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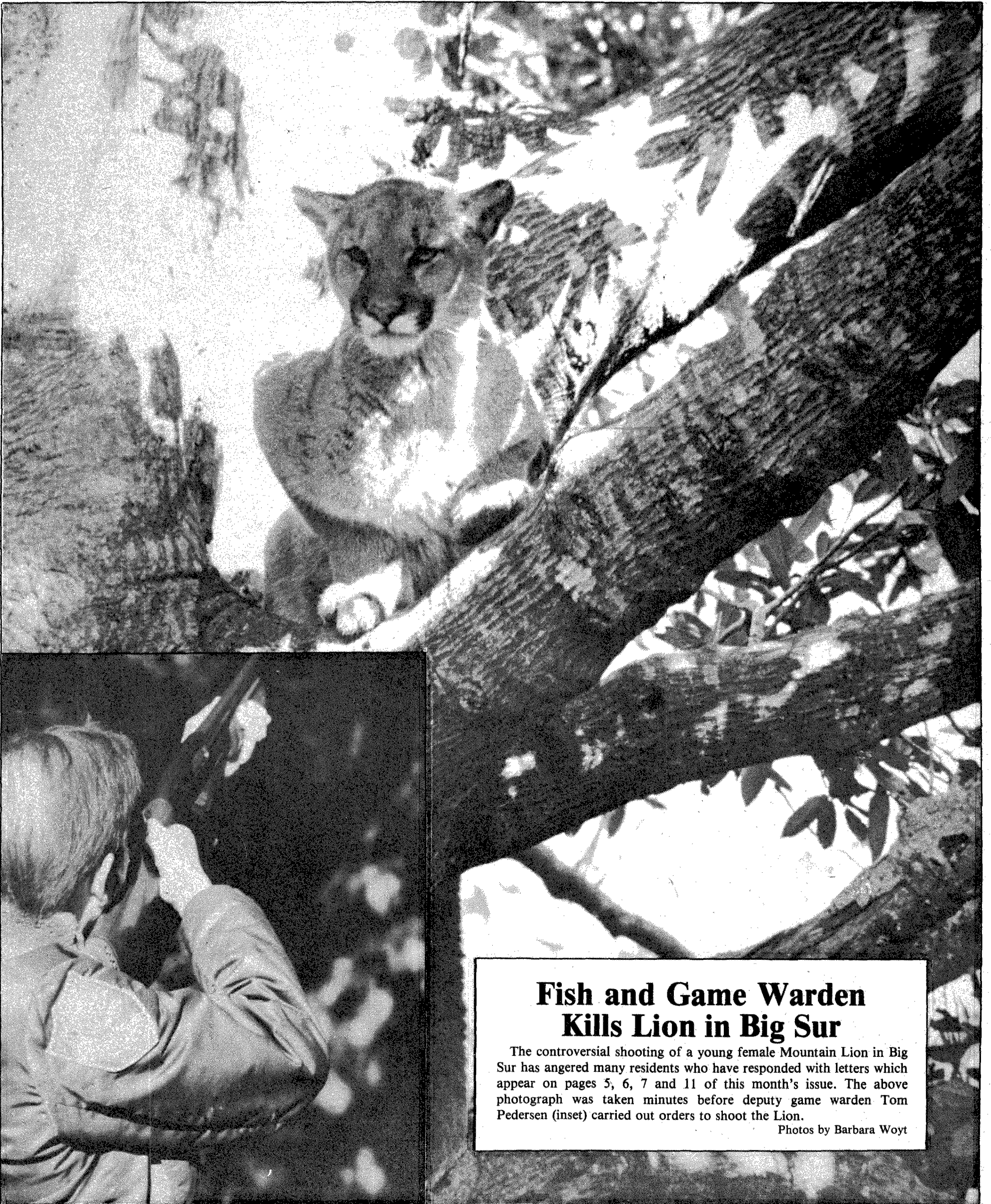
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Fish and Game Warden Kills Lion in Big Sur

The controversial shooting of a young female Mountain Lion in Big Sur has angered many residents who have responded with letters which appear on pages 5, 6, 7 and 11 of this month's issue. The above photograph was taken minutes before deputy game warden Tom Pedersen (inset) carried out orders to shoot the Lion.

Photos by Barbara Woyt

Local News ...

Charles Cushman Featured at Town Hall Meeting

Friends of Big Sur has invited Charles Cushman, executive director of the National Park Inholders' Association/Federal Lands Inholders' Association to speak at a public meeting at the Big Sur Grange on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. The new organization has asked the Citizens Advisory Committee to co-host the meeting as a continuation of that body's series of public meetings featuring guest speakers, including National Park Service director William Whalen.

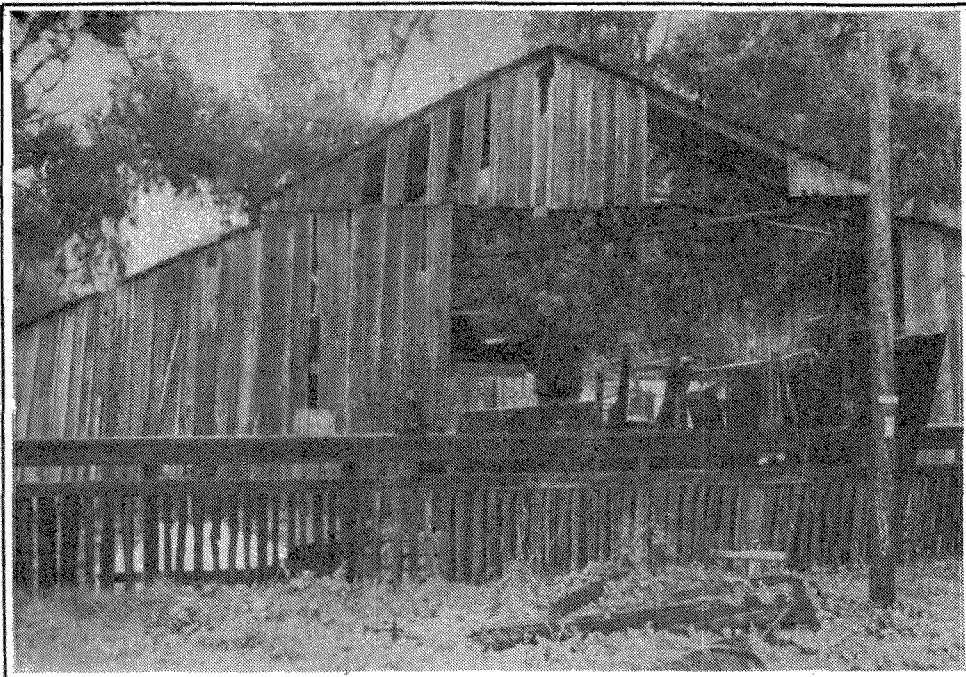
Mr. Cushman, who represents some 2,700 inholders

in federally owned recreation areas, will discuss the problems faced by people who live under government control, including condemnation procedures and restrictions imposed by the government on land use, property sales, and housing improvements. He is strongly critical of the National Park Service.

The Anchorage Daily News quoted him as saying: "I think the (National) Park Service has been running amuck, breaking the laws of this country, making their own laws, abusing people. Unfortunately, there apparently no longer are any

checks and balances in relation to the Park Service as there are in the American government. They have leaned over backwards to accommodate the environmentalists and have become arrogant and cavalier in their dealings with inholders."

The Friends of Big Sur issued the invitation to Cushman to present the other side of the coin to Mr. Whalen's discussion of national parks and inform Big Sur residents of the problems to be faced if Big Sur is included in one or another federal land acquisition programs.



THE DECADE OF THE '70s went out with a bang in many parts of the country, but along the California coast a 1979 Christmas storm caused perhaps the greatest damage. Power along the Big Sur Coast was out for four to six days, with PG&E crews working around the clock to repair downed lines, poles and transformers. Telephone service was unhampered along most of the coast, even though as many as five poles in a row were down and the phone lines on the ground. Tens of thousands of dollars in spoiled food resulted from the long loss of electrical power. A property damage estimate was not available, but shingles were blown

from buildings, a sheep pen was blown over a fence and smashed in a pasture. Portable toilets at an Otter Cove building site were blown down and building insulation scattered. At one Big Sur home, a 20-foot long skylight blew out, raining glass, water and wind in three rooms and causing an estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 damage to rugs, furnishings and floors. Above, the Palo Colorado Ranch barn lost its roof in the 50 to 60 mph winds. For Big Sur residents, some of whom had family members coming from all over the globe, it was an unforgettable Christmas!

Brian Steen Heads Big Sur Land Trust

The Big Sur Land Trust announced the appointment of Brian L. Steen, formerly of Big Sur, as executive director of the land trust.

Mr. Steen, previously employed by the U.S. Forest Service, brings a background of public land management and experience in public relations to the land trust. His work with the forest service included assignments in the Monterey District of the Los Padres National Forest, the Inyo National Forest, and most recently in the Shasta Trinity National Forest. In 1976-78, Mr. Steen served as the forest service representative for the Big Sur Coast, and became well acquainted with both the people and the land in the area.

"The philosophy of the land trust coincides with my ideas of land management," says Mr. Steen. "Its progressive approach effects resource conservation through good private and public land management."

Nancy Hopkins, president of the board of trustees, said of the appointment, "The land trust has become so busy that we need a full-time director. We felt Brian's knowledge of the Big Sur Coast and his forest service experience would be valuable in future land trust transactions."

The primary goal of the Big Sur Land Trust, as a non-profit tax-exempt foundation, is the useful preservation of open space and agricultural activities along the Big Sur Coast. Recent activities include the acquisition and extinguishment of most development rights on the 3,040-acre Gamboa Point Ranch; establishing a library and inventory of natural and cultural resources of the coast; and acknowledgement of potential land acquisitions valued at approximately four million dollars in donors' wills. The gifts of these donors include properties and endowments dedicated to a

library of natural sciences of the Big Sur Coast and a retreat for creative scientists.

Friends of the Big Sur Coast

New Organization is Formed

By JIM JOSOFF

Friends of Big Sur was formed recently by a group of residents who believe that the very successful, very natural conservation and preservation of the grandeur of the Sur Coast by its residents should be continued and perpetuated. The group believes that a satisfactory balance has been achieved between maintaining the Big Sur way of life and meeting the needs of people from other places to experience and enjoy one of the great natural resources of the world.

Big Sur is what it is today because of the conscious efforts of its residents who have served as the natural guardians of a public and private trust. The Friends of Big Sur believe that the natural constraints of the land and the very personal interests and concerns of the residents are the best, indeed the ultimate, safeguards against overdevelopment in any form. Additional safeguards have been provided through county planning and the Coastal Act. Overdevelopment by private interests is now impossible.

Yet the possibility of overdevelopment does exist. Friends of Big Sur believe that the great threat to our way of life and to the continued enjoyment by tourists of an unspoiled, underdeveloped, natural Big Sur Coast comes now from the possibilities of further federal or state involvement in this area. A national park, national seashore, national reserve or preserve, national recreation area, an umbrella national forest area (or any similar increased state involvement) would cause the very overdevelopment — and highway congestion — everyone is most anxious to prevent. Friends of Big Sur support the use of the coast by people from all over but seek to avoid overuse and abuse. Experience shows that abuse and overuse come with the government.

The experience of Yosemite is a simple case in point where the overdevelopment created by a national park will now cost the taxpayers of America an estimated four hundred million dollars to remove. Further, the bureaucratic management of such an area requires a tremendous population influx of public and concession employees, in the case of Yosemite: 2,000. Not counting their dependents, that is just about double the entire present population of Big Sur.

Yosemite has a reported 2 million visitors a year. According to the California Department of Transportation, Big Sur has more: 3 million. Yosemite has crime problems, congestion problems, inholding problems, pollution problems and overdevelopment problems. Big Sur does not.

The Friends of Big Sur do not believe any umbrella of state or federal status is necessary or desirable for Big Sur. It can only be detrimental, and the new group is determined to prevent it.

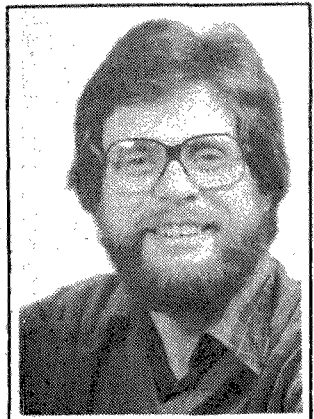
The Coastal Commission is half right: overdevelopment would spoil Big Sur. What they and others do not appear to see is that the danger lies in government actions, not those of

private citizens. The residents and property owners are not the enemy. Increased government intervention and control would be.

At the present time there is a move underway to create a federal umbrella for Big Sur. Eminent but misguided people see the government as the solution to a problem that in fact does not exist.

As sponsors of a 'Keep Big Sur the way it is' petition presently circulating in the community, Friends of Big Sur are asking residents to consider just what federal control would mean. For the property owner it would mean decreased property values and inholding status. Those who witnessed the recent Prime Time (Tom Snyder) segment on national parks perhaps realize the gruesomeness of the situation faced by inholders: people living on their lands at the pleasure of the government; people being forced to sell to a single prospective purchaser, the government; people unable to add a bathroom; people forced to accept a life-time lease or part-time lease on their own property; people forced to vacate their land, sometimes at gunpoint.

For the renter or caretaker, the impact of federal control would be in direct proportion to the effect on property owners. For all residents it would mean the end of freedom, the end of a way of life. For tourists Big Sur would no longer be that different kind of experience it is now. Big Sur is not Yosemite, Cape Cod or San Simeon. It can be experienced without the concessionaires, the delays, the organization, the regimentation of other spectacular areas. Friends of Big Sur believe that our part of the state ... as it is now, has something unique to offer to everyone, and wants to keep it that way. If you, as a resident of Big Sur feel the same way, please sign the petition.



Brian L. Steen

Big Sur CINEMA presents

FILMS FOR JANUARY

- Jan. 3 **BREAD & CHOCOLATE**
Color 1978 91 minutes
and **SHORT**
- Jan. 10 **DISTANT THUNDER**
Color 100 minutes
and **SHORT**
- Jan. 17 **THE TALL BLOND MAN WITH ONE BLACK SHOE**
Color 1973 88 minutes
and **SHORT**
- Jan. 25 **DEAR INSPECTOR**
Color 1978 105 minutes
and **SHORT**
- Jan. 31 **Z**
Color 1969 128 minutes
and **SHORT**

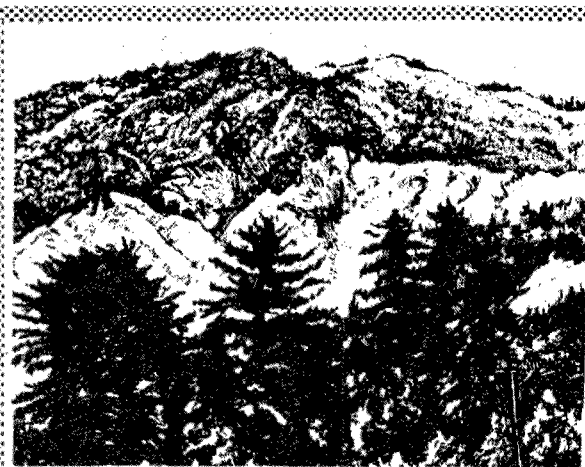
Curtain 8:00 p.m.

At The Grange • Highway One

"A WILD LUPINE PRODUCTION"

TOWN HALL MEETING

National Park Inholders Association
Federal Lands Inholders Association
Executive Director Charles Cushman
to speak at Big Sur Grange Hall
January 20 • 7 p.m.
NBC "Prime Time" Tom Snyder Show
on Park Inholders' problems to be shown.



drawing by Robin Coventry

Big Sur Church Services

Immaculate Heart Hermitage
Sunday Mass, 11 a.m.
Mass on weekdays, 6:15 a.m.
Evening Prayer, Sundays at 5 p.m., weekdays at 6 p.m.
Catholic Service
1/2 Mile So. of Lucia Lodge

St. Francis Church
Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.
Catholic Service
1/2 Mile North of Fernwood

Big Sur EMT Class Will Begin in January

Starting in mid-January the Big Sur Volunteer Ambulance will be having a combined class of E.M.T. (Emergency Medical Technician) and E.M.T. recertification class. The classes will be held on Monday nights at the Grange Hall for three to four hours each night and will be one semester in length. It is a college accredited course and the registration fee will be \$7.

Participants will be expected to purchase a copy of the class textbook. Registration will be on the first night of class. One of the main purposes for the class is to recruit new members for the ambulance crew.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call Martha Wright at 667-2182.

Editor's note: the following poem was written by Carolyn Woodhull at age 17 and is reprinted here in her memory.

To Peace

*I seek it seems for something which I cannot find
Sometimes I see it flash in someone's eyes
Or rest upon a face, but then it fades and dies
Or is it just a fancy of the mind?
I search for it midst people who are kind to me
I study art, I read in books of learning
And here I find that men have had this yearning
Throughout the ages, yet satisfied I am not.
Until I go and stand alone beneath the stars
Then, through the misty glory of the night
There comes a calm that only He can give
A Peace, and fills my very soul with light
And makes me thankful that I have the right to live.*

Carolyn Woodhull
1912

Whale walks Scheduled on Weekends

Rangers will be leading whale walks every weekend in January and February at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park. The cliffs of the Big Sur area afford excellent vantage points for watching the California grey whales during their annual 6,000-mile migration.

"We've had some excellent sightings in previous years," states Ranger Henry Mendibles, "and we're looking for more of the same this year. With the population now over 12,000 whales, it's not uncommon to see 10-15 whales during a program in the peak season."

Grey whale information, history and artifacts are all a part of the program. Meet at the Overlook at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park on weekends from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Carolyn Woodhull Dead at 84

Carolyn Woodhull, 84, passed away in her sleep Nov. 14 at her home in Altadena.

Mrs. Woodhull had been a Big Sur property owner and frequent visitor to the area for many years.

She is survived by her sister, Arimas Claypool, who resides in San Bernardino.

Her funeral was arranged by the Neptune Society, and her ashes were scattered at sea.

Championship Cat Show Jan. 20

An estimated 200 feline beauty contestants will be competing Sunday, Jan. 20 at the Salinas Community Center in Salinas with hopes of capturing the coveted Best in Show awards. The Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers, a local Monterey County cat organization, is presenting its second annual show, with profits to be donated to the S.P.C.A.

High class cats and alley cats alike will be on display, with judging scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Breeds on display include the familiar Siamese, Persian and American Shorthair; Manx,

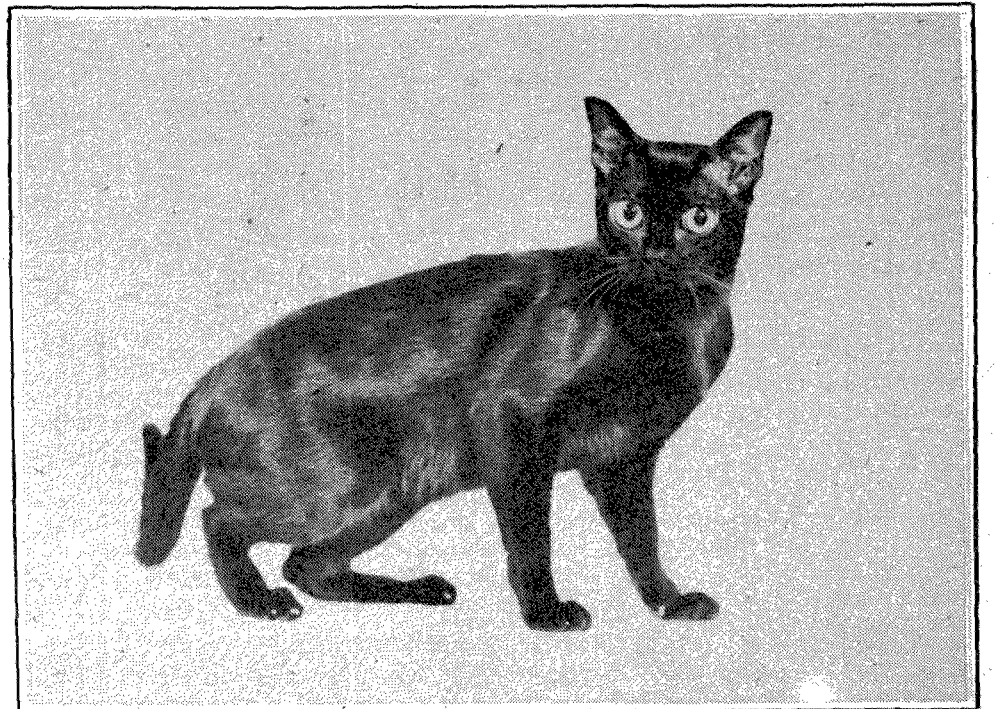
which are completely tailless; Rex, with soft, tightly curled hair; Maine Coon, which grow to be very large; Himalayan, Colorpoints, Burmese, Abyssinian, Russina Blue and Havana Brown. Also being judged will be unregistered household pets and several exotic breeds including the Balinese, Oriental Shorthair and the Scottish Fold, the only cat with ears that actually fold over.

Cat owners will also compete for honors in the Best Decorated Cage contest, with the theme of the show once again "The A-CAT-emy

Awards." Last year, the club was accorded a national honor for its first cat show. They received an award for presenting the third-best show in the country.

Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1.00 for senior citizens and \$.75 for children under 12. Visitors will also find the lobby of the Community Center brimming with various booths featuring bargains on assorted cat items: pillows, cat trees, toys, cat food and more.

For more information, phone Roberta Little evenings at 624-2304.



HIGH CLASS CAT, Keijek's Tamini Tai Li, is one of nearly 200 purebred cats scheduled to compete Sunday, January 20 in the Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers' championship cat show. Tai Li is a lovely

mahogany-colored Burmese. Judging will begin at 10 a.m. in Sherwood Hall at the Salinas Community Center and will continue all day. Profits will be donated to the Monterey County SPCA.

community calendar

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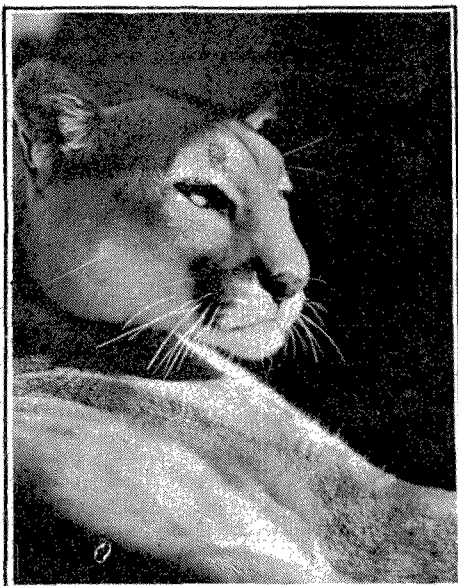
The COMMUNITY CALENDAR is a new monthly feature, the purpose of which is to inform the public about meetings, events, entertainment, and items of public interest. To place something on next month's calendar, either phone us at 667-2222 or write to:

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY! Happy 1980!	2	3	4	5
6	7 Health Clinic open Grange Hall, 9-5 p.m.	8 CAC Meeting Congressman Leon Panetta, guest speaker. Grange Hall 7:30 p.m.	9	10	11	12
13	14 Health Clinic Open Grange Hall 9-5 p.m.	15	16	17	18	19
20 Historical Society Grange Hall 2-4 p.m. Federal Inholders Town Hall Meeting Grange Hall, 7 p.m.	21 Health Clinic open Grange Hall 9-5 p.m.	22 CAC Meeting Grange Hall 7:30 p.m.	23 Erwin Ward USFS Grange Hall 7:30 p.m.	24	25	26
27	28 Health Center open Grange Hall 9-5 p.m.	29	30	31		

You Saw a Mountain Lion?

By ARABY COLTON



"THE CAT OF GOD," the Indians called the mountain lion. Photo from Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, loaned by Robert Gray.

Yes, it's possible. We live in one of the few areas in the United States, in fact in the whole Western Hemisphere, where one may, if very lucky, actually see a mountain lion. Once common from British Columbia to the tip of South America, *felis concolor* is now so rare as to be seldom seen by even experienced woodsmen. Yet this, the shyest, the most secretive of the big cats, has been seen on several occasions by Big Sur residents. It must be a peak experience, seeing a mountain lion in the wild. Our own U.S. Forest Service man, Jeff Norman, says, "I was excited as heck!" And Dorothy Williams, on the Post Ranch, says she was so thrilled she could hardly talk. Despite their infrequent threats to pets and domestic livestock, the mountain lion, one of the most beautiful of all the big cats, should perhaps be reckoned among our most precious assets in this, one of the most beautiful spots in the world.

But just how much of a threat is the mountain lion? Professor Maurice Hornocker, leader of the Idaho Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, University of Idaho, says, "... as a species the lion poses little threat to the livestock industry." Dr. Carl B. Koford, Research Biologist of the University of California at Berkeley, says in his report on his three-year study of California's mountain lions: "100,000 cattle and 75,000 sheep graze on National Forests of California, yet apparent losses to pumas (mountain lions) occur only about a dozen times a year (DFG, '76). About half of the incidents involved sheep, but a recent study shows that of all sheep annually lost to predators in California, only about 1.2 percent are taken by pumas, as compared to over 14% by dogs." (Our emphasis.)

Richard Weaver, Associate Wildlife Manager Biologist for the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) told us that dogs do "100-fold more damage to sheep than do lions." John Wilson, Commissioner of Agriculture for Placer County, which runs at least 8,000 sheep every summer in the Sierra Nevada, prime lion country, told us Placer County has no more than one claim of lion damage to sheep a year. When we asked Mr. Weaver why

and humans he is unlikely to try to take domestic stock if it is properly penned, or guarded by dogs and herders. He is not a threat to people. In fact, it is the rare person who has even seen one.

