

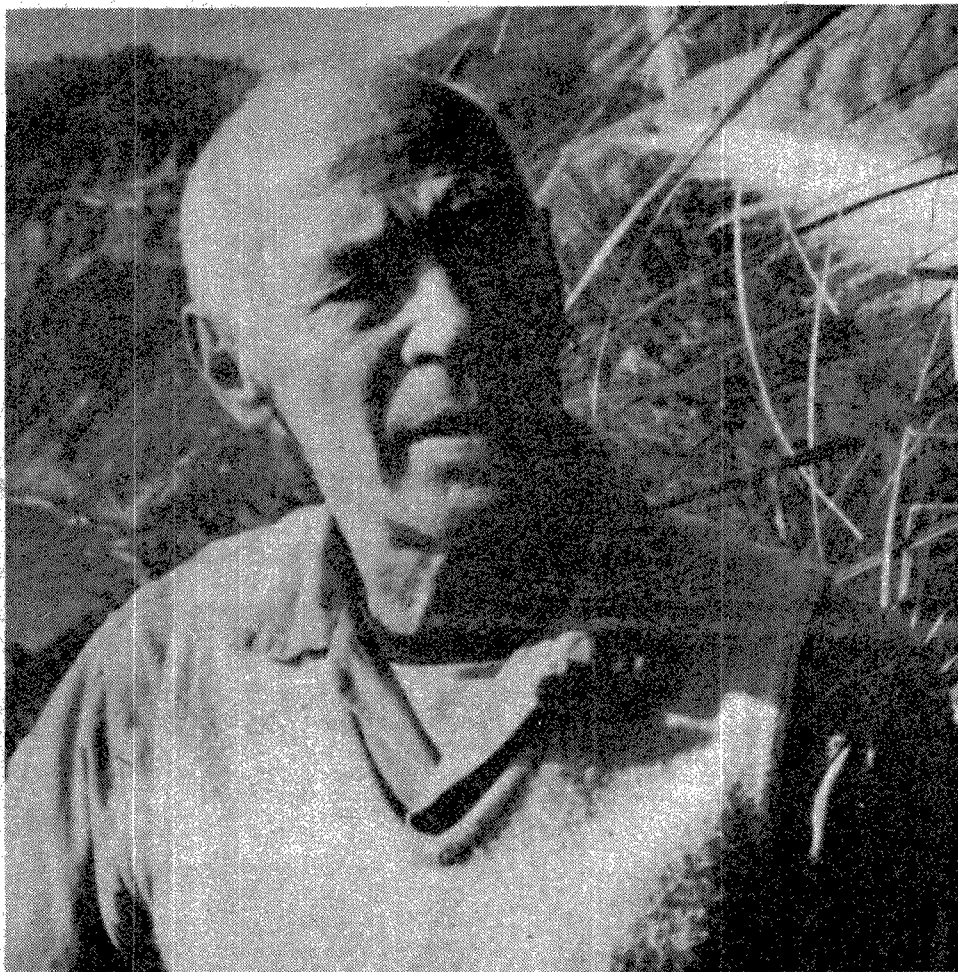
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State Could Fund Big Sur Local Coastal Plan

BIG SUR — Rick Davidge, Director of the National Inholder's Association, reported to the *Gazette* that he had discovered a source of funding for the Big Sur Local Coastal Plan which would make federalization of the

area unnecessary.

In a telephone interview from Washington, Davidge said he had discussed alternative funding for Big Sur with Tom Lanbrix, a senior policy advisor for the White House Domestic Staff and

with Chris Delaporte, the Director of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service (HCERS), as well as with

LCP Meeting Is Scheduled

BIG SUR — Three meetings have been scheduled in August by the Citizen Advisory Committee to discuss the Big Sur Local Coastal Plan (LCP), according to CAC Chairman Roger Newell.

The meeting dates are all on Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., at the Big Sur Grange, for Aug. 5, 12 and 26.

The purpose of the meetings is to obtain the community's reaction to the LCP and forward the responses to the Planning Commission.

According to Commissioner Bill Peters, the Planning Commission will not hold public hearings until the Big Sur public meetings are completed.

the senior staff members of the U.S. Forest Service.

Davidge said funds could be available from the California Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CCORP).

The CCORP, drafted in 1975, does not currently list Big Sur as a project area, but Davidge said that a simple

amendment — if approved by the HRCS — could provide 50 percent of the cost of each project within existing allocations.

CCORP obtains its funding from the Bureau of Land and Water Conservation funds. The state agency funding would require a mat-

ching 50 percent from local government or other grants.

If, however, BLWC funds are provided by the federal government, such as indicated in Congressman Panetta's Big Sur bill, by law Congress must authorize the funds and manage the area.

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Panetta Bill Is Railroaded Through House Committee

By Hope Hathaway
Allied Press International

Following heated testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Parks and Interior Affairs, the Big Sur Coastal Area Act (HR 7380) introduced by Congressman Leon Panetta in May, 1980, was railroaded through the House Committee.

Despite objections by Committee member Robert Lagomarsino (R-Ventura), who questioned whether federal legislation was needed and after lengthy and impassioned testimony the previous day by citizens' groups who traveled from Big Sur to the capitol to protest the bill, chairman of the committee, Congressman Philip Burton (D-Calif.), startled the attending group by hustling the legislation through within five minutes after the markup meeting convened.

Burton, known as the "benevolent steamroller" of Washington, and noted for "park barreling," spent con-

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Coast Property Owners Oppose Panetta's Legislation

BIG SUR — The Board of Directors of the Coast Property Owner's Association (CPOA) voted on July 25 to advise Congressman Leon Panetta that they opposed his legislation to federalize Big Sur.

After a lengthy discussion, the board voted to send Panetta a letter stating "the Board of Directors of the CPOA oppose your bill inasmuch as the Local Coastal Plan has not had an opportunity to be tested."

The motion was passed with a 7-4-1 vote. Voting in favor were Frank Trotter, Mary Fee, Howard Sitton, Bill Spring, John Harlan, Charles Mohn and Marion Harlan.

Opposing the motion were Barbara Richardson, Ray Sanborn, Helmuth Morganrath, and Katherine Short. Marilyn Abel abstained.

In other action, CPOA president Short presented letters from CPOA members Zed Leavy and Lorri Lockwood who objected to the board sponsoring a representative to attend and testify at the April Cranston bill subcommittee hearings in Washington.

CPOA member Leavy wrote that he objected sending a representative to Washington because the board had not asked

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Local News ...

Yes, Virginia, There Is Child Care in Big Sur

The Big Sur Child Care Co-op is rather like the sand castle which several of its children have been working on. For hours each day the boys have struggled to build a castle that's at least eight feet in diameter; but alas, its sandy moat is useless defense against frolicking dogs and 3-year-olds. Yet each time it's nearly destroyed, the boys rebuild and maintain their castle in the sand.

Like the castle, the Big Sur Child Care Co-op is struggling to maintain; but like the boys, its volunteers are working together to build a dream. The Co-op is the love child of several families and devoted community members who have decided to run their own child care facility. The Co-op

is now operating five days a week (usually), Saturday through Wednesday, 9:30-5:30, at the All Saints Church campground, "Santa Lucia Mission." That's just off of the "bumpity bump road" between Big Sur Campground and the River Inn (take the Big Sur Campground entrance from the highway but swing north, then park and walk through the little gate).

Rates are \$5 a day and \$3 for half a day. The staff is all volunteer; money covers insurance, trash pickup and supplies (just barely). An average of six children a day, ages 3 to 10, are being served, and as many as four or as few as two adults at one time (and often two or three family

dogs) join the fun!

Days are spent swimming or innertube-surfing at their beautiful river beach, swinging on tire swings, working with clay and paint, sewing, making "forts" and sand castles, playing frisbee, roasting potatoes, and telling stories. Each day seems to be full of new outdoor adventures. We only hope more children will be able to join us.

Children should bring ample lunch and two snacks, blanket, towel and swimsuit.

Volunteers with energy, love and the time to share a day or a half-day are still needed. Please phone Holly Fassett at Nepenthe, 667-2345, for more information.

Toe-Tapping Celebration Planned for County Fair

They're "jazzing up" the Monterey County Fair.

The fair and the Monterey Bay Hot Jazz Society will be joining forces the last three days of the Aug. 19-24 fair in a "community celebration" of toe-tapping, swinging entertainment in and out of the fairgrounds, according to Joe Ingram, jubilee coordinator.

Billed as the first Monterey Dixieland Jubilee, the celebration will bring 16 noted bands to the Monterey Peninsula from all over the United States, and will include Monterey's own legendary Papa Jake Stock and his "Abalone Stompers."

The jubilee bands, coming from as far away as Lawrence, Kan., will alternate for a total of 90 sessions, playing in eight existing restaurant-nightclubs located in the Cannery Row and lower Alvarado Street areas.

Reservations can now be made for the jubilee, by purchase of admission badges that will gain entrance to the

cabarets, the fair itself and the four big Dixieland Jubilee concerts that will be offered in the Monterey Fairgrounds Arena.

Ingram is asking for volunteers for the jubilee and is also available at the fair office for additional information and details.

Sur Seas Luas August 9

BIG SUR — Friends of the Big Sur Coast will sponsor a major fundraising event Aug. 9 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. The event, the Sur Seas Luau, will be held at Post's Rancho Sierra Mar. The \$100 per person ticket includes dinner, cocktails and entertainment.

The Friends have "recruited the advice, talents, participation and expertise of the Polynesian members of the organization to make this event as authentic a luau as possible this side of the Pacific," says Friends chairman Jim Josoff.

Contributions will go toward the campaign to defeat federal legislation now pending in Washington.

Tickets may be obtained by sending non-tax deductible donations to: Friends of the

Big Sur Coast, Big Sur, CA 93920, Attention: Barbara Chamberlain. Tickets are offered on an advance reservation only basis and are limited in number.

Gazette Obtains Second Class Postal Permit

The Big Sur Gazette has obtained a second-class mailing permit from the U.S. Post Office.

Second class postage not only is a reduced rate for newspapers, it is treated by postal officials with the same dispatch as first class mail.

Subscribers will benefit by receiving their copies of the Gazette a day or two after being mailed.

community calendar AUGUST 1980

The COMMUNITY CALENDAR is a 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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A New Way to See the Coast ... Steinbeck Country Tours

What adventures in wonderland have you taken lately? Do you and your friends or associates have a want or need to get a group together and to go somewhere? Have you any special jaunt in mind, or do you just want to be pleasantly surprised?

Either way, there is a new service available: Steinbeck Country Tours. It offers a variety of unique sightseeing tours and chartered transportation services in two new plush 14 passenger mini-buses. What makes them unique?

Imagination. They are willing to design the tour around the group's needs. They can offer anything from Champagne picnics on the beach or in the country to specialized tours that take you through the life and works of John Steinbeck. Would you like to ride a steam train through the redwoods? Or take a tour of the area's art galleries?

The mini-buses are specially designed with panorama windows, air conditioning and stereo. The seats are spacious and comfortable. It is the perfect answer for small groups needing shuttle bus service and maybe a sightseeing excursion around the Monterey Peninsula.

The tour guides are pleasant and knowledgeable. They've lived around this area for a long time and are well-versed in the lore of the land. They know the stories and anecdotes that flesh out the men and famed history of the region. It is quite enjoyable to sit back and relax and really learn about the area that surrounds you.

Or perhaps you'd rather go shopping in all the quaint boutiques? They can help you get there and back again. Just like the Hobbitt, Bilbo Baggins. By the time you're done, you'll have had an adventure.

Manager Laurie E. McBeth is extremely helpful in planning

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The mini-vans are available for charter at \$40 per hour but a three-hour minimum is required. The four-hour Scenic Highlights tour runs \$160 as does the Steinbeck tour. Their longer, six-hour tour of Point Lobos and Big Sur costs \$240. They do take VISA and MasterCard and with prior notice they can arrange billing to your hotel master account.

For more information or reservations call (408) 625-5107. It's up to you whether or not adventure comes your way.

APPETIZERS: WESTERN ONION SOUP ☐ With gruyere and parmesan cheeses. CHILLED ARTICHOKE ☐ With vinaigrette. GUACAMOLE ☐ Served with Tortilla Chips. SOUPS: CREAM OF ALMOND ☐ COLD CUCUMBER ☐ SALADS: CAESAR SALAD ☐ Romaine tossed at your table with egg yolk, croutons and fresh grated parmesan cheese. SPINACH SALAD ☐ Fresh spinach with mushrooms, bacon and house dressing. DINNER ENTREES: NEW YORK STEAK ☐ FILET MIGNON ☐ VEGETABLE PLATE ☐ SOLE MADAGASCAR ☐ Sole, bay shrimp & crab in banana curry sauce. PRAWNS SAINTE MAXIME ☐ Sautéed in garlic, with shallots, tomato & wine. LUNCH: REUBEN SANDWICH ☐ Hot corned beef grilled with sauerkraut and swiss cheese, served with potato salad. TURKEY & SWISS SANDWICH ☐ on light rye. ANVIL BURGER ☐ 1/2 pound of char flavored ground beef, forged. HAMMER BURGER ☐ Bacon and golden cheeses forged to our char broiled ground beef. JACK'S PEAK OMELETTE ☐ Julienne of ham and cheese. BIG SUR OMELETTE ☐ Fresh chopped spinach with a blend of cheeses. QUICK ☐ Assorted fresh fruit served with fruit sauce. DESSERTS: CHOCOLATE MUFFIN ☐ Poached in Red Wine with fresh fruit sauce. EGGS BENEDICT ☐ poached eggs on a muffin and guacamole. BLT ☐ ENTREES: TROUSERS ☐ BUEURRE ROUGE ☐ sauce and Macadamia nuts. ST. LOUIS ☐ LUNCH: REUBEN ☐ salad. TURKEY ☐ beef, forged. HAM ☐ JACK'S PEAK OMELETTE ☐ of cheeses. QUICK ☐ with yogurt and honey. CHOCOLATE MUFFIN ☐ Wine. CREAM ☐ fruit sauce. BLT ☐ BENEDICT ☐ the old favorite with a secret of our own. poached eggs on a muffin. HUEVOS RANCHEROS ☐ Egg ☐ Stuffed with apple, raisins & almonds. BEVERAGES: CAFE FILTRE ☐ FINE WINES ☐ COCKTAILS ☐ and SANGRIA served by the pitcher. SEE OUR NIGHTLY SPECIALS BLACKBOARD and BAR MENU: STEAK SANDWICH ☐ Served with salad garnish and baked potato. CHILI ☐ Served steaming hot. QUICHE AND SALAD ☐ Our signature Quiche and crisp, green



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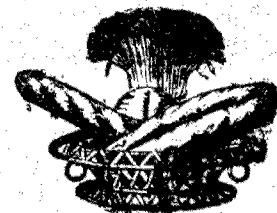
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 - 1851 — Isaac M. Singer patented sewing machine
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Peaches n' Cream

An easy and delicately light variation of fruit with cream is the following flan type dessert. Use peaches, bananas, cherries, plums, berries or apricots — alone or in combination.

Tutti-frutti Caflouti

Sprinkle a well-buttered 1 1/2 quart shallow baking dish with 2 tablespoons of white sugar. Distribute 3 cups of peeled and sliced fresh peaches (or other choices) over the sugar.

In a blender blend one cup each of milk and cream, 3 eggs, 1/4 cup white flour and a pinch of salt for two minutes. Then add 3 tablespoons brown sugar and 1 1/2 tablespoons almond extract. Blend the mixture for a few seconds and pour over the fruit. Bake the Caflouti in a pre-heated moderately hot oven — 375 degrees — for 50 minutes or until the custard is set and golden on top.

Serve barely warm to eight friends and give thanks for summer's cornucopia.

Local News...

Ventana Permit Is Approved, Then Appealed By Sierra Club

BIG SUR — After three years of hearings, the Ventana Inn obtained permission from the Central Regional Coastal Commission to build the final 20 units of its proposed 60-unit Inn.

The following week, Carl

Garrapata Beach Gets First Ranger

From the Herald

The first ranger for Garrapata Beach State Park may be on duty before the end of the summer as acquisition of land for the park along the ocean and coastal highlands continues.

The state Department of Parks and Recreation now is seeking approval to put a trailer home for two park employees on rented land just south of Garrapata Creek, 10 miles south of Carmel. The trailer would be out of sight from Highway 1, according to Milt Frincke, deputy regional director for the department in Monterey.

The proposed park stretches from the highland areas east of Wildcat and Malpasos creeks in the Carmel Highlands along five miles of coast to Garrapata Beach on the south.

Frincke said the parks department hopes to begin adding facilities, such as trash cans and toilets, on the property by the end of this year or the beginning of next.

The department has already purchased the Doud Ranch at the north end of the park and is continuing to negotiate for the remaining land that will comprise the park, he said.

Larson, representing the state Coastal Task Force of the Sierra Club, and two co-appellants, Laurie Dillon and Frank Ramistella, appealed the Regional Permit to the State Coastal Commission.

The Regional Commissioners voted 9-6 to approve the permit, thus overturning the staff's strongly worded recommendation for denial.

In a telephone interview, appellant Carl Larson said his appeal was based on four concerns: Does the project fit with the LCP? Is there enough water for downstream habitats? For other riparian users? Does it conform to the state Commission finding that Ventana should not develop further until after the LCP?

Larry Spector, operator of the resort, expressed his disappointment at the appeal. He said he believed that the appellants concerns had been answered at the hearing, and he didn't feel the questions raised were statewide issues. He said he would, however, answer each question raised if the state commission decided to hear the appeal.

Carl Larson said, "Although the Department of Fish and Game indicated the permit was alright, we feel we want more information, mainly on water supply and water consumption."

By press time no decision had been made by the state Commission, and no date had been set to hear the appeal.

Curfew for Juveniles Is Enforced

Sheriff D.B. "Bud" Cook has announced that the sheriff's department will resume enforcement of the county curfew ordinance number 1343 for juveniles. This ordinance prohibits the loitering and wandering of juveniles under the age of 18 in any public place after 11 p.m.

Sheriff Cook stated that the enforceability of the ordinance had been questionable for several years due to assembly bill 3121 being passed. However, several court decisions have indicated that the wording in the Monterey County ordinance is enforceable.

Sheriff Cook, in announcing resumption of enforcement of the ordinance, pointed out that there are numerous trouble spots in the county in which juveniles

loiter or congregate well into the nighttime hours. This loitering of juveniles brings about complaints from neighboring residents and merchants as well as generating various types of criminal incidents which must then be investigated by the sheriff's department. In resuming enforcement of this ordinance, it is hoped to discourage such loitering and thereby eliminate many of the crimes taking place.

When a deputy makes an enforcement of this ordinance, the juvenile will be taken into custody and be returned to the parents. The parent will be issued a notice of curfew violation where it sets forth county ordinance 1343 and explains to the parent his responsibilities in supervising his child.

There is no further action

Monterey Aquarium Law Signed

Legislation which will assist in clearing the way for the proposed Monterey Bay Aquarium was signed into law by the governor on July 12, Assemblyman Henry Mello (D-Watsonville) announced last month.

AB 3253, Chapter 484, is enabling legislation which

adds an amendment to the state tide and submerged lands grant of the city of Pacific Grove. "The amendment makes a legislative finding that the city of Pacific Grove may lease a portion of the tidelands for purposes of a non-profit aquarium, and was introduced to clarify the appropriateness of the project and the legal description

under the terms of the Pacific Grove grant," Mello stated.

The proposed \$20 million Monterey Bay Aquarium is scheduled to be open for public viewing in 1984 and will be a combination of original parts of the Hovden Cannery and new construction — it is designed to maintain the existing character of Old Cannery Row.

Birth Control Clinics Planned

Planned Parenthood of Salinas is now offering two birth control clinics each week. The clinics are held Wednesdays and Thursdays between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

In addition, Planned Parenthood offers pregnancy testing and counseling on Tuesdays through Fridays between 9-11:30 a.m. No appointment is necessary.

Planned Parenthood is located at 51 E. Romie Lane, one block east of Main St. All services are completely confidential and are provided at low or no cost. For more information or to make a clinic appointment, call 1-758-8261.

FOR THE AWARE



By Araby Colton

Alternatives to Animal Experimentation

The World Federation for the Protection of Animals reports a surge of interest in techniques to replace experimentation on animals, in England, Europe and the United States.

This movement, says FRAME (the Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments) a British organization, "is a clear indication of changing attitudes in research policies and growing public feelings on the whole subject of animal experimentation."

The Swedish government has set up a Central Committee on Experimental Animals, whose specific brief includes the investigation and promotion of "alternatives." The committee has been established for an initial period of three years, with an allocation of 100,000 pounds for the first year, to include grants to research workers.

In Holland the Dutch Minister of Health has come out very strongly in favor of adopting alternative methods wherever feasible, for both scientific and ethical reasons: he urges the promotion of education of future scientists in alternative technology.

In the USA no less than three bills dealing with

"alternatives" have recently been introduced in the U.S. Congress. One calls for \$12,000,000 to be provided specifically for research on "alternatives," another for the establishment of a commission to review the use of laboratory animals in the US, paying specific attention to replacement techniques, and the third and most radical bill calls for re-allocation of 30-50 percent of National Institute of Health funds towards "alternatives," the establishment of a National Center for research into "alternatives," and publication of new techniques in the Federal Register.

The Veterinary Schools of Michigan State and Pennsylvania University have reduced animal usage in teaching programs to the minimum by use of video tapes and other teaching aids. The American Veterinary Medical Association and the American College of Veterinary Toxicologists, Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics are publishing information on these aids, and promoting their use.

We who protest the cruelties of animal experimentation need not mute our angry voices — we are in very good scientific company.

Kiwanis Auction

The 11th annual Kiwanis T.V. Auction is set for Sunday, Sept. 14, 1980, on KSBW TV Channel 8, Salinas, from 4-7 p.m.

This is a combined effort of the Monterey Kiwanis Clubs. There will be 100 items for sale, including automobiles and many other fine items.

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A DECLARATION BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate & equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with inherent and inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, & to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, & organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety & happiness. Prudence indeed will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light & transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses & usurpations begun at a distinguished period and pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty to throw off such government, & to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies; & such is now the necessity which constrains them to expunge their former systems of government. The history of the present king of Great Britain is a history of unrelenting injuries & usurpations, among which appears no solitary fact to contradict the uniform tenor of the rest but all have in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states.

(Editor's note: The above portion of the "Declaration of Independence" was read by Walter Trotter in a ceremony following the Independence Day Parade.)

Independence Day Celebrated in Big Sur

July 4, 1980 started early in Big Sur as spectators lined up at various points along Highway One for the second annual Independence Day Parade. Celebrating began shortly after 8 a.m. covering a route between Pfeiffer-Big Sur State Park and River Village.

Homegrown floats carried themes of the immediate subject at hand — the federal interest in acquiring Big Sur land. The general feeling seemed to be captured by the titles on several floats: "There's No Place Like Home," "Let Us Be Free," "The Bureaucratic Web," and others.

One wheelchair float was especially crafted for Liel Fulton by her father Gil. The float sped by too rapidly for most cameras to catch anything but a blur — all to the great delight of Liel and spectators along the parade

route.

From inside the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade truck, Peter Stock singled out some spectators for a good spray of spring fresh Big Sur water, and parade-goer Hank Adams got into the spirit by trying to gain control of the

hose. It was Stock who was responsible for organizing the parade and the ceremony that followed, winding his way through red tape that may have seemed to him at least as long as the parade route itself — if not Highway One.

