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Registration blues . . . from left, Kim Galle, Stacey Jones and Craig Armstead wait at the end of the line on Monday, Dec. 5.

District Board votes to hold special tax election in April

By HERB MUKTARIAN

A special school tax election will be held April 10, 1984, in the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, it was decided last Monday night by the District Board.

The election will affect only resident's of the District. The Board approved the measure unanimously.

The tax would be based on the square footage and zoned use of residential and commercial land parcels. Residential property owners would pay between \$15 and \$60 per year, with the average at about \$25. Owners of commercial property would pay between \$75 and \$375 per year.

The District would realize an estimated \$3.6 million from the tax, which will be used exclusively for preserving, maintaining and improving District facilities and its campuses; buying library books; purchasing laboratory, technical, science and other equipment, furniture and apparatus for District programs and facilities; and altering or constructing additions to college buildings.

The tax must be resubmitted to the voters every four years. In the event the District is still in need of the funds, this would give taxpayers the opportunity to

repeal the measure by a simple majority vote.

The District has promised to repeal or reduce the tax if and when the District's funding situation changes. "We must make very clear our intention not to use the tax if in fact it is not needed," said District Chancellor Thomas Fryer.

In a memorandum to the Board, Fryer states that approximately 75 percent of the District's residents have had experience at one or both of the District's campuses (Foothill and De Anza).

In his memo, Fryer also explained the choosing of the April 10 election date. Holding the election in April will allow the District time to plan the most efficient way to use the money during the fiscal year beginning in July.

Second, it will allow the District to accomplish some of the much needed work on campus facilities during the summer.

And third, having it on the local election ballots will afford the voter the opportunity to consider the measure thoughtfully. The June ballots, which will include the pre-presidential elections, should be long and complicated, the memo said.

Photo by Dave Mauch

Student vet young at heart

By GEORGI HIGUERAS

Reading his 38-year-old poem focusing on the Christmas season, Max Singleton made it sound as fresh as if it had been written yesterday. Singleton, 57, is in his first quarter at Foothill.

With feeling, he read to a class of journalism students his first written work, "A Christmas Thought," a poem published eight years after it was written in 1945, which reappears in this week's SENTINEL.

"I contributed it to my hometown newspaper as a filler piece. Imagine my surprise when the editor used it on the entire front page!"

It is that incident that Singleton rates as one of the most memorable moments of his life. "To see your name in print is really a wonderful thing."

Singleton was born and raised during the post-Depression years in Springfield, Utah. It was then that his love of poetry was firmly instilled in him by his mother. "She would sing and read to my brother

and me every night before we went to sleep," he recalled.

That also provided him with his life-long interest in singing and music. Overheard singing on the job in 1947, Singleton was placed on a radio show for nine months singing different types of music. He says, "I once played the saxophone. I still play the piano and electrical organ."

Singleton writes poems as an emotional release. "I mostly write to help someone else, to pass things along."

Singleton also writes short stories. "I draw from my personal experiences." He has written one piece of fiction as well.

Singleton has no degrees. "My education has been experience in different fields, he stated. "Besides, thermometers have degrees and you know where they get stuck up sometimes!" he added with a grin.

Singleton, who is a patient at the VA
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A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

— by Max Singleton

Christmas is a glorious time
When Heaven is aglow
And merry voices sing in rhyme
When the ground is white with snow.

Afar we hear the children singing
Carols of the Christmas-tide
And in church the bells are ringing
For God is by our side.

The children are round the Christmas tree
With their faces gleaming and bright
For toys, and presents from you and me,
Are almost theirs tonight.

The air is charged with hope and cheer
And every heart is light
For the Day of Days is almost here
And Santa comes tonight.

You may say that you are older now
And the thrill is not the same
But you see the same things anyhow
And you still can play the game.

If you have sons or brothers
Of that believing age
You'll like to help the others
When they set the Christmas stage.

Peace of mind is your reward
For spreading joy, and then
You'll know the meaning of God's word:
'Peace on Earth Good Will to Men.'



Editorial

Tax for Learning

The Foothill-De Anza College District Board will hold a special tax election on April 10, 1984, it was decided at a meeting of the Board, Monday, Nov. 5.

The tax would be based on land area and zoned use.

There will be another election every four years if, in fact, the District is still in need of the funds.

The District has been forced to hold the election due to the massive budget cuts imposed by Gov. George Deukmejian. The cuts have pushed the District's back to the wall, so to speak.

Only judicious budget planning by the District has prevented a large cut in classes and instructors. As it is, the District has imposed a hiring freeze on personnel. All of the instructors that retired this past year have not been replaced.