And what does he look like, this American lion? An adult lion can be eight feet long, weighing up to 220 pounds; his front paw is seven inches wide. Nothing so vulgar as stripes, or spots, or manes for him. His coat is short and very thick, a subtle shading of cream to tawny that shows off his magnificent conformation, with darker markings on his face that accentuate his look of quizzical intelligence, outlining the characteristic "butterfly" on his upper lips and chin. The tip of his nose is a delicate pink. Altogether, *felis concolor* is a very elegant cat.

Typically the most silent of creatures, he communicates with his fellows with a variety of birdlike whistles, and short, intense sounds. He differs from his African cousins, which roar, but do not purr; our lion purrs but does not roar, although his vocalizations during courtship and copulation sound, according to Edward Abbey, Arizona naturalist-writer, as if made by a woman about to have her throat sliced by a razor! He also differs from the African cats in that the pupils of his eyes are vertical—theirs are round.

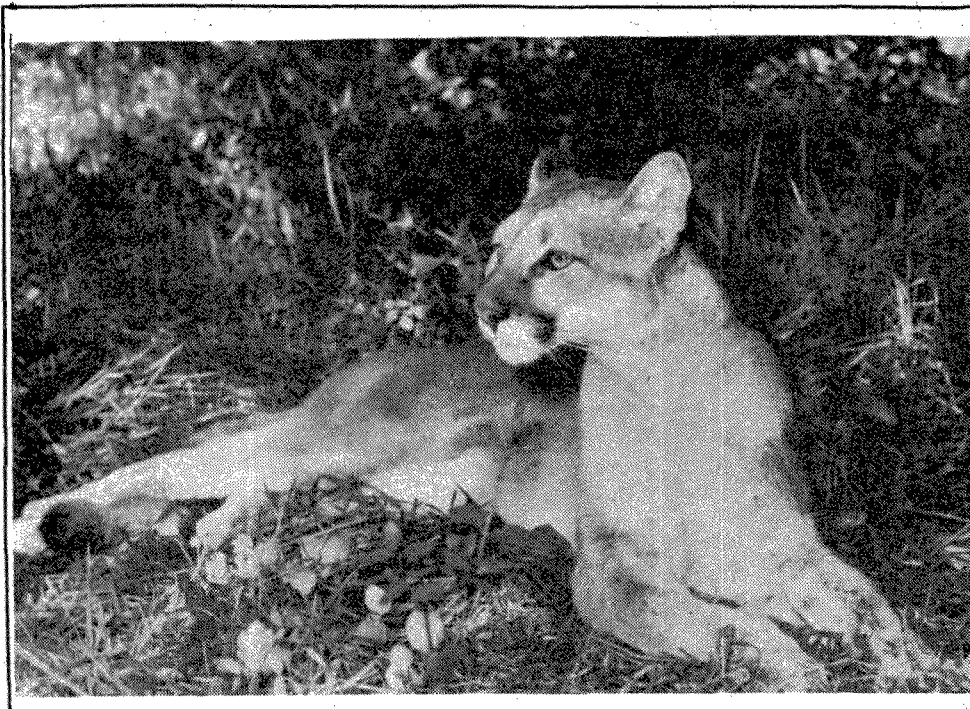
These eyes have been called the most beautiful in the animal world—large, almond-shaped, their color a translucent, greenish-gold; what Ferris Weddle, naturalist-writer, calls "gooseberry green." "His eyes," says Robert Gray, "are the most alive appearing part of this most beautiful animal. They can be alert and intense, steady and businesslike, humorously curious, gentle and soft."

Unlike the canids the lion, apparently, does not have a social life. Sexual relationships seem to be "Slam, bam, thank ya ma'am." The mother must bear the cubs alone, feed them, train them, protect them, with no help from father. For the pregnant or lactating female life is an unending search for food. During this period she takes many so-called nuisance animals, rodents, rabbits, porcupines. And it is during this period that she is most likely to try to raid the unprotected sheep pen.

The lion's natural food is deer. He must silently stalk, wait, and at the right moment, make his rush, springing onto the prey animal, usually breaking its neck with one bite. Deer being wary, fleet, and capable of defending themselves viciously, the lion must carefully select the old, the sick, the weak, the very young. He thus culls the inferior individuals of his prey species, helping to ensure that the best survive to breed. He also, by spreading out the herd members, helps to prevent overbrowsing. Like all wild creatures, the lion has his niche, his function, for the health of the whole ecosystem.

The lion is a neat and economical housekeeper. He drags his kill into the bush, covers it with leaves, or dirt, or snow, to protect it from insects, and comes back to feed, eventually finishing it completely.

Is the lion an endangered species? Yes, in his entire eastern habitat, says the Department of the Interior, but not in the west and southwest. However, Professor Hornocker says, "Today lions in the United



QUEEN OF THE FOREST — a female mountain lion. The mountain lion is also known as the puma, cougar, panther, catamount, painter, Mexican tiger, and deer

tiger. The Indian names translate to "Greatest of Wild Hunters," "Lord of the Forest," "Father of Game" and the "Cat of God." Photo by Robert Gray

California is probably less than 1,000.

The California Department of Fish and game, in its three-year study, concentrating in the Santa Lucia Range, found, in an area of 200 square miles, during the three months of highest population, an average of six grown cats, duplicating Dr. Koford's finding.

Edward Abbey thinks the lion is in mortal danger, as does Harold Perry, Arizona field representative for Defenders of Wildlife, national conservation organization.

What has caused this massive decline in mountain lion numbers? Like other predators the lion has suffered unrelenting persecution by man, his only enemy. Because he was considered a threat to domestic livestock, to deer, and even to man himself, he has been shot, poisoned, trapped, to the point where he now exists in only a tiny fragment of his former range. Maurice Hornocker says, "Indiscriminate hunting aggravated by a bounty system has taken a fearful toll." In five counties in California which saw peak killing of lions

continuing to classify the mountain lion as a protected animal. The Department feels that the present population is thriving and viable, that the habitat is near its carrying capacity, that lions should be made available for "recreational" consumption.

Dr. Koford, on the other hand, feels that it will take many years to have reliable data for a sound, detailed permanent management plan for the lion, that the most practical course at present is protection, systematic research, and ecological education. He says, "If not molested by humans, within a few puma generations the cats should become more observable for scientific study and public enjoyment of California's most spectacular carnivore."

We, in Big Sur and the whole Monterey area, who are concerned for the preservation of our lions, who feel privileged to have them gracing us with their presence, can take pride in seeing that they are not molested, that they may continue to, in Dr. Koford's words, "add excitement and wholeness to the natural scene."

"So what are the lion's chances? Can he survive? Will he be reclassified as a game animal, and once again become the victim of the hunter?"

from 1907 to 1956, the lion population declined afterwards on an average of 70 percent.

Lions, like other predators, are not prolific breeders. The female may produce a litter of about four, only every two or three years; half of these may not survive infancy. She is the sole support of the young until they mature. If she is killed or injured the young will not survive. Dr. Koford estimates there are no more than 300 females of breeding age in California. "Reports of kittens are rare," he says, "and ... especially in the far southern counties, replacement of breeding females may be inadequate to sustain moderate numbers."

In addition to hunting, the lion has suffered the destruction of his habitat. Says Dr. Koford, "Reduction (in populations) since '50 were largely caused by loss of habitat through increases of mountain roads and reservoirs with concomitant human use, and this loss continues."

The law presently protecting the lion permits pursuit, with dogs, without capturing or killing. Dr. Koford feels this is a danger to lions; that, because lions have an inherent fear of barking dogs, pursuit by dogs might drive them out of their normal ranges; that dogs may chase lactating or pregnant females, or catch kittens on the ground. Some kittens were killed by dogs in Idaho. This likelihood is increased when hounds are allowed to range far from the hunter (as in the DFG study).

So what are the lion's chances? Can he survive? He is now protected from hunting—the moratorium runs to 1983. What then? Will he be reclassified as a game animal, and once again become the victim of the hunter?

DFG strongly recommends against

Araby Colton and her husband, Vic, are known in our area as long-time wildlife conservationists, with their first love the wolf. They founded and ran CANADIAN AND AMERICAN WOLF DEFENDERS. Araby wrote and published "The Howl," a monthly newsletter about wolves. Araby's pieces on various wild species have been published nationally, and in the local SPCA newsletter. They now operate ARAVIC'S Ecology Corner, selling a variety of wildlife oriented items. As Araby says, "We're just trying to share the beauty of all wild creatures."



THIS MOUNTAIN LION, "*felis concolor*," is probably immature as its kitten spots are still faintly discernible on its forelegs. Photo by Ronald W. Hyde, loaned by Margaret Owings.

"His eyes," says Robert Gray, "are the most alive appearing part of this most beautiful animal."

Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties had 17 percent of the state's claims of lion damage last year he said it was because this area had what he called gentleman farmers "running their sheep adjacent to lion habitat, no, not adjacent, right in lion country." His implication was that these sheep owners must expect some lion depredation.

Can the lion's threat be minimized? Obviously, pet dogs and cats should be looked after. Because he is terrified of dogs

States are confined largely to rugged mountainous areas in our western and southwestern states. The New York Zoological Society, in 1969, estimated the total population in the west at between 4,000 and 6,500—and there is evidence that the number may be dwindling even further."

Dr. Koford found the average summer density of lions in California to be no more than three per 100 square miles. He suggests that the total population of lions in

HOW TO RUIN CHRISTMAS IN THE BIG SUR

1 SPOT A BEAUTIFUL TWO-YEAR OLD FEMALE MOUNTAIN LION UP IN A TREE.



2 REPORT IT TO THE SPCA TO RELOCATE THE LIONESS...

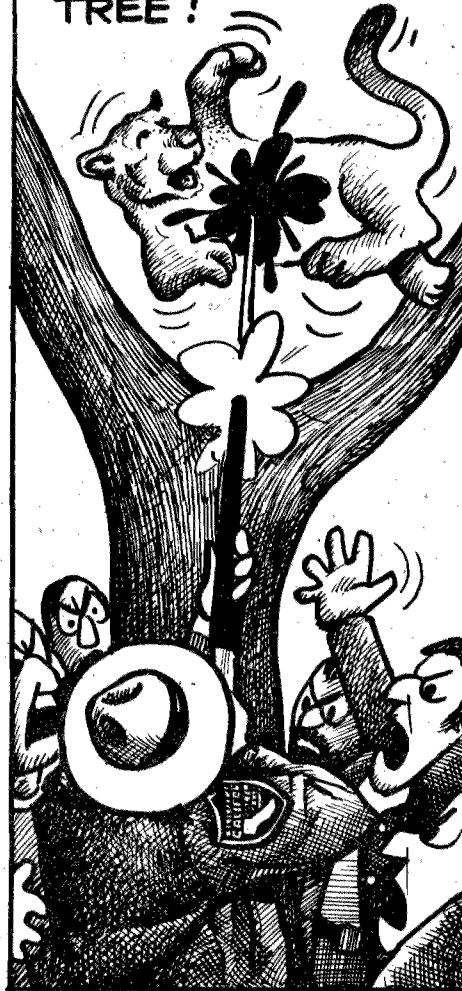


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3 CALL THE FISH AND GAME MAN TO COME OUT AND DESTROY IT.

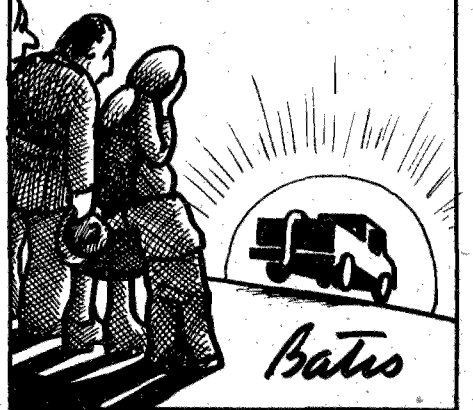


4 SEE THE FISH AND GAME MAN GET THERE FIRST, RAISE HIS 30 ODD 6 AND BLAST THE BEAUTIFUL LIONESS RIGHT OUT OF THE TREE!



5 WATCH THE FISH & GAME MAN DUMP THE DEAD LIONESS IN HIS TRUCK AND FADE INTO THE SUNSET....

Merry Christmas



Views and Viewpoints

Tranquilize, Relocate the Warden?

Dear Editor:

At Christmas time, when my thoughts should have been directed towards peace and goodwill, an event took place which so angered and amazed me, that I could barely speak, much less bestow holiday greetings to my fellow man.

Early on the morning of Dec. 22, my neighbor called to say that a mountain lion had gotten one of seven puppies on the property and retreated to a nearby tree with the pup in its mouth.

"I don't want to kill it," she said, "I just want to get it out of here."

Over the years I've seen foxes, bobcats, coyote, and one day we counted as many as 20 wild pigs in our garden, but none of these things could have prepared me for the beauty of the sight I was about to see.

Perched on the branch of a tanoak, she seemed to be at least as anxious at the appearance of all these human beings as we were at the invasion of a lion.

We are living on the edge of the wilderness. We are the intruders. We are taking a risk living here, and we have chosen to take that risk. I am raising my child here, as did the homesteaders and the In-

dians before them. The argument that the lion should be destroyed for the protection of our children is utterly absurd. I feel that my child is safer with the wilderness on his doorstep ... wild boar, hawks, rattlesnakes, and mountain lions, than he would be in a city among the cars, buses, kidnappers and muggers.

When Tom Pederson of the California Fish and Game Department pulled the trigger, he shot a much-loved neighbor of mine. He shot the reason I live here — he shot beauty and coexistence and respect. None of the reasons he gave, including the fact that he was just following the boss' orders, were justifiable. If my boss had ordered me to commit murder, I believe I would weigh the situation and come to my own conclusions, even at the risk of losing my job.

Perhaps Mr. Pederson himself should have been the one to be tranquilized and relocated in a city where he would not be such a threat to our wildlife.

As a crowning blow to bureaucratic stupidity, I am told that the lion is now being kept in a freezer until it can be checked for canine distemper. If this is so it must

surely be the first time in medical history that a cat has come down with a canine disease!

Finally, I hope that the senseless killing of this lion has taught us all enough that any future killings will be avoided, and that those of us who are lucky enough to make our homes beside these beautiful animals will learn to respect and rejoice in that fact.

Kristin Coventry
Big Sur

Extinction

Dear Editor:

Other than a zoo, how many of us have ever seen a mountain lion? Considered one of the most beautiful of all animals, it is now going the way of the California grizzly — extinction. The D.F.G. member had the choice of tranquilizing with removal elsewhere, or killing the young female. Against the wishes of the concerned residents and the S.P.C.A., arbitrarily he decided to kill her. When will man's humanity also include the other forms of life?

Sylvia Johnson

First and Last Blunder

Dear Editor:

The unfortunate killing of a mountain lion by a game warden in Big Sur raises a number of questions which should be answered by the Department of Fish and Game, as the animal's body was taken away and presumably necropsied.

Was the lion mature? Had she ever mated? Was there evidence that she was lactating? If so, killing her also doomed her dependent kittens.

Or, if she was two years old or less, is it possible that she was just striking out on her own and that her hunting skills were still undeveloped?

The fact that she was brash enough to approach a house and take a puppy would seem to indicate this. All cats are curious and inquisitive — perhaps she had not yet grown into the wisdom and discretion of a mature lion, and this was her first (and sadly, her last) blunder.

Dr. Carl Koford of UC Berkeley, who did a three-year study of the California mountain lion, has pointed out that a lion who kills domestic animals under special circumstances, may never return to the site or repeat the act.

Why the haste to kill her,

when DFG knew that the SPCA was enroute with tranquilizing and rescue equipment and had plans to relocate her? Given the small number of lions in California, and their steadily shrinking habitat, shouldn't every effort be made to protect them all unless the provocation is very great? Killing a puppy hardly seems to warrant capital punishment.

Finally, why does DFG no longer have a team of experts to handle mountain lion emergencies, as it did several years ago during their lion study project in Monterey County? I know of at least two cases where this able team rushed to the scene with their services; once when a lion had fallen into an open well near Cambria, and once when one wandered into Pacific Grove and took

refuge under a house.

If DFG people of their outlook and skills had been available, this tragic destruction of a beautiful young lion would never have taken place.

Bobbie Harms
Carmel

Appalled

Dear Editor:

I was appalled to read that one of the D.F.G. members had killed a mountain lion; particularly after telling the S.P.C.A. that the young female would be tranquilized and removed to a better habitat. This act shows us again that apparently the members of this department are not sufficiently trained as to the correct action to take, or intelligent enough to ascertain the situation.

W.E. Adams

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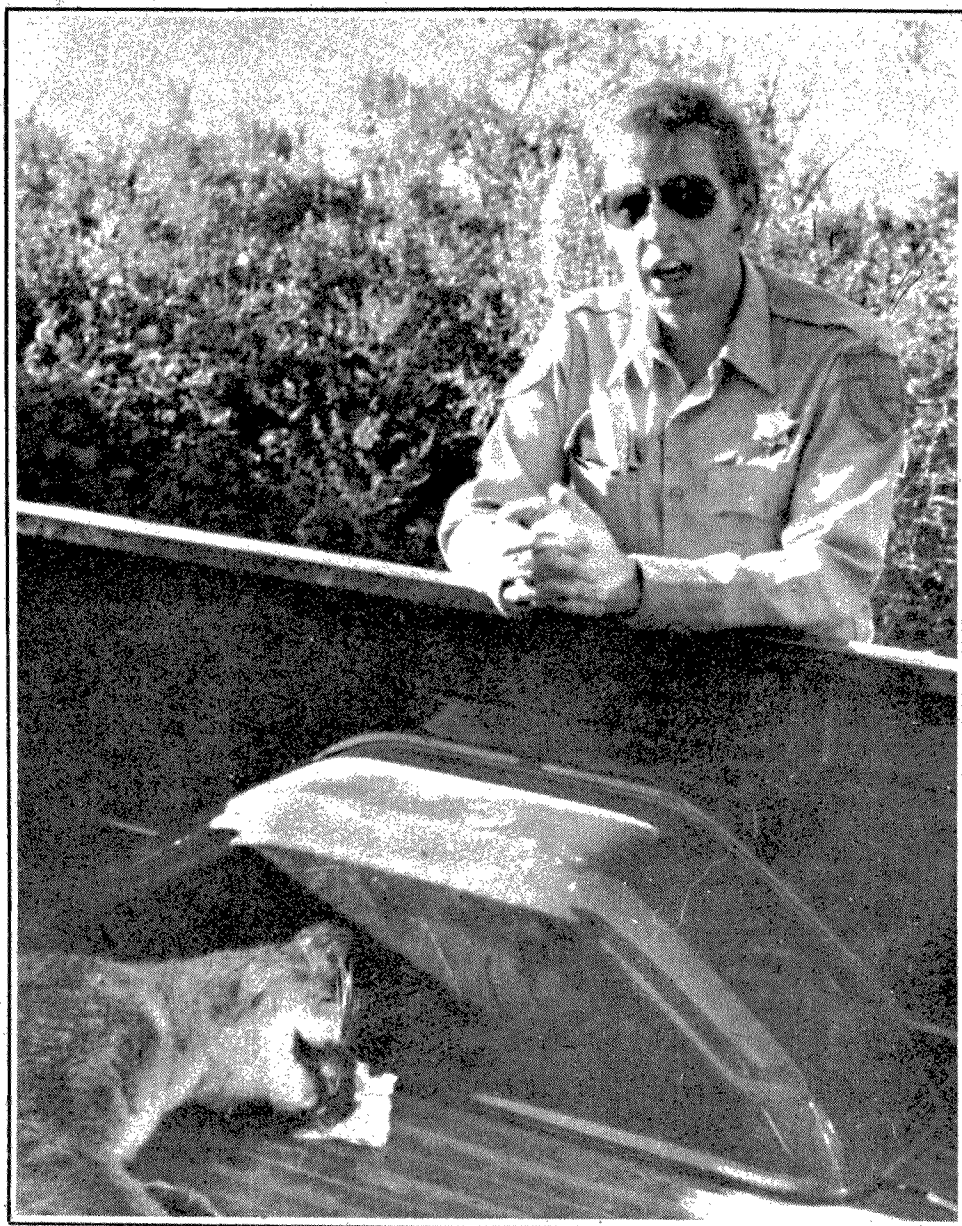
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"IT'S ONLY THE SECOND Mountain Lion I've ever seen," said Deputy Fish and Game Warden Tom Pedersen to a Gazette reporter, "but I was acting under orders from my superior because it depredated a young puppy." Gazette Staff Photo

Shooting of Mountain Lion Sparks Debate in Big Sur

From the Herald

A young female mountain lion was shot and killed Dec. 22 by a game warden on private property south of Big Sur after the lion had killed a puppy belonging to a resident of the area.

According to neighbors, the puppy was taken about 8 a.m. from the front door steps of its owner, Sylvia Rudolph, a tenant on the Whitcomb property on Partington Ridge Road.

The lion then climbed a tree with the dead puppy and remained there for several hours, until the arrival of California Department of Fish and Game warden Tom Pedersen.

Pedersen said he and his supervisor in San Luis Obispo decided the animal had to be destroyed because "it was depredating livestock — the puppy."

He said it was not a normal lion in that it was hunting close to residences during daylight hours.

"It's abnormal for a young lion to develop this type of habit and if it were removed and relocated it would continue this habit," he said. "We prefer to dispatch problem lions so they won't continue the habit."

The SPCA also had been notified, but arrived on the scene 10 minutes after the

lion had been shot.

According to John Tiernan, SPCA director, his office was notified that there was a lion in a tree and that Fish and Game was going to tranquilize it and move it.

He said the SPCA started to send someone down to assist with the removal, but when it received a call back that Fish and Game didn't have a tranquilizer gun, decided to send a team with a tranquilizer gun, drug and rescue equipment.

He said it took about 1½ hours to round up the veterinarian, drug and dosage and that they called to say there were on the way, but by the time they arrived the lion had been shot.

On arrival at the scene, SPCA humane officer Dan Qualls said he would have transported the animal to another wilderness area which would be safe.

"It didn't have to be killed," he said. "We had drop nets and equipment to perform a rescue."

He arrived with veterinarian Lewis Campbell of Salinas, who said:

"It took us a while to round up the right tranquilizer and the correct dosage. We aren't that familiar with mountain lions."

Pedersen was on the scene for about an hour before he

shot the lion just before noon. He said he waited since there were "a lot of emotionally upset people regarding the lion. I felt I should explain the reason for my decision."

He said he was informed that the SPCA was on its way, but he was not waiting for them to arrive and that his decision would have stood regardless if they were there or not.

Although he did not have a tranquilizer gun with him, Pedersen said it was not a situation for tranquilizing and removing the animal.

"A tranquilizer gun is fine for certain situations," he said, giving as an example a lion which would stray into an urban area. "The action we took was appropriate if you look at it objectively. Animals are my ward and I look on this as a responsibility. But it was a problem animal and would have given other lions in the area a bad name. We did it for the good of the lion population in general. This lion just was not behaving normally by hunting in daylight so close to people."

Many residents were upset by the decision to kill the lion, although some were afraid that if it were allowed to come down on its own it would return and take another animal or even a child.

Jeff Norman said some residents tried to persuade Pedersen to save the animal. He felt that the animal was young and had not yet staked out a territory and that if it were moved to a new area it would have a chance to establish a territory with less competition.

Mrs. Rudolph, upset over the loss of her puppy, also was upset over the loss of the lion.

Another neighbor, Regina Eichman, said she was saddened too that the animal was killed, but she would have been worried about her baby if it had not been.

Tiernan said he was shocked by the action and that killing such an animal should be a last resort.

"It's beyond belief," he said. "We are totally disgusted that a perfectly healthy animal was destroyed."

He did acknowledge that Fish and Game is the final authority in such matters.

The Question Is: How Much For Me?

Dear Editor:

It's a question that very possibly has no answer. It's a question that we all ask ourselves, and it pertains so directly to our every action, whether in Big Sur or Los Angeles, or anywhere. It's a question that the '70s seem to have pushed squarely in front of us. The question is, "How much for ME?"

We see this question asked at local political meetings, and the question is sometimes subtly, and deviously, posed. It is asked at Coastal Commission meetings, at the dinner table, in gas lines, at rock concerts, encounter groups, on the highway and in bed.

It was asked on Partington Ridge two weeks ago, and the experience was a shattering one. I don't know who was right, and, retrospectively, it seems everyone was wrong. Blackwhiteblackwhiteblack

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A resident up on Partington Ridge has a five-week-old puppy taken from her doorstep by a mountain lion. Mountain lions don't usually bother with domestic animals, and it's rare that this sort of action happens in daylight hours, much less in a quasi-suburban area like Partington.

The owner of the puppy did not want to see this happen again. This is understandable. It seemed to her that there were but two viable solutions—kill the mountain lion or get the lion as far away from her backyard as possible. Leaving the mountain lion up in the tanoak where she'd taken refuge was not to be considered.

A well-meaning lion-lover made the mistake of allowing the bureaucracy into the scenario. It was a lazy

mistake. "Let the government do it" is a dangerous shirking of responsibility. The "government," in the form of the California Department of Fish and Game, "did it." The lion was tried, found guilty and sentenced to death by a paper-pusher in San Luis Obispo.

The agony of this was the fact that arrangements had been made by locals to have the Monterey SPCA tranquilize and transport the cougar to an area where she wouldn't be in competition with man, or her own species, for that matter.

The bureaucracy, however, was pre-programmed to destroy the animal, and no amount of reasoning, or pleading, could dissuade the warden from carrying out his orders. It was a duty that was, perhaps, too much for his conscience; he was heard

to say, minutes before he pumped out three almost mechanically placed shots, "I want you all to agree that this has to happen." The SPCA arrived 10 minutes after the shooting. They had had trouble finding the right tranquilizer, they said.