Declaration

At the conclusion of the parade, a crowd assembled at "The Ark" across from River Inn and recitations from Abraham Lincoln and from the Declaration of Independence were given by Stock and Walter Trotter. The reading of the Declaration of Independence was in-

terrupted several times by applause. A color guard from Point Sur Naval Facility stood at attention during the ceremony.

More Fourth of July weekend activities took place as Friends of the Big Sur Coast held a bake sale on the Ripplewood Lawn and a flea market and silent auction at the Big Sur Grange Hall. Proceeds from the July 4-5 benefits totaled \$3,000 and were needed immediately for the group to send representatives to Washington, D.C. to testify before two committees on the proposed Panetta legislation.

Independence Day had a special meaning for the people of Big Sur this year. The essence of the original spirit and significance of the holiday prevailed, and seemed to be at the heart of the festivities.



ROSE MOHN WINS bid for Miss Lower Coastlands. Marge Johnson is first runner-up and Sam Brown second runner-up. The spoof event was sponsored by the "Genista Benevolent and Protective Society — Ventana Chapter." Its slogan: "Save our Genista."



"ESALEN INDIANS" keep the rhythm of the Independence Day Parade going.



JIM JOSOFF auctions an array of items donated to Friends of the Big Sur Coast. The two-day Bake Sale, Flea Market and Auction brought in more than \$3,000, helping to pay expenses for a busy trip to Washington.



"THE BUREAUCRATIC WEB" float of Friends of Big Sur pulls out at the conclusion of the Independence Day Parade as Bill Edgar directs traffic. Unfortunately, the lovely occupants in lacy gowns are no longer aboard.



RIVER INN'S FIRE truck follows roller skater and Jake Stock and the Abalone Stompers "Live" from a flatbed truck.



THE OUTLAWS baseball team hangs two "feds" in effigy.

IF YOU WANT TO PRESERVE YOUR WAY OF LIFE, YOUR HOME, THESE MOUNTAINS AND THIS COAST —

Then,

WE URGE YOU TO STUDY THE PANETTA BILL (H.R. 7380)

(copies and digests available at the Big Sur Library)

AND DECIDE FOR YOURSELF whether or not you wish to join us

IN ENDORSING this needed and innovative plan

FOR PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF OUR LAND.

18 Years Ago

MANY OF US — under circumstances not unlike today

FOUGHT FOR AND WON

THE ADOPTION OF THE 1962 MONTEREY COUNTY, BIG SUR MASTER PLAN

Today,

Pressures from inside and outside require broader and stronger measures.

LET US BE AS FAR-SIGHTED NOW AS WE WERE THEN

BY SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN (LCP) IN PRINCIPLE

and implementing it where necessary — through the carefully defined

PANETTA BILL

Let us take the long view and go forward with this bill

To Keep Big Sur — Big Sur!

We, the undersigned, are Big Sur property owners, and have no fear of losing our homes through Federal action under the Panetta Bill.

<u>Esther Ewoldsen</u> Esther Ewoldsen	<u>Robert H. Skiles</u> Robert H. Skiles	<u>Bill Fassett</u> Bill Fassett	<u>Penny Vieregge</u> Penny Vieregge	<u>Roger Newell</u> Roger Newell
<u>Hans Ewoldsen</u> Hans Ewoldsen	<u>Laurie Dillon</u> Laurie Dillon	<u>John Williams</u> John Williams	<u>Madeline Fassett</u> Madeline Fassett	<u>Ray Sanborn</u> Ray Sanborn
<u>Melissa Blake Levitzky</u> Melissa Blake Levitzky	<u>Sherna Stewart</u> Sherna Stewart	<u>Bob Muson</u> Bob Muson	<u>Douglas Madsen</u> Douglas Madsen	<u>Elyse D'Angelo</u> Elyse D'Angelo
<u>Charles Levitzky</u> Charles Levitzky	<u>Florence L. White</u> Florence L. White	<u>Barbara Richardson</u> Barbara Richardson	<u>Laurance D. King</u> Laurance D. King	<u>William V. Shaw</u> William V. Shaw
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<u>Mary A. Alexander</u> Mary A. Alexander	<u>David W. Abel</u> David W. Abel	<u>Margaret Trotter</u> Margaret Trotter	<u>Virginia B. Mudd</u> Virginia B. Mudd	<u>Zed Leavy</u> Zed Leavy
<u>Robert E. Alexander</u> Robert E. Alexander	<u>Marilynn D. Abel</u> Marilynn D. Abel	<u>Roy Trotter</u> Roy Trotter	<u>Jeannette White</u> Jeannette White	<u>Lloyd L. & Betty M. Bell</u> Lloyd L. & Betty M. Bell
<u>Glynn H. Lockwood</u> Glynn H. Lockwood	<u>Carl Paul Alaska</u> Carl Paul Alaska	<u>Loet van der Veen</u> Loet van der Veen	<u>Sam Hopkins</u> Sam Hopkins	<u>Burt Tolerton</u> Burt Tolerton
<u>Lori W. Lockwood</u> Lori W. Lockwood	<u>Ted Maino</u> Ted Maino	<u>Patricia Addleman</u> Patricia Addleman	<u>Nancy Hopkins</u> Nancy Hopkins	<u>Katherine Short</u> Katherine Short
<u>Boris Veron</u> Boris Veron	<u>Celia M. Sanborn</u> Celia M. Sanborn	<u>Lloyd Addleman</u> Lloyd Addleman	<u>Robert & Deborah Huszagh</u> Robert & Deborah Huszagh	<u>John Ashley Murphy</u> John Ashley Murphy
<u>Filippa Veron</u> Filippa Veron	<u>Helen Morgenrath</u> Helen Morgenrath			<u>Kent B. White, Jr.</u> Kent B. White, Jr.

Panetta's Big Sur Bill

Railroaded Through the House

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siderable time with the protestors after the hearings with little results although three concessions were made as amendments to the bill. The concessions made were the injunctive authority, staggering of the terms of council and names of council members to be brought before the subcommittee for approval. Changes also will be made on the boundary map.

The July 21 testimony began with the appearance of Senator Hayakawa of California, who made a short statement in opposition of the bill. He also submitted a petition signed by 800 people who object to federal intervention of the Big Sur area.

Panetta, who appeared on the panel, conferred with committee members during the testimony of witnesses and in rebuttal offered assurances that the plan he proposed would be based upon existing state and county zoning laws, regulations and the use of existing plans for preservation and protection. Panetta said that he does not agree with some of the previous plans offered with federal control and that the Big Sur Coastal Area Act offers a balanced plan.

Citing lack of resources which he says cannot accommodate the projected increase in tourism he reiterated the urgency of a coastal plan and denied any desire to mar or change the area.

He suggested that a citizen's advisory committee be set up to make recommendations, that jurisdiction should retain authority and that land acquisition by condemnation be limited.

He also said that a permanent council would be established and effective land language be incorporated into the implementation of the plan and that proceedings be brought up to date periodically.

Kent Anderson of the Human Rights Foundation examined the methods of land acquisition by the federal government in regard to human rights. In land acquisition, he said some landowners prefer condemnation proceedings over declaration of taking. He also foresees potential problems when the Forest Service moves into the area.

The Big Sur Coalition, represented by Alan Perlmutter, challenged Panetta over a boundary map which he said does not exist.

Other representatives from opposing groups called the bill a "boondoggle" and gave strongly supporting evidence to that affect.

Rick Davidge of the National Inholders Association, an organization of property holders, commented on land acquisition for state parks which is up 79 percent — over 1,000,000 acres a year — creating higher taxes for property owners.

In a lengthy prepared statement, Phillip M. Battaglia, partner of the law firm of Flint and MacKay, attorneys for the Hearst Corporation, presented a carefully considered evaluation of the proposal to establish the Big Sur Coast Area as contained in Panetta's bill.

"The concern of the Hearst Corporation," he said, "is to ensure that the boundary of the proposed Big Sur Coast Area truly represents a 'coherent ecological unit' as referenced by Mr. Panetta in Section 4 of HR 7380, to pinpoint certain other deficiencies in the proposal — both substantive and technical — which the committee should consider and correct in order to strengthen and improve the proposal and to identify basic principals which should govern any legislation involving the Big Sur Coast Area."

The bill, the report reveals, suffers major deficiencies as well as numerous less critical technical deficiencies. Many of the problems identified could lead to possible legal challenges to the enforcement of the bill and others will simply mute the accomplishment of the bill's designated purposes.

Citing Section 7(c) (d), containing an ambiguous, open end and possibly unenforceable authorization for use of the injunctive power by the Secretary to restrain uses of public or private lands that "are or would be substantially inconsistent

with the purpose of this act." It is totally unclear what a "substantially inconsistent" use of a parcel of land actually is.

Jim Josoff and Rosemary Craven of "Friends of Big Sur" objected to what they said was incorrect information presented by the Big Sur Foundation who supports HR 7380.

In an interview after the hearing, Ms. Craven said that the Citizens' Advisory Committee, who was said by Panetta in testimony before the committee to endorse the bill, "In truth," Ms. Craven said, "(the Citizens' Advisory Committee) does not, and in fact are political appointees of Sam Farr, county supervisor, who worked with Mr. Panetta on plans for a park in 1977."

Other discrepancies in Panetta's statements were pointed out, especially regarding signatures that the Congressman said were signed by citizens of Big Sur approving his bill.

In further discussions, the Wilderness Society came under fire and incidents of Human Rights Violations were cited in other Wilderness Society projects such as the Fire Island Project, the Indiana Dunes and a project in northern Minnesota. A spokesman for the National Inholders' Association also supports these charges.

The California State Grange has issued a statement opposing the Big Sur Coast Area Act as well as the National Grange.

One citizen who traveled from his home in Big Sur said, "The rights of the residents of Big Sur are on the line." Ex-

ploding the myth that big residential developers are hovering in the wings to support the rationale that federal intercession is needed, another opposing citizen concluded his testimony by quoting Henry Miller and in a succinct voice said, "Get rid of the politicians."

Clouds of gloom hung over the meeting room and the opposing forces were vociferous in their objections and disgruntled over the outcome. A general feeling prevailed that there are possible hidden motives behind the scenes. Ron Tipton, attorney for the Wilderness Society, disputed claims by the G.O.A. that the U.S. Government was acquiring over-large amounts of land.

In a brief telephone interview with Rick Davidge of the National Inholders Association, he said, "Further changes were made in the amendments at another markup meeting today (July 23)" and said, "it has also been announced that \$30,000,000 has been appropriated for the project; \$15,000,000 coming from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for land acquisition and \$15,000,000 to be used to develop a two-year plan to oversee the project."

Clausen, ranking Minority member of the committee, questioned this appropriation and Keith Sebelius secured approval of the committee to file a dissenting opinion. There is talk that several Democrats will join in the protest.

Two points were brought out by Davidge — that when Panetta was questioned by Congressman Marriott (minority member) he stated that the majority of his constituents supported his legislation. He also disregarded the fact that the supervisors of Monterey County, Santa Cruz County and San Luis Obispo County had passed resolutions opposing federal legislation at this time.



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Views and Viewpoints

Speak Up!

Dear Editor:

A recent article regarding Big Sur by Robert Lindsey in the Norfolk *Virginia Pilot* proves, once again, that the landgrabbing tactics of the federal government are at work from coast to coast.

In northeastern North Carolina, on a remote strip of beach known as the Currituck Outer Banks, property owners have been embroiled in a fight to keep our land from being acquired. The Department of Interior has proposed a wildlife refuge for 15,880 acres of privately owned land. Estimated cost — over \$100 million. The want to demolish our homes, take our property, destroy our way of life and who will benefit? A few birds. People are the endangered species here but we pay taxes, not the birds. Already 148 out of 314 miles of North Carolina's coast is in the hands of the federal government. That's enough!

After acquisition begins, the original price tag never seems to be enough so additional funds have to be ap-

propriated. But this is just the tip of the iceberg. Personnel is hired, headquarters built, vehicles purchased and maintained, etc., which means further annual expenditure to the already overburdened citizens. I am hollering long and loud that I resent my tax dollars being used to fund projects to purchase land private citizens don't want to sell and gives the feds more acreage to control, which in turn will justify larger budgets and bigger staffs. We are paying for this twice — to obtain and maintain.

Local officials are lulled into believing acquisition is the best thing that could ever happen to counties because local coffers will swell with all the promised, but seldom produced, revenue sharing funds in lieu of taxes. Sen. Jesse Helms (N.C.) said at one of the public hearings on Currituck's proposed acquisition that, "Local government officials do not need to be reminded that there is no such thing as a 'free lunch' — particularly when Uncle Sam is serving the meal."

Public hearings, numerous studies, all the voluminous

Environmental Impact Statements that they do is nothing but window dressing. They know what they are going to do before the first word is written.

Most of us are so intimidated by the bureaucratic bigwigs that they have been able to pluck off one-third of the United States and keep pushing for more. But groups like Friends of the Big Sur Coast and ours, the Outer Banks Civic League, must join with other courageous, screaming, taxpaying Americans and let our legislative representatives know that we have had enough.

Americans must revolt now against this overspending, overtaxation and overwhelming bureaucracy. The voracious appetite of the land hungry federal government must be controlled before they gobble up one more acre.

Speak up! The sanctity of private property must be preserved.

Pat Crowder
Corolla, N.C.

The Facts

Dear Editor:

When public servants refuse to carry out the will of the people, we can safely assume that we, the people, have elected our enemies to represent us. Fixing our mistake will take three steps:

1. Let us love our enemies, forgive them as individuals, and pray for them.
2. Let us finance and elect our trusted friends to represent us. Let us run for high office ourselves.
3. Let us support representatives when they carry out the public will as it is shown by a vote of the popular majority of us adult citizen taxpayers. Let us back our votes.

TOO many groups between the electorate and elected representatives buffer the necessary corrective effect of individual citizens' responding to unpopular policies. Elected representatives must directly hear the people themselves.

In addition to providing a dangerous buffer, groups (between the people and our elected representatives) tend to usurp power with which

we, the people, have temporarily entrusted only a few elected representatives.

All power which we, the people, have not deliberately given our elected representatives resides in us as individuals.

"When something works, leave it alone." This is good advice when the will of the popular majority is respected and prevails, as is traditional in the United States. The system of representative government worked beautifully for 200 years.

When the people are ignored, however, the traditional American system of representative government is threatened and thwarted.

We, the people, shall never be reconciled to government by committee. Our heritage, our history and our humanity require that individuals, not groups, set local policies by secret ballot.

When the people have the facts, and when every perspective effects decisions, the rules we make are fair. This is democracy, our American heritage.

Charlotte N. Trainor
Belmont

Controls

Dear Editor:

As an owner of property (20 years) and a resident (eight years) on the Big Sur coast, I have come to love the natural scenic beauty of this region. Over the years I have watched the slow but in-

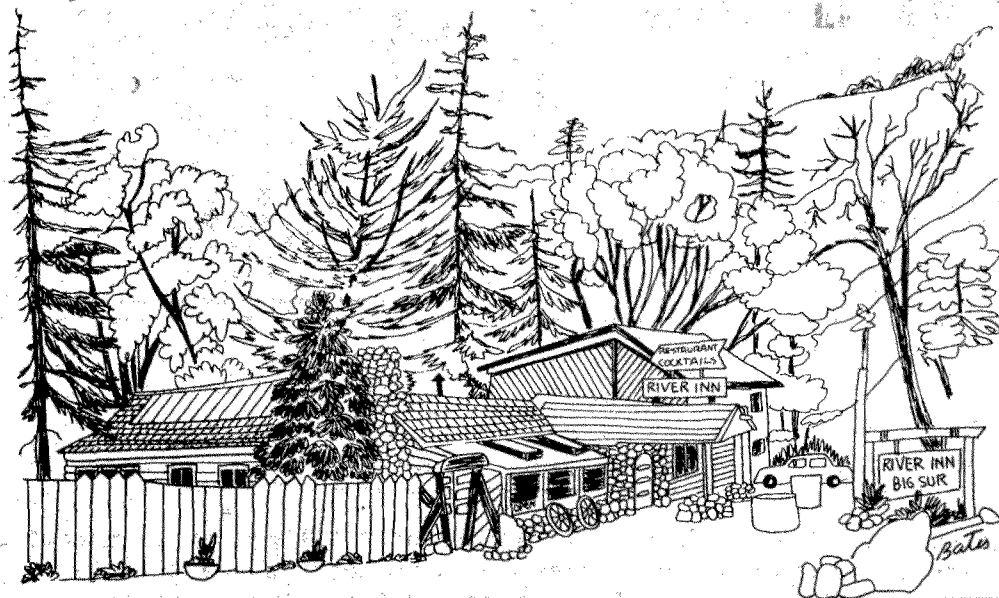
evitable attrition through use and development of the fragile natural beauty of this irreplaceable landscape. I believe this process has reached a critical point where the natural environment is being overwhelmed. Now there is an imperative need for more sensitive controls and management.

At present there are more than 70 different governmental agencies that have control over the management and development of the Big Sur coast. It seems obvious that there is a need for a unified management to coordinate local, state and federal agencies in such a sensitive region. If we don't we may face the same chaotic conditions that have appeared in Lake Tahoe and other regions of great natural scenic beauty.

It is not as though there has not been concern for protecting the Big Sur coast — there has! Both from public and private resources, such as the California State Division of Parks and Beaches, donations through wills, such as the Julia Pfeiffer Burns Park (1,700 acres), the bargain sale of Big Creek (4,000 acres) to the Nature Conservancy. The creation of the Big Sur Land Trust to locally receive land donations. The list is a long one, and it proves the real love the people of Big Sur have for their land and its future preservation.

The Big Sur has been fortunate in that much of the

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Breakfast

7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The River Inn's famous homestyle breakfast is served on a huge platter with homemade biscuits, strawberry jam, 2 fresh ranch eggs, and chef's original home fried potatoes. Served with your choice of:

Slab Bacon Link Sausages Baked Ham Rainbow Trout
or without the meat

Light and Tasty Hot Cakes: stack (3) short stack (2)

Side Order of 2 Hot Biscuits

(Side Order of All Breakfast Items Are Available on Request)

Coffee Tea Milk Hot Chocolate
Juices: Orange Tomato Grapefruit and Apple

Lunch

11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

River Inn Burger
Almost 1/2 lb. fresh ground beef — charcoal broiled and served on a French roll with homemade French fries.

French Dip Sandwich

Sliced roast beef on a French roll with a cup of chef's special au jus and homemade fries.

Cold Beef • Cold Ham

Served on a French roll with cold salad.

Tuna • Sliced Turkey • Grilled Cheese
Served on white, wheat, or rye bread with cold salad.

Beverages

Coke Sprite Root Beer Iced Tea
Beer, Wine and Cocktails
available from the bar.

"OFF THE RECORD"

By Charles Davis

MONTEREY PENINSULA HERALD

One of the best places to hear "Jake and the boys" play their brand of traditional jazz is at Big Sur's River Inn on Sunday afternoons ... the cheery ambience of the River Inn seems to add a quality of camaraderie between audience, musicians and employees that makes the spectacular drive seem even more rewarding than usual.

Where else can you sit in the sunshine (it's uncanny how it can be fog-bound all down the coast only to clear in that little valley) amid a grove of redwood and fir and enjoy good music while you have brunch and drinks. The nearby bank of the Big Sur River is a popular listening spot, too.

Go see the band in person at Big Sur — it's as near a sure thing as you're likely to find in these parts.

ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings: Jazz Quartet with Bob Phillips, piano; Jack Coon, trumpet; flugel horn and mellophone; Jim Lepine, drums; Buddy Jones, bass.

Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoon (outside): Jake Stock and the Abalone Stompers.



Dinners

Chef's Specials

Your waiter or waitress will tell you about the fresh fish and seafood, meat and poultry dishes that vary each evening.

Chicken

half a chicken prepared differently each evening.

New York Steak

This tender and juicy 12-ounce steak is brought over from our butcher shop after aging.

Fresh Abalone

... from Morro Bay. Most of our guests say it's the best "ab" they've had.

Rock Cod

The Red Snapper of the sea. Fresh and delicious. The dinners above are served with soup or salad, baked potato or rice pilaf, fresh vegetables, and homemade biscuits. (Try our delicious house dressing on your salad.)

Spaghetti

With mom's thick meat sauce. Served with garlic bread. (Children's portions of spaghetti are available.)

Vegetarian Spaghetti

Delicious spaghetti sauce with fresh garden vegetables. Served with garlic bread.

River Inn Burger

almost 1/2 lb. fresh ground beef, charcoal-broiled and served on a French roll with homemade French fries.

Sliced Turkey

Roast turkey breast served on whole wheat bread with potato salad.

Grilled Cheese

Served on whole wheat bread with potato salad.

Ham and Eggs

The River Inn's famous homestyle breakfast with baked ham and two fresh ranch eggs. Served with French fries and homemade biscuits.

Hotcakes

3 light and tasty hotcakes made from the chef's special recipe.

Soup and Salad

Tossed green salad and a bowl of soup with homemade biscuits.

\$3.00 minimum service per person.

Cocktails and wine are available from our bar.

The River Inn serves a homestyle breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Lunches from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. Thank you for dining with us. (Hope you enjoyed it!)

RIVER INN • BIG SUR

PANETTA'S BROKEN PROMISES

Residents of Big Sur have *repeatedly* requested and petitioned Congress that the federal government not increase its authority along the Big Sur Coast. All such discussions and petitions have not stopped Congressman Panetta, with the help of Phillip Burton, from speeding his HR 7380 through two committees and on to the House floor. Promises made to residents and landowners in similar legislation have repeatedly been broken, and residents have been thrown off the land in favor of lucrative recreational trade.

The Panetta Bill has *already* been changed!

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, NOT THE MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, APPOINTS THE COUNCIL.

On July 22nd, Leon Panetta admitted to Pat Chamberlain, Alan Perlmutter, Wiley Ramey, Rosemary Craven, Everett Makowski, Rick Davidge and Jim Josoff that there is no local control — that all final authority rests with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Big Sur residents have served millions of visitors year after year, volunteering their time to assist tourists and locals in need of ambulance service and fire protection — all at no cost to the taxpayers. Small, unique businesses have served millions of people — people wanting to get away from the institutional-corporate service that is associated with over-traveled recreational areas.

The Big Sur Coast is thoroughly protected by the 1976 Coastal Act. Access is guaranteed by the network of state and federal beaches skirting the coast from Carmel to the Monterey County line.

Landowners and residents of Big Sur signed the following petition earlier this year:

Do you like the Big Sur Coast the way it is?

A petition to all elected officials serving Big Sur, to retain the historic balance of private, county, state and federal ownership and control in Big Sur.

We, the undersigned, strongly petition that there be no increase in the level of federal intervention or involvement in Big Sur.

We believe the preservation of the Big Sur Coast should be continued through the determined efforts of its citizens and through existing local, state and federal agencies which have already proven their ability to preserve the grandeur of the Coast.

The conservation and environmental concerns of Big Sur citizens, and the restrictions presently imposed by local, state and federal agencies provide sufficient rigid controls to prevent overdevelopment. Further national and international attention focused on this area would create significant dangers to our fragile environment.

