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specifications for the project which is the true challenge to the members of the design department.

The designer assigned to the project is considered the Project Manager and is responsible for moving the work along on schedule and controlling all expenditures related to the project. Design of a project starts with the Land Use-Development Plan. A project manager thoroughly reviews the LUDP to determine the character of the project envisioned by the planning process. The project manager will also visit the site several times early in the design process to get to know its microclimates, pathways, neighbors, and any existing users of the site.

The next source of input for the designer is the District staff. Through many meetings with staff, located both on and off the project site, a concept for improvement is developed. If it will be necessary to bring in outside consultants such as structural, electrical or mechanical engineers, an archaeologist or hydrologist, the project manager prepares a request for proposals (RFP) from Bay Area professionals.

Two products of the project manager's efforts are drawings done on transparent "vellum" or "mylar," which show the builder where improvements are to be located, the sizes and shapes of the project's components, and the specifications which detail acceptable materials, workmanship and methods to be used in building the project.

Creating these documents is an art in itself and the district is fortunate to have designers on staff who are as adept in developing the necessary plans and specifications as they are willing to gather input for their projects from other departments and park users.

Projects which are currently being designed include improvements to the Del Valle water treatment plant, the Crown Beach sailboard storage structure, improvements to Wildcat Creek, a children's play area at San Leandro Bay, Phase I improvements at Oyster Bay, produce stand at Ardenwood, improvements for the Lake Anza parking lot at Ardenwood, and development of the San Ramon Valley Iron Horse Trail.

Park District design projects have received widespread recognition. Most recently the District's barrier-



EBRPD Construction crew lowers Temescal pier into place.



The Dr. Clinton Lee family dedicates disabled-access fishing pier in memory of Robert Clinton Lee.

Disabled-access fishing pier dedicated

A new fishing pier accessible to disabled people, including those confined to wheelchairs, has been opened to the public at Temescal Regional Recreation Area, Oakland.

In ceremonies on September 25, the pier was dedicated in memory of Robert Clinton Lee, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clinton Lee of Oakland. The Lee family was instrumental in fund-raising efforts for the pier.

Speakers at the dedication ceremony included members of the Lee family; Richard Spees of the Alameda-Contra Costa Regional Parks Foundation; David Lewis of the Center For Independent Living in Berkeley; and Harlan Kessel of the Park District Board of Directors.

Construction of a disabled access pier at Lake Temescal was the idea of Dr. Lee, who is an avid fisherman. The Foundation suggested that the pier might be an appropriate memorial to Robert Lee, and the family concurred.

Funds were raised partly through a benefit buffet dinner-dance sponsored earlier this year by the Black Tie Fishing Committee, family and friends of the Lees.

Besides the Lee family, other major contributors included Chevron U.S.A. through its public affairs manager, Bob Summers; the Lowell Berry Foundation; Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Bartlett; the G. William Jamieson Foundation; Nancy McKay; the Black Tie Fishing

Contra Costa Regional Parks Foundation.

These combined efforts raised more than \$25,000 for construction of the pier. Chevron is also funding construction of a picnic table nearby designed to accommodate disabled people.

The pier is on the east side of Lake Temescal, a short distance south of the swimming beach. Temescal Regional Recreation Area, one of the District's original parks, is located at the intersection of Highways 24 and 13 in Oakland.

Disabled access to parklands is of major concern to the Regional Park District, especially since the East Bay has one of the largest concentrations of disabled people in the nation.

In 1987 the Planning Department undertook a comprehensive study of District facilities, evaluating them for disabled accessibility. This Whole Park Access study has catalyzed numerous improvements to District facilities.

Besides the new pier at Temescal, the District has started a three-year program to improve disabled access at Roberts Regional Recreation Area in Oakland.

The District also has constructed a special wheelchair ramp at Crown Beach in Alameda, enabling disabled people to see some of the Bay's intertidal life. The District's Parks Express bus program is another example of efforts to make parks and recreation available to disabled people.

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in 1971, both from San Francisco State University.

He is active in park and recreation professional organizations, currently serving as legislative chairman of both the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts and the California Park and Recreation Society.

