

1976—the Bicentennial year was dry, quiet

The year ended as it began—with everyone wondering if it was ever going to rain again. Early rains tinted the hills green, but they were soon brown as November and December passed with little rain falling.

On the whole, it was not an exciting year, but it had its moments. The greatest of these were the elections which saw a new President chosen and two veteran supervisors unseated.

There were the usual quarrels about the jail, zoning, environment and taxes, with some gains and some losses made in each category.

What follows, then, is a summary of what happened in 1976:

JANUARY

Critics of Chief Richard Chinn and the Aptos fire code said they would initiate a recall of fire board members.

Doctors in Santa Cruz County said they would stay on the job while those in other parts of the state were striking or staging work slowdowns in protest to high malpractice insurance costs.

The Aptos fire board made enforcement of the district's strict fire code the main subject of a board meeting. Residents were invited to air their complaints about how the code is being enforced.

School boards were cautiously eyeing new legislation which gave teachers collective bargaining rights.

Supervisor Dan Forbus accused his colleagues of abusing the use of administrative aides, calling the aides "elite employees who are allowed... to come and go at the discretion of nobody knows who."

The offstreet parking ordinance in Capitola was under fire again, this time by planning commissioner Robert Morton who wanted the ordinance requiring businesses to provide offstreet parking rescinded.

David Williamson was named new county planning director and Gary Patton became chairman of the board of supervisors. Williamson said he would put more emphasis on "administration" and less on "planning."

More than 100 people jammed the Aptos fire station to air their views about the strict enforcement of the fire code. There were many heated complaints, the result of which was the board decided to form a study committee. Enforcement of the code was temporarily suspended.

A group of parents of Soquel Elementary School children offered to construct a portable classroom with volunteer labor, with the district supplying the materials. The board like the idea and promised to look into it.

The Aptos Village urban design citizens committee was working with consultant Richard Peterson on a plan for the village to become part of the general plan.

Supervisor Gary Patton opposed a board plan to build a new jail, and wants the supervisors to look at a plan for renovating the old one.

Everyone cast their eyes skyward each day, hoping for signs of rain that would end a long drought.

A committee was picked to study the operations manual used by the Aptos fire department to seek ways to improve its public relations. Meanwhile, the board authorized the department to resume fire inspections after a brief hiatus following complaints from citizens of too strict enforcement.

The county was acting on a new state law which made exemption from jury duty because of occupation no longer a matter of course.

Supervisor Ed Borovatz carried his campaign against the county Office of Education to the Live Oak school district board. Borovatz wants the supervisors to take control of the county board. The Live oak trustees listened, but did not support the idea.

The supervisors accepted a deed to historic Valencia Hall from the Valencia Farm Bureau and began the process of acquiring the land under it. The owner of the land was going to demolish the building if the Farm Bureau did not move or buy the land.

Ladies in Aptos Village were busy sewing on a quilt which would depict the area's history and become the village's contribution to the Bicentennial year.

The Aptos Village urban design citizens committee members were stunned by news that the county planning department wanted to exercise zoning control over the new Aptos post office, a decision which could set the project back months.

FEBRUARY

Supervisors Dan Forbus and Dale Dawson met with a group of Soquel area businessmen who were angry over county plans to take parking off Soquel Drive for a bikeway.

Plans by County Seniors Commissioner Elena Baskin to establish a senior center in the old Twin Lakes Baptist Church ran into problems. Her plan to serve hot meals there was shot down when county officials required operation within the county's zoning ordinances, which made it all but impossible to get a permit.

The Rio del Mar Improvement Association learned from developer Clifford Swenson that work on the Deer Park shopping center would begin in April.

The board of supervisors proposed that the county's various fire districts be consolidated into three giant fire districts.

The Soquel Creek County Water District board members were suggesting the county take

over the responsibility of supplying water to areas which may run out because of the drought.

The Soquel elementary school board ended months of controversy by deciding to retain the position of business manager in the district.

Candidates for party nominations for the state Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Donald Grunsky include Margaret Van Deren, Phil Harry and Roger Poyner for the Democrats and Assemblyman Robert Nimmo for the Republicans. Assembly candidates for Frank Murphy's seat are Dr. Henry Fuller, Henry Mello and Julian Camacho for the Democrats and Henry Weins and Larry Parrish for the Republicans.

