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HERCULES CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Left to right, Joel Zieper, Chuck Collins, Fred Wachowicz, Lynn Judnich and Gony Solidum.

PORTRAITS OF THE COUNCIL

Beginning with this issue, the **Herculean** will print pictures of the council and City staff members so that you can connect the names you read with the faces they belong to.

In this issue we present to you your City Council. Below you will find some background on each member.

Mayor Fred Wachowicz is a native Californian who was born and raised in Sacramento. He received his undergraduate degree from Annapolis Naval Academy. He also earned a Master's Degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California. His career has included five years in naval aviation and six years working with various computer systems. He is presently the Manager of Information Systems for Bio-Rad Laboratories in Richmond. Fred's wife, Chris, is a medical assistant for a physician in San Pablo. They and their three children, Kelly, 9; Matthew, 8; and Brian, 5, live at 142 Pepperwood.

Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Collins was born in Panama to American parents and, thus, holds a dual citizenship. He came to the United States when he was only five years old and grew up in the Berkeley-Albany area where he attended several parochial schools. Chuck did his undergraduate work at San Francisco State University in design-art-industry and sociology. He also received a Master's Degree in Industrial Arts from San Francisco University. He presently is working on his doctorate in higher education at the University of Southern California. He taught industrial arts and electronics at several junior high and high schools in San Francisco and lectured in the Department of Design and Industry at the University of San Francisco. He is presently Assistant Director for the San Francisco Community College Centers, assigned to John Adams Community College Center. His wife, Pam, is a reading teacher at St. Jerome's School in El Cerrito. They and their three children, Analisa, 14; Anton, 10; and Andreana, 3½, live at 1611 Swallow Way.

Councilwoman Lynn Judnich was born in San Francisco but was raised in Hawaii. She grew up amongst many different cultures and was educated in both public and private schools. For her undergraduate work, she chose to move off the Islands to Knox College in Illinois where she majored in Art and Education. After graduation, she moved to the Bay Area. She now works as a Marketing Specialist in Forms Management with Moore Business Forms, Inc., in Oakland. Her hobbies include free lance graphic arts work, mainly in the area of publicity. Lynn holds the distinction of being the first woman elected to the Hercules City Council since the City's incorporation in 1900. Her husband, Tony, works for Wells Fargo Bank. He has also taken an active role in the community by becoming a member of the Reserve Force of the Hercules Police Department. They have a 10-year-old son, Louis, and live at 1778 Redwood Road.

Councilman Gony Solidum is the newest member of the Council; he was appointed to his post in July after Ron Ardisone resigned because of a move to Phoenix. Gony grew up and attended school in the Philippines. He graduated with a Doctor of Dental Medicine Degree from the University of the East in Manila and has also studied pencil sketching, watercolor and oil painting. He worked as a medical advertising writer and artist for a large Filipino drug company before moving to the United States in 1968. In San Francisco, he founded and now operates Ideal Dental Ceramics, Inc. In addition, he has been involved with professional and youth activities in all of the communities in which he has lived. After moving to Hercules last year, he became deeply involved in the formation of the Filipino-American Association of Hercules. Gony's wife, Heidi, is a claims examiner for New York Life Insurance Company. They and their children, Mark, 9; and Bryan, 2, live at 148 Poppy.

Councilman Joel Zieper didn't discover the West Coast until he decided to attend the University of California at Berkeley where he received a Masters in Business Administration. Joel grew up in Massachusetts and did his undergraduate work at the Hofstra University in New York. After receiving his MBA, he did some financial consulting. He also worked for Alameda County. He presently owns and operates the Blue & Gold Liquor Store in Oakland. Joel and his wife, Cheryl, were one of the first four families to purchase a house in Hercules. Cheryl is employed at P.G.&E. in San Francisco as a clerk. They have one daughter, Natalie, aged 2. They now live at 325 Iris Road.

CHIEF'S COUNTRY



New Faces: The Hercules Police Department has two new officers. Jerry Baker, who was an officer with the El Cerrito Police Department for over 11 years, joined H.P.D. recently. Two of the years Jerry spent at El Cerrito he was the Victim Assistance officer. Prior to that he was working patrol functions. Jerry has also had a lot of experience dealing with the youths of that community. Jerry and his wife, Frankie, and two daughters ages 11 and 14, left the Bay Area for two years and went back East where Jerry entered private business. Jerry and his family recently returned to the Bay Area, where he was raised, to return to the law enforcement field. We are fortunate to have an officer with his experience in our City.

Mark Stevenson, who has been a Cadet with the Hercules Police Department since its conception, and who was appointed as a Reserve Officer January 1st of this year, was sworn as a full time peace officer July 1, 1979. Mark attended the basic academy in February of this year and is now performing field duty in the City. Congratulations Mark!

Corporal's Position: Hercules Police Department held an Assessment Center testing session for the position of Corporal on the 26th of July which was extremely comprehensive. The officers were required to take a psychological exam, an in-basket exercise, where persons in a supervisory position are given a series of work related exercises, a comprehensive essay type written exam, and a leaderless group exercise. The highlight of the day seemed to be the role-playing exercise where an actress was brought in to play the part of an irate parent — she did a realistic job of creating a stressful situation. The new corporal field supervisor is Art Shields, Sr. Congratulations!

