the United States, one des-

tined for New York City had not arrived as of Friday. Thirty-five cards, or 18 percent, were not delivered within the post office's own established deadlines.

With a few days' extension for the heavy Christmas volume, five cards, or 2.6 percent, still failed to reach their mark on time.

A spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service was happy with the results, saying he believes customers get their 20 cents' worth of service when they mail holiday cards and letters.

"You always hear the horror story that Aunt Millie didn't receive her letter for two weeks, but

that's just one letter," said spokesman Horace Hinshaw in San Francisco. "There's 131 billion pieces of mail that went through the system last year, and there may be a 1 percent error factor. That's pretty good for any job, except maybe for a brain surgeon."

In the Times Tribune experiment, the cards were sent from 19 main post offices up and down the Peninsula, including San Francisco and San Jose. A small card and medium-sized card were sent from each post office to five cities around the country: San Francisco, Los Angeles, Columbus, Ohio, Washington, D.C., and New York.

All of the cards were mailed on a Thursday afternoon.

The results were a mixed bag. In San Francisco and Washington, most of the cards arrived on the same day. However, in the other cities, they arrived in three or four groups.

Surprisingly, our friends in Ohio got their cards sooner or at the same time as our friends in Los Angeles. Even a decent share of the Washington and New York cards arrived on the same day as those in Los Angeles.

Generally, we found that it's not a bad idea to send smaller cards as they seemed to get there faster and

in better shape. The post office maintains, however, that size makes no difference unless the card is extremely large (6½ inches by 11½ inches is considered oversized).

Most of our cards arrived in good condition, with a few exceptions. The big card mailed from the Town Hall post office box in Los Altos Hills arrived in New York City with a ripped envelope.

The big cards addressed to San Francisco from Los Altos Hills and San Carlos also arrived slightly torn and/or crunched.

In a few cases, the post office fouled up on its deliveries, though

cards on time

it's impossible to say just where it happened in the process.

In New York, for instance, our small card from Redwood City never made it, though all the other cards had arrived by Wednesday.

And in Washington, our friends got all but two cards Monday, while one from San Carlos straggled in on Friday, more than a week after mailing.

"I'm sorry to hear it was delayed from this office," San Carlos Postmistress Gloria Tolliver said, "but it could have happened anywhere

from here to Washington, D.C." Like all Peninsula towns north of Sunnyvale, San Carlos trucks its mail to San Francisco for processing. Cupertino and Santa Clara ship their mail to the San Jose clearinghouse.

Thus, San Carlos could be only held responsible for a delay if it accidentally left behind a card, which is unlikely, Tolliver said.

Once the mail arrives in the San Francisco clearinghouse, the letters are sorted by either an optical character reader or by a human-operated sorting machine. If the ZIP code is illegible or is misread for some reason, a letter can land in the wrong bin, Hinshaw said. A short delay is always possible at Christmas, too, when the piles of letters may be so high that one batch doesn't make it onto the plane and has to wait for the next flight, he said.

In general, Hinshaw said the post office aims for overnight delivery within the local area, two-day delivery for the West Coast and three-day delivery for the East Coast.

During Christmas time, when the volume jumps by 15 to 20 percent, he said it may take three days for a West Coast delivery and five or six days for a card to arrive on the East Coast.

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Results of Times Tribune mail experiment

(All cards were mailed on Thursday afternoon Dec. 6)

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12/16/84

Card size	To San Francisco		To Los Angeles		To Ohio		To Washington, D.C.		To New York City	
	Big	Small	Big	Small	Big	Small	Big	Small	Big	Small
Sent from:										
San Francisco	Friday	Friday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday
San Mateo	Friday	Friday	Saturday	Thursday	Tuesday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday
Foster City	Friday	Friday	Monday	Monday	Saturday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday
Belmont	Friday	Friday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday
San Carlos	Friday	*Monday	Saturday	Monday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Friday	Monday	Wednesday
Redwood City	Friday	Friday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Monday	didn't arrive
Woodside	Friday	Friday	Monday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday
Portola Valley	Friday	Friday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Monday
Atherton	Friday	Friday	Monday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Wednesday	Monday
Menlo Park	Friday	Friday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Monday
Palo Alto	Friday	Friday	Monday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Tuesday
East Palo Alto	Friday	Friday	Tuesday	Monday	Monday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday
Los Altos	Friday	Friday	Monday	Monday	Saturday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Monday
Los Altos Hills	Friday	Friday	Monday	Monday	Saturday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Tuesday
Mountain View	Friday	Friday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Wednesday	Tuesday
Sunnyvale	Friday	Friday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday
Cupertino	Friday	Friday	Tuesday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Tuesday
Santa Clara	Friday	Friday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday
San Jose	Friday	Friday	Saturday	Monday	Saturday	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Monday	Monday

* — Unsealed by sender; U.S. post office placed in plastic envelope and noted "Officially Closed by U.S. Postal Service."

Chamber Report - Belmont

CND SCHOLARSHIP

Thanks to the success of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce Labor Day Biathlon and the generosity of our sponsor, Bank of America Versatel, the Chamber has been able to increase its CND Business Scholarship from \$500 to \$1,000.

With a matching increase from the College of Notre Dame, the first place winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship instead of the \$1,000 given last year. In addition, a few \$500 scholarship will be awarded to the second place winner.

Both awards will be pre-

sented at the Chamber's fourth annual Community Luncheon on Feb. 19. The luncheon will be held on the campus at Ralston Hall.

QUALIFICATIONS

Student applicants must attend CND as a business major now or plan on attending in the Fall of 1985. They must show some financial need and have a 3.0 grade point average to apply.

Mary Bosque, Alumni director of CND and first vice president of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce, notes that applications must be returned to the Alumni office

on campus by Feb. 4. Forms may be picked up at the Alumni office or at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1380 Civic Lane between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Judging will take place on the CND campus on Feb. 8. Names of the three judges will be announced "next year."

