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## On Fact-Finding Mission

# SEN. HAYAKAWA VISITS BIG SUR

By GARY KOEPEL

BIG SUR — U.S. Senator S.I. Hayakawa visited Big Sur Feb. 17 on a fact-finding mission "to learn more about Senator Cranston's bill to expand the USFS area."

According to legislative aide Gene Pratt, "Cranston asked the senator for his support and when the senator called some of his constituents in Big Sur, he learned they had not even heard of the proposed legislation. That's why he's here today."

*"The people of Big Sur are passionate environmentalists and must be saved from the environmentalists in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago."*

said Pratt at the news conference.

Hayakawa met with over 100 residents at a potluck luncheon in a Big Sur home, then took a bus tour to Lucia and back.

The senator was invited and hosted by the Friends of the Big Sur Coast, a grassroots organization which opposes further federal involvement in the area.

Friends spokesman James Josoff told the senator, "Thanks for letting us know about the legislation. You're the hero of the day."

Hayakawa said Cranston had sought his support for a waiver of the USFS restriction which limits their acquisition of lands outside

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## Nimmo Raps Park Plans

BIG SUR — State Senator Robert Nimmo in a *Gazette* interview said he had strong feelings that there should be no further federal intervention or involvement in the Big Sur Coast.

He cited that the national debt now exceeded \$800 billion and that the inflation rate is now 18 percent and is going up.

The U.S. Congress, he said, "continues to overspend, print more money and

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## Cranston Postpones, Changes USFS Bill

BIG SUR — Roy Greenaway, Senator Alan Cranston's administrative assistant, told the *Gazette* on Feb. 28 that hearings for the Big Sur Bill (S2233) had been postponed until April 25 and that the content of the bill would be different than originally proposed.

Reasons cited for the postponement were that Congressman Leon Panetta had requested it and that "Senator Cranston is hopeful that a more general bill can be developed in the next few weeks instead of S2233."

The content of the new bill is being worked on, "the general subject of which is to protect Big Sur and keep it from turning into the Sunset Strip," he said.

"Senator Cranston's staff is working with Congressman Panetta and with various people from California who have expressed interest, including the Big Sur Foundation," he said.

Regarding more specific details, Mr. Greenaway said that, "because there has been so much speculation and conjecture, we don't want to talk about the substance until we're ready to make a public statement."

However, he added, the proposal should be completed by the Senate's Easter recess on April 4, "which gives everybody ample opportunity to discuss it" prior to the April 25 hearing.

The one-day hearing will be held by the Senate subcommittee called Parks, Recreation and Renewable Resources chaired by Senator Bumpers with Senator Hatfield as the ranking minority member.

Additional subcommittee members are Senators Church, Johnston, Metzenbaum, Melcher, Tsongas, Stevens, McClure and Weiker.



SENATOR S.I. HAYAKAWA discusses Big Sur with resident Frank Trotter during his recent fact-finding visit.

## The Wilderness Society Proposes

# Big Sur National Scenic Area

(Editor's note: The following was reported in the Feb. 26 Monterey Peninsula Herald interview with Bill Turnage, who said:

"The Society will ask Congress to consider National Park Stewardship for the area when it reviews Big Sur legislation.")

By WILLIAM A. TURNAGE  
Director, The Wilderness Society

### I. BACKGROUND

The beautiful Big Sur coast in Central California includes some of the most spectacular lands in America. According to renowned photographer Ansel Adams, "Surely no more beautiful and spiritually uplifting coastline exists on this earth." The Big Sur region is almost 100 miles long and stretches from Malpas Creek south of Carmel Highlands to the Hearst Ranch.

Much of the land in the region is owned by the U.S. Forest Service, and is part of the Los Padres National Forest. The 170,000 acre Ventana Wilderness is part of the Los Padres, and is adjacent to parts of the Big Sur. However, lands along the northern 55 miles of the Big Sur Coast are in private ownership.

About 1,200 residents live in Big Sur; there are about 70,000 acres of private land in the region. Most of the coastal landscape is undeveloped, though there are some residences in cer-

tain prime scenic locations.

Today Big Sur retains much of the natural beauty that it has always enjoyed. Permanent protection is now needed to put a stop to the inevitable incremental development that has already begun to take place along the coast. Thus far there have been relatively few homes built in the region, but some of the houses that have been constructed in recent years have had a significant adverse impact on the landscape.

The need to preserve the scenic beauty is recognized by both the tourists who visit the region (more than two million annually) and the residents who live there. In a report submitted by the Monterey County Big Sur Coast Citizens' Advisory Committee, it is pointed out that "the trend of recent planning has been to recognize that the Big Sur Coast is best preserved as a great natural and scenic resource for the benefit of future generations by leaving it largely undisturbed, and to ensure that man-made development remains subordinate and complementary to natural processes that link climate, water, soil, vegetation and wildlife."

But local and regional planning is not the solution to the problem of how to best protect Big Sur permanently. This is because (1) the power of local zoning is limited, and development cannot be restricted adequately without compensating landowners; and (2) tourist visitation to Big Sur presents a serious management problem because of highway congestion,

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# Local News ...

## Land Use Laws

By Citizens For Responsible Government

There is no possible way the United States government can acquire legitimate control over California Redwoods or the Big Sur.

Article I, Section 8 (17) of the United States Constitution states:

"The Congress shall have power to ... exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever, over such district (not exceeding 10 miles square) as may, be cession of particular states, and the acceptance of Congress, become the seat of the government of the United States, and to exercise like authority over all places purchased by the consent of the legislature of the state in which the same shall be, for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dock yards and other needful buildings."

This section makes it clear that for the federal government to acquire "title" to land lying within a state three things must be complied with: 1. Such land must be purchased. 2. It must be purchased by the consent of the state within which it lies, and 3. It must be purchased for the erection of needful buildings of a specific kind.

All else is trespass and usurpation.

The rule of interpretation applicable here is "expression unius est exclusio alterius," which means that the expression of one thing, or class of things, in a document, implies the exclusion of all other things. So that Congress has power to acquire land in the manner granted by Article I, Section 8 (17) but it has no power to acquire land in any manner or for any purpose, NOT granted by Section 8.

If there were no such restraint on Congress, then by the simple process of acquiring all land the federal government could obliterate the states and destroy the republican form of government mandated by Article 4, Section 4 of the Constitution. This, of course, is not legally permissible, particularly when it is reflected that the states created the federal government through a federal compact with each other. *The states are the principals; the federal government is their agent.*

The Constitution cannot enforce itself, which is why all federal and state officials are required by oath to support and defend it.

Whoever controls the land controls the people on it. The

penalty for failure to enforce Article I, Section 8 (17) will be federal tyranny, the destruction of the states and the end of freedom in the United States.

John L. Stealy  
Research Director  
Citizens for Responsible Government

## Big Sur Land Trust Eyes Odello Deal

From the Carmel Pine Cone

Concerns about levee safety for the Odello land may be for naught.

There is a possibility that the Odello family may abandon its development plans.

The Carmel Sanitary District has renewed its long-standing interest in buying the Odellos' 134 acres to use for a wastewater reservoir.

District Manager Michael Zambory said last week that the district may need the reservoir as part of its \$13.7 million wastewater reclamation program.

He said that the district has not made a direct offer to the Odello family, but is working with the Big Sur Land Trust to acquire the land for a reservoir.

Bruno Odello said that he had not received a formal offer from anyone, but "the door is always open to them (the sanitary district) if the price is right."

The sanitary district negotiated with Odello in the past, but an agreement was never reached.

Zambory said, "We cannot make a direct offer to the Odellos, but the Big Sur Land Trust is interested in our plans for the reservoir."

He explained that the district cannot include the reservoir in its reclamation project until it receives state approval. He expected the state Water Resources Control Board to rule in late February or early March on the reservoir.

Zad Leavy, attorney for the Big Sur Land Trust, said that he was exploring opportunities to purchase the Odello land.

He said that a multi-agency purchase may be put together to acquire the land for the sanitary district reservoir.

The city of Carmel, Monterey County, the state Department of Parks and Recreation, the Coastal Conservancy and other agencies will be contacted, Leavy said.

The deal is possible, he said, if the agencies can agree on a single use for the land. He said that the idea of the reservoir was suitable because it could also serve as a marine life refuge.

"It takes a catalyst in a deal of this sort," Leavy said. He explained that the Big Sur Land Trust could serve as the lead agency.

Leavy said that the trust is currently raising money for an appraisal of the land.

## Big Sur Notables Featured in Films

Friends of the Big Sur Coast will present four showings of two Robert Blaisdell films, *The Country of the Mind* and *Big Sur: The Dream and the Enigma*.

Blaisdell, a Carmel cinematographer, has produced many documentaries; one of the most recent for WNET in Boston was on poet Robert Frost.

A local educational film done several years back,

familiar to Monterey, Carmel and Big Sur youngsters, is titled *Father Sky, Mother Earth* and features children working with local archeologist Don Howard at a dig near San Jose Beach.

The Blaisdell films to be shown at the Big Sur Grange Wednesday, March 5; Thursday, March 6; Sunday, March 9; and at Pacific Valley School Friday, March 7 were filmed in Big Sur between 1967 and 1972.

*The Country of the Mind* features Eric Barker reading his own poetry.

The second film, *Big Sur: The Dream and the Enigma*, features scenes and interviews with Barker, Helmut Deetjen, Ephraim Donas, Michael Murphy, Henry Miller, Harry Dick Ross, Emil White, Lolly Fassett, Howard Welsh, Hans and Esther Ewoldsen, Berley Farber and Caryl Hill, and was filmed mainly between

1970 and 1972. It was completed the month of the Molera film.

Donations: \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for juniors (12 and under). Children must be accompanied by an adult. All showings begin at 7:30 p.m.

## Historical Society to Meet Mar. 9

The next meeting of the Historical Society will be held March 9 between 2 and 4 p.m. at the Big Sur Grange. It will be the final meeting of the Society's first year. Charter members are reminded to renew their memberships. Reservations for the May tour of the Pt. Sur Lighthouse are filling up fast, and you must be a member to attend. The March meeting will feature a film of the lighthouse.

## Supervisors Consider Big Sur Taxi Permit

Herald Salinas Bureau

Monterey County Supervisors were expected to approve an operating permit for the Big Sur Taxi Co.

The permit will allow Tom Nash and George Flammer to offer taxi service from Big Sur to the Monterey Peninsula.

The taxi fleet will consist of a pair of 4-wheel-drive station wagons each capable of carrying five passengers. The fare will be \$1.10 a mile for each rider.

The taxis, equipped with mobile telephones, will be available on a 24-hour-a-day basis.

At a February hearing, supervisors heard Harold Thystrup's appeal of a county Planning Commission decision denying a use permit to allow the tennis courts at Titus Park to be lighted.

Supervisors conducted a study session on the fiscal 1981 budget.

## CAC Forum Set Mar. 8

On March 8 the Citizens Advisory Committee will host a forum at 1 p.m. on the Nепенthe Terrace.

The roster of invited guests include Congressman Panetta, Charles Cushman of the National Park Inholders Association, Carmel Highlands photographer Ansel Adams and representatives of the Big Sur Foundation, the Wilderness Society and the Friends of the Big Sur Coast.

Questions for the panelists must be submitted in writing to CAC chairman Roger Newell prior to the forum.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.



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—AND—

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Features scenes and interviews with Eric Barker, Helmut Deetjen, Ephraim Donas, Michael Murphy, Henry Miller, Harry Dick Ross, Emil White and other Big Sur residents of that time.

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## Big Sur Town Hall Meeting

# A Plea for Unity, Openness

BIG SUR — "Alone our work is of little worth. But together we're lords of the earth. So it's all for each and each for all—united we stand, divided we fall." A motto, a philosophy, a prayer introduced by Penny Verighe. It is the closing prayer of the Big Sur Grange. It may also be a guide we might all keep in mind over the coming weeks as we discuss and consider the future of this Big Sur Coast and our relationship with it.

Mr. Jim Josoff, moderator for Sunday night meetings, set the mood for the meeting with a call for openness and honesty in the community. The plea was made in direct relation to a number of rumors and innuendos that have been circulating. Mr. Josoff stressed the Friends of the Big Sur Coast support

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the Citizen's Advisory Committee and encourage our involvement in the CAC through suggestions and open dialogue.

It might be noted that the CAC will be considering a number of alternatives to blanket federal intervention on Feb. 12, 1980, at the Big Sur Grange.

Mr. Josoff enumerated several recommendations to be suggested by the Friends of the Big Sur Coast as possible alternatives.

There was a clarification of the role of Mr. Charles Cushman, executive director of the National Park Inholders Association and Federal Land Inholders Association and his relationship with the Friends of the Big Sur Coast.

This was followed by a question and answer period with Mr. Cushman.

The financial arrangement was made with Mr. Cushman's organization. The report was made public and is available on request.

The discussion shifted to the Cranston's Bill S2233, and the amendment before Congress. Mr. Cushman explained how he became aware of the situation. Subsequently, Mr. Cushman alerted the local residents of its existence. The importance of public response and action was emphasized. Without the telephone calls and telegrams to Washington, the amendment on the Channel Island's Legislation might well be a law today. It would be wise to become familiar with the ways we can make the legislative process work.

In regards to Mr. Ansel Adams' open letter to the *Monterey Peninsula Herald* on Feb. 3, 1980, Mr. Josoff stated, "Mr. Adams is sincere in his concerns and belief that the local residents would not be affected. The recently released General Accounting Office report, CED 80-14, Dec. 14, 1979, does not bear this out, the government report was highly critical of the abuse by the Park and Forest Service and their lack of regard for the impact and concerns on residents.

"The General Accounting Office studied a number of projects and notes that much unneeded land has been acquired. The present practices of the Federal Government land assessment must be reassessed. This report is available through Congressman Leon Panetta's office.

"In light of this report, we feel we cannot be as trusting of



RESIDENTS at Grange during Charles Cushman's February 3 visit. Photo by Paula Walling

the Federal Government and their proper administration of the area as Mr. Adams."

A representative of the Monterey County Council of Concern, Mr. Gibb Meyer, introduced himself. Mr. Meyers announced a meeting of a public forum to be held at Rancho Canada on Feb. 15 at 1:45 p.m. Mr. Meyer noted the Monterey County Council of Concern supports the Friends of the Big Sur Coast.

Letters of support were received from the Monterey County Taxpayers Association and the Carmel Highlands Property Owners Association.

The meeting ended with the general feeling of optimism with the hope that united, we can solve the problems that face the Big Sur Coast and us as individuals.

## community calendar

# MARCH

Red Cross Month

The COMMUNITY CALENDAR is a new monthly feature, the purpose of which is to inform the public about meetings, events, entertainment, and items of public interest. To place something on next month's calendar, either phone us at 667-2222 or write to:

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2 AA Meeting Grange Hall 11-12:30 p.m. Purim	3 Health Clinic 10-5 Grange Hall p.m. EMT, Grange Hall 7-11 p.m.	4	5 "Country of the Mind" "Dream & Enigma" Grange Hall, 7:30 p.m.	6 Beggars Banquet Food Co-op, Grange Hall 11 a.m.-6 p.m. "Country of the Mind" "Dream & Enigma" Grange Hall, 7:30 p.m.	7 "Country of the Mind" "Dream & Enigma" Pacific Valley School 7:30 p.m. Calif. Arbor Day	8 CAC Meeting Nepenthe, 1:00 p.m. "Country of the Mind" "Dream & Enigma" Grange Hall, 7:30 p.m. CAC Forum, Nepenthe Panetta, Adams, Tipton, Cushman, Hillier, Owings 1:00 p.m.
9 AA Meeting Grange Hall, 11-12:30 p.m. Historical Society Grange Hall, 2-4 p.m.	10 EMT, Grange Hall, 7-11 p.m. Health Clinic 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Grange Hall CPOA Board of Directors Grange Hall, 7:00 p.m.	11 CAC Meeting Grange Hall, 7:30 p.m.	12	13 Food Co-op Grange Hall, 11-6 p.m.	14	15 Friends of Big Sur Coast Barbeque River Inn, 11-4 p.m.
16 AA Meeting Grange Hall, 11-12:30 p.m. National Wildlife Week	17 Health Clinic 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Grange Hall EMT, Grange Hall, 7-11 p.m. St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Swallows return to Capistrano	20 Food Co-op Grange Hall, 11-6 p.m. First Day of Spring	21	22
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# Local News...

## "Help Us Fight!"

Now is the time to stand up and shout,  
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Fed's running our lives, with its con's and cont's ...  
Ever think you'd be wearing, forest green pants?  
Damned if I'm giving up, what's rightfully mine!  
Evergreens, mountains and my leashless canine.  
Rally around, Friends of the Big Sur Coast  
Alert all, of our impending new host.  
Leave us alone, we know what's the must,

Government housing, we'll never discuss.  
Overdevelopment is not our plan.  
Very explicit control to each man.  
Even the ones with money must pass,  
Restriction of county, state and "Big Sur Class."  
Never do we want to spoil the view.  
Monuments we have, we don't need any new.  
Enough is enough! What more do we want?...  
Night watchers in, our mountains to haunt?  
Till we're given a chance to show our stuff.

Intervention is out, we've problems enough!  
None we can't solve, if we stand together.  
Today, tomorrow, its now or never.  
Error would be in not acting now.  
Remove the threat and wipe your brow.  
Very few won't the continual flow,  
Ever ending traffic, "Oh, the highway won't grow."  
No trespassing will be a thing of the past.  
Trampling "our lands" will be allowed at last.  
Isn't there enough of the established parks?  
Or must we allow our senator his larks?  
No!! Help Us Fight!!

Tootie Trotter

## \$2.4 Million Okayed for Beach Project

The state Public Works Board has approved spending \$2.4 million for the purchase of 2,780 acres south of Carmel Highlands for the Garrapata Beach project.

The money will cover purchase of 10 of the 12 parcels authorized for acquisition in January 1979, according to the state Department of Parks and Recreation.

## Golden Gate Was Most Popular Park

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area was the most popular national park last year, a park service official says.

Lynn H. Thompson, Golden Gate's general manager, said 11.3 million persons visited the 60-square-mile recreation area during 1979, about 26 percent more than the previous year.

## River Inn Barbeque Scheduled

A fund-raising barbeque for the Friends of the Big Sur Coast will be held at River Inn from 10 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 15.

Roast pig and live music will highlight the event.

The purpose of the barbeque is to raise money to prevent further federal involvement or intervention in Big Sur, said a spokesman for the Friends.

Tickets for the event are \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for juniors (10-15), and children under 10 will be admitted free.

## Linda Waterfall Concert

Public radio KAZU is proud to present Linda Waterfall in concert on Friday, March 7 at 8 p.m. in the MPC Music Hall.

Accompanying her on her current tour of the western states is Donnie Teesdale of the Sky Boys on percussion. That's Friday, March 7, 8 p.m. at the MPC Music Hall for Linda Waterfall in concert.

Tickets are \$3.50 advance at Recycled Records, Monterey; Do Re Mi Music in The Barnyard and KAZU. They will be \$4 at the door.

## Coastal Commission Will Earmark \$800,000 for LCPs

From Coastal Commission News Release

With less than a year remaining for local governments to prepare their local coastal programs (LCPs), the California Coastal Commission has earmarked more than \$800,000 to carry out those LCPs which are completed ahead of schedule.

Noting the short time left, state Commission Executive Director Michael Fischer said, "We hope these funds will provide an incentive for early completions of the local coastal programs prior to the January 1981 deadline set by the Legislature.

"Local governments, hard pressed by Proposition 13 cutbacks to carry out such programs, should welcome the chance to obtain the extra money needed for coastal protection," said Fischer.

The money will be available only for projects or programs which actually carry out the approved coastal plans.

Examples of projects for which the incentive money could be used include fisheries management, protection of natural resources, enhancement of urban waterfronts, provisions of access to the shoreline and reduction of losses due to coastal hazards.

Federal regulations pro-

hibit the use of this money for land acquisition.


The goal of these 67 LCPs, required by the 1976 Coastal Act, is to carry out statewide coastal resource and access policies through local plans and zoning ordinances. Once approved by the Coastal Commission, the LCP's enable local governments to take over regulation of coastal developments, a process now handled by the six regional coastal commissions.

Since local governments will face the added work of issuing coastal permits once their LCPs are approved, the additional funds can also be used to pay for necessary increased staff and processing costs. It cannot be applied to costs unrelated to LCPs or otherwise required by state or local law.

The money comes from the federal Office of Coastal Zone Management which has already provided about \$4 million for the LCP preparation.

Cities now eligible to participate in the incentive program include Carpinteria, Trinidad, Chula Vista, Rancho Palos Verde and Palos Verdes Estates, all with completed LCPs.

Another 15 LCPs are slated for state approval within the next six months.



# Coast Gallery

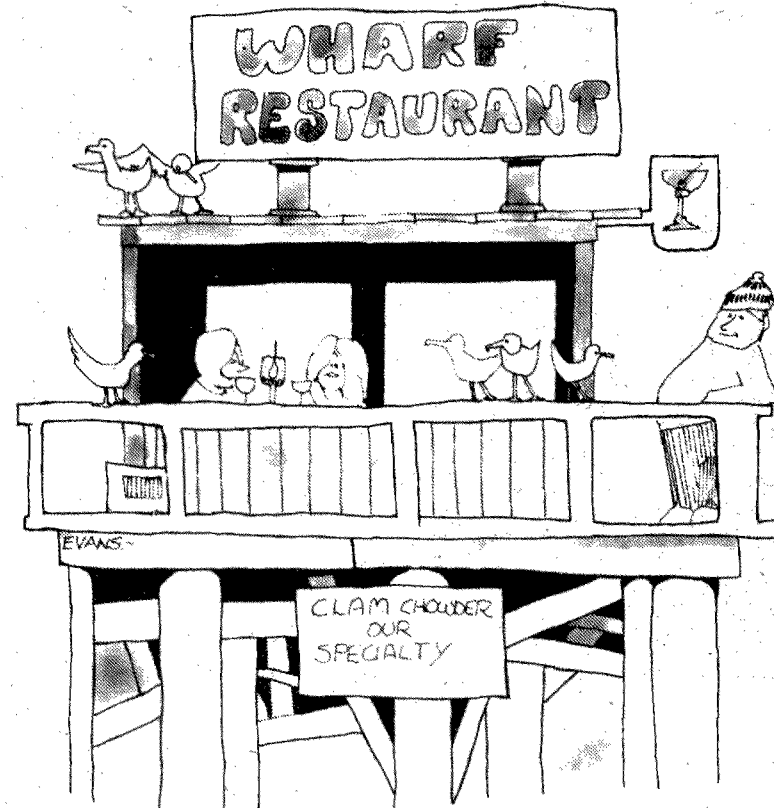
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Exhibiting the carefully selected works of over seventy-five Big Sur artists and coastal craftsmen. Robin Coventry, one of the many fine artists exhibiting at the Coast Gallery, has caught the atmosphere of the gallery perfectly in this drawing. Nestled into the side of a mountain, on a truly spectacular coastline, it is a magnificent setting for the many fine art objects displayed within. Henry Miller's lithographs and serigraphs are featured in a year-long exhibition of his works. The sculptured animals of Loet Vanderveen and the bronze figures of James Hunolt compliment the unusual Neanderthal Furniture designed by Ken Green. Gary Koeppel's old world candles and holders are surrounded by unique hanging pots and windchimes for your garden. The fine handcrafted jewelry of Douglas May and Muriel Jenny are displayed amidst exotic hardwood boxes by Dean Santner and Fred Buss, along with sculptures by Frank Lloyd Wright and Gordon Newell. There is much more ... unusual things for your home or yourself, which will make the Coast Gallery an experience you will never forget. OPEN 9-5 DAILY 667-2301

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# County Local Coastal Plan Lacks Funds

From the Herald  
Feb. 27, 1980

Monterey County will not have the money to enforce a local coastal plan for Big Sur and will have to turn to the state and federal government for help, county and state officials told nearly 100 people meeting at the Big Sur Grange Hall Tuesday night.

