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Gardens Group Told Annexation Or Incorporation Up To Residents

Santa Cruz Gardens has been mentioned in a number of annexation and incorporation ideas recently, but it will take the initiative of the residents in that area and "at least a year" for either of the proposals to become a reality, members and directors of the Santa Cruz Gardens Community Association were informed Monday.

Ed Hanna, executive director of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFC) which decided municipal boundaries, said there "are no filed applications as of now before LAFC for this area to be annexed or to incorporate."

However, Santa Cruz has shown interest in annexing the subdivision and two Live Oak organizations have taken out detailed forms to be completed before LAFC can act on annexation or incorporation.

Hanna said state history shows populated areas "annex or incorporate eventually, but it must be initiated through a petition by the people. The best way to stay as you are is not to sign a petition."

Added Hanna, "On a dollar and cents basis, I would estimate you would come out about the same," if annexation or incorporation took place, depend-

John Donlevy, Santa Cruz assistant city manager, said a study showed Santa Cruz Gardens' homeowners would find their tax rate rise from about \$10.07 to \$11.15 per \$100 of assessed valuation if they annexed to Santa Cruz. But he added that with lower costs for services such as fire water, lighting and garbage collection, the \$30,000 homeowner would save about \$50 a year altogether. Similar figures for Live Oak-Santa Cruz Gardens incorporation have not been made.

Added Hanna, "It's a question of what you want, more than of cost."

Directors of the Live Oak Improvement Association who have mentioned forming a city between 7th Avenue and 41st Avenue and the Bay and the "foothills," insisted that "we are not trying to make Santa Cruz Gardens join us," according to president Emilio Maggilio. "We have no concrete boundaries at this time."

Live Oak association director Ivan Netoff said the main reason the group was considering incorporation was for planning and zoning purposes. He also frowned on the idea that "Live Oak is seeing some of the money (from sales tax and state subventions) it could have as a city being spread throughout the county."

Hanna added that Live Oak would not necessarily lose its identity through annexation to Santa Cruz since "the added population would be about 30 per cent of the persons in the enlarged city. You could make or break a candidate."

However, many Live Oak residents appear opposed to joining another city. Live Oak association director Henry Weibe mentioned a city composed of Live Oak, Soquel, Capitola and possibly Aptos was being considered for cityhood, but that a study was needed.

Hanna said he plans to ask the county board of supervisors at the next budget session for monies for incorporation studies in various sectors of the county.

An audience member accused the city of Santa Cruz of using a "shady deal" in an attempt to get Santa Cruz Gardens to join Santa Cruz. He believed Santa Cruz' purchase recently of the water that serves the subdivision and discussion of annexation of the Scaroni ranch in the north county as "shady."

Donlevy denied the charges and said, "Six of nine property owners, representing 80 per cent of the land near the Scaroni ranch have already signed the petition for annexation, and we're only at the talk stage now."

Hanna also mentioned the recently completed UCSC study on incorporating communities between La Selva Beach and Live Oak. "That study suggests such a city could be formed with an added property tax of \$1.04, but that is a loose figure." He said the amount of the added property tax would depend on "what services the people want."

Hanna then warned "not to incorporate into a city too small. You should have a city that will have the resources to do an adequate job."

He added that LAFC would consider results from a poll such as is being taken in Santa Cruz Gardens now before considering annexation or incorporation.

Santa Cruz Gardens Association President Ethel Schaffer said the poll will continue for about two more weeks. She said incomplete results show many persons "undecided," almost unanimous opposition to incorporation with Live Oak, and about 2 to 1 against annexing with Santa Cruz.

Persons who have not filled out a ballot for the poll may get one at 172 Kenny Court or 502 Thurber Lane. More information is available at 475-5077.

Environment Unit Asks Coastal Plan

The Santa Cruz County Council on the Environment Monday passed resolutions urging that coastal developments be postponed until a general plan for the coastal area has been developed.

Specifically, the group said it will speak to the Local Agency Formation Commission against the Scaroni Ranch property being annexed to Santa Cruz until the city and county have the opportunity to come up with a plan. The De La Cruz housing development has been proposed for the property.

The environment council also said it will ask the county board of supervisors to postpone for one year an application by Hare, Brewer, and Kelley, Inc. for a condominium development between Sunset Beach and Palm Beach, west of Watsonville.

The county planning commission last week passed, 6 to 2, and sent to the supervisors the application for the development, over protests from a group of conservationists.

"We need a moratorium until we have a coastal develop-

ment general plan," council member Dale Flowers said.

The group said it also plans to oppose a use permit application for 12 to 15 mobile home units near Zayante Creek. It said such a residential park would need septic tanks that might eventually contaminate the creek.

The council said it was also important for the county to develop a policy for logging practices.

Supervisors' chairman Henry Mello said it was important for a conservation commission to be established on the county level. He said the commission could be a valuable asset to the county in preventing pollution, and suggested it be set up as an advisory body similar to the planning commission.

Flowers reported 61 persons from 16 organizations throughout the county were present at the meeting. "These are a coalition of organizations in the county interested in keeping this county clean," he said. The group meets the third Monday of the month at Cabrillo College at 8 p.m.

Winners Declared In Canvass Of SLV Water Board Votes

John Sudol, Kenneth Springer and Robert Brimblecom were officially declared winners of the San Lorenzo Valley County Water District's directorial election Nov. 4.

A canvass of the votes showed that Sudol topped a list of five candidates with a vote of 688. Springer had 577 votes, Brimblecom 536, Thomas McHugh 442, Doris Greengard 323 and Barbara Christle 263.

Sudol, a mechanical engineer who lives in Ben Lomond, swept the field in his first bid for elective office in San Lorenzo Valley.

Springer and Brimblecom, Felton and Boulder Creek businessmen, respectively, were incumbents seeking re-election.

Director Julio Locatelli, who did not seek re-election, termin-

ated three years of service on the board Monday night with the following statement:

"I have enjoyed it, but I don't care for politics. I tried to do the best I could. I am not leaving with any ill feelings. I'm sort of sorry I'm leaving, though, now that this logging controversy has come up (See Page 14). I hate to leave when there's turmoil. Everything was going smoothly before this and I thought it was a good time to get out. I wish my successor, John Sudol, all the good luck in the world. If ever the board needs my help, I'll be glad to give it."

On hand to see his brother leave the board was former county supervisor Vincent Locatelli.



Dr. Floyd M. Estess

Anti-Smoking Class To Hear Psychiatrist

Dr. Floyd M. Estess, director of psychiatric services at Santa Cruz Dominican Hospital, will be speaker at Wednesday night's "I Quit Smoking" course at Cabrillo College.

The class, which is free and open to the public, will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 312 of Cabrillo's languages and arts building.

Course moderator is Robert Bevins, health educator in the Santa Cruz County Health Department. Chairman is G. T. (Pat) Carroll.

The weekly series of courses, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will continue each Wednesday night through Dec. 17.

Dr. Estess recently was appointed a clinical associate professor of psychiatry at the Stanford University school of medicine. He holds a similar post at the University of California, San Francisco, and is a consulting psychiatrist to the UCSC health service and to the U.S. Army Hospital at Fort Ord.

He received his bachelor of arts and doctor of medicine degrees at UC, Berkeley.

AIRMAN ASSIGNED

Airman Donald P. Torchio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Egidio Torchio, 122 Arcadia Ave., has completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and has been assigned for training in missile electronics at Chanute AFB, Ill. He is a 1968 graduate of Santa Cruz High School and attended Cabrillo College.