As a result, classes are larger and instructors have heavier class loads.

This affects the ability of the individual student to communicate with his or her instructor. In the long run, this

will have an effect on the quality of the education received by students in this District.

The Foothill-De Anza District has a reputation as one of the finest in the state. California has one of the best community college systems in the country.

It is the responsibility of the communities of this District to support the very institutions they voted to create back in 1957.

It is also imperative that every student in the District make sure he or she is currently registered to vote. With every student in the District voting, it could make the difference in a close election.

The community has always in the past supported its institutions. It should continue to do so now in this time of financial crisis.

The District Board is using its last means of acquiring adequate funds for the District.

At this juncture, the Board is making the right move.

—Herb Muktarian

Student Chef

By ROBERT STOWE

This recipe from a dear friend of mine, Renee Charland, makes *great* candy. As my Christmas gift, I give you Renee's "Butter Toffee."

1 lb. butter (do not use margerine); 2 lbs. almonds (chopped fine); 1 lb. brown sugar; 1 box (24 bars) Hersheys plain milk chocolate bars.

Grease lightly with butter a ½ inch deep cookie sheet. Spread ½ the almonds evenly on the pan. Lay ½ the Hershey bars down evenly with the name facing up. Melt the butter in a heavy, cast iron pan. (A heavy pan is needed because of the temperature needed to cook the candy.) Add the sugar slowly, stirring until the butter and sugar are completely mixed and the temperature of the mixture reaches 310 degrees. Use a candy thermometer and keep the heat at a medium range. Pour the mixture over the chocolate. *Immediately* place the remainder of the chocolate bars on top, with the name face down (this will help facilitate the melting as the bars are slightly curved.) Add the remainder of the almonds, and

press down with a spatula. Let the candy sit over night at room temperature. Take a piece of waxed paper and place it over the candy. Use a heavy instrument to break the candy into small pieces. Enjoy.

I hope everyone has been reading and trying the recipes I have been running in the Student Chef column. It has been suggested, and I like the idea, that the SENTINEL collect and publish a cookbook entitled "Favorite Recipes For Frustrated Chefs," during the spring quarter. So this is your chance to get your favorite recipe in print.

Bring your recipes to the SENTINEL office (M-24) addressed to Robert Stowe.

Letter to the Editor

Student lambastes SENTINEL editor

Editor:

In your Nov. 16 editorial, "United States must take nuclear initiative," you stated: "The members of the British Parliament reacted negatively to the announcement of the [Pershing II and cruise] missiles' arrival." For your information, Britain's Parliament is currently dominated by a Conservative Party majority which is in favour of the deployment of the missiles.

There was opposition from the minority Labour Party, but I fail to see how you can construe the minority viewpoint as coming from "the members of the British Parliament." If anything, that statement should read: "The majority of the British Parliament supports the arrival of the missiles."

In that same editorial, you condemn

President Reagan for his hard-line attitude towards the Soviets, yet you rave over the greatness of John F. Kennedy who also held a hard-line stance. Please recall that during the Cuban Missile Crisis President Kennedy brought us closer to a nuclear war than any other president.

Finally, it should be remembered that the U.S. is not pushing its missiles on the Western Europeans, their governments requested the missile deployment in the first place.

In the future, Mr. Muktarian, you should write about something you have some knowledge about. If you continue to twist the facts as you have in this editorial, you will surely lose your credibility.

—Robert H. Rodermund Jr.

ASFC holds T-shirt contest

By HERB MUKTARIAN

Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC) is sponsoring a contest to draw the designs for T-shirts and publicity for the 4th Annual Foothill Community Festival.

ASFC's Festival Committee will choose its three favorite drawings on Jan. 26, 1984, and will display them in the glass case by the Bookstore in Hyde Park.

The final selection will be made by the ASFC council on Feb. 9, 1984.

Temporary repairs will open road

By ROBERT STOWE

El Monte/Moody Road is finally being repaired. According to Los Altos Hills Town, City Engineer/Planner John Carlson, the repairs should be finished by Dec. 11.

"The repairs we are doing now are only temporary," Carlson said, "We are doing everything in our power just to get

Drawings submitted must say, "Foothill Community Festival," "Fourth Annual," and "Sunday, May 20, 1984."

Drawings or sketches may be submitted, and should be on an 8½x11 sheet of paper with the entrant's name on the back.

Entries can be submitted to Jean Thacher in the Student Activities Office. The last day to enter is Jan. 15, 1984, by 3 p.m.

For information contact Contest Director Dan Souleret at 948-8590, x553.

the road open." The remaining repairs to be done include constructing a berm, striping the road and placing guard rails along the side, Carlson said.