Those same officials indicated it might be possible to get the outside assistance without major involvement of state and federal agencies in management of the scenic coastal area.

The discussion at the meeting of the Big Sur Citizens Advisory Committee followed by only a day the announcement by the Wilderness Society that it wants the federal government to create a National Scenic Area for Big Sur, to buy some developed parcels and put a halt to all new development along the coast.

### Additional Development

The LCP being drafted by Monterey County, as required by the California Coastal Act, envisions some additional development in residential areas out of sight of Highway 1 and in existing commercial centers; acquisition of unbuildable lots visible from the highway; and provision for better management of natural resources in Big Sur and greater public access to beaches along the coast.

Tuesday night's meeting focused on how well the county could carry out those responsibilities. The answer, according to representatives from the state and regional coastal commission, the county board of supervisors and planning commission, is not well.

"It is not something the local community would be expected to support economically," according to Mary Henderson, chairman of the Central Coast Regional Coastal Commission and a representative to the State Coastal Commission. "It will take more than local tax dollars to make a plan that serves more than local interests effective."

Supervisor Sam Farr of Carmel, whose Fifth District includes the Big Sur coast, said the LCP provides not only for acquisition of those lots in scenic areas where landowners are denied the right to build but also an ongoing management program.

"We have to buy land, provide management for beach access, a water management plan and implementation, wildlife habitat protection and planning permit reviews and enforcement," he said. "There are a lot of other costs implied besides acquisition of viewshed lots. My best judgment is we would not be able to implement (the LCP) with just county resources."

### Proposition 9

And, he added, with Proposition 9 looming as a new means to cut state tax revenues, "I don't think anybody in California can say if the state or county will be able to afford the plan."

Marjorie Adams, speaking from the audience, said that "if one were writing a play, this would be the theater of the absurd. We have a coastal law that requires the county to do things it can't afford. Don't you think we should start rethinking the whole thing?"

Mrs. Henderson noted that the county cannot consider the costs of enforcing its LCP when it adopts a plan that meets state requirements.

Joseph Petrillo and Don Rubinstein, both of the Coastal Conservancy, indicated that there might be state and federal monies available to acquire land and implement the LCP

without strings attached that place the area under outside control.

Petrillo suggested that state monies from offshore oil drilling revenues could go to coastal protection in Big Sur. Rubinstein pointed to federal dollars from the Coastal Zone Management Act as a possible long-term source of aid.

And, Petrillo noted, as far as finding the best way to use the fund while protecting state and national interests as well as local concerns, "We can do just as well in this audience in Big Sur as can be done in Sacramento or Washington, or any place else."

Rubinstein said that there are "mechanisms of precedence for local control of federal money. It's not valid to assume that accepting federal money means you must tolerate a major federal presence."

### Stresses Cooperation

The proposed county LCP stresses cooperation between local, state and federal agencies so all are working toward the same goal in Big Sur. This can't happen, Farr said, "without the largest member (the federal government) on the team."

The U.S. Forest Service owns much of the land along the coast already.

Future federal involvement and control could be limited, Farr said, because, "We can design very special legislation for the very special conditions of Big Sur."

The possibility that the federal government would come into Big Sur, acquire large tracts of land and restrict the rights of landowners on those parcels that remain in private hands is one of the major local concerns in the debate over the best way to manage and protect Big Sur.

It is the driving force behind Friends of the Big Sur Coast, an organization formed last fall to oppose any federal intervention, financial or otherwise, in the area.

State Sen. Robert Nimmo, R-Atascadero, sent a taped telephone message to the meeting saying he is "irrevocably opposed to expenditure of vast amounts of federal money for taking additional land off the tax rolls," particularly since the state is already protecting the coast.

Big Sur resident John Harlan said control of development in Big Sur "hasn't been a problem until now and I see no reason why it should be a problem in the future. If there is a grandiose scheme for a protection of the viewshed and (development) rights purchases, it could become a real problem."

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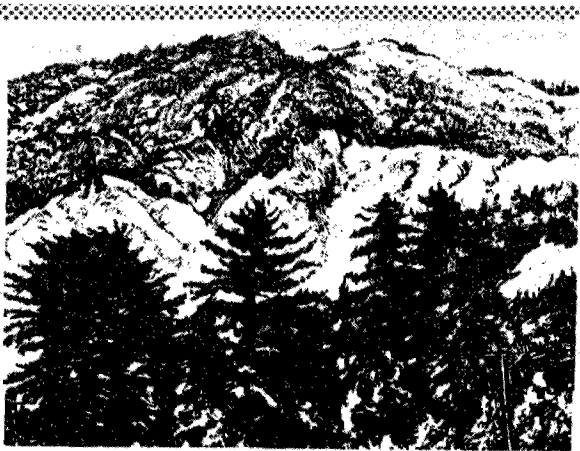
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# Local News ...

## Friends of the Big Sur Coast

# Open Letter to Big Sur CAC

To: Members of the Big Sur Citizens Advisory Committee  
From: The Friends of the Big Sur Coast

On behalf of the Friends of the Big Sur Coast, we want to say that we appreciate the willingness—even eagerness—of the CAC to study alternatives other than increased Federal intervention, in our efforts to come up with a workable LCP. We believe that the bulk of the Big Sur community has been lax in not providing you with the citizen input you need if you are to truly represent the interests of the community. We intend to rectify this situation and to that end one of our members, Peter Stock, has been working with some of your members, familiarizing himself with your background documents, while the rest of us are engaged in fighting off the immediate threat of federal legislation.

Many of you now on the CAC, and others who served before you, have given several years of dedicated study and endured long and involved meetings for the LCP preparation. We think that the present legislation proposed by Senator

*“We do not want the federal government to own or control one more inch of land on the Coast.”*

Cranston is bad for many reasons, but among them is his failure to allow the LCP to be completed before attempting another form of control for the Big Sur Coast. If the federal role possible under the new legislation were to become law, your work would soon be meaningless. We intend to stop this legislation.

The first and most vital input we can give you is to inform you officially herewith that 654 Big Sur residents and property owners have to date signed our petition saying that they want no increase in the level of federal intervention and involvement in Big Sur, and that they wish to preserve the historic balance

of federal, state, county and private ownership and control of Big Sur. We are in the process of preparing these petitions for distribution to all our elected officials and will furnish you with a copy.

Again, to reiterate our position: 654 residents and property owners want no increase in the level of federal involvement on the Big Sur Coast. That position does not mean that we preclude a possible need someday for federal disaster relief, or for meeting the nation's possible needs for coastal control during some national wartime emergency situation. It does mean that we do not want the federal government to own or control one more inch of land on the coast.

You are the legally designated body to prepare the LCP. We ask that our position as just stated govern your deliberations, and that you consider the alternatives we will present to you tonight, and that you seek and consider other alternatives to federal intervention from within your own committee and from individuals in the community. The Friends of the Big Sur Coast do not claim to have all the answers but we will continue to bring you possible alternatives as we come up with them.

First, we believe that it is vitally important for you to define the problem as to just how much land will be classified as unbuildable because of viewshed protection, as opposed to the natural restrictions imposed by the land. Are we talking about 120 acres, 1,200 acres, 120,000 acres? Obviously that will determine how much money is needed from any source.

Second, we believe that the Regional Coastal Commission and the eventual LCP must be more practical and dollar-wise in the efforts to preserve the grandeur of the coast—which is something we all want to do. The more rigid and restrictive the Coastal Commission and the LCP are, the more dollars will be needed, and the less people will be permitted to use some part of their land. A modicum of houses can be built with restrictions, without destroying the viewshed or tourist enjoyment, or the beauty of the coast we all love. There is an erroneous theme running through commission decisions that any visible or partially visible house is detrimental to tourist enjoyment and the enjoyment of future generations. We believe that is untrue. In already developed enclaves, additional houses do not harm tourist enjoyment. These and an occasional house on a hillside, or part of a house, or a light from a house at night, actually reinforce the American Dream—that if someone works hard enough, saves, does without, etc., and is willing to endure the occasional problems of life in Big Sur, he or she can achieve, can enjoy the rewards of living in this natural splendor and enjoy its unique, unfettered way of life. That is what Big Sur is all about. We ask that you and the Coastal Commission consider this in all of your deliberations. (Please also remember that, according to the county, even if all 800

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undeveloped parcels in Big Sur were to be developed—and they will not be—only 10 percent of the highway capacity would be required to serve all residents, old and new, of the Big Sur Coast.) Big Sur is as beautiful as it is because of the people who are attracted to live here. They are people who love the land, who are eager to protect it, who do not despoil it, who show, and have always shown, extraordinary but very natural restraint in constructing their homes. With appropriate and practical restrictions, we have no reason to believe this will not continue.

Third, we believe that there are on the coast people who would voluntarily grant scenic easements, or greenbelt portions of their property that are in the viewshed while retaining their right to build on another part, if they have not already

done so. Again, this would reduce or eliminate the amount of money needed to compensate owners.

Fourth, we have frequently heard that property taxes will force the breakup of large agriculture holdings. We are now investigating—and ask that you investigate—the possibility of legislation or a ballot proposition—to change the tax laws to base agriculture property taxes on production yield rather than “prime or best use” which is residential usage. Changing the tax law thusly would mean that a parcel of land would be taxed on the real yield; its ability to support one steer per 40 to 50 acres, as opposed to agriculture land elsewhere in the state which can support one steer per four or five acres. We understand that some other states do not have tax laws of this kind.

Fifth, we have also heard frequently that the burden of inheritance taxes will cause the breakup of large parcels. We ask you to consider the effect of possible legislation or a proposed ballot proposition currently being considered, to eliminate the state inheritance tax.

Changes in both property tax laws and inheritance tax laws would very significantly increase the chances of large parcels remaining intact under private stewardship.

Sixth, we ask that you consider the possibility of other tax incentives (reduced taxation and inverse taxation) for those people whose lands are in the viewshed, to make it attractive and practical for them not to further use their lands. If the county is determined to prevent overdevelopment—as we are—then it must also be determined to pay some of the costs and not leave it all to be borne by the individual property owners in Big Sur.

Seventh, after all other possibilities have been investigated, should a need for funds still exist, we suggest you investigate the possibility of a state law requiring the state, the county or any private foundation which may purchase development rights, scenic easements or fee title, to return all rights to the owner of the property, should the state, county or private foundation attempt to use or dispose of whatever rights or titles it or they have acquired.

Eighth, and this again concerns the county and its funds or lack of funds. Under the Coastal Act, it is the responsibility of the county to enforce the LCP once it has been written and approved by the state Coastal Commission, just as the county rights now has the responsibility to enforce zoning regulations. For the county to say that it does not have the money to enforce the LCP or the present zoning, is to evade its responsibility. The county must reevaluate its priorities: is it, or is it not, important to protect the coast against overdevelopment. We believe that it is important—perhaps more important than other things on which the county is spending its available funds.

We ask that you keep the Friends committee informed of the progress of your deliberations and decisions as you go and that you constantly keep in mind that the human presence in the landscape warms and enhances it. The people and the land are what make Big Sur what it is today.

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CAC Schedules Series of Meetings

# Planning Choices for the Coast

By ROGER NEWELL

Reserve the following dates:

March 8: Panel discussion with persons or groups who intend to make a policy recommendation on the management of the Big Sur Coast. Topic: a Practical Planning Solution for the Big Sur Coast. (Location to be announced)

March 11: Preparation of a planning packet to poll the community on a consensus for the recommendation the CAC should make to Monterey County and to Congressman Leon Panetta. (Grange Hall, 7:30 p.m.)

The CAC has scheduled a series of very important informational meetings to provide the Coastal Community with an accelerated review of the planning problems we face and a constructive reference point from which to develop a viable planning solution for the Coast.

Historical Perspective in 1962, the people of the Big Sur

*Highway One is the inescapable constant which will effect the future of the Big Sur Coast.*

Coast approved the Monterey County Coast Master Plan. In 1970, the people of the state of California passed Proposition 20. In 1976, Prop. 20 became the Coastal Act which mandates that the county's Coast Master Plan be brought into conformity with the issues raised by the act. Priorities for the uses of the coast were established giving prime agricultural lands protection, and giving recreational opportunities on the coast preference over residential and other uses of the coast. At all times the protection of the environment shall prevail whenever any conflict in use arises.

As the CAC has studied the requirements of the Coastal Act, one of the things which has become painfully clear is that the total area is served by one access. Highway 1 is the inescapable constant which will affect the future of the Big Sur Coast.

The Coastal Act states that the Highway will remain as it now is, a two lane road.

There are three groups of property owners in competition

for use of an already heavily used highway. These are the private owners (residential and commercial), the state owners (several agencies) and the federal owners (U.S. Forest Service being the largest).

Any solution to our coastal planning problems must consider the demands on Highway 1 by each of these groups.

The Coastal Act places the agencies of the state under the control of the Local Coastal Program (LCP). But what happens with the largest land owner in the planning area, the U.S. Forest Service, which is not under the direct authority of the coastal act? How does the community deal with this problem?

As a point of departure for discussion, the CAC is asking the Coastal Community to look at a cooperative council concept which would have the authority to deal with our mutual problems.

Earlier this year, members of the CAC, recognizing a time line problem, started a special study group to explore possible solutions to all of the planning problems. At one of these meetings Mr. Hans Ewoldsen presented a concept to solve the inter-governmental conflicts. The group felt that this concept had merit and has pursued it over the intervening months and feels it should now be presented to the community.

We want to put this concept into a forum context along with other management choices so that the community will have some alternatives from which to make a decision.

Council Concept. The intent of this concept is to keep the major forces in the coastal area in place, and to provide a context in which these forces can meet on mutual ground with equal strength since the decision of any one group affects the others. It is assumed it is better to make such decisions in the Big Sur area, rather than in Salinas, Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Aspects of the Council to be discussed:

1. AREA — a boundary of jurisdiction agreed upon by the major ownerships.
2. AUTHORITY — the LCP established as the authority for the area of management.
3. MEMBERSHIP — representation from the county and major coastal owners.
4. POWERS — authority to coordinate and enforce the management of the LCP.
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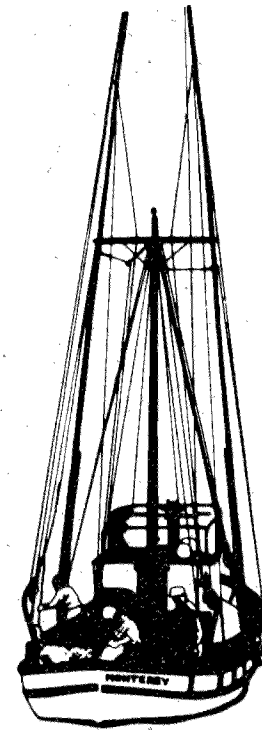
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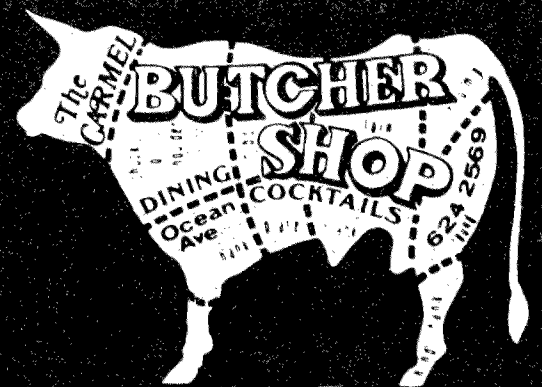


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## Hayakawa in Big Sur

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 their boundaries to 3,000 acres, and which would have given the Secretary of Agriculture authority to redraw the Forest boundary with every purchase or gift.  
 Hayakawa said Cranston saw no need for hearings, "but I've learned here all kinds of objections," he said.  
 He called Cranston's proposed legislation without hearings "an end run," and said "the residents of Big Sur

are much more serious environmentalists than anybody in Washington.  
 "No outside agency can be more ecologically responsible than the people who are already here," he said.  
 "You can only have the government interfere to, quote, save Big Sur, by having them ruin it. The people who live here, by temperament and by choice of lifestyle, are passionate environmentalists who need to

be saved from environmentalists in New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago who want to take management of the area away from them."  
 When asked about rumored proposals for a toll road or control road, Hayakawa said he was "in principle against toll roads," and he felt people should have the right to drive down the road.  
 "I don't believe in closing areas off to tourists," he said.  
 Regarding recent proposals from Ansel Adams and the Wilderness Society to create a Big Sur National Scenic Area, Senator Hayakawa said, "It seems to me excessive to add yet another layer of government from Washington to the existing county and state Coastal Commission laws."  
 When one reporter asked if he thought there was a conspiracy, Hayakawa said, "There are a number of people who would like to see more National Parks established, but that does not constitute a conspiracy, just as people who oppose parks don't constitute a conspiracy."  
 He drew a burst of laughter from the press when he said, "We like to use words like conspiracy to describe those we disagree with, but of course, those on our side have empiricle, objective planning."  
 Responding to the argument made by park proponents that Big Sur was threatened by overdevelopment, he said, "There never



SENATOR HAYAKAWA and aide listened to over 100 residents during recent visit.



DORIS FEE, Claire Chappellet and Senator Hayakawa laugh as Marion Harlan dons a Tam-O-Shanter.

*"A democracy without a free and truthful flow of information from government to its people is nothing more than an elected dictatorship."*

John E. Moss (D-California)

has been any overdevelopment as I can see."  
 He called additional federal protection "unnecessary" and said the area was adequately protected by "the Coastal Commission, zoning laws and the very zealous residents of Big Sur who just don't want the area changed."

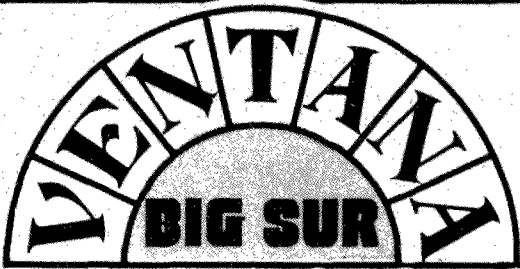
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ON BUS TOUR, Senator Hayakawa conversed with Barbara Chamberlain, Rosemary Rogers, and others.



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# Nimmo Raps Park Plan

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 feed inflation, part of which comes from massive federal acquisitions of private lands."

He referenced Phil Burton's new \$70 million Channel Islands National Park bill as the most recent example.

"Federal acquisition is unnecessary in areas such as Big Sur, because the Coastal Commission has the authority and responsibility to protect the area.

"It makes no sense to me to spend more millions of dollars to take the property

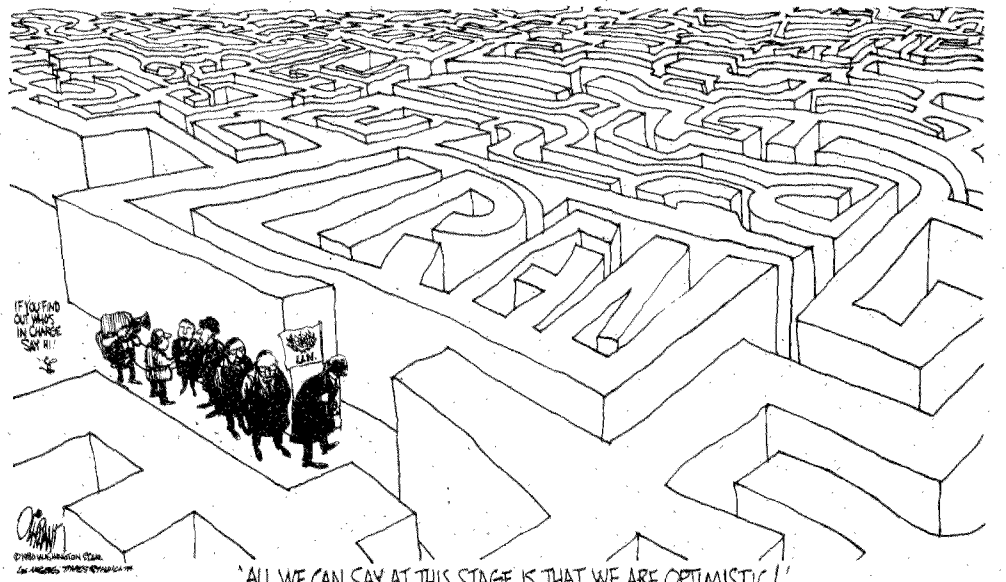
off the tax rolls, assertedly for the purpose of protection, when it is already protected from excessive development by California law.

"I'm not sure of the motivation of the people proposing it, but they clearly have not gotten the message of Propositions 13 and 4."

In response to the Wilderness Society's recent proposal for a National Scenic Area, Senator Nimmo said, "It is an undue restriction on the right of people of the United States to enjoy the

coast." He said that governmental agencies should not be allowed to control people to that extent.

Senator Nimmo concluded that he was "irrevocably opposed to the expenditure of vast amounts of federal dollars that would take additional land off the tax rolls when it is already protected by the Coastal Act. We don't need to spend more millions and simply add to a runaway inflation rate for what is essentially a useless purpose."



## A Toll Road for Highway 1?

BIG SUR — Contrary to recent rumors regarding a Caltrans study to convert Highway 1 into a toll road, the *Gazette* learned from an interview with Webb Berkstead of Caltrans that "we have no knowledge of any request for a toll road study."

"The only request received to date is from the Big Sur Foundation which wanted estimates of the annual cost of maintenance of Highway 1, from Malpas Creek to

Hearst Castle road," said Berkstead.

Maintenance costs for the road are over \$1 million and reconstruction costs average \$1.5 million, providing no major construction is involved.

Berkstead said Caltrans had been receiving LCP planning documents from the county and had recently received a lengthy report from the CAC highway sub-

committee titled "Design Standards for Big Sur Highway."

Another Caltrans spokesman said, "A toll road in Big Sur would be very expensive and would never pay for itself."

Dewey Bishop of Caltrans said that any change to a toll road would require state or federal legislation to change it from its present State Scenic Highway status.

### Youth Conservation Corps

## Applications Available for Los Padres Summer Jobs

The Los Padres National Forest is offering the opportunity for young people between the ages of 15 to 18 to participate in the Youth Conservation Corps Program during the summer.

According to Forest Supervisor Fritz deHoll, there will be a total of 120 jobs available on the Los Padres N.F. "This year we plan to operate three camps on the Forest," deHoll said. "The camps will be located near King City, Ojai and Frazier Park. The main objectives of this program are to offer an opportunity for young people to work in and learn about the environment and natural resources while earning money."

Young people interested in learning more about this program may obtain a brochure

and an application from their high school counseling offices. This information is also available at any of the Forest Service offices located in King City, Santa Maria, Los Prietos, Ojai and Frazier Park. Applications must be completed and mailed in by March 15.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to offer this kind of an opportunity to the young people of this area," deHoll stated. "During their eight-week participation in the program they will work in projects such as hiking, trails, campgrounds, fuelbreaks, wildlife, erosion control and litter cleanup. In addition to the experience they will gain, the Forest Service and the taxpayer also benefit. These young people accomplish a great deal of much needed

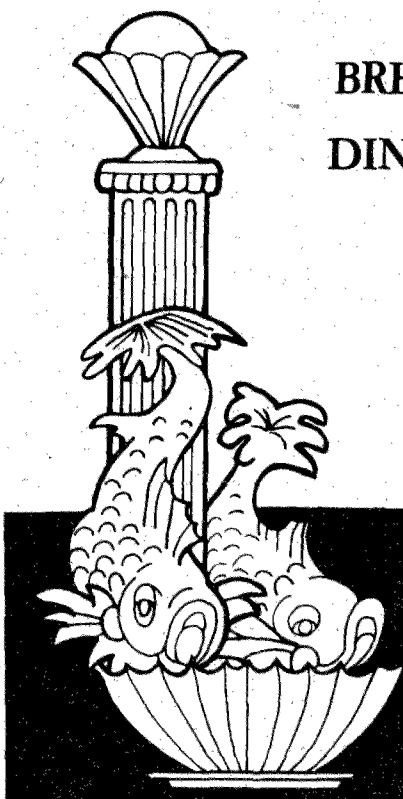
conservation related work."