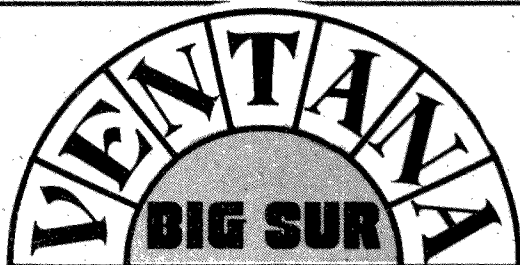
Well, the Fish and Game is charged by state law to maintain a healthy wild animal population in California. The department has a thousand justifications for what it does. These justifications revolve around a central question—"How much for ME?" According to Fish and Game, wild animals are fine as long as they don't come in contact with man. When this happens, "something's gotta be done!" We cannot co-exist with our fellow creatures on equal terms. Our civilization is self-destructing, and, by God, we've got

to drag the rest of creation with us.

So, what happened? In measurable terms, a mountain lion was killed — a healthy young female who would have mothered many offspring in her lifetime. She also became a statistic, another instance of "mountain lion depredation," one more reason to "kill every mountain lion that breathes," as one old-time rancher in Big Sur told me.

But in terms of non-measurables, a frightening side of human nature emerged: irresponsible dilettantes willing to let the bureaucracy assume authority: mindless officials doing their job and tolerating no sane questioning of that authority; and the repetition of that miserable whining question, "How much for ME?"

Jeff Norman



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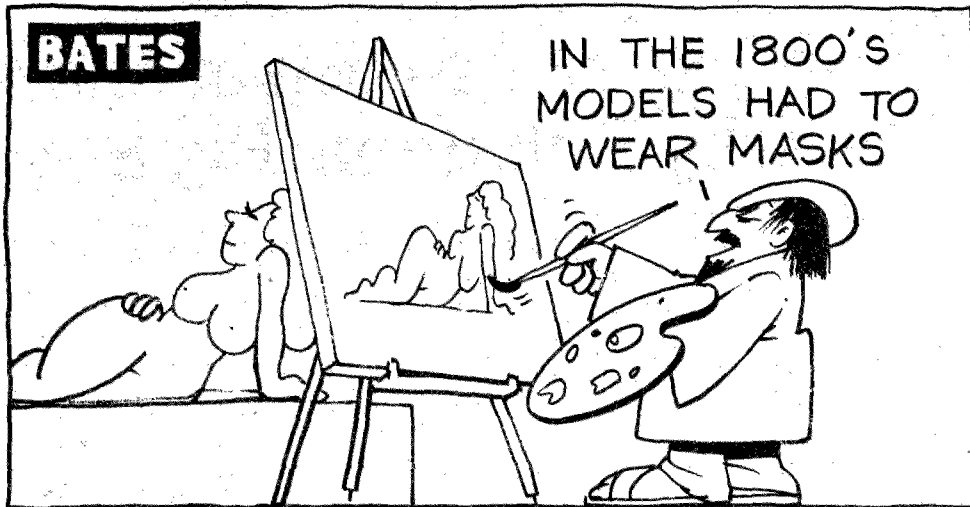
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A Cohesive Attitude is Sought

Dear Editor:

My small rented cabin stands on a bulldozer slash on the north face of Partington Canyon. There are deep ravines with rocks, springs and creeks on each side. It is a natural home for all wildlife including the mountain lion. I have often heard the lion at night. Living here has taught me that any domestic creature I neglect to pen for the night, that any house cat that slips out the door after dark will never reappear.

Until a mountain lion caught and killed one of my puppies a little after 8 a.m. this past Dec. 22, I had believed that mountain lions were night hunters who, in daylight, would respect my postage stamp of territory as marked by the smells and activities of myself, my 11-year-old son, our two large grown dogs and our friends.

Game Warden Tom Pedersen, and presumably the Department of Fish and Game, also believed that a day-hunting lion who would kill a puppy 10 feet from the door after the grown dogs and I had spent a good half hour in outdoor activities was an "abnormal" lion. We both believed that such a lion would keep returning for more easy meals.

Since then, I have talked to conservationist Araby Colton, who informs me that, according to the scientific studies of Professor Maurice Hornocker, a "normal" mountain lion hunts primarily by day. However, according to her February article in the *Big Sur Gazette*, which is, I hear, being reprinted this issue, the mountain lion is

"terrified of dogs and humans." Why then did this particular lion not run when my dogs and I emerged for the morning? Was it, as Ms. Colton implied on the phone, "normal" but young and foolish, or was it, as the game warden and I believed, "abnormal"? Are my dogs perhaps the "abnormal" creatures involved since, having been raised with cats and kittens, they possibly displayed no proper antagonism towards an overgrown kitty? Did the lion sense that I myself am overly fond of animals and assume that I would permit her to breakfast on puppy?

It seems that I must drastically increase and reassess my information on mountain lions. So must, it would seem, the Department of Fish and Game and Ms. Colton. I would like to see any literature Fish and Game has on mountain lions and their management. I would like to read the reports of Professor Hornocker.

I have my questions: What threat did this particular mountain lion or does any mountain lion pose to babies and small children in its territory? Might this mountain lion as readily have snatched year-old Sarah Eichman from her doorstep? The Eichmans are my close neighbors on this ravine. They often put small Sarah out the door to play much as I put out the puppies.

Am I guilty of luring the mountain lion closer by keeping not only dogs and their pups, but also cats, chickens, geese and rabbits? Should Big Sur have codes prohibiting

the keeping of domestic animals in mountain lion areas?

Is it conceivable, in this day of "save the mountain lion" petitions, that prominent conservationists and the SPCA were ignorant of current DFG attitudes towards those lions—that DFG considers the lion population excessive and basically unrelatable? Why did either a conservationist or the SPCA contact DFG when Jeff Norman informed them that I had a treed lion?

Why wasn't the SPCA or some other conservationist agency prepared to effect a mountain lion rescue in the event that DFG refused to save it? The SPCA tried to perfect a tranquilizer and round up a team only after they had been informed that Warden Pedersen had been sent out to shoot the lion.

If the Department of Fish and Game is the "ultimate authority" on the fate of mountain lions, as Warden Pedersen insisted and the SPCA conceded, why did the SPCA belatedly bother to organize a rescue squad? Did they hope to save the lion before Mr. Pedersen appeared; did they hope to dissuade Mr. Pedersen, or was their tardy arrival merely a political maneuver?

Did I inadvertently give Warden Pedersen permission to shoot the lion by signing a permit which gave me, as the offended party, leave to kill it? Would I have killed it had I a rifle and the skill to use it? Yes, in my first moments of anger as it dangled my puppy by the nose. No, when I contemplated its beauty and considered the possibility of its relocation. Yes, had it tried to come down the tree and had it seemed in any way a danger to any of the small children or adults present.

What was the attitude of the dozen or so Big Sur adults present when Tom Pedersen shot the lion? Most had come merely to see their first lion, some had come to catch the excitement, two or three felt strongly about its salvation. In the hours before its demise, perhaps two dozen other Big Sur people came to gawk at the lion, mouth platitudes, and depart on their various errands. While no one present at the shooting wanted the warden to kill the lion, no one acted or spoke eloquently enough to prevent his doing so. We were all victims of our own confusion and impotence. The only person who "knew" what to do with my mountain lion was Tom

Pedersen—and he did it.

Before you people of Big Sur wax overly sentimental about the plight of the mountain lion, before you start fund-raising for the organization of our very own rescue squad, I hope you will consider my fears and my questions. I hope you will consider the mixed emotions of the general populace. A mountain lion may look lovely in my tree, but how would you treat its presence in your tree? I hope you will examine the policies of both Fish and Game and of the preservationists and decide if they are in any way compatible.

Were we human inhabitants of Big Sur all confirmed "friends of the mountain lion," we would stage a mass exodus and dedicate this land as a game preserve for the lion. Since we selfishly insist upon living here, we must work towards a cohesive attitude towards and practicable plans for the management of "our" mountain lions.

Sylvia Rudolph

Our Mountain Lions Are Again in Danger

By ARABY COLTON

The many people who worked hard in 1971 to get protection for the California mountain lion will be shocked to learn that once again this magnificent big cat is threatened — that the moratorium on hunting, passed by the legislature in 1971, and extended to 1983, is in danger of being broken by Senate Bill No. 835.

This bill, introduced by Sen. H.L. Richardson, would empower the California Fish and Game Commission to declare "lion control areas" anywhere that lions have killed any livestock at all, even so few as one animal a year. In these areas lions can be killed to 15 percent of the population CDF&G has estimated to exist. Whole counties in which lions have killed any stock must be declared hunting areas!

CDF&G has itself declared that lions are "a minor pro-

blem to California's livestock industry," that present control policies have "adequately provided relief to livestock owners."

This bill, purporting to be protection to stock raisers, is actually to allow the return of lion hunting, which Dr. Carl B. Koford, renowned lion expert of UCB, feels will seriously endanger the state's fragile population of lions.

Write Sen. John Nejedly, chairman of the California Senate Natural Resources & Wildlife Committee, urging a "no" vote on SB 835. (If the hearing is postponed, as they often are, your letter will be in time.) If the committee passes the bill it must go to the Senate floor for vote, so write our Senator, Robert P. Nimmo, urging him to vote against it. Address all legislators State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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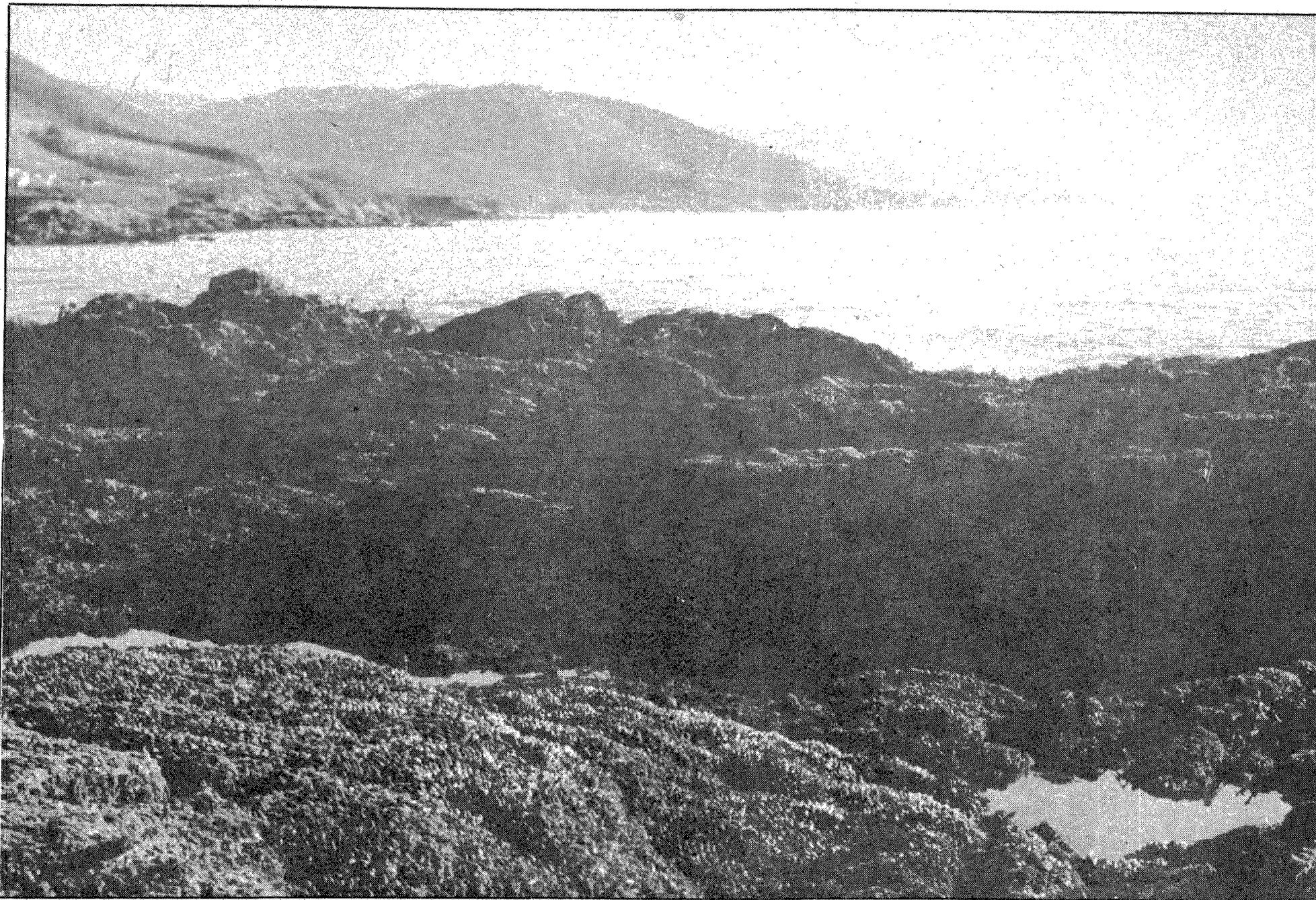
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A FREE LUNCH: *Mussel picking in Big Sur*



PRIME MUSSEL-GATHERING habitat. The California mussel is common from Alaska to Mexico, providing an im-

portant food source for starfish, sea otters, many birds, and man. A similar species, *Mytilus edulis*, the edible bay mussel,

is found on rocks and pilings in protected harbors and estuaries throughout the northern Pacific and Atlantic.

By JEFF NORMAN

The *Gazette's* Wildlife section has, in the past, focused on "big game"—mammals of both land and sea. Now, with winter upon us, it seems opportune to take a close look at an animal that might escape most people's consideration: *Mytilus californianus*, the California mussel.

This is an animal that occurs in countless thousands along the rocky coastline of Monterey County, has been a staple in the diet of our aboriginal predecessors, and continues to play an important role as a major food item for a variety of marine animals.

Every summer, of course, hungry mussel aficionados must suffer through a cold-turkey quarantine on mussels, and the first heavy ocean swells of winter are eagerly awaited. Forbidden fruit for six months out of the year, mussels are only safe to eat when their digestive systems are free from concentrations of a microscopic single-celled plankton animal,

Gonyaulax. The old rule of gathering mussels only during "R Months" (those months with an "r" in the spelling) should not be followed, since *Gonyaulax* may thrive in September or October. The California Department of Fish and Game recommends mussel consumption from November through April only.

The "red tide" plankton reproduces astronomically when conditions in the ocean are just right—warm water temperatures, the proper nutrients and plenty of oxygen. When this "bloom" occurs the ocean, particularly in bays and coves, may become tinged brick-red by the millions of cells. It is during this period of abundance of *Gonyaulax* that mussels become poisonous for humans. Mussels, and other bivalve (two-shelled) molluscs such as clams and oysters, pump sea water through their systems, extracting oxygen and food material. When the red-tide plankton blooms, there is a corresponding increase in the body of the mussel—up to the point where ingestion of a few mussels can be fatal. This bloom may

appear to take place overnight and it frequently reverses itself in the same way—after the nutrients and oxygen are depleted, *Gonyaulax* dies off to a nearly undetectable presence.

There may be a lesson, applicable to our own species, in this animal's life history.

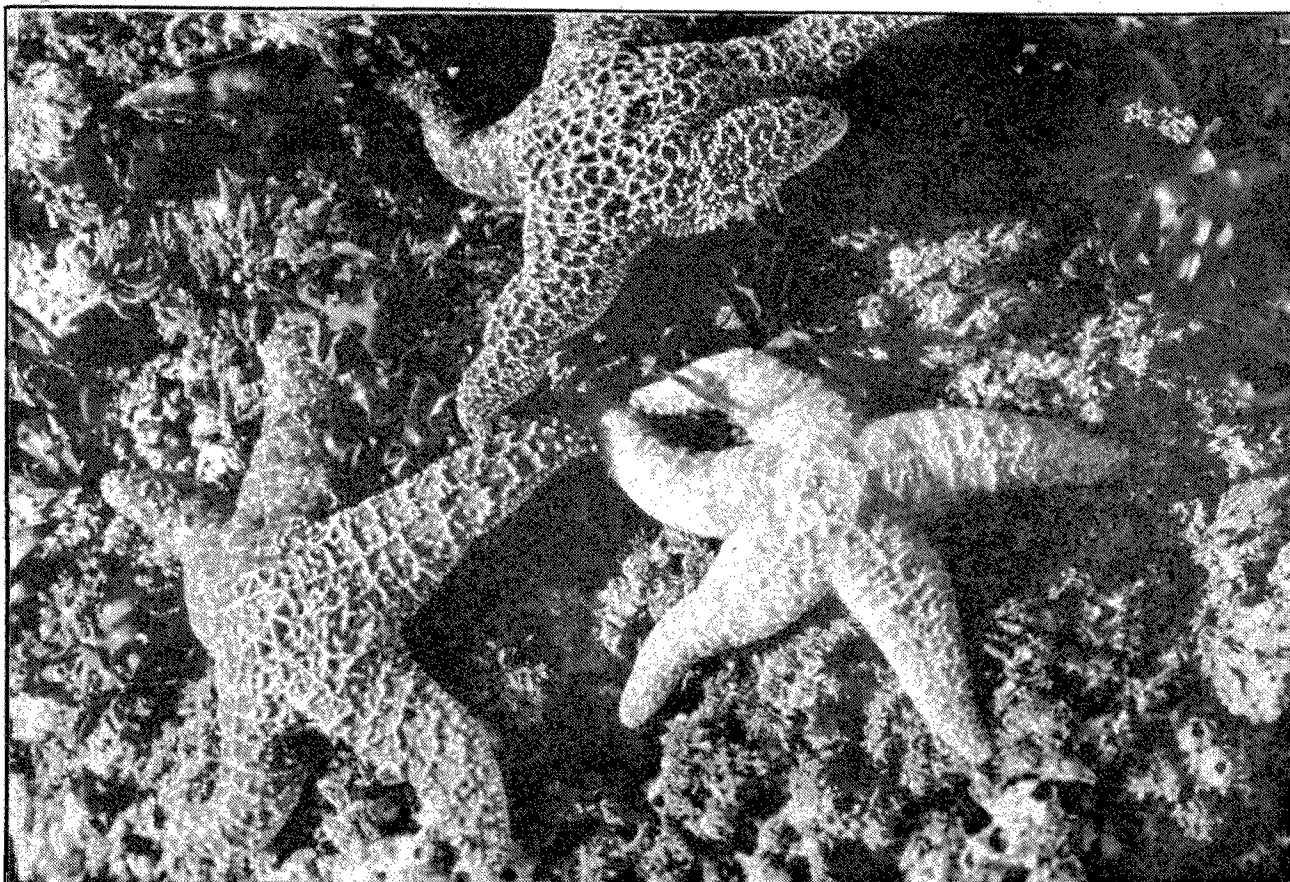
It is evident from examining the many middens, or Indian shell mounds, in the area that the mussel was an important part of the Esselen and Rumsen people's diet. Broken mussel shell is almost always found at habitation sites, and is frequently a major component of middens located many miles from the ocean. It is thought that the California tribes recognized certain corridors, or neutral travel routes, by which inland tribes could gain access to the coast for the purpose of fishing. Certainly mussels were gathered and dried for transport by many peoples. And politicians today might be well advised to consider coastal access policies in effect several hundred years before the passage of Proposition 20.

In order to have a mussel feed, you must procure the mussels. This is half the fun. First you must have a low tide. Minus tides are best, and watch out for the swells—the sheriff's rescue squad doesn't like to get wet. You must also have a stretch of rocky coast that you can legally, and physically, get to. The shoreline is steep and the tribes living along the coast are decidedly hostile.

Scalp intact and with fishing license, wilderness permit and gunny sack in hand, you're ready to harvest nature's bounty. Look for your quarry on exposed rocks facing out toward the open sea. Find a flat shelf with a good-sized mussel bed, where you can keep an eye on the ocean. You will need a knife or a claw hammer to detach the mussel from the rock. They withstand the batter of the surf by anchoring themselves with dozens of byssal threads, nylon-like strands secreted by a gland in the foot. In well-developed beds they are often found several deep, one layer attached to the next by this network.

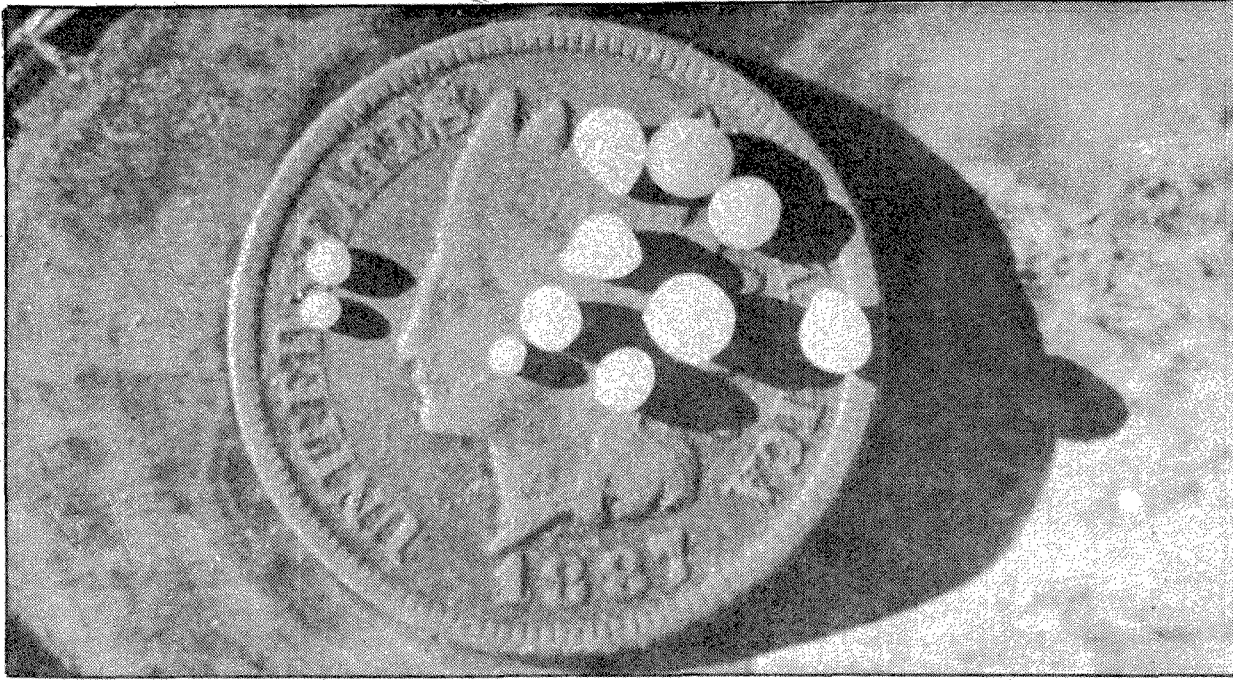
These mussel beds are a rich habitat for many invertebrates. Providing protective cover from the harsh sunlight at low tide and the surf at high tide, dozens of specialized animals such as mussel worms, peanut worms, chitons and tiny crabs can be found packed into the spaces around the mussels. To protect this assemblage employ selective picking, rather than stripping a rock bare. And take only what you will need, leaving the rest for others (human and non-human). The medium-sized ones are probably best, those around four inches being the most tender and flavorful.

Remove most of the material clinging to the shell on the spot, if you can. Many people enjoy eating the fleshy "stalks" of the gooseneck barnacles (called "horses' hooves" locally) which attach to the shells of mussels, as well as forming good-sized colonies in association with the mussel beds. When you get home, take a wire brush and scrub the shells clean. I try to leave the byssal threads to use as handles later on. You might also want to bring back a bucket of clean sea water and soak the mussels overnight. Left undisturbed, they will expel waste and other material, such as sand, from their systems.



THE COMMON OCHRE star. This starfish, *Pisaster ochraceus*, along with the Gooseneck barnacle, is found in the

same tidal range as the California mussel. The presence of one of the three usually indicates the presence of the other two.



PEARLS TO SWINE. In his gluttony, the author chewed up a number of pearls during a mussel feed in Baja last Christmas. The revelation that the crunch was coming from pearls caused great excitement. However, a "generous" Carmel jeweler would only offer \$20 an ounce for these handsome specimens, ranging in color from pure white to rose.

Your catch is now ready for cooking. Mussels can be boiled, steamed, sauteed, baked, or shish-kebabed. Be careful not to overcook them—they get tough. If baked, steamed or boiled, watch the shells—when they butterfly open, they're done.

An easy favorite is mussels quick-steamed and dipped in a sauce of melted butter, garlic and parsley. Alice Jaeger

The old rule of gathering mussels only during "R" months should not be followed ... they may thrive in Sept. or Oct.

remembers her father, Frank Post, as preferring a lemon-garlic-butter sauce, and Ruth Harlan, of Lucia, steams her mussels in white wine and garlic-parsley. Buzz and Sam Brown treat themselves and their friends to mussel spaghetti, with the steamed, shelled mussels added to the sauce just before serving. Buzz will also take any leftover mussels remaining in the boiling pot and pickle them. He says that any of the popular

pickling recipes can be used, and all you need to do to seal the jar is pour a layer of cooking oil over the top of the mussels. Kept in the refrigerator, they make for an easy snack—no jar lid to fumble with.

If you want to go all out, we offer a popular recipe from *La Cuisine de France*, by Toulouse-Lautrec: *Moules poulette*—Mussels poulette:

3 quarts mussels	1 tablespoon flour
3/4 cup white wine	1/4 lb. (scant) mushrooms
3 onions, chopped	1 egg yolk, beaten slightly
7 tablespoons butter	2 teaspoons chopped parsley
<i>bouquet garni</i> (thyme, bay leaf, parsley)	juice of 1/2 lemon
	salt and pepper

Scrape and wash the mussels well under running water. Put them in a kettle with the wine, the chopped onions and the *bouquet garni*. Heat without a cover until the mussels open.