Mary Jefferds, president of the East Bay Regional Park District board, noted that O'Brien was selected after a long and careful process, which attracted many fine candidates.

More than 50 applications were received from throughout the country. Screening these applicants, the board narrowed the field to 17 whose qualifications seemed to fit the District's present needs. The full board then interviewed eight candidates and selected a few finalists.

"The most difficult part was making the final selection from a field of exceptionally qualified and thoroughly professional finalists," Jefferds said. "On behalf of the board, I would like to thank all of the applicants for their time and interest, and commend

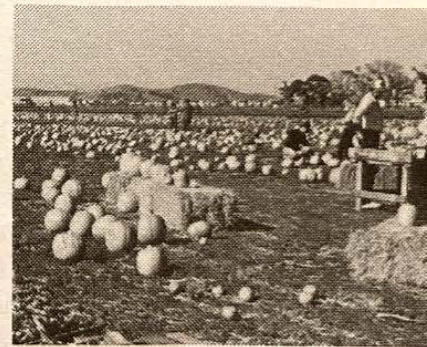
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A very special group of friends gathered for a tour of Lake Temescal where a fishing pier is planned for use by the disabled and seniors who enjoy visiting the park. Pictured left to right are Clinton Lee D.D.S., Oakland volunteer community leader and donor, who is coordinating the project through the Alameda-Contra Costa Regional Parks Foundation; Frances Heath, Supervisor at Lake Temescal; David Lewis, Outreach Coordinator, Center for Independent Living, Berkeley; Pete Alexander, Resource Analyst, EBRPD; and Robert Summers, Manager, Public Affairs, Chevron U.S.A., Inc., a major donor toward this project.



Autumn harvest at Ardenwood

The bounty of the autumn harvest will be celebrated Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18, during the third

**Benefit buffet sponsored by the Alameda-Contra Costa Regional Parks Foundation,
Black Tie Fishing Committee, family, and friends of the Lees, March 1988**

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Partners in Parks – Temescal

Over 340 people from throughout the Bay Area gathered for a festive evening in March at the Steinhart Aquarium in Golden Gate Park. The occasion marked the success of raising over \$25,000 toward construction of a Disabled Access Fishing Pier at Temescal Regional Recreation Area in Oakland.

The event was jointly sponsored by the Alameda-Contra Costa Regional Parks Foundation and Black Tie Fishing Committee. This committee is a group of alumni from Piedmont High School and University of the Pacific who raise funds each year for a worthwhile project in the community by having a special event.

The 1988 chairpersons were Marla Clark of San Francisco and Valerie Lee of Piedmont. Ms. Lee is the daughter of Clinton Lee, D.D.S., who spearheaded the Temescal project. Dr. Lee's voluntary efforts brought together individual and corporate support – including a lead gift from Chevron USA, Inc. – to raise almost twice the amount needed for the pier. Additional funds will be used for other disabled access improvements at Temescal.

David Lewis, Outreach Coordinator, Center for Independent Living, Berkeley, thanked the guests in attendance as well as the District and the Foundation for "demonstrating the true meaning of partners in parks with this project. It is a good example of all kinds of people getting together to achieve a goal."

Special thanks to "Black Tie Fishing" event co-chairs Marla D. Clark and Valerie J. Lee, and to steering committee members Terry Chan; Peter S. Crandall; Edward M. Dowling; Leslie E. Hata, D.D.S.; Catherine J. Hughes; Robbin



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Flowers; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co.; Anheuser-Busch; Blair Ness, Brunzell & Sperry; Prentice; San Francisco Ice Company; Robert Mondavi Winery; Seghesio Winery; Gaylord India Restaurant; Juliard Alpha, and The Essentials.

Major support for the Disabled Access Fishing Pier at Temescal has been provided by: Chevron USA, Inc.; Ed & Ann Bartlett; Mary & Clinton Lee; Nancy McKay; Robert G. & Molly Knox; Donald Beck; IPM Health Plan; G. William Jamieson Foundation; Lowell Berry Foundation; Milton Shoong Foundation; Piedmont Lumber Company; Sturgis, Miller Packing Company, and Mrs. Henry J. Kaiser, Jr.