We are definitely pleased to see the repairs being made," Assistant Director, Plant Services at Foothill William Johnson said. "We will be even more pleased when they are completed.

Foothill Sentinel

The SENTINEL welcomes letters. All letters must be typewritten (double-spaced), be restricted to 300 words or less, and be signed. Your phone number would be appreciated so that our editors can verify points of information.

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—Don Freed**

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'Testament' creator found her inspiration in a 'waking dream'

By SUSANNA SCHWEICKHARDT

Carol Amen, author of the story of a family trying to survive after a nuclear holocaust on which the movie "Testament" is based, told an English 1A class that she had conceived the story "in a waking dream."

Amen, who addressed Shirley Ledgerwood's night class on Dec. 5, explained, "I was minding my own business on a January night in 1969; I woke up at 4 a.m. and had an extremely strong waking dream for about two hours. It was a very intense experience. I felt as if I might be the woman in the story."

Amen said she completed the story in five hours the next day, writing in journal form. Over the next two and a half years she sent the story, originally titled "Last Testament," to 20 magazines. "I tried women's slicks, church magazines, college newspapers," said Amen. The story sat in Amen's file drawer until January of 1980 when "with things going on in Lebanon I felt there might be a greater receptivity to a nuclear story." It was published for the first time in December of 1980 by the St. Anthony Messenger, a Catholic family magazine. After it was reprinted in Ms. magazine, the responses came flooding in, mostly favorable. One man's letter ended, "Keep up the good work . . . you know, it's hard to read when you're blubbing."

The story was given a dramatic reading four times on a West Berlin radio station. The last time, in October of this year, Amen gave a trans-Atlantic phone interview after the reading. "The interviewer asked me, 'Do the people in America

understand how we feel having these weapons in our backyards?' " recalled Amen.

Amen said she was bowled over when people began to call wanting to make a film of the story. "I felt this had been given to me for a special purpose - to communicate it. I felt a responsibility to pick [a filmmaker] who had the passion and the vision," she said. Eventually she gave the story to Lynne Littman, a director who had won honors for her documentaries. Littman, who also co-produced, procured funding from PBS. (The story was originally meant for a one-hour American Playhouse.) Shooting for the American Playhouse version was already well along when more funding came in from private investors in England. "People were saying, 'this is too important not to be a full-length film,'" said Amen.

When the feature was completed, it was audience tested at film festivals in Colorado and New York. Amen said it had a very strong impact. "People walked out of the theater and called relatives to see if they were okay and still there."

Owl netters outpace Monterey in 81-75 victory

By JERRY TATUM

The Foothill Owl basketball team started the new season in impressive fashion with an 81-75 victory over visiting Monterey Peninsula College on Tuesday night, Nov. 27.

Anthony Holt, with 23 points led the Owls in scoring and keyed a lightning-like fast break throughout the game

New ASFC senators elected

By DE TRAN

An incumbent and three other new members were recently elected to serve as senators for the Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC) starting next winter quarter.

Grayelin Young, Yvette Esserman, Brandon Tomlinson and Judith Nelson (currently an ASFC senator) were chosen out of six candidates by the 172 Foothill students who voted on Tuesday, Nov. 29 and Wednesday, Nov. 30. The final official tally showed Young with 136 votes, Nelson with 88, Esserman with 81 and Tomlinson with 62.

The other two candidates, Donald Gustus and Eugene Miller, received 50 and 44 votes respectively.

The duty of an ASFC senator encompasses many aspects of the Council, according to its president, Leslie Fay. "A senator is ready to take on anything that we do, being on committees and working on projects," she said. "Under those two headings, it's practically everything that we do."

According to Fay, one senatorial position and nine other appointed posts are still open for students interested in participating in student government.

Here's a brief rundown on the newly elected senators:

YVETTE ESSERMAN has been attending Foothill for four quarters. She is majoring in business administration. According to Fay, Esserman is an "alert and interesting person. We are looking forward to working with her."

GRAYELIN YOUNG is in his seventh quarter as a social science major at Foothill. Fay said that Young "is going to be a real asset to us. He is an active and ebullient person."

BRANDON TOMLINSON is a biology major. This is his first quarter at Foothill. "He has come in a couple of times and asked questions about the Council," said Fay. "He seems to be interested in it."

JUDITH NELSON has been attending Foothill for 10 quarters. She is majoring in law and society. "I was very glad that she was re-elected," Fay said. "She is really democratic-minded. She likes to find out people's opinions before doing anything. She's really good for us."