Place the mussels in a shallow platter, removing the top shell from each one. Heat the butter in a saucepan and blend in the flour. Add the mussel broth strained through a fine sieve and stir until blended. Add the mushrooms, trimmed, washed and cut into pieces. Simmer over a low heat for 30 minutes.

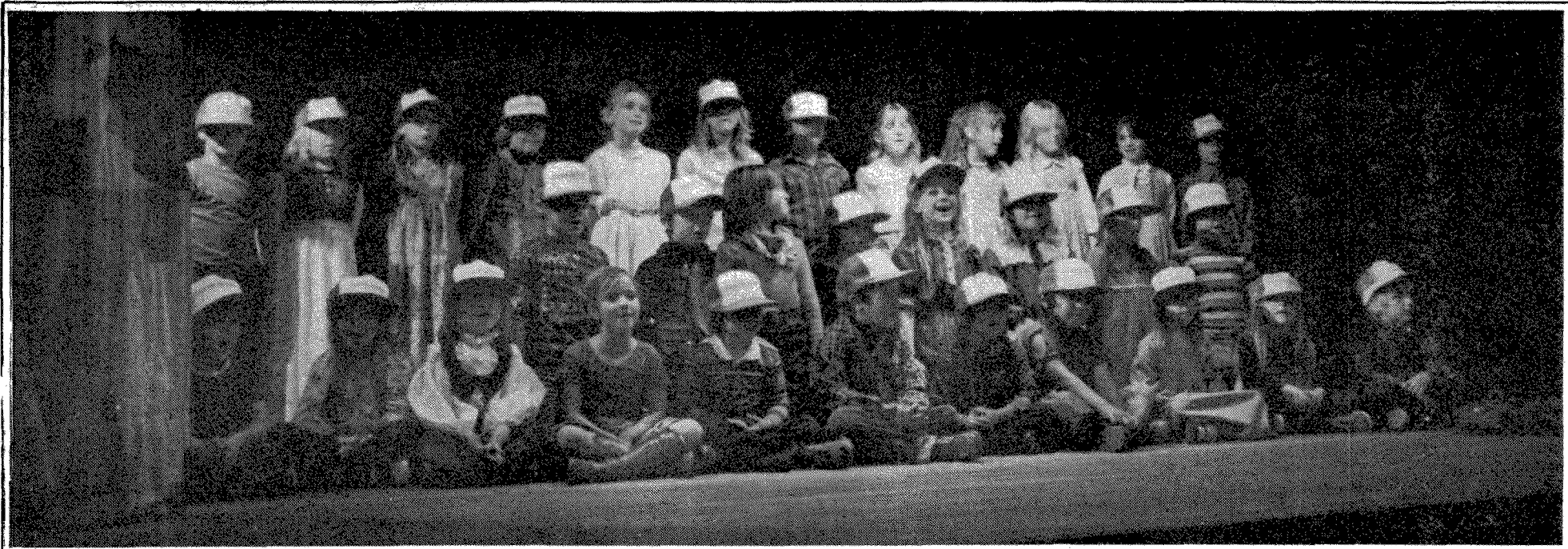
Just before serving, remove the sauce from the heat and add the egg yolk, chopped parsley, salt, pepper and the juice of half a lemon. Pour this sauce, which should be very hot, over the mussels.



SEVERAL MUSSELS, detached from the rock, showing the web of byssal threads. Barnacles and algae encrust the surface of the shells.



DENSE COLONY of mussels. A wide variety of small invertebrates live in the protected interstices of mussel beds.



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Kindergarten Calendars Receive Anonymous Gift

By PAULA WALLING

The 1980 *Big Sur Kindergarten Calendar* received a special blessing in this year of otherwise meager school budgeting. Anonymous contributors ("Friends of the Big Sur Kindergarten Calendar," as the letter confirming their intentions was signed), kindly offered to underwrite the cost of printing the calendars, thus assuring the children's efforts could appear another year. As printing costs along with everything else soared, 1978 and 1979 brought fears that the

printer would not be paid of that if so, so little profit would be made from production that the time spent on the project would not be worthwhile. So for this year at least, we are delighted and thankful that the new calendar books that the children so look forward to will once again be put into their hands, and that they can have the feeling of accomplishment that goes with being able to do something for themselves — albeit with considerable help this year.

John Villa's Cover

This year's cover was drawn by first grader

CHILDREN AT Big Sur's Captain Cooper School donned red and white baseball hats (Christmas gifts from the Parents' Club) and performed vocal and instrumental songs of

John Villa, son of Richard and Patty Villa. Although John was thrilled at the thought of having his picture up front, he was even more delighted with the prospect of seeing the miniature (3x2) cover that is used for bookplates and placed inside all the books purchased with each year's calendar. "Do you mean my little calendar picture will be in all the books?" he asked. He was ecstatic. Somewhere in the world, mostly in Big Sur, 1,000 of John's owls (and 300 bookplates) will hang on walls, doors or sit on desks (and be inside books); and every month, some new child or group of children will enjoy seeing their work displayed for a time.

Danielle Rial, daughter of Curtis and La Juana Rial, produced the delightful freckle-nosed girl on the back cover.

Looking Inside

January seems to be the month that suits Basil Sanborn best. Last year he drew a boat for the first month of the year; this year, it's a skier. In fact, January is likely to find Basil skiing (in Kansas) as he awaits a new baby sister or brother. Some January events include meteor showers, the swallows leaving Argentina for San Juan Capistrano, and a blue moon (i.e., a second full moon in the same month).

Lisa Calloway of Palo Colorado Canyon brings February in with hearts and flowers and children. Some special February celebrations are Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, Mardi Gras and Leap Day.

March showers come more often than April ones in Big Sur, so Danielle Rial's happy girl under an umbrella, a cloud and enormous raindrops seems timely. March, Red Cross Month, brings California Arbor Day, St. Patrick's Day and the swallows' return to Capistrano on St. Joseph's Day — and yet another blue moon!

April has Tony Corella's dancing children and its events include Easter, Earth Day and Daylight Savings Time Day.

For May, Sandra Villalobos drew a woman in the yard outside her home. Beside her, a bird is pecking at some grain. In May comes Mother's Day, the Jumping Frog Jubilee and Memorial Day.

A Tribute to Harry Dick Ross

June has three portraits of Harry Dick

the season at a Dec. 21 afternoon Grange Hall show. Above, the kindergarten, first and second graders perform.

Ross that Jesse Marron, Danielle Rial and Christopher Wagdy drew of him at a recent visit to his home. In June, we celebrate Harry Dick's birthday, Flag Day, and Father's Day.

Sara Lee journeys through a July evening in a truck with headlights shining and the moon glowing. Independence Day, Moon Day and the Carmel Bach Festival fall in July.

Airic Culala Byrne, Sara Lee and Keri Knutson offer three styles of train riding for August. By that time, there may well be a lot more train riding! August 1st says BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE (both the Molera and Marble-Cone fires began that day).

Harrison Dibblee's marvelous book-toting children greet the children returning to school in September. Also in September comes the Carmel Sandcastle Contest, the Harvest Moon and Grandmother's Day, the last Sunday in September.

October has Jamie Coventry's cat, witch and bat. It is the month of the Captain Cooper Carnival, the Butterfly Parade, a return to standard time and of course, Halloween.

James Taylor and Clover Bradford have drawn whales for the month of November, the month we sometimes begin seeing our California gray whales in migration. In November comes election day, Grandfather's Day, Sadie Hawkins Day and Thanksgiving.

James Taylor's feeling for Christmas is evident in his soft, snowy December picture. In December, Hanukkah begins, the Grange was organized, Beethoven was born and the most celebrated day of the year for both children and adults arrived — Christmas.

The end pages of the calendar are a collage of the combined efforts of Michelle Bleck, Jason Derr, Carrie Jones, Clover Bradford, Brooke Patterson, Jonathan Roberts and Tara Witt.

New Library Books

Approximately one dozen new library books bearing the 1980 bookplates are now in circulation daily at the school. Many more are on order at La Vonn Curtis' new Apple Pie Children's Bookshop in New Monterey. Others will be purchased from time to time at various bookstores including the Thunderbird. Parents are encouraged to suggest books they would enjoy seeing available at the school.

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WITH SEVERAL FAMILIES already on Christmas vacation, the Captain Cooper show went on. Refreshments and other community members, and to the delight of the children, the show ended with a visit from

Santa. Above, the third, fourth and fifth graders sing. Musical direction was provided by Bill Purdy, Carmel schools' music specialist.

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Views and Viewpoints

A Needless and Brutal Waste

Dear Editor:

The Saturday before Christmas, I was involved in a needless and brutal waste of life. I had hoped to participate in the rescue of a wild animal and actually abetted, by ignorance and naive trust, the killing of a beautiful, healthy, young lioness.

I trusted Tom Pederson (Fish and Game warden) to be equally concerned for the lion's welfare. I even reassured him of our support as he waited with us for the SPCA. But he lied and had no intention of waiting; he had orders to kill regardless of the arrival of the SPCA. Capt. Hugh Thomas gave those orders as he simultaneously led the SPCA to believe that the rescue was in their hands. And Capt. Thomas had been informed by me on the telephone earlier that no one was interested in killing the lion, only relocating her. So Tom Pederson got himself a lion which he showed off on his trip north.

Tom Pederson now claims that he felt threatened by us; "the emotionally upset people." That was not the state of affairs, and real paranoia, or merely a pretense of fear, does not justify his shooting of the animal.

Friends, Mrs. Owings, Araby Colton, do you appreciate the enormity of the situation? I think we have to face the facts. I heard over and over as the justification, "this lion would have given good lions a bad name." This was a good lion, and that rational sounds like a sugar-coated version of "the only good lion is a dead lion."

The DFG had an alternative to save that lion, and they did not just overlook it, they overruled it. We collectively believed that F&G protect our wildlife. They don't. They kill it.

We in this country have killed everything as the easiest and cheapest solution, the land, the trees, the Indians, the wolves, the beavers, seals and lions. Each individual has to decide where she or he stands. And then we must stand together to reverse the kill—eliminate—"Dispatch" mentality. It is still the rule of thumb. We cannot save lions by avoiding the blatant issue, by being naive enough to trust the government agency we pay to protect the wildlife. Had I the choice again with the knowledge I now have learned, I, with my young

child would choose to live in close proximity with that lioness rather than sacrifice her life so needlessly. And that is not to say that I am afraid to walk down the road at night in the presence of that cat but I would do it because I have chosen to live in lion country and I have no right here if I am not willing to coexist.

Gary, you have to stay on the scene if you care; Pat, you cannot maintain a safe distance on the upper road; Kristen, you may have to skip work if you want to save a mountain lion. The voyeurs

were there watching, but no clear-minded people of action needed to stop the insane killing were there. I blew it and I feel guilty. Let's shout loud to the rest of Californians now. But remember it's up to us next time.

I think we could discuss having our own local rescue crew in liaison with the conscientious people of SPCA and the veterinarians in town who tried to carry out this last rescue. I for one would like to be part of such an endeavor and attempt to bring some good from this whole sad experience.

Barbara Woyt

A Reply Received From Dept. of Parks

Dear Editor:

Attached is a letter I received from Alice Wright-Cottingham Huffman in response to the letter which you published in the last issue of the *Gazette*.

Alice's response is almost more than I dared hope for. As you know, the intent of the state Coastal Commission in seeking to amend the 1976 law was to drop the term 'RPZ' but keep and extend the concept. Thus, in theory, the right of interest of the DP&R in development could encompass the entire Coastal Zone. The RPZ concept would be extended beyond any set boundaries, and thus the stricter requirements of the RPZ's would have an effect anywhere the DP&R

(and the Coastal Commission) said they should be imposed.

Now, Mrs. Huffman has committed herself in this letter to "expressing our concern with adjacent development that we would consider undesirable." The active word is adjacent. This is the same right that any other property owner has. It is not an extension of that right to give the state additional powers and that of course was what we were all fighting.

We have won a round, thanks to the good sense of Mrs. Huffman and the efforts of everyone who staged the two protests.

I hope that you will publish the letter.

Jim Josoff

NOAA Hearings in SF

Dear Editor:

BETTER WAKE UP, BIG SUR! Big things are happening and if you make enough noise right now with your Sacramento legislators, you might be able to do yourselves some good!

At last, there will be some hearings, demanded by the California Coastal Council (that 9,000-member group of environmentally concerned private property owners who are trying to get the California Coastal Commission to "clean up its act") of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to determine whether or not the Coastal Commission should continue to be funded so heavily by NOAA.

The hearings will be strictly monitored by Senators

Cranston and Hayakawa and have been scheduled for February.

The problem: The hearings are to be held in Los Angeles and San Francisco, not in Big Sur or even Monterey County!

So: since it is announced that public participation is a necessary part of these hearings, and since input from Big Sur is absolutely vital, let's rattle some cages and demand that our Sacramento legislators bring real pressure to bear to get these hearings held somewhere in Monterey County, but preferably in BIG SUR!

WE CAN DO IT TOO! Get in touch with all of your local legislators, Mello, Hallett, Nimmo, Panetta by telephone or telegram or letter or postcard and make your voice heard! Besiege your Supervisors and demand that they put pressure to bear to get the hearings held in Big Sur!

San Francisco is not even included in the Coastal Plan, so why hold hearings there anyhow?

This is your big chance to rectify many things from your LCP on!

But it will take a lot of clamor and a lot of indignant voters airing their views to get a Big Sur hearing!

And three cheers for the California Coastal Council for forcing NOAA to agree to hold the hearings.

From now on, it's up to us!

Clare Carey Willard

Overdevelopment?

Dear Editor:

I have been reading so much during the past few months about the "overdevelopment" of Big Sur and the need for federal and state help to "preserve" it. My incredulity has increased to the point where I feel I can remain silent no longer.

I fell in love with Big Sur in 1945. I visited Big Sur periodically between 1950 and 1956. I started going to Big Sur on a regular basis (like 10 times a year) since 1956. Three years ago I fulfilled a dream and became a Big Sur property owner.

One of the reasons Big Sur has always appealed to me is because it hasn't changed. Over the past 25 years the only new motel was the South Coast Motel, now part of Esalen. The Big Sur Gallery

came into its own and Nepeenthe added the Phoenix Shop. Both of these were "organic" expansions. And then there's Ventana—which everyone has to admit is Big Sur's Crown Jewel.

The most common remark by all visitors to Big Sur is, "Where do the people live?" Without the gobbledygook of the Coastal Commission, the CAC, the BSF, etc., etc., homes were built out of sight. Some weren't but would anyone deny that the Owings house has added to the landscape? If it hasn't, why is that promontory the most photographed in Big Sur?

Big Sur is remarkable because it hasn't changed. Yosemite, as an example, has been ruined and its ruination proceeds. Has Yosemite had

concern with adjacent development that we would consider undesirable.

I can assure you that I do not feel "all development is bad." Many types of development can be compatible with park resources and objectives.

I appreciate your comments and concerns. I will continue to work diligently to consider all of the rights and interests found along the coast while representing the department's concerns to develop a balanced program.

Alice A. Huffman
Chief Deputy Director
Department of Parks
and Recreation

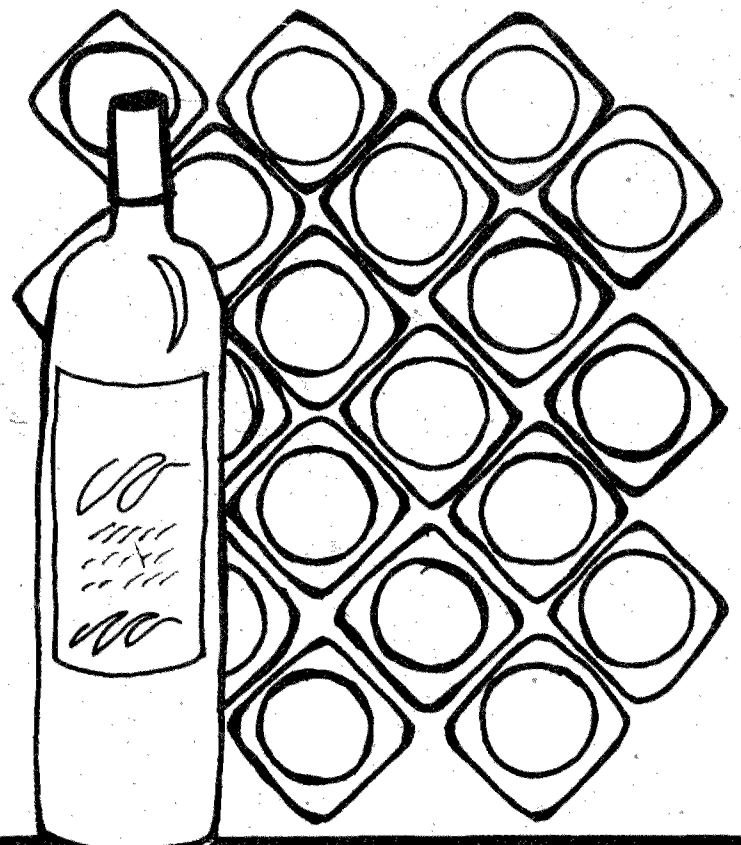
only one new commercial development in the same grain of time? Have you seen the structures at Yosemite? Have you ever heard anyone ask in Yosemite, "Where are the people?"

Who really is Ansel Adams? He is a big businessman and like all big businessmen he functions best in the context of big government. If he and his kind were really interested in the preservation of Big Sur, they would throw their cocktail benefits for the Big Sur Fire Brigade. The Brigade will help Big Sur save itself. But the Brigade does not make real exciting media copy. And they don't keep lawyers occupied.

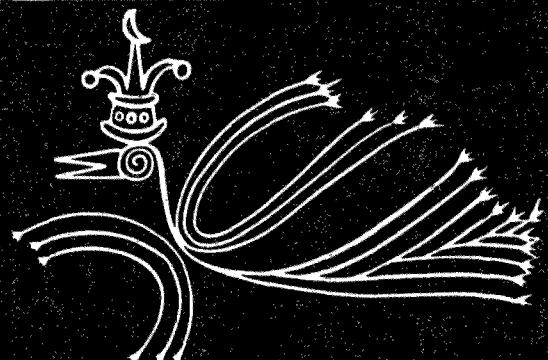
I have observed some of the saviours of Big Sur. They are usually against the expansion of Ventana and deplore the commerciality that it has introduced—but I have seen these same people proudly entertaining visitors at—you guessed it—the patio at Ventana.

Everyone talks about the real Big Sur. If the media and the politicians wanted to meet the real Big Sur—sans committees—they would have attended the benefit picnic for the Fire Brigade this past summer. The people there were Big Sur. They have done a marvelous job in the greatest place on earth out of love. The only overdevelopment I'm aware of is the egos of the Ansel Adamses. Why can't people like that mind their own business? If he loves Big Sur so much why does he live in Carmel Highlands? Or better yet, he might enjoy a permanent camp-out on the pavement in Yosemite Valley.

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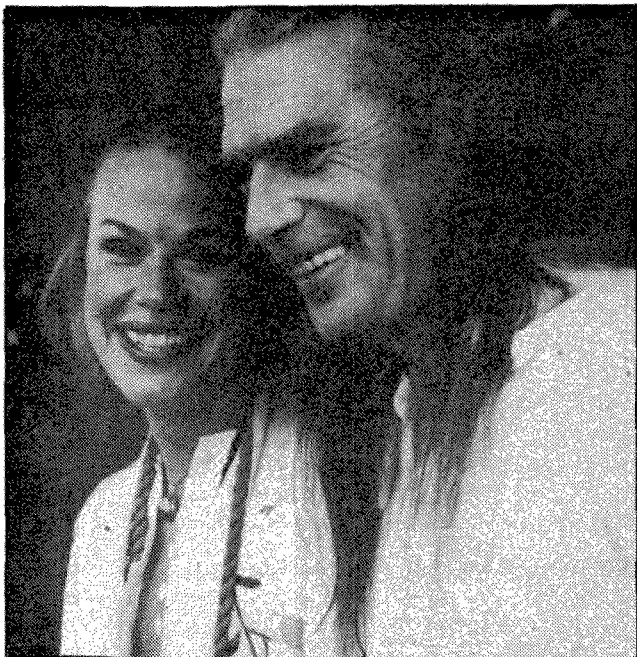
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Health Center Gets Support

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Big Sur Health Center, chairman Ray Sanborn thanked members of the Big Sur community for their quick response to the call for contributions. He pointed out that the center, which opened on Oct. 1, has received over \$1,500 in individual contributions and a \$5,000 donation from Esalen Institute. While board members welcomed the fine community support, several mentioned the need to continue to seek contributions from community members. The board agreed to defer until spring a major fund-raising event. In addition to the financial contributions made to the center, Dr. Sol Kunitz reported that several pieces of valuable equipment have been donated and/or lent to the center by Monterey County and Eskaton Monterey Hospital. Besides a much-needed microscope (which enables Dr. Kunitz to make various determinations which otherwise would take several days), the center has received a baby scale, surgical cabinets, medical screens, lamps and a fetoscope. Although the center is open only on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Sur Grange Hall, over 200

patients have been treated since opening day. Dr. Kunitz stated that some of the people he had seen at the center "were really sick" and according to their own reports, many would not ordinarily have gone to town to see a doctor. He felt that situations like these were only a few indications of how valuable the Health Center is to Big Sur. Dr. Kunitz also reported to the board that the center, with the coming of a new Eye Test Chart, will be able to offer physical exams to people wanting a DMV Class I or Class II operator's license. There was unanimous agreement among board members that the first several weeks of operation were extremely successful and that there was reason to be confident that the Big Sur Health Center will be providing more extensive services to local residents.



THE MARRIAGE OF Karen Sydney Landis and Ray Joseph Byrne took place Sunday, Dec. 2. The happy couple are pictured above at their reception at Santa Lucia Ranch the same day. (Photo by Lesa Thompson)


Big Sur Coast Citizens Advisory Committee Announces Next Meeting

Next regular meetings: Tuesday, Jan. 8 and 22, 7:30 to 10:30, Big Sur Grange Hall. UPDATE: Progress Report: The Jan. 8 meeting will be an update by the county planning staff on their LCP work in progress; an update by the CAC subcommittees on their responses to county background reports; and an update and discussion on the CAC Tuesday afternoon LCP Concepts draft. The Coastal Act requires answers to several issues it has identified or the convincing demonstration that such issues do not exist as problems. In this regard, there are three key questions which affect the extent to which there will be governmental participation in the implementation of the Big Sur Coast LCP:

1. Regulation and management of Highway 1.
2. Regulation and coordination of existing governmental agencies under the authority of the LCP.
3. Identification, protection, restoration and manage-

ment of the visual and natural resources of the Coastal area. The LCP Concepts draft will be giving some structure to these dynamic issues so that we can be more constructive in our response and less manipulated or incapacitated by trepidations. Workshop Guest: We will have Congressman Leon Panetta as our guest on Jan. 8. He has asked for an opportunity to be brought current on the progress of the LCP and the work of the CAC. In turn the CAC will explore questions with him on his ability to support a local program; the kinds of pressures he may have which would influence or affect our work; and what kind of time frame we should be aware of should the LCP need his legislative support. The meeting will be an exchange of information. The discussion will be limited to agenda items. Join us. If there is any chance in the Congressman's schedule we will announce that in the Jan. 7 edition of the Monterey Peninsula Herald. Roger Newell, Chairman

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Chimney Fire Dangers

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"It sounds like a locomotive in the front room," one woman claims. A man says it's "like being next to a jet taking off."

They are talking about chimney fires, which are on the increase nationwide due to the popularity of energy-saving fireplaces and wood stoves in the home.

In the last year reported chimney fires tripled in Massachusetts and doubled in New Hampshire. Fire marshals report increases in Ohio, Maryland and Washington state. Oregon's fastest growing fire category is chimney and stove flue

fires. The fires are caused when unburned residue called creosote builds up in the flue and is ignited.

And fire marshals expect more chimney-related fires due to more home conversions to wood and coal heating appliances and increased use of fireplaces. Persons who are unfamiliar with stove and chimney maintenance or use improper methods of conversion will often have trouble.

An example of an improper conversion is when people use an old chimney for a stove flue, not realizing that different stoves have different ventilation requirements. The fire might use up too much air in the room or the smoke might fill the room because the

chimney doesn't draw properly.

A fire causes damage to brick work in chimneys. Other damage sometimes results from flying sparks and embers that land on roofs, in trees, or even on power lines and ignite those combustible materials.

Chimney fires are not always loud. They can also be rather quiet, fire marshals report. The size and sound of the fire depends on many things, including the amount of unburned creosote which gets trapped in the flue.

Harry Barnett, supervisor of the Investigation and Fire Incident Reporting Division of the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office, offers three suggestions to prevent chimney fires:

— Burn seasoned wood. It leaves less creosote in the chimney and burns more efficiently.

— Get the proper size heating stove for a room. A stove too big has to be burned on low and smoke from this low-burning puts more creosote on the flue.

— Have the chimney cleaned at least once a year unless it is used only occasionally.

A quarter of an inch of black creosote in any one place means the chimney needs attention.

Homeowners can hire a professional, or clean the flue themselves. Special weighted, round brushes are drawn up by rope or chain to break down the creosote — but this is a dirty job.

A suburban chimney cleaning company in Massachusetts charges residential homes a flat rate of \$35 for a one-story chimney; \$45 for two stories. A Boston company estimates each job by chimney height and difficulty in reaching the chimney top. One company in a Seattle suburb charges \$45 for a one-story chimney.

Probation for Setting Fire

From the Herald

An 18-year-old Fort Hunter Liggett soldier who set a fire that burned 5,400 acres in Los Padres National Forest late this summer was sentenced to probation today in federal court.

Marshall Dean Burkhardt had pleaded guilty to felony charges after the fire, Aug. 31-Sept. 5, caused \$2.1 million in damage to the timber and brushland, with the cost of putting it out estimated by the U.S. Forest Service at \$1 million.