We respectfully request that each of you as our elected representatives reject proposals which are lobbied by special interest groups and which are designed to increase the role of federal involvement in the Big Sur area of Monterey County. Further, we ask that you advise us in writing of your response to our request. We are determined to safeguard the Coast for future generations.

Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Address _____

Signed by **830**
landowners and residents

Why should the residents of Monterey want to give up Big Sur as it is today? Why should the people of California want to give up Big Sur?

The U.S. Forest Service can be brought into compliance with the newly completed Local Coastal Plan by an administrative order — OMB A95 Part 2. The Panetta legislation is *not* needed!

The *Big Sur Coalition*, with a membership of 95,708 Californians, supports *Friends of the Big Sur Coast* in requesting that there be no further federal ownership, management or control on the Big Sur Coast.

The *Friends* are now inviting support from people outside the community who do not wish to see another over-used, over-advertised federal area occur in Big Sur. The beauty of the coast and the beauty of its people cannot be entrusted to a faceless, distant, unresponsive, ever-changing authority. HR 7380 endangers more than it protects. Join us in preserving the coast, not putting its future in the hands of an uncontrolled bureaucracy. We urge defeat of this extravagant, unnecessary election-year scheme. Help us by signing and circulating the following petition.



A PETITION TO CONGRESS

BIG SUR.....LET IT BE.....KEEP IT FREE!!!

We, the undersigned, like Big Sur the way it is. The historic balance of US Forest Service lands, State Parks, and private properties & businesses has beautifully preserved the Big Sur Coast while providing for enjoyment of its grandeur by millions of visitors each year. We want that balance retained, and petition Congress herewith to prevent any increase in federal land ownership, management or control ... and any federal bureaucratic regimentation of our enjoyment as visitors. Don't waste our tax dollars on an area already protected from overdevelopment under State law ... by making it a National Park, National Seashore or National anything else. Keep Big Sur tax-producing, not tax-consuming!!!!

SIGNATURE _____

PRINTED NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Mail this petition (and contributions) to: FRIENDS OF THE BIG SUR COAST
Big Sur, California 93920

Thank you for helping.

More...

Views and Viewpoints

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land has remained in fairly large holdings. Reliance on this ownership will not continue as estates are forced to sell to pay inheritance taxes. The next owner is generally more interested in development than preservation. Only recently a large holding in the Big Sur Valley, East Molera Ranch (2,700 acres) was rescued from a Los Angeles developer by a state of California purchase. Another recent instance was the purchase of the 3,000-acre Potter Ranch from a New York syndicate, by the Packards through the Big Sur Land Trust, with very restrictive covenants. Time is running

out. We can no longer depend on state bond money or unexpected private philanthropy to rescue the Big Sur from development and preserve the scenic beauty.

Action is needed now if the scenic beauty of the Big Sur Coast is going to be protected. There are three key features of the Panetta bill that are innovative and, at the same time, protective: One, is the use of an advisory council that has good local participation and is therefore, sensitive and knowledgeable of the existing rural community, the natural resources and the history of the area; Two, the provision for equitable compensation to the existing landholders

for viewshed protection and the purchasing of development rights where required by the Local Coastal Plan or the General Management Plan; and Third, and most important, is providing unified management so the various agencies are brought into cooperation to provide a true protection of the scenic beauty of the Big Sur Coast.

For these reasons I support the Panetta bill establishing the Big Sur Coast Scenic Area.

Will Shaw

Leavy Letter

Dear Editor:

Be advised that the enclosed letter from Zad Leavy was published in the Los Angeles Times, letters to the editors section on Sunday, June 29, 1980.

Leavy has misrepresented the nature of Panetta's bill as is evidenced by his misstatements contained in the enclosed letter. He suggests that the passage of the Panetta legislation would be fair to coast property owners. I am sure property owners will be surprised to learn of this. He further misrepresents the fact that the Panetta legislation provides for nothing more definite in the area of eminent domain than some loose verbiage which could justify the condemnation or seizure of any property in the affected area. Far from carefully defining federal power, the bill ultimately leaves unbridled discretion in the hands of an unknown political appointee in Washington, the Secretary of Agriculture. Local representatives may only recommend and nothing more. Leavy has therefore misrepresented the role contemplated by local individuals by referring to them as having review authority. What is review authority?

The statement that local representatives will define the federal role as umbrella is a misrepresentation, in that the legislation proposed will more closely resemble a sword. By the way, can anyone tell me who is the Secretary of Agriculture?

Since Leavy has evidently previously endorsed the defective Cranston legislation, and now endorses the Panetta approach, it would appear he is prepared to support any additional governmental involvement in the area, regardless of its features. It is absurd to suggest that the Panetta bill "will cost a great deal less" than the discredited Cranston bill. There is no ceiling whatever to the Panetta legislation.

Perhaps Mr. Leavy's statements would carry greater weight were he to tear down any and all structures for which he is personally responsible. Failing this, his views must be interpreted as those of the selfish.

Wiley Ramey

Dear Editor: Please reprint from the L.A. Times.

Your editorial (May 18), "A Treasure For All," concerning Sen. Alan Cranston's legislation (SB 2551) to protect the Big Sur coast, was right on target. However, since then Rep. Leon Panetta (D-Monterey) has introduced HR 7380, the Big Sur Coast Area Act, which I consider to be a much more sensitive compromise among federal, state, local and community interests, and which ultimately should be more protective of this national treasure.

As one who has camped and hiked on the Big Sur coast for nearly 20 years, and having lived here for the last six years, I have seen the character of Big Sur begin to change. Not only has private residential and commercial development had an impact on the natural grandeur of the coastline, but there is also evidence of public overuse and degradation.

As a central coast regional coastal commissioner for more than three years and as an alternate member of the state Coastal Commission, I have witnessed first hand the growing permit activity and pressure for development along this magnificent coastline.

Interim regulation by the commission and eventual regulation under the Local Coastal Program (LCP) as administered by Monterey County, can only go so far in providing permanent protection. A great deal of development, both public and private, will still be allowed under the policies of the California Coastal Act of 1976. The state and county simply do not have the funds to compensate landowners adequately for giving up the development that will compromise the character of the Big Sur coast.

Indeed, it would be unfair to lay upon state and local government, and the coast property owners, the burden of keeping Big Sur the way it is, when millions of people from all over America are the most numerous beneficiaries. It is only logical that those from other states, who enjoy the natural grandeur, assist

through the national tax base in the effort to preserve this priceless resource.

The Panetta bill, HR 7380, addresses these concerns while meshing nicely with the existing planning process. It leaves intact the present federal, state and local land-use jurisdictions, and provides that the LCP will be the basic element in the comprehensive management plan to be developed within two years of the bill's enactment. That plan, to be drawn by a council comprised of coastal residents along with federal and state agency representatives, will define the federal role as an umbrella for public agency coordination in protecting the resources and character of the area.

The bill carefully defines the federal power of eminent domain, relying primarily on willing sellers, and prohibits condemnation of existing residences. It brings actions of the U.S. Forest Service, heretofore not subject to local review, within the review authority of the council.

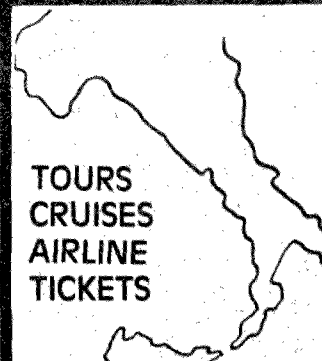
Clearly, the bill is supportive of and supplementary to the LCP being developed by Monterey County under the California Coastal Act. It goes further in providing a mechanism to prevent degradation by public overuse, and will cost a great deal less than the Cranston proposal.

Zad Leavy
Coastal Commissioner
Big Sur

Thank You

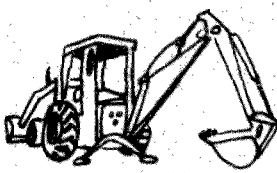
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Philip S. Gray
The Blind Service Center

Likes Map

Dear Editor:

I can't tell you how much I appreciate the publication of the federally owned land in the U.S. map June edition. I saw the original map which is approximately 6x8 feet and it is just terrifying! As I looked at this map I kept thinking, why?? Does the government want to make a park out of the whole Western U.S. or is this just the start of a federal land takeover?

As refugees of the Redwood National Park, are we going to be running the rest of our lives with our suitcase in one hand and all of our worldly belongings packed seeking a home that will be secure from the claws of our own government??

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by our own "representatives" who are trying their best to do us in. Have we reached the absolute bottom of the "democracy, freedom for all," barrel??

Dorthea Roesler
Salinas

Uranium Mine

Dear Editor:

Red Wind, a Native American village located on private property in the Los Padres National Forest in San Luis Obispo County in California, is facing a crisis. We need your help.

The Lomex Corporation is planning to construct an access road and core drill for uranium in a section of the Los Padres National Forest which borders on Red Wind property. The proposed drilling sites lie on the sacred Chumash Indian land within one-quarter of a mile of our well and directly on land where we have a grazing permit.

The Forest Service was apprised of Lomex' proposed "plan of operations" on or about March 31, 1980. We were not contacted by the Forest Service in regard to these plans until on or about May 30, 1980 and then given an unreasonably short deadline (June 9, 1980) to document our response. Given the substantial issues raised by this proposal, including the potential for radiological poisoning, we have requested and received an extension until late June to

Funding is Recommended for 13 Projects

The State Coastal Conservancy has recommended funding for 13 coastal access projects in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, and Orange counties totalling \$598,827.

The projects are part of recommendations proposed by the Conservancy, Coastal Commission, Caltrans, the Conservation Corps, and local governments to provide greater public coastal access opportunities.

compile and present archaeological and environmental data.

Also by late June, the Santa Margarita Advisory Board and the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed resolutions demanding:

- 1) lead agency status
- 2) a full environmental impact report (rather than a mere assessment) and,

archaeological issues are resolved.

Indications are, however, the U.S. Forestry will claim sovereignty under a federal mining law of 1872 and grant no power of authority to local government. Thus, the "issue" may go to court. It is expected the U.S. Forestry will announce their intentions by late July.

Red Wind's immediate

Please turn to page 14 for a complete
report on "The Blast in the Mountains"

- 3) the cessation of all drilling and mining activities until all environmental and ar-

task is to inform the public and their government representatives of the Lomex

Corporation's plans and the dangers of contamination to:

- 1) our wells from which we obtain all our drinking and irrigation water — one-quarter mile from the proposed drilling site.

- 2) the pond which nourishes our wildlife sanctuary; a refuge for condors, eagles, peregrine falcons, hawks, quail, deer and other species — one-eighth mile from the proposed drilling site.

- 3) our grazing land for livestock — directly on the proposed site.

- 4) Black Mountain, a

sacred religious site nominated for the California Register of Historical Places as well as the home of the wild Mustang entrusted to the Forest Service for protection one and one-half miles from the proposed drilling site.

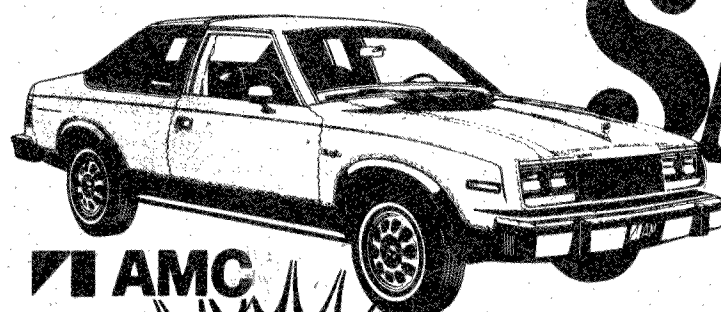
- 5) sacred springs ... one mile away.

- 6) and our immediate neighbors and ultimately all life in the entire Salinas Basin.

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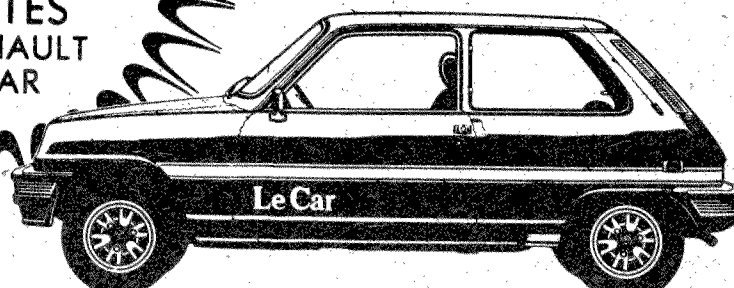
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USFS Seeks Oil and Gas Impact on Los Padres

Forest Supervisor Fritz deHoll has announced that the Los Padres National Forest is undertaking a forestwide environmental analysis which will address the possible effects of oil and gas development on 169,000 acres of the National Forest.

"The Los Padres has a backlog of 231 oil and gas lease applications located throughout the forest which have been submitted over the last several years by various companies in the industry," stated Mr. deHoll. "With recent developments in the world energy situation and the resultant trend toward energy independence in the

United States it is now necessary to expedite the review and processing of these applications."

Management of government-owned minerals requires close coordination and cooperation among various federal agencies. The U.S. Forest Service, an agency of the Department of Agriculture, is responsible for the management and protection of nonmineral surface resources such as timber, water, soil and wildlife habitat. The Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Geological Survey, both in the Department of the Interior, are responsible for the actual management of the

minerals. The Forest Service reviews lease applications for potential effects on surface resources then makes recommendations to the other agencies which are ultimately responsible for the disposition of the leases.

Some of the 231 lease applications on the Los Padres National Forest are located in key watersheds, wilderness, Rare II Further Planning Areas (Roadless Area Review and Evaluation) and the Sespe Condor Sanctuary.

Supervisor deHoll is encouraging the public to share their views and concerns regarding the possible effects of oil and gas development in the Los Padres National

Forest. Written comments will be accepted in the Forest Supervisor's Office through Aug. 10. A draft environmental analysis report will be prepared by the end of 1980 and a series of public workshops will be conducted at that time in several communities adjacent to the forest. The final analysis will be completed during the spring of 1981.

An information package including a general location map of oil and gas lease applications has been prepared and is available to the public.

Citizens may contact: Los Padres National Forest, Public Information Section, 42 Aero Camino, Goleta, CA 93017.

Oil Companies File for Leases in Los Padres; Studies Begin

From the Herald
July 22, 1980

Oil companies have filed 231 oil and gas lease applications in areas throughout Los Padres National Forest, and the U.S. Forest Service is studying the possible effects of oil drilling on its lands, according to Los Padres Forest Supervisor Fritz deHoll.

The environmental analysis for the 169,000-acre forest is expected to be completed for a first-draft version by the end of this year and a series of public workshops is scheduled to begin about that time. The final analysis is scheduled for completion next spring.

"With recent developments in the world energy situation and the resultant trend toward energy independence in the United States," deHoll said, "it is now necessary to expedite the review and processing of these (oil and gas lease) applications."

The Forest Service is responsible for management and protection of timber, water, soil and wildlife habitats on its lands, while the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Geological Survey are responsible for mineral resources.

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resources and makes recommendations to the other agencies, which are ultimately responsible for granting the leases.

According to the Forest Service, some of the 231 leases are located in key watershed areas, wilderness areas and Roadless Area Review and Evaluation (RARE II) planning areas, as well as the Sespe Condor Sanctuary.

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An information package, including a general location map of oil and gas lease applications, has been prepared and is available to the public, the Forest Service said.

Prescribed Burning Plan

Prescribed burning on private land to prevent wildfires would become of-

ficial state policy under Senate Bill 1704, authored by Senator Barry Keene, D-Mendocino, and sent to the governor for signature.

The bill allows the Department of Forestry to assume that portion of the cost of conducting a prescribed burn under contract which is judged to be for the public's benefit, up to a maximum of 90 percent. Current law requires that the landowner must reimburse the state for all costs including the cost of suppressing any prescribed burn that escapes.

Art Auction

An art auction to benefit Friends of the Big Sur Coast is scheduled for Aug. 31 in Carmel. The exact location and further details not available at press time will be announced soon.

Among the artists who have offered art contributions are Marguerite Staude, Emile Norman, Harry Dick Ross and George De Groat.

Big Blasts Rattle the Santa Lucias

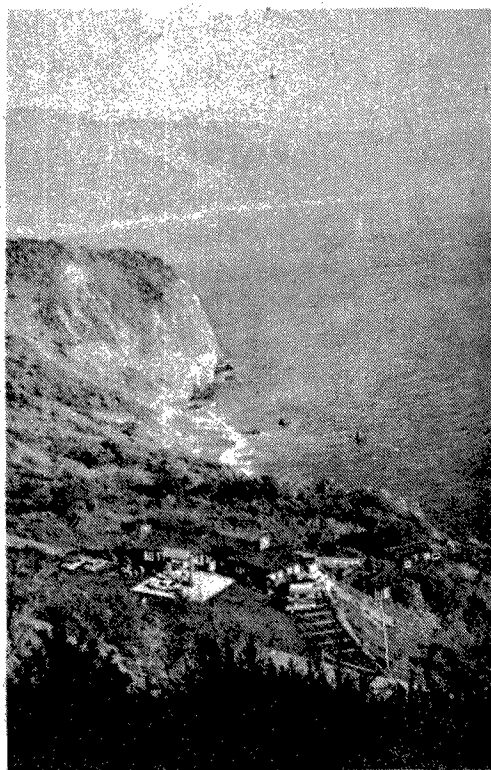
From the Soledad Bee

You say you've heard and felt some blast-like sounds for the past week or so that have rattled your windows.

It's all because of a blasting operation under way on Wiley property in the Santa Lucias. Crews from United Geophysical Corp. have been setting off charges as part of the process of determining whether there might be oil under those mountains.

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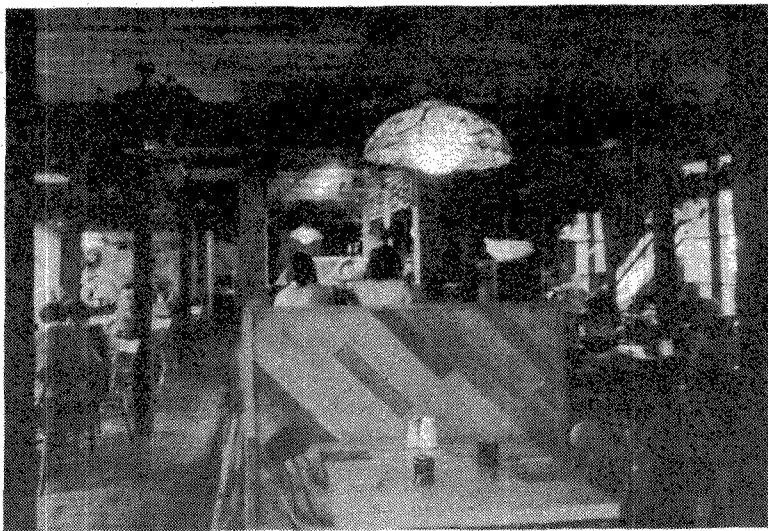
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The process of looking for oil is an expensive proposition, according to Jim White of United Geophysical, which is conducting the blasting operation on behalf of a large oil company (which White said would prefer to remain nameless). Rental of a helicopter alone cost \$35,000 in May, he said.

Helicopters come in very handy in rugged terrain such as that found in the Santa Lucias, he added.

The crew which White oversees consists of about 30 persons who slowly but surely are blasting their way along numerous straight lines through the mountains. One of their most recent paths took them from Wiley Farms property on the eastern edge to Carmel Valley Road to the west.

The crew has been blasting in the Santa Lucias since November, working

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It's a blast

Reprinted from the King City Rustler

along a variety of lines delineated by the oil company.

The crew doesn't know what it's found, since data collected is analyzed by the company, and oil companies are traditionally close-mouthed about results of tests. The possibility of oil lying underneath the mountains, and also under the ocean west of them, has long been discussed, however.

The job of the United Geophysical crew is a relatively simple one — if you can call working with explosives simple. The geology and physics behind the scenes is where things begin to get complicated.

An advance crew of surveyors and cutters created a straight line across the mountains and cleared that line of brush, providing a crude path for crews which would follow. Permission was naturally obtained in advance from property owners, who are paid a sizable fee for any inconvenience caused by the presence of the crews, White

When they search for oil in the mountains

said.

The cutting crew was followed by the blasting crew, which has the formidable task of setting up a series of explosive charges along either side of that path. In the meantime, a 9,600-foot length of cable is stretched along the path. Hundreds of spiked sensors (called geophones, which resemble the small spiked lawn sprinklers) are stuck into the ground about every 10 feet and connected by wires to the main cable.

When a blast is touched off the sensors pick up shock waves reverberating from underground geological formations. That is the data which oil company geologists examine when trying to determine whether there might be oil

underground.

Each blast site consists of 10 five-pound cardboard canisters of explosives, attached in pairs to five stakes driven into the ground which suspend the charges four or five feet above ground level. The charges are relatively harmless while being worked with, White noted, and it would take quite a shock to set them off.

That eventual shock is supplied by a blasting cap, which is attached to the explosives just before they are to be detonated. And just before that, a helicopter hovers overhead and douses the area with water dumped from a 150-gallon bucket suspended beneath the chopper.

(The fire prevention tactic is not foolproof, however.

On June 27, 40 acres of grassland and brush were burned over a period of about five hours when one of the blasts ignited surrounding vegetation.)

Once that water is dumped the sequence of events leading to the explosion occurs in rapid-fire fashion:

—A crew member runs to the staked explosives and quickly attaches the blasting caps. He then scampers away and ducks behind a convenient rock or bush.

—A whistle sounds; then a single blast from an air horn; then a double blast. Those serve as warnings that an explosion is imminent.

—A person in an electronic equipment-filled control booth mounted on the back of a truck quickly sets the wheels in motion for the explosion, activating a radio signal that will touch off the blasting cap. A few rapid beeps from the radio unit sound and within seconds the explosives ignite.

—Watching from several hundred feet away, one sees a bright flash and then a cloud of smoke. Then the sound of the blast shatters the ears and a slight breeze emanating from the blast site is felt. (The blast is seen before it's heard because light travels at a much faster speed than does sound.)

—The ground several feet around the stakes is cleared of grass and debris by the explosion. Crews check for hot

spots and proceed 100 feet to the next 50 pounds of explosives. The operation can proceed relatively quickly, with the major delay between explosions caused by the length of time it takes the chopper to return with another load of water.

And so it goes, five days a week for months on end. Data collected by the sensors is recorded on a magnetic tape and sent to Houston for processing and analysis. Potential oil deposits are suggested by the types of underground rock formations, often those caused by earthquake faults, White said.

"This exploration work helps them pinpoint it, but it doesn't guarantee that once you drill there's going to be oil down there," he noted. The gamble is thus magnified even more. Not only might an oil company spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on preliminary tests, but it might spend hundreds of thousands more to drill where it thinks there's oil only to come up with nothing.

The operation in the Arroyo Seco is being repeated throughout the world, White noted. United Geophysical has about 40 crews operating in many far-flung places. White has worked in Canada, Africa and South America — the mountain back country here is a piece of cake compared to the rain forests of the Amazon, he said.