ALARM ORDINANCE

Police Chief Floyd D. Sanderson notified the Chamber that a resolution simplifying the Alarm Ordinance has been passed. The resolution amends the current rules and

sets forth only two understandable criteria:

1. More than three false alarms in six months results in revocation of the alarm permit.

2. More than six false alarms in one year results in revocations of the alarm permit.

Permit fees established are as follows:

a. Initial/Renewal permit fee, \$10 a year.

b. Annual Monitoring Fee for connection to dispatch, \$100 a year.

c. Annual Alarm Telephone Device Monitoring Fee, \$30 a year.

More information on the amendment which applies both to homes and to businesses is available from the Chamber office.

Tree captures holiday spirit in Belmont

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The Ninth Annual Illumination of Belmont's official Christmas tree will take place on Monday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. at Carlmont Village Shopping center.

Many city officials will be present and the public is welcome to attend.

The towering Monterey pine tree which grows through the center of Pine Brook Inn Restaurant at the shopping center was selected as the city's official Christmas Tree on Nov. 10, 1975.

The Carlmont Merchants Association has provided the star for the top and numerous strands of lights for the tree which can be seen for miles around aglow with holiday spirit.

Mail early

S.F. TIMES 11/28/84

BELMONT — The U.S. Postal Service in cooperation with the business community is asking customers to shop early — and mail early for the holiday season. Postmaster Jeannette D. Jensen says shoppers should mail as early as possible and make sure packages are wrapped correctly and marked with the correct ZIP Code.

"Normally, we handle about 45,000 pieces of mail a day — including cards, letters and packages. But during the holiday season volume goes up to about 80,000 pieces," Jensen says. "We in the Postal Service take pride in carrying your messages of love and joy. Mailing early helps us deliver the messages on time."

"Last year our customers helped us tremendously," she added. "They mailed early in the season and early in the day. We hope they will choose to cooperate with us again this year so we both will have an enjoyable holiday mailing season."

A tip on fast mailing

BELMONT — There is a fast way to mail Christmas packages, according to Belmont Postmaster Jeannette D. Jensen.

Priority Mail is for first-class handling of packages weighing between 12 ounces and 70 pounds.

"It's fast and consistent, offering next-day delivery up to 150 miles from the originating post office and delivery in three days anywhere in the United States," she says.

State gives Belmont CID new contract

CARL ENQ 11/28/84

The State Department of Rehabilitation has awarded the Center for Independence of the Disabled of San Mateo County in Belmont a contract to provide advocacy services. CID's territory will cover San Mateo, San Francisco, and Alameda Counties.

At times, clients will have problems regarding their rights, communication with the Department of Rehabilitation, personality conflicts, or honest differences of opinion.

Problems are sometimes encountered with other agencies which provide service that should be supportive of the client's rehabilitation program.

For these reasons, a state-wide Client Assistance program has been established by the Department of Rehabilitation.

The program staff includes: Karen Almdale, coordinator; Giocanda Egan, advocate; and Dori Wheeler, secretary.

For further information and/or interview scheduling call Dori M-W-F from 1 to 5 p.m. at 595-0783 (voice) or 595-0787 (TDD)

Checking your holiday

J.M. TIMES
12/17/84

By SANDRA BURNETT
Times Staff Writer

BELMONT — For most of us, the holidays present a mild nutritional challenge.

We know we will overeat and sometime between January and June, we will lose most of the extra weight.

But the holiday food temptations are serious for people who suffer from eating disorders — overeating, bulimia (binge/purge syndrome) or anorexia, according to the staff in the Eating Disorders unit at the Belmont Psychiatric Hospital.

"It's very difficult for anorectics and bulimics," said Sharon Sidell-Selick, community relations director. "Unlike overeaters, who think they will eat too much, they'll eat it all!"

That's why so many people enter the hospital's free Monday evening support group on eating disorders in November and December, she added.

Mary, a 35-year-old mother of two who has been bulimic almost half her life, is one member of the support group.

"I find it's a little more difficult during the holidays," she said. "I find I react. I'm very sensitive to stress. The holidays are stressful, what with the shopping and the food. I feel more pressure."

Mary's bulimia is typified by overeating followed by self-induced vomiting or overuse of laxatives. As part of the support group, she meets with anorectics — people who perceive themselves as overweight and who may literally starve to death by vigorous dieting and exercise — and with overeaters. All three illnesses can result in severe physical and emotional repercussions.

"I think that the problems that underly the eating disorders are pretty much the same," said Mary. "We all seem to have the same feelings about being inadequate and learning how to hurt ourselves."

Other services in the Belmont Hills program include a group for spouses and parents of eating disorder victims, self-help group, psychotherapy group and educational meetings held three other nights during the week for a fee.

Linda Burge, a registered dietician who once suffered from anorexia, is in charge of the groups.

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New recycling service

offered in Belmont

~~PEW TIMES 12/18/84~~
A new recycling service that will pay cash for newspaper, aluminum and other materials has opened in Belmont.

Golden West Recycling Co., recycling material brokers, has opened at 555 Quarry Road. The owners, John and Dana Compani, who have resided in Redwood City for 30 years, say their company will make a positive impact on the environment while giving residents a means of earning extra income.

The service can be especially beneficial for fund-raising projects such as aluminum can and paper drives sponsored by churches, schools and other non-profit organizations, according to the Companis.

Golden West will be open Tuesdays through Fridays between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The company will pay cash for newspaper, aluminum, glass, cardboard, computer paper and all scrap paper.

All materials must be loaded and stored in enclosed containers. For further information, telephone (415) 591-6224.

our holiday appetite

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both, so she uses the free support group at Belmont Hills to supplement her therapy.

Jane, who joined the group in October, said she started abusing laxatives a year ago as a college student.

"I was hurt by a boyfriend," she recalled. "I just felt really lousy about myself. I felt like I needed to lose weight. I would eat because I was angry, but so I wouldn't gain weight, I took laxatives — but laxatives don't work."

