

Peninsula Panorama



By motor car, by train, by boat, by scooter, by jet, and by occasional examples of mental telepathy while dreaming over illustrated folders, more Peninsulans will travel extensively this year than ever before.

They'll go the full range of the alphabet from Acapulco to Zanzibar, finding, in this case, that A is just as hot as Z.

They'll read guidebooks by the midnight sun and time-tables by the murky lights that thrifty foreigners import especially to confuse the traveler.

They will enter customs sheds with trepidation and emerge triumphant with smuggled cuff-links and perfume that the customs officers don't really care about.

Nothing is more silent than a plane load of homebound Americans avidly reading the fine print on the customs declarations that the stewardess has just distributed.

Nothing is more intense than the racking of memories and the consulting of sales slips as the declaration forms are filled out.

And nothing is more of an anti-climax than finding that all the customs officers are interested in is the total declaration and, if it is less than the permissible amount, the declaration goes into the wastebasket.

Nothing, that is, than the painful exercise of guide-book Spanish on a Barcelona taxi-driver who later inquires, in good Brooklynese, how the Dodgers like it in Los Angeles.

Many Peninsula travelers are the bold sort who plan their own itineraries and want to "go as they please." Chances are they'll have a pretty good time, except for one thing.

That is the helpless and chagrined feeling that comes when they see the "package deal" tourists getting the top hotel reservations and bus accommodations that were arranged by some agency months in advance.

The "on his own" traveler can linger in the art gallery while the guided tour parties are hustled by him, but he will soon develop a suspicion they are seeing things he is missing.

And when it comes to tipping, it is better to have a courier than an argument.

Then too, there is the astounding discovery that the most avid readers of the travel books and guidebooks are not the travelers—but the hotel and restaurant keepers who milk a recommendation for all it is worth.

This means nothing to the package deal traveler for whom the price has been fixed, and probably paid, long before.

There is some consolation, however, for the enterprising and independent sight-seers. When they get home they can truthfully brag about all of their encounters and how they saved a couple of Francs or a couple of thousand Lire.

Getting home is one of the best parts of the trip, especially if the neighbor boy has kept his promise to keep your lawn watered and mowed.

There is no place better to come home to than the Peninsula. Travel, in fact, is valuable because it will make the Peninsulan appreciative of what he has close to his own front door.

If he likes a sparkling blue bay—there it is. If he likes wooded hills—there they are. If he likes picturesque ruins—there is the old county courthouse.

But best of all there is his own bathroom with the predictable plumbing, with a shower that can be adjusted without either scalding or chills, with a good light for shaving, with a toothbrush in its proper place, and plenty of towels within easy reach. And no extra charge for soap.

Traveling is fun and most of the wandering Peninsulans this summer will have a whale of a good time. But they'll come back knowing that "there is no place like home,"—even with a second mortgage.

Dispute Sign to Be Torn Down

BELMONT — That controversial sign on the so-called Alexander property, which urged a "yes" vote in the May 24 rezoning referendum election will be taken down Monday, Ildo Rosellini, attorney for the landowners, told The Times today.

The yellow and black sign made opponents of the rezoning of the property see red, and Thomas Convery, who spearheaded the referendum, charged that it was illegal.

The city council, apprised of Convery's charges, agreed that it was illegal under the city's ordinance stipulating that the only signs allowed on single family residential property are to advertise the lease, sale or rent of a sign stand.

Rosellini, representing owners Al Waskowiak and Julio Paoli, today said the signs will be taken down "but we still think we are within our rights to have a sign there."

The two signs, both about six feet by four feet in size, will be donated to the Little League. Rosellini said, and will be used as counters in the league concession stand.

"We think the sign was a public service for the dissemination of non-commercial information on to the public," the attorney declared, repeating an assertion made this week in a letter to the city council.

"At stake here is freedom of speech," he commented. "The signs are of a temporary nature and the same type as the campaign signs of candidates for superior judge, supervisor and congressman."

"But since we have been requested by the council in a spirit of goodwill, and so that we will not in any way embarrass the other people who have set up signs and require that theirs be removed because of our sign, we will take ours down."

The council ordered the landowners to have the sign removed and directed Police Chief James Loyal to have police take them down if the property owners did not comply.

Rosellini said that the objectors to the signs "sought to censor a free expression of opinion, not by objecting to the message, but to the means of bringing the information to the public."

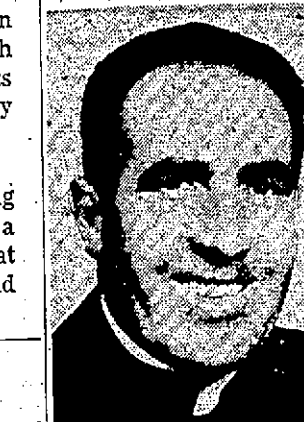
Voters will decide May 24 whether the property, at the northwest corner of the Alameda de las Pulgas and Balston avenue, will be rezoned from single family residential to planned community.