In 1979, 139 participants in the Los Padres YCC program accomplished more than 21 man years of work valued at over \$226,000 during the eight-weeks the program was operating.

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## Views and Viewpoints

Editorial:

# The Big Sur National Park ... Why Not?

Recent proposals for a Big Sur National Park or Scenic Area cite the need for urgent federal legislative action to protect Big Sur from overdevelopment and to maximize opportunities for the recreating public.

Opponents of the park proposals cite that an average of a dozen homes are built a year, and that the 1.5% growth rate added to the existing 700 homes in 75,000 acres of private land does not constitute overdevelopment.

Proponents of a federal designation reason that the area should be owned and managed by a single federal agency and, although the USFS has a presence in the area, that the National Park Service is the most experienced and qualified managing entity.

Opponents of federal ownership and control point out the excellence and balance of existing private, State Park, and USFS stewardship; a drive down the coast, they claim, proves their point.

Park proponents claim that a federal designation would solve the problem of possible future overdevelopment and would provide a process for preservation, while park opponents state the problems posed are unsubstantiated and a federal designation would, in fact, create more problems that it proposes to solve.

What happens to an area when legislated as a new federal designation?

National Park and Forest Service statistics indicate that from three to five years after an area becomes

federally designated by Congress, the number of annual visitors to the area quadruples.

Last week figures released by the National Park Service for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) revealed that last year's 11.3 million visitors was a 26% increase over 1978. The GGNRA was established in 1972.

According to Caltrans, Big Sur has 3,000,000 annual visitors. The statistics would indicate that, if Big Sur became a National Park this year, by 1985, it would have 12,000,000 visitors.

Park proponents Ansel Adams and Bill Turnage have advocated a public transportation system consisting of a caravan of buses carrying visitors from staging areas to and from the Hearst Castle. A parking facility to accommodate 1,000 cars is recommended for both the north and south ends of the park.

Each vehicle in a parking facility requires a 10 by 40 foot space (for parking and backing out), or 400 square feet per vehicle. With 42,000 square feet in an acre, about 100 cars can be parked per acre.

Disregarding larger recreational vehicles, the proposed 1,000-car parking area would require 10 acres of land on one level or a one-acre garage 10 stories high. (A football field is approximately one acre in size.)

Assuming there are three people per car and 30 people per bus, each bus could transport the equivalent of 30

cars. Hence, 300 buses would be required to serve each of the two 1,000-car parking facilities.

The 600 buses could be parked at night in the facilities providing the cars had no overnight privileges.

Location of the staging area parking facilities could be on Odello property at the north end and below the Hearst Castle on the southern end of the park.

However, 1,000 cars containing 3,000 people at each end would allow only 2,190,000 people per year to visit the park, which is almost one million fewer visitors than present use.

To accommodate the anticipated 12,000,000 visitors to the new Big Sur Park by 1985, parking facilities for 4,000,000 cars would be required. Providing the use was equally divided year-round instead of the present summer tourist peaks, the two parking lots would be 550 acres each, or two garages or one acre area by 55 stories high, to house the 10,958 vehicles daily.

1,095 buses would be required to transport the 12 million visitors on a daily basis.

By 1985, the federal designation for Big Sur would create a net increase (from the existing 3 million to 12 million) of 9 million visitors to the Monterey Peninsula — an increase of 129% over the existing 7 million Peninsula visitors.

Residents of the Monterey Peninsula could anticipate a 129% increase in visitor needs of food and lodging, fuel and services, water and sanitation capacity.

Park proponents maintain that "the Peninsula already operates the most successful tourist industry in the state and would be able to handle the staging area function."

Park opponents claim that the attraction of a new federal park would convert Cambria and the Peninsula into parking lots and feed lots for tourists.

Proponents reason that legislation is urgently needed to Save Big Sur, that they are dedicated to the concept of preservation by federal legislation, and that the park must be rushed through the legislative process this election year or the opportunity will be lost.

Opponents disclaim the urgency, they hold steadfastly to the status quo of existing stewardship, and they argue that the proponents' plans are a panic effort to plunge Big Sur into a park without any participation or review by local or Peninsula residents.

The Big Sur National Park — Why or Why Not? Perhaps those questions and others are best directed to Ansel Adams, Wilderness Society director Bill Turnage, Coastal Commissioner Zad Leavy, Supervisor Sam Farr, CAC Chairman Roger Newell, Congressman Leon Panetta and Phil Burton, and Senator Cranston.



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### Enjoys Gazette

Dear Editor:

I have been a *Gazette* fan. It is one of the most interesting newspapers I have ever had at any time. One thing it specializes in is local news.

Even if I am a midwesterner and only an occasional visitor to California, I enjoy the political news and development which are similar to the history of that of our midwestern states.

My introduction to this newspaper was, of course, through our grandson, Jeff Norman. His letters to grandpa and I had literary talent before his college days.

Jeff's interest in all living things started when he was 3 years old, in slugs and snails under rocks in his own backyard. Later his studies of sea life furthered natural interest and was increased by membership in U.S.F.F.

Hazel L. Norman  
Fairmont, Minn.

### No Big Sur Bill in Congress

Dear Editor: (please reprint)

Dear Paul Viereque:

In accordance with your telephone conversation with a member of my staff on Jan. 24, I would like to assure you that there has been no bill regarding the Big Sur area introduced in the Congress.

I am hopeful that we can find a way very soon to jointly develop legislation leading to the protection of the outstanding scenic and environmental values of the Big Sur Coast.

Phillip Burton  
Chairman, Subcommittee on National Parks & Insular Affairs

### California Is Ripe for Rail

Dear Editor:

Trains, not dirty planes, must be the workhorse for moving people within California in the new era of energy nightmares.

Rail passenger service will cut costly OPEC addiction, air and noise pollution, as well as congestion. And rail isn't a nostalgic step backwards but a big jump towards energy survival for all. Even our tourist trade will catch more fickle fun-loving sardines with the much safer rail net.

But above all, rail will stop OPEC-spewing planes from turning California into one super-aircraft carrier, bent on wrecking our cities. Rail will help heal the terrible wounds already inflicted by aviation.

Last year the French carried over 700 million passengers on their railroad network while consuming only 1 percent of France's energy.

These statistics are intended to prod Southern Pacific to look up for a moment from their many bottom lines and take up railroading for Californians.

California, with half the population of France, is ripe for rail. Energy security compels prosperous SP to compete aggressively against deregulated aviation. Competition can start by putting trains to Monterey back on the tracks. Trains, tracks, roadbed, right-of-way stations, and energy-conscious military passengers are on tap, so prattle about zillions is all hogwash.

You'll know you're winning the energy war when seagulls depart from Monterey railroad station and move over to our airport runways. You can help push SP onto a fast track if you nail politicians to rail before you vote.

Thomas McGrath

### Supports Friends of the Big Sur Coast

Dear Editor:

As pertains to William Turnage's decrying of 'fear mongering' tactics (U.S. Wilderness Society Unveils Big Sur Proposal, Herald, Feb. 26, 1980), I am reminded of President Truman's response to charges that he was conducting his 1948 reelection campaign as a "mudslinger." "If it is considered 'Mudslinging' to go out to every village and every town in this land and to tell the people what the facts of life are," Harry replied, "then I'm a 'mudslinger.'"

Mr. Turnage's attempts to mollify concerns about a

federal "takeover" of the area are almost humorous in their inconsistency with later calls for "the greater use of mass transit to provide access to the coast," the establishment of "staging areas for visitors at both ends of the scenic area," to include museums and interpretive facilities, and the erection of "parking garages for 1,000 cars at either end of Highway 1."

Those proposals, termed proper "federal management" by Mr. Turnage, but labeled "fear mongering" when more closely examined by the likes of Charles Cushman, or CBS's Tom Snyder and Jessica Savitch, are exactly what scare the daylight out of the residents concerned, who have done such an admirable job in preserving the Big Sur Coast as the unspoiled, wild and, yes, Mr. Turnage, "unique" experience that it is.

They are also the reasons why this foundation fully supports Friends of the Big Sur Coast in their efforts to keep federal involvement — and with it, commercialism, traffic congestion and overcrowding — forever out.

Hellmut L. Meyer  
Executive Director,  
Monterey County  
Foundation of Concern, Inc.

### Should Resist Federal Involvement

Dear Editor:

I am a citizen of Alaska who, over the past few winters, has become familiar with Big Sur and the problems it now faces. Big Sur possesses many of the same

qualities which have endeared Alaska to its people. Both are unique, ruggedly beautiful landscapes; but, of equal importance, they are both the home of the ruggedly beautiful individual. Both are equally endangered.

Being an Alaskan, I know of federal tyranny. Less than 1 percent of a state the size of Texas, Montana and California is in private ownership. Alaska has been "saved." Last year President Carter committed what should have been an impeachable offense by mis-using his authority to act where Congress would not. He created 55 million acres of land in Alaska as a federal monument. In order to do this he resorted to an "antiquities act" which enables the president to set aside "geological curiosities" such as the Grand Canyon. By no stretch of the imagination can 55 million acres of mountain and river systems and privately owned mines and homesteads be defined as a "geological curiosity." This was carried out with complete disregard of the desires of the people of Alaska. It was, however, for the benefit of the "public." (The people are the only ones that suffered.)

on it and love it. Suddenly some of the power was on our side.

If we were active and effective before your visit to Big Sur, we are now unshakable in our determination to prevent any further increase in the level of federal involvement in Big Sur, committing ourselves to all that that means.

The Friends of the Big Sur Coast are grateful to you for having sounded the first alarm in January ... and for your visit ... for your ability to define our cause in a few phrases ... for your willingness to help us. Word of your visit and concern has resounded up and down the coast, calling out new volunteers for the cause.

I want to thank you on behalf of the Steering Committee and on behalf of the 694 people who have signed our petition to date. You are the hero of all of us, but in particular of the two-pair-of-jeans people who may not have much money but who have a richness of lifestyle they will not give up. They are the bulk of our supporters but felt helpless before your visit and rallying comments.

Jim Josoff  
General Chairman  
Friends of the Big Sur Coast

The point is, of course, that the people of Big Sur should resist by whatever means available the furtherance of federal involvement in regulating Big Sur. Anyone who looks to the federal government for answers to problems is only creating more problems. Make no mistake—the federal government wants your land, your neighbors land, any land, all land. It wants it for the benefit of the "public"—regardless of how many people are screwed along the way.

Rob Cook  
Fairbanks, Alaska

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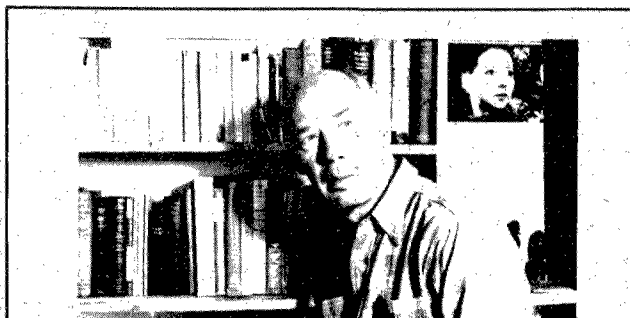
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The majestic live oak with their  
generous beauty and shade  
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# Views and Viewpoints

## An Innovative Notion Expressed

Dear Editor:

In our time innovation is deemed a virtue in itself. So let me advance an "innovative" notion of my own.

My newspaper reports that at Marina Del Rey the California Coastal Commission has required the owner of the 300-room Marina Belle Hotel, in order to get the "Save Our Coast!" commission's permit, "to set aside at least 45 rooms during weekends for rent to moderate- and low-income vacationers at half the going rate."

The developer, one Abraham Lurie, capitulated saying, "It's a form of blackmail I am willing to pay." To do so he "will use ZIP codes to determine which vacationers are poor and therefore entitled to the half-price rooms."

A moment's thought will reveal the endless difficulties that will arise from discriminating to make some hotel guests subsidize others.

So, although I do not worship the socialist-equalitarian doctrine of the Coastal Commission, I cheerfully propose innovative expansion of the

kind of thing imposed on the submissive Mr. Lurie.

To begin, let all of us, artistic photographers, painters and sculptors, and the like, follow the example of the good-natured Lurie and, instead of escalating our prices to the limit, give part of our products to the possessors of low-income ZIP codes for greatly reduced prices, so that the poor also may embellish their homes with fine works of art.

Likewise, let lawyers and architects give part of their services to people with selected ZIP codes for small

fees.

Is this a screwy idea? I think not. It is simply carrying the gospel according to the Coastal Commission to its logical conclusion. I hope that many will embrace the challenge of this innovative idea and carry it out voluntarily without governmental compulsion.

Anyway, Senator Hayakawa's scotching of Cranston's dishonorable trick and Carter's pull-out were good signs.

Edgar Bissantz  
Santa Barbara

## 'Battle for Big Sur' Victim

Dear Editor:

The "Battle for Big Sur" has claimed its first victim. Roger Newell resigned Feb. 12 as chairman of the CAC, under pressure of threats to himself and his family.

Whoever personally was responsible for this vicious and cowardly attack, the blame must be shared by the community and the climate of fear, anger and hysteria to which the *Big Sur Gazette*

and — perhaps unwittingly — the Friends of the Big Sur Coast have contributed.

It is sickening that someone as decent, gifted and enthusiastic as Roger should be persecuted for his dedication to the tasks of the CAC. As a member of that group, I feel that we too share the blame: we made him our point man, and let him take the heat — and the hurt, and the hate — that Big Sur's war mentality has generated. Whoever threatened the Newells threatened us all, and did violence to our illusions about this coastal community and its vaunted values.

This is not the first time that citizens have been threatened for expressing views or doing jobs that displease some elements of the community. If we cannot now confront issues rationally and seek solutions constructively, perhaps we need a keeper for the zoo.

The threat to the Big Sur community is not that of a federal takeover, the intrusion of "outside" interests, the increase of tourists or taxes or traffic.

"We have met the enemy, and he is us."

Virginia Mudd  
Member, Citizens' Advisory  
Committee for the Big Sur  
Coast

compared to the Sawtooth area, but unfairly. The Sawtooth area had no zoning and we have very strict zoning. Sawtooth had developers and we do not and never have had. Mr. Leavy's "facts" on numbers of houses being built are NOT correct, and Mr. Ansel Adams' statement that every time he drives down the coast he sees new roads tearing the hills down and new houses blocking the views, is simply not true. No new roads have been built in years within view of the highway.

If I can be of any help to explore the working concept of a joint powers control group or agency with the community as part of it, please do call on me.

Don A. McQueen

## Unfairly Compared to Sawtooth

Congressman Leon Panetta  
380 Alvarado  
Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Leon:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to the Big Sur Foundation which will explain itself.

I have sent you a copy and want you to know I have resigned because it is my understanding that my name has been used by the Foundation to show people in Washington that even old time residents approved of the Foundation's actions and beliefs.

I have stated before, I am for some kind of equal control authority, but, no increased "Buy-Out" Power for any government or private agency or group.

The Big Sur Coast has been

## A Letter to Roger Newell

Dear Editor:

Please publish the following letter to Roger Newell, chairman, CAC.

I read the letter you have written to the CAC describing the conversation with me on Feb. 12. I feel that since this conversation, and the reasons for your resigning, have been made public, that I would like to remind you of the context of our conversation and the things that you somehow forgot to say in your resignation speech and your letter.

I said that the statements you had made to the Monterey Herald reporter two days earlier, were statements, that as chairman of the CAC you did not have the right to make. You have not been authorized to speak for the community. The CAC is only an advisory group to the community and the county only as far as developing ideas and concerns for a suggested LCP. To date, this plan hasn't been completed, so for you to state to the paper that there are problems with the LCP is not for you to be saying at this time.

So far, no one has proved that to have a successful LCP for this area that a lot of money is needed. The Herald quoted you as saying we might need federal money to make the LCP successful. I felt that this was a very harmful statement to make over and over. If something is said enough times, no matter how incorrect it is, some people will start to believe that it is so.

I said to you that to keep stating that we need federal money to make an LCP work, that hasn't been presented to the community nor to the county, nor to the Coastal Commission, is like saying I don't want to look for any other alternatives for problems that haven't, as yet, been clearly stated.

I also reminded you, in our conversation, that at the time guerrilla warfare tactics were used to discredit Mr. Koeppl as chairman of the CAC. As I remember, a resolution was voted and passed stating that a CAC chairman could only serve for one full year and could not be re-elected and that you had served for over one year.

I told you, that if you kept making public statements that people here in this community could feel were prejudiced and that might have a serious effect on the outcome of the LCP and of the ability of people to keep their property and homes here in Big Sur, that you would be picked on in every way, even personally.

I said to you that I felt for the best community involvement into the LCP process, that more Big Sur people should be included. I also said that Gary Koeppl had done a great job and there came a time when it was best for him to let someone else serve. I also stated that I resigned so that someone else

could become involved and I felt that you should step down and give the community and the CAC a change.

I said to you that I was aware of the incredible number of hours and effort that you are putting into the CAC. That you have done a great job, but I felt in the interest of the LCP, and to continue the process of finishing the plan and presenting it to the community and county, it would be best for you to stay on the CAC, but step down as chairman. I stated over and over in our conversation that it seemed the most important thing is to

develop a plan that as many people of this coast as possible can accept, believe in and somehow see themselves fitting into with their way of life, and yet will still accommodate the visitors that wish to come here.

If you step aside it creates an opening that someone else will be chosen to fill and that persons different ways will encourage and cause a different group to become a part of the planning process.

I will be sending a copy of this letter to the CAC and the *Big Sur Gazette*.

Don A. McQueen

## Don't Want to Live in a Park

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is my letter to Congressman Jack Kemp.

Jack Kemp, Member of  
Congress  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Jack:

We last corresponded about a year ago, regarding the potential continued expansion of Forest Services facilities along the Big Sur Coast. I hope your interest in reducing federal control, where individuals and communities have demonstrated their superior ability to maintain their own affairs and improve the ecological balance established in nature, has not diminished.

It is for that reason that I'm writing to you now.

Senator Alan Cranston, without the knowledge of Big Sur citizens and without the opportunity for public hearings and statements, recently introduced on the senate floor an amendment to HR 3757, which would:

a. pave the way for the designation of the entire Big Sur area as a National Scenic Area, and

b. remove the current restrictions on the Forest Service's limits to land acquisition ... not only in Big Sur, but throughout the western United States.

Both aspects of this proposal are, by the way, in direct conflict with a recently published GAO recommendation to the secretaries of Agriculture and Interior.

As soon as the proposal was discovered and some pressure was brought to bear, Senator Cranston withdrew his proposed amendment.

In spite of the extremely strong feelings emanating from Big Sur, Senator Cranston has now introduced to his colleagues for consideration S2233, which would, if passed, accomplish the same objectives as the withdrawn amendment: further governmental involvement, control and stewardship, in favor of and preempting local planning, local decision-making and local control.

For several years now, the people in this community have been working diligently,

although amidst a great deal of healthy conflict, which continually becomes resolved, to develop a plan which will protect this beautifully rugged, but fragile land for future generations. This group is a legally constituted body, legitimately designated by county and state statute. These Big Sur citizens are dedicated Americans who serve without pay and often without much gratitude. They are people who understand the meaning of privacy, while sharing harmoniously with neighbors and visitors; they are people who are closer to and more caring of the delicate ecological balance in Big Sur than naturalists from Washington.

This community is now close to the completion of its Local Coastal Plan and needs the freedom from further federal intervention to continue its work in protecting this area from any careless development, be it private or governmental.

Jack, we don't want to live in a park. It would be like living in an institution where the roads and signs and concessions and mileage markers and uniformed employees and even the trees and grass develop a numbing and bored sameness that reflects the image of larger and larger Government/Big Brother Control.

Last Saturday Senator Hayakawa visited Big Sur and heard many local residents, some third and fourth generation — others, newcomers like me, describe their strong wishes to allow the local process of planning and ultimate local control and protection to continue. The senator vigorously supports our position and I hope, after investigating the issues, you will too.

I'm enclosing an information packet which presents several perspectives of the problem.

Please, Jack, give this some immediate attention. I believe we represent a microcosm of an American dilemma: the ever increasing development of ordinary citizens and their legitimate interests by a seemingly senseless federal gluttony for more and more control.

Alan J. Perlmutter



## Big Sur Is a Wild Land

Dear Editor:

I am concerned about the activity in motion which would designate Big Sur as a National Scenic Area, and potentially, a national park. As a resident of Big Sur, I would be extremely sorry to see the area come under the control of the federal government. Where is our trust in ourselves that we can manage and plan our own development, or preservation?

Big Sur is, above anything else, a wild land. Even those who own their own property must bow with respect to the fact that this land belongs to God, and is most surely under no controls except the laws of nature. Big Sur myth has it that not everyone can live here. The wildness of the country affects humans' lifestyle and the remoteness and isolation of the way of living, is a challenge not suited to many. Those who have chosen Big Sur hold its beauty in reverence. Neither wildlife nor free human life could continue if our mountains were confined within a government fence.

Last summer, my husband and I decided to go away for a few days. We drove from Big Sur and headed for Yosemite National Park. Firstly, we learned that the park's organized camping areas are filled to capacity during most of the summer. Reservations need to be made ahead through Ticketron. When we did find a space for our tent, we found ourselves surrounded by large truck-type campers, trailers, and mobile homes. Sites are separated from each other by

only a few feet, and we could hear stereo music from three different sources at once. Families had brought bicycles, lawn chairs, electric outdoor lights and all kinds of children's toys. This is not a vacation in the wilderness; it is an experience of transforming the wilderness into a city housing development. In the evening we attended a park lecture on how to handle the bears. The bears are a severe hazard to the people in the park. Some people actually feed bears in order to get a picture of themselves doing so. Others leave coolers of food on top of their picnic table. The bears become "peopleized." They cruise the camping areas looking for goodies. If they don't find food, they can become angry and aggressive. Some bears have had to be killed because of the threat to humans.

The reality is that thousands of people cannot flood into Big Sur without radically changing the wild character of the country. Big Sur residents have a strong vested interest in tourism since many earn their living working in the inns, restaurants and gas stations. Tourists will always be welcome in this community. Let us assume that we residents can work out our own balance between preservation of natural beauty and openness to the interests of the larger world. To me it is an absurd concept that strangers in Washington should make decisions to manage this land.

Nancy Sanders  
Big Sur

## Against Federal Takeover

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my opinion in regards to the Big Sur Coast. I am enclosing also an article from the San Francisco paper that is a pack of lies and they are underlined. You should be aware of this.

The Big Sur Coast doesn't need any federal or state or any other protector. We have done that very well ourselves! And now with all the restrictions on coastal lands it is impossible for the development of land to take place.

People like Ansel Adams do not speak for the Big Sur Coast residents and we don't appreciate his taking that

upon himself and his Washington cronies.

Ansel Adams' wife is one of the Curry's who have all the concessions at Yosemite and have made it a rats nest for the sale of junk—I guess that's what he wants for our coast too—well we don't!

If you represent the people of the area you will vote against controls! Help us protect the coast—from the state or federal governments. Federal, state and county governments own 53 percent of California now—please don't take any more land off of the tax rolls!

Mary Ruth Spencer  
Carmel Highlands

## Disillusioned With LCP

Dear Editor:

During my absence from the area for two weeks I have had time to explore my true feelings with regard to my part in the Carmel LCP process. The time I spent working with the county officials on the Highlands-Riviera Master Plan learning the intricacies of planning, zoning, etc., as they carefully directed us toward our planning goals was very pleasant and enlightening. I find it to be in marked contrast to my present CAC experience.