She said she joined the support group because she was afraid she might have the disorder for the rest of her life. She also sees a psychiatrist for treatment.

"Through talking, we find everyone has serious troubles," she said of the support group. "It makes my problems seem less tragic to know other people have similar problems. I feel really close to the people in the group. Another thing about recovering, I feel being active with other people makes me more active within my own recovery."

She too finds that the holidays present problems, although less from food temptations than the problems of enforced socializing.

"In our house right now, we've got tons of cookies," she said. "It's not the kind of food that's in the house, but more personal problems about dealing with people I might see during the holidays."

Neither Mary nor Jane feels cured of her illness, but they are convinced that the support group helps.

Mary said that because many people are too ashamed of their illness to even approach a professional for help, the support group can fill a genuine gap.

"It's a very isolating disease," she said of eating disorders. "I feel if people can form more support groups, they are going to get help."

Food drive makes the holidays brighter

Traditions and teamwork will make Christmas brighter in Belmont with a Cooperative Food Drive. Belmont's Parent-Teachers Association, Salvation Army volunteers, hundreds of students police department, and girl and boy scouts are busy keeping this 40-year-old tradition alive. Caring about their neighbors, they will again provide Holiday dinners where needed.

The canned food drive in each school ended on Friday, Dec. 14 and the Salvation Army added gift certificates

for meat and a gift certificate for each child. Ralston School is also collecting special toys.

Some of the volunteers include Leanne Caruathers, Callie Fousekis, Dorene Goad, Winnie Navarro, Florence Tornquist, Dori Borelli, Susan and Lucille Uldrich, Matt McBride, and the others who worked on the Thanksgiving dinners for 27 Belmont families. Jan Jensen's help is beyond comparison.

Donald Ellison, continues the tradition of a Bank of

America manager serving as treasurer. The Rotary and the American Association for Retired Persons have donated checks for many years.

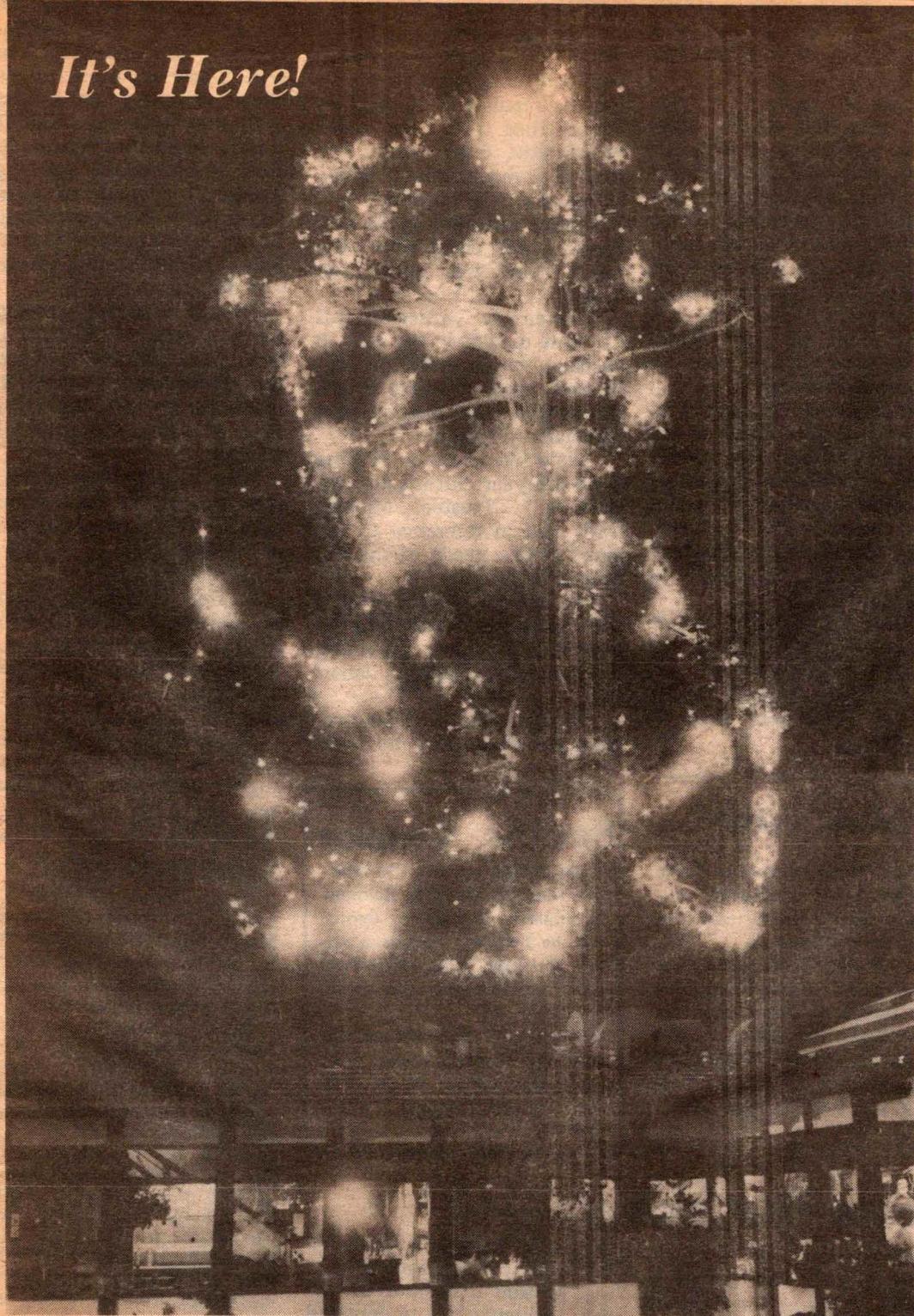
Irene Gough, Volunteer professional social worker, expressed appreciation for all their help and especially the enormous support and hours put in by the Jensens and McBrides families for the past seven or eight years. The heavy boxes of Food are delivered by Jan and Pete Jensen and family and Jack and Bobbie McBride and family.