Francis to Talk In Pacifica

"Peoples Issues 1960" will be the topic chosen by Assemblyman Louis Francis when he speaks before the San Mateo county Republican central committee at their meeting Tuesday, at the Sea Bowl in Pacifica.

A no host dinner will precede the meeting and is to be held at the Sea Bowl starting at 6 p.m. The hosts for the meeting will be the chairman of the Pacifica Assembly, Dr. Jerry Miles and Harold Peyge, mayor of Pacifica.

Invitations have been mailed to all Republicans in the Pacifica area.



REV. THOMAS F. REGAN has been appointed a member of the Community Mental Health Advisory board by the board of supervisors of San Mateo county. Father Regan is the executive director of Catholic Social Service for San Mateo county. He also was a member of the original Child Guidance commission of San Mateo county and in 1948 was elected to serve as the chairman of its board of directors.



CHAMBER CHIEFS—Dr. Ralph T. Behling, left, chairman of the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce's committee on governmental affairs, introduces James Mussatti, left center, general manager of the state chamber, to San Mateo Mayor Clyde West, right center, and Chamber President Kenneth W. Van Gundy, right, at the group's luncheon meeting yesterday at the Villa hotel where Mussatti spoke on pyramiding bay area taxes.

Partner Said Too Generous

REDWOOD CITY — Partners of Marvin Matuszak in a local bar asserted, in a suit filed here yesterday, that the former Forty-Niner linebacker hasn't been doing his share of the work but keeps his hand in the till.

William and Doris Silva, partners with the husky football player in Willie's Alurini at 17-19 James street, said Matuszak has neglected the business and has not lived up to the terms of the partnership agreement, but keeps on taking cash from the register.

Matuszak, the plaintiffs said, has offered to sell his interest but is asking more than the agreement allows.

The suit asked the court to dissolve the partnership and name a fair price for Matuszak's interest.

Grado Heads Committee

Samuel Grado, longtime Daly City resident of 83 West Cavour street, today was named co-chairman of the Daly City Citizens for Progress committee, which favors the city's annexation of Callan Park.

The appointment was announced by committee spokesman Frank Tardelli, who at the same time reported that Mrs. Rosemary Valente, of 273 Mariposa street, Daly City, had joined the group supporting the Daly City council's four-to-one vote for Callan Park annexation.

"Mrs. Valente came to us," said Tardelli, "and told us that a paid petition circulator had misrepresented the point of our opponents' referendum petitions. He told her that if she signed the petitions, Daly City's taxes would drop. That simply isn't true."

"She wonders how many other Daly City citizens have had the petitions of this tiny opposition group misrepresented to them."

Tardelli challenged the validity of many of the names submitted by the group whose spokesman is Fred J. Walker, who has lived in Daly City 16 months.

Redwood Youth Tourney Ends

REDWOOD CITY — A city-wide elementary school foursquare tournament sponsored by the recreation department of Redwood City was held at Roosevelt school. Winners of the event were: Franklin school, first place; Garfield school, second place; and Clifford school, third place.

Hitting Boy Brings Fine

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO — A District Municipal Court yesterday, two witnesses testified that they saw Grochowski slap Sonntag, who was holding a small puppy in his arms and wearing glasses.

UNCLE CHARLIE



'Loaned' Dope Proves No Security

REDWOOD CITY — A Redwood City man whose unique defense to a narcotics charge failed to win him an acquittal was sentenced yesterday to 90 days in county jail.

The defendant, Charles A. Hammond, 28, said he was carrying a marijuana cigaret because an acquaintance had given it to him as security for a \$1 loan.

The alibi failed to convince Superior Judge Edmund Scott, however, who found him guilty. Yesterday, Judge Scott allowed Hammond credit for time served awaiting sentencing, some 60 days. Hammond is on probation now for a forgery conviction.

Moose Officers Dinner Tonight

REDWOOD CITY — The Loyal Order of the Moose, assisted by the Women of the Moose, will hold their annual officers' dinner tonight at Moose hall, starting at 7:30 p.m. The following new officers and chairmen will be the honored guests:

Robert Nelson Jr., junior past governor; Joe Woods, governor; Harold Watson, junior governor; Robert Folkins, prelate; sergeant-at-arms John Sposito; assistant sergeant-at-arms Vernon Dooley; outer guard Robert Johnson; inner guard John Watkins; civic affairs chairman Harold Watson; auditors Lou Reed, Oral Neikirk and Harold Watson.

Publicity; Flynn Koch; Moose news, Robert Nelson; ritual, Warren Rusch; building, Lou Reed; membership, John Sposito; blood bank, Charles Wright; conservation, Robert Folkins; interleague, Ray Asavado; sports, Vernon Dooley; cub pack scouts, Dan Frazer; entertainment, Carl Berens; investigating, Lisle DeMar; refreshment, Howard Pichler; parliamentary, Lou Reed; assistant to all committees, Carl Bregg.

Buck Shaw to Pick Top Pupils

MENLO PARK — Lawrence T. "Buck" Shaw, 3300 Garden lane, coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, has been named one of seven Bay area citizens who will select the top high school seniors in next week's finals of the 1960 Bank of America Achievement Awards competition.