One out of three people living in the East Bay is disabled in some way. The East Bay Regional Park District, recognizing its responsibility to provide accessible facilities for all, has made park access for people with disabilities a high priority for 1988.

Thousands of seniors and people with disabilities enjoy outings to the parks through the Parks Express Bus Program, operated by the District and supported through District and Foundation funds.



Co-chairpersons, Marla Clark and Valerie Lee

H. Lee; Jan N. Miller; Gregory G. Ow; Maureen M. Owens; Jan M. Pises; Suzanne E. Rogge; and Martin R. Wong.

Thanks also to the following for their assistance in underwriting the costs of the event: Trader Vic's, Emeryville; Signorello Vineyards, Napa Valley; Becky Schwartz; Nancy Tracy; EBRPD Operations Field Staff; Hanns Kornell Champagne Cellars; Clos du Bois Winery; Jay Freeman & Associates; Rob Wines; Central Coast Wine Company, Santa Cruz; American Bartenders School, San Francisco; J. Miller



Mrs. Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. and Eddie Collins, retired Temescal Supervisor.

Wishes granted

The Alameda-Contra Costa Regional Parks Foundation extends a special "thank you" to the Regional Parks Association for granting over \$2,500 worth of "wishes" in response to the December LOG Wish List. These gifts covered wishes expressed by nine parks and represented needs ranging from educational to maintenance.

The Regional Parks Association was established in 1949 to help preserve the area's natural landscapes and to foster enjoyment and balanced use of the Regional Parklands.

As a nonprofit corporation, the Association derives its funds from member dues which help make possible their generous contributions to parks. If you are interested in learning more about the Regional Parks Association or wish to join, please write to: Regional Parks Association, P.O. Box 9127, Berkeley, CA 94709.

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EBRPD Public Affairs



William Jamieson joins Foundation Board

The Alameda-Contra Costa Regional Parks Foundation welcomes G. William Jamieson to the Board to serve a 2-year term of office.

Foundation elections held at the January 28 quarterly Board meeting resulted in the following officers:

Joseph P. Bort – *President*, Margaret L. Leshner – *Vice President*, Walter H. Costa – *Secretary*, and Richard C. Trudeau – *Treasurer*.
EBRPD Board president, Mary L. Jeffers serves *ex-officio*.

Summer Wish List

As the busy summer season approaches, park staff are ready to welcome the many visitors who enjoy opportunities in the parks. We invite you to join in Parks' by contributing toward wish list requests.

Wish List items are not covered by the District budget but are important because they help enhance a facility, or continue a program. Yet a difference.

There are several ways in which you may contribute: through your church, professional union; through your office or business; through club (i.e. running club, bicycle association, etc.); a class, sorority or fraternity special project. You can help by providing:

- 1** Binoculars for use in programs at Coyote Hills and Crab Cove. Cost: \$65 each.
- 2** A standard size VCR and monitor for educational programming at Garin Barn Visitor Center.
- 3** Interpretive panels along Creek Trail and ridge routes at Garin/Dry Creek. Cost: \$5,800.
- 4** A total of 14 interpretive section signs and an entrance map would enhance the experience of the many visitors to the Regional Parks Botanic Garden. The Garden is distinguished by its renowned collection of California's native plants. Cost: \$800 for each panel.
- 5** Picnicking is a favorite summertime activity. Picnic tables are needed for the many families and groups as well as the disabled and seniors enjoying outings through the Parks Express Bus program. Cost: \$500 per table.
- 6** Benches for rest and relaxation are a welcome addition along a trail, shoreline or lawn area. Cost: \$200 per bench.
- 7** Deer are frequent visitors to residential neighborhoods fringing the parks. To protect them from oncoming traffic which often frightens and potentially harms them, the Public Safety department plans to affix "deer" whistles to its vehicles. Cost: \$560 to equip the Public Safety fleet.
- 8** At Coyote Hills plans are underway for the expansion of the visitor center to develop exhibits portraying the "Ohlone Lifeways," the history and culture of the Ohlone Indians who once inhabited this site. The total cost of exhibits related to Ohlone Lifeways is estimated at \$37,000. You may contribute all or any portion of this.