I must admit that I have become completely disillusioned with the lack of direction shown in the preparation of our Local Coastal Plan for this area. We have never been given any understandable indication of what our function as members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee is intended to be — the limits of our authority — how much weight our advice will have with the county and regional and state Coastal Commissions.

It seems to me that the lack of direction is a deliberate attempt to mislead and confuse. My understanding of the function of the LCP was not to completely re-write the county regulations (an impossible task for a group of

## CPOA Unhappy

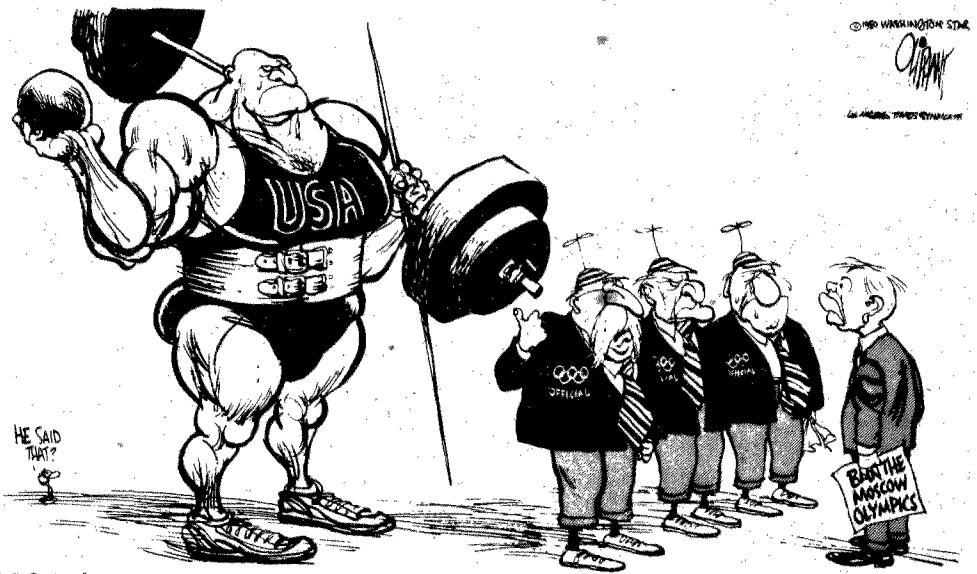
Dear Editor:

In your February issue, on page 2, you ran two notices of a proposed CPOA-sponsored forum. One gives the date as Feb. 16, the other the date of Feb. 17. Both notices state that the subject of the forum will be "federal takeover."

These notices, with incorrect statements, were not authorized by the CPOA. In the future, before printing any item pertaining to our association, we request that you check for accuracy with the CPOA secretary or with another officer.

Katherine P. Short, President  
Coast Property Owners Assn.

(Editor's note: Our apologies to the CPOA. Information was obtained from the forum subcommittee, and the forum was canceled the day after the paper was printed.)



HE SAID THAT WHILST HE IS MINDFUL OF AND APPRECIATES YOUR DILEMMA, AND AS AN AMERICAN WHO HEARTILY CONCURS WITH YOUR CALL TO RESIST SOVIET HEGEMONY IN THESE HAZARDOUS TIMES, YOU CAN STICK YOUR REQUEST!

amateurs) but rather to discover those specific cases in which the county's laws, zoning and housing regulations were in direct conflict with the Coastal Act. Then we, in turn, could consult with our communities to try to work out an acceptable compromise.

After reading the Jan. 28 memorandum from Mr. Michael Fischer, executive director of the state Coastal Commission, it is obvious that his purpose is to centralize all control in the state commission and retain the present staff as long as possible. Some of the suggestions contained in his memorandum are as follows:

1. Extend the deadline for LCP completion by three to five years.
2. Have the Commission and its staff write the LCPs and cut out the local "middleman."
3. Propose another extension for the Regional Commission.
4. Delegate most permit authority to staff.
5. Recognize the emergence of 72 Coastal Zone Management Agencies.
6. Anticipate amendments to Local Coastal Plans.

In the light of the foregoing I have decided to submit my resignation from the Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Local Coastal Plan.

I refuse to participate in this travesty of public input to merely satisfy the requirements of the Coastal Act.

Bobbe B. Jeffers  
Carmel

## The Rosalie Tarpenting Case

Dear Friends:

Being a rural area, where many women practice home births with a midwife in attendance, the case of Rosalie Tarpenting should be of interest to this community. It is the story of a midwife who delivered a still-born baby and was then charged with first degree murder.

It has happened again! Your freedom of choice has been challenged. Again under tragic circumstances your help is desperately needed. From the moment the news was passed from friend to friend that Rosalie Tarpenting was arrested and charged with first-degree murder and practicing medicine without a license, the shock of this injustice was felt throughout the freedom-loving health community.

To our knowledge, this is the first time that a charge of first-degree murder has been brought under these circumstances. It raises the question of personal choice and ultimate responsibility in the selection of the birth environment and attendant. We have also been advised that there are "substantial legal issues involved all along the way." This will be very expensive.

For those of us who know, respect and love Rosalie Tarpenting, all other aspects and issues pale beside our single focus, her acquittal, and vindication for all of us

interested in alternative health care.

There are indications that the Tarpenting case may drag on for some years. It will be necessary to establish a system of support that can sustain a long battle in the courts. To do that we need money, a lot of it, and soon. According to the lawyers, this case may cost upwards of \$50,000 to come to trial. Rosalie was arraigned in Superior Court in Madera, Calif., on Dec. 3, 1979. The next hearing is set for Feb. 1, also in Madera.

We ask for your help: contact your friends, organizations and financial sources, publicize the situation and send money.

From your organizations, we would like to see resolutions passed in support of Rosalie; additionally, can we use your group's name in our literature? Do you have any suggestions? Please help!

Please feel free to write the Defense Fund for further information. Because of the seriousness of the charges and the legal complications involved in this unprecedented case, we ask your understanding if we are not able to address the particulars thoroughly.

At the heart of it, we love Rosalie and will do whatever is possible to relieve her and her family of the burden of this unnecessary tragedy.

Help! We need your support! Please keep in touch.

Dave Peterson

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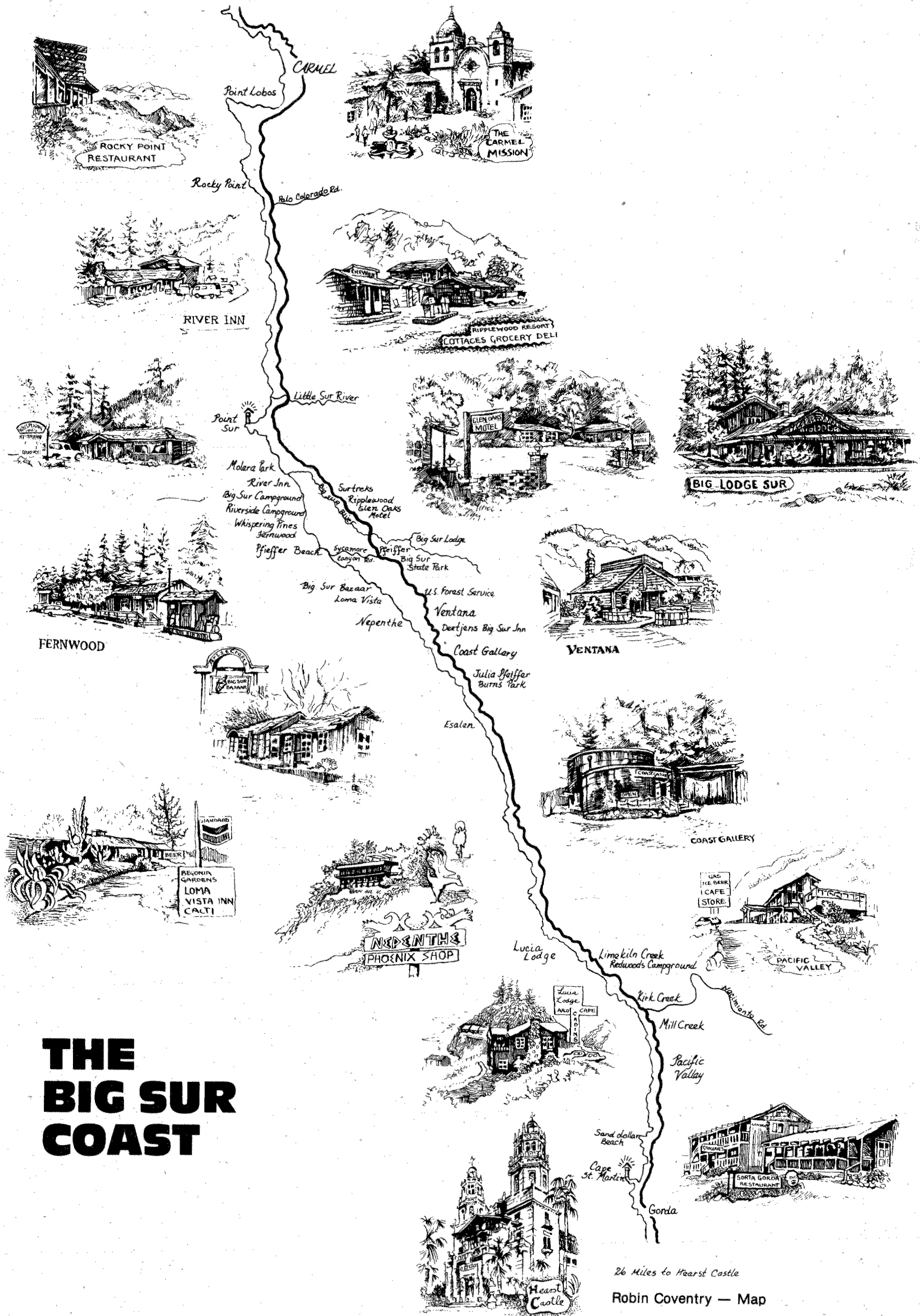
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# THE BIG SUR COAST

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**Curtain Call:** by Leslie Liebman

## A Timely "Tartuffe" at the Forest

Moliere nearly burned for "Tartuffe." Literally.

On May 12, 1664, he presented his comedy on the dangers of religious frauds and was promptly forbidden to show it in public. Only the favor of Louis XIV kept the Archbishop of Paris from having Moliere burned at the stake. The subject has not lost its timeliness.

In the Staff Players' production at the Indoor Forest Theatre we see how a deadly serious subject can become hilarious.

The hypocrite Tartuffe snakes his way into a wealthy household by playing "holier than thou." The father of the family awards him both household and daughter. But Tartuffe

wants the wife, and so begins his downfall.

Nicholas Hovick presents Tartuffe as a straight character. The French tradition has been to paint him in whiteface with lascivious red lips and rolling eyes. Mr. Hovick felt, however, that American tradition and recent events called for a more serious approach.

In this production the choice part is Dorine, the daughter's outspoken maid, played by Nancy L. Bernhard. She sees through everyone's hypocrisies and gets into a lot of trouble by telling idiots the truth.

*The Forced Marriage* stars Jeff Hudelson as Sganarelle, an aging bachelor seduced into marriage by a lovely but frivolous young temptress. As usual, Mr. Hudelson becomes his character so convincingly that all shiver when he cannot escape the marriage.

Young Stephen Anthony Moorer shows himself to be an excellent comic character actor as a nit-picking philosopher. He should do more such roles.

### "Bus Stop" on Stage at Carmel's Studio Theatre

Tom Bender could fall off the stage what with all that strutting and bellowing.

He plays Bo in William Inge's *Bus Stop*. The character originated by Albert Salmi in New York and played by Don Murray in the 1956 film overwhelms the stage at times.

Bo is madly in love with Cherie, played by Leslie Dunn. She is afraid of him. And with good reason. This is his first love and he's not about to be refused.

Inge's play concerns those attachments we label as love. The benign father figure disciplines without rancor. The self-effacing mother figure knows when to leave the child alone. The lustful lovers, the perverted inebriate, the whore, and Bo, all show us "love." No lectures, mind you. Just examples.

Again, Connie Curtis and Sasha Benn Vitas have created set and lighting.

Dick Barrett as the seedy professor shows another side of his talent after walking away with season opener *Mary, Mary*, as a romantic film star.

Leslie Dunn is superb in a part usually associated with Marilyn Monroe. One almost forgets M.M. as Miss Dunn strips to nearly nothing and climbs onto a table to sing *Night and Day*. The song is supposed to be lousy and it takes talent to be deliberately lousy. The girl is great.

Excellent performances are seen all around, especially Roy R. Cole as the sheriff and Irene Morris as naive though brainy young waitress.

The Studio Theatre/Restaurant will be serving comedy for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Thursday through Sunday beginning in March.

### An Excellent Cast Assembled for Hidden Valley Opera

The Hidden Valley troupe has the vocal chords for Mozart, but they may break their necks on that stage.

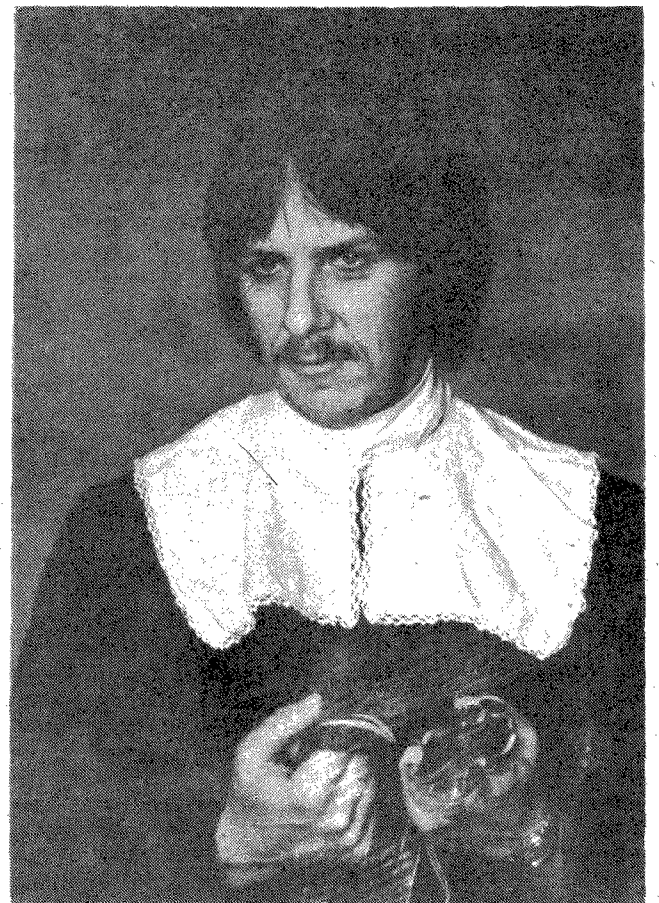
It has a series of large holes designed to represent the canals of Venice. The singers carry in props for scene changes in the dark, not without mishap.

Otherwise the show is great. Every part is difficult and well done.

The excellent cast includes Reg Huston, recently seen at HV as Teyve in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Deborah Carbaugh, well known to Western New York audiences, and Velvali de Ayxa, who played Hodel in *Fiddler*. John Giger and wife Mary Henrichs-Giger devote much of their year to sacred concerts, but at HV they play the evil Don Giovanni and his forsaken love Dona Elvira. Outstanding lyric tenor Gregory Mercer, who has understudied Luciano Pavarotti at the Chicago Lyric Opera, delivers two superb arias.

The evil Don Giovanni (Don Juan) has dedicated his life to seduction. He feels no remorse when his lust results in murder. On stage he isn't all that successful with the ladies, either, thanks to his vengeful mistress. At last he is dragged into hell by a marble statue of his murder victim.

Don Giovanni was a hit at Prague in 1787 as well as at HV in



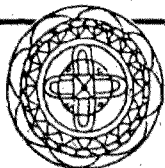
NICK HOVICK is the soulless Tartuffe, the arch-hypocrite of Moliere's serious comedy at the Indoor Forest Theater.

1774. Mozart was popular enough to steal a tune from his own Figaro for the last scene and have a character call it "over-rated." Two hundred years later, we still laugh.

Mozart composed the complicated music in six months, and managed to create a few sonatas at the same time. The complicated libretto by Lorenzo da Ponte was born in 63 days while he wrote two other opera librettos at the same time. But there is nothing rushed about the production. It lasts three hours.

We seldom hear older opera. In Mozart's day opera was evolving from a procession of difficult arias to musical plays. Don Giovanni is both. It has both violent drama and comedy, strong choruses and vocal acrobatics.

Definitely a treat for the ear, sometimes a treat for the eye. Even in modern dress, Don Giovanni leaves the audience talking about it long after the finale.



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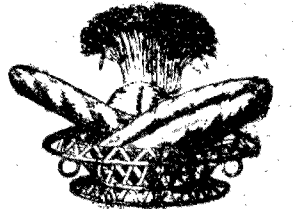


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### Quintessence of Kumquat

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The following recipe is a variation on nature's theme — so that your guests will delight in the most perfect embodiment of the essence of kumquat.

#### KUMQUAT MOUSSE

2 cups kumquat puree	1½ tsp. gelatin
1/4 cup cold water	1 cup sugar
3 Tbsp. lemon juice	1/8 tsp. salt
2-3 Tbsp. cognac	1 pint whipping cream
2 Tbsp. sour cream	

#### KUMQUAT PUREE:

Seed and boil whole fruit until tender. Puree in blender or food processor.

1. Bring puree to point of boil in double boiler.
2. Soak gelatin in water and add to puree with sugar and lemon juice.
3. Add salt and cognac.
4. Whip one pint of whipping cream, then stir in 2 Tbsp. sour cream.
5. Fold cream into puree.
6. Chill in mold or serving bowl for at least 4 hours before serving.

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The Lloyds

# Memories of Big Sur in the Back Road Days

By BETTY BARRON

"It seems like only yesterday that I rode with my father on a wooden wagon drawn by two horses past the Doud Ranch on the old coast road," recalls Frank Lloyd, who first came here in 1911 as a small boy of four. "Possibly the memory of that ride into the Big Sur would not have remained in my memory but for the fact that one of the horses shied at a rattler. But we were daddy and "Pancho" out in adventure land, going for a few days of camping in sleeping bags by a stream. And I was excited with the prospect of a deer hunt in the Palo Colorado Canyon."

(That particular strip of the old coast road was the site, years later, of many of the scenes of the movie *The Sandpiper*, starring Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor.)

At the time of Frank Lloyd's first venture into the Big Sur, his father was doing research at the Carnegie Coastal Laboratory.

Frank, "born in an adobe in the Arizona desert," to Professor and Mrs. Francis Ernest Lloyd, who were both doing plant physiology research, was first taken to Mexico to live at the age of three months. The

family much later moved to Montreal, where Professor Lloyd joined the McGill University faculty.

As Frank remembers, "My parents bought an acre of land in Carmel that year of my "pioneer trip" to the Big Sur. It's the block between Santa Lucia and 13th on San Carlos. We lived here for a few years and then returned to Canada. I spent summers here during my college years at McGill. I met Marjory, my wife, at McGill, and we were married in 1930. I then took a leave of absence from my sports writer job with the *Montreal Gazette* and brought Marjory back to the Monterey Peninsula in 1933. And that convinced me that I wanted to move here permanently."

Those were the days when the new coast road was being built and Marjory Lloyd remembers one of the first questions her new friends asked, "Have you been down the road to see the Big Sur?"

In some bewilderment, Marjory wondered why the question was asked so often. She said to herself, "My, these people out here are really interested in waste disposal!" (She thought they were saying "Big Sewer.") It

was not until Frank took her down the coast in their \$75 Nash and she saw the sign "Big Sur," that she realized the "sewer" was the most beautiful bit of coastland in the world.

The most memorable event for Marjory and Frank Lloyd during their first visit here together was the going-away party given for them and their first child, 3-year-old Jennefer, at the Old Log Cabin. It is now rebuilt as the post adobe house at Nepenthe just above the outdoor dining and dancing area.

The Old Log Cabin was later to become Nepenthe, but sentimental friends shunned the place for years. It was hard to adjust to the change—to them—desecration. But years later, the Lloyds, their children and friends enjoyed Bill and Lolly Fassett's hospitality, and have many fond memories of the "new" Nepenthe.

The party in 1934 was a happy one, although the young couple were reluctant to leave. But the Depression was in full swing and Frank felt he had to return to the security of his newspaper job in Montreal.

Says Frank now, with a grin, "A year and a half later it was back to California in another second-hand car, and with a second child, Francis (Skip) Lloyd."

The Lloyd family, with Jennefer and Skip, spent many happy days in the Big Sur. Frank often loaded what he calls "the family carbine" and hunted wild boar along the lonely trails of the Sur country, more for his Amerind (American Indian) joy of silent walks with nature than to kill.

As Frank remembers, "I never even saw a wild boar until one afternoon, sitting at Nepenthe, I saw a wild pig family cross the golden meadow above. It was a beautiful sight in the soft afternoon sunshine."

Frank also remembers traveling down the coast to see the young movie star, Barbara O'Neill, who was then camping with her family and friends in Coastlands. With Gordon (Judge) Campbell and Ross Burton, they drove a cut-down Model-T Ford along the old coast road, patching tires several times as they went along.

(Barbara O'Neill may be remembered for her roles as Scarlett O'Hara's mother in *Gone With the Wind*, in the film *I Remember Mama* and the Broadway play, *Affairs of State*.)

As the Lloyd family grew—with the arrival of daughters Lucinda and Mardi—Frank

built a home in the Highlands, as he says, "where the Big Sur Country begins." He used the wide redwood boards resawed from the bridge timbers on the old coast road, designing the house with broad decks, which extended the living space under the big trees.

—designed the house, as I had done a series of other houses I have built, some of board and bat, some entirely of rock and many of wood and frame construction. Although I found that I was instinctively a builder as much as a writer, my favorite means of making a living was fishing. That was true freedom!"

As a commercial fisherman, Frank combed the waters of the Pacific from the Noyo River along the salmon coast to the high seas for albacore far out from the Mexican coast.

Meanwhile, his family of four grew, attending the local schools and going on to college. Jennefer attended Stanford, married and raised two sons, Owen and Lloyd. After her sons were grown, she returned to Stanford to complete her studies, earning her BA degree in 1974, the same year her son, Owen, finished his freshman year at Stanford.

Skip Lloyd attended Stanford and earned his law degree at Boalt Hall. He is now a lawyer, practicing in Monterey. He lives in Carmel with his wife, Sue, and children Peter, Leslie and Jennefer.

Lucinda Lloyd Marquard, now an assistant head nurse at Community Hospital, has two children, Anna Williams and Michael Williams. Mardi Lloyd Niles lives in Arroyo Grande with her husband, Phil, an environmental engineer professor at Cal Poly, and their son, John Hart Niles.

All this time with her family growing, Marjory Lloyd kept in tune with her lively offspring and innovative husband. She was the editor of the *Carmel Pine Cone* "off and on" for several years and most of the '60s, a total of approximately 15 years.

Says Marjory of her "past," before meeting and marrying Frank: "I was born in Kent, England—left with my parents at the age of seven on a ship bound for Newfoundland. Our family later moved to Montreal, where I attended MacDonald College. But I think of the Monterey Peninsula and Big Sur as my true home."

Both Marjory and Frank Lloyd have the faculty for meeting and making friends, some of world renown, wherever they are. While at McGill, they met Eric Berne, who later became the well-known psychoanalyst, and who came to Carmel to live. During their college years they were friends of Dr. Leon Edel, the biographer of Henry James. And while Marjory and Frank were in college, Jake Stock, whose Abalone Stompers now play at River Inn, played at their dances. Frank claims Jake and his brother, Morgan Stock, are distant cousins.