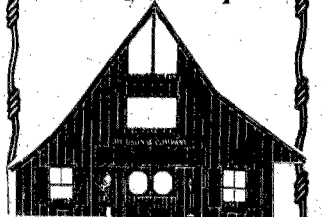
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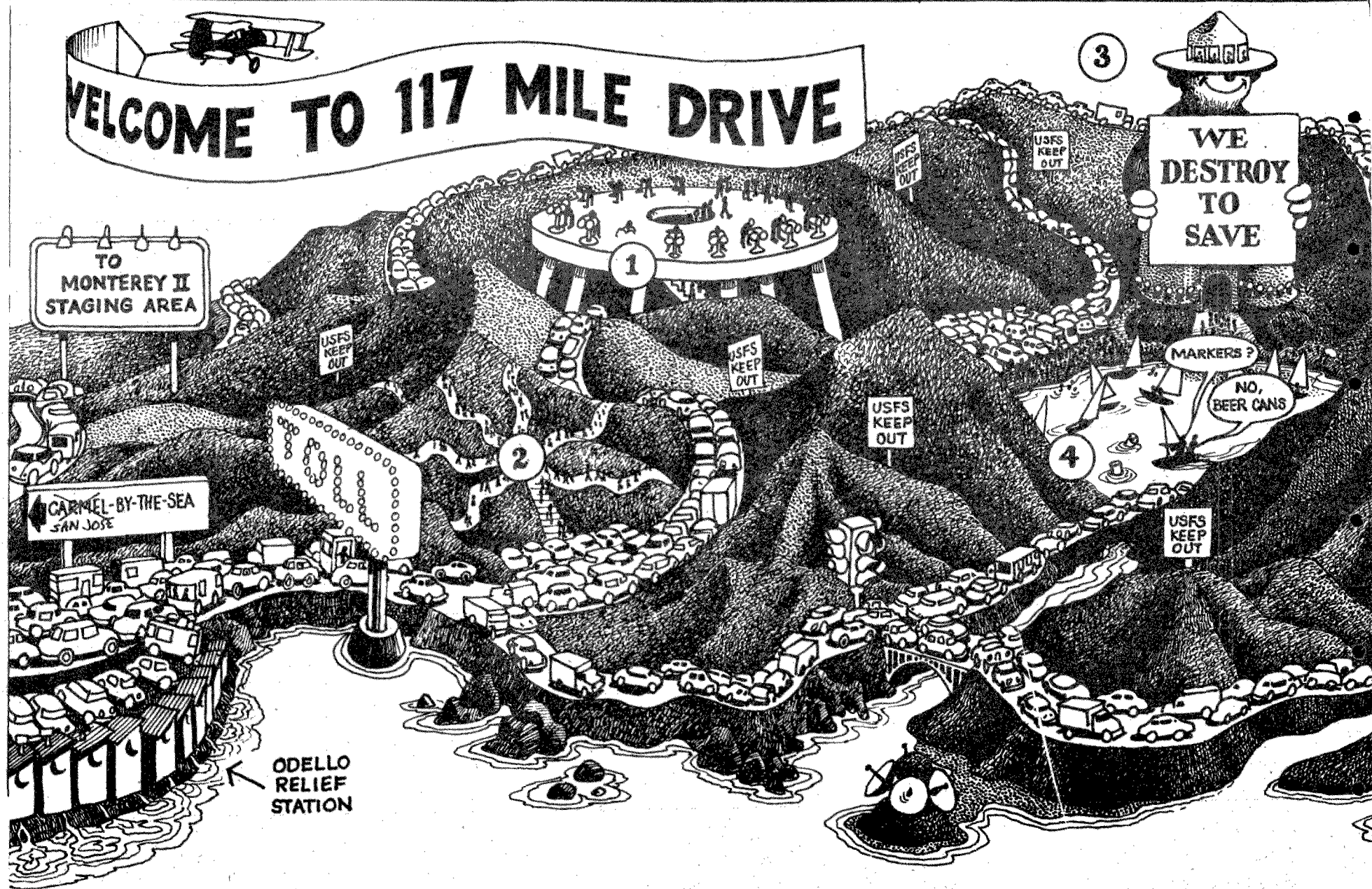
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EDITORIAL:

The 117-Mile Drive

"I am now convinced that the attempts of the Wilderness Society to Federalize this area (Big Sur) are based more on the development of recreational facilities than they are based on the need to preserve it."
—from the Director of a large Federal Agency on July 27, 1980. Name withheld by request.

Although it is past the eleventh hour for Big Sur in the Federal legislative arena, it is nonetheless heartening to learn that more people are becoming aware of the hidden corporate scenario behind the drive to Federalize Big Sur.

In addition to the above conclusion of a Director of a large Federal agency, even the Washington correspondents who covered the railroading of the Big Sur bill through Congressman Phil Burton's committees expressed such observations that "there's something more here than meets the eye."

Moreover, more and more concerned citizens of Cambria, Carmel and the Monterey Peninsula are beginning to awaken with questions pertaining to the enormous impacts on their environments if Big Sur becomes Federalized.

It is also encouraging that numerous members of the Sierra Club are beginning to have second thoughts and are asking "what's the rush" and "what will be the impacts."

Even members of the Brown Administration and officials in state government are asking "Why does California want to give up Big Sur?"

TWELVE-MILLION VISITORS

According to annual reports released by the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service, within three to five years after an area becomes a Federal designation, the number of visitors to the area quadruples.

A recent General Accounting Office report states that "Tourism increases quantitatively in a new Federal area," and a report from the

Centennial Commission states that newly designated Federal areas have experienced as much as a ten-fold increase in tourism.

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is a good example of increased tourism. The area was designated Federal in 1972, and during the year 1979, the area had been visited by 11,300,000 people — a 25% increase over 1978.

Big Sur presently has over 3,000,000 visitors per year which, if only quadrupled, would increase to 12,000,000 by the year 1985.

How would the "Gateway Cities" such as Cambria and the Monterey Peninsula, handle an additional 9,000,000 tourists each year? Where would they get the water, sanitation, law enforcement, and visitor amenities, facilities and accommodations which such an increase would necessitate?

Saunders Hillyer, a Washington, D.C. attorney who is the director of the Big Sur Foundation, has stated that the Monterey Peninsula would be the northern Staging Area for the Big Sur Coast Area. But to date Mr. Hillyer has not consulted with Carmel, Monterey or Monterey County planners to determine the environmental impacts of the Big Sur Coast Area.

The Southern Staging Area seems to be taken care of by the Hearst Corporation, whose 55,000 acres Congressman Panetta recently "excused" from his legislation. The most recent Hearst Corporation development plans (dated June 5, 1980) include four motels totaling 900 rooms, nine restaurants having 1,200 seats, 200 staff housing units, numerous commercial shops, two golf courses, and a park for 100 Recreational Vehicles.

Was the southern Staging Area part of Hearst Corporation's trade-off with Panetta and Burton in order to be excluded from the Big Sur Coast Area?

CARTE BLANC FEDERAL POWER

If anyone questions the power a Federal agency has over the land they are mandated to manage, note the U.S. Supreme Court's March 30, 1980 decision, called Gulf Oil Corporation vs. the County of Ventura, in which the High Court upheld a lower court ruling which gives the USFS complete authority to lease land for oil drilling despite the fact that it violated County zoning laws. The decision provides a carte blanc for Federal agencies to do anything they want on Federal lands.

In July, 1980, Fritz deHoll, the Forest Supervisor for Los Padres National Forest, announced that 231 oil and gas lease applications have been filed for oil and gas exploration and drilling rights on 169,000 acres of Los Padres National Forest lands. Leon Panetta's Big Sur Coast Area bill would place an additional 75,000 acres of

private land inside the Forest boundaries and under the control of the Secretary of Agriculture.

In a Federal area, by law, the managing agency does not have to conform to county or state laws. Should the Forest Service want more hotel-motel accommodations within its Big Sur Coast Area boundaries, they can simply lease the sites to a hotel corporation. Already one corporation has begun negotiating with the USFS for a long-term land lease in Big Sur for a major resort hotel.

It is disconcerting, to say the least, that despite a smokescreen of pious preservationist rhetoric, the basic motivation behind the Big Sur Coast Area promoters is for recreational development and corporate profit.

While a few corporate hotel concessionaires reap windfall profits from a Federal area which they will have created via preservationist sloganism, a California coastal culture 100 miles long will have been vanquished and permanently relocated, and the once-charming gateway areas of Carmel and Cambria will become Disneyland Staging Areas and feed lots for hordes of tourists who await their turn to be shuttled to and from the Hearst Castle and Corporate Staging Area along the once-majestic and magnificent Big Sur Coast.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Big Sur is past the eleventh hour toward becoming the 117-Mile Drive.

During the middle of August, the Panetta-Burton bill will be shot out of the House of Representatives like a cannon ball.

The bill will then be rushed to the Senate Subcommittee on Parks, Recreation and Renewable Resources. Once passed out of Subcommittee, it will more or less be passed automatically by the full Senate and become the law of the Big Sur land.

Should you find the proposed legislation objectionable, we suggest you write letters or send personal opinion messages to the ten subcommittee members. For \$2.50 you can send a 50-word opinion by dialing Carmel Western Union at 625-5530 or 800-648-4100.

The names of the Subcommittee members are Chairman Dale Bumpers, Frank Church, J. Bennett Johnston, Howard Metzenbaum, John Melcher, Paul Tsongas, Mark Hatfield, Ted Stevens, James McClure and Lowell Weicker, Jr.

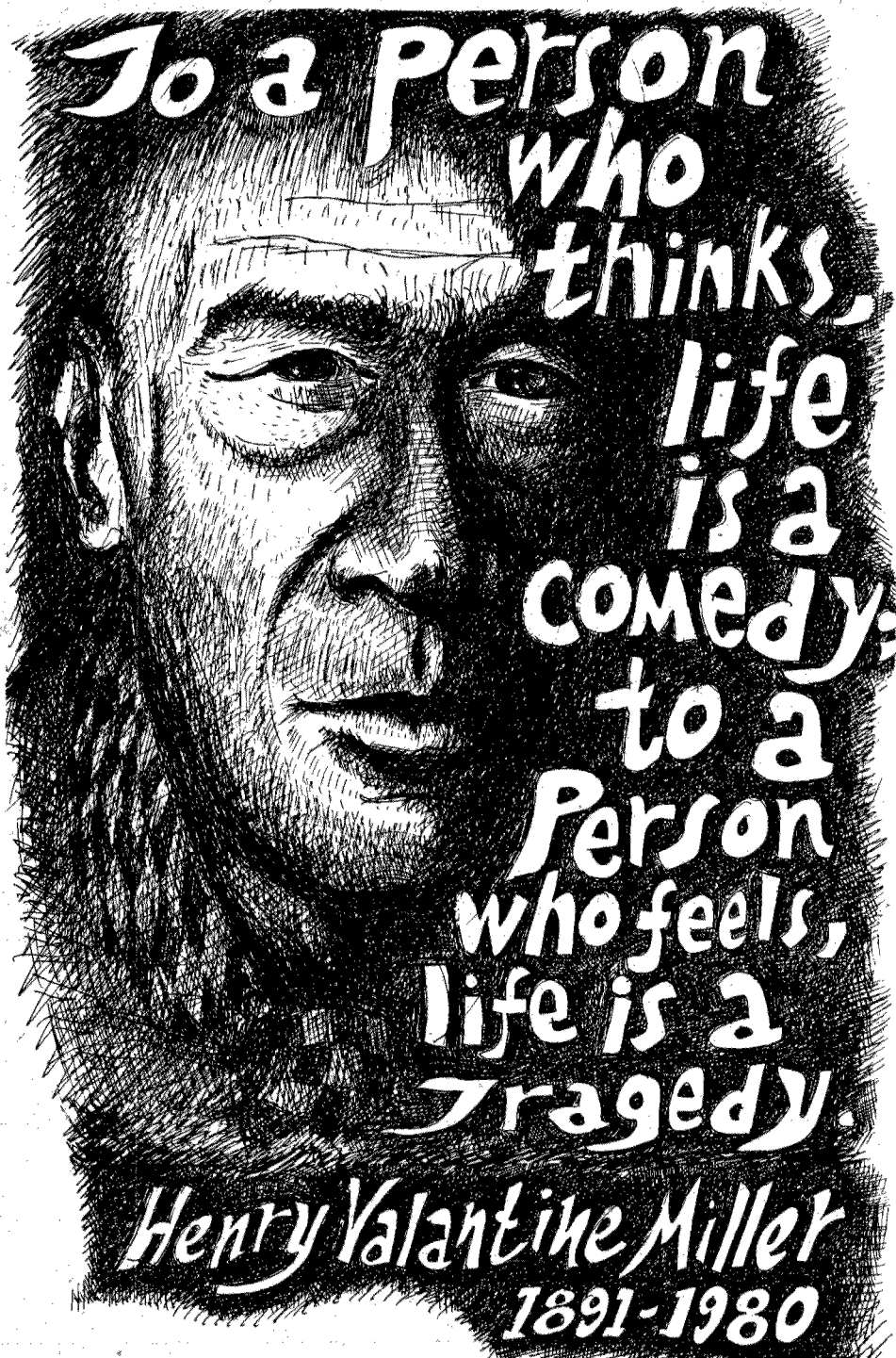
The Subcommittee mailing address is 3106 Dirksen Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Should the efforts to Federalize Big Sur succeed, we'll see you in line at the Ticketron Office or at the Toll Gate Entrance to the 117-Mile Drive.

Henry Miller
... A Tribute
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The Coast Visitors' Guide



A HENRY MILLER Memorial Reading will be held at the River Inn on Monday, Sept. 8, from 7-9 p.m. Jerry Kamstra will read from selections of Miller's works.

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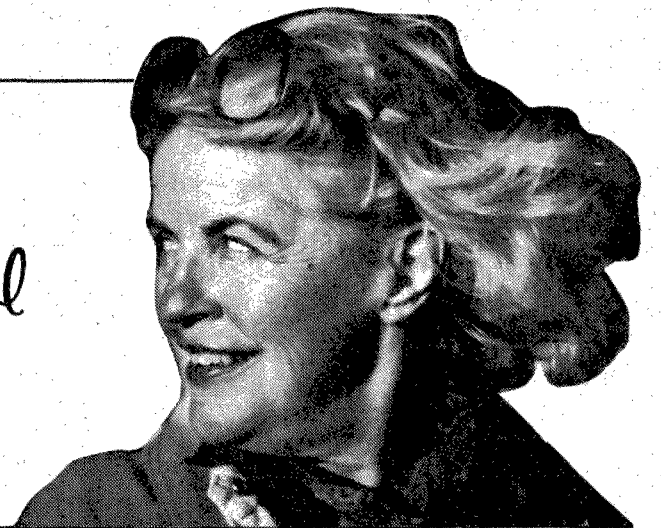
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*I totally agree with your statement
that I no longer live in Big Sur.
But I have a house there which my
children (Val + Tony Miller) occupy.
Get rid of the politicians!*

THE ABOVE is Henry Miller's response to a petition opposing further federal intervention in Big Sur.

Carmel Carousel

By Betty Barron



During the 30 years I have lived here I have thought of Carmel as a lovely oasis, a friendly village, a haven for artists, musicians, writers and intellectuals ... but more particularly, I have called Carmel home.

As I begin this column I am watching the early morning flow of cars going in both directions on Highway 1 just north of the mouth of Carmel Valley ... and it occurs to me that Carmel and The Barnyard are the hub of our little part of the world.

We all come to Carmel for many reasons ... business and pleasure. And, so my column will be a chronicle of the whirl we encounter when we enter The Village, and the rewards we reap for the coming.

This month, the 43rd Bach Festival has brought the greatest moments in music to our community. Maestro Sandor Salgo celebrated his 25th anniversary as conductor, and Bach Festival board members toasted him and his talented and lovely wife, Priscilla, at a gala reception.

As a contrast of sorts, the Scottish Society of the

Monterey Peninsula once again held a traditional Caber Parade down Ocean Avenue, heralding the Highland Games, one of the happiest of all local events. Kilts and bagpipes also turned out at Forest Theater for the annual Pipe Band Concert.

And on one Saturday night, art lovers found themselves hard pressed to attend and enjoy all the gallery receptions. Jack Laycox showed his new collection at Gallery Americana and once again proved that he was a wide and appreciative following. The Fireside Gallery presented the most recent works of G.F. Brommer with glasses of wine served in Pan-tiles Courtyard. The same night San Carlos Gallery drew a crowd of localites as well as visitors to a showing of the oils of Karen Nagano done in subtle pastels, and the still life oils of William Hannum, combining the abstract with the realistic.

Another in a series of openings at Zantman Galleries brought the delicate and ethereal paintings of Hu Chi Chung before an unusually receptive audience.

One of the most rewarding of all the month's art shows was Alex Weyger's slide projections of his nature photographs at Carmel Art Association Galleries. I could not help but whisper to myself during the show, which Weygers ably narrated, that nature is the eternal artist, after all. Caught by his camera a drop of water, a spur of seaweed, the surface of a shell, are all beautiful and timeless.

Theater also continued to attract full houses in Carmel, as *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern* opened at Forest Theater, to play in repertoire with *Hamlet* this summer. Those who enjoy

Forest Theater's setting, with the glowing pine log fires, moon and stars as props, will also find the two summer productions a delight.

(I must digress a bit here and say that those who prefer theater indoors went happily out to Hidden Valley Music Seminars for a fine rendition of *My Fair Lady*, as well as *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.)

Other happenings, originating in Carmel, but produced elsewhere, were Pan Hellenic's "Think Greek" fashion show, held at the Junior League's Heritage Harbor conference room; and the Navy League's presentation of Carmel Valley's Dr. Jiri Valenta in a "briefing" on *Afghanistan, Implications for the U.S.*, one of a series, at the Naval Postgraduate School.

And definitely a "first" ... the *Transitions* party held at Maggie Eastwood's dramatic seacliff home in Pebble Beach. Over 200 women from Big Sur to Salinas, Carmel Valley to Pacific Grove trekked down the precipitous driveway to view, not only *Transitions* fabled exercise-dance routines, but Maggie's unique home. Kim Novak Malloy, once a Yankee Point resident, was also a drawing card ... and a charming one ... arriving a bit late because a new baby llama had just been born that afternoon at her Jacks Peak home.

Yes, I have digressed specially to include places not in Carmel ... and this will happen from time to time.

Think of Carmel as the catalyst. Think of yourself as the participant, the collaborator, the viewer, but always one of the group, a part of the scene ... contributing and growing and enjoying.

Cheers!

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WILDFLOWERS

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- 11S 80N** **ROCKY POINT** offers dinner and cocktails overlooking the floodlit surf at Rocky Creek. Proprietors Al and Jack oversee every detail. The steak and seafood are excellent here. (624-2933)
- 11.3S 79.7N** **PALO COLORADO ROAD** leads to **BOTTCHER'S GAP**, a Forest Service camping area. The road is narrow and winding; watch for children and animals.
- 21.5S 69.5N** **MOLERA WALK-IN CAMPGROUND**. This campground is designed for foot traffic. Although there is a parking lot, no trailers are allowed. Beach access.
- 24.5S 66.5N** **RIVER INN** is located at the entrance to the Big Sur Valley and provides a complex of services. The **MOTEL** has 18 units and a swimming pool on the grassy expanse next to the river. The **RESTAURANT** is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Full bar with live entertainment every Sunday. There is a full **GROCERY & BUTCHER SHOP** where you can purchase fresh meat. **MOBIL GAS STATION**. (667-2237)
- 24.6S 66.4N** **BIG SUR CAMPGROUND AND CABINS**. Family camping available all year in a grove of redwoods. The campground has a deep swimming hole and a beach area on the Big Sur River. Volleyball court and laundry facilities. Cabins and rent-a-tent available. Full hookups. (667-2322)
- 25S 66.3N** **RIVERSIDE CAMPGROUND** is 1/4 mile south of River Inn. Camp among the redwoods, or on the river. Playground and laundry facilities. Cabins, tents and full hookups available. Dump. (667-2414)
- 25S 66N** **RIPPLEWOOD RESORT**. River or valley view housekeeping cabins (some with fireplaces) situated in the redwoods. Swim, fish and sun on the Big Sur River. The resort also houses a **GROCERY STORE** and a **NEW SPECIALTY CAFE**. Hours 8-10. **CHEVRON GAS STATION**. (667-2242)
- 25S 66N** **GLEN OAKS MOTEL** is an attractive, modern post adobe motel in gracious garden setting. 15 clean and comfortable units are available all year. (667-2105)
- 25S 66N** **PANNY'S** offers complete hair services for men and women. Call 667-2101 for appointments.
- 25S 66N** **GLEN OAKS RESTAURANT**. Breakfast and dinner. Specialties: seafood, fresh vegetables, Monterey Co. wines. (667-2623)
- 25.5S 65.5N** **ST. FRANCIS OF THE REDWOODS**. Catholic chapel. Mass 4 p.m. Saturday.
- 25.7S 65.3N** **FERNWOOD** is an all-purpose stop. The **RESTAURANT & BAR** offers breakfast, lunch and dinner in a congenial setting. A **GROCERY** provides camping and household necessities. Lodging can be had at the 11-unit **MOTEL** or at the **CAMPGROUND** situated in the redwoods on the Big Sur River. Full hookups available. **UNION 76 GAS STATION**. (667-2422)
- 26S 65N** **PFEIFFER BIG SUR STATE PARK** will be open only in the summers for the next few years. The 810-acre park offers camping (218 sites, no hookups, sanitation station), picnicking, fishing, hiking and river wading. Regular campfire programs are held and the rangers conduct nature walks and hikes.
- 26S 65N** **BIG SUR LODGE**, within the park, is open all year long. All park activities are included for guests of the Lodge. There are 61 cottages, some with fireplaces and others with kitchens. Deer often graze on the broad lawn areas that surround the cottages and heated swimming pool. Open to both Park and Lodge visitors are fully remodeled **RESTAURANT** with river view dining (summers only), two **GROCERY STORES**, **GIFT SHOP & LAUNDROMAT**. For reservations, write Big Sur Lodge. (667-2171).
- 26.5S 64.5N** **U.S. FOREST STATION of the LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST**. As the highway begins the climb out of the Big Sur Valley, you pass this station. Permits and information are available here for backpacking into the **VENTANA WILDERNESS** area. Parts of the wilderness area remain closed due to the 1977 Marble Cone fire. Several major trails have been reopened, and rehabilitation work and trail construction continue. Permits required. Check with the Forest Service before making your plans. Write U.S. Forest Service District Headquarters at 406 South Mildred St., King City, CA 93930.
- 27.6S** **SYCAMORE CANYON ROAD** is the turnoff that will take you two miles down the road to **PFEIFFER BEACH**. Day use only.
- 28.1S 62.9N** **BIG SUR BAZAAR** features crafts by local artists with a concentration on pottery. Recent remodeling has given the Bazaar a new look. Open daily from 9-5. (667-2197)

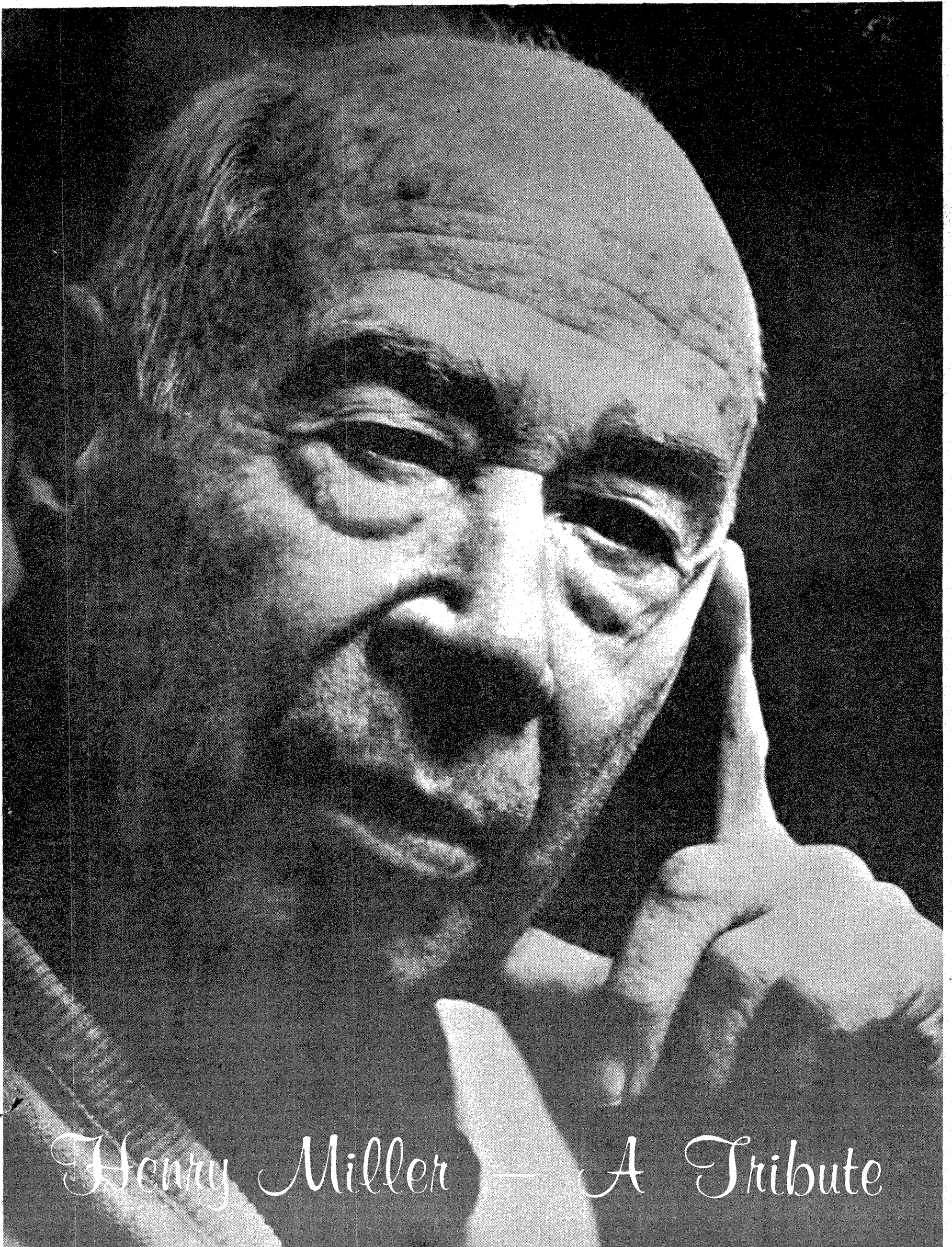
BIG SUR — A GUIDE

BIG SUR — motels, restaurants, campgrounds, grocery stores, gift shops and an art gallery. Reservations are recommended in the summer and on holiday weekends. Rates are sometimes lower in the winter. For more specific information, you may write to the individual businesses. The mailing address is Big Sur, California 93920. Telephone area code is 408 unless otherwise listed. Mileages begin from CARMEL RIVER BRIDGE driving south and from HEARST CASTLE driving north.