The county planning department backed off its demand that the US Postal Service apply for re-zoning of its Aptos site.

It snowed in Santa Cruz on Feb. 5.

John Bakalian decided to make a run for the Democratic nomination to run against Rep. Burt Talcott.

Officials cite an alarming rise in the VD rate in the county.

Marjorie Lane Morely, 17, a senior at Aptos High School, was nominated by Burt Talcott for entry into the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Glen Specht and Larry Knight will make the race against Supervisor Dale Dawson, who has declared his intention to run for re-election.

There's a city council election in Capitola coming up, with Councilmen Michael Routh and Ronald Graves going for re-election and planning commissioner Robert Morton and Mrs. Myrle Deasy, wife of a planning commissioner, running against them.

Dr. Emmanuel Stolman, 54, of Santa Cruz, was on trial, charged with 23 counts of defrauding Medi Cal.

Julian Camacho has withdrawn from the campaign for the Assembly Democratic nomination.

The Live Oak School trustees agreed to take over control of a proposed day care center.

The Aptos Seascape Raquet Club was damaged by fire.

Pajaro Valley school trustees decided to ask voters for a \$1.06-cent increase in the tax rate.

Capitola city councilman John Dixon has entered the race for Dale Dawson's supervisory seat.

The Aptos Village urban design citizens committee adopted a final version of a village plan. The plan is to go to the planning commission and supervisors for consideration as an amendment to the general plan.

Marilyn Liddicoat is running for supervisor against Dale Dawson.

Capitola city clerk Norma Nelson is running for re-election, opposed by a new candidate, Cathey Athenour.

Bids on the Capitola city hall renovation came in high. The job was estimated at \$250,000, but the lowest bid was that of Dapont Construction, \$337,000.

MARCH

For the second time this year, the mountains of Santa Cruz County received a light dusting of snow. Residents thronged to the hills to enjoy the winter treat.

Michael Routh and Ronald Graves won the city clerk's job from Norma Nelson. City treasurer John Anderson ran unopposed.

People's Press publisher Jim Heth announced his candidacy for supervisor, running against incumbent Dan Forbus.

Sutter Hill was given the green light by the Capitola planning commission for its development of a large shopping mall on 41st Ave.

Tom Mason was elected by fellow councilmen to be mayor of Capitola.

Sheriff Al Noren began a program of "counter recognition" whereby anyone with outstanding traffic or parking warrants against them can come into the sheriff's office to clean them up.

Capitola planner Robert Morton, defeated in his bid for a city council seat, says he'll run for Congress, joining John Bakalian and Leon Panetta in trying to oust Rep. Burt Talcott.

Water districts, city and county officials, farmers and residents continued to worry about the prolonged drought.

Several Rio del Mar residents turned up at a meeting of the County Sanitation District, worried over plans to put in a sewer pumping plant below Bay View Drive. They received assurances the plant would be neither noisy nor odorous.

The Live Oak General Plan Advisory Committee was told by county mobile home inspector Larry Lomberger that mobile homes provide good housing at low cost.

REFERENCE

HANCH

Supervisor candidate Larry Knight has been accused by the county of violating the building code in the construction of a small shopping center on Soquel Drive. He claims it's because he's trying to unseat Dale Dawson.

Aptos High Senior Marjorie Morely won admittance to the US Naval Academy.

County planning director David Williamson was fired by county administrative officer Ted Durkee. The search for a new one began.

Robert Morton, the stormy petrel of the Capitola planning commission, resigned from that body after the city council ordered a resolution that would require all development on Depot Hill to adhere to the general plan.

LOGPAC was falling behind schedule in its development of a general plan for Live Oak. Little of substance had been developed after four months' work.

APRIL

Supervisors surprised everyone by authorizing Dan Forbus to negotiate with the owners of the O'Neil Ranch property — the site of a proposed housing development which failed to get county approval

three years ago. The county is interested in buying the 102 acres for about \$385,000 for park purposes.