U.S. District Court Judge William A. Ingram in San Jose put Burkhardt on probation for five years. If sentenced as an adult, his penalty could be five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

U.S. Attorney Gregory H. Ward, the prosecutor, had asked that Burkhardt be committed under the Youth Corrections Act, which would include incarceration in a youth facility, plus a 60-day study by authorities.



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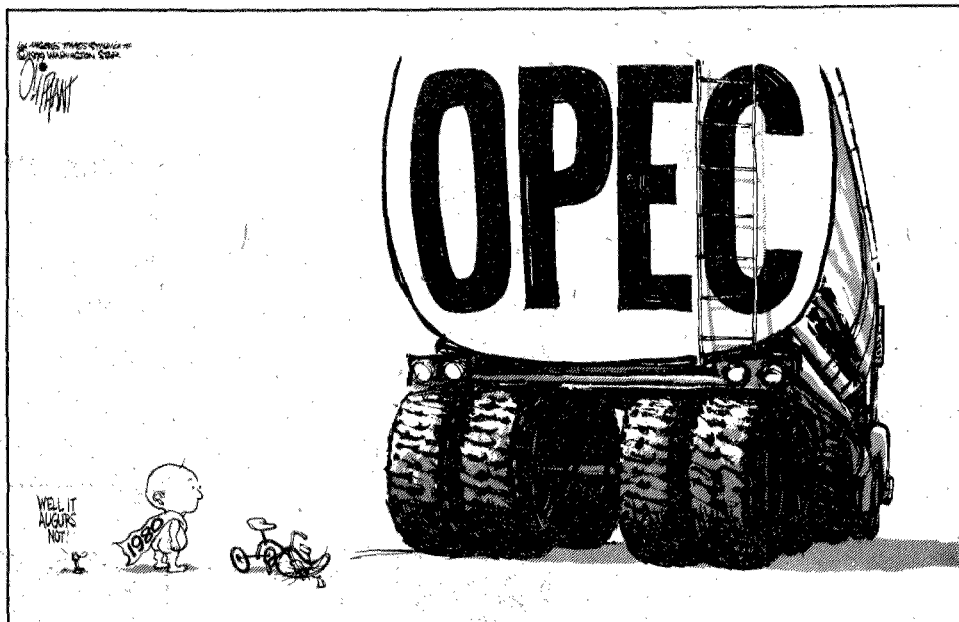
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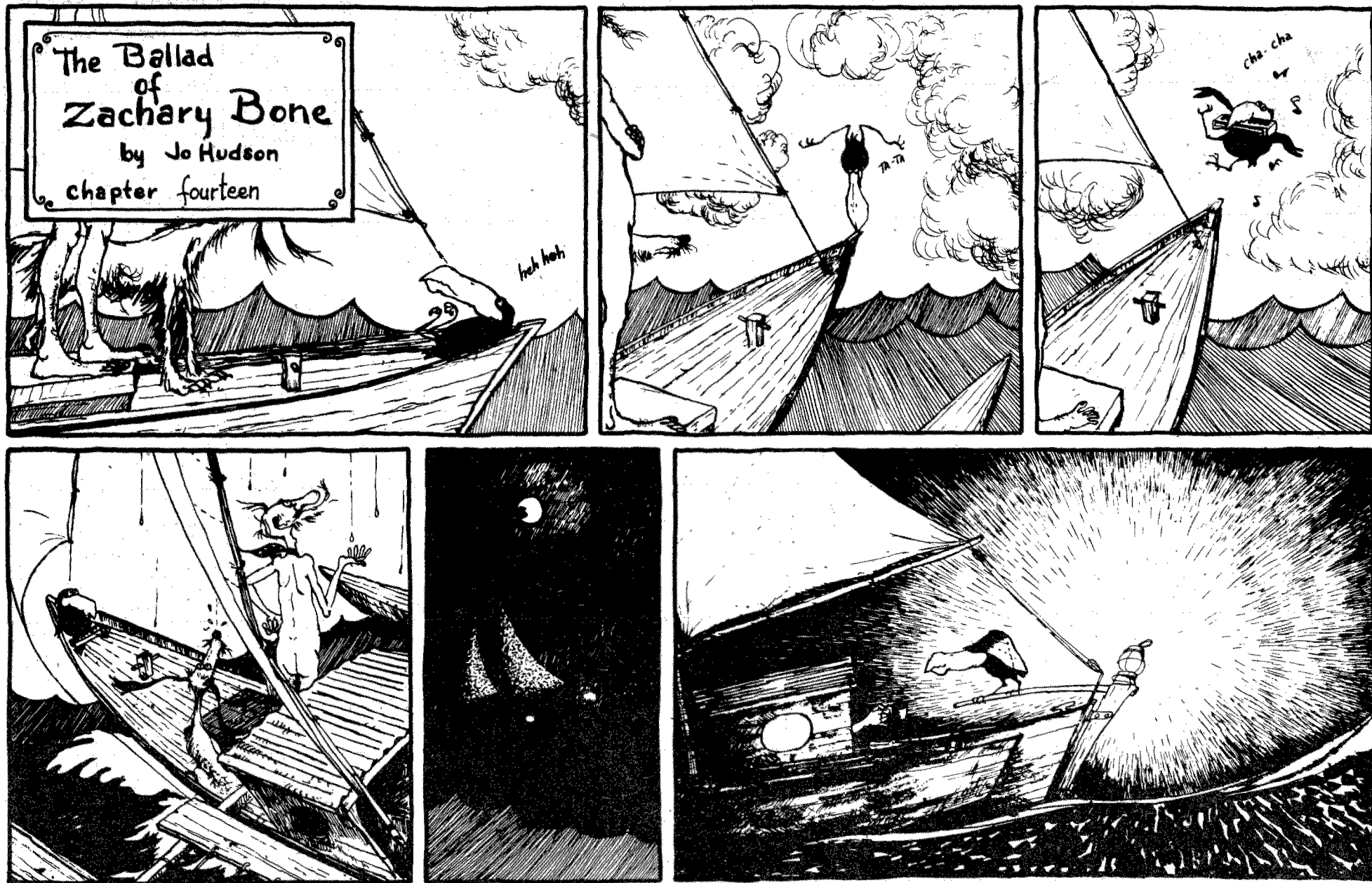
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Oil Spill Workshops Begin

By Gazette Staff Reporter

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The second in a series of three workshops on Pacific Gas & Electric Company's Moss Landing oil spill plan will be held in January. The time has been tentatively set for Jan. 17 in Santa Cruz at a place to be announced.

Steven Maki, public information person for the Central Coast Regional Commission, California Coastal Commission, asked that all interested Big Sur-Monterey Peninsula persons contact him at 701 Ocean Street, Room 310, Santa Cruz, or call (408)

Mr. Maki told a Gazette reporter that "preliminary comments" on the oil spill plan were made at the organizational workshop Dec. 13 at the Monterey Conference Center and that there will be two more workshops, open to the public. They will look at Oil Spill Contingency Plan and the Terminal Operations Manual for the recently approved expansion of PG&E's Marine Oil Terminal in Moss Landing.

When the workshops are

finished, "probably in February," Mr. Maki said, two public hearings will be held on the subject. Purpose of the workshops, he explained, is to "provide an opportunity for full public understanding of the plan and manual, to determine if all necessary provisions have been taken to preserve and protect the Monterey Bay environment and to provide for safe operations of the marine oil terminal."

He added that the workshops are being held to

fulfill conditions of the California Coastal Commission in its approval of PG&E's permit to expand the existing marine oil terminal.

Pacific Gas & Electric stated its case at the December meeting, he said. Future workshops will provide opportunity for public comment and discussion. The Coastal Commission will take action on the Plan and Manual following the public hearings.

Mr. Maki said that his office is open to questions from persons unable to attend the workshops. Copies of both the Plan and the Manual are available at local libraries and the Coastal Commission's Regional Office in Santa Cruz.

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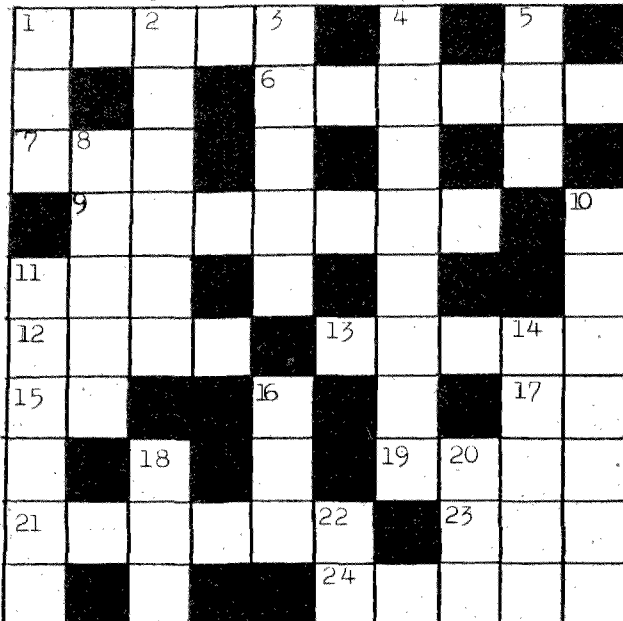
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1. Julia holds a lighted match to your arm, and what happens? (5)
6. A doubled-up sailor who goes well with fish. (6)
7. Twice seven, according to Caesar. (3)
9. Make rhymes again, but backwards. (7)
11. A forgiveness without Don is a joy on the links. (3)
12. If you take this in the right direction, you'll have some backward animals in the house. (4)
13. If these are pretty high, they're considered intellectuals. (5)
15. Who should hear in a courtroom? (2)
17. A reverse laugh. (2)
19. You can cut yourself easily if this is too sharp. (4)
21. If you have this stance, it's bound to occur. (6)
23. Above, said Wordsworth and his kind. (3)
24. With this metal, you've got a lot of gall. (5)

Down

1. Fight it out, but keep a ring around it. (3)
2. Historians are still in awe of this rider. (6)
3. Guide, but don't get a bum one. (5)
4. Put the food on the table in advance, but keep it from spoiling. (8)
5. If you can skin it, you can push a lot of dirt around. (3)
8. I'm of some importance, so don't get angry. (5)
10. Sealers that must stay pretty clean all the time. (7)
11. Candidate for the booby-hatch. (6)
14. What he does with a war or a campaign, provided they pay him what he's owed. (5)
16. One of my ancestors, circa 1,000,000 B.C. (3)
18. Make your choice, will you? (3)
20. The victim's fatal condition, as reported by a cop. (3)
22. Note well, said Nero. (2)

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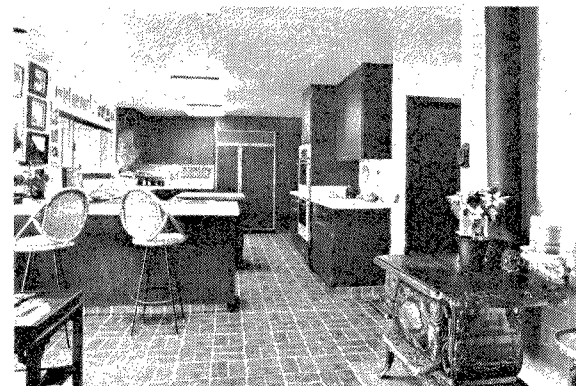
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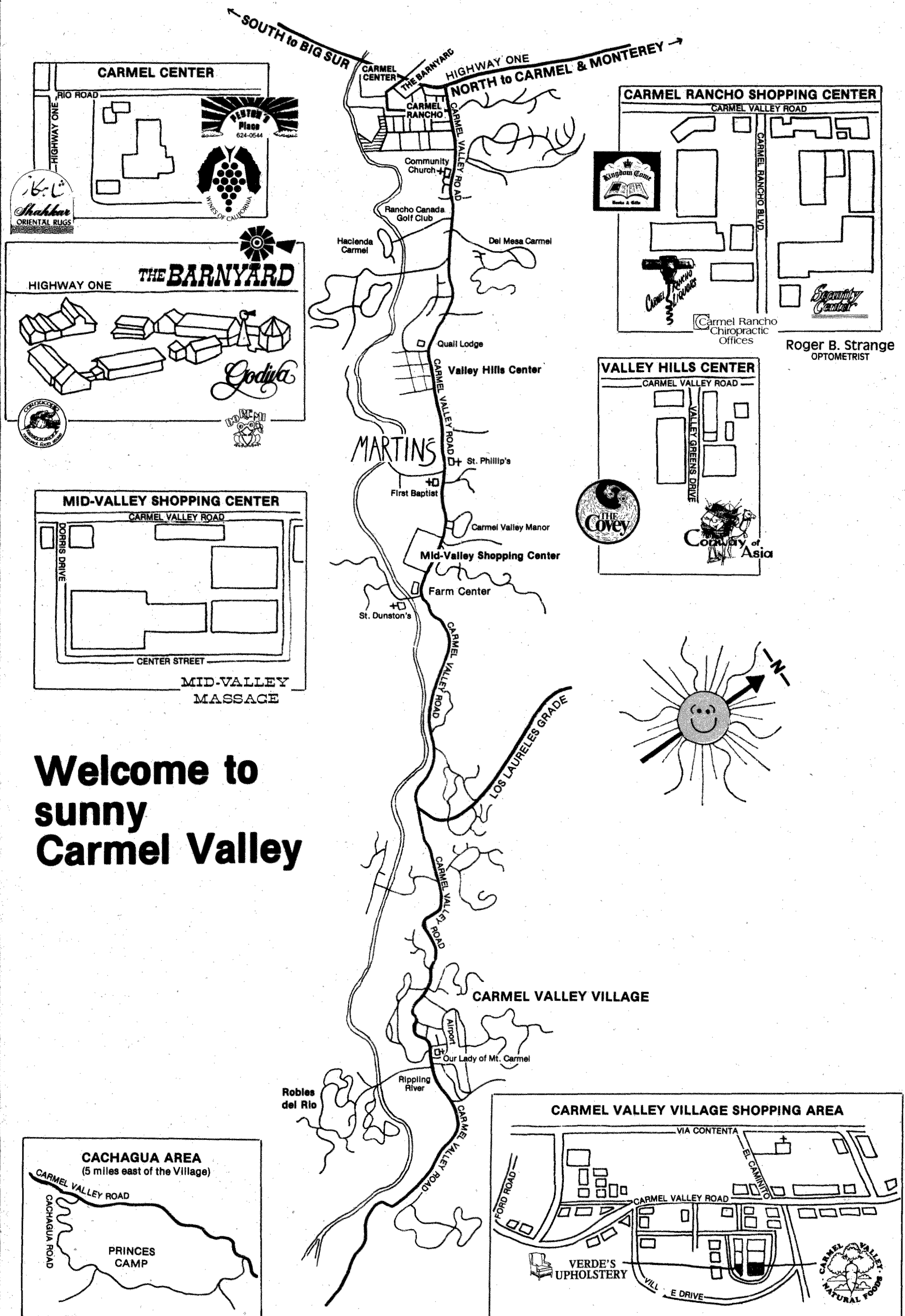
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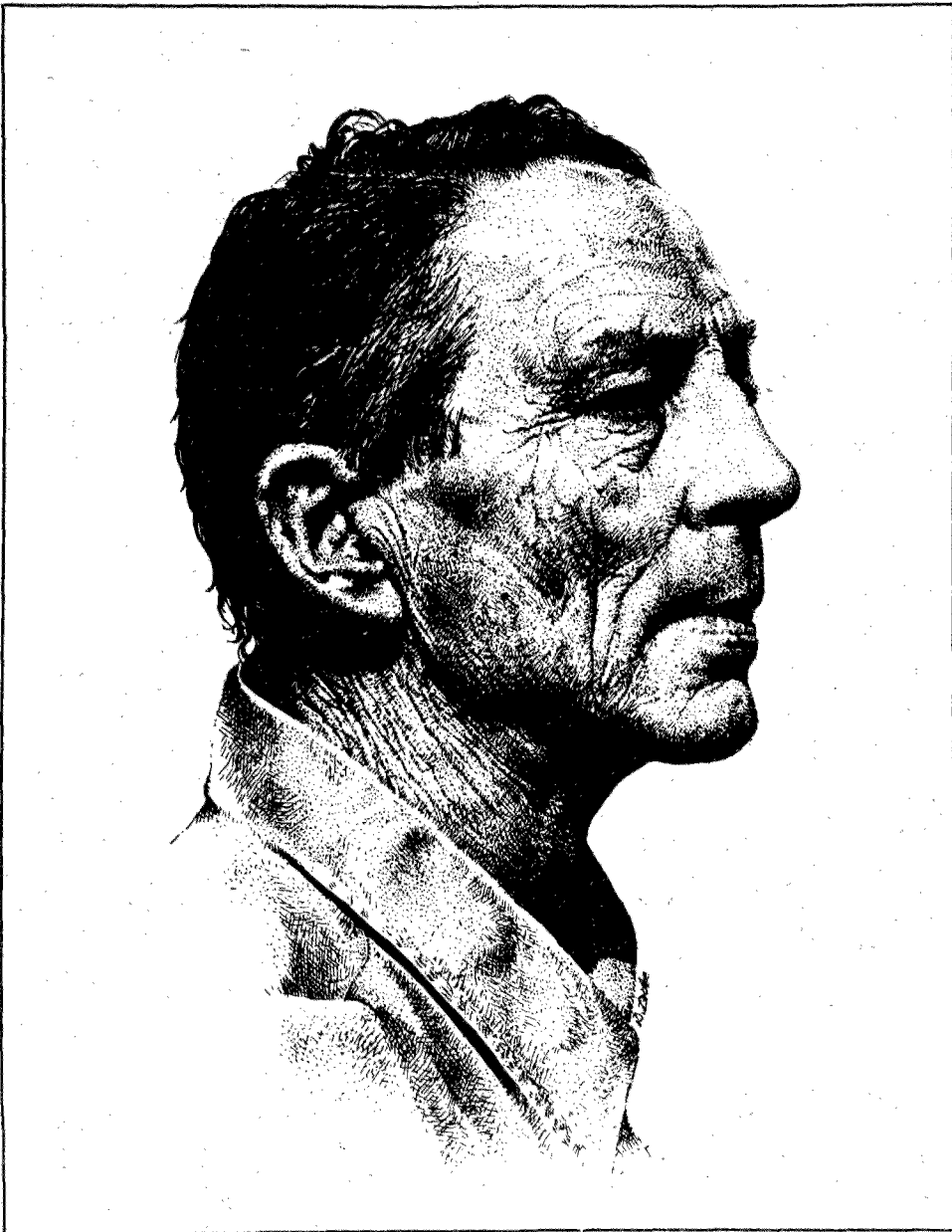


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THROUGH JEFFERS' NARRATIVES

Students to Study Big Sur's "Violent, Storm-Scoured, Fog-Shrouded Beauty"

The "ruthless and unrelenting" poetry of Robinson Jeffers, meant, as one scholar put it, "to drive us sane," will be explored by students at Monterey Peninsula College spring semester.

Jeffers made this Big Sur coast famous long before author Henry Miller or editor-artist Emil White wrote their tantalizing books and essays luring people here.

The new course, "Robinson Jeffers: Poet of Ecology," is being offered by the Humanities Department Thursdays from 9 a.m. until noon, beginning Jan. 31. The three-unit class is open to everyone and can be taken for either a letter grade or a simple "credit" grade. Catalyst is Elayne W. Fitzpatrick-Grimm.

In addition to readings, lectures and discussions, the course will include films, tapes and field trips to Jeffers' home and to points along the Big Sur coast which inspired the poet's long narratives and shorter poems.

Jeffers scholar Dr. Robert J. Brophy said that the poet "dealt with the tragedy of man but hoped to move himself and his reader beyond it. We find him speaking as a teacher, an ecologist, a therapist, an iconoclast, a mystic. His lyrics have the edge of an axe ... Jeffers' poetry is not pretty; it is direct and understandable. It catches you by the throat. His insights are unworldly but earthly; his earnestness can be breathtaking."

But it may have been Alfred E. Smith, speaking at the opening of Tor House to the public in October, who best expressed the feeling of the ordinary reader about Jeffers when he said, "I am content to believe that Robinson Jeffers told awful stories because awful stories really happened in the remote reaches of the Big Sur and Carmel Valley, that he learned to know these people and their hidden secrets, that he portrayed their precarious balance with all-powerful and everlasting nature with a camera's eye."

Smith looked at Jeffers' essential purpose in each narrative as having these things in

common: each deals with a microcosm of society, an isolated family experiencing what Matthew Arnold called "the turbid ebb and flow of human misery;" each is set in the wild grandeur of the Big Sur country at "the continent's edge" and facing the infinite ocean; in each, Nature always remains. Man is always destroyed."

And Smith added, "I do not pretend to understand the complex mind and message of Robinson Jeffers. I think he has tried to show us our self-destructive forces by focusing them under a magnifying glass in the microcosmic pageants of his poems. I think he hopes, forlornly, that we will see ourselves, expand his tiny examples to macrocosmic proportions, and put our house in order. He has little hope, but he spent his life trying."

This month commemorates the 18th anniversary of the death of Jeffers (Jan. 20, 1962) in his bed by the sea window at Tor House on Carmel Point. He was 75.

Today, Tor House, built in 1919, and Hawk Tower, built in 1924, are open for public tours. The house will also have limited use as a museum and study center, thanks to the efforts of Tor House Foundation, currently headed by David Hughes of Carmel.

The course on Jeffers is being offered as part of Monterey Peninsula College's regular daytime schedule to coincide with the opening of Jeffers' home to Peninsula scholars and visitors.

Because of the nature of the "limited use" permit granted by the Monterey County Planning Commission to the Tor House Foundation, tours of Jeffers' house are limited to 12 hours per week, with parking restricted to no more than six cars at one time and six persons per tour.

Public visits are relegated to four hours on Fridays and six on Saturdays. Student-teacher tours will be planned through advance reservation to avoid any traffic problems on the Carmel Point property.

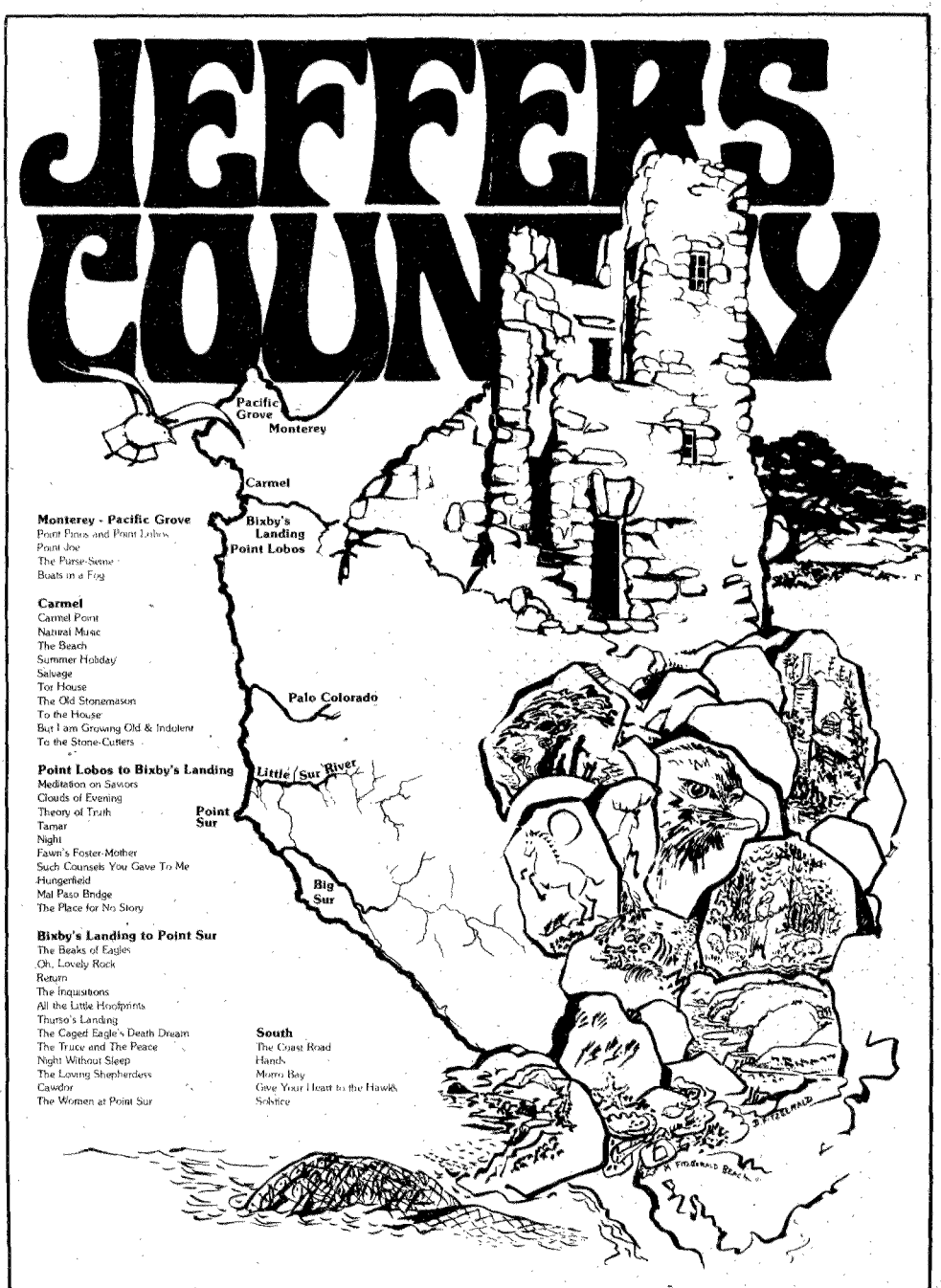
Hurt Hawks

I.
The broken pillar of the wing jags from the clotted shoulder,
The wing trails like a banner in defeat,
No more to use the sky forever but live with famine
And pain a few days: cat nor coyote
Will shorten the week of waiting for death, there is game without talons.
He stands under the oak-bush and waits
The lame feet of salvation; at night he remembers freedom
And flies in a dream, the dawn ruins it.
He is strong and pain is worse to the strong, incapacity is worse.
The curs of the day come and torment him
At distance, no one but death the redeemer will humble that head,
The intrepid readiness, the terrible eyes.
The wild God of the world is sometimes merciful to those
That ask mercy, not often to the arrogant.
You do not know him, you communal people, or you have forgotten him;
Intemperate and savage, the hawk remembers him;
Beautiful and wild, the hawks, and men that are dying, remember him.

