

Graves

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Even so, Butler said his client is willing to pay for an expert to review new information supplied by the Indian community suggesting there are graves in the vicinity and to pay for more archaeological work if necessary.

Smith remembers a couple of graves in a blackberry patch next to Palm Terrace, where he lived as a child. But his belief that there are human remains on the Palm Terrace site is not just based on memory.

Documents at the Sonoma County Records Office discovered recently by Smith's relatives show 30 Indians were buried in the vicinity of Palm Terrace from 1892 through 1911.

The new research could be another stumbling block for the con-

troversial Palm Terrace subdivision, which has been on the drawing boards for a dozen years and subject to more than one lawsuit.

Documents from the county recorder's office indicate the majority of the 30 Indians, including one born as early as 1818, were buried on Walker Ranch, which once stretched over the Laguna de Santa Rosa and included Palm Terrace.

The documents do not specify exactly where the burials took place on the 4,000-acre holding. But Smith believes Palm Terrace was the likely spot.

And he's uncomfortable with the original archaeological studies done on the property. He said he was present in the late 1980s when a consultant did some auguring on the site to check for human remains. "They only went down 4 or 5 inches," Smith said. "I've never been satisfied with that kind of search. Our people are buried way

down."

Smith earlier this year asked the Sebastopol City Council to keep Palm Terrace undeveloped in order to preserve it for its cultural significance. But as it became apparent the city was going to allow the homes, Smith asked that he simply be allowed to be present when earth is moved.

"They can't put them in a dump truck and throw 'em away," Smith said of any bones that might be found. "We have respect for our departed people."

Charles Evans, a Santa Rosa developer representing the Palm Terrace owners, said if remains are found during excavation, "work should stop and qualified personnel would be brought in — that's fairly standard."

Smith wants to make sure any Indian remains that are uncovered can be relocated to another resting spot, probably the Ya-Ka-Ama Indian Education and Development Center near Forestville.

Sebastopol City Attorney Larry McLaughlin said he's sure "everyone would want to respect the sanctity of the burial sites," adding it could slow the project if there is evidence of remains.

After turning down the project in 1994 as a result of unrelated environmental concerns, the Sebastopol City Council was exploring the idea of getting open space funding to keep the land undeveloped. But the city was sued by the property owners and wound up negotiating a tentative compromise to allow 18 houses to be built. The legal compromise is set to be finalized Tuesday by the City Council in a closed-door session.

After that, the Palm Terrace subdivision is tentatively scheduled for a public meeting before the City Council on Sept. 5 to fully explain the city's legal settlement with the property owners and respond to concerns about the Indian burials.

Phone strike averted as talks advance

Staff and wire reports

A phone company strike was averted for a second time Sunday night as Pacific Telesis and a union representing 34,000 employees achieved a breakthrough in health care cost negotiations and progress on other issues.

"The company and (the union) have stopped the clock again and will continue negotiating," PacTel spokesman Dane Pascoe said just before the 11:59 p.m. deadline.

PacTel and Communications Workers of America were at odds over job security and wages, but both sides reported optimism among exhausted negotiators who worked past midnight Saturday and planned to work past midnight again Sunday. No new deadline was set.

CWA spokesman T Santora said health care costs had been "the stumbling block" to movement on other issues.

"Now that that has been removed, we hope to see more progress," Santora said. "They're seeing light at the end of this tunnel."

If negotiations fail and a strike is called, it will take longer for North Bay customers to reach an operator on a 411 call or get phone repair service.

Supervisors would take over for the strikers, leaving bare-bones staffing in all areas of customer service for the length of the walk-out in California and Nevada.

Of Pacific Bell's 572 employees in Sonoma County, 273 are union members and all of them work

POLICE AND COURTS

Four hurt as drivers collide

A drunken driver traveling against traffic on Maple Avenue on Sunday morning collided with another motorist who was later also cited on suspicion of driving while drunk, Santa Rosa police said.

There were four injuries in the 3:30 a.m. accident. Jorge A. Valdovinos, 19, of Kenwood drove his red Honda Accord the wrong way on Maple Avenue — a one-way street near the Santa Rosa Veteran's Memorial Building — and hit another vehicle head-on being driven by Tiffany S. Mondreau of Santa Rosa, said Sgt. Doug Schliet.

Valdovinos was arrested on suspicion of felony drunken driving since he caused the accident and there were injuries

Cowboy

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Pena has been topping Mexico's charts with his ballads and popular banda music for two years now. He performed in Santa Rosa earlier this year but didn't bring his horses with him.

For some in the audience, the horses were what they came to see. "He's an artist that everyone can relate to," said Jose Brisenzo of Ukiah. "And I want to see the horses — he sings on horseback."

Pena traded horses depending on the type of song he was singing, making one snafu down the field during a slower song while another trotted and skipped during the com-pah-pah beat of his hit "Mi Dama El Ranchero" / "My Horse, the

the women who wanted to touch him.

"His music's good. He's got great eyes, too," said Della Galian of Santa Rosa, who dragged her sister along with her.

Some fans didn't make it into the gates.

"All of the Mexican people of Sonoma County want to see him," said Saul Parra of Santa Rosa, who sat outside the arena with his family while ticket-holding fans passed him by. "But we don't have a ticket. We can't see him if we don't have a ticket."

That didn't deter some ticketless fans, who peered over each others' shoulders on a hillside overlooking the arena. They peeked through slats of the fence to catch a glimpse.

Aside from Pena's performance, Sunday's event included a variety show, complete with comic skits between Sonoma songs and a con-

Fair attendance

Date	'95 paid	'94 paid
Mon. 7/24	13,462	10,422
Tues. 7/25	11,504	12,351
Wed. 7/26	9,913	9,568
Thu. 7/27	10,226	9,031
Fri. 7/28	12,020	13,527
Sat. 7/29	21,748	23,988
Sun. 7/30	19,509	24,324
Mon. 7/31	11,299	11,373
Tue. 8/1	10,714	16,731
Wed. 8/2	13,926	13,692
Thu. 8/3	11,913	9,424
Fri. 8/4	10,440	11,755
Sat. 8/5	18,432	17,685
Sun. 8/6	21,096	19,881
TOTALS	198,670*	203,752†

* Includes visitors to Jockey Club