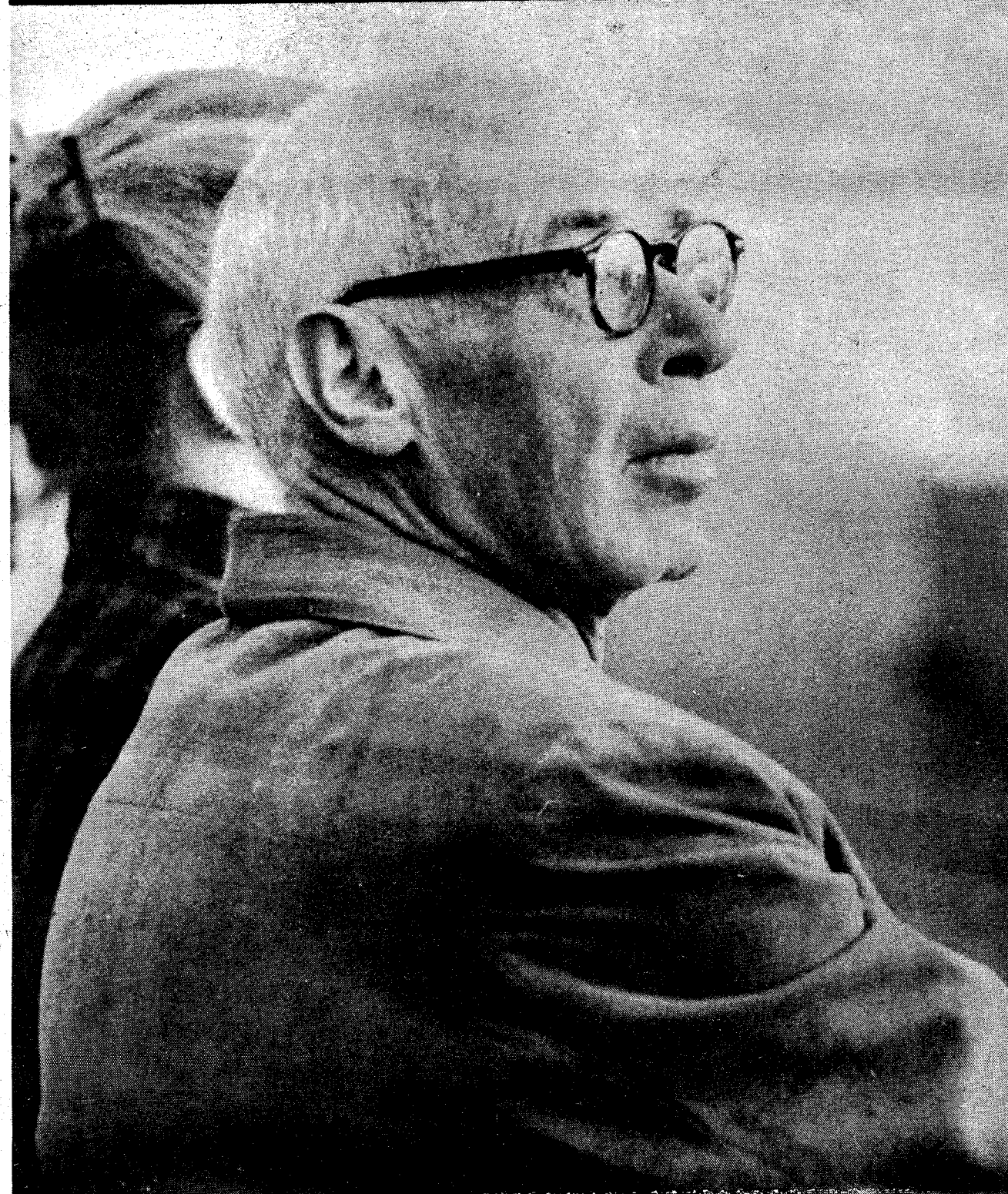
- 28.1S 62.9N** **LOMA VISTA** is open only from April 1 through mid-November. The colorful begonia gardens are the special attraction; they also have a wide variety of cacti and succulents. Closed Wednesdays and Thursdays. **CHEVRON GAS STATION**. (667-9997)
- 28.8S 62.2N** **VENTANA** is a year-round country inn that offers elegant but casual living. There are 24 guestrooms whose private terraces overlook mountain or ocean. Heated swimming pool, hot baths and saunas. Expansion is planned in the near future. For reservations and information, phone 667-2331 or write Ventana. The **VENTANA RESTAURANT & BAR** is open from 11-10 daily. On a warm day, the outside terrace is ideal for enjoying the broad coast view. The **GENERAL STORE** has an eclectic choice of gifts, ranging from fine fabrics to quality hardware. Below the Inn and Restaurant, on the highway, **VENTANA MARKET & DELICATESSEN** carries groceries, fresh produce, cheeses, meats and salads. You can get a sandwich to take with you or to enjoy on the outside terrace. **SHELL GAS STATION**. **VENTANA CAMPGROUND** is set in a 40-acre redwood grove and is open year-round.
- 29.4S 61.6N** **NEPENTHE** has attracted people to Big Sur for years. Lunch and dinner are served in the beamed dining room overlooking the Pacific. The outside terrace offers a great view of the coastline. Visitors gather around the outside fire pit and enjoy dancing in the evenings. (667-2345)
- 29.4S 61.6N** **THE PHOENIX SHOP** features a wide selection of jewelry (American and others), crafts, books and boutique clothing. (667-2347)
- 30.2S 60.8N** **DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN** offers food and lodging in a quaint Norwegian style setting. Nestled in the redwoods of Castro Canyon, the Inn has 14 rooms (more or less). Breakfast is served from 8:30-11:30 and there are two sittings for dinner, 7 & 8:30. (667-2377)
- 33S 58N** **COAST GALLERY** is the historic showplace for Big Sur artists and coastal craftsmen, over seventy of which are currently exhibiting. Open daily between 9-6 or evenings by special appointment. (667-2301)
- 38S 53N** **JULIA PFEIFFER BURNS PARK** is a small, quiet park with picnic tables along redwood-lined McWay Creek. Take the nature walk that crosses under the highway to McWay Cove where a waterfall plunges directly into the ocean. The cove is a good place to view the sea otter whose refuge area stretches along the coast. Day use only.
- 41S 50N** **ESALEN INSTITUTE** is a center to explore those trends in education, religion, philosophy and the physical and behavioral sciences which emphasize the potentialities and values of human existence. Its activities consist of seminars and workshops, residential programs, consulting and research. Reservation only. (667-2335)
- 51S 40N** **LUCIA LODGE**. Perched on the cliffs overlooking the Pacific, the lodge offers good home cooking for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Fresh baked pie is a favorite. Open until dark. 10 overnight units are available. Usually closed for the first two weeks of December. **ARCO GAS STATION**. (667-2476)
- 53S 37N** **LIMEKILN CREEK REDWOODS CAMPGROUNDS**. Enjoy family camping on 660 acres of privately owned land adjoining the national forest. There are miles of hiking trails, surf and trout fishing and the remains of the historic limekilns. (667-2403)
- 60S 31N** **PACIFIC VALLEY CENTER** features a **GROCERY** for picnic and camping supplies and a **RESTAURANT** whose specialty is homemade soup and pie. Breakfast, lunch and dinner from 7:30 until dark. Pacific Valley is centrally located on the coast and within easy walking distance of an accessible beach and picnic area with good surfing. **ALLIANCE GAS STATION**. (805-927-3083)
- 61S 30N** **SAND DOLLAR BEACH**. Forest Service picnic area. Day use only.
- 61S 30N** **JADE COVE** draws rockhounds hoping to find some of the California jade that washes up here.
- 61S 30N** **PLASKET CREEK CAMPGROUND**. Day use only. Temporarily Closed.
- 62S 29N** **WILLOW CREEK**. Forest Service picnic area. Day use only.
- 64S 26N** **GORDA**. The **GROCERY** carries food, camping supplies and fresh produce during the summer. **SORTA GORDA**, the restaurant, is open from 9-7 (5 in winter) serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. The menu has Mexican specialties, hamburgers, homemade soup and desserts. **MOBIL GAS STATION**. (805-927-4290)
- 74S 17N** **RAGGED POINT**. A newly expanded 20-unit motel provides lodging. Sandwiches and hamburgers are available on a take-out only basis. **UNION 76 GAS STATION**. (805-927-4502)

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Henry Miller — A Tribute



Henry Miller Dies in Pacific Palisades

Big Sur's Most Celebrated Citizen

By Elayne W. Fitzpatrick-Grimm ©1980

Henry Miller is dead. He was 88. An optimistic pessimist, an idealistic materialist. He was America's most maligned and most magnetic author. His lively, childlike watercolors have moved multitudes — one way or another. He was Big Sur's most illustrious resident — Big Sur's most vociferous advocate.

If he seemed a devil to many, he was a hero to more. But few have disputed his candid literary genius or his earthy wisdom. After a long battle to lift the ban on his books in America — a censoring his works shared with those of D.H. Lawrence, James Joyce and Vladimir Nabokov — he'd emerged with medals: membership in the American Academy of Arts and Letters and in France's Legion of Honor.

As biographer Jay Martin put it, "Very few persons live to see the triumph of a great cultural revolution for which they are mainly responsible. But Miller did live to see a total reversal in American laws and social mores concerning the circulation of explicitly sexual writing, largely as a result of his own books."

Miller found his religion in literature. One of his mentors was Ralph Waldo Emerson who'd jolted Miller into action by writing that "novels will give way, by and by, to diaries or autobiographies — captivating books, if only a man knew how to choose among his experiences that which is really his experience, and how to record truth truly." "Life," said Emerson, "consists in what a man is thinking all day."

Miller wrote *Tropic of Cancer* and *Tropic of Capricorn* back in the '30s — in Paris — as confessions of his own misfortunes and his own right "to enter that Purgatory which we have made of life because we have ceased to love or even to understand the meaning of love."

"Fucking," Martin explained in *Always Merry and Bright*, became Miller's metaphor in *Tropic of Capricorn* "for the awakening of the Uranian power of the senses. His hero is kept from dying in the civilized world by the sensuous powers called into being by lovemaking — not romantic love, which is tainted by civilization, but physical ecstasy. He maintains contact with the primitive, pre-civilized men and loses his societal identity, becoming an anonymous man, a man of joy. But the novel itself is not written from the point of view of a merely sensual man. Saved from destruction in civilization by sex and the release it stands for, the hero's self is really given new birth by his discovery of the powers of imagination which rest upon natural sensuality. The hero takes a new name, Gottlieb Leberecht Muller, the god-loving, right-living man, since he is utterly freed from bitterness, suffering, and fruitless opposition to society. Far from being a primitive, he is an artist ... a kind of Christ who ... will speak words ushering in a new gospel, a new phase of history. His new bible proclaims: save yourself by embracing ecstasy." From "fucking" to philosophy — the ancient Greek spirit of Dionysos blended with the light of Apollo.

It was no accident that his presence in Big Sur prepared the way for the "human potential" movement at Esalen and the influx of the flower children.

His roommate said Miller "just snoozed off" — died in his sleep, surrounded by books, music, paintings and warmed by the energy of old friends and young admirers. He'd said, with a Brooklyn rasp that had never been altered by age or locale, "I have reached a stage of serenity. I'm on a high plateau, and that's a conquest after much agony, suffering, struggle. I have everything I want in this house — here I'm king; I do as I like, and we have a sweet, peaceful, contented life."

He'd done it all, had his say, and died happy. In his old age, he'd even come to enjoy the fruits of the American Dream, in spite of his protests against its superficial aspects. He died full — fully saved and fully blessed, this colorful primitive with a touch of class and an insatiable philosophic curiosity. More importantly, he'd attained his own philosophy.

Miller found Big Sur in 1944. Next to Greece, it was the place he loved most on this planet and the only spot in America where he'd found real contentment — paradise. It was a Greek artist, Jean Varda, who'd lured him here. In Big Sur, Miller set out to "make a world of poetic, viable reality in the midst of negation and a world of corruption." He lived his own "good life," urging others to put foundations under their own dreams.

Miller told the world about his life and friends here in *Big Sur and the Oranges of Hieronymus Bosch* and made this

observation: "The world being what it is, I give it as my candid opinion that anyone who knows how to work with his two hands, anyone who is willing to give a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, would be better off to abandon his art and settle down to a humdrum life in an out of the way place like this. It may indeed be the highest wisdom to elect to be a nobody in a relative paradise such as this rather than a celebrity in a world which has lost all sense of values."

But if a person wants to really pursue his art, Big Sur may not be the place for him forever. Said Miller, "The immature artist seldom thrives in idyllic surroundings. What he seems to need, though I am the last to advocate it, is more first-hand experience of life — more bitter experience, in other words. In short, more struggle, more privation, more anguish, more disillusionment. These goads or stimulants he may not always hope to find here in Big Sur. Here, unless he is on his guard, unless he is ready to wrestle with phantoms as well as bitter realities, he is apt to go to sleep mentally and spiritually. If an art colony is established here it will go the way of all the others. Artists never thrive in colonies. Ants do. What the budding artist needs is the privilege of wrestling with his problems in solitude — and now and then a piece of red meat."

If a person would abandon his art to live it, however, Miller described "one young man in this community who seems to have espoused the kind of wisdom I refer to." He is, Miller said, "a man with an independent income, a man of keen intelligence, well educated, sensitive, of excellent character, and capable not only with his hands but with brain and heart. In making a life for himself he has apparently chosen to do nothing more than raise a family, provide its members with what he can, and enjoy the life of day to day. He does everything single-handed, from erecting buildings to raising crops, making wine and so on. At intervals he hunts or fishes, or just takes off into the wilderness to commune with nature."

His library is an excellent one, and he is at home in it; he enjoys good music and listens to it frequently. He can hold his own at any sport or game, can vie with the toughest when it comes to hard work, and in general is what might be called "a good fellow," that is, a man who knows how to mix with others, how to get along with the world. But what he also knows and does, and what the average citizen cannot or will not do, is to enjoy solitude, to lie simply, to crave nothing and to share what he has when called upon."

Miller's main concern, whether in Big Sur or in Paris, was for the rights of individuals who desire to lead their own lives on the fringe of society. He believed Big Sur was, and is, one of the few frontiers left where unfettered individuals can gravitate — "dig in and take root."

Miller commented, "The American way of life is an illusory kind of existence ... the price demanded for the security and abundance it pretends to offer is too great ... the machine is breaking down. When the smashup comes, as now seems inevitable, they (renegade individuals) are more likely to survive the catastrophe than the rest of us. At least, they will know how to get along without cars, without refrigerators, without vacuum cleaners, electric razors and all the other 'indispensables' ... probably even without money. If ever we are to witness a new heaven and a new earth, it must surely be one in which money is absent, forgotten, wholly useless."

Miller was impatient with politics and politicians. He believed the whole of civilization was in a terrible mess, but he had no illusions about its being corrected by ousting dictators or subscribing to "isms." More would take over when these fell. Society could only be improved, he believed, when enlightened individuals behaved differently from the masses of people. So — if all civilization was corrupt, a person should just choose the faction that best suited him. But he should act without utopian illusions, doing what he could to lessen the suffering of individuals.

Miller left Big Sur in the early '60s to be closer to his children who were in school near Los Angeles, to be nearer to the center of efforts to lift the ban on his books, and to put some distance between himself and his estranged fourth wife, Eve. But his final protest was in behalf of Big Sur.

"Get rid of the politicians!" he'd written shortly before his death. This, in response to a Friends of the Big Sur Coast petition to "retain the historic balance of private, county, state,

and federal ownership and control in Big Sur."

He added his own name to those who are against increase in the level of federal intervention and involvement in Big Sur. And he commented, "I thoroughly agree with your sentiments tho' I no longer live in Big Sur. But I have a house there which my children — Val and Tony Miller — occupy. GET RID OF THE POLITICIANS!"

It was his last crusade. He wouldn't give up even after he'd posted on the door of his Pacific Palisades home (insisting, to the end, on his right to joy): "When a man has reached old age and has fulfilled his mission, he has a right to confront the idea of death in peace. He has no need of other men; he knows them already and has seen enough of them. What he needs is peace. It is not seemly to seek out such a man, plague him with chatter, and make him suffer banalities. One should pass by

the door of his house as if no one lived there."

He may have been sick with circulatory, ocular, and hearing impairments, preparing to die. But he was never weak, even at the end. He kept writing, though he had to dictate his words. He corresponded with friends, made appearances at Jack Garfein's Actors and Directors Lab in Beverly Hills, and stayed in close touch with his children.

Now his legacy lies with those children — Barbara in Pasadena, but, most particularly, Val and Tony who still live on Partington Ridge in Big Sur, next to their father's long-time friend, Harry Dick Ross.

Miller came to believe that "marriage kills love," especially romantic love. He was married five times. But he never stopped loving and searching for love, physical and intellectual. For him, painting was a form of love. "To paint is to love again."

He disappointed and was disappointed. He rejected and suffered rejection. He was an ordinary man with extraordinary intelligence and the courage of his convictions.

Miller was ruled by Saturn and knew despair. But he also knew joy, and he would live on in his children. His main hope, at his death, was in the possibility that Val and Tony would write more after he'd gone. He'd encouraged their talent. But, he'd said, Val and Tony were "timid about writing because of me — I'm their handicap; I'm not good for them. I ought to die ... and then they can get on with their work."

He died on the afternoon of June 7, 1980 — a Capricorn goat with the tail of a fish — a vital unity of opposites — in the month of the Gemini twins.

(Next issue: *To Paint is to Love Again* — Henry Miller's Watercolors)



[This is the first in a series of articles on Henry Valentine Miller — the "rogue elephant of American literature" — to be featured in the Gazette.]

HENRY MILLER IN CONVERSATION

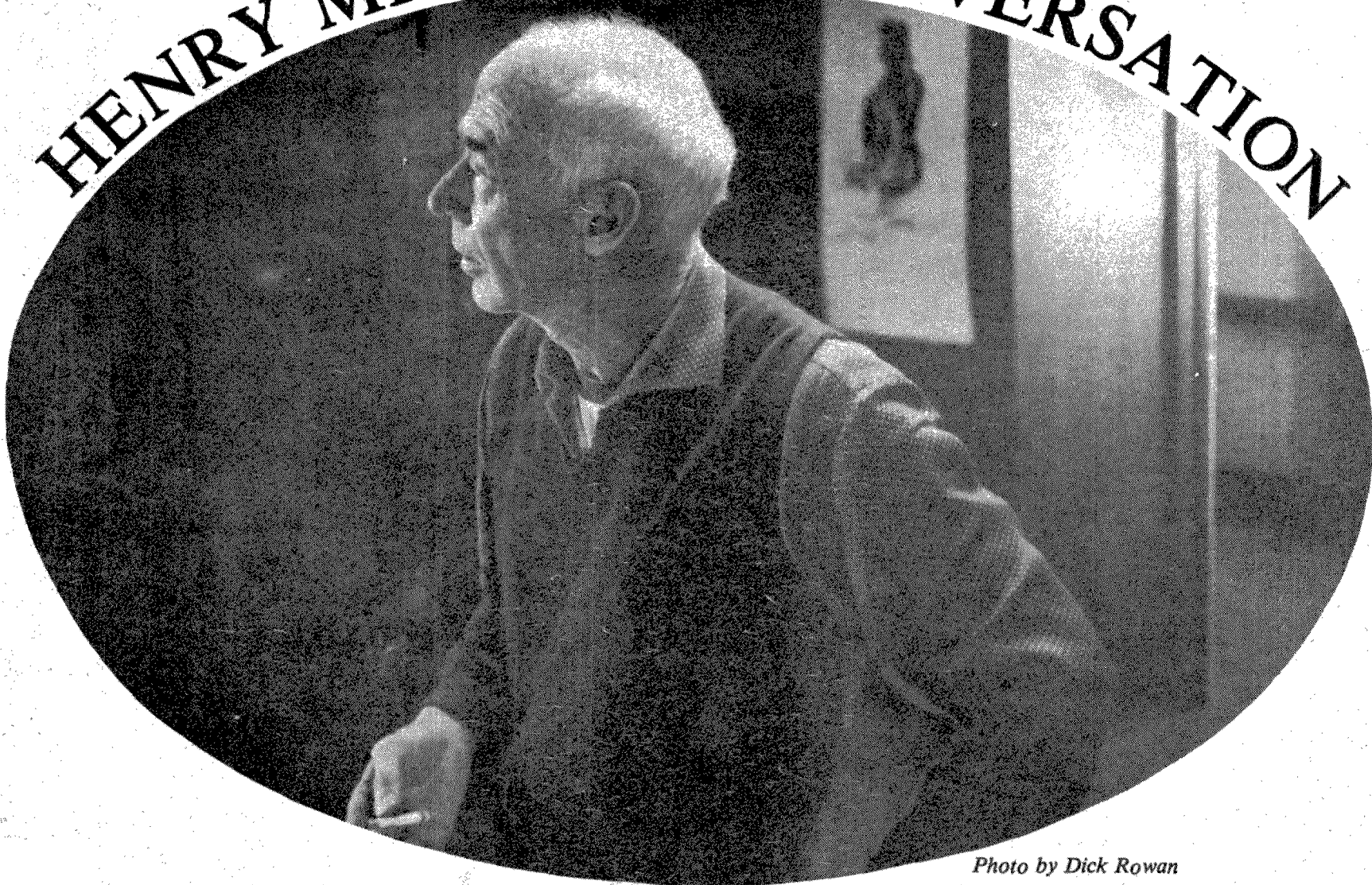


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By ROBERT CROSS

"Damn it, Henry," I protested, "the last time I came to see you, the same things happened: it was late in the afternoon, I had been driving all day to get to you, in a foreign car which threatened to blow up from under me — and finally did ..."