II.
I'd sooner, except the penalties, kill a man than a hawk; but the great redtail
Had nothing left but unable misery
From the bone too shattered for mending, the wing that trailed under his talons when he moved.
We had fed him six weeks, I gave him freedom,
He wandered over the foreland hill and returned in the evening, asking for death,
Not like a beggar, still eyed with the old
Implacable arrogance. I gave him the lead gift in the twilight. What fell was relaxed
Owl-downy, soft feminine feathers; but what
Soared: the fierce rush: the night-herons by the flooded river cried fear at its rising
Before it was quite unsheathed from reality.

To Jeffers, the God of this World was a "wild God," violent and implacable but also tortured by his own savagery. Jeffers uses the hawk, a recurrent symbol in his work, to reflect this. The redtail of *Hurt Hawks* remembers God because he himself is "intemperate and savage," "beautiful and wild." By this identification the hawk becomes a sort of totem animal symbolizing God of the world. In killing the crippled bird the poet experiences an epiphany or revelation of the God.

R.P.



Harold H. Seyferth Heads Carmel LCP Committee

"We all have a vested interest in the future of this area, and we'll do the job required so others won't do it for us!"

So stated Harold H. Seyferth, 50 Yankee Point Drive, Carmel, when he took up the gavel after being named chairman of the Carmel Citizens Advisory Committee for the Carmel Segment, Local Coastal Plan, during the group's Nov. 29 meeting at Carmel High School.

Carmel's Ken Wood was named vice chairman of the group,

but no one wanted to be secretary. Naming of that officer was to be delayed until the group's meeting on Dec. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Carmel City Hall. All future meetings will be held there.

It was decided that the group would have rotating chair people, elected for four-month periods until the committee's work is completed one year from now.

Scott McCreary, coastal planner in charge of the Carmel Segment, and Bill Farrel, senior planner in charge of the overall LCP process, conducted the meeting.

After a review of the Carmel Highlands Master Plan, which the planners made clear was "not a legal document or ultimate analysis," but a guide to determine what is good and what needs more work, McCreary read a report comparing Master Plan and Coastal Act goals.

On the whole, he said, goals were similar. But it was agreed that the planning body needs to be "more specific" and get more accurate input from knowledgeable persons before any policies are carried out.

McCreary noted that state policy calls for "maximum public use of and access to the area consistent with individual rights." He said visual access is particularly emphasized in the coastal plan. He acknowledged "deficiencies" in planners' statistics and the need for revisions.

Landowners and business people attending the meeting pointed to some confusion in planning information, such as

references to "phasing out" of commercial uses, ambiguity with regard to sewer systems, and erroneous statistics. McCreary thanked them for bringing these matters to his attention, adding, "I hope that, in the future, data I present is closer to correct."

McCreary invited interested citizens to submit information in writing or meet with him personally to correct any errors in data and analysis. He also asked that the Land Use committee people work closely with him to "revise where needed."

"Time lines" were presented by McCreary for data collection and analysis as follows: 1. early January, water supply matters; late January, water treatment and transportation; 2. early February, visual resources; late February, circulation and transportation; 3. early March, geology and soils information; late March, vegetation and wild life; 4. April, natural resources; 5. May, completion of data reports, with corrections.

It was agreed that landowners and commercial interests should be encouraged to attend meetings and "speak up" to the committee, but it was suggested that they "limit comments" so the working of the committee wouldn't be delayed unnecessarily.

"We want comments at appropriate times, but we don't want to turn this into a political forum," Ken Wood said. "Let's look only at the planning work before us. We want to hear from the experts, but we don't want to polarize the committee with too much forum."

The December meeting of the committee was to include discussion of land use data, the status of the Carmel Valley Master Plan and subcommittee reports.

Persons wanting specific information on aspects of the LCP were invited to contact Scott McCreary at the Monterey County Planning Department, 757-7137.

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Coastal Design Awards Announced

(CNS) — Since 1976 the California Coastal Commis-

sion has had the power to approve or cancel thousands of building projects along the ocean-front of California and now the commission has announced they will award some of the better design ideas they have come across.

Commission Director Michael Fischer said, "We have approved thousands of projects over the years which are well designed and conform to many aspects of environmental protections. It's time we gave the well-deserved credit due to these projects and their

developers."

The design awards program will be carried out during 1980, the Year of the Coast in the United States. The commission's contest includes projects such as homes, parks, marinas and industrial complexes.

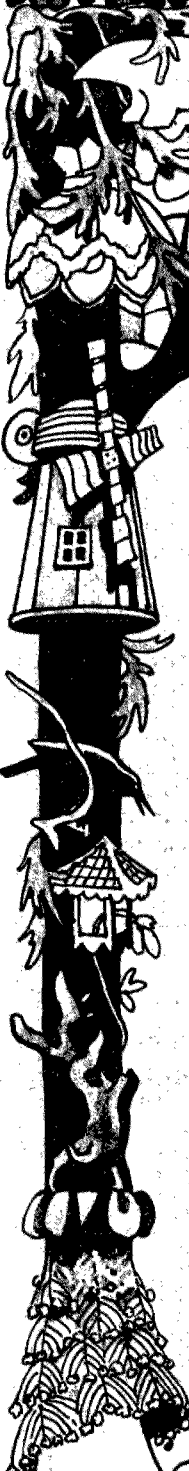
Nominations for these awards are being requested from the general public and all interested parties. A

ceremony will be held in the spring of 1980 to announce the winners who will have their projects featured in a commission publication.

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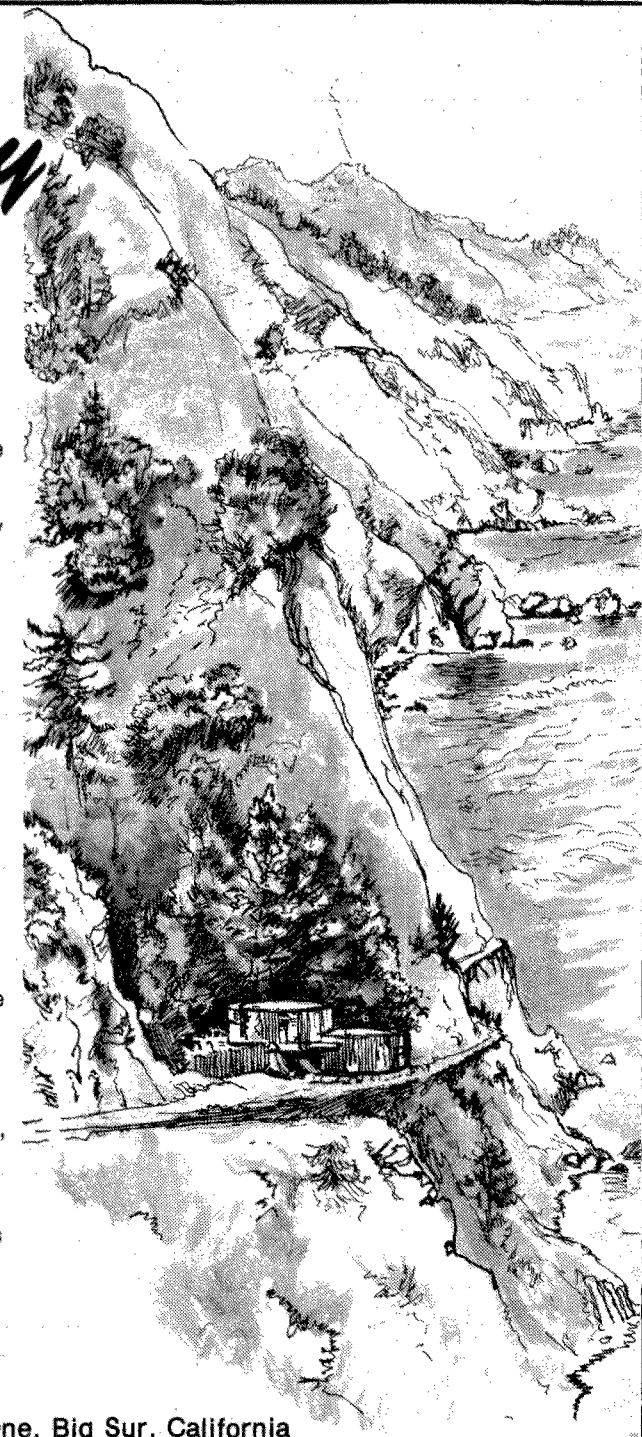
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Big Sur LCP Legal Grant Is Approved

By MARY BARNETT

The state Coastal Commission unanimously approved a \$14,613 grant for legal consultant services for the Big Sur section of the Monterey County Coastal Plan at its December meeting in Los Angeles.

Approval was recommended by the Central Coastal Commission at its Dec. 17 meeting in Santa Cruz by a vote of 14-2. "No" votes were cast by Commissioner Helen Bedesem, San Mateo City Council member, and James Hughes, Pacific Grove City Council member.

Hughes said the state Coastal Commission should do the work if the results were meant to be applied statewide, as suggested by the Coastal Commission staff.

The funds will pay for a consultant to supplement the Monterey County legal staff to devise methods of implementing the Big Sur coastal plan. The problem facing the legal staff is how to limit development in Big Sur without confiscating private property or interfering unduly with rights of property owners.

Big Sur Permits Issued

By MARY BARNETT

Patricia Von Burg got her permit to build a single-family house on Pfeiffer Ridge Road from the Central Coastal Commission Dec. 10 despite the opposition of Commissioner Zad Leavy of Big Sur.

No objections to Von Burg's permit request were heard from residents of the area, but Leavy said he thought no more of the Pfeiffer Ridge area should be committed to development until the Big Sur Local Coastal Plan is completed. The attorney-commissioner thought it premature to develop on lands where there are questions about water and development patterns.

Before she starts building her house, Von Burg must submit a well-driller's log as evidence she has installed a well that is producing enough water to serve the residence.

Approval was recommended by the Coastal Commission staff, with several conditions, including the water requirement.

At its Nov. 5 meeting, the commission raised several questions about Pfeiffer Ridge development and the Von Burg application.

The commission asked when the local coastal program will be finished. The staff replied it was supposed to be done by December 1979 but is several months behind schedule.

Another commission question was, "Can we allow full buildout of small lots in Big Sur Coast without threatening Highway 1 capacity?"

The answer was involved, but the staff cited the Big Sur Coast Transportation and Highway 1 Background Report. It indicates a highway capacity of 21,000 trips per day and a current volume of 13,000, with a remaining capacity of 8,000 trips. The report recommends at least 10 percent of remaining capacity be reserved for residential development, equivalent to one unit per existing vacant parcel.

The commission asked for current information on water supply. Staff replied, "Limited water in Big Sur creates a critical resource issue." Although the Pfeiffer Ridge Mutual Water Co. system is stubbed to the property, Monterey County has limited system expansion because it opposes interbasin transfer of water. Accordingly, the commission recommended Von Burg drill a well.

As for scenic impact, the staff said the site is not visible from Highway 1 nor Pfeiffer Beach, but noted the Sycamore Canyon and Dani-Pfeiffer Ridge area is visible from public trails.

Commission concern over water supply also led to delay in approval of a single-family home application for Pfeiffer Ridge by John Psyllos of Corning. Psyllos has an approved hookup to the Rancho Chappellet system, but interbasin transfer could be a problem.

Despite staff recommendation for approval, the commission voted to continue the Psyllos application until Jan. 7.

Psyllos wants to build a split-level house, pool, and septic system on a five-acre parcel on the upper slopes of Pfeiffer Ridge. The site has already been graded, and an access road exists.

The application of Priscilla Bower for a land division on Palo Colorado Road was withdrawn from the Dec. 10 agenda at the applicant's request. Bowers, a Carmel Valley resident, has applied to divide a 38-acre parcel into two parcels of 13 and 25 acres each. The commission staff recommended denial of the project on grounds the existing lots in the Big Sur area will use up the rest of the Highway 1 capacity committed to residential development.

Furthermore, the proposed division failed to meet a two-part Coastal Act test for property divisions in rural areas, the staff said: it is not in an area that is 50 percent developed, and the parcels to be created would be smaller than the average size of surrounding parcels.

Specific tasks include:

—Review regulatory techniques to devise specific zoning ordinances tailored to Big Sur;

—Determine land acquisition and restoration (density transfer) opportunities and legal authority of the county in concert with the Coastal Conservancy;

—Prepare ordinances relating to growth management of commercial recreation;

—Devise an enforcement program and permit review conditions;

—Coordinate with other governmental agencies regarding access, public services and recreational use of Highway 1.

The Coastal Commission staff will manage the grant, making use of findings and ideas of other jurisdictions. Coastal Conservancy has pledged to assist in the work.

A contract with a consultant is expected to be executed immediately to hasten the completion of the Big Sur Local Coastal Plan and provide input for other LCPs within and beyond Monterey County.

The regional Coastal Commission staff reported to the Commission that the four Monterey County LPCs "are not proceeding according to the original schedules and work programs." Deadline for LCP completion is Dec. 31, 1980.

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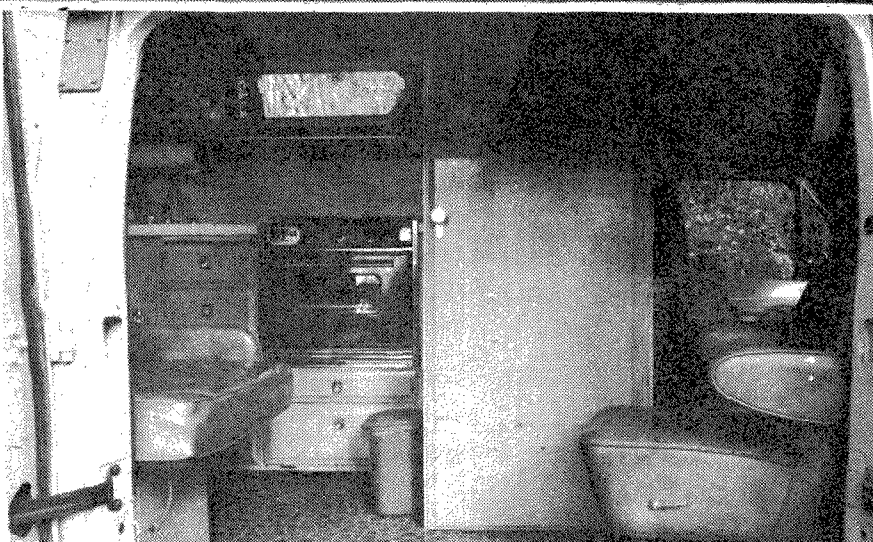
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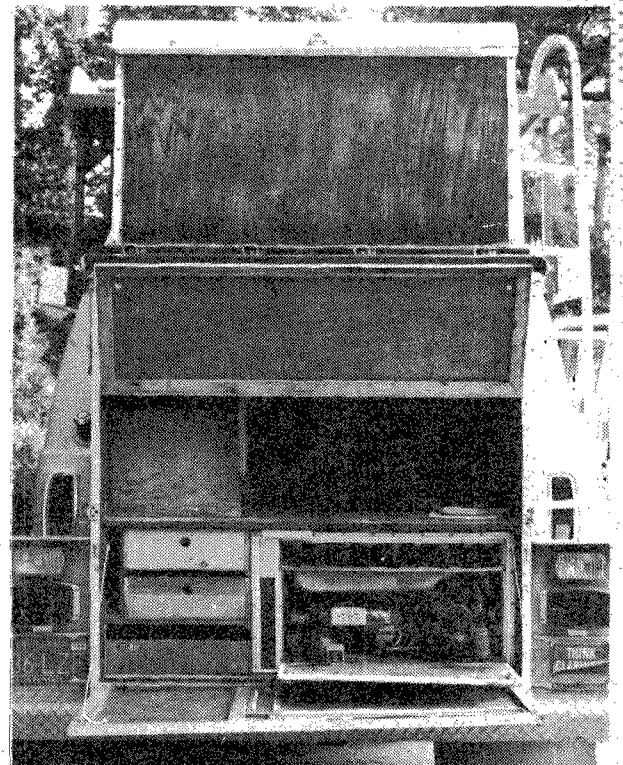
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Carmel LCP Committee Looks at Secretaries and Land Use

By ELIZABETH WARING
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It wasn't the main order of business. But it's an interesting sign of the times: no one would accept the role of secretary for the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Carmel Local Coastal Program at its Dec. 20 meeting in Carmel City Hall.

So — the secretary will be a tape recorder.

When the "record" button was pushed, the group named three subcommittee chairmen: Rod Holmgren, Natural Resources; Richard Barrett, Land Use; and Catherine Woodward, Access. President and vice president were named at last month's meeting: Harold H. Seyferth

and Ken Wood, respectively.

Announcement was made of the resignation of Dr. R. Wesley Wright of Carmel Highlands from the 15-member committee, and the group settled down to discuss the status of the Carmel Valley Master Plan and receive Land Use data.

It heard again what it already knew — that the major stumbling block to adoption of the Master Plan is water allocation.

Scott McCreary of the Monterey County Planning Department and technical advisor to the committee made the following announcements:

—The Carmel Valley Master Plan will be discussed further at a county Board of Supervisors meeting Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. in the Salinas board chambers.

—On Jan. 24, the Carmel Citizens Advisory Committee will meet with the Del Monte Citizens Advisory Committee, at a place to be announced, to discuss water supply and waste water treatment problems and transportation dilemmas on Highway 1.

—On Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m., the Carmel Citizens Committee will meet at Carmel City Hall to discuss recreational use of local land and see a slide presentation by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments on off-shore oil development.

McCreary said the public is

invited to attend all meetings.

The committee reviewed a report on land use data with an eye toward determining the potential for new development in the Carmel vicinity that is included in the coastal zone. This "Carmel Segment" includes property in Carmel Highlands, Carmel Meadows and vicinity, and the city of Carmel vicinity.

According to the report, total land area of the Carmel Segment is 9,993 acres, 2,518 of which is land publicly owned. Some 1,207 acres have been subdivided to a point where further subdivision, under current zoning, is not possible, while 4,739 acres are available for further subdivision under current zoning.

If all areas eligible were subdivided, the report indicated, an estimated 3,420 new dwelling units could be built, "assuming that existing zoning prescribes the ultimate densities" and not taking into consideration constraints imposed by septic tank suitability, water availability, slope or other environmental factors.

Total potential buildout of the Carmel Segment, combining the number of existing units with the total potential new units, is 6,007, the report stated.

Most of the potential growth could occur in the area below Carmel River. The area above the river would account for just 35.6 percent of the total development at full buildout, according to the report.

The committee also heard a report on the Conservation Plan for the three ranches in the Segment—Rancho Odello, Point Lobos Ranch and Palo Colorado Ranch.

It was noted that the Three Ranches Plan doesn't address low to moderate income visitor-serving facilities, shoreline access, or housing for moderate-income families, nor does it address service capacities of water and road systems or suitability for septic tanks.

More specifically, for Rancho Odello, commercial and residential development was proposed "in approximately equal proportions." Development is restricted from the base slopes near the highway to keep the low hills intact, and development is sited in the low wooded bluff on the western section.

Regarding the Point Lobos Ranch, open slopes forming meadows on each side of the highway south of San Jose Creek are slated for permanent open space; 40 homesites are prescribed for the 2,000 acres, with offering of part ownership of redwoods, the sheltered beach adjacent to Point Lobos, and "the breathtaking views from the hills overlooking Carmel Bay." Public facilities and commercial uses are excluded.

Development at Palo Colorado Ranch was oriented to

the eastern base slopes, certain hillside areas, and the central "bowl" of the Porter piece—an area screened from public view.

The committee was brought up to date on current planning by state parks. It was noted that the Parks Department entered into a five-year agreement in 1974 to lease the "Odello West" parcel back to the family to continue cultivation of artichokes. The lease was extended to May 31, 1984.

If the Parks Department should contemplate any plans for development of the parcel, committee members were advised, it will hold public hearings, but "no such plans are in the works at this time, and the Department of Parks and Recreation generally is satisfied that cultivation of artichokes represents an appropriate open space use of this parcel."

The possibility of designation of Carmel River Beach as a preserve within the overall designation of state beach, "in order to protect the migratory bird resource" is "under active consideration by the Parks Department. No "buffer strip" is

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currently being contemplated where the lagoon borders on private property. But where public land borders the lagoon, the Resource Protection division will establish buffers based on natural features.

No changes are being considered for San Jose Beach or the Point Lobos Underwater Reserve. But several policies, intended to maintain the ecological integrity of the Point Lobos Reserve and Carmel River State Beach are set forth in the Master Plan.

It was reported that negotiations are continuing between the Hudson family and the Parks Department to establish a lease for use of the 48-acre Polo Field parcel as a parking area, and the state Division of Highways is exploring the feasibility of constructing an underpass below Highway 1 to provide access for emergency and service vehicles.

A revised proposal submitted for 1979-80 calls for state purchase of a tract of 5,743 acres for the Garrapata project. Originally, only parcels west of Highway 1 between Garrapata Creek and Malpas Creek were targeted.

Finally, it was noted that current state ownership of the Gowen Cypress Reserve includes a band along San Jose Creek measuring some seven acres. However, the Parks Department feels that public access along the stream "may not be the best way to protect the natural resources of the area," and negotiations are underway "to establish an alternative path to the Reserve."

Deadline for compilation of all background data for the Local Coastal Program is May. The Carmel Committee will recommend land use policies, then present a land use plan to the county Planning commission for approval.

Critics Win Ouster of Coastal Attorney

From the Salinas Californian

Charles Getz, a deputy state attorney general regarded as a tough environmental lawyer, has been removed from his job as legal adviser to the Central Region Coastal Commission.

Getz, 31, has been the commission's lawyer since 1975. He was reassigned, effective Jan. 1.

Getz was told of his ouster Nov. 20, a week after commission critics told Attorney General George Deukmejian that Getz and other state environmental attorneys were "overzealous" and had overstepped their authority.

Coastal commission attorneys intimidated people for minor violations and sabotaged acceptable building plans with unreasonable restrictions, commission critics claimed.

The charges were made by a delegation from the California Coastal Council, a private group formed two years ago to defend coastal property rights. The group was persistently criticized the Coastal Commission.

"We didn't ask Deukmejian to fire or transfer anybody," said Joseph Mastroianni, executive director of the Santa Barbara-based organization. He and four others, including Santa Cruz County Supervisor Marilyn Liddicoat, were in the meeting with Deukmejian.

"This is part of an overall program of getting these (environmental attorneys) back where they belong," one source in the organization said today.

Mastroianni said the delegation also complained

about the advisory role of Richard Jacobs, the deputy attorney general assigned to the state Coastal Commission. Deukmejian said he would investigate the complaints, according to Mastroianni.

Mary Henderson, chairman of the regional Coastal Commission, said the charges against Getz are "outrageous" and "irresponsible." She said Getz has an "exemplary record" and had been singled out because he was successful.

"These people," Henderson said of Mastroianni and the others, "don't like the Coastal Act and they are carrying it out on the personnel."

"They are playing politics with personalities when the law is the issue," Henderson said.

Getz said he has not received a new assignment. He will be replaced by Dennis Egan, another deputy attorney general.

Getz had angered property rights advocates several times in the past two years.

He was involved in the state attorney general's 1978 questionnaire about "prescriptive land rights" in Big Sur, Monterey and Carmel Highlands. Officials said private property becomes public land if it has been historically used by the public. The survey attempted to determine the extent of public use of beaches in the area.

No further action was taken by the attorney general.

Commission critics also condemned Getz for making a controversial remark at a commission meeting in Santa Cruz on Oct. 30, 1978.

Getz "stated he did not believe that the right to own property is a constitutional right," said Robert Nix, Monterey director for the California Coastal Council. Early in 1979, Nix became the alternate to coastal commissioner Robert Gamber, a labor union executive in Pacific Grove.

Gamber, a member of the private group, was the state Senate appointee who replaced conservationist Ruth Anderson of Salinas.

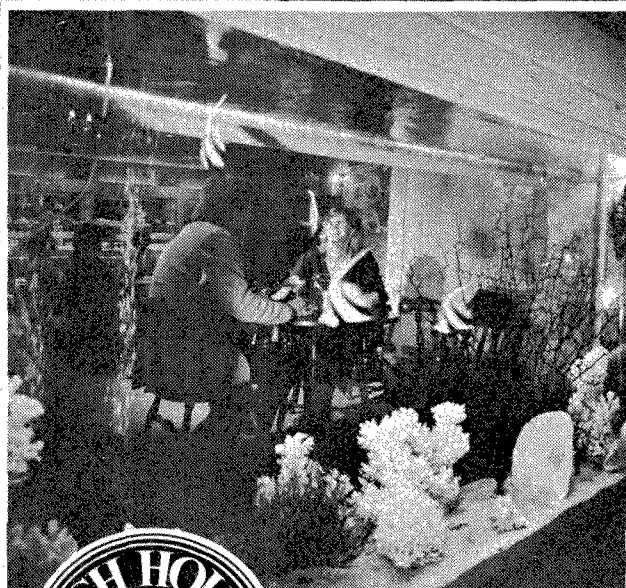
In a prepared statement, Nix said:

"Getz and other attorneys representing the commission have wielded an undue influence ... that has resulted in unverified and unfactual information being presented to the commission and findings on (development) applications that 'had to be loaded' to protect the commission attorneys if they had to go to court to defend the commission's actions."