Ground breaking for the 300,000-square-foot Capitola mall was held. When completed it will contain a Mervyn's department store and several shops.

Sheriff Noren announced he was going to be more restrictive in the issuance of gun permits in order to cut down on handgun use.

State Supt. of Public Instruction Wilson Riles spoke at the 20th District PTA conference at Cabrillo College.

Depot Hill residents in Capitola won their fight against a proposal to increase the zoning density which would permit construction of apartments.

The murder trial of Neil Bronson Hammari, 18, opened in Santa Cruz. He is accused of killing a Cabrillo College business instructor, Raymond Sedore.

After facing a group of irate businessmen, Supervisors Dale Dawson and Dan Forbus agreed that plans for a bicycle lane along Soquel Drive should go back into committee for further study.

Attempts by the county to buy

the O'Neil Ranch fell through, but Dan Forbus says he'll make another try.

Carolyn Swift began a series on what life in the old missions was like for the Indians.

Soquel School District began a workshop on the subject of establishing a community school.

Supervisors take their first look at a \$3 million road budget.

Plans to build a Live Oak senior center came closer to reality as the county seniors commission and Live Oak school district agreed to cooperate to build one.

In Capitola, there was some encouraging talk about forming a parking district to ease parking problems in that city.

The county planning commission approved installation of towers for a daytime AM radio station to be located on a small golf course bordering Mar Vista Drive in Aptos.

Boosters clubs at Soquel, Santa Cruz and Harbor High School said school athletic programs may be at an end unless district trustees appropriated more money for safety equipment, uniforms and facilities.

Dominican Hospital officials
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announced plans to build a new 1-bed wing, the proposal to be reviewed by the Mid-Coast Comprehensive Health Planning Commission.

The mayors of cities in the county were closing ranks in their dispute with the county over its residents paying taxes for county services they don't receive.

The Santa Cruz city school board told the boosters that budgets for athletic equipment and facilities be developed there at the individual schools. The board had been asked to provide the money by boosters from Soquel, harbor and Santa Cruz High.

The Health Agencies commission withheld its okay on Dominicans' expansion plans, making any hospital expansion depends upon development of a master plan involving all hospitals in the area. There are excess hospital beds in the county which are not being utilized by the county and Santa Cruz community Hospital, it was reported.

The Soquel Creek County Water District is moving on its capital improvement program after three years of planning. The James Montgomery Engineering Co. was hired to draw plans and specifications.

Dr. Stolman was convicted on 28 counts of Medi-Cal fraud.

MAY

The Santa Cruz County grand jury scolded the Capitola Police Department in its handling of a complaint by a resident who said the department mishandled his complaints about prowlers in the neighborhood.

Rio del Mar Improvement Association members decided not to take a stand on the tax increase election in the Pajaro Valley school district.

Work was started on rebuilding of Capitola city hall. Fragments of walls from the garage were used as a starting point for the new city hall. This enabled the city to skirt the requirement for an environmental impact report, since the project was a "remodeling" instead of a "new" construction.

Sperio Benias proposed to city officials that the city hire him as a consultant to study the feasibility of constructing a yacht harbor, hotel and restaurant at Capitola Beach.

On May 7, there was a big celebration in Aptos Village to commemorate the arrival of the first train there 100 years before. There was a picnic, bands, speeches and a SP engine to commemorate the event.

Candidates are everywhere, expounding their theories on how things should be run, and why they are the ones who should run things.

Santa Cruz harbor was having money problems. Directors delayed making loan payments to the state because of a shortage of cash.

Water officials gathered, but couldn't agree on what to do about water rationing in light of the current water shortage.

Larry Knight went to court after county building officials stopped work on his shopping center because he was allegedly in violation of the building code.

Marilyn Liddicoat, who is running for the Aptos supervisorial seat, and Phil Baldwin, who hopes to unseat Dan Forbus expressed their views on county government.

The county planning commission took a look at the Aptos Village urban plan, developed after a year's work, and said it was nice, but they wanted more information on how it would affect surrounding areas.

The Cabrillo Lions Club announced it would build a community building in Aptos Village park, with the county supplying the materials.

