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Abstract "A 33-year-old Menlo Park electronics wizard, who was fined \$1,000 in 1972 for using a toy whistle to make a free phone call to Australia, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in San Francisco for placing free calls to Pennsylvania." Draper now free on \$5,000 bail

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Reading Says U.S. Has OK'd Freeway

Tribune Sacramento Bureau

Oakland Mayor John Reading contends the state can complete the \$30 million Grove-Shafter freeway in Oakland without having to put up another penny in matching funds.

Startled members of the state Highway Commission yesterday agreed to fully investigate Mayor Reading's contention that federal officials have ruled no more state matching money is needed.

Mayor Reading and Oakland Community Development Director John B. Williams made impassioned pleas for a higher priority designation for the Grove-Shafter from the Highway Commission.

They warned that without the freeway completion, the city and its redevelopment programs are in "precarious" straits.

Scheduled to be officially "mothballed" by the money-short state Department of Transportation next January, it was thought that the final three-quarters of a mile segment of the Grove-Shafter needed a new \$2.9 million state matching fund commitment.

That would qualify it for 92 per cent federal interstate highway financing for the balance of its cost.

But Mayor Reading told commissioners the city has obtained a federal ruling that the \$5 million already spent by the state on replacement housing will suffice as California's matching fund contribution.

Mayor Reading explained later that he was personally given such assurances in Washington last November by U.S. Transportation Secretary William Coleman and Federal Highway Administration Director Norbert Tieman.

Heinz Heckerth, head of the state Division of Highways, said in yesterday's meeting that he was aware of no such arrangement.

William Leonard of San Bernardino, state Highway Commission vice chairman, who presided yesterday, directed that state and city officials get together to find out if Mayor Reading is correct.

In his formal presentation to the commission, Mayor Reading said the indefinite postponement of construction of the final portion of the Grove-Shafter "has placed the city in a very precarious position."

"The uncompleted segment of the freeway provides direct access into Oakland's City Center," he said. "City Center is a major redevelopment project, involving hundreds of millions of dollars, that the city is presently undertaking

in conjunction with the Federal Government and the private sector to rebuild downtown Oakland.

"Until completion of the Grove-Shafter is resolved, our ability to maximize the returns on these investments and to attract the new investments that are needed to carry out City Center to a successful completion is seriously curtailed."

Noting that there is a 15 per cent unemployment rate in Oakland, Mayor Reading said the City Center project would provide 1,700 construction jobs for a five-year period and more than 12,000 new permanent jobs.

Williams testified that the Grove-Shafter completion would represent "a major effort in solving the problems of unemployment, poverty and housing deterioration in Oakland."

He contended that by pulling business and residents back from the suburbs to the urban core, the freeway completion would also help control excessive Eastbay suburban growth.

"We are now in a situation where the longer it takes to resolve the completion of the Grove-Shafter, the more difficult it becomes to sustain the momentum that is presently taking place in City Center, as well as in other sections of the downtown area of Oakland," Williams said.

May 3 Hearing

Berkeley Plan For Garbage

Tribune Berkeley Bureau

A complex proposal for relieving Berkeley's solid waste problem will be unveiled at a special hearing before the Solid Waste Management Commission May 3.

Two years in the making, the proposal would double the projected life span of the city's landfill site on the bay side of the Eastshore Freeway by reducing the material now being dumped there by 50 per cent.

It also would close the landfill site to all but Berkeley-generated wastes, and rely heavily on an intensive recycling effort to pare the amount of garbage now being disposed of at the landfill.

According to a document prepared by the commission, the proposal would cost up to \$127,000 to institute and up to \$220,000 annually thereafter.

About half of the 80 acres of the landfill already have been filled to capacity, according to the document. With about 550 cubic yards of refuse being dumped every day, the landfill could be expected to last another three or four years.

Recently, however, both the Army Corps of Engineers, and the state Water Quality Control Board, by means of a court injunction and an official board order respectively, succeeded in closing off about 20 of the remaining 40 acres at the site because of seepage problems.

Unless the restrictions on these 20 acres are removed, the landfill will be filled to capacity within one year, city officials say.

The proposed solid waste plan to be aired May 3 would help to relieve the crisis by:

- Establishing a single city-run recycling center at which every article of refuse suitable for recycling would be separated from other materials bound for the landfill;

- Requiring, by ordinance, that all Berkeley residents separate their own garbage—cans, glass, newspapers, plant debris, and so on—to facilitate the recycling effort;

- And broadening the program to include wastes from retail businesses, restaurants and bars, offices, and industries.

The plan also proposes that wood from demolition projects be recycled, and that the city mount a vigorous "public education" program to insure the success of the plan.

And by closing off the landfill to all but Berkeley residents and businesses, the total amount of refuse would drop from the current 144,000 tons annually to about 70,000 tons, the document says.

Part of this reduction will spring from a special composting program recently announced by the city. To begin May 1, the program will allow Eastbay gardeners to take from a special section of the landfill site two cubic feet of fully matured garden compost for every cubic yard of plant clippings they bring to the site. The cost for dumping the cubic yard of plant debris will be 50 cents, but the two cubic feet of matured compost will be free.

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First S.F. Arrest as D.A. Opens War on Pimps

San Francisco Dist. Atty Joseph Freitas yesterday declared war on pimps and announced the arrest of a Los Angeles man who he described as a "very active procurer" running a "stable" of prostitutes.

Alexander McKenzie, 26, was arrested after the grand jury indicted him on charges of kidnaping, assault and six

felony counts of pimping and pandering.