Many are grateful to the Belmont Police Department. Although Irene Gough and Bob and Naomi Cissna volunteer in the daytime, the Belmont Police Department helps the needy at night with emergency food and shelter paid for by Salvation Army vouchers. Belmont Police don't need to wear a santa suit, but they deserve a lot of credit.

The Gough family Christmas gifts will be checks made out to Salvation Army and earmarked for their work in Africa. Since Ethopia is a

Communist country, the Salvation Army is not allowed in there. However, the same starving conditions exist in S.W. Africa, Chad, Zaire, and Zimbabwe (which was Rhodesia), where the Salvation Army provides a lot of help.

It's Here!



IT COULD BE a pine tree, or it could be a fir tree, but for now, it's a Christmas tree. Belmont's largest Christmas tree was officially welcomed by city

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leaders Monday night and will shine at the Carlmont Village Shopping Center during the holiday season.

Photo by Paul Fry

Taskforce Agrees On Flooding Solutions

CARL ENE 8/29/84

By Steven Stark

Ten assumptions were agreed upon by the Belmont Storm Drain Task Force in their efforts to find a solution to repairing the city's system.

A central tenant, however, of whether the city's General Plan could be viewed as the launching pad for progress, failed to gain the necessary support.

The task force is comprised of 22 citizens selected by the city council after citizen opposition to a storm drain assessment district. The group met last Wednesday night to reach an agreement on possible solutions to the city's dilapidated and sometimes non-existent storm drain system.

At dispute was an assumption "the solution to be devised should meet the future needs of the city as defined by the general plan."

"How can we develop solutions if we don't know what the launching pad is," asked moderator Cecil Reeves, "this is a basic issue."

Those assumptions which did receive the necessary approval of 85 percent of the 21 members present include:

- There is a storm drain problem in Belmont.
- The 1980 Wilsey-Ham report provides a basis from which to evaluate potential alternatives (this was changed from "accurate estimate" and "reasonable guideline").

- An acceptable solution may require some infringement of private property (with the concurrence of one member overheard as saying, "As long as it's not my house").

- Flooding on streets is an acceptable part of the solution. (According to Wilsey-Ham report, construction of curbs are still necessary if pipe construction and installation is to be done properly. Their cost estimates did not include the expense of these improvements.

- An acceptable solution will minimize, but not eliminate, flooding in habitable structures. (Implicit in this is one member's comment that, "We could throw a billion dollars into Belmont and still have some flooding occur, somewhere").

- A long-term phased solution is an acceptable solution.

- An acceptable solution will give first priority to nature and second priority to engineering solutions. (This idea is best captured by one member's comment, "It's best to go with the flow than against it.")

- Recommendations made by the task force will stem primarily from a cost benefit analysis tempered by human factors.

- The city will provide maintenance necessary to support the recommendations.

- The county will participate and cooperate in the solutions to the storm drain problem.

"Sometimes the democratic process is a real challenge," Reeves said, jokingly, of attempting 85 percent agreement on an issue.

Rain's gathering gloom symbol of flood watch for Belmont landowners

By Phyllis Brown

Times Tribune staff

PEN TIMES 1/13/84

For Belmont residents Constance Morgan, Frank Weber and Alice Chapman, the winter rainy season is a time to watch, wait and hope that the elements will be kind.

Morgan has seen rainwater standing 3 feet deep at her backdoor and half an inch deep in her living room.

Weber has removed tons of hillside debris from his back yard and Chapman has fled her home in fear of flooding.

The three are among dozens of Belmont property owners citywide who have faced winters tainted with the chance of storm damage.

Rain on Belmont's hillsides has threatened lives and the political careers of City Council members grappling with ways to control its flow.

Winter in Belmont is a waiting game because the city suffers from an antiquated storm drainage system and a lack of money to repair it.

The City Council in December 1983 proposed a storm drain assessment district to charge property owners citywide a fee to upgrade the system. Outraged landowners rejected the district because of its \$15 million cost.

The assessment district sparked angry citizens to attempt a recall of councilmen William Hardwick, Donald Heiman, William Moore and Joseph Green. The effort narrowly failed at the polls Nov. 6.

A storm drain task force was formed to research what work should be done and ways to pay for it. The task force should produce preliminary recommendations before the end of the year.

Council members are hanging their hopes for a solution on the committee. An assessment district still is among the funding vehicles under study.

"I want to hear the recommendation from the committee before deciding where to go on this," Heiman said Monday. "But I'd sure hate to go before the public if they came up with the same idea as last time."

Hardwick said an assessment district contains inequities he would have difficulty supporting.

"To me, there is a problem with whether everyone would benefit equally from a district," Hardwick said. "I am going to wait and see what the committee recommends."

Storm damage suits against Belmont already total more than \$4.5

million. Further, the city budget last year was strained by expensive emergency repairs on East Laurel Creek Road, Mulberry Court and at the Carlmont Village Shopping Center, where burst drain pipes left cavernous holes in the ground.

However, there are greater costs to consider, Heiman said.

The January 1982 flooding at the East Laurel Creek Road site forced a resident to warn cars away from the hole to prevent tragedy. Morgan, Weber and Chapman are residents of San Juan Canyon Boulevard, the scene of some of Belmont's severest flooding.

East Laurel Creek Road near Bay Court has experienced serious flooding in the past. So has Old County Road near Harbor Boulevard in the Harbor Industrial Area.

El Camino Real near Harbor Boulevard also is a trouble spot. The area near the Carlmont Village Shopping Center still is a worry to city officials.

"I get anxious when it rains. I look at the weather and try not to get too worried. But I think, 'What would happen if we had another storm like the one in 1982?'" Morgan said.

The storm of January 1982 sent water from the San Juan Creek in her back yard and runoff from the street in her front yard coursing toward her home, Morgan said.