Water rates in Live Oak took a jump when the city of Santa Cruz

raised rates on all service outside the city limits.

Buddy Fallon is a candidate for the county board of supervisors, the seat now held by Dan Forbus.

The feud between Soquel Ave. businessmen and the county over a proposed bikeway which would remove parking along Soquel Drive continues. The county agreed not to remove the onstreet parking in Soquel Village itself.

JUNE

A Pacific Telephone official told the Rio del Mar Improvement Association that people still come to the county despite the building ban, and that most of them are settling in the Aptos-Rio del Mar area. Growth over the past year was 27 per cent.

Supervisors have been asked by the Live Oak school district for a \$125,000 grant for the proposed senior center.

Aptos barber W. E. "Jack" Meredith won a claim for \$245 in small claims court against the Aptos fire department. He claimed the department made him put up a fire wall which was unnecessary. The fire department admitted it had made a mistake, but had denied the damage claim. In court, the judge agreed with Meredith.

The \$6 million East Cliff sewage transmission plant was completed and dedicated. It is a key link in the transmission of sewage from the midcounty to Santa Cruz for processing, thus leading to the eventual lifting of the sewer connection ban in Aptos.

Marilyn Liddicoat defeated Dale Dawson for the Aptos supervisorial seat; and Dan Forbus found himself in a runoff election with Phil Baldwin.

Henry Mello won the Democratic nomination for the state Assembly; and Phil Harry won the Democratic nomination for the state Senate race.

Soquel elementary school teachers presented their contract demands calling for substantial pay increases and cuts in class size.

A scorching heat wave hit the county in mid-month.

The Soquel elementary school board rejected the demands of the teachers.

LOGPAC picked 12 sites they said would be suitable for parks in the Live Oak area.

High Schools and junior high schools held graduation ceremonies, and students at the elementary schools were looking forward to a long, free summer.

James R. Harmon became principal of Del Mar Middle School.

Supervisors rejected a proposal they purchase Community Hospital of Santa Cruz.

JULY

The water advisory commission recommended that the city of Santa Cruz be given police powers to enforce water restrictions in the unincorporated Live Oak area.

Live Oak school district trustees okayed a \$1.74-million budget.

There were several Bicentennial celebrations scheduled in the county on July 4, including a parade in Aptos sponsored by the Aptos Ladies Tuesday Afternoon Society and a fireworks show in Capitola.

The supervisors passed an ordinance putting limitations on contributions to political candidates.

The Santa Cruz County Sanitation District board signaled a major policy change which would relieve developers of the necessity of making improvements to sewer lines which their developments would overload.

Jack Beebe was named to the Soquel Creek County Water District board of directors, filling the vacancy created by the death of C. L. "Casey" Jones.

Supervisor-elect Mrs. Marilyn Liddicoat stirred up a hornets nest by hurriedly signing a \$60,000 lease on a building to be used by the county Office of Education. She is president of the county board of education. Supervisors were angered by her "arrogance" for they were considering taking the board's right to sign the lease away.

Capitola City Manager Max Kludt was given authorization to start dickering on sites for parking lots in the village.

Interest in what LOGPAC has been doing for over a year suddenly became a matter of wider interest when their deliberations turned to the subject of commercial and residential zoning.

The Fourth of July passed with no major incidents, but with the normal amount of headaches for police and fire officials.

"Forty Carats" was a smash hit at Cabrillo, and Staircase had a hit also in "Man of La Mancha".

A citizen evaluation committee put the blame on Aptos Fire Chief Richard Chinn for the poor public relations experienced by the department. Chinn said that if he'd been allowed as assistant chief to oversee inspections, all the trouble wouldn't have started.

Mrs. Marilyn Liddicoat defended her action in signing the lease in defiance of the board of supervisors, saying she did "what any president would have done."

Live Oak property owners, displeased by recommendations being made by LOGPAC, began a move to reorganize the body and revise the work already done on a general plan study.

Anthony Sommerhalder, 26, of Aptos, questioned last month in the disappearance of two women, was arrested on a rape charge involving two other women.