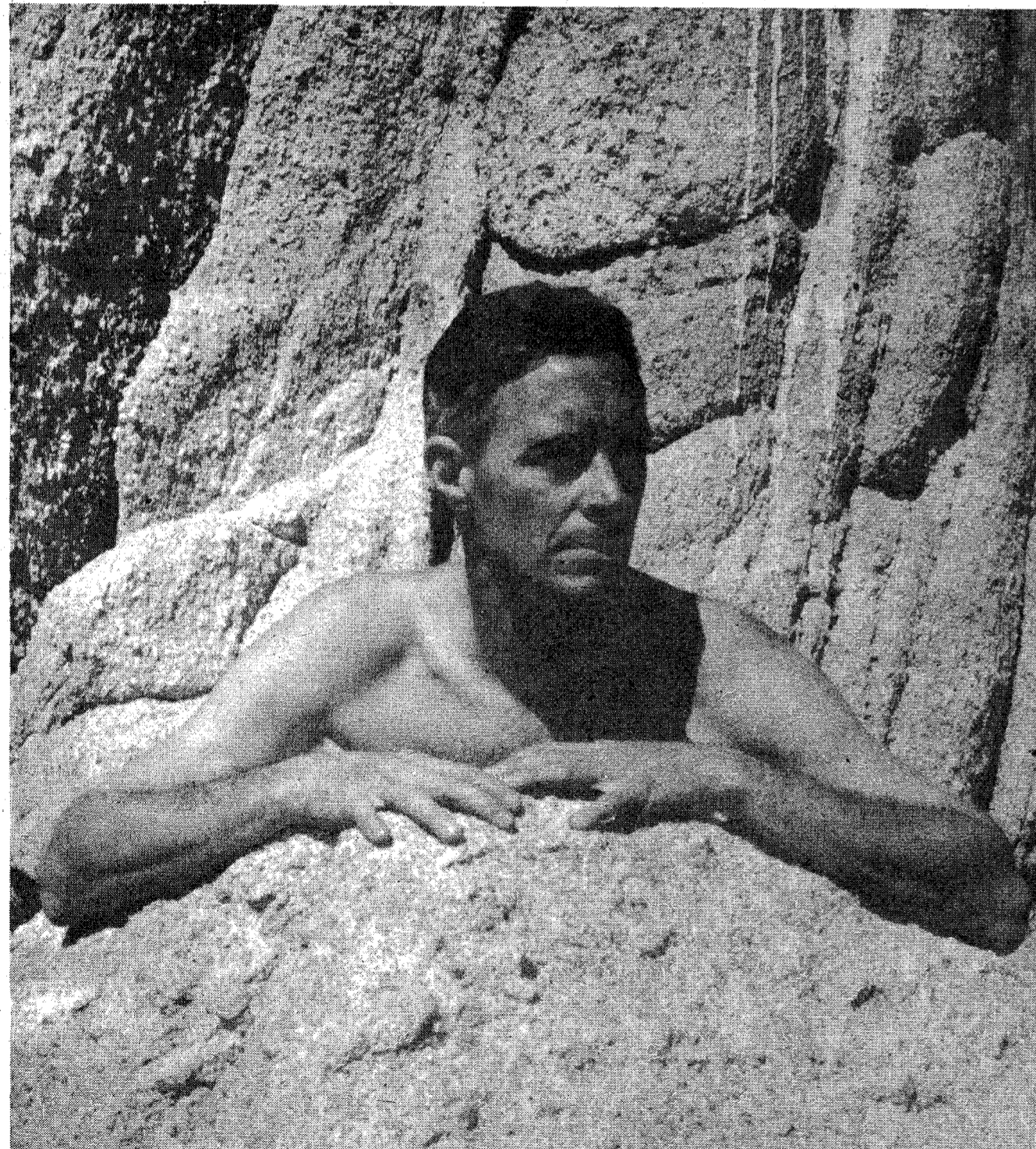
"During the nifty '50s," says Frank, "Marjory and I spent much time with Dorothy and Eric Berne at John and Priscilla Nesbitt's Circle-M Ranch, located where the Camoldoli Monastery has now been built. And before that time, I worked a little on the coast road, as did John Steinbeck a few years before."

Frank, now dubbed "the beachmaster" by his friends who often gather at Stewart's Point in Carmel (near the mouth of the Carmel River) for picnics and sun, is a frequent visitor down the coast to his favorite haunts in the Big Sur.

With a touch of nostalgia, Frank says, "Big Sur to me, through all these years, has meant romance, rugged beauty, loneliness, high moments of happiness and long deep moments of sorrow. It has meant the Rainbow Bridge over Bixby Creek and the mound of Point Sur, a warm afternoon at Nepenthe at the hill of the twilight of Point Sixteen at the Circle-M Ranch, a place seemingly destined to fall through space to the sea below."



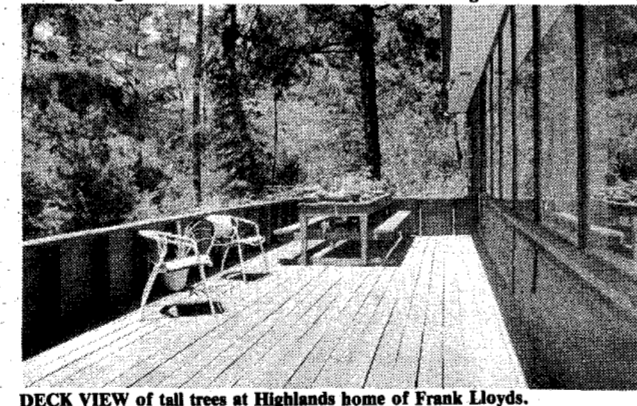
MARJORY LLOYD, in a pensive mood one warm summer afternoon in the Big Sur at the time of the completion of the Coast Road.



BEACH SCENE — Frank Lloyd caught between rocks along the Coast during early days in the Big Sur.



HIGHLANDS HOME—The Lloyds' home above China Cove was built by Frank, using redwood timbers from old coast road bridges.



DECK VIEW of tall trees at Highlands home of Frank Lloyds.



FRANK LLOYD'S fishing boat the "Mary Hart," named for his mother. Frank was a commercial fisherman off Pt. Sur during the '30s and '40s.



May, 1934, bon voyage picnic group at the Old Log Cabin, now replaced by Nepenthe adobe above the outdoor dining and dancing area. Saying goodbye to the Lloyd family: in windows: Anne Green (later Mrs. Ted Roberts), Frank Lloyd, Marjory Lloyd, Abbie Lou Williams (later Mrs. Laidlaw Williams). Middle row: unidentified visitor from Northwest; Sidney Robertson (later Mrs. Henry Cowell), Bettie Greene, Anne's sister. Front row: Frances Wright (later Mrs. MacBoyle Lewis), Edith Dickinson, 3-year-old Jennefer Lloyd (now Mrs. Harold Santee); Abe Weiss.



**March Ramble:**

# The Gladiator

By JUDITH GOODMAN

A minor case of cabin fever. Three days of wild wind-whipped rain from the south. Zero visibility. Much too strenuous even for me, who loves all kinds of weather, to venture outside. Too many flying objects.



I've been warm and dry. Only three major drips in this well-built house, none of them strategic. I've kept busy — baking Jewish motherbread and peanut butter cookies, devouring 820 pages of *Hanta Yo*, an enthralling book by Ruth Beebe Hill.

Feeling snug. Plenty kerosene. Feeling smug, in fact; no worries about losing my light like my fortunate friends on Partington Ridge with their all-electric house.

Enough already! I am sick of indoor sports. For three solid days I have beat my brains out searching for words of wisdom to comfort myself and anyone else in Big Sur who is troubled by fear of future losses. Privileged to live these past 10 years in this paradise, have I learned anything that I can put in words to cast light on the present moment? If not, what's been the use of it all?

On the fourth day, sick of words and myself, I crumple up the 15th false start. There's a hole in the wall of incessant sound; the elegant curve of the Hill of the Hawk emerges from mist. Thank goodness, the rain has stopped, the storm cloud pulled back; it's time for a walk to see what's growing, stir up the overfed blood, maybe clear my head.

Booted and suited, I walk up the muddy driveway. My daffodils are bent but not broken. No sign of traffic in the gooey mud, neither animal nor human; the world is chocolate brown and emerald green, smelling delicious. The sound of rushing water.

It was after just such a storm as this, seven years ago in early March, that I took my life in my hands, slithered up the rudimentary Clear Ridge road to pitch my tent in what was then a wilderness. Far away from the crazy world.

Seven years ago. Not a single house in the six miles between the two old houses at the river and the Sycamore Canyon gate. Not a human being for miles around. Only one visible neighbor and he miles away across the canyon and visible only by dint of the flag that he flies. In truth, a wilderness — full of wild creatures, bobcat, foxes, coyote, deer, wild boar, woodrats, once a mountain lion — untouched by human hand.

Well, almost untouched. The road existed, almost as it is today. The watertank and the one-inch pipe from a well at the Big Sur river were here, untried, potential. This was all, seven years ago. This and the intent to develop Clear Ridge into a neighborhood for a fortunate few. Today, by my personal count, 17 households within the gates. And most of these within the past four years.

I slog on platforms of mud to the head of my road. Which way shall I wander? Down the Middle Road, past the neighbors encampment, past the unfinished house, past the stash of lumber and windows and assorted salvage? Past their rolling stock, most of which doesn't roll? Shall I stroll past the wet red telephone installed at the side of the road? Into Pear Valley to visit the Indian rock? No, there are people living there now, in rental houses — occupied territory.

I trace the bright green curve of Mariposa hill; some restless fool careens down the muddy road in a pickup truck, chewing up the curves in his haste to reach the highway. A populous neighborhood now, six visible dwellings. On the backside of Pfeiffer Ridge I count seven constructions, all new in the past two years. Nothing in that direction to soothe my soul. Unreasonable to get upset, I know; this is only my personal viewshed.

I turn away and climb to the watertank. Middle Road is lined with thistles. Hardy weed; I have watched it follow in the dozer's footsteps, move down the meadows, survive three years of drought and come back strong. The best that I can hope to do is keep the invader out of my garden, a task requiring constant vigilance.

Middle Road is muddy but yet unscarred by vehicle. Only the neighbor's roaming mules and one large pair of human feet have passed this way today. At the watertank that serves (erratically) this community, a Porsche is poised for flight. There is water in the tank today. A blessing for the 12 households dependent on the jerry-built system for all their water. A system that, like Topsy, just grew; the focus of all the neighborhood fighting and feuding. Little did I realize when I helped to troubleshoot the line seven years ago that as soon as

water reached the tank, development would follow. So it is. Development follows water.

At the watertank, a wind from the south carries promise of more rain to come. It is time to get moving, stop brooding, turn my back on the mess. But first I must find a path through the bog below the windswept house that has mushroomed on the very spot where, seven years ago, a wind picked me up by my backpack and put me down someplace else. The windiest spot on the ridge. I notice that the house is weathering rapidly in its eminence; magnificent views both north and south, and exposure to every wind. There ought to be a law requiring folks to live on their land for a calendar year before submitting plans. A law to save us from our follies.

I make it around the swamp by walking on the thistles at the edge. At last, trudging through the redwoods where wild iris bloom, I begin to enjoy. The woods are full of delicate toothwort and here and there the deep blue houndstongue flowers. Maidenhair fern sparkles with water. The soft call of a dove sounds from the oak grove. My heart is lighter.

Deliberately, I retrace my steps of seven years ago, to the spot where I pitched my tent in the wilderness. Unchanged. The huge old oak under which I lived still holds on its lowest horizontal branch an accumulation of packrat turd. Gone is any trace of the flowers I transplanted; instead, Mother Nature is doing fine without me — a few delicate wild iris, a blossoming manzanita. I search for some sign that the wild boar still root here; not a single furrow. It's been two years now since the boar retreated to the untouched wilds of Molera.

The chaparral is sweet with the heavy scent of wild lilac; the low growing deep-blue one with warty leaves, the taller pale-blue ceanothus in full bloom now. Manzanita bears white waxy bells. I stop to listen to my favorite bird, the thrasher, as he improvises on a springtime theme — "Life, life, life," he yodels from an overlooking ceanothus snag. I feel better.

I hurry now, as the wind blows wet, making haste toward the wide green meadow. Oh yes, the selfsame riot of color that stirred my blood seven years ago. Bright red Indian paintbrush, orange poppies, pink wild hollyhock, shiney golden buttercups, tall white zygadene, tiny yellow johnny-jump-ups with brown centers. All this color in a sea of bright green grass backed up by the silver-blue Pacific.

And silhouetted against the sky, just across from the spot where the Gladiator used to stand, "the barn." A structure visible from everywhere—from the Coast Ridge road, from Cone Peak on a clear day.

The Gladiator guarded this spot seven years ago, facing out to sea, sword and shield on the ready. Created from rubble after fire destroyed the Brazil farmhouse in Sycamore Canyon, welded in the fire of a Russian sculptor's love for this land, the Gladiator was my hero. His power, I hoped, would ward off harm, protect us from encroachment. When the owners of this parcel wished to build here, the statue was removed. That's life. This is private property. Where is my warrior now? I peer through thickening mist toward Mariposa Ridge. There he stands, still heavily armored, still looking out to sea, on a round green knoll. At his back—behind his back—a rapidly growing neighborhood, fraught with all the problems that derive from human nature.

I look back the way I came. The round green hills rise in soft arcs to the straight spine of Watertank ridge. From a distance the human habitations are small and sparsely scattered. A cloud now covers the Hill of the Hawk. In the filtered light Clear Ridge shines softly green. I am filled with love for this place, as it is, right now. What can I do, what can I love, to nurture this land as it changes, protect it from harm?

Words run through my head as I retrace my steps to the tune of a Wordsworth sonnet:

"The world is too much with us; late and soon,  
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers:  
Little we see in Nature that is ours;  
We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!"

I am one of the privileged, having found this place in time to taste existence of exquisite quality. How can I settle for less, and where shall I find it again? And how can I deny the right of anyone to seek the same experience? Is there any power—private landowners, state park people, federal money—that can prevent the erosion of the quality of life on the coast by too many people?

Almost home, good and wet now, I still cannot find the words of wisdom I seek. Nevertheless, I'm feeling good, my head is clear, the bread and cookies are assimilated and the gloom has lifted. Feeling fortunate to be here, in this time in this place, I can make one-positive suggestion to the troubled people: Go take a good long walk.

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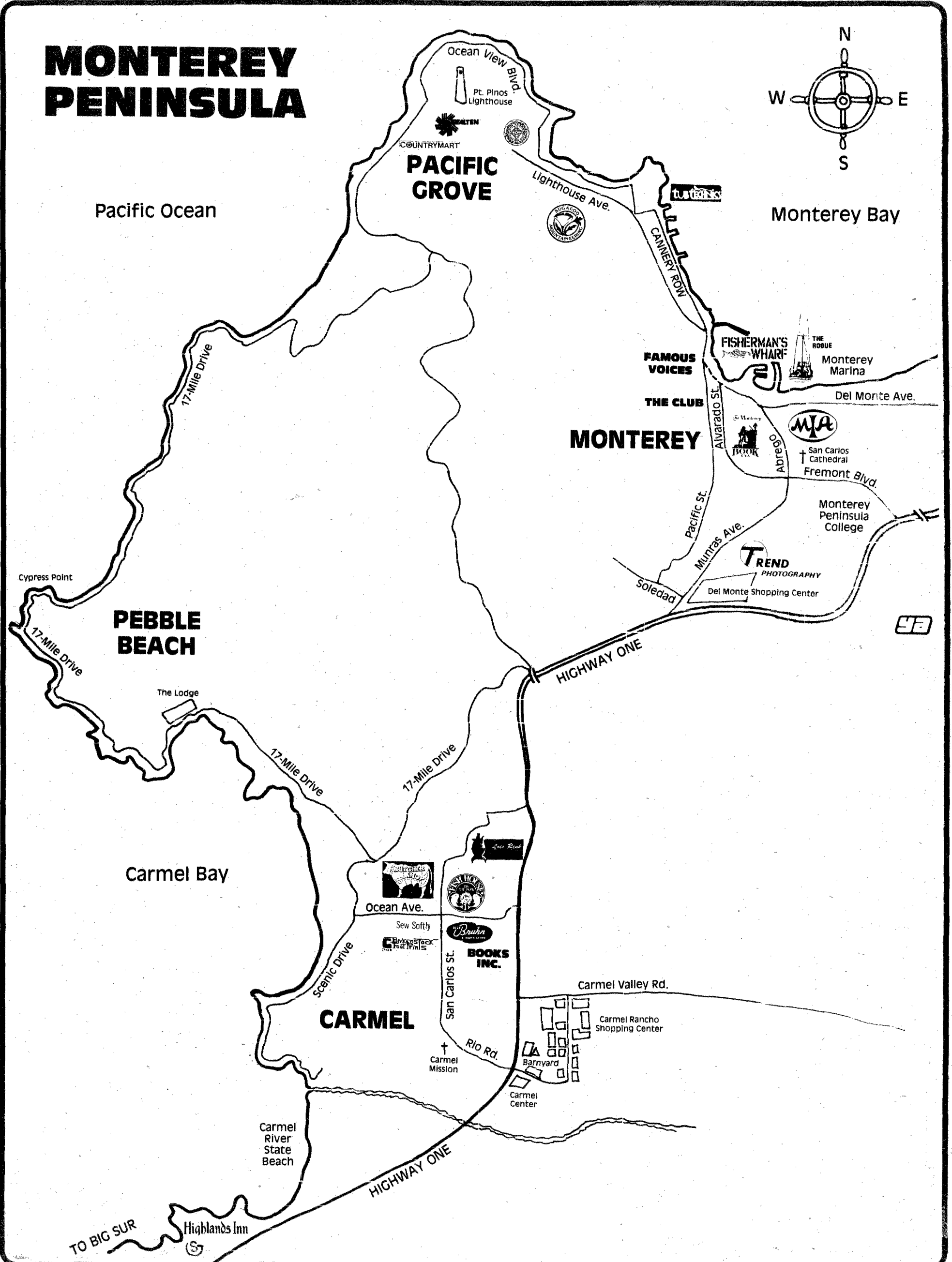
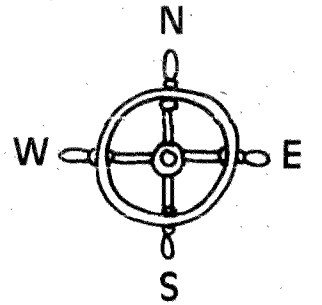
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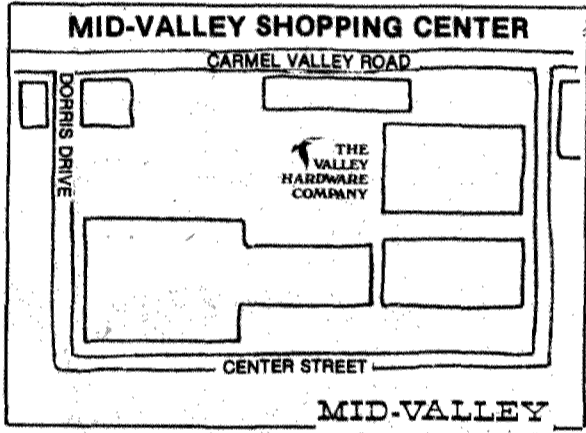
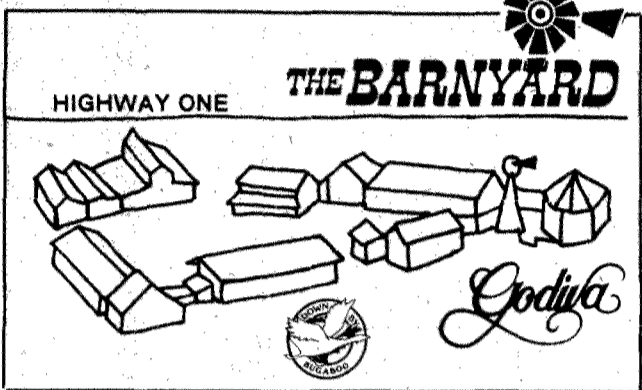
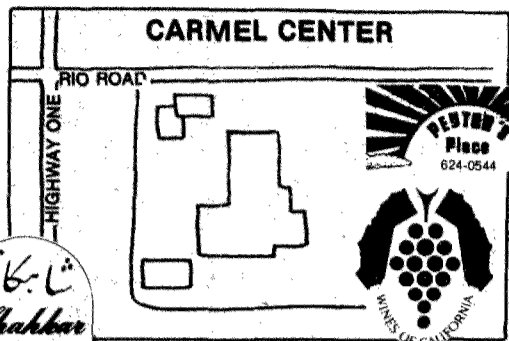
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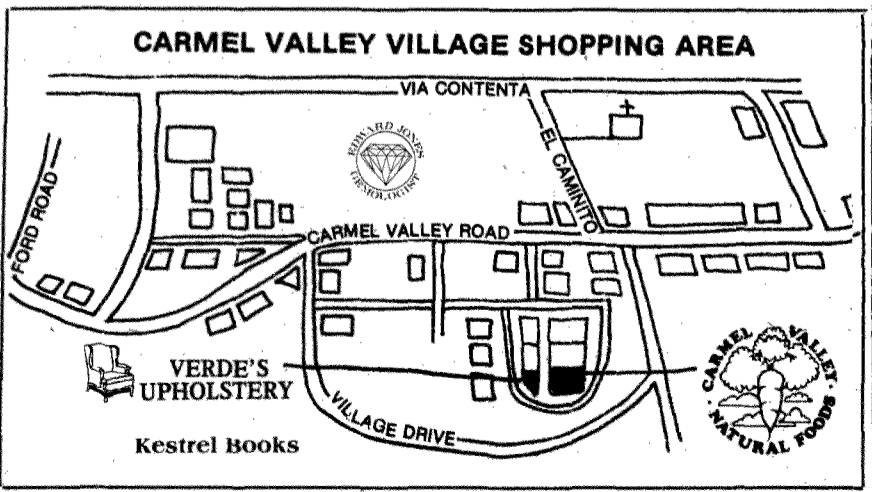
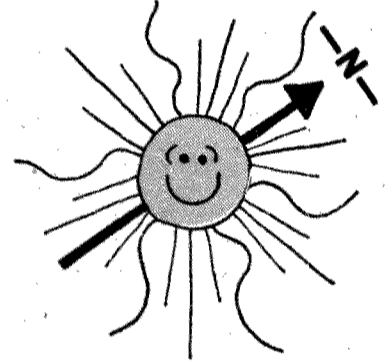
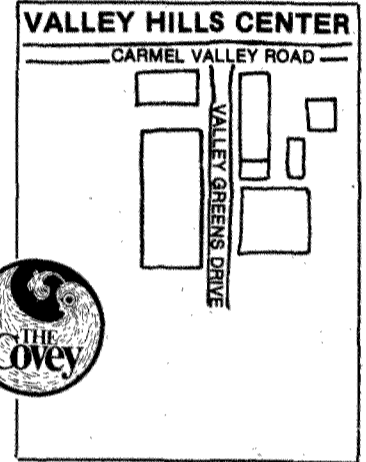
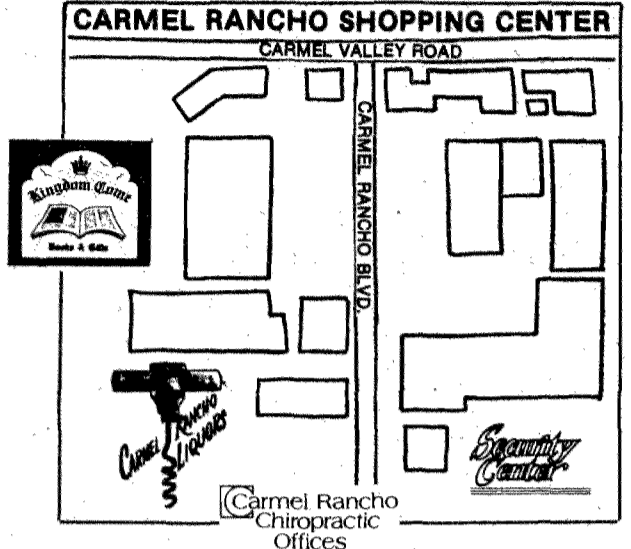
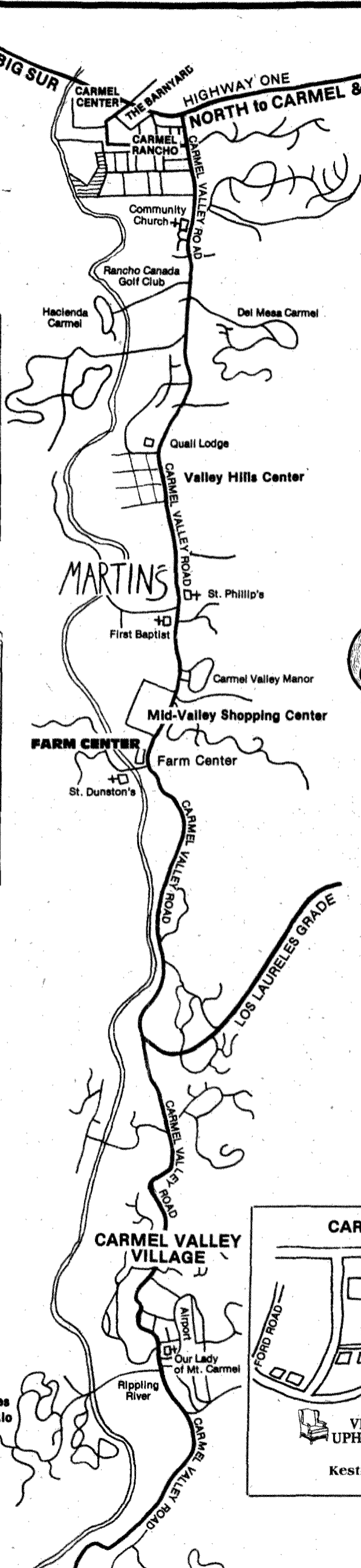
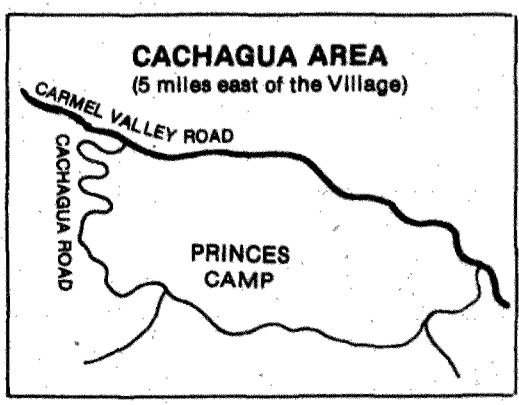
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# Wilderness Society Proposes National Scenic Area

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frequent trespassing, litter, vandalism, overuse and resource deterioration. In addition, the lack of access the public now has to the beaches and coastal mountains has limited public enjoyment of the area and resulted in abuse of landowner rights. This is not simply a local problem, and it requires comprehensive management by a single agency concerned primarily with preserving the scenic beauty and the rugged, individualistic lifestyle that now exists in Big Sur.