Weber has a "catch basin" 5 feet by 20 feet in area and 6 feet deep to catch the debris that rain sends plummeting from an open drain pipe above his house.

Chapman fled her house during the storm of January 1982. Her house was not damaged but the storm did send the retaining wall on the hillside above it crumbling into her back yard.

Belmont CalTrain depot will get a facelift next year

By Michael Winks

Special to the Times Tribune

ENTIMES 12/2/84

The state Department of Transportation will improve the Belmont train station. That's the latest report from Caltrans representative Robert Crockett, who addressed the Belmont City Council Tuesday night.

Crockett told the council members that a meeting held that same day within his agency confirmed that Belmont was "still a number one priority." Train depot improvements are currently under way in San Carlos and Sunnyvale and will begin in Belmont next June.

The improvements to the station include the construction of a new shelter for CalTrain riders and a longer boarding area, to be completed by October, 1985.

Caltrans also will improve parking along El Camino Real, adding more spaces at the north end of the station. Landscaping and lighting also will be installed.

Council members raised concern for the problem of slowed traffic at the already congested El Camino Real-Ralston Avenue intersection. Councilman Robert Hoffman called the intersection "a tremendous source of frustration to the community" and asked Crockett for reassurances that trains would not frequently bring down semaphores and upset the traffic signal synchronization.

Crockett promised that the new boarding area design would keep trains from causing this problem.

Crockett was unable to give a definite completion date for the improvements. He explained that each improvement was made by a different contractor and that once the new 600-foot boarding area was built, it would take six weeks to build a new shelter and a minimum of six weeks to provide the parking and landscaping changes.

"It could take longer with a bad winter," he noted.

According to Crockett, a master plan showing the extent of con-

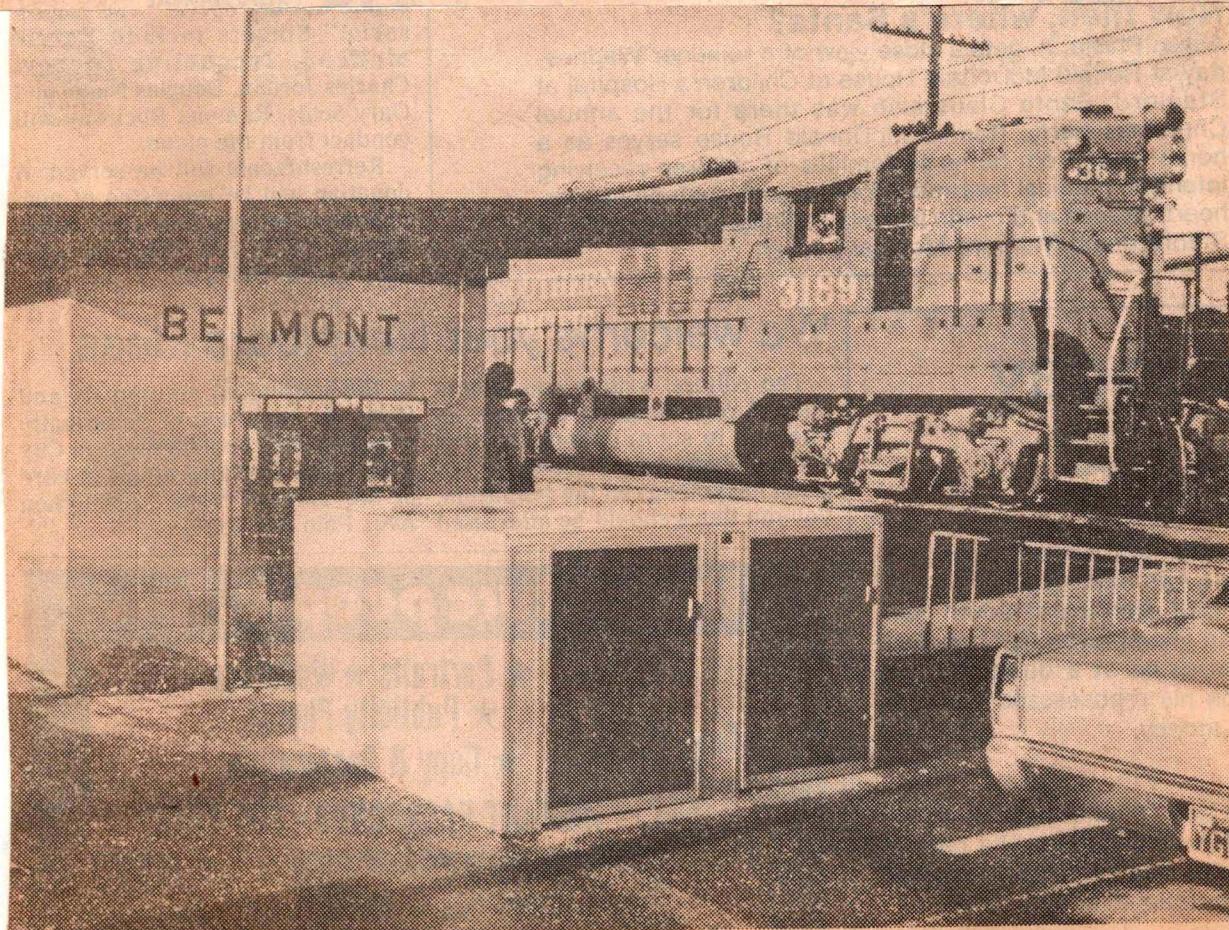
struction on the depot will be presented to the council by January.

Council members were relieved to hear the improvements were on schedule. On Monday evening, they had heard City Manager Edward Everett express doubt that Caltrans would have good news to report. Mayor Bill Hardwick, himself a train commuter, said he was reassured the city would get what Caltrans had promised last spring.

Work on the San Carlos station started last February, with the entire project costing an estimated \$965,000, funded by Caltrans.

The San Carlos project was the first of many scheduled improvements this year. Caltrans and the city of Burlingame are sharing the cost of rehabilitating that city's historic depot.