The judges will pick four first place winners, and eight runners up from a field of 35 candidates who won zone competition in the nine Bay area counties.

No Verdict in Train Death

REDWOOD CITY — A coroner's jury was unable to determine yesterday what caused a San Mateo man to fall from a moving commuter train and suffer fatal injuries.

The victim, Royal E. Stevens, 58, of 111 East Santa Inez avenue, was found unconscious on the Southern Pacific right-of-way in San Bruno. Stevens had boarded the train in San Mateo to go to his job in San Francisco, last October 28. He died this March 23.

Coroner Paul B. Jensen said Stevens evidently lost his balance and fell while walking between cars or standing in the vestibule. The train crew was exonerated by the jury.

In another inquest, the jury found that the traffic death last February 13 of Mrs. Anna Laura Miller was an unavoidable accident.

Beauty Parlor Sued for Burns

REDWOOD CITY — A San Carlos woman who said she suffered burns of her neck, ears and hair while getting a permanent wave in a San Carlos beauty salon filed suit in superior court yesterday for \$10,000 damages.

The plaintiff, Mrs. Dorothy L. Crezee, 1035 Montgomery street, said she went to the Laurel Beauty Salon at 647 Laurel street a year ago today. The burns, she said, were caused by chemicals used for the wave. She charges the owner, Claude Casey, with negligence.



Girl Dies After Rescue Effort

REDWOOD CITY — A 13-year-old girl died here yesterday despite a heroic two-hour effort by a doctor, firemen, sheriff's deputies and an ambulance crew to save her life.

Deputy Coroner Richard Beal said the girl, Joanne Finnegan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Finnegan, 918 Lakeview way, apparently died of the effects of a brain tumor.

Belmont Planning Board to Meet

BELMONT — The city's spanking new planning commission, with two holdovers and five new members, will hold its maiden meeting Monday night.

City Clerk Catherine Heartsner said today she plans to swear in the seven men just before the 8 p.m. meeting.

Area's Growth Brings Taxes, And Problems

Out of every \$39 earned in San Mateo county, \$11 goes into taxes, state Chamber of Commerce Manager James Mussatti told local chamber members at lunch yesterday. The reason, he said, is that "each one of us" keeps demanding "more services. All of us complain of taxes, but few of us are willing to give up any service we are now enjoying."

The result, he pointed out, is that San Mateo county's taxes, if allowed to increase for another 25 years as they have increased in the past 25 years, will total \$18 billions each year.

State taxes, if allowed to increase another 25 years at the rate they have grown in the past 25, would total \$35 billions each year, by 1985, he said.

The answer, he said, is that "we have to improve government at all levels to find ways to slow down public spending, to get more out of each tax dollar."

"The fault lies with us, the people. We have got to participate in political action to build up the realization that we are able to maintain sound government in a good business climate. The responsibility rests with each of us."

Sues Wife to Recover Deed To His Home

REDWOOD CITY — A Redwood City investor, who said his wife wronged on a property deal after he lived through a cancer operation, filed suit yesterday to recover his property.

William J. Mangels, of 2204 Whipple avenue, said he entered the hospital March 10 "for an operation from which he had been informed he might not survive."

While he was in bed in the hospital, according to the complaint, his wife, Anita, asked him to sign the deed to their home over to her. Mangels said he told her: "Well, I'll sign, but if I come out of the operation, the deed is null and void and will be cancelled and it shall only be recorded if I die in the operation."

Mangels did pull through, but his wife recorded the deed transfer April 25, he said. Mangels filed suit for divorce May 3, charging extreme cruelty. He said they separated four days after the deed was recorded.

According to his divorce complaint, Mangels and his estranged wife have extensive property, including \$59,000 cash. They were married August 20, 1921.

On Campus Concerts by CSM Group

Another in the series of on-campus concerts will be presented by the music department of College of San Mateo at 11 a.m. Tuesday, in the choral room.

Open to the public, the regular of instrumental ensembles is under the general direction of Fredric Reehr, chairman of the music department. Reed class director Dick Crest will present the clarinet quartet: Theo Sundblad of San Mateo; Rod McCready, Millbrae; Dave Meisner, Redwood City; Mike Magner of San Carlos.

E. H. Young, string and brass director, will present two groups: Ellen Bauer of San Mateo, Anita Riff of Redwood City, and Leonard Lasher of Los Altos will join the instructor Young in the string quartet.

The remaining group, the brass choir, will offer four selections. Members of this group, on trumpets, trombones, baritone, and bass viols are Don Schamber, Atherton; Dick Leland, Burlingame; Gary Peterson, Daly City; Jim Wilson, Half Moon Bay; meeting will be at the home of Len Lasher, Los Altos; Joe Mrs. Dorothy Van Horn, 140 Sagasty, San Carlos; Phil Pearl avenue, San Carlos. The Buergey, Phil Lesh, and Joe guest speaker for the evening Ousterson of San Mateo; Don Hall, will be Senator Richard Dolwig, San Francisco.

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