"Yes, I remember! But you know, what I was *really* worried about was that you might be *broke* again and I'd have to lend you some money for a place to sleep!"

We both laughed until tears came to our eyes.

At the venerable age of 85, Henry Valentine Miller is America's greatest living author and, like most famous people, has to protect his privacy.

It wasn't too hard to do when he lived in Big Sur from the '40s into the '60s, first in nearly abject poverty at the old prison camp near Anderson Creek. Henry and this third wife, Lepski, and Emile White had shared the unheated deserted camp for a few dollars a year. Later he had stayed in a cabin with Linda Sargent "for at least two months," he recalls.

"Nepenthe was still young then, sort of the hangout for artists and writers like myself ... poor but happy. Linda finally persuaded Carmel's mayor, Keith Evans, to rent me the place on top of Partington Ridge for "\$10 a month — or free if necessary!"

I remember the place well: "Look for the biggest mailbox on the Pacific Coast Highway (Henry's), and take the rutted dirt road up the side of the mountain," advised San Francisco poet Allen Ginsberg. The ruts were so bad and the road so steep that my car's fuel pump gave out barely 100 yards from the top; I had coasted down the steep trail backwards, into the dirt drive of sculptor Harry Dick Ross; he'd considered my plight gravely for a moment, laughed, and pointed to a rope ladder leading to Henry's place.

That was August 1960. But here it was: a repeat performance, only the cast of characters, places, etc. had altered slightly.

Waiting until the last minute to phone, Henry had agreed to see me. I picked up my photographer-friend Douglas and we headed out of Los Angeles in incredible heat, stopping every so often to check my car's fan belt, which threatened to go at any second — and finally did, on the Pacific Coast Highway at the bottom of the hill where Henry lived at the top.

But the bizarre coincidences just somehow made everything the same as before, so nothing really mattered.

The Miller manse sits quietly disguised amidst upper middleclass suburban houses. From the looks of it, you'd never guess that inside lives one of the most creative geniuses this country has ever produced.

Inside, you know. Even the ceilings are covered with art, graffiti in all languages.

Twinka Thiebaud, Henry's constant companion, is playing the piano. (She's beautiful, the daughter of the famous artist of the same name, a model for 25 of her 31 years. She's been living with Henry and his son, Tony, for three years and is in the midst of writing about how living with Henry has affected her life.)

She pours the wine and I ask Henry if he still objects to interviews and tape recorders.

"Frankly yes," he smiles. "I'd rather have you take notes and misquote me among your own impressions than jam a microphone on the dinner table. By the way, would you like some dinner? Twinka's just about to make dinner."

First some more wine to settle my nerves, please! (It's nearly 100 outside in the shade, and I've been through enough, I laugh.)

"Good!" he exclaims.

"Henry, there's a note on your front door — actually a quote from a Chinese philosopher — asking visitors in firm but polite language to go away. Are they considerate of your privacy?"

"No, not really," he smiles, "in fact, in the main, I feel my fans are *largely nuts*! They're a nuisance, don't you know? They'd take a swim in the pool if I didn't stop them!" He grins broadly, knowing I don't

believe him.

"I even get these letters, suggesting that since I'm so filthy rich, can I just lend them \$5,000 to tide them over."

"So now I don't answer the phone at all, or the door either, but I answer the good letters!"

"My daughter Val lives in the Big Sur house — you know her — she gets a lot of the mail and the fans who come looking for me. And I don't even tell anyone I've moved!"

"But really, it's not the fans, but it's the intellectuals that I hate. Of course, they're the real enemies in society. But then, I've not now nor have I ever been in the mainstream of this society. I'm so outside of it emotionally."

"It's really a great paradox: Here, in my own country, I am largely still unknown, except perhaps for those first few sex books; but in Europe I can't even walk the streets anonymously."

"Henry, how do you feel about people who write about you? After all, you've spent your life writing about your friends."

"Bob, honestly, I confess it's my weak spot. I'm very touchy about it."

(I probe a bit.) "What about other authors, like Norman Mailer?"

"I really don't think so much of his book on me; you see, I fell for him, but he's too complicated for me to read, almost an intellectual!"

"I really don't mind what the ordinary slob writes about me, but when my peers write ... I expect the utmost of my friends, you see."

"But that's because I love them, whoever they are in life, you know? I'm in the middle of the second volume of my *Book of Friends* which will be published in Santa Barbara by Capra Press whenever I finish it."

"I just don't set any deadlines for it, largely because of my aging physical condition. It's not that I'm sick, mind you. I have no illness, but I have a thousand things wrong with me — except my brain. Five years ago I had an operation, I've got a bad dose of ar-

thritis, I've lost sight in one eye, my hearing is going, I gave up smoking my Gaulois Bleus three years ago — but my brain remembers everything, even now."

(It's true, I think to myself: in 1960 he was giving me details of his 1930s Paris life with such clarity that I had no trouble finding even the street addresses, or his friends.)

"However, I have managed to forget the bad things, and those are the things you want to forget anyway, right?"

"Right, Henry, but what of the things you thought you were going to do years ago? Is there anything you wanted to do in life then and ultimately didn't?"

"No, I really don't think so, even though my life is now restricted by my physical condition. I must confess I don't even miss Big Sur, really. I miss seeing my friends, of course. Friends like Emile and Efriam and Rosa Donner — they're your neighbors, now. We don't always keep up as we should, but we stay close."

"You see, when the curtain falls on a place, so-to-speak, I let it go completely and look back only to recall people, never places. I've written about 50 books, and they're published in about 20 languages — even in Yugoslavian, Croatian and Czechoslovakian."

The inevitable question to end an interview: "Which do you consider your best book?"

"*Colossus of Maroussi*, the book about my search for the Greek poet George Katsimbalis. It's funny, you know, but most librarians put that one in their travel section. I like my little book on the French poet, Rimbaud, too, but it's a different kind of writing altogether."

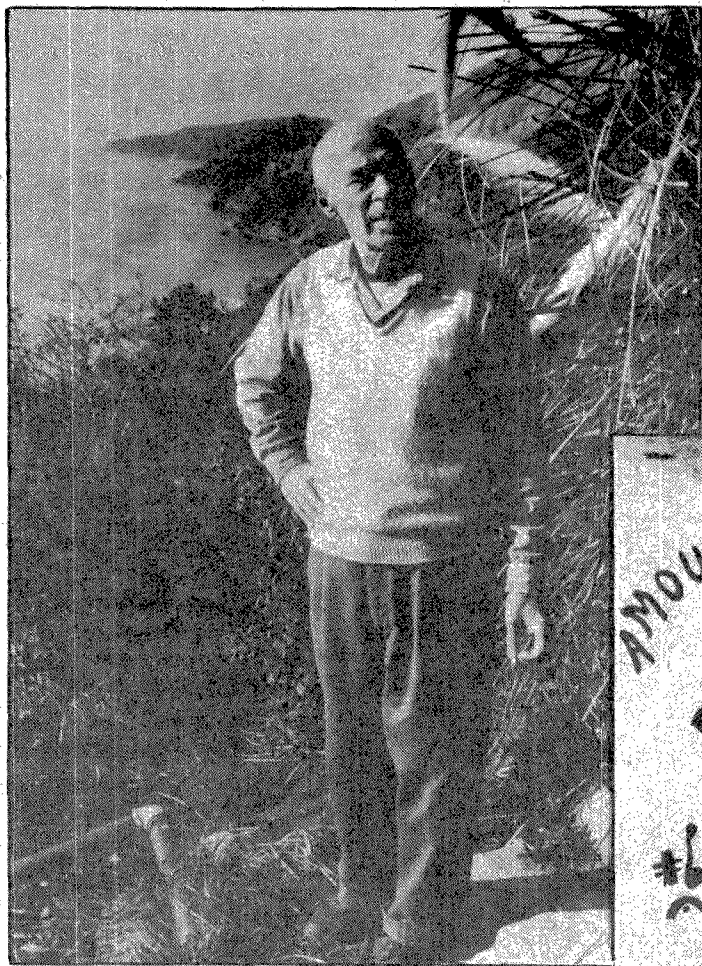
The meal is over, the wineglasses dry and we smile at each other like old friends do. It's time to go, I suggest.

"Yes, otherwise we'd sit here and talk all night like the last time," I laugh. "Let's get together in another 10 years," offers Henry with a chuckle.

Agreed, we shake hands on it.

A Tribute to Henry Miller ...

AUTHOR and WATERCOLORIST



"As a matter of fact I have never left Big Sur, except in the flesh. How could I after living there seventeen years and having as dear friends some of the most wonderful individuals one could meet nowhere else in the world. No, everything is still with me — the sea, the whales, the fog, the storms and the everlasting peace.

If I am returning to Big Sur through my watercolors it is merely a long delayed tribute to the place and the inhabitants who so enriched my spiritual life.

I should add that I am indebted to the Coast Gallery of Big Sur for making this possible. Often, when following the trail which meanders over the hills, I pull myself up in an effort to encompass the glory and the grandeur which envelopes the whole horizon.

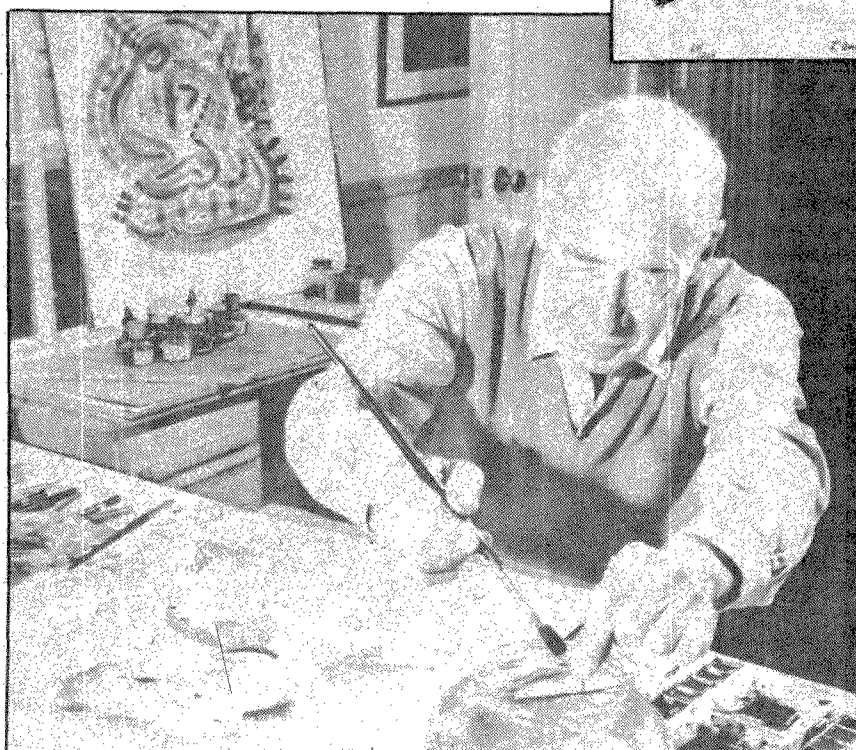


"Yes, to paint is to love again,
live again, see again."

Henry Miller

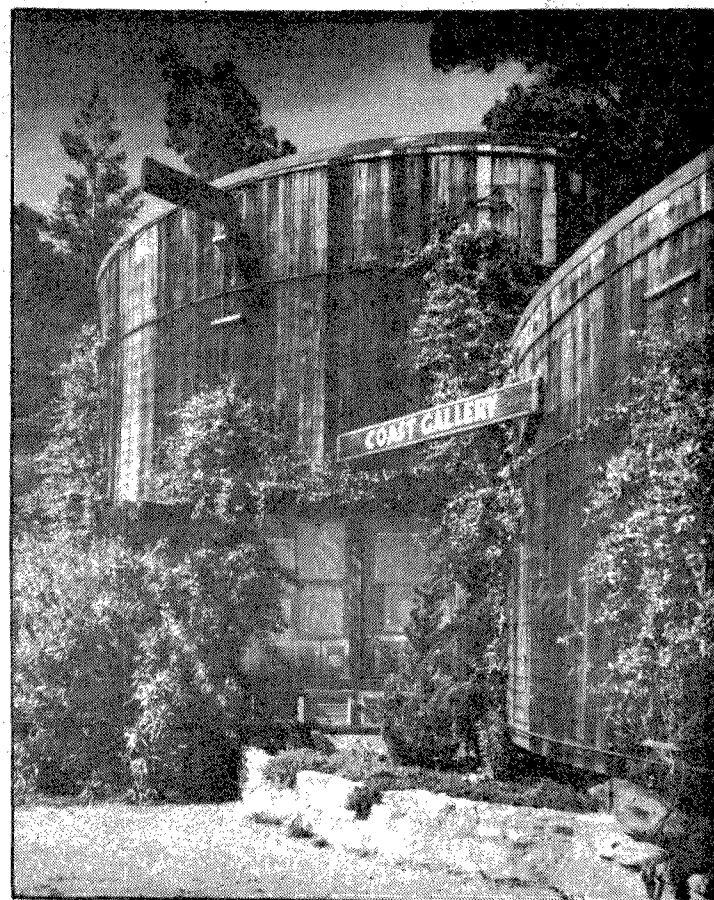
Often, when the clouds pile up in the north and the sea is churned with white caps, I say to myself: "This is the California that men dreamed of years ago, this is the Pacific that Balboa looked out on from the Peak of Darien, this is the face of the earth as the Creator intended it to look."

To paint is to love again. It's only when we look with eyes of love that we see as the painter sees. His is a love, moreover, which is free of possessiveness. What the painter sees he is duty bound to share. Usually he makes us see and feel what ordinarily we ignore or are immune to. His manner of approaching the world tells us, in effect, that nothing is vile or hideous, nothing is stale, flat and unpalatable unless it be our own power of vision. To see is not merely to look. One must look-see. See into and around. Or, as John Marin once put it — "Art must show what goes on in the world."



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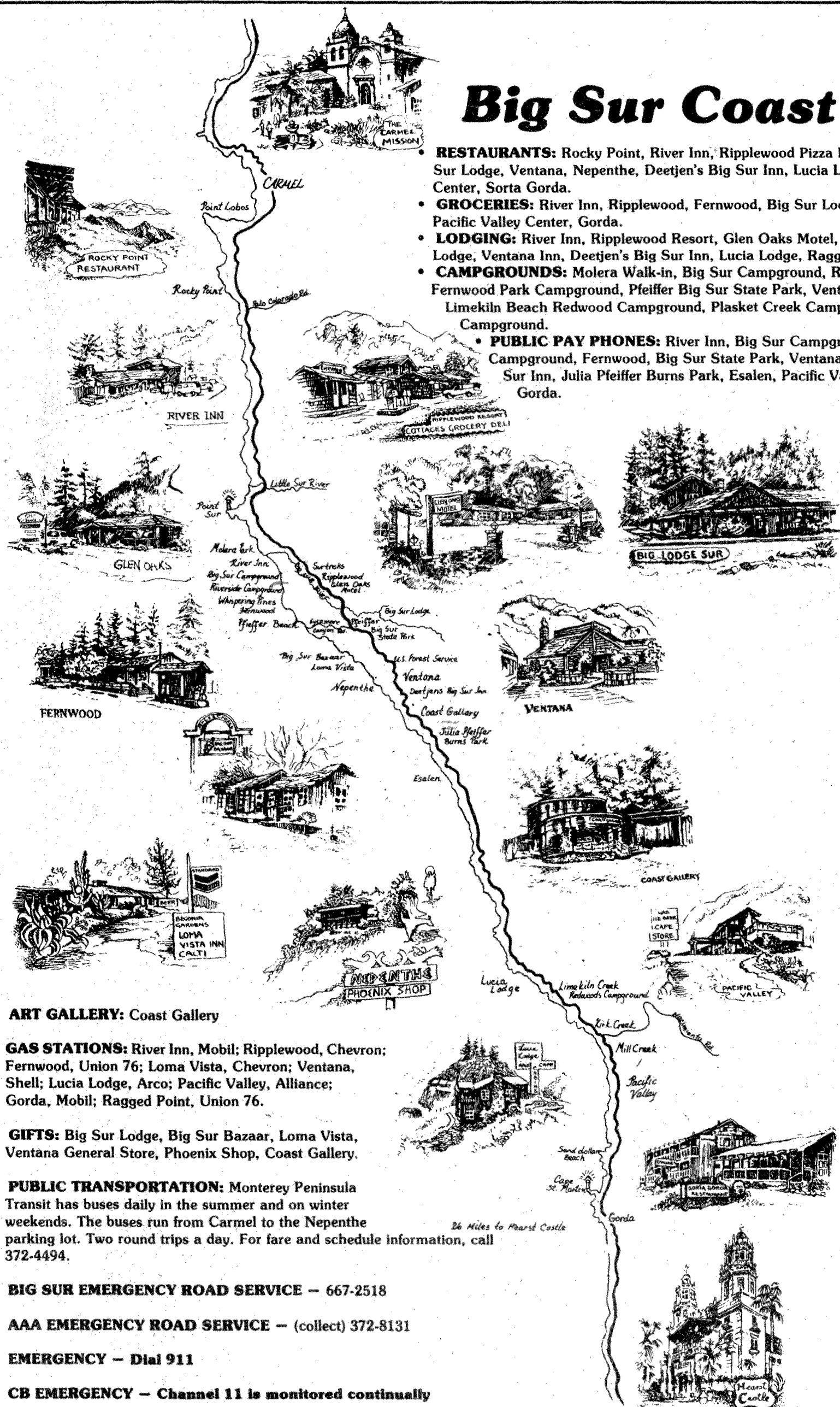