"We want the word to go out in San Francisco that we are after pimps and we are going to offer protection to prostitutes who testify," Freitas said.

The grand jury heard two days of testimony from Oakland and San Francisco police, a motel manager, a bail bondsman and three prostitutes Freitas said were from "McKenzie's stable."

The women, ranging in age from 17 to 23, said they turned as much as \$300 a day over to McKenzie, who allegedly ran his business from a San Francisco motel.

One woman reported handing over around \$100,000 during the two years she was associated with the suspected pimp.

Gate Bridge Suicide Link to Slaying?

A woman who abandoned a car registered to a woman accused in the gunshot death of her husband leaped to her death from the Golden Gate Bridge, the span's 574th known jumper.

Investigators said the woman leaped from the bridge at 3:45 p.m. yesterday. The body was not recovered. The car was registered to Diane Meyer, 28, of San Mateo, accused of killing Edward Meyer April 9.

San Mateo police said Mrs. Meyer was found near the bed where her husband was shot to death. They said she was heavily tranquilized.

She was hospitalized for several days and booked for investigation of the murder, then released on bail, they said.

More Money for Retired Workers

The Oakland City Council has given final approval to an increase in benefits to 700 retired members of the Oakland Municipal Employees' Retirement System and commended its board president, James L. McDonnell, for his persistence.

An effort that began in October of 1974 was concluded Tuesday night when the council approved the final passage of an ordinance authorizing the increase.

Retired members will receive a maximum of \$50 more a month, with half of that amount going to the surviving dependent. Members' monthly pensions average less than \$300.

McDonnell, who has been board president for the last three years, told The Tribune the increase will be financed by increasing the interest and dividend income from the system's \$22-million portfolio.

After the council gave final approval to the increase, City Manager Cecil S. Rley commended McDonnell for his persistence and cooperation. The council then adopted a motion to make the commendation official.



Tribune photo by ROBERT STINNETT

Coins in the Fountain

San Francisco policemen throw coins in the Eclipse fountain at the Hyatt Regency Hotel to start a benefit fund for the widow and four children of Officer John Orlando, who recently died

of leukemia two months and 16 days short of qualifying the family for a pension. Coins from the fountain will be added to proceeds from a benefit at the hotel on May 12.

Eastbay Scholarship Winners

Five local high school seniors have won \$1,000 college scholarships in a competition sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The students are Curtis VanSickle of Alameda High School; Elisabeth Clemens and Marianna Grossman of Berkeley High School; Edward Blachman of John F. Kennedy High School in Richmond; and Eric Hoyt of Piedmont High School.

They are among 1,000 winners nationwide, selected from a field of 14,000 finalists in the prestigious contest.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation offers three types of scholarships—those funded by companies, by colleges and by the scholarship corporation itself. These students have won scholarships provided by the corporation.

Mr. Van Sickle lives at 1247 College Ave., Alameda. He plans to study math and physical science in college.

Miss Clemens, of 929 Spruce St., Berkeley, hopes to study economics. Miss Grossman, of 840 Contra Costa Ave., Berkeley, intends to major in pre-medical studies.

Mr. Blachman lives at 65 Arlington Court, Kensington, and plans to major in physics. Mr. Hoyt, of 2121 Monticello Ave., Piedmont, will study engineering or theater.

'Captain Crunch'

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A 33-year-old Menlo Park electronics wizard, who was fined \$1,000 in 1972 for using a toy whistle to make a free phone call to Australia, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in San Francisco for placing free calls to Pennsylvania.

John Thomas Draper, who gained world notoriety as "Captain Crunch," was accused of fraud by wire in making three calls on Feb. 20 from Menlo Park to different numbers in Bethlehem, Pa.

The government, in its indictment yesterday, accused Draper of using an electronic multifrequency signaling device producing sounds and signals that enabled him to make the free long distance calls. It was not known whom Draper telephoned.

Draper got his nickname after he discovered that toy whistles in Captain Crunch cereal boxes duplicated Bell Telephone Co. signals.

In November 1972, Draper pleaded no-contest to placing a two-minute call to a radio station in Sydney, Aus. The toll for a minimum three minutes was \$9.90.

Federal Judge Robert Peckham placed Draper on five years' probation and warned:

Santana Appoints New Aide

HAYWARD — Alameda County Supervisor Charles Santana today announced the appointment of Roy Webb, 31, as his administrative assistant.

Webb, who has been active in Democratic political and social activities in the Hayward area for the past five years, succeeds Rob Alves, who resigned to run for supervisor in the First Supervisorial District against incumbent John Murphy of Pleasanton.

He is a native of New York, holds a journalism degree from New York University. He worked for a time with the Associated Press, United Nations bureau, and public relations firms in New York.

A License for Back-Seat Driver

SACRAMENTO (AP) — California issues millions of drivers licenses each year — but there is only one which requires a back-seat driver at all times.

The Department of Motor Vehicles said the license was issued to a man with no peripheral vision. The license requires that his wife be in the car at all times.

While the wife is a non-driver, the DMV said she is "great at nagging her husband about potential hazards."

With Gallic gallantry, the department declined to identify the licensee.

San Mateo County Drops Tax Claims

REDWOOD CITY — In the face of claims that the big barge that was used in the CIA's deep-sea salvage of part of Soviet submarine was owned by the U.S. government, San Mateo County has abandoned efforts to collect \$660,000 in taxes.

Supervisors met with lawyers and officially accepted the claim of the Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. that the government always owned and controlled the mysterious barge.