## II. THE BIG SUR NATIONAL SCENIC AREA

We intend to ask the Congress to establish a National Scenic Area along the Big Sur Coast. Though we have several objectives in mind, our primary concern is for protection of the magnificent coastal views along the Big Sur.

Yet we want to accomplish this without affecting any residents until and unless they themselves desire to sell their property to the federal government.

The U.S. Forest Service should manage the National Scenic Area, with the advice and assistance of local and state government agencies, including the California Coastal Commission, the California Coastal Conservancy, California Department of Parks and Recreation, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, and the Big Sur Citizens Advisory Committee to the local coastal program. A Big Sur National Scenic Area Advisory Committee would be established in the bill, and would include individual citizen members, as well as representatives of the organizations listed above.

The choice of the Forest Service as the agency to manage the Big Sur is a logical one. The Los Padres National Forest is already an integral part of the Big Sur community. The Forest includes much of the land in the Big Sur region, and the Forest Service is a familiar agency to the people of Big Sur, and vice versa. The Forest Service has a record of being responsive to citizen concerns about management policies that affect the local community. There should not be the level of mistrust between the Forest Service and the Big Sur residents that could develop if an outside agency, such as the National Park Service, were brought in to manage the Scenic Area. Our commitment to the Forest Service to do this job is strong. Our sensitivity to the concerns of local residents is demonstrated by our commitment to the Forest Service.

## A. Planning and Management for Big Sur

The Wilderness Society believes strongly in single agency management for the Big Sur Scenic Area, and we believe that agency should be the U.S. Forest Service. The most effective land preservation efforts in America have been accomplished by single-agency management. We are convinced that management of the Scenic Area by multiple agencies at the federal, state and county level is not a viable solution. Multiple agency management would make it very difficult to carry out a cohesive strategy for protection of Big Sur, and could frustrate the efforts of local citizens to have their views considered before decisions are made. A specific agency with a clear mission and the tools to accomplish its objectives is the most effective way to preserve the status quo in Big Sur.

We do not advocate that the Forest Service manage all of Big Sur. The existing state parks and wildlife preserves in the region should continue to be managed by the state of California as long as the state wishes to do so. Nor do we envision that the Forest Service would take over the Point Sur Naval Station until the time when the facility is no longer needed for its present purposes.

Under our proposal, the Forest Service would be required to develop a management plan for Big Sur within two years after the legislation is passed. The plan would be developed after full public hearings, and maximum opportunity for public involvement. The Big Sur Advisory Committee would make recommendations to the Chief of the Forest Service, and he would have to consider these recommendations before approving the final plan.

The management plan would deal with how to best preserve the scenic values and the lifestyles that are now an integral part of Big Sur in a way that is as sensitive as possible to local and landowner interests. The important questions of how to best manage tourist traffic on Highway 1, how to provide for public access to beaches and the inland mountains and forests, how to control erosion, and how to provide public information and interpretation about the Scenic Area and the commercial facilities available would all be addressed in the management plan.

A land acquisition plan would be prepared simultaneously with the management plan and full involvement by the public and the Advisory Committee. While the plan is being developed, land could be acquired from willing sellers. We would expect, however, that the bulk of the land acquisition in Big Sur would take place after there is an approved land acquisition plan.

## B. Methods of Land Acquisition

Land would be acquired within the Big Sur National Scenic Area on a willing seller basis, with very limited, defined exceptions only. We want to make it very clear that the circumstances under which the federal government would be permitted to condemn property are quite restricted. If a person decides to build on an undeveloped lot, or to put in a new road, or to significantly expand an existing motel, or commercial enterprise, the land they want to develop would be purchased by the Forest Service. In other words, any activity that impairs scenic values or causes significant environmental degradation will be precluded.

We are not trying to prevent homeowners from adding a new bathroom, or a new wing to their house, or to upgrade their driveway. We will work with affected landowners and with the appropriate members and committees of Congress to arrive at satisfactory legislative language that makes it clear what the rights of property owners are. We want to limit the discretion of the Forest Service to impose unnecessary restrictions on landowners who live in Big Sur.

The Forest Service could buy land from anyone within the boundaries of the Scenic Area who wished to sell pursuant to its land acquisition plan. The land could either be bought outright in fee, or easements that restrict future development could be purchased. Generally, we would expect most undeveloped property to be purchased in fee, unless it could be demonstrated that (1) significant savings to the taxpayer would be realized by buying an easement; (2) the land would be fully protected; and (3) public use would be allowed to the extent it is needed for access or for enjoyment of the Scenic Area. The Forest Service would be limited in the amount of land it could purchase for recreation development such as campgrounds.

We expect that easements would be purchased in most cases for commercial and residential property. This would permit these property owners to continue to live on or use their land as they have in the past, and to build modest additions to existing homes, but future development would be precluded. In

certain cases the Forest Service would buy developed property in fee, though again only from willing sellers.

For example, suppose that a residential property is in full view from Coastal Route 1 looking towards the ocean. The Forest Service might well determine that the house significantly detracts from the scenic beauty of the area, and would not buy an easement that would allow the house to remain permanently. This does not mean that the homeowner would be forced off of his land; rather, the Forest Service would wait until the owner of the property is willing to sell in fee, and then would buy the entire interest.

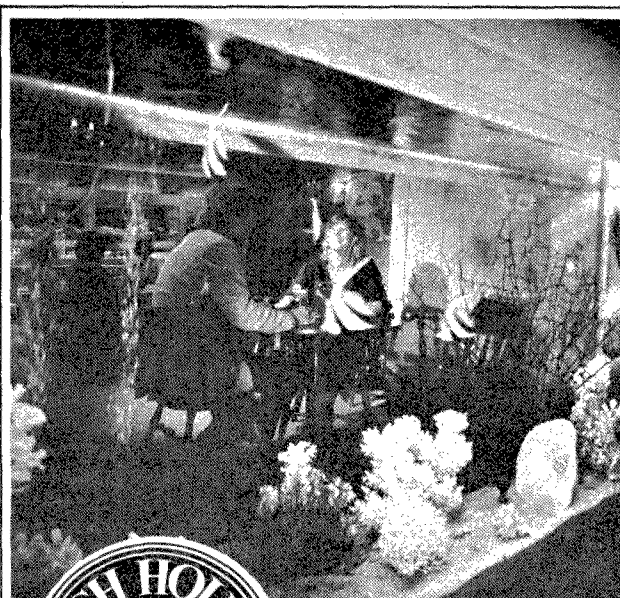
All of these land acquisitions would be based on right of first refusal. As long as the property stayed in the immediate family, even for several generations, the federal government would have no right of acquisition. If the landowner decided to sell, he would have to offer the property to the Forest Service at fair market value, which would be determined by both impartial professional appraisal and through negotiations with the landowner. And if the Forest Service decided not to buy the property, it could be sold to another person. If the owner and the Forest Service could not agree on a price, the owner would be free to keep his property.

This land acquisition scheme offers many potential benefits to landowners in Big Sur. It allows the property owner to keep his property, sell it to the Forest Service, or in some cases, sell an easement. Perhaps most importantly, from the landowner's point of view, it provides him with ready market and/or compensation for not being permitted to develop his property. Without this legislation, the landowners in Big Sur are faced with the unpleasant prospect of not being able to develop and not being paid for giving up development rights.

## III. WHY THIS LEGISLATION IS NEEDED NOW

We believe very strongly that it makes little sense to wait until incompatible development has overwhelmed Big Sur before action is taken. There is a strong consensus among just about everyone involved that Big Sur should be kept pretty much as it is today. Therefore, it is wise to act now to achieve permanent protection for this extraordinary part of the American landscape while there is still time. The wisest policy is to anticipate crises, and not simply react to them.

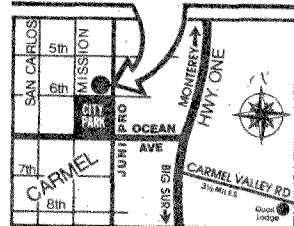
During the past decade the beauty of the Big Sur coast has been degraded. Incremental housing development that is incompatible with protection of Big Sur continues to take place, particularly along the northern part of the coast. The only viable and fair way to stop the development and adequately compensate landowners for giving up development opportunities is through an approach similar to the one outlined here.



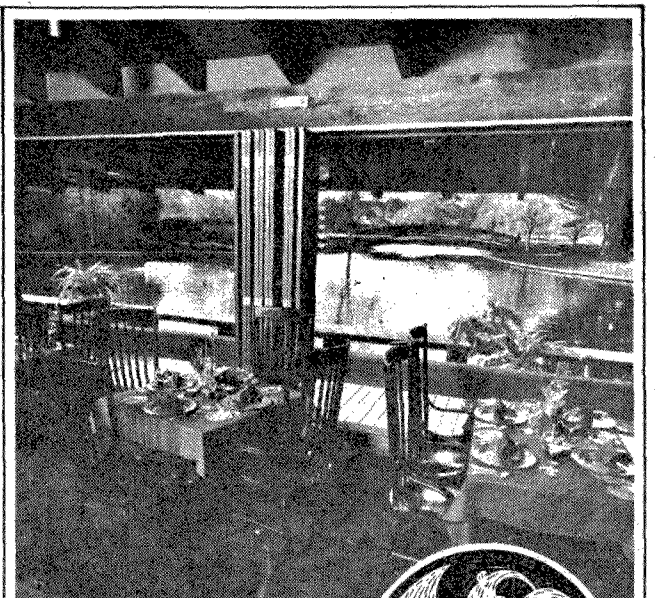
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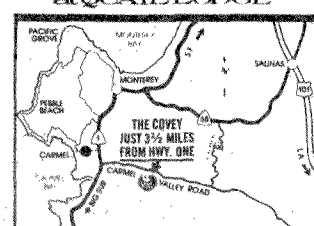
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*How and When Do We Make Choices?*

# Future Changes in Store for the Coastal Commission

By MICHAEL FISCHER  
California Coastal Commission

No one has ever accused the commission of having become a stable, ritualized, humdrum, bureaucratically ossified agency. Controversy, hard work, constant pressure to respond to changing demands — those phrases are more accurate. Not surprisingly, the future holds more of the same.

I'm writing to lay out several of the challenges our organization is about to face, what some of our options are, and to suggest how we all might help choose the way we face each of those challenges.

**The Challenges:**

1. The "Jarvis II" Initiative. (Will we be facing layoffs? How would it affect our ability to accomplish Coastal Act requirements?)
2. The termination of regional commissions. (Will most of the LCPs be done? If not, how will our state commission handle the permit load? Will the regional offices be kept in the same locations? How about the regional executive directors? Who will make decisions for the regional offices?)
3. The completion of all (or almost all) of the LCPs. (What jobs will be left for the agency? What kind of monitoring and enforcement system will be set up? Are there coastal management functions not now being done that will be needed in the future? Can we expect a greatly reduced staff? Will there be as many regional offices?)

**The Options:**

Our options for the future, I think, can be best discussed in terms of the short, middle and long run.

For the short run, we're concerned mainly with the Jarvis II initiative — the one which would halve the state income tax, reducing state revenues by 25-30 percent. If across-the-board cuts were made in all state agencies this July, it would seriously undermine the LCP effort. In fact, it would be impossible to meet the deadlines established under the Coastal Act. As you all know, this is the high pressure year when we and local governments are going full tilt on LCP completion. And as you also know, both we and local governments are stretched to the limit; a cut of \$2 million from our budget would break those limits.

Therefore, our first option will be to convince the governor and the legislature that significant cuts in our (relatively) small agency — this year — would be extremely shortsighted. Wait

for a year and a half or so, and then make proportionate cuts, if necessary.

The second option would be to extend the deadlines for LCP completion by three to five years. That would allow us, with a smaller staff, to work with a smaller number of local governments per year to assure completion of LCPs which will meet the policies of the Coastal Act. Legislative changes as well as staff reduction would be required.

A third option would combine an extension of deadlines with the commission and its staff assuming responsibility for the preparation of selected LCPs. This would mean a lessened dependence upon local governments for those important local plans. At least theoretically, this would establish a more efficient planning process with the same staff (ours) which would otherwise only review and approve the plans, also responsible for their preparation. It would cut out the middleman, so to speak.

Clearly, both the second and third options have many serious undesirable aspects. They'll be pursued only as last resorts.

For the middle run, the period from July 1981 to July 1982 or so (ignoring Jarvis II for the moment) we have two problems:

First, it's quite possible that there will be a number of LCPs which will not be completed until six months or so past the July '81 deadline. With no regional commissions around (with their local experience) to shepherd those final LCPs through the process. LCPs which are likely to raise the toughest conflicts. And with no regional commissions around, permits must then come directly to the state commission. For at least six months or so, those two factors are likely to double, triple (or more) the workload of the state commission.

Should we propose another (shorter) extension of the regional commissions? Establish hearing officers to handle the workload? Delegate most permit decisions to staff? Set up a fulltime commission?

Second, even after almost all the LCPs are done, there'll be a great demand (especially upon staff) to help local government through the transition. Instead of one coastal zone management agency (with only six regional offices), all of a sudden, we'll have 72 separate coastal zone management agencies — all but a handful brand new at the job. There will be many questions from local planning staffs and city councils, about the details of how to handle the new, unfamiliar responsibilities. And a more mundane — but equally important — factor: we need to assure our key LCP staff that there's work for them to do after certification of the toughest LCPs, or, quite naturally, they will leave as soon as another professional opportunity is available — probably before those LCPs are done. A vicious circle.

So it is quite likely that we would propose retaining an LCP staff of roughly constant size for the better part of a year past the phase-out of the regional commissions. Though as the direct permit load is shifted to local government, that staff size will begin to decrease — say, in the third quarter of 1981.

For the long run, which will begin somewhere around the middle of 1982, most of the options are open. But we need to make some basic decisions soon, so that, as we begin our transition in response to short- and middle-run challenges, we don't trip over ourselves.

- We know that the long-run agency will be responsible for:
- appeals from local permit decisions
  - amendments to local coastal plans
  - monitoring of local governments' performance, with reports to the legislature
  - energy developments, especially offshore oil development and coastal electric power plants
  - determining the consistency of federal agencies' actions with our coastal program.

There will be other jobs to do, as well. Peter Douglas has identified five different tasks for our agency during the 1980s: regulation; planning; advice; management; and education. Here is his description:

- Regulatory functions would include ongoing permit responsibilities — original jurisdiction permit applications, permit appeals and federal consistency determinations.
- Planning functions include ongoing planning associated with LCP completion and amendments, marine and estuarine sanctuary programs, energy facilities, ports and other specific issues such as transportation systems and planning related to managerial functions such as erosion protection and wetland restoration;
- Advisory functions include conducting studies and applied research to assist in the implementation of Coastal Act policies (e.g. through LCPs and port plans) and providing technical assistance when requested.
- Managerial functions include ongoing disbursement and management of state and federal funds for LCP implementa-

tion; management of the coastal access program pursuant to 1979 legislation; assist other agencies with restoration projects and park acquisition programs; management of the federal CEIP program; and the compliance, collection and use, in our advisory function, of coastal zone related technical information systems;

—Educational functions include assisting in training programs for coastal resource managers at the local and state level; continuation of the commission's public information program (e.g. Coastal News); participating in speakers programs and assisting in coastal resource education programs.

**How and When Do We Make Choices?**

For the short run, we'll have to decide our Jarvis II response quite soon. In fact, by the time most of you read this, I will have submitted our budget proposal to the Department of Finance. Please know that our strongest push will be to postpone any budget cutback until after LCP completion. Failing that, we will design a cut-back budget which minimizes the effect upon the commission's staff resources.

For the period beginning in July 1981, we have a bit more time, and need not rush into policy choices. But those choices should be made within the next several months, for a number of reasons: For one, we may find that we need legislative changes to deal with the initial workload rush. While urgency measures could address those changes next session, we might wish to ask for the introduction of bills this spring. Another reason, of course, is that many of our staff need to make plans for their professional futures. Those plans, for some, might be affected by the answers to the questions and options listed above. I'd like to give the greatest amount of certainty — and early answers — possible. Beyond that, each one of you — commissioners, alternate and staffer — should be able to freely contribute to our decisions for the future.

But before those decisions can be wisely made, we need two things: information (on expected LCP completion and projected permit appeal/LCP amendment workload) and several clearly drawn proposals to choose from.

To give us those two things, I've appointed a staff-level task force composed of the regional executive directors and chaired by Peter Douglas. Bill Travis will devote much of his time for the next month or so to provide staff assistance. If you have any early thoughts or concerns, please talk to one of those folk.

The draft proposals will be presented at the meeting of regional chairpersons scheduled for the end of February. Each regional exec, I expect, will have discussed the situation with his staff and commission by then. Following that, we'll prepare a report for full, open commission (and public) discussion — during March. With decisions forthcoming by April, I hope.

You've heard all this before, I know, but that doesn't make it any less true: the next two years will be among the busiest, most difficult and controversial for the commission. Completing the rush of LCPs, handling a hectic transition and settling into our next "existence" will be hard work, confusing at times. I hope we'll find it satisfying as well.



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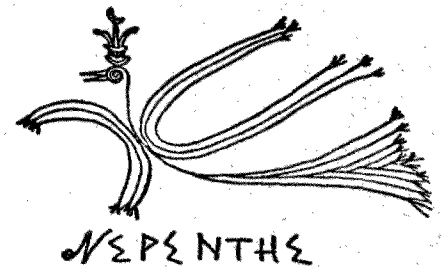
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# In Response to Ansel Adams

By MARGE JOHNSON

I have a high regard for Ansel Adams' talent as a photographer and artist. However, I question his talent as a social planner over our lives and property. His plan for making Big Sur a national scenic area reveals a glaring lack of understanding of property rights and the "pursuit of happiness." Does Mr. Adams share with so many of our fellow countrymen today the philosophy that YOUR property is for the good and enjoyment of all the people while MY property is sacrosanct?

Mr. Adams' recent proposal for making Big Sur a national scenic area needs to be exposed to the light of present day realities regarding unnecessary governmental acquisition of additional lands the abuses inflicted on the owners thereof. (See: Report of the Comptroller General of the United States, "The Federal Drive to Acquire Private Lands Should be Reassessed" CED-80-14 dated Dec. 14, 1979).

One always likes to believe: "But it can't happen here!" Well, the odds are that it will happen here unless the people are alert to what Congress is being urged to do by those in favor of destroying a lifestyle in Big Sur under the name of preservation.

During Mr. Adams' long absence from the area the property owners and residents of Big Sur managed to preserve their heritage. There has been no over-expansion and over-development as in Yosemite National Park where problems confronting the Park Service appear to be almost insurmountable — at least for the visitors.

The professional lobbyist Mr. Adams referred to in his press release has experienced the threats and dangers created by a too aggressive Federal land acquisition program. Where? In Yosemite National Park itself! Mr. Cushman may be an "outsider" but he has been an inholder which does put him on the inside of the impending threat to Big Sur preservation and I feel that he is qualified and experienced to speak to the point of violations of the public trust in bureaucratic government.

If the Monterey County residents are the primary beneficiaries of the Big Sur Coast is there a need for Federal encroachment when state, county and landowners have been able to maintain this treasure trove of glorious magnificence? Is there any reason to expect that these three groups will not continue to be effective for the benefit of future generations?

According to information from the California Coastal Commission staff, 88 residences have been built along the Big Sur coast in the past seven years. This could not in any sense of the word be called "overdevelopment." An area of well over 250 square miles with an average yearly building rate of less than 12 houses.

No person, not even Mr. Adams, can guarantee that "The

job can be done without displacing a single resident." All evidence points to the exact opposite being the case — and the evidence is not hearsay: Buffalo River in Arkansas and Cuyahoga Valley in Ohio are two specific cases among many where people were forced out at the discretion of a federal agency. Can we expect better treatment because we live in Big Sur, an area of even more splendid beauty? Would not just the reverse be true?

The legislation for both Buffalo River and Cuyahoga Valley was "specifically tailored" to meet the needs of these areas. Nonetheless, the law was written in such a way that the agency involved was given choices (not too dissimilar to Senator Cranston's bill to amend HR 3757) including fee title which was the easy way out for the agency. Could we expect preferential treatment? I doubt it.

At present the federal government owns more than one third of the total land mass of the United States. Federal agencies have four billion dollars to acquire more land in the next 11 years. This money provides for land acquisition, but not staffing and maintenance. These would require a permanent expanded budget for the agency involved. Does the government need more land and more problems of staffing and maintenance and a larger budget? Further, do we want a federal agency to tell us who can do what here? Senator Cranston's Bill S2233 has those dangers built into it!

The entire Peninsula area would be affected by creating a Big Sur National Scenic Area. Could the effect by anything other than detrimental considering the traffic on Highway 1 alone? This designation as a national scenic area would bring thousands more tourists to this already fragile area.