Judge Donald May came under fire in the sentencing of Dr. Emmanuel Stolman, convicted for Medi-Cal fraud. Stolman was fined \$10,000, put on probation, and granted a request that he be allowed to perform medical services on an Indian reservation instead of going to jail. It was reported that May put pressure on the probation officer to recommend a no-jail sentence, but that the officer insisted on a jail sentence.

Superior Court Judge Harry Brauer revealed that Neil Hammari, 18, of Cupertino, who had been convicted of killing Cabrillo College business instructor Carl Sedore, but had maintained innocence at the trial, had subsequently confessed to the slaying.

Dr. Richard Joseph Scotti, of Santa Cruz, was ordered to stand trial for felony manslaughter for the death of a Watsonville girl on whom he was performing an abortion when she died.

The storm around LOGPAC continued. Dan Forbus said he wanted to change the makeup of the group to provide a new "balance," with real estate and property owners represented on a par with other interests.

The state has offered the Santa Cruz port district a 10-year moratorium on repayment of construction loans to ease the district's financial difficulties.

Supervisors argued about whether or not to put an initiative on the November ballot which would leave the decision of building a new jail up to the voters.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on the construction of the Deer Park shopping center. The \$4-million complex will contain a market, savings and loan pharmacy and other shops. The fate of the Deer Park tavern has not been settled yet. Al Castagnola backed out of a plan to open a restaurant there.

The district attorney said he would investigate whether Marilyn Liddicoat violated the Brown Act when she signed the controversial lease in defiance of the Board of supervisors' wishes.

"Oklahoma" at Cabrillo College was a "stupendous success."

The Capitola wharf has owners, a partnership of manager Jack Otis, Bernie Johnson, Ted Pierce, Bob Berry and Ken and Ted Bone.

AUGUST

The annual meeting of the Soquel Pioneer and Historical Association in Pringle's Grove drew a large contingent of young and old.

LOGPAC was thrown into a state of confusion, with the virtual reorganization of the group and sudden cancellation of a meeting by Dan Forbus. New members, mostly property owners and real estate rep-

resentatives, want to throw out what's been done and start over again.

A higher assessed valuation in the county may lead to lower school taxes.

A drive by the county to institute postcard voter registration is being organized.

With new by-laws and chairman, LOGPAC tried to get back on track with its general plan study.

Musicians were in town preparing for the Cabrillo Music Festival.

Dan Forbus said the "village concept" developed by LOGPAC in its general plan study, "as far as I'm concerned, is dead."

County planners turned down an application by the Four "C" Co. to build 48 homes on their old Christensen egg ranch west of Old San Jose Road in Soquel.

Marilyn Liddicoat challenged County Counsel Clair Carlson's statement that she had "acted improperly" in signing the lease for a building wanted by the county office of education. The district attorney, on the other hand, ruled that his investigation showed neither she nor the county board of education had acted improperly in the matter.

The Cabrillo music festival was a critical and financial success.

The bodies of two missing women, Mrs. Victoria Bezore, 21, of Aptos, and Mary Gorman, 21, of Boulder Creek, have been found. They've been missing since June 25. Their bodies were found on a hillside off Highway 9 north of Santa Cruz. Miss Gorman's abandoned, bloodstained car had also been found.

Supervisors were considering making Soquel Drive a two-lane street to accommodate a bike path along its route.

Local officials were trying to assess the impact the new coastal bill just passed by the legislature would have on Santa Cruz County.

A five-month battle over the zoning near Escalona Gulch and other parts of Depot Hill in Capitola is over, with residents winning a major victory when the council put Automatic Review (AR) zoning on certain parcels which would limit the way in which they can be developed.

SEPTEMBER

For the vacationers, it was Labor Day and the last fling at summer freedom.

The regional coastal commission held up progress on the Aptos sewer transmission line, which the county sanitation district is building under orders from the state water quality control board. The coast commission wants to curb annexations to the sanitation district which might result from the new sewer line.

Richard Sommerhalder has been charged in the murders of Victoria Bezore and Mary Gorman.

It's the first of two "Begonia weekends" in Capitola. Many events are planned.

A fight has developed within LOGPAC, generated by newcomers to the group who want to spike recommendations for park sites made by the original committee members.

