

Air Force Officer Is Citizen-of-Month

Lt. Col. Martin M. "Joe" Bretting, an Air Force officer on active duty, has been named Citizen of the Month for August, according to D. Loring Marlett, vice president of Great Lakes Properties, Inc., sponsors of the community program.

Colonel Bretting's role in youth sports on the Peninsula has been widely reported. As president of the Silver Spur Little League, he gathered together representatives of other Peninsula youth groups to form PLAYERS (Peninsula League of Associations for Youth, Entertainment, Recreation, and Sports). The immediate cause was yet another loss of a playing field for youth baseball and football in the area, precipitated by a lawsuit filed by adjacent property owners who contended that the youngsters were a noisy nuisance.

Bretting, convinced that youth sports would suffer unless a permanent location was found, moved to form PLAYERS, gathered civic support, then applied to Supervisor Burton Chace for help.

PLAYERS' efforts bore fruit when Supervisor Chace announced July 3 that four multi-purpose baseball diamonds will be built by the county, just north of Palos Verdes Drive on the Palos Verdes Sanitary Landfill Project. These will eventually become a part of a regional park which also will include a community amphitheatre, golf course, picnic ground, and recreation area.

Another multi-purpose diamond on county land at Palos Verdes Park is now budgeted for completion next spring.

Colonel Bretting will be honored at a combined luncheon of the Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce and Palos Verdes Kiwanis Sept. 11 at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

Marlett will present the award for Great Lake Properties, Max Schwartz, one of the community judges for the Citizen of the Month program, will introduce Marlett.

A kickoff luncheon for this year's Peninsula Marathon, the event will also feature Deputy Paul Moore of Supervisor Burton W. Chace's office, speaking on recreation, PLAYERS, and the new county park planned for the Peninsula.

MOORE commented, "Bretting deserves full credit for organizing PLAYERS. His efforts dramatized the need for a park and gave county officials a coordinated group to work with."

Bretting, who is leaving in early October for a year's tour of duty in Vietnam, said, "The important point to remember about PLAYERS is that it was the spearhead for a united community effort. Without the support of many service clubs, the school district, and enthusiastic individuals, we could never have presented a true picture to the county of the vast number of Peninsula residents who believe in the importance, for character



Lt. Col. MARTIN M. "JOE" BRETTING

SPEED TOPS LIST

In fatal traffic accidents the principal driving error is speed, according to the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council. The council stresses that the speed involved is not necessarily the posted speed but speed too fast for existing conditions.

building and physical fitness, of organized sports for young people—so in accepting this honor, I am representing all of them."

Sir Loin Shop Sets New Hours

New Sunday hours were announced this week by Sir Loin Meat Shoppe. Sam Morris, owner and operator, announced his store will now be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. each Sunday.

Morris also pointed out that he was recently asked if there were other Sir Loin Meat Shoppe locations. The answer to that, he said, is "no." Morris said, "There is by one Sir Loin Meat Shoppe in existence and it has been in the same location in Rolling Hills Paza Center for four and a half years."

"We have chose to concentrate in this fine area of South Torrance so we can assure the best personal service and quality of meat to be found in the entire South Bay," he stated.

Army Pvt. Donald C. Maher, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette B. Maher of 613 S. Gertruda, Redondo Beach, completed nine weeks of advanced infantry training July 26 at Ft. Polk, La.

CHP Wins Accolade From Hahn

Diligent checking of unsafe and loose truck loads by the California Highway Patrol was commended today by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Hahn noted that California Highway Patrol personnel have made personal contact with bottling companies and persuaded many to voluntarily provide better restraining devices to secure their loads.

A report of such actions was submitted to Hahn after he called for a full study of the problem of trucks carrying bottles and beverages spilling their loads, particularly on freeway curves.

HE SUGGESTS tighter controls because of the problem created to all motorists when a truck spills.

The State Division of Highways is now studying the problem and expects to have recommendations by the end of this year, Hahn was informed.

He urged state agencies,

Army Spec. 4 Peter Barrera, 20, son of Mrs. Celia Smith of 1662 W. 214th St., was assigned as a supply rigger in the 109th Quartermaster Company near Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, Aug. 1.

which control and patrol the freeways, to place highest priority on solving the problem.



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