The Bayshore station in San Francisco and the Broadway-Burlingame, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara stations all were on the Caltrans list for additional parking areas, lighting and landscaping improvements.



Times Tribune photo by Greg Web

Belmont rail commuters will have their small station improved, according to the state Department of Transportation. Improvements will include the construction of a new shelter for CalTrain riders and a longer boarding area, to be completed by October 1985.



LAFCO panel says unincorporated areas should be annexed

By Steve Taylor

Times Tribune staff

PEN TIMES 8/2/84

A report issued Wednesday concludes that Redwood City, San Carlos, Belmont, Foster City and San Mateo should remain separate cities and not be merged in any way.

It also recommends that the cities absorb unincorporated areas that touch their borders.

The recommendations are by the same agency that issued a controversial proposal six months ago to merge Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley into one city. The merger proposal ultimately was rejected by San Mateo County's Local Agency Formation Commission, which is charged with determining the desired boundaries for each of the county's 20 cities and towns.

The four-community merger plan drew fire from local officials soon after it was advocated by Gregory McWilliams, executive officer of the commission who since has left the job. McWilliams' successor, William D. Davis, said this second report was not influenced by the

furor that accompanied the first study.

Instead, the study showed that Redwood City, San Carlos, Belmont, Foster City and San Mateo have full-service governments that effectively serve their residents. On the other hand, the city and town governments of Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley only provide some services and special districts supply others, Davis said.

As a result, "the opportunity for reorganization is not there" in the area between Redwood City and San Mateo, Davis said. "There doesn't seem to be any significant advantages to doing that (merging any of the cities)," he concluded.

Officials in the five cities were consulted before LAFCO issued the report, but they only provided technical information and did not advise for or against a merger recommendation, Davis said. He emphasized, "This is a (LAFCO) staff recommendation, not the cities."

The report generally retains existing plans for desired local-gov-

ernments and part of the harbor industrial area along its Belmont border. Belmont should annex the other part of that industrial area, according to Davis.

Foster City's city limits should remain generally the same. San Mateo should annex the Highlands and Baywood Park neighborhoods and the Peninsula Golf and Country Club, Davis recommends.

Davis said he hopes the report rekindles interest in these annexations. He noted there has been a lack of interest by both city governments and unincorporated area residents in recent years.

Cities have been hesitant to consider annexations because many of the unincorporated areas lack streets and other improvements that meet city standards. Also, there are problems such as unincorporated area streets being too narrow for city fire trucks, Davis said.

As a result, the extra taxes cities would collect are less than the extra cost of serving these areas, he said.

The commission will review Davis' report Aug. 15 and listen to public testimony.

Another hearing probably will be held Sept. 19, and a commission vote on Davis' recommendations probably will occur then or in October, Davis said.

Redwood City also should annex the Emerald Lake Hills area, the Sequoia tract east of Alameda de las Puglas, the Horgan Ranch area, the Villa Mobile Homes area, the Ideal Cement property and the Oak Knoll and Kensington Square neighborhoods, according to the report.

San Carlos should annex the Hassler Home property, the Devonshire and Palomar Park neighbor-

S. H. TIME 12/31/84 LAFCO

LAFCO was racing toward a Jan. 1 deadline for revising sphere of influence (SIO) studies. The studies will provide information to help determine whether local services such as fire protection, water, parks and sewage treatment are adequate, whether there is costly duplication of services among agencies, and which agencies should provide for the future.

LAFCO has completed SIOs for the central and southern parts of the county and the countywide SamTrans bus service. It is working on SIOs for the mid-Coastside, including the Half Moon Bay area, and the North Coast, which includes the Pacifica area.

The commission encountered a whirlwind of opposition in South County at the first of the year when it proposed the possible consolidation of Woodside, Menlo Park, Portola Valley and Atherton as one city.

When the dust had settled in May, LAFCO made these recommendations: Leave the towns as they are; leave the Woodside and Menlo Park fire districts separate; include Stanford University lands in the SIOs of nearby towns; modify some of the jurisdictions and boundaries of the four towns, nine unincorporated areas and seven special districts; and form a task force of area representatives to continue working at saving taxpayers' money by not duplicating services and by providing the most efficient delivery of services.

In Central San Mateo County, LAFCO recommended no major changes in the SIOs of San Mateo, San Carlos, Belmont, Foster City and Redwood City, but recommended 10 special districts in their areas eventually be made part of city operations.

Bill Davis of San Diego was named LAFCO executive officer in February to succeed Gregory McWilliams, who became assistant city manager in Palmdale.

Where's the beef?

Seniors are served two meals a week

CARL ENG 12/12/84

By Steven Stark

Where's the beef?

For senior citizens of Belmont, it's at the Twin Pines Lodge Building, served up piping hot and utterly nutritious every Monday and Tuesday at noon.

Beginning Dec. 3, following years of effort, the senior citizens of Belmont can, for the mere pittance of \$1 (\$3 for persons under age 60), latch onto a nutritionally-balanced meal, offered through the auspices of the Area Agency for the Aged. The food,

designed to provide one-third the daily minimum nutritional requirements of an adult, is cooked up in the kitchens of Chope Hospital and served by members of the Belmont Senior Citizens Club.

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, more than 115 seniors sat down to dine on Beef Wellington, carrots, green bean salad, buttered noodles, cranberry salad, (cranberry jelly mixed with chopped nuts and oranges), prunes, coffee and skim milk. More than 70 seniors dined the previous day.

And for a dollar, though there was beef served on the plate, there were little beef elsewhere.

"Boy, I couldn't cook this at home for this price!" one senior citizen was overheard, telling her friends.

"I need a doggy-bag—I can't finish all this food," another senior was overheard lamenting (the Parks and Recreation department has a standing policy, however, ruling out the removal of any opened food-stuff from the Lodge).