Aptos fire board chairman, Richard Duchscher, upon his return from vacation, scored the remaining members of the board for the manner in which they handled a citizens committee report on the district's public relations problems. He said the board delayed accepting the report, then failed to thank the people who made it.

Rep. Burt Talcott lashed back at his critics and campaign opponent who state he has been "ineffective" during his 14 years in Congress.

The Begonia Festival water parade was a smashing success.

The Santa Cruz County fair opened for a five-day stand.

The new county jail, which the supervisors say they will build, will go in the parking lot between the courthouse and Ocean Street in Santa Cruz.

In Capitola, city workers began moving into their new offices in what purports to be the "remodelled" garage. The old offices will be demolished in a similar way and rebuilt to house the police department.

Dominican Hospital officials say they will go ahead with their plans to add a 60-bed wing unless the Mid-Coast Comprehensive Health Planning Association comes up with a master plan within 45 days. Dominican has been stalled by the agency, which wants the county and Santa Cruz Community to give up more than 100 beds they are accredited with, but are not using.

US tennis champ Jimmie Connors and TV star Merv Griffin thrilled the fans at Griffin's charity tennis tournament at Seascope which benefited Halloran Hall.

New boundaries were set for the coastal zone which, in mid-Santa Cruz County, generally follows the freeway.

Soquel High School football coach Dewey Tompkins was credited with his 100th career win when the Knights defeated Prospect High 37-21.

Judge Donald May came under more criticism when it was learned that Dr. Emmanuel Stolman, who was convicted of Medi-Cal fraud, was being paid \$30,000 a year for performing medical services on an Indian reservation. It was generally believed that Stol-

man was to perform the service free as an alternative to going to jail. May had been severely criticized for the lenient sentence and for allegedly exerting pressure on the probation officer to get a no-jail recommendation for Stolman.

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OCTOBER

Live Oak school trustee Bill Roth protested two books bought for class use by one of the teachers, and asked they be expunged from the reading list. The books are: "A Hero Ain't Nothing But a Sandwich" by Alice Childress and "The Chocolate War" by Cormier.

An embarrassed Richard D. Struck was the center of attention as educators from all over California gathered to name the Santa Cruz education office's new communications center in his honor.

Clayton Ward was reelected president of the Rio del Mar Improvement Association.

The regional coastal commission declared it wants veto power over any future expansion of the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District in exchange for its approval of a permit which would allow construction of the Aptos sewer line.

The announcement by Cabrillo College President Bob Swenson that he will retire next spring took college trustees by surprise.

The campaigning became hotter and heavier as the election day came ever nearer.

The medical community geared up and county residents rolled up their sleeves in anticipation of the swine flue immunization program that was about to get underway.

Supervisors directed the county staff to look into the idea of putting parking meters on the streets near the beach between the yacht harbor and 41st Ave. Residents are complaining about the severe parking problems caused in that area by people going to the beach for the day and parking their cars on the streets.

LOGPAC members began disagreeing on whether or not the county should move toward designation of specific sites in Live Oak for parks.

Parents of Aptos Junior High School students complained to the Pajaro Valley school board that children are missing out on the full benefit of their schooling because of the overcrowded conditions in the school.

Ted Colton was elected president of the Aptos Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Chuck Holcomb.

Richard Sommerhalder pleaded not guilty to the murder of two women, Mrs. Vicki Bezore, 31, of Aptos and Mary Gorman, 21, of Boulder Creek; and his lawyer asked for a change of venue for the trial.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Live Oak Senior Center at 17th Ave. and Capitola Road were held.

Dan Forbus and Phil Baldwin flailed away at each other as both sought to win Forbus' seat on the board of supervisors.

Supervisor-to-be Marilyn Liddicoat shook up the board of supervisors again by speaking out against a \$26,000 grant to help handicapped children in the Head Start Program.

John Connolly came to Santa Cruz to speak on behalf of Rep. Burt Talcott, who was in a fight for his political life.

The fire insurance rates in Aptos improved significantly after a survey reflected improvements made over the years by the Aptos Fire Department.

Bids for the five water tanks to be built by the Soquel Creek County Water District as the first phase of its capital improvement program came in, with Granite Construction low at \$1,060,561.