Crime Prevention depends on you! Officer Frazer of the Hercules Police Department is our Crime Prevention officer. Individuals or groups who are interested in a meeting with Officer Frazer to obtain information on how to make your home more secure, or how to help in crime prevention, should call 724-COPS. We would also like to remind you that we have engravers available for your use in marking your belongings. Call 724-COPS to obtain these engravers or schedule your crime prevention meeting.

BUDGET UPDATE

At their July 26 meeting, the Council approved the 1979-80 Fiscal Year Budget for the City. The operating budget for the 1979-80 Fiscal Year is \$1,437,951. This covers such expenses as police, fire, planning, engineering, leisure services and various administrative and maintenance items. The capital budget covers expenditures including the new Solar Aquaculture Wastewater Facility, part of Refugio Park, a new neighborhood park, the proposed Community Services Center and re-routing Highway 4. For the 1979-80 Fiscal Year, the Capital Improvements will cost \$3,975,000. Copies of the budget as adopted are available at the City Hall.

HERCULES TOMORROW COMMITTEE FORMED

The Council is always anxious to receive input from community members before making decisions regarding the City's future. To formalize this process, the Council recently appointed the Hercules Tomorrow Committee. This committee will be an advisory committee to the Council regarding the development of the industrial zone, the commercial areas, and housing mix in the areas of the City which are not in the formal planning stages and are not currently before the Council. The committee will have several orientation sessions and then be divided into subcommittees to study the issues above. The committee will report back to the Council with a final report in six months.

The committee members are: Delfin Andres, Walt Bizzare, Al Celestin, Arnold Eilers, Frank Filice, Barbara Fort, John Greene, Josephine Hernandez, Doris Holstein, Moyse Howard, Jr., Ed Johnson, Bill Kay, Thea Klapperich, Russ Perkins, Ed Quinteros, Joe Robinson, Jr., Mike Talbot, Ramon Taraya, Marcia Toruno, and Ching-chi Wu.

CITY BEAUTIFUL

Our city planners assured us a beautiful city from the very start. They insisted on buried electrical and telephone cables and they required developers to leave useable open space in their wake. One of the most important parts of the plan was the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions placed on the Title to each lot and agreed to by every homeowner.

Dead weeds, exterior antennas, and boats parked in driveways or on the street are all violations of the CC&R's and are enforceable in a court of civil law. The Architectural Review Committee for the La Cresta and Las Laderas Centex homes has inspected the Centex neighborhood and reminders have been mailed to CC&R violators. It is the sincere wish of the Committee that these notices are received in the spirit in which they are sent: neighbors helping neighbors. Please take pride in your city and home; you deserve to live in the most beautiful city in the East Bay. It can't happen without you.

The next Architectural Review Committee and Homeowner's Association meeting is on Wednesday, August 29th at 7:30 p.m. The meetings are held in the City Hall. Although meetings are in a City building the Architectural Review Committee is not connected with City government. It is an autonomous organization of homeowners in the La Cresta and Las Laderas neighborhoods. The Homeowner's Association, however, is open to homeowners from all parts of the City.

OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Council recently appointed an Open Space Maintenance Committee to discuss, in-depth, some of the concerns citizens have expressed regarding open space in the City. Discussions of the committee will center on the uses of the open space, fire retardation and maintenance in the open space areas. The committee will meet regularly for four months and then report their findings to the Council. Members are: Sharon Ardisson, Roy Bryant, Lawrence Custus, Mira King, Sara McLeod, Joyce Martin, and Ed Strahan.

PINOLE VALLEY OR DEANZA HIGH?

This fall high school students in Hercules can attend either Pinole Valley or DeAnza High School.

Any student who would like to transfer should contact the principal or a counselor at Pinole Valley High School to make the preliminary arrangements. After these arrangements are made, students should contact a counselor at DeAnza to make sure they are offering the appropriate courses for him/her. If a decision is made to transfer, the principals of both schools will take care of all the record keeping.

Students who attend DeAnza will be bussed there from Hercules. Call Al Nicora of the Richmond School District (234-3825) for specific schedules. Students who attend Pinole Valley High School will have to find their own transportation since neither the school district nor WestCAT will be providing service. (If a group of parents is interested in putting together a bus system, WestCAT will help. Contact Ron Service at 758-7993.)

WANT TO BE A FIREFIGHTER?

Are you one of those people whose childhood desire to be a firefighter has never quite died? Your chance is here! The Rodeo Fire District which protects Hercules is looking for additional volunteers. Volunteers will be on call 24 hours a day when they are in the City limits. In addition, they must pass a general written exam and a physical agility test.

Any person interested should contact Assistant Chief Pedro Jimenez at 799-4561 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS FOR SALE

The City of Hercules purchased 1000 fire extinguishers to sell at cost to residents of the Rodeo and Pinole Fire Districts. The extinguishers are all-metal 5 lb. capacity which are rated for all types of home fires and RV and marine use. They have a two year warranty. Because of the quantity purchased, they are available for \$15.00—less than half of retail cost.