"This is something we've needed for a long time," Belmont Senior Citizens Club President Hugh Slay said. "This is going to go over real big. We have talked about it for a long time, and the Parks and Rec (department) worked on it and got it."

"Space restrictions are the only thing limiting this program now," Parks and Recreation senior citizen assistant Jeanne Gillespy said of the 100-maximum seating capacity at the Lodge Building (the overflow was seated in another room), "we will have this thing five days a week, Monday through Friday, once we get a senior citizen's center in Belmont," she vowed.

According to preliminary designs for the 8,000 square-foot senior center, some 350 seniors will be able to be served at one time in the multi-purpose room envisioned, Gillespy said.

A site determination for the senior center is expected to be decided upon by the city council in January, following public hearings by the Park and Recreation Commission.

In Belmont, the beef's served up Mondays and Tuesdays—hot, nutritious and affordable.

Wendy's, look out.

Recycled roadway

5/14/85 Belmont — The stretch of Elmer Street between Ralston and O'Neill avenues was recently resurfaced with recycled asphalt, city officials announced.

The recycling method was specified in the contract awarded to Raymond J. Bragato, Inc.

The old asphalt and base was removed and pulverized and water and cement was then added, officials explained. The mixture was then used to grade the street and it was overlayed with 2 inches of asphalt concrete.

City officials noted that a cement additive was used in recycling the asphalt, resulting in a contract cost of \$12 per square yard. A previously quoted asphalt additive would have cost \$18 per square yard so the city saved \$15,000 on the project by using recycled asphalt, they added.

San Mateo County provided two-thirds of the funding for the project and the City of Belmont provided one-third of the funds through gas tax revenue.



FIRST residents of Homeview were veterans of World War II

By Michael Winks

Special to the Times Tribune

PEW TIMES 11/14/84
Homeview is where the heart is, according to long time resident Rose Ozwirk. She just can't get enough of her neighborhood.

"I don't think there's a better community in Belmont," she reported.

Ozwirk knows a thing or three about Homeview. She moved to the area in 1948 when the first new post-war tract homes were built. She said she didn't move there by choice, but now wild horses couldn't drag her away.

The neighborhood is located just west of the Bayshore Freeway, bordered by the freeway and El Camino Real on one side and the San Mateo and San Carlos city limits on the other. Ozwirk recalled most of the first residents were veterans of World War II.

Since that time, many of the children born into the first families have grown up, leaving few behind. But Ozwirk said she has noticed new families with babies coming into her block, buying the houses now valued at roughly \$130,000.

"I like the mixture of families and older people," she admitted.



"It makes for a stable community."

The area's proximity to the freeway would seem to cause noise problems. Homeview Homeowners Association president Don Nesja acknowledged many neighbors can hear freeway sounds but that it's a problem even hill residents face.

"We also hear the animals at Marine World on a quiet night," he added.

Although there are a few apartment buildings on the periphery of the neighborhood, most of the area's structures are single-family homes. Some homes are rented; Ozwirk listed nine renters out of 26 homes on her Hiller Street block.

Ozwirk recalled it took 20 years for the association to get the city to establish O'Donnell Park, a neighborhood toddler playground. The

residents were assisted by the local branch of the Lions Club, which donated some playground equipment.

But another familiar issue soon dominated neighborhood concerns: traffic. Industrial businesses (known as the Harbor Industrial area) to the south were creating a lot of truck traffic through Homeview's quiet streets. Ozwirk, then president of the homeowners, led the fight to install traffic barriers prohibiting truck access.

One day in 1979, Ozwirk came back from a trip and saw the new barriers had been built.

"I was so happy. There couldn't be a day in my life that I was happier," she recalled.

"It's drastically reduced the traffic from that area," Nesja, a 15-year resident, agreed.

More recently, the association stood firmly against the recall of the four Belmont city councilmen. Nesja said the association didn't take a stand on purchasing the school sites (Measure B, which was defeated). But both he and Ozwirk agree that activism has always been in vogue in the area.

"People have always worked not

plain about, according to Nesja. Unlike neighbors in the Sterling Downs community, Homeview residents have had no drainage problems.

The neighborhood's strength is its convenient location, Nesja says. It is close to the train station, the buses and to a shopping center.

After a string of burglaries in 1981, the area was the first in Belmont to begin "Neighborhood Watch" patrols. Ozwirk herself had been burglarized and she became active in establishing the program.

According to Ozwirk, more than 80 percent of the residents turned out to vote earlier this month.

"This neighborhood is concerned with the welfare of the area," Nesja observed.

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homeowners have had since last spring: water contamination. Underground wells from a nearby gas station have leaked gas into some homeowners' backyard wells used for watering the garden.

Union Oil is continuing extensive clean-up work, but Nesja said more contamination from unknown sources is seeping into the soil as well. Neighbors suspect the nearby industrial companies.

"It's something we're watching closely," Nesja said.

Aside from pollution problems, people have had very little to com-

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By Michael Winks

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Homeview is where the according to long time Rose Ozwirk. She just c enough of her neighborho

"I don't think there's community in Belmont," ported.

Ozwirk knows a thing about Homeview. She mov area in 1948 when the f post-war tract homes we She said she didn't move choice, but now wild couldn't drag her away.

The neighborhood is loc west of the Bayshore Freer dered by the freeway and amino Real on one side and Mateo and San Carlos city the other. Ozwirk recalled the first residents were ve World War II.

Since that time, many of dren born into the first have grown up, leaving few But Ozwirk said she has new families with babies into her block, buying the now valued at roughly \$130

"I like the mixture of and older people," she a



Times Tribune photo by Greg Webb

Longtime Homeview resident Rose Ozwirk likes the neighborhood's mixture of families and older people. "It makes for a stable community," she says.