Nelson was also responsible for restarting the Foothill Law Forum and organizing a tuition debate earlier in the quarter.

which Monterey found increasingly difficult to stay with in the latter stages of the contest.

Good defensive quickness and alert ball handling were the keys to building a 49-42 halftime lead for the Owls. Center Keith Crawford at 6-5, not the tallest player on the floor, was active on the boards and poured in 14 points to go with Holt's 17 during the first half. Monterey managed to make some half-

time adjustments which proved effective at the outset of the second half, leading to a tie score of 51-51. But they could not sustain the blistering pace set by the Owls and visibly tired in the waning moments of the game as Foothill methodically increased their lead.

Crawford finished second to Holt in scoring with 20 points, while forward James Allen had 12 and Jeff Wright and Terry Butts tossed in 10 points each.

Police Blotter

By ROBERT STOWE

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 30, 1983

10:28 a.m. Officer Randall responded to a report of tampering to a staff member's car. The air had been let out of the tires. A report was taken.

12:42 p.m. Officer Randall responded to a traffic accident between two students. There was property damage only.

6:30 p.m. Officer Mungen received a report of a stolen license plate.

Throughout the day the Public Safety Office assisted 4 motorists with dead batteries.

THURSDAY, Dec. 1

Throughout the day the Public Safety Office assisted 2 motorists with dead batteries, 1 vehicle stuck in the mud, 1 motorist locked out of vehicle.

FRIDAY, Dec. 2

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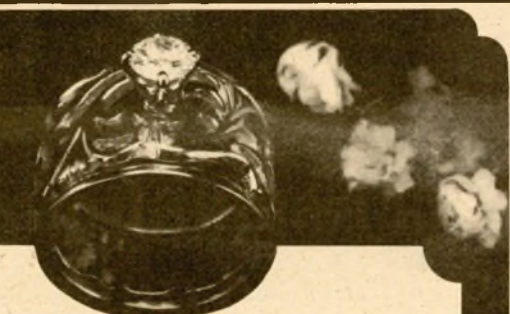
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ON THE SPOT

By DE TRAN & ALEC COLEMAN

What's a perfect Christmas gift for a loved one?



DAN LOWE (Photography):
Give me a minute. A romantic evening, because Christmas is a time for people to get together to show their love for one another. I think that would be it.

PAUL BUELOW (Economics):
You're kidding. I can't believe it. I can always say an Atari 5200 or a car or something like that. But it's got to be something we can all talk about. Hey, I got it. The perfect gift would be peace for all the world around us. Or financial independence for everybody. Good health, but you can't give that.



JOHN HUNT (Economics):
Something witty. A book of witticisms to arm himself with when asked such questions as this. [Oscar] Wilde, perhaps.



KRISTEN FREEMAN (Communications):
An all expense-paid night in San Francisco. Why? Because it's romantic if you're with your boyfriend. San Francisco is beautiful at night and it has a lot of weird people. If you're with your boyfriend, you can take him to a store and let him pick something out.



KIM HARVEY (Undeclared):
Let's see. If it's a mate or a friend . . . How about a weekend trip to his favorite place, like Tahoe in the winter. Why? Just to be alone.

Student vet

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hospital, Palo Alto, has immersed himself in the journalism and music programs at Foothill. "This school has given me a whole new life," he said. "Everything here is absolutely wonderful."

As for the future, Singleton is working on "sharpening his writing skills" in hopes of making a living. "I'd like to

freelance for the larger newspapers. Also, I have some contacts at the magazines where my work has been published in the past."

Although his initial goal, to have a career in the Navy, was marred by a nervous breakdown at the age of 17, Singleton beams with self-confidence when he says, "In all these years, a lot has happened to slow me down, but nothing has happened to make me stop!"

Foothill College Christmas program features Madrigals and others

By MAX C. SINGLETON

The Foothill College Christmas Program will be given on Friday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. in the Foothill College Theatre.

The program will feature select groups such as the Eoothill Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Linda Mankin. They will be in their Renaissance costumes, doing a variety of musical excerpts.

Then the Foothill Women's Chorus, directed by Chao Mei-Pa, will present an assortment of ensembles, solos and Chinese songs. They are one of the few performing groups who sing in Chinese,

having been taught by their director.

Then the Foothill Concert Choir, under the direction of Nile Norton, will present selections from such masters as Bach and John Rutter, as well as more familiar Christmas carols.

The Fanfares, just back from their tour, will wind up the program with some of their jazz arrangements and Christmas songs which they picked up on tour.

The box office will be open at 7 p.m. and tickets will go on sale for \$3 general admission, \$1.50 for students and senior citizens.

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