In response to the 10 points of Mr. Adams' proposed legislation:

Item 1 — Without criticism of the Forest Service it should be noted that they are already overburdened with staff and management problems, with funding a major need to adequately perform their functions.

Item 2 — A "willing seller," as an inholder (which we would all become) has only one buyer to make him an offer — certainly a one-sided deal at best. No mention here has yet been made of the government's "declaration of taking" — a World War II emergency measure which allows the government to take title to your land on a 90-day notice — as was done on the Buffalo River project in Arkansas. There are at present over 10,000 cases in the courts over "declarations of taking" by federal agencies! Not very promising to a small land holder in Big Sur.

Item 3 — The law that provides for a "declaration of taking" could overrule any other legislation if the Department of Forestry decided to have your land.

Item 4 — The homeowners in Big Sur already have the right to live in their homes. Why would anyone give away their rights or allow them to be taken away and then beg to have them returned by further legislation? Our homes are already our property and the Forest Service has no jurisdiction now or ever should have! This is an example of giving away your neighbor's property to which you have no right, Mr. Adams, nor do you have a right to interfere with our lifestyles.

Item 5 — The use of the word "participate" is certainly a poor substitute for "control" in the plan for a Big Sur scenic area. We now control our own property and we will not sacrifice our right of private property for your pleasure, Mr. Adams!

Item 6 — "Encourage ranching and other lifestyles in the Big Sur": this paragraph is a conundrum! How can you encourage the continuing of a lifestyle you are trying to change? A senseless proposal!

Item 7 — Overcrowding and degradation in Big Sur has not come from developers, landowners or residents but from government developing areas for public use without funding for adequate staff and maintenance — the 1972 Big Sur fire at Molera is the case in point. Can we expect more from an agen-

cy of the federal government with money to acquire more not to maintain?

Item 8 — When we are trying to "continue lifestyles in Big Sur" a viable transportation system to replace the present unused (to any great extent) bus service is a redundancy, the expense of which could be spared the taxpayers.

Item 9 — The best answer to this suggestion is the specific case of the federal agency that kept getting "fair market appraisals" on a certain piece of land until the price was finally right — seven different appraisals it took, but the agency did end up in court.

Item 10 — This question should be settled in the state of California and not by the federal government. Taxes on land are a local problem and not a national one.

Please, Mr. Adams, let your photography and art by your memorial, not the deprivation of the property rights and lifestyles of the people of Big Sur.

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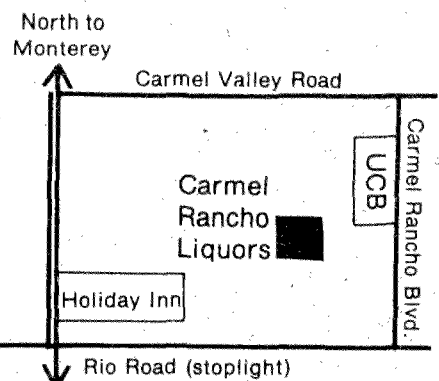
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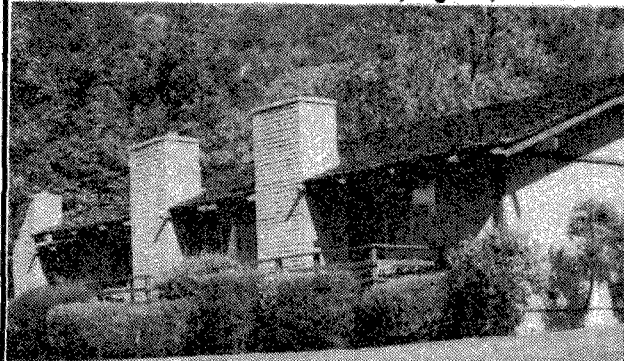


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Assistance to Farmers

# Williamson Act Gets Proposition 13 Relief

From California Grange News

Assemblyman John E. Thurman, chairman of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, has introduced legislation which would permit local government to offer property tax assistance to farmers who wish to continue to preserve their agricultural

farmland through the mechanism of the Williamson Act.

Thurman state, "I am introducing this bill to correct an inequity facing farmers who have previously contracted with local government to preserve their agricultural land." According to the Assemblyman, Proposition 13 had the effect of causing

the taxable value of some Williamson Act-contracted farmlands to exceed the taxable value on neighboring uncontracted lands.

This bill will allow the city or county, where the Williamson Act is implemented, to offer contracting farmers a tax reduction to keep their land under con-

tract in situations where there is no current tax advantage to maintain the contract. The local governmental agency, under the bill's provisions, has the option to determine the tax reduction from nothing up to 25 percent. For example, a county could give a 25 percent tax reduction for specified areas facing imminent urban sprawl and a lower percentage for farm operations which tend to be remote from potential development.

Assemblyman Thurman closed by saying, "This legislation is necessary to restore equity for those farmers who in good faith signed Williamson Act contracts.

# Utah to Join "Sagebrush Rebellion"

From the Herald

Utah has become the second state to join the "sagebrush rebellion," claiming most federal land within its borders.

A law signed by Gov. Scott Matheson claims state ownership of 22 million acres—42 percent of the state—now controlled by the Bureau of Land Management. The law

technically gives the state power to arrest BLM officials who "trespass" on public lands.

But Matheson says Utah will remain a noncombatant. He says arrests would mean lawsuits and end up costing the state a lot of money.

He says the new law doesn't force the state to do anything to stake its claim. "We don't even have to file

suit," he said. "We can just sit back and wait for the courts to decide whether our claim is legal."

Last year, Nevada started the rebellion by claiming ownership of public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

A year later, the first round has yet to be fired.

Nevada hasn't filed suit to press its claim, although it

has done extensive legal research in preparation for the inevitable court battle.

Last fall, Nevada picked up moral support from the Western Coalition on Public Lands, a branch of the Council of State Governments. That group and the western region of the National Association of Counties voted last September to support Urah Sen. Orrin Hatch's bill divesting the federal government of public lands and turning over ownership to the respective states.

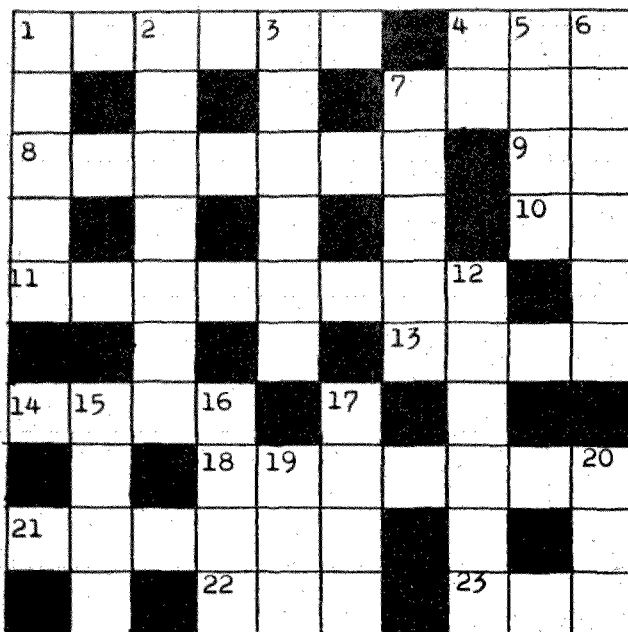
The Utah law, signed Thursday, sets up a state board to plan uses for the land windfall, but even that provision is dependent upon a court decision that the state can take over the land.

State Sen. Ivan Matheson, R-Cedar City, sponsor of Utah's sagebrush bill, said the state wants a say in how the land is used.

Millions of tons of coal and minerals lie beneath the sagebrush, and Matheson says the state's economic future hinges on whether those resources will be developed.

## Big Sur Crossword No. 11

By RANDY LARSON

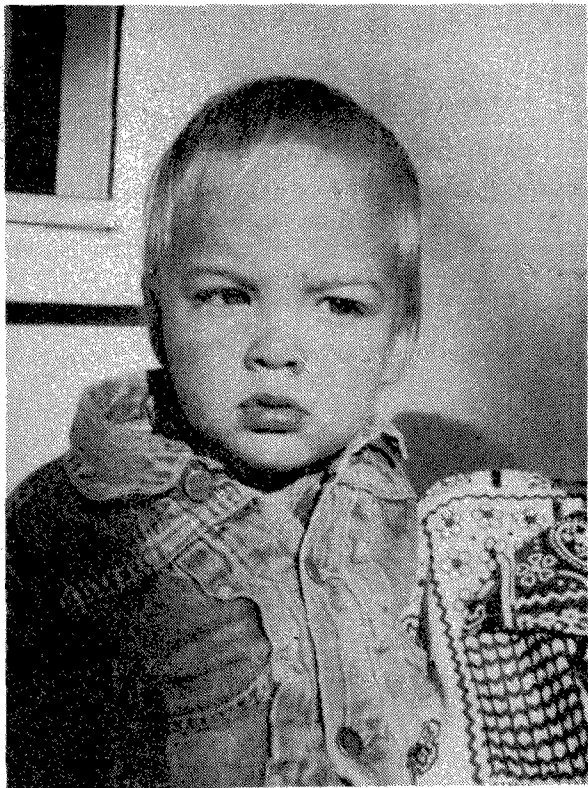


Across

1. Builder's nightmare, one of many. (8)
4. A philosophy you believe in. (3)
7. What I'm getting at is right now. (4)
8. Where to put locks inside a building. (2,5)
9. Place one to sell it. (2)
10. A feeble cheer indeed. (2)
11. What the wolf wants the female to see. (8)
13. When this happens, it's all over. (4)
14. A disguised way of communicating, the way you'd say it if you had it in your head. (4)
18. Fix a treadle if notified of a danger. (7)
21. This person usually has tidings. (6)
22. Under oath it's perjury. (3)
23. There'll be a lot of these in the ring in 1980. (Singular) (3)

Down

1. Take it in your work. You'll be pleased with yourself. (5)
2. What happened to the number of tourists off season? (7)
3. Metallic, in a mildly sarcastic way. (6)
4. Preposition. (2)
5. After your operation you'll have some of this tissue. (4)
6. They're hard to pin down but not on. (6)
7. Ah, wise old man, so you're an Indian! (6)
12. If I see you swipe it, I'll tell on you. (6)
15. This means it's finished, and more. (4)
16. A rather noble fellow, isn't he? (4)
17. Yes, I was, but what about John and Mary? (4)
19. Floral greeting from a hula dancer. (3)
20. If you get there on this, you won't be late. (3)



**MONTE JOSEPH PHELPS**  
Born July 27, 1978  
Died January 30, 1980

*(Editor's note: the following is a tribute to Monte Phelps by his family and friends.)*

Big Sur lost one of her brightest smiles last month, taken in a traffic accident at the mouth of the Little Sur. He was named after Cone Peak, that old marble spire up behind his home, and he was as much a part of Big Sur as that mountain. He was all love and laughter, and he left behind a lot of sad friends who feel a need to carry on his work, the job of filling this world with flowers and happy people. His family and friends have submitted this poem in his memory.

*He Is Just Away*

*I cannot say and will not say  
That he is dead, he is just away  
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand  
He has wandered into an unknown land  
And left us dreaming how very fair  
It needs must be, since he lingers there  
And you-o-you who the wildest yearn  
For the old time step of the glad return  
Think of him faring on, as dear  
In the love of there, as the love of here  
Think of him still as the same, I say  
He is not dead, he is just away.*

# FOR THE AWARE

By ARABY COLTON

## POSTSCRIPT TO PARTINGTON RIDGE

Our Assemblyman, Henry Mello, was dissuaded from introducing a bill calling for the Department of Fish & Game to make every possible effort to capture, unharmed, and relocate, depredate lions. There were those in the wildlife conservation movement who feared such a bill would endanger the moratorium on the hunting of mountain lions, which runs to January, 1983.

We did not share this view. However, Assemblyman Mello felt that the difference in opinion in the conservationist ranks was sufficiently strong to justify not introducing the bill at this time.

## FINALLY, SOME GOOD SENSE OUT OF INTERIOR ON PREDATOR CONTROL

Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus' recent decisions on the Department's Animal Damage Control program are good news: no more denning (burning coyote pups alive in their dens, or dragging them out with hooks and beating them to death); no further use of, or research on, compound 1080; aerial shooting to be tightly controlled; traps to be checked frequently, to be used as humanely and selectively as possible; the use of herders to be seriously considered, and encouraged.

To those who know the facts of wildlife predation on domestic stock, this decision of Secretary Andrus is a welcome, if belated step toward sanity. We suggest letters to him, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240, approving his action ... also letters to our senators, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20510, and our representatives, House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515, urging them to express to the secretary their approval.

Secretary Andrus will need support, to withstand the anger of the sheep and cattlemen who, understandably, prefer free government extermination of predators to paying herders to protect

## their flocks. BUT SECRETARY ANDRUS HAS TWO FACES

He has opened up 35,000 square miles of federal land in Alaska to the airborne slaughter of wolves because, he says, he believes "management of non-endangered wildlife on the public lands is a state prerogative." (!)

To regard wolves, extinct in almost all of their original range, as "non-endangered," to treat coyotes as more im-

portant to their ecosystem than wolves are to theirs, is errant nonsense; to regard the management of wildlife as a state right in Alaska, but not in Wyoming or Montana, is simply not defensible.

The fact is, as has been documented by numerous expert observers in Alaska, that the Alaska Department of Fish & Game has allowed gross overhunting of moose and caribou, and is now intent on killing off the wolves to try to compensate.

As said by Fund for Animals' Lewis Regenstein, Mr. Andrus' decision "makes a mockery of the administration's commitment to protect Alaska and the environment. What good is it to protect pretty scenery, if there are no wild animals?"

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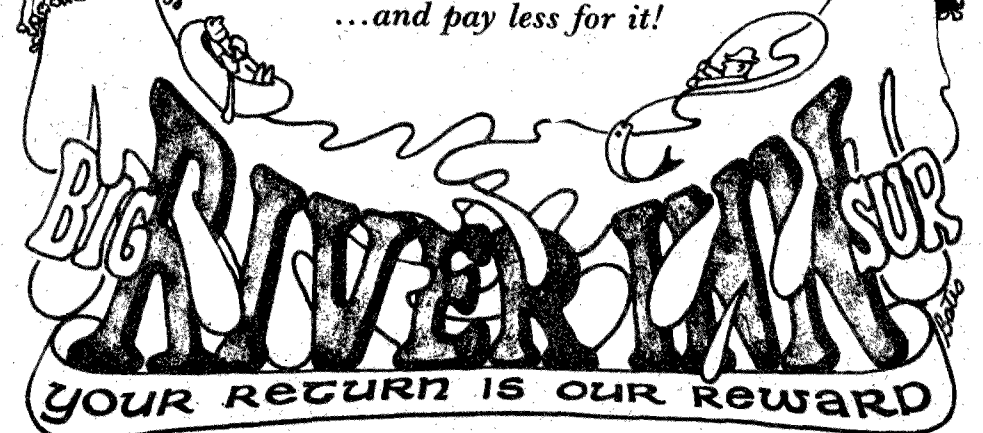
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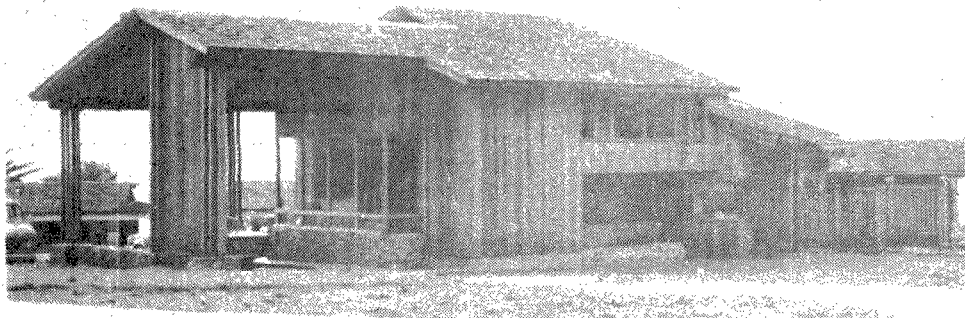
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THE NEW ADDITION to Ragged Point motel.

# Ragged Point Community Completes Newest Addition

By KATHRYN FARMER

Ragged Point, one of the few resort complexes along the coast with a cliff-hanger's view of the ocean, has recently completed the newest addition to its recreational facilities.

Building slowly and with concern for environmental aesthetics, Ragged Point proprietors Wiley P. Ramey and John F. Curtin began plans for building a central core to their operation in 1976. Designed by the architectural

firm of James Maul in Morro Bay, the building opened in July, 1979 and houses registration and business offices as well as a manager's living quarters and three rental suites.

"We wanted to build something commercial without being crass," says co-owner Ramey. "We didn't want anything tacky."

Pleased with the results, expansion and development of the Ragged Point complex has been long range and

gradual. Originally purchased from Monty Young in 1962, the Ragged Point site consisted solely of a snack bar and a gas station. Partners Ramey and Curtin have since built a 20-unit motel and, more recently, the new central building.

One old-time South Coast resident said, "It's the most beautiful new building on the coast — it fits in just right!"

Future plans include remodeling the snack shop and building living quarters for the staff.

# World's Greatest Nation Plagued by Bureaucracy

Capitol News Service

(Editor's note: The following editorial appeared in the Jan. 24 issue of the "Paso Robles Daily Press.")

We are going to have a "registration for the draft." We of the great United States of America who cannot find,

## Judicial Reform Bill Introduced

Capitol News Service

Legislation designed to make the judiciary more accountable to the electorate was recently introduced by Assemblyman Phil Wyman, R-Tehachapi.

Co-authored by Sen. Walter Stiern, D-Bakersfield, and Assemblyman Don Rogers, R-Bakersfield, Assembly Constitutional Amendment 67 would reduce terms for California Supreme and Appellate Court justices from 12 to eight years. ACA 67 would also require state Senate confirmation of all gubernatorial appointments to courts of record — the Supreme Court, courts of ap-

peal, superior courts and municipal courts. Before the amendment could become law, ACA 67 would have to be approved by the legislature, placed on the ballot and then passed by the state's voters.

"Over the years, Californians have taken critical looks at the legislative and executive branches and have approved reform measures to streamline their operations and bring them into line with current needs," Wyman said. "(The judicial system) is the only branch of our state government that has not been updated in its form and application, to the needs of our citizens."

count, or state how many alien Iranians are in our country, our schools or on jobs: We of the United States who transport to the border daily by the hundreds Mexican nationals, illegal aliens, who will return tomorrow, are to register.

We are going to have a registration for the draft to put young men in uniform who will learn neither to handle the B-1 bomber, nor sophisticated missiles, instrumentation or tools of combat. We have made them, perfected them on the boards, but we are arms poor, combat facility destitute.

We are going to call for hasty round-up and activation of the OSS, the CIA, and military intelligence whose hands we have tied — because in these Great United States of America we have determined that subversives, communists, insurrectionists, radicals, and criminals have all the rights and protection of sophisticated defense and court procedure that it is possible to supply.

The secret files of American military and civil administrations have been laid open to all comers. Many of the files have been searched for the identity of government information sources by criminals who have undertaken the execution of the informants.

We, the people of the United States, paying out millions of dollars daily to perpetuate bastardy, feed and nourish the ranks of unworking, unwilling to work — here in the United States — and countless countries elsewhere, may have to face

up to the exigencies of sound, reasonable judgment.

Yes, we of the United States of America, may have to activate even the untapped oil reserves in our country to meet our needs, while facilities are developed to perfect and produce gasohol in great quantities from grain.

More importantly we, the people of California, may have to make another judgment — for which Stanford Reserach Institute has already done much research.

We of California may have to determine that YES, we are part of the United States of America — the 31st of the 50 states. We may have to grant our bumbling Air Quality Control agency a moratorium of employment and extended leaves of absence while we wipe out the deficits assessed California motorists who consume 240 million gallons of additional fuel at a cost of \$256 million annually because of more stringent engine tampering than required elsewhere in the 50 states.

In addition to additional fuel consumption with less efficiency Californians may pay for air quality inspection, extra gadgets and repair, that cost \$250 for openers. That is \$250 million per year.

At the same time we are unable to get diesel engines in American made cars because of the super intelligence of the Air Quality Board that requires endless gimmicks and gimmicks.

It is time that We, the people of the United States, in order to better utilize our wealth, fuel, manpower, and industry, and pursue our destiny as the greatest nation on earth — deport all illegal aliens; force release of American citizens held in detention vile; gain production of all needed resources; and use them, the resources, to the best end, assess our bureaucratic idiosyncracies and immediately correct all.

## Carter Plans Federal Coastal Review Program

From the Cousteau Society

President Carter has directed the Secretary of Commerce through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conduct a systematic review of federal programs significantly affecting coastal resources. The purpose of the Federal Coastal Programs Review will be to evaluate:

- 1) Whether federal funds, program licenses and permits affecting coastal areas are constant and coordinated,
- 2) Whether federal actions contribute to wasteful, uneconomic or environmentally unsound development in coastal areas,
- 3) The effect of federal programs and activities on critical natural systems, unique and scenic recreational areas and erosion-prone or hazardous areas.

Public meetings to receive comments on the review were held on Feb. 6 in Washington, D.C.; Feb. 13 in San Francisco and New Orleans; Feb. 15 in Seattle; and Feb. 19 in Boston and Chicago.

Additional information is available from Dallas Miner, Office of Coastal Zone Management, NOAA, 3300 Whitehaven Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20235. (202) 634-4249.

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**FRIENDS OF THE Big Sur Coast Chairman Jim Josoff and fund-raiser chairman Laurie Poole brought a rollicking end to the Valentine's Dinner by auctioning off the many flowers that had decorated the tables, a gesture that brought a great deal of laughter, wild bidding and an extra \$579 for the Friends. Behind Josoff is Inholders Association Director Charles Cushman.**  
PHOTOS BY PAULA WALLING

## Friends' Valentine's Day Fund-Raiser Nets \$11,000

By PAULA WALLING

"The wonderful thing about tonight is that the room is filled with people who can't actually afford to be here," said one party-goer. He meant that for the average person in the room, \$100 per plate was somewhat steep a price for dinner.

But Friends of the Big Sur Coast felt residents couldn't afford not to come — not if they wanted to avoid a heavier federal hand in Big Sur. Friends chairman Jim Josoff feels that overdevelopment in Big Sur is impossible today "except by the federal government." And anyone trying to get a

permit to build a single-family dwelling anywhere along the coast would have to agree with him. Restrictions and red tape delay any such attempts, and the annual average of 12.5 permits along the 90-mile stretch of coastline, says Josoff, "hardly constitutes overdevelopment."

Josoff and the growing organization feel that the present balance of power between local, county, state and federal ownership and control leaves the land in the safest condition. It is to support this position that Friends of the Big Sur Coast held their first fund-raiser on Valentine's Day and in a single evening topped the \$11,000 mark.

### Survival Kit

The money, which some say helps constitute a "war chest" and others have called a "survival kit," will be used for a variety of purposes related to making the feelings of the Big Sur community known outside the community — especially in Washington where it seems

that the real decisions about Big Sur's future are being made.

Chuck Cushman, executive director of the National Land Inholders Association, was in Big Sur for this and other recent events. His organizations will receive a portion of the money to help represent the Friends in Washington. Cushman himself is an inholder at Wawona in Yosemite and finds after visiting over 100 National Park Service areas that the Park Service has "a very poor track record" in dealing with people living within its own boundaries. In fact, it recently tried to rid itself of all of them "within four years," which is why Cushman began the two Inholder Associations. Cushman has also found much evidence of abuse within Fish and Wildlife and the Forest Service, but has spent less time studying them.

Cushman had a chance to visit with residents at the party and provide an update on current proposed legislation.