State propositions

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San Mateo County

	Proposition 36		Proposition 37		Proposition 38		Proposition 39		Proposition 40		Proposition 41	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Atherton	1,727	1,956	1,903	1,849	3,103	581	2,754	880	1,235	2,293	1,439	2,1
Belmont	4,914	5,322	6,787	3,935	8,323	2,006	5,685	4,361	3,672	6,116	3,552	6,
East Palo Alto	1,280	3,760	2,946	221	1,939	2,981	1,157	3,654	1,321	3,427	1,275	3,
Foster City	4,173	5,078	6,525	3,088	7,187	2,057	5,241	3,871	3,296	5,535	3,309	5,
Menlo Park	4,424	7,715	6,199	6,487	8,222	4,090	6,656	5,238	4,098	7,635	3,647	8,
Portola Valley	831	1,278	1,078	1,185	1,801	418	1,572	606	797	1,313	788	1,
Redwood City	9,291	11,444	12,943	6,318	15,196	4,693	9,772	10,269	7,041	12,547	6,858	12,
San Carlos	5,744	6,097	7,452	4,838	9,602	2,257	6,796	4,858	4,065	7,123	4,112	7,
Woodside	1,286	1,377	1,583	1,163	2,175	514	1,794	794	982	1,564	995	1,

City-by-city tally

San Mateo County

	President		11th Congress		12th Congress		11th Senate		13th Senate		20th Assembly		S
	Mondale	Reagan	Lantos	Hickey	Carnoy	Zschau	Gregorio	Morgan	Alquist	Smullen	Lepore	Naylor	
Atherton	1,015	2,803	—	—	692	2,947	1,210	2,470	—	—	553	3,089	—
Belmont	4,658	6,206	6,921	3,396	—	—	5,244	5,039	—	—	3,035	7,007	—
East Palo Alto	4,697	761	4,752	384	—	—	4,123	945	—	—	—	—	3,
Foster City	3,690	6,039	6,129	3,066	—	—	4,334	4,826	—	—	2,507	6,481	—
Menlo Park	6,734	5,904	3,406	710	2,832	5,314	7,090	5,313	—	—	1,984	5,133	3,
Portola Valley	876	1,397	—	—	603	1,570	1,011	1,198	—	—	458	1,688	—
Redwood City	10,280	11,432	14,740	5,789	—	—	12,293	8,214	—	—	2,700	6,644	5,
San Carlos	4,891	7,541	7,511	4,134	—	—	6,063	5,747	—	—	3,155	8,411	—
Woodside	985	1,790	7	16	692	1,837	1,063	1,588	—	—	571	2,022	—

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21th Assembly		22th Assembly		Supervisor		Measure A	
Sher	Wingrove	Ott	Konnyu	Silvestri	Nolan	Yes	No
—	—	—	—	1,835	1,368	—	—
—	—	—	—	4,589	4,572	—	—
3,680	940	—	—	989	3,285	—	—
—	—	—	—	3,613	4,546	—	—
3,221	1,314	—	—	4,620	6,095	—	—
—	—	—	—	1,207	739	—	—
5,717	3,123	—	—	8,134	10,402	—	—
—	—	—	—	4,996	5,585	—	—
—	—	—	—	1,371	968	—	—

Bartering for the right to develop

By Phyllis Brown

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The right to build on property could be bartered if an innovative method of limiting development gains approval for a rustic area in Belmont.

The procedure being considered is called a "transfer of development rights" (TDR). It would allow a developer with building rights to sell that right. The city would then allow the buyer to "cash in" the bartered agreement for the right to build on another piece of land.

The technique typically is used to limit development in areas with

'Transfer of development' may help preserve environment

sensitive environments and is being used in several cities around the state.

The transfer concept is under study for the 90-acre San Juan Canyon in western Belmont, where turn-of-the-century subdivision maps permit much denser development than is considered acceptable today. The area has many steep slopes that by today's standards are unfit for building because of environmental and safety concerns.

The TDR approach would limit building in the sparsely populated canyon, but it also would make it possible for landowners to get some use from their properties without developing them.

Determining the extent of future development in the San Juan Canyon is City Manager Edward Everett's chief priority for 1985.

"It's not a panacea. It's not a solution to all of the problems up there. But it might be a solution to

part of it," he said of TDR.

Everett explained how the technique might work.

"You have a lot that is unbuildable. One approach is (for the city) to say you just can't do it. Another is to say you have a development credit that can be sold to someone who wants to build elsewhere," Everett said.

"That person may have the right to build only say, eight condos on their lot. The development credit

would up it to 13 units," he said.

Transfer of development rights has been tried in a number of California cities, including Malibu, Lake Tahoe, San Francisco and Santa Monica, city planner Jerome Podesta said.

Malibu's ocean beachfront was made a density transfer area to protect it from overdevelopment and to ensure public access to the shoreline, Podesta said.

Malibu property owners can sell their development rights instead of developing the land, he said.

In San Francisco, TDR is being used to preserve buildings of his-

land

toric or architectural value in the South of Market neighborhood.

The area at present is undergoing extensive redevelopment. To protect historic buildings from redevelopment as new offices, the city assesses the number of offices that could be built there. Then the building owner may sell to a developer the right to build those offices on another site.

"The owner of the site of a building with historic significance that could accommodate 250,000 square feet of offices can sell the space for

transfer to another location," Podesta explained.

Belmont's San Juan Canyon is bounded on the south by Ralston Avenue, on the north by "Sugar Loaf Mountain," which forms the border with San Mateo, on the east by Cipriani Boulevard and on the west by Christian Drive.

The geology of the area is under study by a consulting firm, William Cotton and Associates of Los Gatos, which is testing the stability of its soil. The firm will present the city with a detailed geologic map of the area within the next three months, Podesta said.

The city also will hire a consultant to study the feasibility of instituting a TDR program in Belmont. The consultant should be under city contract in January.

The area has been under study by citizen committees for some time. The present committee has

been considering how much development should take place in the area for two years without reaching a conclusion, Podesta said.

"Instead of talking about this question, I want us to move toward a specific solution," Everett said. "We have all these lots that we haven't made a decision on. I want a solution that feels good for the folks who live in the area and for the folks who own property in the area."