Mastroianni said his group tried unsuccessfully to get former Attorney General Evell Younger to restrain his deputies. "They were acting as advocates. They were the judge, jury and executioner," he said.

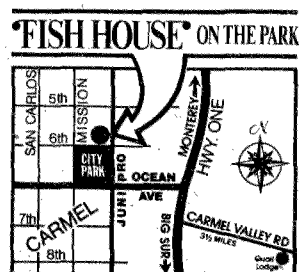
Liddicoat made separate charges and accused Getz of intimidating people who had violated parts of the Coastal Act. She said Getz convinced the commission to let him threaten violators with fines and expensive court action if they failed to comply.

Getz said he had little involvement with building permit applications. Any of the so-called "loading" was done to carry out provisions of the law and not to thwart developers, Getz said.



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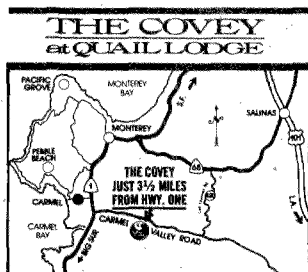


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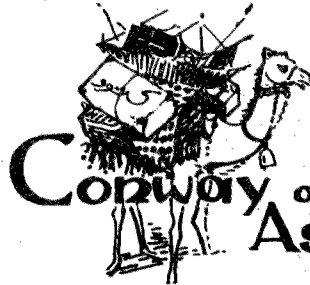
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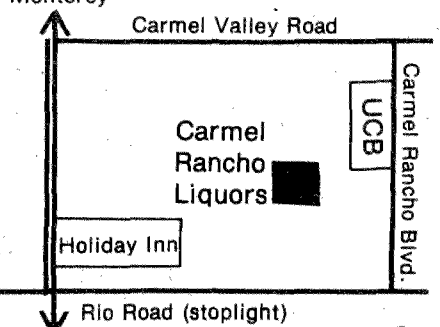
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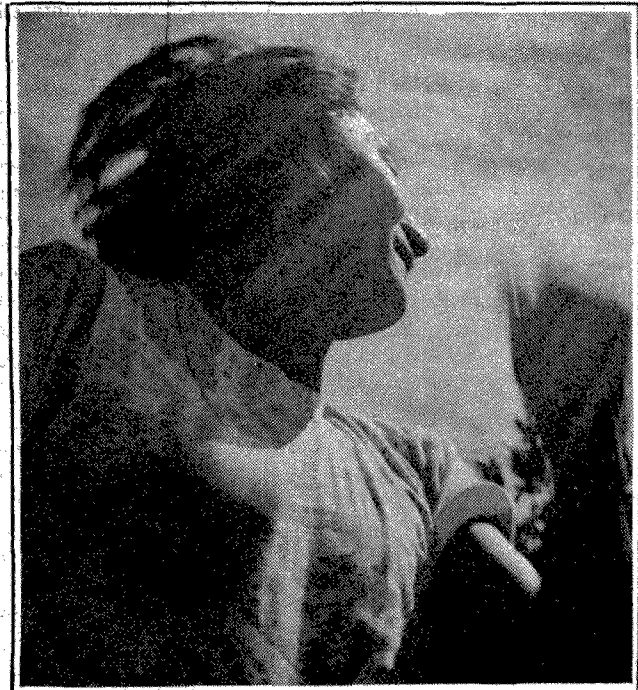
By BILL LILES

Each morning in China millions arise to begin their day with t'ai chi. For centuries this movement form, basic to kung fu and the martial arts, has been practiced in the villages across China as a means of increasing vitality and enhancing mental and physical health.

Only recently has t'ai chi become widely known in the West, largely through the efforts of one Al Chung-Liang Huang, China born, who has lived most of his adult life in the United States.

Each morning in America Al Huang rises to spend another day with t'ai chi. The teaching of this spontaneous form of meditative movement has become his life. In the past several years he has written a book on the subject, made a movie, staged performances, and traveled widely teaching and giving performances in which t'ai chi is always the central theme. In his workshops he has taught hundreds of Americans the basics of this ancient Taoist form.

Al Huang was in Big Sur recently to set the theme for "staff week" at Esalen, when the hot springs facility is closed to the



*The Taoism of the Dance
Nature Herself Unfolding*

public as the working community there pauses to "reaccess the process" and get ready for another busy year.

Huang gets right to the point—the Way of the Tao.

"The Tao is the nature of the process, the ongoing stream of energy that makes things happen. We embody the Tao. If we flow with it, all is grace and resonance. When we are in harmony with the Tao we are at the peak of health and happiness. If we try to fight it by resisting, out of ignorance or whatever, we are soon exhausted.

"Discomfort and exhaustion occur when we are out of balance. The flow of the Tao must run through us freely if we are to maintain optimum vitality.

"Discomfort and exhaustion occur when the oppositions pull us off center. T'ai chi teaches us a way to balance oppositions in the body and bring them back to center. When the physical oppositions unify the mind is stilled. Our vibration level goes up and we feel more at home in the world. We become more aware of what it means to be alive on this beautiful planet. Supple body, supple mind."

Al Huang was born in Shanghai during the Japanese invasion of the Chinese coast just prior to the outbreak of World War II. His first memories of t'ai chi were as a small boy in the villages of southern China which were filling with refugees from the Japanese invasion.

"Each morning at daybreak people would gather in the fields outside the village to do t'ai chi. They were using t'ai chi to calm their fears, getting ready for another day of uncertainty. I learned from the masters in the villages the basic forms and then I discovered the greatest form, which helped me later so much in dance—spontaneity.

"When oppositions are stilled, the spirit is free to enter and animate the total being. It is then that the dance of life begins.

A vibrant example of Huang's thesis is his mother, Lee Huang, 68, who often travels with him and assists in teaching. She learnt the art of kung fu swordsmanship as a girl in China.

The sword whirls to the four directions as Lee spins herself through the warrior's dance, blade flashing on all sides. This exercise, based on the t'ai chi center, she attributes to the reversal of her tendencies toward arthritis of a few years ago. When the symptoms appeared, Lee remembered the teachings of her girlhood and resumed her practice of the form, which she had dropped many years before coming to the West. The symptoms disappeared, and today she moves gracefully and free of pain.

Al says Lee has proved an inspiration to many of all ages and she never fails to steal the show.

"The movements of t'ai chi teach us to give like the reed in the wind, regardless of age, allowing the energy to flow through. To be brittle is to break. To be able to give is strength. When we are moving from a unified center we are the Tao. We have balanced all oppositions. There are no mistakes,



*Slaying The Dragon Arthritis
Lee Huang is Supple Again at 68*

it is all flow."

Huang explains that historically t'ai chi is the reflection of a much older Chinese concept, that of *wu wei*, translated as "not doing," the subtle meaning of which is to act without forcing by understanding how things really are.

"Once we come to full awareness by sensing how things are inside the body, as well as in the mind, and learn to balance our inner beings in relation to what is going on outside in the environment, it is then that we can truly say that we are in the great Way of the Tao. Not only do we get more energy, but more creativity emerges as well. I see it in all my groups, people start to open up and become more alive.

"In India they call this process the dance of Shiva, the electric harmony of balanced polarities in perfect union—body, mind, and spirit are one. This is health—wholeness. We all have the potential to be much more alive, more flowing and spontaneous, more loving, happy creatures.

"People in the West talk constantly, even about dance, and read about it in the magazines, or see dancers on television, but they don't dance enough themselves. We are a highly intellectualized society and this causes mind to get out of contact with body. Blockages are the result, interferences in the natural energy patterns.

"When the spirit cannot enter, stress-related mental and physical aberrations occur. Medical science is helpless and seeks to deal with the emergency after the illness is already there.

"We can prevent illness by correcting imbalances before they become serious problems. Like Zorba's friend in the movie, we must learn to dance to become fully alive.

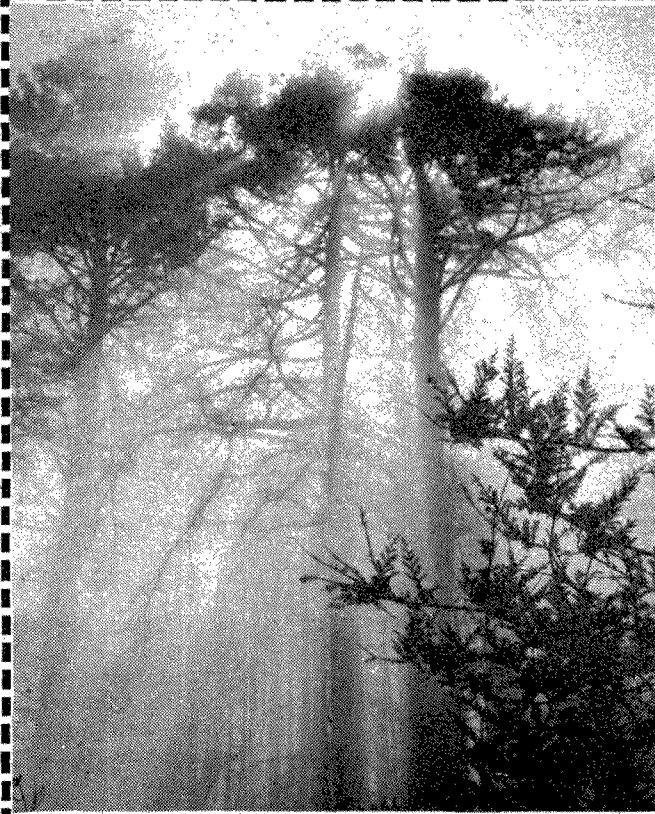
"People in this society and that of the future world desperately need a way to center themselves if we are to survive technology. T'ai chi is the way. It reveals to us our universal heritage and capacity as human beings to extend ourselves and to receive the resources of nature of which we are an integral part."

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By ARABY COLTON

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It's an utterly charming, blue-eyed ball of fur, so lively, so loving ... you can't resist it. That it's a wolf puppy makes it all the more desirable. You've read about wolves, how sociable they are, what marvelous parents and family members, how noble, how heroic.

So you take the little wolf into your home ... a beloved member of your family, apparently loving everybody and every other family pet.

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And for his shots and illnesses ... just try to find a vet who will make house calls for a wolf, or let him into his waiting room. For that matter, just try to find a vet who knows anything about a wolf, or is even willing to touch him.

And that marvelous sociability you've read about ... it can be a disastrous problem. The wolf absolutely requires the social existence he experiences as a member of a

pack. So he may make your family his pack. The deep and complex relationships can get out of hand in a flash, with dire consequences. Someone may find himself being attacked, not because the wolf has "reverted," but because he is a wolf, handling pack problems in his own age-old fashion.

The fact that the wolf is extremely intelligent means that there is enormous variation in temperament and personality between individuals. Your darling puppy, if he is one in a thousand, may grow into the most cooperative, compliant animal in the world. The chances are he will develop, along with his admirable qualities, many that you just can't handle. He may never accept strangers, he may flake out at loud noises, or at sudden movements of people; he may be a threat to smaller animals, or to small children. He may be uncontrollable (all 100 pounds of him) during the breeding season.

And you can't just unload him on a friendly zoo. For many reasons zoos don't want such pet wildlings.

The fact is that though your wolf may seem tame, he is not domesticated. He is wild, with an infinity of motivations and reactions which you can never comprehend, nor predict.

Don't Adopt a Wolf!

CHP Initiates DUI Campaign

From the California Grange News

The roadside billboard says, "Will You Be Next ..." and it pictures a symbol as well as a driver behind jail bars.

The billboards now going up in many areas of the state are the California Highway Patrol's way of communicating with 15 million drivers about a familiar December hazard — the drunk behind the wheel.

"The last month of the year, with two major holiday periods, is typically associated with increased drinking. What we are trying to avoid is the tendency for more drinking drivers to be on the road," Commissioner Glen Craig said.

The CHP's statewide effort will receive extra emphasis in 17 target areas, designated because the drinking driver accident problem is proportionately higher.

A federal grant channeled through the California Office of Traffic Safety is providing \$426,128 for increased enforcement hours and a major awareness campaign in the 17 target locations.

One of the awareness strategies is outdoor billboards, but the material publicizing the theme will also be seen on matchbooks, bus cards, pins, lapel patches and a variety of other items.

"The campaign symbol was designed to simulate a universal roadside sign," Craig noted. "We think that the letters DUI covered by the red circle and slash will outlast the campaign, becoming a standard symbol to indicate that driving under the influence is improper behavior."

Craig said the CHP and Alcoholism Council of California are cooperating in December campaigns because the ACC has designated December as Alcoholism Action Month. "The council

points out that alcoholism is the source of untold anguish and disruption, a sentiment the Highway Patrol echoes because we have a first-hand view of the anguish which the drunk driver produces through traffic accidents."

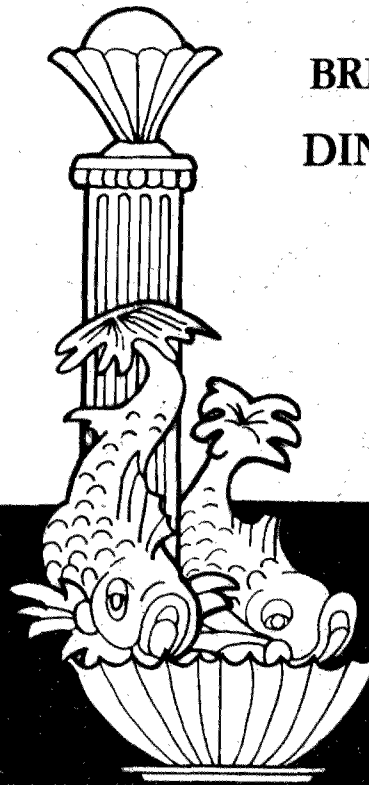
The CHP campaign extends through New Years.

(Editor's note: The inset depicts the symbol described by Commission Craig in the

news story. The 17 target areas are Ukiah, Santa Rosa, Oakland, Redwood City, San Jose, Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Fresno, Visalia, Bakersfield, West (San Fernando) Valley, West Los Angeles, South Los Angeles, Santa Ana, Westminster, Oceanside.

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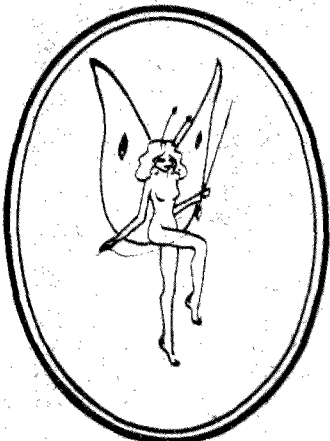
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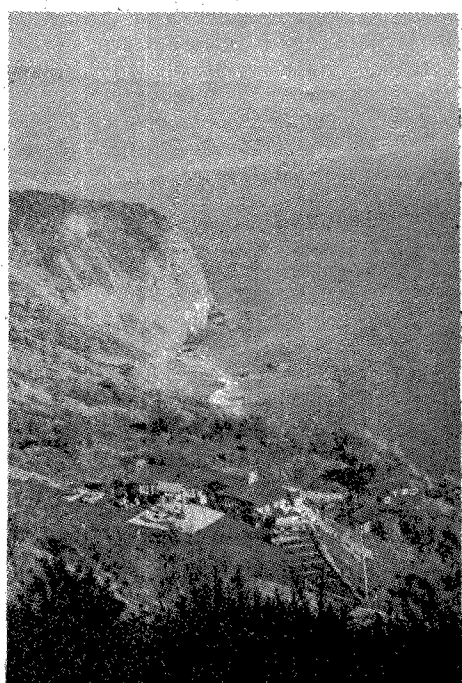
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Beating the Bushes for Park Inholders

From the Anchorage
Daily News

"We're the Indians of 1979," Charles Cushman is fond of saying. "Except we're being kicked off the reservation instead of being moved from one reservation to another."

Cushman is the founder, executive director and chief lobbyist for an organization called the National Park Inholders Association. He travels and lectures wildly, trying to mobilize people threatened by acquisitions of the National Park Service.

In Alaska, where the land has been the premiere issue, Cushman found an audience ripe for his message.

He claims there are 30,000 to 50,000 people, most of them land owners, who could be affected by the d-2 designations. Nationwide, the number rises to 200,000 he says.

In beating the bushes to ferret out these folks, Cushman has been telling them how to deal with the federal government and protect their rights.

Says he, "Despite what I say, I am not an enemy of the Park Service. But I am strongly critical of its policies."

His message is a strong one: "I think the Park Service has been running amuck, breaking the laws of this country, making their own laws, abusing people."

"Unfortunately, there apparently no longer are any checks and balances in relation to the Park Service as there are in the American government. They have leaned over backwards to accommodate the environmentalists and have become arrogant and cavalier in their dealings with the inholders."

Cushman says he has found hundreds of outraged landowners here who are

fighting government efforts to absorb their land. But his approach is a non-violent one.

"I can show them the way to beat the federal government, the Park Service, without violence," he says. "I'm concerned that somebody might go so far as to blow away a ranger here."

"I was warned there were people here ready to kill to protect their rights, but actually found them much more flexible."

Cushman explains to various inholders about condemnation guidelines and other property regulations.

He says some 60 villages and 11 mining towns in the state face possible absorption into a federally managed area. Communities like Cantwell, Healy and McCarthy could be affected. Many residents have received letters explaining that if they modify any existing property, it may be condemned, Cushman reports.

"I think the Park Service has been running amuck," says Cushman, "breaking the laws of this country, making their own laws, abusing people ... there are no longer any checks and balances."

"I think I can save the communities," he declares. "The federal government won't permit building on undeveloped land in these areas, but we can protect people and represent their interests. If a guy is there, he ought to be able to stay there."

Cushman's 18-day visit here, which he calls a "fact-finding mission," was sponsored by the Real Alaska

Coalition, Alaskans United and Alaskans Unite. Most of their members are inholders, he estimates, either as property owners or as businessmen with interests there.

Cushman, of course, is also an inholder. He has partial interest in two log cabins within the boundaries of Yosemite National Park. "The Park Service told me they'd have the cabins within five years, and that was six years ago."

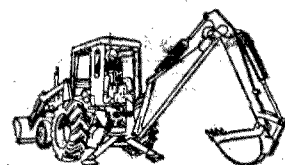
His father was a park ranger, and Cushman's son now works for the Park Service, which represent some pretty close ties. Still, it is the lobbyist's position that the park service "feels specially anointed to make decisions, and that's the way they treat us ... people living within national parks should receive as much consideration as the en-

vironmentalists."

He left the insurance business to take this non-salaried position. The organization, he claims, has 2,500 members throughout the nation. Its greatest strength is in his home state of California and other western states, and he hopes to develop a base here.

The Park Service has defended its constitutional right of eminent domain to buy out private landowners in the public interest of creating more parks. In a recent issue of Newsweek entitled "Land Grab by the Parks," the Park Service's assistant director, Philip Stewart, was quoted as saying, "The government offers fantastic benefits to landowners," including deals whereby property owners can sell to the government and stay on as renters for 25 years, or until they die.

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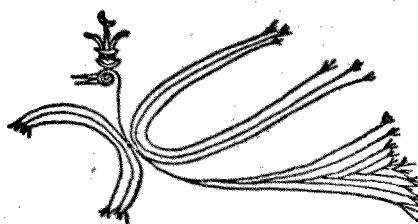
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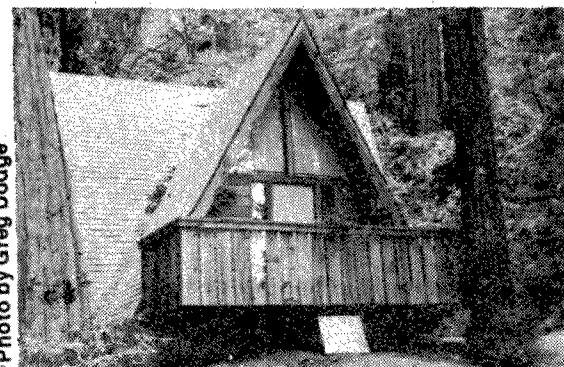
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Local Author Tomi Lussier

Celebrates First Book Publication

By KATHRYN FARMER

Both young and old Big Sur turned out to celebrate with Tomi Lussier in the publishing of her book, *Big Sur: A Complete History and Guide*. Sunshine and clear skies prevailed on Sunday, Dec. 16, as Tomi accepted gifts of congratulations and autographed copies of her book on the terrace of the Phoenix Shop.

Long-time resident Barbera Richardson

furnished a festive cranberry cake for the occasion and Harry Dick Ross, Judith Goodman, and Jake Stock, along with many other friends and residents, came to lend Tomi their support.

Her first venture as author and publisher, Tomi's *Big Sur: A Complete History and Guide* is a compendium of useful and interesting information on Big Sur. Complete with detailed coastal maps, stunning full color or nature photography and a survey of local

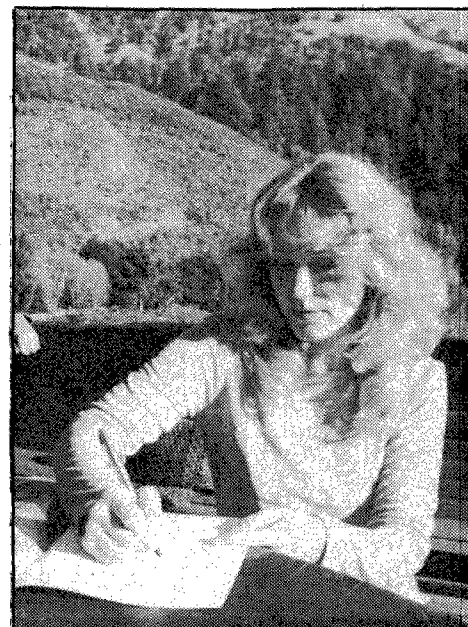
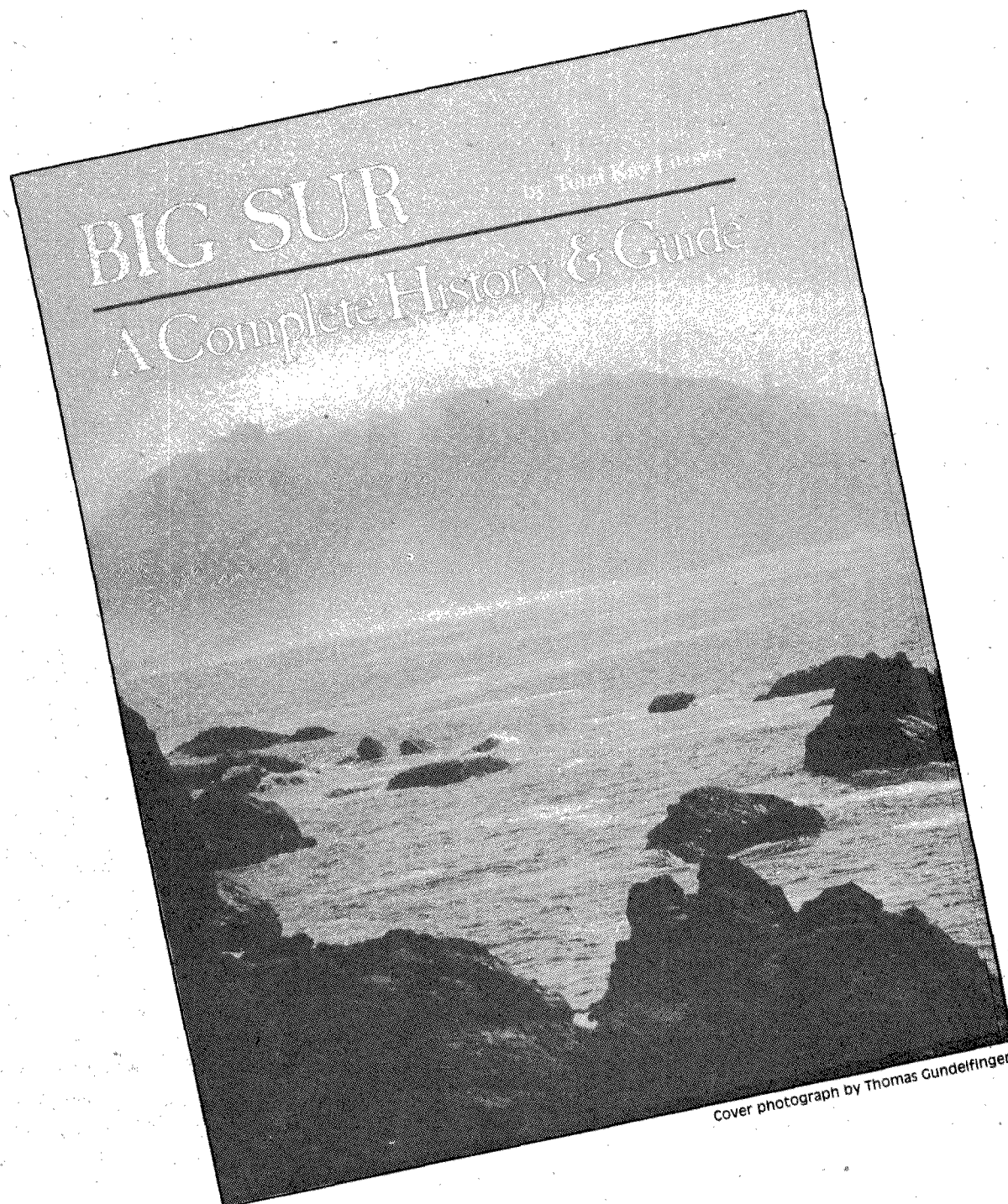
flora, fauna and habitat, the guide also offers a comprehensive listing of landmarks, businesses and points of interest.

Depicting Big Sur's past, the book also includes photos from archivist Pat Hathaway's collection as well as sections chronicling Big Sur's geological and cultural origins.