A parliamentary ploy by supervisor chairman Gary Patton at a coastal commission hearing on the Aptos sewer line blocked approval of the line temporarily.

The court denied a plea for change of venue for Richard Sommerhalder.

By month's end, 2,300 people had received the swine flu shots in the county.

NOVEMBER

Phil Baldwin pulled an upset by ousting Dan Forbus from the board of supervisors.

Leon Panetta, a Monterey Lawyer, unseated 14-year congressional veteran Burt Talcott in a hard fought, often bitter, campaign.

After being severely criticized for his handling of the Dr. Emmanuel Stolman sentencing, Judge Donald May ordered the doctor to give up his \$30,000-a-year salary for providing medical services on an Indian reservation, or serve a year in jail. Stolman was also ordered to repay the salary he had collected thus far.

Community Hospital of Santa Cruz County put its EMI body scanner into operation.

The Aptos sewer line received a long-awaited permit from the coastal commission, but the sanitation district had to give the commission veto power over future annexations to the district.

A public hearing by the supervisors on Sheriff Noren's plans for his SWAT — special weapons and tactics — team, drew a horde of angry critics who fear "militarism" in the department.

Nearly 15,000 Santa Cruz County residents have had their swine flu shots.

A heavy rainstorm hit the county at mid-month. A pump malfunctioned at the retention basin on 38th Ave. and Brommer St., and in three hours the basin filled with runoff to a depth of 12 feet. Once the pump was fixed, the basin worked as planned, thus saving a downstream mobile home park from flooding.

The County parks and recreation department was wondering what to do about Moran Lake. It has become a foul lead body of water, and the recreation staff wants to restore it to some semblance of its former state.

City officials in Capitola were wrestling with the problem of deciding how much they should make developers pay to school districts to help pay for classrooms.

The Aptos village plan — developed by a citizens committee after a year's work — seems lost somewhere in the county's bureaucratic quagmire.

Public works director Don Porath has suggested a plan for one-way streets in yacht harbor area to help alleviate traffic problems.

The Capitola city council acted to ban fireworks in the city next summer.

The Aptos High School jazz band started raising funds for a trip to Europe next summer for the band.

DECEMBER

Contract talks between the teachers and administration of the Soquel Elementary School District got nowhere in three months, and finally broke down. The district asked for a state mediator to come in.

Two persons were arrested shortly after the Capitola branch of County Bank was robbed.

The board of supervisors, forever hedging on its commitment — and court-ordered mandate — to build a new jail, still haven't made a decision.

Live Oak residents are being queried by LOGPAC on their feelings about what a general plan should include.

Staircase Theater in Soquel said that unless it gets some financial help from somewhere,

it will have to close its doors.

"I found It" bumper stickers are everywhere. It turns out to be the slogan of a national religious crusade.

The county passed an ordinance which prohibits septic tanks on lots with more than 30 degrees of slope. Property owners are in a snit.

The rift between Sheriff Noren, supervisors and some residents has widened over the SWAT issue. Noren is accused by Dale Dawson and Ed Borovatz of dividing the county over the issue.

The supervisors came to Staircase Theater's rescue, granting it an emergency loan of \$1,500 so it can open its production of "Gypsy."

The Santa Cruz city board of education stirred up a hornets nest in Live Oak by saying they would start charging a \$25 fee for adult education classes.

The Soquel Creek County Water District directors were all smiles when their bond bids came in. Lower bidder for the \$1.75 million bond issue was Dean Witter and Co. at 6.639 per cent interest. The money will finance the construction of five water tanks and some pipelines.

Supervisor Chairman Garry Patton changed his mind — he'll vote for a new jail. The board of supervisors were under orders to appear in court and explain why it hadn't solved the jail problems ordered to do so by the court.

The Santa Cruz city school board said it would reconsider its plan to charge \$25 fees for adult education classes.

Christmas neared with no rain in sight, causing directors of the Soquel Creek County Water district to discuss ways they could encourage people to use less water.

Supervisors Dale Dawson and Dan Forbus summed up their terms on the board, telling what they tried to accomplish and giving their ideas of what remains to be done.