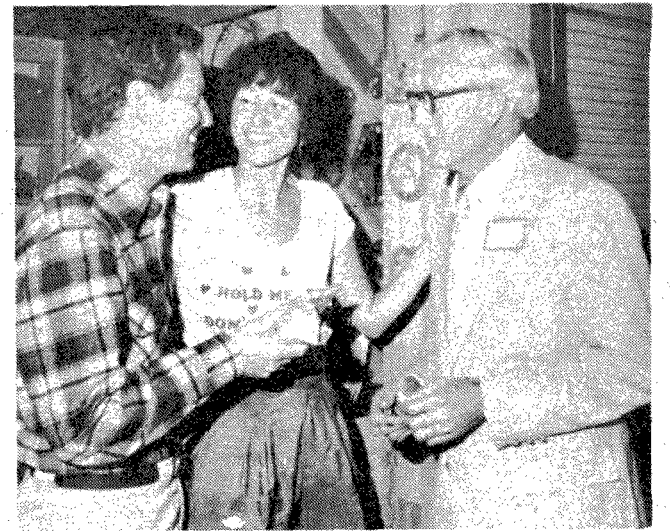
### Old-time Spirit

But the party hardly seemed to have the seriousness of a political rally. It seemed instead more like an old-fashioned "potluck revue," with people coming together

who hadn't seen each other for a long time and still others meeting for the first time.

Between 20 and 25 Carmel Highlands residents also attended the fund-raiser. In all, 135 feasted on the superb dinner prepared by Glen Oaks chef Forrest Childs and his wife, Marilee. Later came a variety of delicious desserts, then entertainment by Jake Stock and the Abalone Stompers, the presentation of two dozen red roses to several Friends of the Big Sur Coast who had

been instrumental in bringing about the fund-raiser. Finally as a fitting fund-raising end to a delightful party, Jim Josoff and Laurie Poole auctioned off the flowers that had graced the tables during dinner. One arrangement brought \$100. In addition to a great deal of merrymaking over the idea, the Friends raised another \$579. That brought the total gross to over \$13,500, but various expenses left the net at \$11,000 — still a fine fund-raiser for a rainy winter evening in Big Sur.



**DENNIS McCLUNG, a Los Padres National Forest inholder, talks with fund-raising chairman Laurie Poole and her husband, Ralph. Laurie wears a Valentine's T-shirt with a message: "Hold Me But Don't Inhold Me."**

Chuck Cushman finds that the Park Service "has a very poor track record" in dealing with people living within its own boundaries.



**GLEN OAKS Restaurant chef Forrest Childs with his wife Marilee and kitchen staff prepared a banquet for Friends of the Big Sur Coast. He later apologized about the hamburger, saying he "forgot to grind the meat."**



**DOUG WALLING and Sam Goldeen check out the variety of delicious preparations awaiting party-goers. Aside from the cause, the meal itself seemed worth \$100.**



**JAKE STOCK and the Abalone Stompers supplied just the right entertainment for the evening. Last week the Abalone Stompers were recorded live at River Inn. Shortly after the recording session the coast lost power for a day.**

Friends of the Big Sur Coast have asked the Big Sur Gazette to thank everyone who helped serve the organize the successful Valentine's Day fund-raiser, and we sincerely hope this is a complete list:

Don Tosh	Doris Fee
La Vonne Tosh	Mary Fee
Forrest Childs	Peter Stock
Marilee Childs	Claire Chappellet
Laurie Poole	Ralph Fairfield
Ralph Poole	Sam Brown
Carlton Shadwell	Janet Clark
Mary Harrington	Ingrid Keene
Dan Melvin	Ken Cowen
Tootie Trotter	Steve Welsh
Thelma Burchell	Sue Rideout
John Burchell	Sally Rideout
Barbara Chamberlain	Nancy Rideout
Pat Chamberlain	Michael Tomblinson

From the Friends, a final thank you goes out to all who contributed to the dinner itself and those who sent checks but were unable to attend. Contributions are still coming in.

**GAO Report Summary**

# A Discussion of Private Land Acquisition Policies

By **BOBBE JEFFERS**

This review was made at the request of the Honorable Phillip Burton, Chairman, Subcommittee on National Parks and Insular Affairs, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

This report discusses private land acquisition policies and practices of the National Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, and the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. It also discusses alternatives to full-fee acquisition of private lands.

The federal government owns over one-third of all U.S. land with authorization to acquire up to \$4 billion of private land during the next 11 years.

(Current legislation authorizes up to \$10 billion through the Land and Water Conservation Fund — \$4 billion for federal acquisition and \$6 billion for grants to states and local governments — for land acquisition and development over the next 11 years ...)

The National Park, Forest, and Fish and Wildlife Services had been following a general practice of acquiring as much private land as possible regardless of need, alternative land control methods, and impacts on private landowners.

The General Accounting Office recommends that the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior:

1. Jointly establish a policy on when lands should be purchased or when other protection alternatives, such as easements, zoning and federal controls, should be used.
2. Critically evaluate the need to purchase additional lands in existing projects.
3. Prepare plans identifying lands needed to achieve project purposes and objectives at every new project before acquiring land.

The GAO believes the Congress should oversee the implementation of these recommendations.

April 29, 1970, the GAO recommended that the Secretary of the Interior:

1. Consider adjusting the boundaries of certain national recreational areas to exclude expensive properties located on or near the boundary lines of the recreation areas.
2. Establish and consistently apply procedures for estimating land acquisition costs.

**Impacts of Federal Land Acquisition:**

The negative impact most frequently mentioned by local officials was the reduction of local revenues caused by the

removal of private property from the tax rolls.

Also, federal ownership prevents developments or uses of land that would result in much higher revenues to local jurisdictions.

**Local resistance to federal acquisitions:**

On the other hand, local interests are much more wary if they perceive that the federal land might imperil regional economic development or might later be converted from a full-use area to one where locally important activities are prohibited or discouraged.

Many individuals and local officials also object to governmental ownership as a matter of principle and resent the federal intrusion. The feeling, too, is accentuated in areas where the bulk of the land is federally owned.

At Yosemite National Park, Park Service officials said they were trying to acquire 172 acres of privately owned land, mostly in the town of Wawona, to eliminate a class of "special privilege" persons who have homes inside a national park. According to a survey by the staff of the House Appropriations Committee, nearly 80 percent of the landowners are not interested in selling their property.

**Practices resulted in purchase of unessential lands:**

The objectives of federal projects range from providing recreational facilities for intense public use to preserving scenic vistas or the status quo. In most instances, the Congress does not mandate a specific acquisition method to achieve project objectives. Instead, the agencies are authorized to purchase lands or interests in lands as they see fit.

The agencies have generally chosen to purchase title to as much project land as possible, which results in the acquisition of lands which are not essential to meet project objectives, as illustrated in the following examples:

**Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge**

We received the refuge in 1968 and our report questioned whether it should have been established because it was a relatively poor habitat for waterfowl. Of the 10,000 acres approved for acquisition, only 144 contained water and marshes.

**Voyageurs National Park**

We found no justification for acquiring all the lands within this project. The agency could have controlled about 90 percent of the project area by just acquiring the land, or interests therein, owned by one paper company. Also, 65 percent of the area was protected before any acquisitions.

**Big Cypress National Preserve**

At this project, the Park Service is purchasing 570,000 acres of swampland for about \$200 million without any land use or development plans. As of September 1978, the Park Service had purchased 344,000 acres. Also, about 98,000 acres were in condemnation. A land acquisition force of about 140 was hired for this effort.

Again, the Park Service commented that it has followed the intent and mandate of the Congress in acquiring title to all lands in this project. This reading is contrary to the plain language of the legislation, which excludes certain properties from acquisition and gives the authority to purchase interests in lands.

**Nicolet National Forest**

This project exemplifies our observation that funding rather than need dictates land purchases in some projects.

The acquired properties were costly because they had extensive improvements which the agency had no need for and intends to destroy or salvage.

**Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area**

... We contend lands, especially those identified by the Forest Service as not essential to development of the recreation area, should not be purchased just because they are suitable under one of the multiple-purpose forest objectives.

**NEW LAND PROTECTION STRATEGIES AND OVERALL POLICIES SHOULD BE DEVELOPED**

**Alternatives are feasible:**

Alternatives to full-fee land acquisition are feasible and

could have been used at many of the projects we reviewed. Historically, federal land management agencies have rejected out of hand any strategy other than the acquisition of full title to land in the national forest system park system, and wildlife refuges. Alternatives such as easements, zoning, and federal regulatory controls should be used wherever possible.

**Easements:**

One of the most widely used alternative land control techniques is the easement. Easements vary in nature and purpose but can be defined as limited controls over land owned by somebody else. Most easements "run with the land"; that is, they are binding on succeeding owners.

**Sawtooth National Recreation Area:**

A well-managed project. The Forest Service has effectively combined land use controls and acquisition methods in the area. By extensively employing land use certificates and scenic easements, it has protected lands while minimizing the impact on landowners and the local tax rolls. Titles have been acquired only to prevent nonconforming land uses.

**Zoning:**

Zoning is the most widely applied land use control. Rural zoning has been widely used to preserve open spaces. States have used zoning effectively to preserve natural areas. In New York, for example, the largest park in the country is protected by a comprehensive plan that employs state-local cooperation. Oregon also has a successful program.

We are not aware of any reports or other documents which address the issue of how much land the government should eventually own in the United States. Land is finite and the more the government acquires for protection, the less there is for other purposes such as energy, community and economic development. The benefits of federal protection and acquisition of land should be weighed against the costs and impacts.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONGRESS**

We recommend that the Congress during its authorization, oversight, and appropriation deliberations require the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to report on the progress made in implementing our recommendations. This should include a determination on the extent project plans for new and existing projects have been prepared which, as a minimum,

1. Evaluate the need to purchase lands essential to achieving project objectives.
2. Detail alternative ways to preserve and protect lands
3. Identify the impact on private landowners and others.

Congressional oversight in implementation of our recommendations is needed because of the

1. Large sums of money available from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for acquisition of private lands.
2. Practice followed by federal agencies of acquiring as much private land as possible, resulting in unnecessary land purchases and adverse impacts on private landowners.
3. Successful use of alternatives to full-title acquisition to achieve project objectives.
4. Reluctance on the part of many agency officials to use less than full-title acquisition to achieve project objectives.

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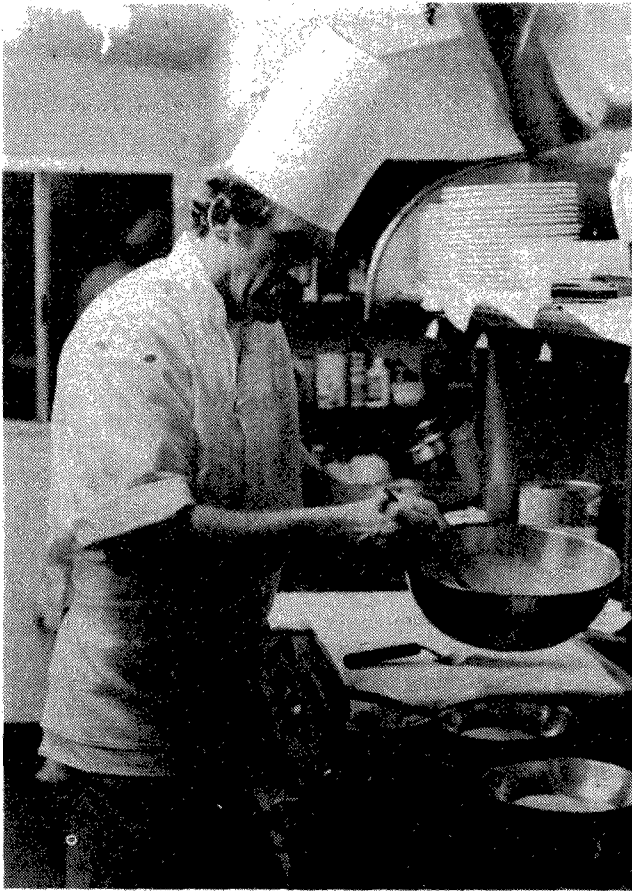
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CHEF FORREST CHILDS in kitchen at Glen Oaks Restaurant.

# Glen Oaks Restaurant Reopens

By KATHRYN FARMER

**BIG SUR** — After a heartfelt absence, Glen Oaks Restaurant reopened Feb. 1 to an appreciative Big Sur community. Closed for six weeks due to repairs and remodeling, Glen Oaks was off to a great start upon opening in late October and, according to new owners Forrest and Marilee Childs, it is once again enthusiastically patronized by locals.

"Until one week before we opened," explained Skip, who is actually Forrest in less formal attire, "we had only been able to peer into the windows. The kitchen was a complete mystery. It was highly unusual, but until escrow and closing we weren't even allowed inside. From then on, it was one week of 16 and 20 hour days and help from many great people in the community. The response has been great. We opened with the busiest breakfast and closed with the busiest dinner ever on Christmas Eve, by candlelight yet. We saw locals two and three times in the first week, but we needed the six weeks to remodel the kitchen and replace things like the flooring and the electrical system."

Although this is the couple's first restaurant, they explain, "We are great restaurant critics. We would eat out often and see all the things we didn't like. Finally, we decided it would be best to do it ourselves, the way we would like it."

"The places we enjoyed the best were those that had an intimate feel to them, as if someone really cared," explains Marilee. "We really wanted to have this 'taking care of' focus and so we are small and all the food is prepared to order. Nothing is made in advance and everything is as fresh as possible."

"We think of food as an art form and decided it would be

the prime focus. We'd been working on the menu for five years," said Forrest. Says Marilee, "Skip is really artistic with food. He has a very thorough knowledge of food properties and then he experiments. To me, this is where the creativity comes in. He searches for the perfect seasonings, the right balance, and the best way to present the food."

A painter, silkscreen artist and display artist, Dan Melvin is also dining room manager and is like a third partner in the operation. In designing the dining room, he explains, "Everything is white; the walls, the plates, everything is to enhance and emphasize the food. We used only spots of color; plants, flowers and Marilee's paintings."

Most of the watercolors on Glen Oaks walls were painted by Marilee, who studied art at Cooper and Cleveland Schools of Art as well as at MPC. Never interested in competition or gallery shows, Marilee says, "I did them for myself, but in a way this is my showing."

People, often walking around and looking at the paintings, add to the atmosphere the Childs want at Glen Oaks. "We've been compared to the old Post place, as far as having a similar feeling of locals talking and moving around and it's what we want. We're not catering to the Winnebagos. We know what we want and we've been waiting to do it. We had several opportunities to get started elsewhere, but we really like Big Sur. Through the encouragement of Doris and Mary Fee, we waited and eventually Glen Oaks became available. Without their support and the support of the Rideout's and the many other people who just stopped by to help us during those first few (mad) weeks, it wouldn't have happened. This is our way to do what we do and live in Big Sur. Sure, we could make a lot more money in L.A. But we want to live here."

## Burton's Modest Bill Snowballs into \$70 Million

From the Chronicle

Last year Representative Phillip Burton, D-S.F., introduced a bill to correct the spelling of names of some areas controlled by the National Park Service.

By the time the house passed the bill and sent it to President Carter earlier this week, the measure—with considerable help from Burton, chairman of the House parks subcommittee—had grown into a \$70 million bill that created a new national park near Los Angeles and made major additions to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Pt. Reyes National Seashore.

The bill also included projects in Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Louisiana, South Carolina, Tennessee, New York, Oregon, Texas and Ohio.

And a 3,200-mile national historic trail that runs from New England to Minnesota; a Navy memorial foundation in the District of Columbia; a procedure for identifying and protecting historic sites to remember the nation's presidents, and four new seats on the commission that runs the Santa Monica Mountains national recreation area.

The bill breezed through both the House and the Senate with no debate and no fanfare.

The bill "just grew," Burton told reporters yesterday.

The bill authorizes \$30 million to create the Channel Island National Park near Los Angeles, \$5 million for acquisitions for Pt. Reyes, \$15.5 million for new purchases for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and \$10 million for Olympic

National Park in Washington state.

That park is on the home turf of Senator Henry Jackson, chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and Warren Magnuson, chairman of the Appropriations Committee. Other projects in the classic pork barrel bill also happen to be sited in the neighborhoods of influential members of Congress.

The bill would add about 2,200 acres to the Pt. Reyes and 5,400 acres to the Golden Gate recreation areas, Burton said. The bulk of the additions are state-owned lands that could be donated to the federal government if state officials found they no longer could adequately control them.

Burton said he wrote the provision into the bill in anticipation of the passage of the so-called Jarvis II ballot proposition that would cut in half the California income tax. He said the bill does not require a donation of the lands, but it allows the state to give them to the Park Service if the state can no longer afford to manage them.

Under the provision, Tomales Bay State Park could become part of Pt. Reyes, as could 300 nearby acres owned by the state Department of Parks and

Recreation. Samuel P. Taylor State Park, 457 acres of parks and recreation land and 582 acres controlled by the Wildlife Conservation Board could also become part of the Golden Gate recreation area under the bill.

Some 300 acres owned by the Nature Conservancy, 2.6 acres of the Audubon Canyon Ranch, 129 acres controlled by the Inverness Water Co., 130 acres of the Adams property on Fish Hatchery Creek, 300 acres along Inverness Ridge, a six-acre wedge between Tomales Bay State Park and the national seashore and undeveloped lots in West Marin between Tomales Bay and Sir Francis Drake Boulevard would also become part of Pt. Reyes, Burton said.

Acquisitions to the Golden Gate recreation area include: Audubon Canyon Ranch, 271 acres; Waldo Giacomini Ranch, 519 acres; George and Robert Gallagher Ranch, 331 acres, and the Ottinger estate at Lagunitas Loop, 320 acres. All undeveloped lands west of Highway 1 to Tomales Bay from the boundary of lands owned by the California Wildlife Board through Miller Point Park are to be included in the Golden Gate recreation area, Burton said.

He said the Giacomini

Ranch will remain in the family's hands for the remainder of Waldo Giacomini's life and will be managed in a manner consistent with the uses of the recreation area.

Burton said he expects the secretary of interior "will make every effort" to acquire the remaining additions to Pt. Reyes and the Golden Gate area within three years. Burton said he still has plans for more acquisitions for the Golden Gate area, but he would be no more specific than to say, "I'm moving

south."

He said he planned to bring out another omnibus parks bill which he described as "a small thing dealing with wild and scenic rivers, national sites and trails" later this year. He hinted that bill might contain some legislation that would break a stalemate with Nevada and protect Lake Tahoe.

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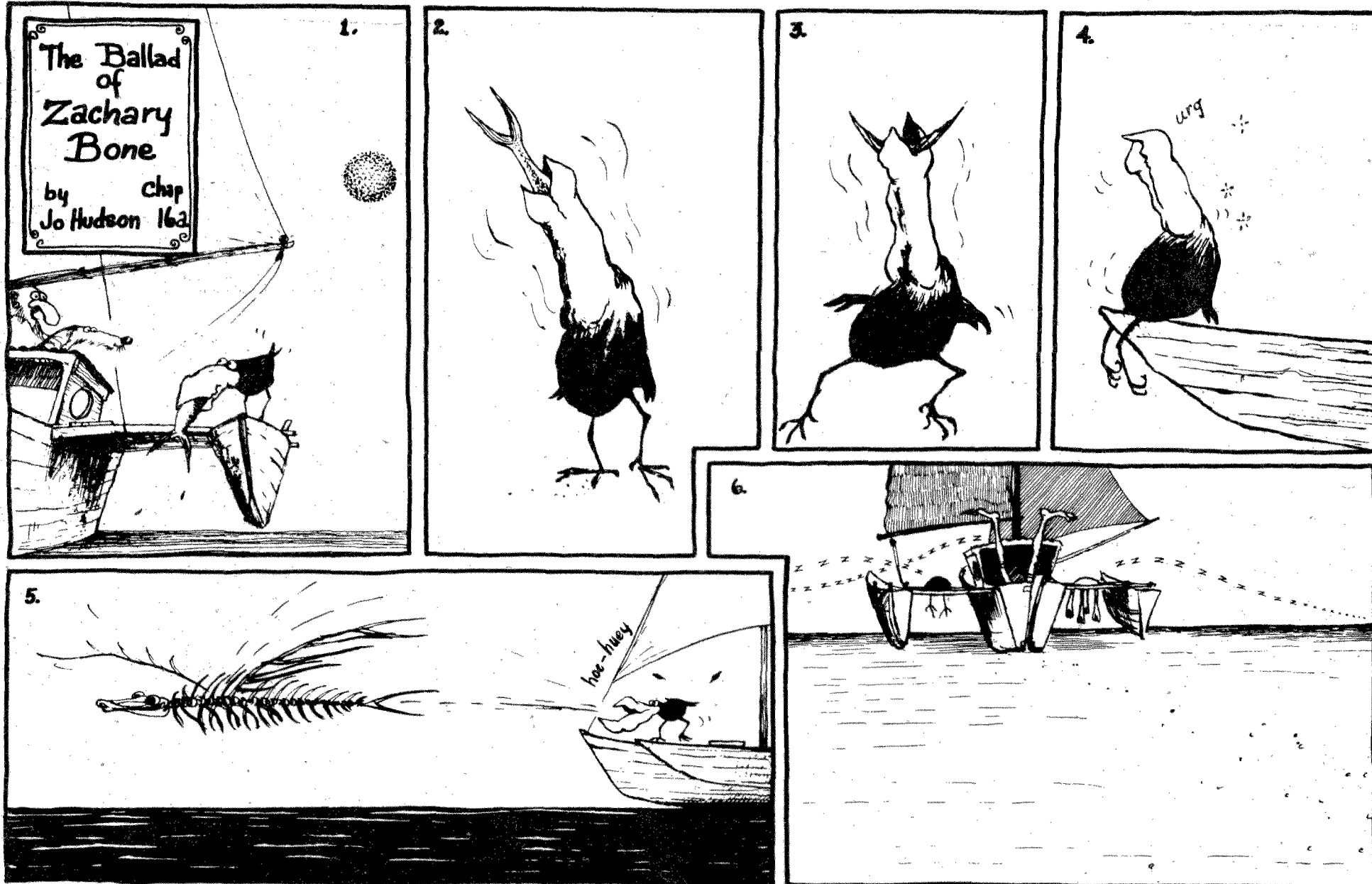
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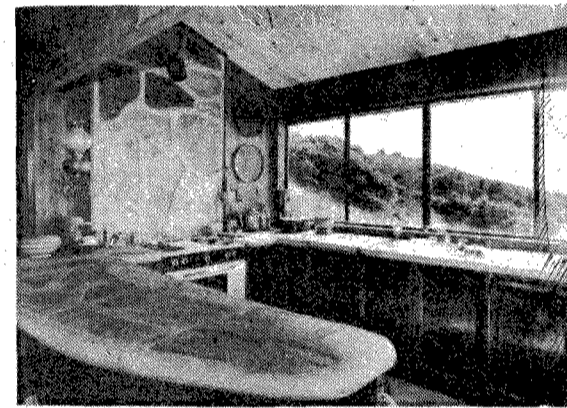
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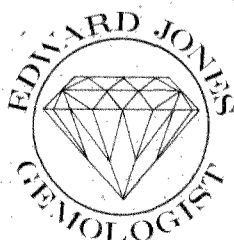
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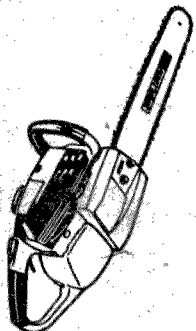
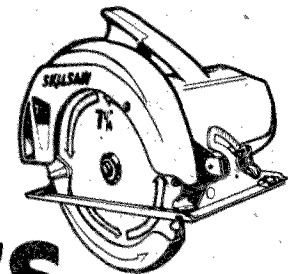
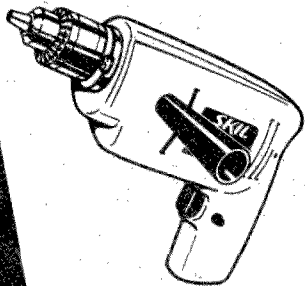
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