Compiling all the data and material for the book took Tomi three years of research and effort. Originally from Anderson, S.C., Tomi Lussier came to Big Sur in 1972 and

like so many who fall in love with this coastal region, stayed. Her book takes to task that proverbial question, "Where is Big Sur?" while sincerely encouraging visitors to "love ... this coast more and more as you learn its easy pace and dramatic land and seascapes."

The 60-page soft-cover book retails for \$5.95 and is available at the Phoenix Shop, the Coast Gallery, the Thunderbird Book Shop in The Barnyard in Carmel, and many other outlets.



TOMI KAY LUSSIER autographs copies of her new book, *Big Sur: A Complete History and Guide* during a book-signing party at Nepenthe's Phoenix Shop Dec. 16. In two hours, she autographed (often with long personal messages) 140 copies of the colorful, well-organized guide. At an autograph party the previous day at the Thunderbird Book Shop, she also signed over 100 copies—all together, a happy case of writer's cramps. *Big Sur: A Complete History and Guide*, is published by Big Sur Publications and is being distributed in Big Sur and on the Monterey Peninsula. It sells for \$5.95 and makes a wonderful guide to give friends who want to know more about our beautiful coast. (Photo by Paula Walling)

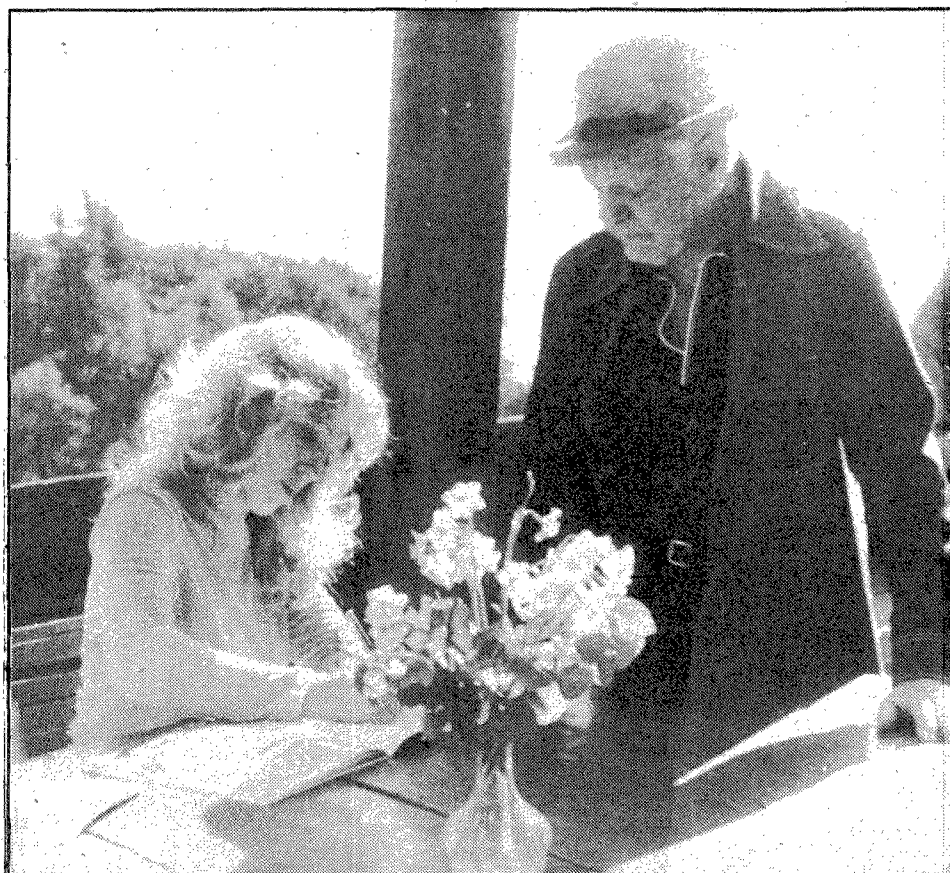
Party Had One Casualty

Tomi Lussier's autograph-signing party, although a success and a good time for all, is reported to have had one casualty. One Big Sur resident is reported to have lost control of their vehicle, smashing into a guard rail on Highway 1. While enroute to Community Hospital, where the resident was treated for minor cuts and bruises and released in good condition, they were reported to have remarked, "That sure was a good party."



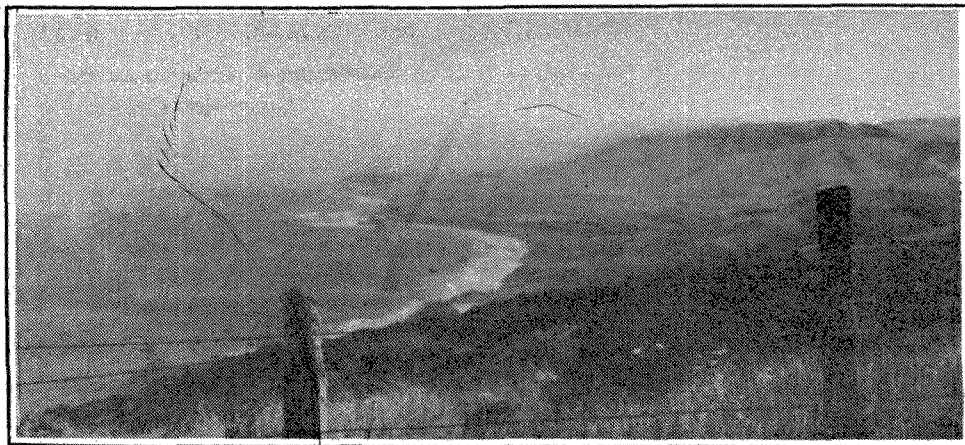
ARTIST, SCULPTOR and Big Sur legend Harry Dick Ross, along with veteran residents Kenny Meyrose Sr. and his wife, Jean, were among those who gathered on the

lower terrace at the Phoenix Shop for the *Big Sur: A Complete History and Guide* festivities. (Photo by Kathryn Farmer)



"THE OLDEST COWBOY in Big Sur," Bustor Crane, congratulates Tomi Lussier on

her new book while she autographs his personal copy. (Photo by Kathryn Farmer)



THE MOLERA LOOP

Claire's Cooking Corner

BY CLAIRE CHAPPELET

Winter Weather Soup

While basking in December's summer-sun, I'll write a recipe for those nippy January days that are sure (?) to come.

SQUASH BISQUE

Puree two cups of hubbard, acorn or pumpkin squash. Set aside. In a saucepan, melt 3 Tbsp. butter. Add 1 cup minced onions and 1/4 cup minced carrots. Sprinkle the vegetables, lightly, with salt and pepper. Cover the pan with a sheet of buttered wax paper — cut round to fit inside the pan. Put lid on the pan and cook the vegetables for about 10 minutes, or until they are tender. Add two medium size red potatoes, cubed, and 4 cups white chicken stock, or chicken broth, and simmer the soup, covered, over low heat for about 25 minutes. When potato is tender, transfer this soup to a blender or food processor. After blending, return to soup pot and add 2 cups of pureed squash, plus 1/2 cup each of heavy cream and milk. Heat the soup through, adding sherry — to taste.

While serving, wear woolen cap and mittens and THINK WINTER!

January Ramblings

A Circular Ramble in Molera

The tide table promises a rare treat today—a -1.4 tide in the early afternoon of a sunny January day.

I'm awake before dawn in time to watch the sky grow rosy over the Coast Ridge Road. In the cleft of Sycamore Canyon one south-bound whale spouts a column of light on a wine-dark sea. It's a perfect day. A perfect day to lace up my boots and walk the circle from home along the bluffs to Molera Beach and back by way of the rocks.

Essentials in my daypack (food, water, notebook, pen), I make tracks up the road to the high point of Clear Ridge, elevation 1,209 feet. Stopping at the triangulation point, I catch my breath and feast on 360 degrees of beauty: the south coast gleaming in the morning sun, the coast ridge silhouetted against clear blue sky and to the north, Molera sweeping gently to the Point Sur lighthouse. Inviting.

Scrambling through a hole in the barbed wire fence that divides private property from state park land (the hole that keeps appearing no matter how often the gap is repaired, a well-used traditional path), I head down the sloping meadow trail which gleams a deeper shade of green from frequent trampling. Bobcat and coyote scat on the path. In the muddy places, deep wide-spread two-toed prints of a good-sized wild boar.

Mostly wildoats; one splendid stretch of indigenous bunchgrass somehow surviving in spite of 100 years of cattle and people. The meadows are springing into color. A few early zyadene, johnny jump-ups and plentiful poppies. The January sun is warm. I stuff my sweater in my pack and stop for a swig of water. Out to sea, beyond Cooper Point, a couple of whales travel steadily south, spouting now and then almost in unison, making rapid time toward their birthing grounds near Baha. Which reminds me that I too had best make time if I mean to walk the rocks at the lowest tide.

Steadily I descend the ridge through the

scrub oaks where last year I startled a herd of boar. The place smells of pig; the soft grounds under the oaks has been trampled and rooted. Increasing my pace I pass through the hazard without any panic; not a pig in sight. Down past the blue outcropping where Life Everlasting, blue-green succulent rosette shading to rose, grows in company of rock ferns and orange poppies; my favorite rock garden. Here too the boars have been doing their thing. The earth at the base of the rockpile is furrowed and corrugated by powerful snouts. I wonder what they search for in the shallow rocky soil.

Now the trail passes through a head-high jungle of bleached white poison hemlock, the new spring growth feathery and green like carrot tops. I recall the warning—even the dead stalk of this plant is poison; the dry stem, a hollow tube, tempting to a child to use as a straw. The hemlock grows in company with Deadly Nightshade. Does poison seek poison? Sure enough, the jungle grows thicker as poison oak intermingles with the rest. I pick my way between clumps and clusters of fresh green juicy growth, divided between irritation that this trail is not maintained and gratitude that so few people know and use it.

Through the jungle at last, I emerge on the steep seaward bluff that drops to an unnamed creek. Willows and waterplants choke the trail. Pushing through the tangle I jump the creek and clamber up the path to the almost naked bluff where giant Evening Primrose thrives, above my favorite secret beach. Halfway between Molera and Pfeiffer, accessible only on foot over an obscure trail, this stretch of sand is piled high with bleached bones of enormous trees. It is rare to find anyone there.

Intending to come back by way of the shore, I save the beach for later and continue up the slope, past the strange desolation of the sandpit. A large bowl of naked golden sand on the inland side of the bluff, perhaps

The Gazette's

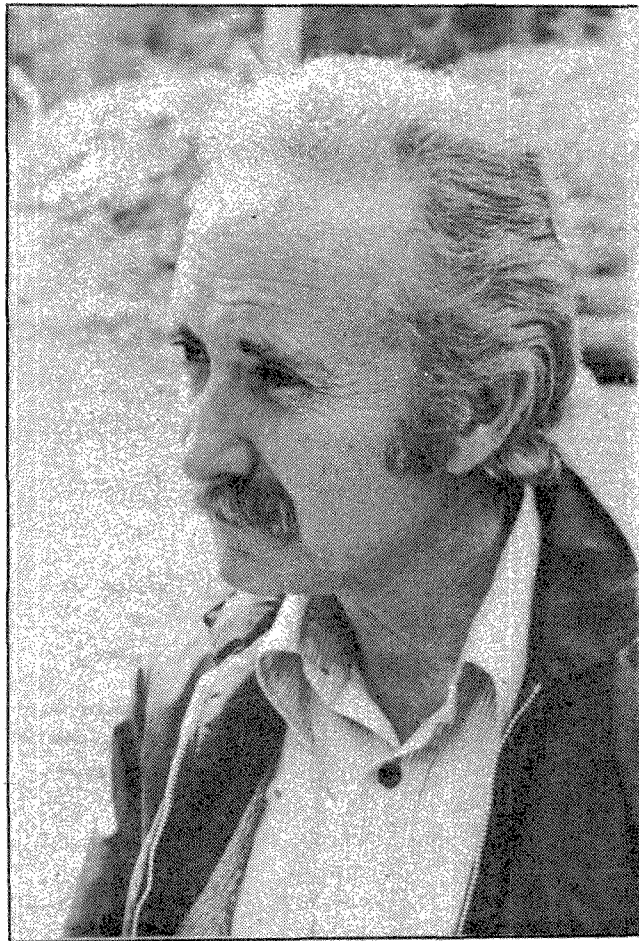
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an acre scooped out by some giant hand. I wonder about its origin.

From here to the mouth of the Big Sur River I walk along the bluffs in sight of the ocean. Sure enough, as the tide table promised, the shoreline is receding. Musseled and barnacled rocks exposed, lots of seabird action. I sit on the bluff and watch a flight of five brown pelicans, taking reassurance from the sight. Only six years ago their extinction appeared certain, and here they are back again. Perhaps they have learned to assimilate the DDT that was softening their shells. I am cheered by their survival.

In the interest of my own survival, I lighten my pack by consuming bread and cheese, an apple and a drink of water. Refueled, I hasten down the last half mile to Molera Beach.

Lots of folks on the sand. Surfers bob on the water. I note that the tideline, while low, is nowhere near as low as I'd expected from the tide tables' -1.4. I also notice that very large swells are giving the surfers a roller coaster ride. I sit for an hour in the sun at the base of the Indian mound, idly picking around in the dirt for a chip of chert or obsidian. Only fragments of abalone and mussel, an occasional small bone.

The sun points to early afternoon. By my calculations the tide should be almost at low. Time to start homeward along the rocky shore, taking advantage of a rare two hours of safe passage. Slowly now, over sea smooth rocks I keep to the drier stretches, avoiding the slippery seagrass and moss-covered rocks exposed by the tide. There is much less dry land than I had predicted; I must scurry around the second point between waves to avoid wetting my boots. The ocean seems to be growing in volume and so does the sound of the waves. Must be an illusion! The tide table says low tide.

At the third point I am stopped in my tracks. A good-sized wave breaks against the rock sending spray flying. Suddenly I am nervous. Something is wrong. There is far too much ocean.

Remembering to take a deep breath (at the first sign of panic) I stop and look around me. Yes, in truth, far out to sea giant swells roll into shore in a regular pattern. Unusual surf! The waves are growing bigger. It is now or never to round this point. I study the wave

pattern. It appears that every ninth or tenth wave the ocean sucks itself back for a moment exposing a rocky passage around the point. I take off my boots, stuff the socks in the toes, and when the pause occurs I step out in shallow water, feeling with my tender feet for the rocks. The first rock is round and smooth under my arch. The second rock is jagged; caught off balance I fling out my arms to gain control and there goes a boot into a deep pool on the seaward side. Without missing a step I reach in and fish it out; and now comes a wave, not with great force but with much water. I flounder up to the waist and drag myself drenched up on the next beach. My heart is pounding. Nor is this tiny beach a safe harbor. The next wave hisses over the pebbles up to my knees, almost to the base of the cliff. I must move. I oooch and I ouch over sharp rocks around the next easy point and pull up with great relief on my favorite deserted beach.

Hot sun. Warm sand. Safety. I spread out my clothes on a huge bleached redwood, prop my boots so they will drain and stretching out on the sand at the base of the cliff, I sleep off my adventure.

It is late afternoon when I wake. My interior clock tells me I'd better head home if I want to beat sunset. My clothes are dry though the boots and socks are damp. They will have to do. Following the pig trails up the steep ascent, noticing the signs of recent traffic, I hurry on my way hoping that I do not meet the beasts out for their sunset ramble. I have had enough excitement for one day.

Two miles of uphill trail in record time while the fancy January sky, now full of clouds, puts on a glorious display. I note, as I stop at Molera's fenceline to look back at where I've been, that the ocean is once more calm and flat.

Did the tide table lie? Did I make some miscalculation? Several days later I discover the truth: a heavy mid-winter storm off the coast of Hawaii, reverberating along the California coast, had caused abnormally high surf for a few hours on that January afternoon.

What is the lesson? Perhaps that I must learn to trust my own perceptions. Certainly this adventure has reinforced my awareness that you can count on Mother Nature to play unexpected tricks.

Rail Right of Way Plan Is Backed

From the Herald

A proposal for public acquisition of 2.2 miles of railroad right of way in Monterey and Seaside drew support today from the Monterey County Transportation Commission.

In a meeting at Seaside City Hall, commissioners voted unanimously to draft a letter of support for an application by the two cities for \$5 million in state funds.


The right of way sought lies between Contra Costa Street in Seaside and the abandoned Southern Pacific Transportation Co. depot in Monterey.

H.H. (Butch) Cope of the Monterey Planning Department told the commission its primary use would be transportation.

The tracks, Cope said, could be used for local or regional transportation and for transportation to the San Francisco Bay Area if such service is ever re-established.

Southern Pacific said last fall it intends to remove the tracks but announced later it is delaying action until the question about the necessity of a coastal permit for such a move has been settled.

The section of right of way between the Monterey depot and Asilomar is proposed for a recreational trail. The commission action did not apply to that section of the tracks.



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The types of jobs for which the Forest Service is recruiting include fire, timber, range, hydrology, civil engineering, surveying and physical and biological sciences.

"Persons considering summer or seasonal jobs are encouraged to complete and file their applications early,"

states Los Padres National Forest Supervisor Fritz deHoll. "This will help us rate the applications and make selections and job offers early in the spring."

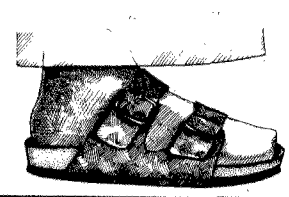
Applications will be accepted on a national basis. Only one application per individual will be accepted.

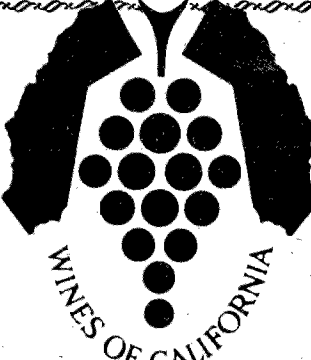
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The Housing Authority invites mobile homeowners, in-

terested in participating in its newest rental subsidy program to contact the leasing office of the authority. Elwood Williams, Housing Program Manager for the program, indicates heavy demand for this type of

assistance and encourages early application, inasmuch as eligibility for the program is determined on a first-come, first-serve basis.

In the Housing Act of 1978, Congress authorized use of Section 8 subsidies to

assist low income mobile homeowners in the payment of their space rentals.

The program helps "lower income" and "very-low income" families. A "lower income" family is one whose income does not exceed 80 percent of the median income in the area. A "very-low income" family is one whose income does not exceed 50 percent of the median income in the area. The adjustments take into account the size of the family.

If the income is within the limits defined by HUD, a "family" in this program may be a single person 62 or older, or a handicapped or disabled person as defined by law, or a displaced person, or the remaining member of an eligible tenant family. Two or more elderly, disabled or handicapped persons living together, or one or more such individuals living with another person needed to care for them, are also eligible for housing assistance in this program.

Applications are presently being taken at the Salinas office, 134 E. Rossi Street. Further information may be obtained by calling 649-1541 or 424-2892.

BUCHWALD

"ZZZZZZZZZZ"

By ART BUCHWALD

WASHINGTON — All the Christmas catalogues are in now. Every year I choose the gift that will make the greatest contribution to Western civilization. This year's award goes to Sakowitz of Houston which advertised a swimming pool built in the shape of Texas and filled (I'm not making this up) with 30,867 gallons of Perrier water. The price tag is \$127,174.32.

Little did I realize when I lived in Paris that someday Perrier, an innocuous soda water that comes from France, would become a status symbol in the same class with Dom Perignon Champagne and Chivas Regal Scotch.

Americans are now drinking Perrier by the tank, and it's hard to believe—though I have no evidence to doubt it—that all the Perrier being consumed in the world comes from one underground spring.

While Perrier is a nice, tasteless bubbly drink, I think it would be very dangerous for the United States to become too dependent on it.

It is just like the French to get us hooked on their water and then threaten to pull the plug if we didn't go along with them on everything they asked for in the Common Market.

The threat to this country of a Perrier-less society has not been faced up to. People are guzzling it like there is no tomorrow, and the few scientists who have warned that we could exhaust all the Perrier water in the world by the year 2000 have been ignored.

Hans Freidrich, an expert in the bubbly water market, paints an even gloomier picture.

In a paper just printed in the prestigious Bottled Water Journal "ZZZZZZ," Freidrich said if Americans continued consuming Perrier at the present rate, the price of a six-ounce bottle now selling in a bar for \$1.50 could rise to \$5 for a regular glass and \$6 with a piece of lime.

"This means," he wrote, "that the middle and lower income groups could be forced to drink domestic soda waters and, in some hardship cases, even tap water to supply their fluid needs."

Freidrich warns in his article that as more and more super-tankers are used to supply Perrier to soda guzzlers in America, there will eventually be an accident off the Atlantic Coast and, as he puts it, "We could see the largest soda water spill in history. No one knows what Perrier can do to a beach or wildlife when it mixes with salt water. A Perrier spill off the coast of a populous area could play havoc with the ecology of fishing grounds, and unless a method is found of bursting the bubbles before they hit the shore, people could be cleaning up their sands for years to come."

Although admitting that there has to be a trade-off if the United States wishes to continue receiving supplies of Perrier from France, Freidrich believes Americans should concentrate on finding their own Perrier. He points out that at present prices it is at last economical to squeeze soda water out of shale rock. "A ton of shale rock," he says, "can now produce one six-pack of Perrier-like water. With the help of the government we could be free of France's stranglehold on us by 1989."

In the meantime, Freidrich advocates odd and even days for the drinking of Perrier and giving tax exemptions to U.S. bottled water companies which are willing to use their profits to drill for a comparable substitute for the French water.

He cited the Sakowitz department store by name as an example of why the country will soon be faced with a Perrier crunch.

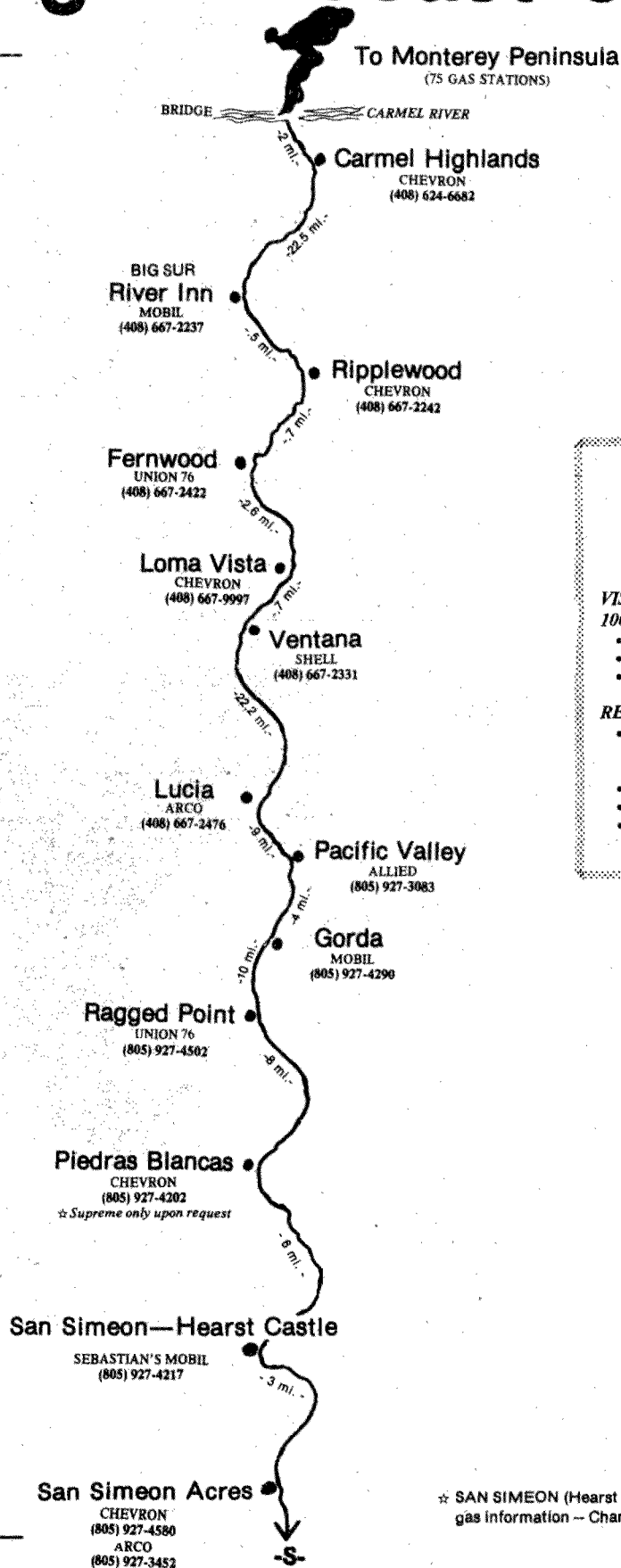
"Any company that urges its customers to fill their swimming pools with imported soda water refuses to face reality. If God wanted us to dive into a pool of Perrier, He would have never put it in little green bottles."

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Big Sur Coast GAS MAP

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Change of Agenda for Historical Society

The Big Sur Historical Society will meet from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Grange Hall. A talk by members of the Pacific Grove Heritage Society has been postponed for a future meeting.

The meeting will be open to all and anyone interested in joining the historical society is urged to attend. A selection of slides taken at meetings during the past year will be shown. Some committee work will be done.

It is also time to renew memberships. The categories

and dues are as follows: annual single — \$10; annual family — \$15 (parents who bring children are responsible for their behavior and safety); annual business, institutional or professional — \$25; annual sustaining — \$50 or more; individual life \$250. Honorary membership is extended to those residents and their spouses who have lived in Big Sur for over 50 years. Work volunteer memberships are also available. Anyone interested should contact Sylvia Eisenberg.