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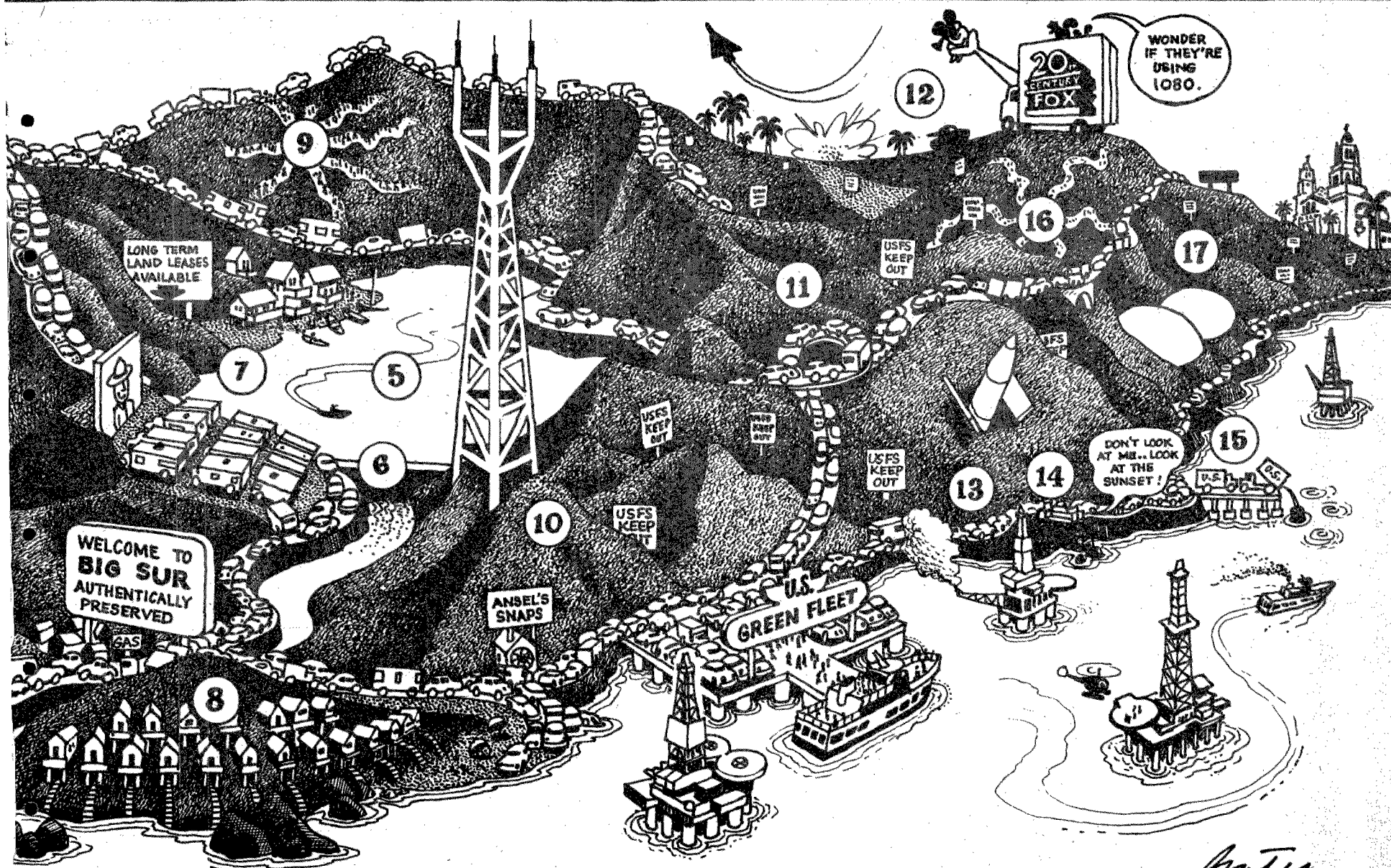
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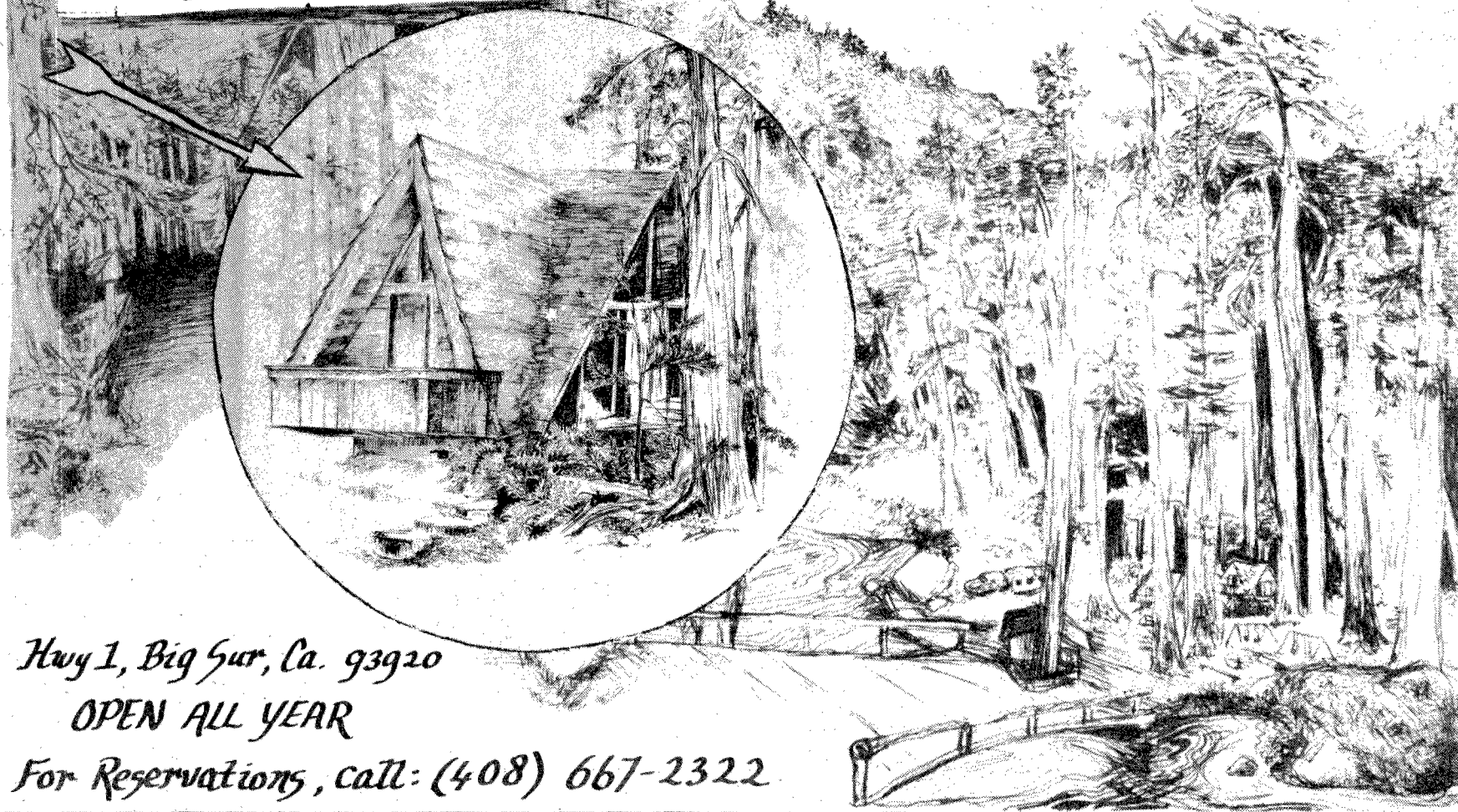
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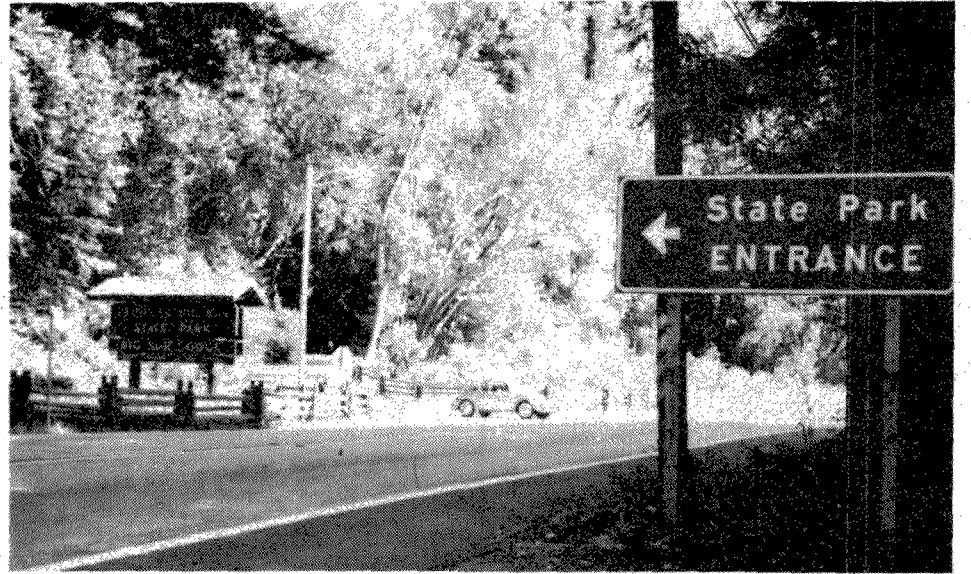
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Visiting Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

By Michael Gibbs

Over 200 million years ago in what is now Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, a solid mass of sedimentary rock began to accumulate. It extended far out into the sea. Sometime later a molten rock flowed over the area, slowly cooling and finally crystalizing. It formed the Sur Series Gneiss and Santa Lucia Granite.

Time passed and the ocean rose marking a shoreline miles east of the present day tideline. That was approximately 15 million years ago.

Another 5 million years passed while the earth was relatively

quiet. Then the land began to convulse. Powerful thrust faulting took place. The land tilted westward. Vertical uplifts pushed earth and rock up 3 to 5 thousand feet and formed the mountains we call the Santa Lucia range.

Erosion from the rains cut the canyons deeper and deeper. Small streams joined and they became the Big Sur River. The waters of which have been flowing in the region for over a million years. Today, an older, higher course can still be seen 300 feet above the present day streambed which runs through the heart of Pfeiffer Big Sur Park.

It is just one of many things that can be discovered in this wondrous area. The 810-acre park with its colorful history offers a variety of hiking trails, nature programs, and picnic areas. Campgrounds are open year round. Each campsite is complete with table and stove; water faucets and restrooms are just a hop, skip and jump away. There are hot showers and laundry facilities close by.

The Big Sur Lodge inside the park provides overnight accommodations which include a dining room and houses a full service grocery store, gift shop and motel office. The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Big Sur Lodge offers a recreation room, sauna and swimming pool surrounded by the hills of the Santa Lucia Mountains.

The lodge is actually a series of cabins that grew with the park. They were already there when the state bought the land from John Pfeiffer for \$164,000 in 1934. Pfeiffer sold 760 acres and donated another parcel of land then valued at

Photos by Lori McBeth

\$70,000 on the condition that the park would always bear his family name; a name which is synonymous with the pioneering history of Big Sur.

The resort is a result of Florence Pfeiffer, John's wife, getting fed up with 'outsiders' making a convenience of their small home. They had a way of imposing themselves shamelessly on the hospitality and good nature of John Pfeiffer and his family. The latch string was always off and Florence was a very good cook. And even though the

stranger's horse might eat all the hay and the grocery bills grew and grew, John refused to charge the visitor saying that whoever came was always welcome. Remember, in those days the area was very remote and it was a long way to go for supplies.

One day, however, when John was away hauling freight with a lumber wagon for the Point Sur Light Station, Florence had had enough when five men 'dropped by' for supper, bed and breakfast. The next morning all but one left by stage without as much as a thank you. The last fellow, a mean and surly brute, began to pack his horses for the trip home. But one mule wouldn't stand still so the man began to beat the animal with a heavy picket. That was the turning point.

Florence called the man out and informed him that though the animal might be his he was not to beat the mule in her presence and that from now on he and his friends would be charged for hay, a bed and each meal.

When John got home and heard the story there wasn't much left to say. From that point on they were in the resort business. The stage brought the guests in from Monterey on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and returned the following day. They were charged \$3 a day which allowed them to sleep in a brass bed and eat a hearty, ranch-style meal in a rare, open-air dining room. The guests were called to meals by a brass dinner bell that was salvaged from the wreck of the "Majestic" which had sunk off the Big Sur coast. Robinson Jeffers and George Sterling were among those who signed the guest book. A fire burned the buildings down in 1946, five years after John Pfeiffer died at the age of 79.

It is interesting to think back on these early pioneers as one walks along the Big Sur River. They had to forge a hard existence from the land.

The park service offers a variety of nature walks throughout the area. They are posted in the campground and in the lodge. You can walk from "Big Sur to the Sea," or through a "Community of Redwoods" and take a look at "Native Plants" with rangers Richard Wendt, Henry Mendibles, Ray Patteon or park aids such as Jeff Norman or Eddie Pate, to mention just a few. At 8 in the evenings there is a campfire program that explores the natural history of the area, wildfires, whales, sea otters and redwood ecology. There is also a junior ranger program for the kids that generally meets at 2 in the afternoons, in which the children can learn all about the area and be awarded special badges.

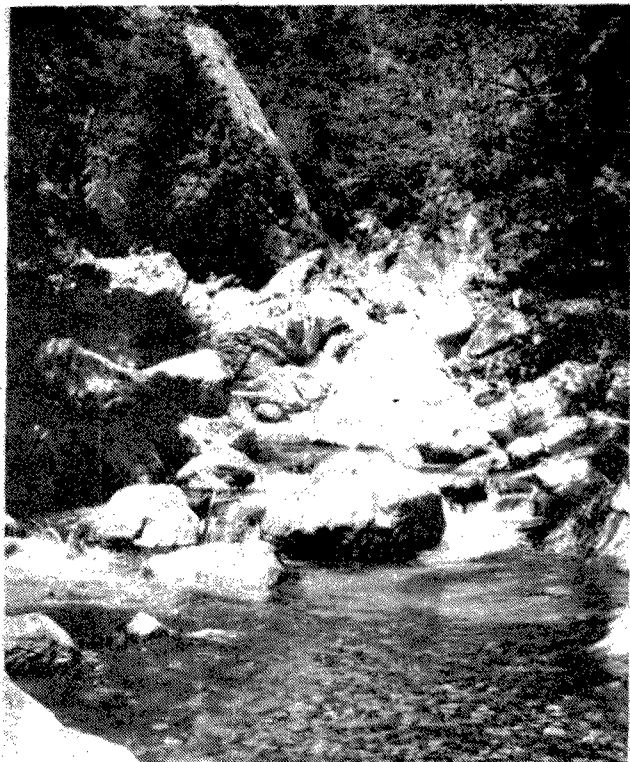
One of the highlights of the Pfeiffer Big Sur Park is the Big Sur Gorge. One walks up past the campgrounds along the river to find small waterfalls and deep, cool pools.

"The 1977 flood washed out many of the big pools and the river's done a lot of erosion," explained Ranger Jack Sutton. "But the river is clearing. I can see it returning to the way it was."

There are many small rock dams built up along the river by the kids. The rangers don't mind. The river will wash them out when the water rises. "Besides," says Sutton, "the fish do better." It gives the trout a place to hide and feed. John Pfeiffer knew this. But then he knew a great deal about the area.

His father, Michael Pfeiffer, was one of the first pioneers in the area and John grew up in the region. He helped clear and plant the land, harvest the crops, care for the livestock and to hunt and fish the many special spots where wild boar roamed or steelhead lurked. He knew where the best strawberries were, how the wind blew up the canyons, when to watch for wild ducks passing through the area and where the wildflowers grew. He was a man who understood the laws of nature through observation.

He saw the clipper ships land to pick up the cargo of tanbark or redwood at the mouth of the Big Sur River and he watched as the area grew as first a wagon road then much later a state highway cut the civilizing path into the Big Sur country. And he had foresight to sell wisely and donate generously the land he loved; so that it would be protected from everything but the erosion of time.



Supervisors Pan Proposal

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San Luis Obispo county supervisors have warned Rep. Leon Panetta in a recent letter that his Big Sur coastal protection bill, following close on the heels of Sen. Alan Cranston's bill, raises concerns that could affect this county.

The supervisors said the Carmel Valley Democrat's bill raised concerns similar to Cranston's bill, which the supervisors opposed and which died in committee. Cranston's bill is in the process of being resurrected, with certain changes that mirror Panetta's proposal. Panetta's bill was scheduled to be heard before the house Subcommittee on National Parks and Insular Affairs on July 21 in Washington.

A representative of the Santa Lucia chapter of the Sierra Club told supervisors that Panetta's bill would not deny landowners "reasonable use of their property."

However, Ruth Taylor, president of the Committee Opposing Arrogant State Tyranny (COAST) said the bill would "accomplish virtually the same things" as Cranston's bill if passed.

In a letter to the supervisors, Taylor said, "We do not want another layer of government controlling this area. We believe that the county can capably 'preserve' this area ... we believe in local control."

The county administrator's office outlined several differences between Panetta and Cranston's bills in a report to the supervisors:

—Panetta's bill would set up a National Scenic Area based on Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties' local coastal plans, while Cranston's would not.

—Cranston's bill sets spending limits for the plan while Panetta's would not.

—Panetta's bill would not set a limit on the amount of private land acquired through condemnation while Cranston's sets a 5 percent limit on the purchase of private land in the area.

—Cranston's bill would include a majority of the Hearst Corporation property near San Simeon while Panetta's bill would exclude those lands.

Big Sur Coalition Seeks Carmel Endorsement

By Joann Vaughan

If at first you don't succeed, try try again may become the motto of the Big Sur Coalition in their quest for an endorsement from the Carmel City Council.

Although the council unanimously voted to take no action on the coalition's re-

quest, a coalition spokesman said he would ask council to reconsider an endorsement at the next council meeting, Aug. 4.

"I'm glad they tabled it so they can take the matter up again," Jim Josoff, general chairman of Friends of the Big Sur, said.

The coalition wants to use the city's name in support of their fight against proposed legislation to increase federal control of the Big Sur area. That legislation has been proposed to the U.S. Congress by Rep. Leon Panetta.

Josoff said the City of Carmel would face additional burdens from increased tourism if the Panetta bill passes, such as strains on parking and driving, sewerage and water systems and living accommodations.

"Citizens have to ask if they want to be governed by tourism," Josoff said. "They (the council) just don't

understand the impact this would have on Carmel.

Council members, however, rejected the request without hearing from coalition members in the audience.

"In my opinion, the City of Carmel should not endorse any faction of the Big Sur situation," Mayor Bernard Laiolo said. "We would be exposing ourselves to one great big issue outside of our district."

Councilman Frank Lloyd agreed. "Using the name of Carmel-by-the-Sea would reflect on only one of the groups involved," he said, "and they all have good intentions. I think we should stay out of it."

Before discussion began on the matter, City Administrator Douglas Peterson

warned council members that if the authority to use the city's name was given to the coalition, it was a "blanket endorsement."

"I would caution the City Council of such a blanket endorsement of any organization," he said.

Josoff said, though, that the endorsement would not be blanket approval because the council would have a member on the coalition's board of directors.

"They would be committing only to no increase in the federal management of the Big Sur area," he said, "and would have no representation on the board."

Josoff said he was optimistic about efforts to halt the Panetta bill.

"Things are moving our way," he said.

State Could Fund Big Sur LCP

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But, stressed Davidge, if the BLWC funds come from the state side through CCORP, "Local control would be maintained and landowners would not be disenfranchised."

"Mr. Panetta's bill," said Davidge, "would place much of his district under federal management."

"If significant funds are really needed to implement the state's Local Coastal Plan, why not use the state's BLWC funds and retain local control?" he asked.

In response to the status of Panetta's bill, Mr. Davidge said it was "pending consideration on the floor of the House. It could come up anytime," he said.

"Neither the White House aides, nor the senior staff of the U.S. Forest Service, nor officials from the Office of Management and Budget are convinced that Big Sur should be federalized," he said.

Davidge said there were concerns within the Carter Administration and the federal agencies about the way the Big Sur bill was being rushed along, and there was a growing suspicion among House minority members that there was "something more than meets the eye" about the Big Sur legislation.

The director of a government agency, who Davidge asked not to be identified, said he was now convinced that the attempts of the Wilderness Society to federalize this area [Big Sur] are based more for the development of recreational

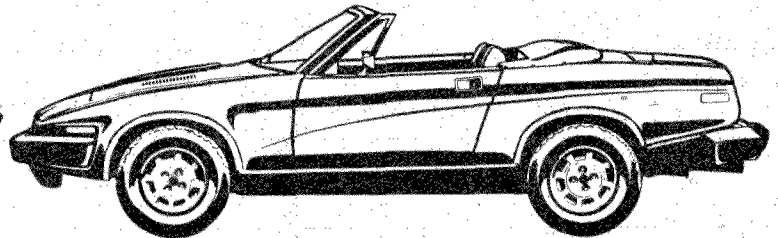
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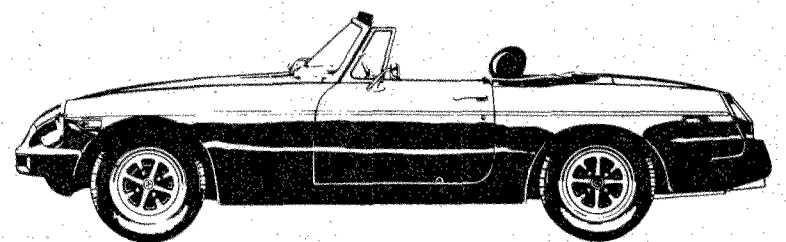
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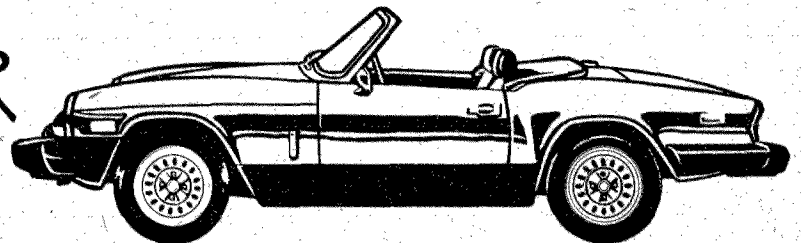
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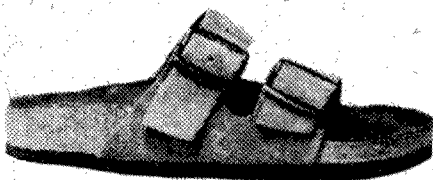
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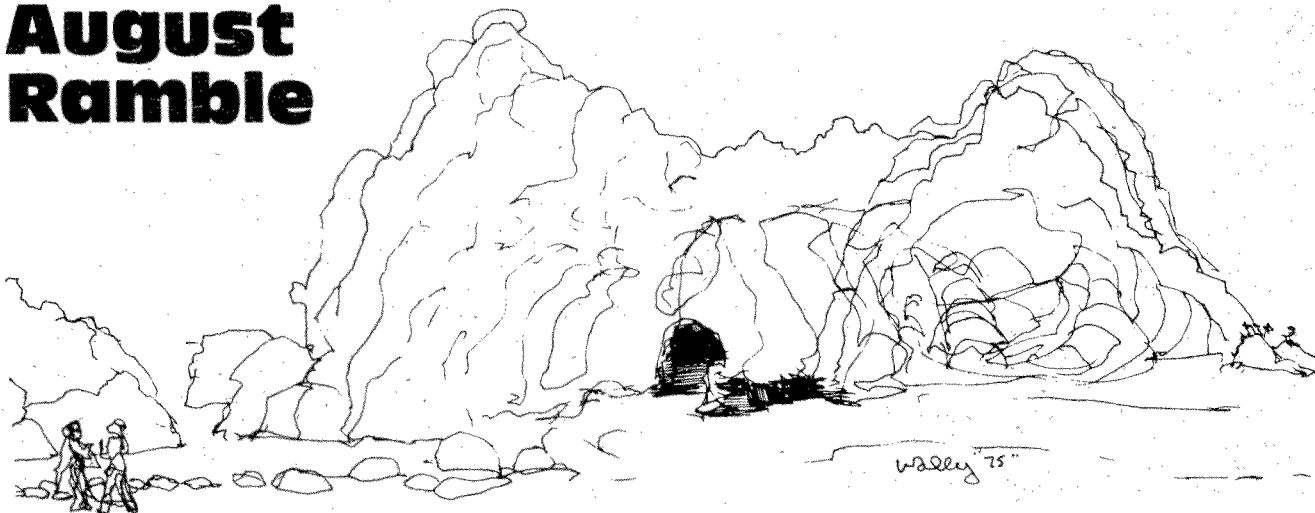
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August Ramble



Fire Weather Once Again

By Judith Goodman

Forest fire weather once again. I wake before dawn in my summertime bed on the upper meadow to the raucous screech of stellar jays. A breath of hot air hisses in the dessicated grasses and rattles the thistles. Not a trace of dew on my sleeping bag. Through the V of Sycamore Canyon I glimpse the sea lying flat and blue, the wall of fog an unpromising thin line far out on the horizon. My skin feels crisp and dry.

In my first conscious act of the day I sniff the air and anxiously scan my portion of the coast ridge from Mt. Manual to Lucia, relieved today that no dirty red column of smoke mars the faintly brightening sky over the wilderness. Three times in the past ten years I have watched from this perch as the forest burned. In this kind of weather I'm nervous.

Today the annual summertime paranoia has me in a tight grip. There flashes through my mind a picture of the western flank of my ridge — steep chaparral sloping down to a popular public beach — tangles of bone dry greasewood, dead manzanita, fallen ceanothus — hot burning fuels long overdue to burn. One match and an offshore breeze would suffice to send a brush fire moving like light up the slope to my neighborhood. With my mind's eye I try to peer into the dark recesses of Deer Creek Canyon searching for illegal campers. There is only one cure for this anxiety. I pull on my boots and my official Local Fanatic tee shirt and prepare for the two-mile pre-sunrise walk to Pfeiffer Beach to establish for myself that nobody sneaked in after the Forest Service Nighthawk Patrol, past the NO CAMPING/NO FIRES sign, past the DAY USE ONLY sign, and are perhaps at this very moment cooking breakfast over a roaring blaze.

Fueled by a quick cup of coffee, I climb to the high point of Clear Ridge, elevation 1209 feet, for a quick 360 degree survey of my domain. Molera seems trouble free. No nests in the grass to testify that someone slept here last night. To the west, the light is growing pink. I can just make out the silhouetted skeletons of the pines on Mt. Manual that burned in the fire of '72. Below me, encircled by golden hills, my neighborhood sleeps — Clear Ridge, Pear Valley, Pfeiffer Ridge, Rancho Rico, Mariposa Ridge, the Hill of the Hawk. All is well.