The extinguishers are on sale at the Rodeo and Pinole Fire stations. The Pinole Fire Department on Plum Street behind Pinole City Hall will sell the devices during office hours. The Rodeo Fire Department at 326 Third will sell extinguishers anytime Mondays through Saturdays.

Having an extinguisher pays off. One of the extinguishers purchased through this program was used to control a house fire. Fire Department officials report that the use of the extinguisher prevented greater damage than what did occur. Fire prevention acts pay off—equip your home with at least one fire extinguisher.

WHAT'S UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHERE?

The frenzy of earth moving at the corner of Sycamore and Refugio Valley Roads is in preparation for a new elementary school named Ohlone School which will open in September. A neighborhood park is planned for the area amongst the trees adjacent to the school. Plans call for a natural setting with nature study, trails, and picnic areas. In the area by the school

and park and curving toward the east, 256 single family homes will be constructed by Suburban Realty (Sunstream Homes).

The graded area parallel to Refugio Valley Road will become Falcon Way where 137 additional single family homes will be constructed by Suburban Realty.

Centex is continuing the construction of Laderas Estates at the end of Refugio Valley Road and Redwood. When completed, 300 new single family homes will be in that area.

The disruption along San Pablo Avenue is due to the construction of a sewer outfall line. The Cities of Hercules, Pinole, and Rodeo will be depositing their treated sewage in this pipe to be pumped out into the bay near Rodeo. The project is financed by a federal grant and money from the cities of Hercules, Pinole and the County (for Rodeo).

LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

As summer winds down towards fall, the Leisure Services Department is wrapping up its summer programs and looking forward to the new season. Opportunities for boys and girls who want to play soccer are available. A Soccer League for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14 is now forming in West Contra Costa County. A \$15.00 fee includes insurance, use of a uniform, and team equipment. Teams will be assigned by age and neighborhood with separate teams for boys and girls. Games begin September 15 and last until Thanksgiving. You can register at the Hercules Leisure Services Department (City Hall), telephone 724-2489, or at the Pinole YMCA at 2454 Simas Avenue, Pinole at 758-5114. Parents are also needed to help with the program.

A tennis tournament for all ages is planned for Saturday and Sunday, September 15, and 16, at the Woodfield Park tennis courts. Categories of play are men's and women's and mixed doubles. The fee is \$4.00 per person for residents and \$5.00 per person for non-residents. Sign-ups will be taken until September 10, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Tutors. Experienced tutors who have previously worked in schools in the Pinole area are available to help Hercules youth.

Employ A Youth Many eager young Hercules residents are willing to do a variety of jobs to earn pocket money. If you have any jobs, contact Cyndy Maloney at 724-2489. She will put you in contact with a youth.

The Leisure Services Department is looking ahead to its fall programming schedule. Their purpose is to offer classes that the citizens would be interested in taking. Some popular classes from the past will be offered again. They would also like to know from you what new classes you would like to see offered. If there seems to be enough interest, the Leisure Services Office will try to find a teacher to offer the class you would like to take. In addition, anyone who would like to teach a class, call 724-2489. The fall calendar of events will be out mid-September. For more information on any program call Leisure Services Office at 724-2489.

DIAL-A-RIDE ARRIVES

A new Dial-A-Ride service will be offered by WestCAT starting September 1. The Dial-A-Ride van will pick up passengers at their homes and take them anywhere in the area from Port Costa to Tara Hills. Passengers may also be taken to the 78A line which runs directly to the Hilltop Mall and Richmond or to the Q line which runs to the El Cerrito Del Norte BART station.

The Dial-A-Ride program differs somewhat from a taxi cab. Most importantly, the cost is less. For 50¢ (25¢ for seniors and handicapped people) you can ride anywhere in the system. Secondly, you may not be the only passenger. A few other passengers may be picked up before you reach your destination. However, there is not a fixed route so you will be taken directly to your destination.

A dispatch number will be available by September.

Passengers will be asked for a destination, whether or not they must be at the destination by a certain time, and where to pick them up. The dispatcher will tell the passenger approximately when the van will arrive.

CARPOOLING

Two openings are now available with a van pool to San Francisco. The van leaves Hercules at 7:00 a.m. each weekday for the financial district and leaves San Francisco again at 5:00 p.m. For more information contact George Booras at 768-8675. Although there are only two openings, he will pass on the names of other interested people to Rides, Inc., with the hope that other van pools can be organized.

CHINESE ASSOCIATION FORMING

An organizational and get-acquainted meeting of the Chinese Association of Hercules will be held August 30 at 7:00 p.m. at 124 Oak Court (off of Redwood Road in Laderas Estates). English-speaking, Mandarin and Cantonese sub-committees are tentatively planned. Goals of the committee will be discussed. Possible activities could include language classes, Chinese dance lessons, child care, and recreation. All interested people are invited. Call Helen or Bill Leong at 799-4842 for further information.

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