The dirt road that connects Clear Ridge with Deer Ridge has recently been dozed. Progress threatens. A brand new "barn"

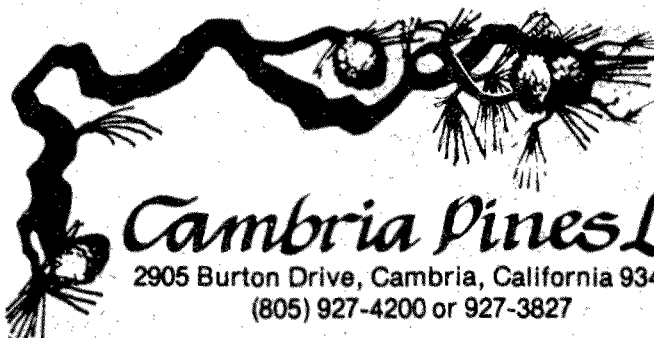
is materializing on the site of my former favorite horse mushroom patch. The lucky domestic animals who occupy this "agricultural building" will enjoy a spectacular view down Deer Ridge to the beach, through sliding plate glass doors. I mutter to myself as I pass the deserted building site — wouldn't want to live in this barn myself — it's a sitting duck in the event of fire.

The seaward slope of Deer Ridge supports typical California chaparral shrubs — hardy, low growing, thick leaved, rooted deep in the rocky soil — perfectly adapted to the Mediterranean climate pattern — six months of rain and six of drought. The manzanita is heavily laden with tiny orange "apples" — I taste one and hastily spit it out — sour, dry and mealy. A rapid browse of the wild huckleberry patch — the birds have beat me to it. Only a few dried salal berries, chewy like raisins, remain for my breakfast. Too late in the season.

Passing through the mysterious stand of dwarf redwoods, I wonder as usual how they came to grow in such an unlikely habitat, and thickly spaced, as if planted. There is a similar patch on Clear Ridge in an almost parallel location. Very odd. The road peters out along the narrow Deer Ridge spine, the trail growing more obscure every season as the brush encroaches. At the edge of the final sloping meadow I pause to watch the sun rise over the Ventanas. If I hurry I'll beat the morning to Deer Creek Canyon. I cautiously pick my way down the eroding crumble of rock, feeling the strain in my brakes. On the whale watching spot above the north end of Pfeiffer Beach I sniff the air. No taint of wood smoke, only the salty tang of ocean air. Maybe I won't have to play heavy this morning.

Darkness lingers in the canyon. Under the old cypresses at the mouth of Deer Creek where, in the early days a tangle of brambles and poison oak made it both difficult and dangerous to build a fire, now since the Forest Service has cleared the underbrush, only the soft droppings of the cypress trees clothe the ground. There is no one in the first clearing. I follow the path up the creek, past the NO CAMPING/NO FIRES sign and climb the last eroded stretch of trail to the topmost clearing. Uh oh! A pair of sleeping folks bedded down on ensolite pads beside the ashes of last night's fire.

I postpone the moment when I must interrupt this peaceful scene, understanding full well the pleasures of spending the



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night in a solitary, undeveloped spot. And yet, I can't let them be here. Not only is it against the law, but what's more, their presence is a danger. I swallow my timidity, screw up my courage and call out in my official voice, "Good morning."

The two young men sit up simultaneously, blinking in disbelief at the strange apparition standing in the gloom: local fanatic in straw hat and hiking boots. It truly is a rude awakening. I launch into my "no blame" spiel — just tell it like it is:

"I'm sorry to have to wake you; I live up above the beach. When the fire danger is high I take the responsibility of making sure the NO CAMPING/NO FIRES rule is obeyed. I see that you built a fire last night; perhaps it was too dark to see the signs. This beach and this canyon are for day use only. No overnight camping, no fires. You two are lucky. If the Forest Service Rangers who patrol this beach had caught you with a fire, you would have paid a minimum of \$30 in fines. The ranger has the power to demand a court appearance, in which case the punishment is up to the judge — the sky's the limit."

"I suggest that you pack your gear immediately and move on out. You have about a half an hour before the patrol arrives, which I am going to summon now. Please dismantle your fire ring and pack out your trash. And spread the good word: no camping at Pfeiffer Beach."

I take a deep breath and await their response. If they give me any flak I will have to trudge to the nearest phone and drag the ranger out before breakfast. To my relief, they scramble to obey, full of apologies and profuse thanks for saving them from "The Man." I help them break up the fire ring and scatter the ashes, then amble out of the shadows into the blinding white light of Pfeiffer Beach.

There she lies, my beautiful beach, shining in the early morning light. A high tide has crept in under starlight and scoured the sand of footprints. There is not a soul in sight, reminding me of the days, ten years ago, when often I was the only one here. As I follow the tideline searching for treasure and keeping my eyes peeled for trash, I ponder the changes of a decade. Access to the beach was through private property then; now this is a public beach. The road was then pot-holed and dusty, impassable in winter; paved and all-weather now. Then, the owner collected a \$2 fee for use of his road; now use of the beach is free. In those days, a resident caretaker watchdogged the beach 24 hours a day, strictly enforcing the rules; now the U.S. Forest Service is the responsible power, providing daily patrols, trash service and latrines, and paving the parking lots.

And the beach? How has it fared? The beach is the same inspiring parable — always changing and always the same. I wave to the two young men as they make tracks toward the parking lot, then stretch out in the warming sand to enjoy a nostalgic moment before the folks come pouring in. I am grateful to the feds for lending me their clout, without which I could not fulfill my job as self-appointed caretaker of Pfeiffer Beach.

If there are any locals reading this, may I suggest that you adopt a spot along the coast and watchdog it through the summer. Seems like whatever the political solutions, it's up to us who live here to take care. And to love doing it.

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Park Superintendent Supports Inholders Association Charges

Joel Picklener, former deputy chief of the legislative division of the National Park Service and present superintendent of Fire Island National Seashore in New York, admitted in an interview with the *Fire Island Tide* that it has been a National Park Service policy to condemn all private land within a park, forcing inholders to give up their land.

In the interview, published June 27, Picklener said, "You have to realize that our (NPS) thinking was greatly influenced by an Army Corps of Engineers mentality. When the ACOE moved into an area to build a dam there was no question of anyone in the affected area remaining. Sometimes they had to remove people by gunpoint, but ultimately everyone was cleared out. The Sierra Club school of thinking is also very similar: residents within parks should be brought out."

"I have to give Charles Cushman (founder of the National Inholders Association) most of the credit for changing this approach. It was Cushman who started the hue and cry over NPS land acquisition and he kept at it until he focused public attention in that direction."

Picklener, a lawyer by training who was very much involved with the 1978 National Parks and Recreation Act, also said that Cushman's "mobilizing inholders and bringing pressure to bear on NPS," was one of the reasons the service has "backed off" since the day NPS Deputy Director Ira Hutchison testified before a Senate subcommittee hearing that "it is anticipated that the authority to condemn would be exercised ... so that the barrier island will ultimately be returned to its natural condition ..."

"After listening to a great many people express their feelings against government

land acquisition, there was a turnaround in high-level thinking," Picklener said.

Picklener also supported Cushman's allegations that a "good-guy-bad-guy" management policy exists within the Park Service. In an interview last year Charles Cushman said, "I've been to 75 parks this year (1979). Everyone of them has a good guy, bad guy program going. The scenario is that they bring in a real gangster and he beats hell out of the local people. When things get bad enough they bring in a real

soft-shoe guy who is nice as pie for a few years. Then as soon as all the groups relax and everyone starts to feel secure, bang, they bring in another gorilla and ..."

"Cushman's right," Picklener said. "That was an NPS policy ... I'm the nice guy in the scenario and I hope there are no gorillas in after I'm gone ..."

The National Inholders Association views Picklener's statements, as well as those made by other Park Service officials, as verification that allegations waged by NIA for the past three years are valid.

Local Family to Open Casino

From the *Herald*
July 29, 1980

Dr. Seeley W. Mudd II of Carmel and his sister, Elise Mudd Marvin of Los Angeles, have been granted a Nevada state license to open a casino in a Reno hotel that they own.

The license granted by the Nevada Gaming Commission allows a full casino operation, including slot machines and gaming tables, at the Ramada Inn, a new 156-room hotel.

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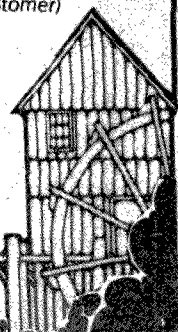
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What's Been ...

When the Forest Theater Guild took over its territory for the summer, the Staff Players Repertory Company of the Children's Experimental Theatre moved to the York School Library for the season.

That library is nothing to sniff at. You, the audience, sit with your back to a glass wall facing a magnificent sunset. You face a set made of paper and papier-mache with rows of library shelves sticking up above it. Then suddenly you are in the world of the play and don't notice

anymore where you are.

The Enchanted by French master Jean Giraudoux ended in July, unfortunately. It should have continued on all summer. The author gave it a subtle humor, a deep subject, and a witty set of lines here and there. The plot is ridiculous but has very much of a point. A small village in France complains of being haunted. Too many things are happening as they should, and that isn't normal. The problem is traced to a charming young lady who must eventually choose between life as it really is and life as she would like it, which is actually death.

The production was superb with Tom Sanchez as the Doctor who's job it is to help us over the changes of scene here and there, Jeanne Wooster as young Isabel and William Cates and the

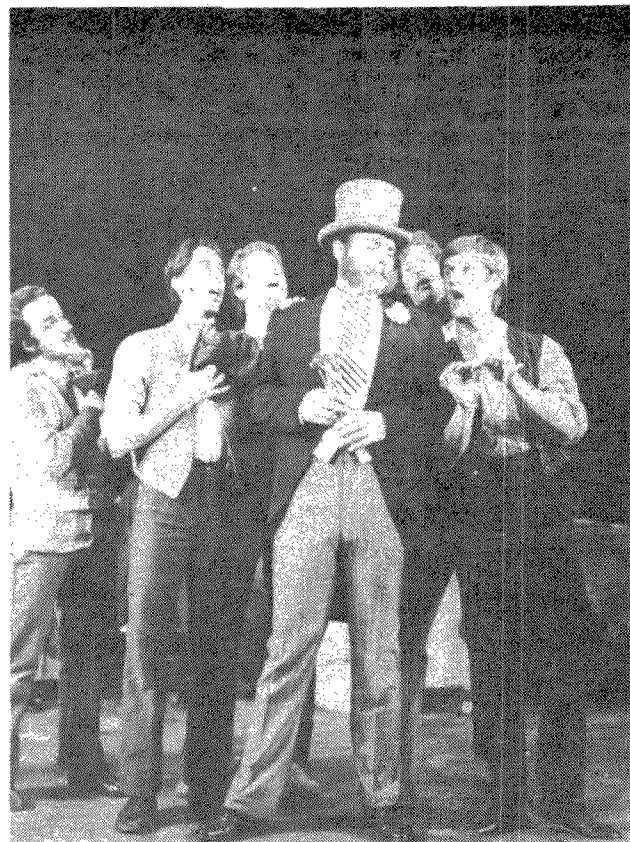
somewhat stuffy but understanding Mayor. John Brady as the Inspector is especially funny.

For August the same troupe offers *Butley*, an equally heavy British play without the comic charm. *Butley* is serious stuff and emotionally moving stuff. Nick Hovick in the leading role should do well by it, but this one is not for children.

What's Now ...

Five nights a week the Troupers of the Gold Coast put on a show about a fine fellow driven to drink by a villainous villain. His virtuous daughter resists the villain's advances and at last falls into the waiting arms of the handsome hero who had nothing to do with saving the day. It's hilarious.

One night it's called *The Hand of the Law*, the next it's called *Ruined By Drink*. It is indeed two different shows, but one plot. The 19th century melodrama did not



ALFRED DOOLITTLE (Reg Huston, center) is consoled by his drinking companions prior to his wedding in this scene from *My Fair Lady* now playing at Hidden Valley. Also pictured, from left to right, are Rich Cameron, Kim Mowrey, Paul Tuff, John Stenmark and Mark Johnston.



THE VILLAIN, Slymon Winklecutter (L. Thomas R. Sanchez) and Desdemona (Leslie L. Robinson) apply some liquor to Col. Starnes (Andy Philpot) to attain his gold in the Staff Players' production of *Dead Man's Mill*, to be performed at the Grange Hall in Big Sur Aug. 8, 9 and 10 at 8:30 p.m.

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The First Theater in California (Monterey) has been doing such stuff continually since 1937. Apparently the formula works. The melodrama is followed by an "olio," what our not-so-distant ancestors wasted their time viewing instead of television. The olio includes everything from song and dance to poetry to a sing-along and even a sermon on the evils of drink. Very moral, but occasionally most spicy.

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The Forest Theater in Carmel alternates *Hamlet* by whatsizname with *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* through Aug. 31.

British actor Tom Stoppard took the two least interesting characters in English drama and gave them their own play. The Bard himself has the king of Denmark refer to them as "Rosencrantz and gentle Guildenstern" only to have his queen immediately address them as "Guildenstern and gentle Rosencrantz" as if they were interchangeable.

Which is exactly what they are.

They know they have been sent for. Therefore there must be some purpose. What, they don't know. We're not sure, either. The action of *Hamlet* swirls about them, but nothing comes of it all except that they must die at last. Danny Gochnauer as Hamlet continually gives them dirty looks when not shaking his head in exasperation.

Keith Decker as Rosencrantz — although he's not sure if maybe he's not Guildenstern — shines through as good naturedly stupid while his pal, Charles Murphy, has just enough concentration to build a syllogism and then forget what the subject was. Both actors do well. Director Peter DeBono keeps them moving about John Naccarato's stark multilevel stage with enough vigor to keep us through three acts on those impossibly hard Forest Theater benches in the cold night air.

Particularly fun to watch is William Logan as head of the little group of players who

seem almost as lost as our heroes. At least they know that their purpose is to have none at all, and Mr. Logan explains his position with flair. (Stick around for the full rendition of *Hamlet* some other night and find out what he can do with Polonius and the Gravedigger.)

Hidden Valley welcomes the world renowned soprano Elisabeth Schwarzkopf in mid-August for a vocal master class. There is still room for auditors. Call 659-3115. Registration fee is \$15. Eight participants selected by Dr. Schwarzkopf will present a public recital Aug. 22 at 8 p.m. at the Sunset Center. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10 or through Hidden Valley outlets at \$8 each.

My Fair Lady at Hidden Valley this month is by far the finest musical in the area this summer. Nothing about it falls flat.

Director Fred Weiss packs the stage with people dancing and singing as if such exuberance were the normal thing to be doing all the time. The large production numbers are worthy of Broadway, and the small ones don't disappoint either. Everyone is good, from Henry Higgin's mother right up to Henry himself. Jim Jensen as the lovable Colonel Pickering is a gentleman to his fingertips. Henry, on the other hand, couldn't be more self-centered if he tried.

Al Ellington as Henry Higgins exudes energy like a dynamo. He doesn't need to physically cover the stage when he sings, he merely has to sing and the world centers on him totally. Just as his character would want.

Reg Huston, who played Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof* this past season, likewise plays his amoral Alfred P. Doolittle as if the world indeed turned round him alone. He's so comfortable in the role, one wonders that this fellow could be an administrative assistant at Hidden Valley when not playing a drunk.

Velvali de Ayxa as Eliza has the character well in hand and an excellent voice, but has difficulty overcoming Hidden Valley's acoustics. The orchestra gives several of the actors a hard go of it. Occasionally it even speeds up after a slow start, leaving the singer to catch up.

Kim Mowrey as the lovesick Freddy who hangs about Eliza's door was the only actor to overcome the orchestra. In his one song, *The Street Where You Live*, he just kept going in the rhythm first given until the music director conformed again. Don't think the audience didn't notice, and applaud.

All told, it's one great show.

Hidden Valley's other winner this month is *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, featuring many of *Fair Lady's* choral members in leading roles.

In this one it's impossible to pick a best and a worst. Again Fred Weiss has his actors filling the stage, even when there's only one of them present. For example, Rich Cameron as Snoopy leaps off his doghouse to strut his kicksteps all over the place in his ecstasy over "Supertime." Rich has minor things to do in *My Fair Lady*, but always manages to stand out. We may be seeing him in bigger stuff in the future.

Even Jon Gruett as Charlie Brown managed to capture my attention, which is saying a lot since I don't care for the character at all. Kim Mowrey as Linus, Deborah Pierce as Patty and Mary Jean Brady as Lucy also command attention. Mark Johnston as Schroeder has a particular intensity when trying to ignore Lucy's protestations of undying love and concentrate on his piano.

Hidden Valley tickets may be purchased at various outlets around the Monterey Peninsula. Call 659-3115 for information.

What Might Be ...

If the Forest Theater's production of *Hamlet* succeeds in turning you on to the Bard, and if Stratford-on-Avon seems a bit far away, behold! ye olde Shakespeare Theatre tradition lives yet just beyond yon hill.

For those planning a jaunt to Solvang, the PCPA Theaterfest offers Shakey and a few other greats through Sept. 21. P.O. Box 13899, Santa Maria 93456; (805) 922-8313.

The Berkeley Shakespeare Festival offers *The Tempest* this month and *King Lear* next month. P.O. Box 5328, Berkeley 94705; (415) 845-0303.

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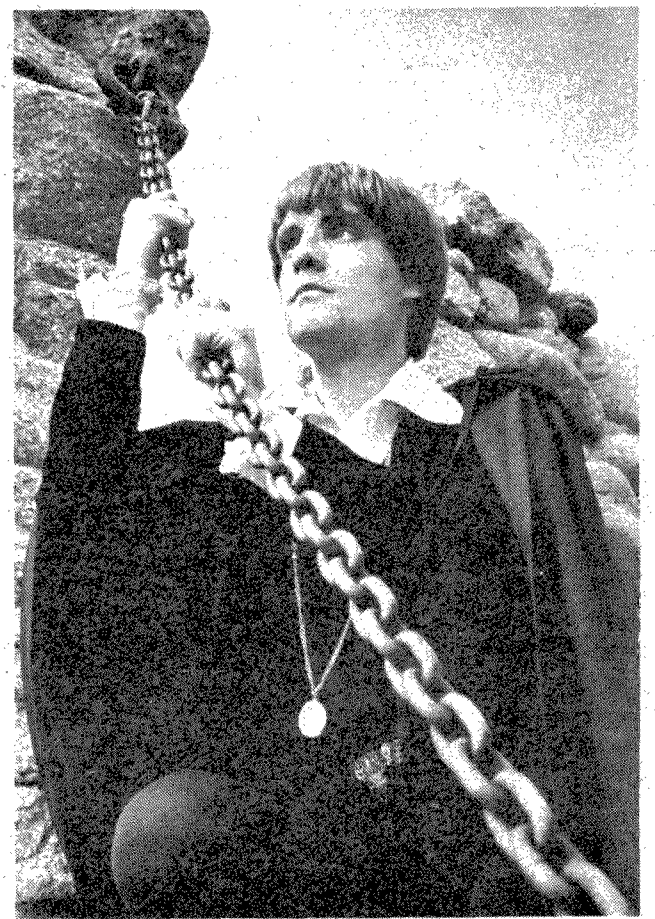
For those who prefer to let George do the driving, the Festival Theatre Guilds of Monterey and Salinas offer a bus ride to The California Shakespeare Festival at Visalia for their *Hamlet* and *Midsummer Night's Dream* on Aug. 9 and 10. Interested? Call 758-1587 or write to The Festival Theatre Office, P.O. Box 1302, Salinas 93902. For those going by private car, performances last through Aug. 17 at the College of the Sequoias, P.O. Box 590, Visalia 93279; (209) 625-5000.

What's Coming ...

Carmel's Studio Theatre/Restaurant will present *The Matchmaker* Aug. 8-Sept. 14.

Marina Curtis, who directed the hilarious *Man Who Came to Dinner* in May and June, will be directing a few Studio favorites, such as Bruce Roberts, Eleanor Wylde, and Irene Morris.

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Parts of Shoreline Access Plan Opposed by Highlands Residents

By Joann Vaughan

Carmel Highlands and Yankee Point residents strongly opposed parts of the proposed Shoreline Access Plan at the Carmel Citizens' Advisory Committee on the Local Coastal Plan meeting July 24.

At issue were two proposals, one increasing public access to Yankee Point Beach and the other changing Spindrift Road to a one-way, north-bound road to increase public access of the coastal view.

About 40 residents turned out to protest these proposals, made by the Monterey County Planning Department.

Opponents of the plan to make Spindrift Road one-way said this would create an

unnecessary traffic burden on the residents of the Highlands.

"Anyone who wishes to can already travel north," Richard Spencer, a resident of the Highlands, said. Spencer also told the committee the proposal would create a "traffic glut" and force residents of Spindrift Road to drive an approximate extra 33,000 miles per year.

Robert Dille, president of the Carmel Highlands Association said, "Finally, the Carmel Highlands Association strongly urges the Coastal Commission to study origins and development of this ill-conceived abomination by its staff and take the steps necessary to stamp out and remove forever this kind of threat to

our citizens. It is exactly the kind of bureaucratic bungling that will cause an uprising among the natives who are already restless."

Other residents said that the need for the one-way road was unnecessary because there were already existing vista turnouts in the area.

On the Yankee Point Beach issue, beach owner Burke Maino said he and the other owner of the property "would not stand for the beach to be made public."

"Access to our land is moot," he said. "The beach is still private."

Maino said use of the beach had been "informally granted" to other Yankee Point residents, but that it had never been open to the public. Maino's wife echoed her husband's statements, adding that public access to the beach would increase an already unmanageable trespass problem.

Director of the Highlands Association, W.K. Reardon, said that according to the Attorney General, the public did not have a right to use Yankee Point Beach. The public is given a prescriptive right to beach access only if the property, though privately owned, has been used by the public for the past five years.

Reardon said the Attorney General had ruled that no such prescriptive right existed at Yankee Point and therefore it did not have to be opened to the public.

Other residents warned of potential problems the opening of the beach would produce including unsafe beach walkways, dangerous wave action, lack of toilet and garbage facilities, lack of parking facilities and low visibility

Hearst Offers to Buy 868 Acres of North Coast

From the Cambrian

The former Warren Junge ranch is on the auction block and the Hearst Corporation has offered more than \$1.4 million for the 868 acre spread.

Hearst made the bid in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Los Angeles June 24. The owner of the property, San Simeon Museums, Inc., filed bankruptcy about a year ago and, according to Hearst Corp. vice president Jack Cook, the purchase offer represents the "sum total of all secured credits against the property, including the trustees and attorneys' fees."

According to an attorney for one of the creditors, the proposal is a cash offer with \$500,000 deposit and the deal is expected to close July 24, a month from the original offer.

The property was originally owned by the Hearst family, who split up parcels and sold the 868 acre spread to Warren Junge. The property was subsequently sold to San Simeon Museums, Inc.

If the offer is accepted by the court, the new acreage would mean the Hearst's North Coast holdings would stretch from San Simeon Creek, about three miles north of Cambria, to the San Luis Obispo county line — an area of almost 78,000 acres.



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of the beach, making policing of the area a difficult job.

"How are you going to keep the dope addicts off a beach that is totally secluded?" one resident asked.

Residents were, however, more critical of the LCP staff, who they believed were unfamiliar with the areas, than they were of the members of the committee.

"I don't understand why your staff keeps bringing up the same things over and over again," Mrs. Richard Spencer said. "Why do they waste your time with the same suggestions over and

over again when they've been proven false?"

Several board members agreed with the audience and opposed the Yankee Point and Spindrift proposals. Member Philip Gray not only endorsed the views of the Highlands residents, but also accused the staff of "not expressing the views of the CAC."

Staff member Bill Farrel made no comment.

The proposed shoreline access report was referred to a subcommittee, headed by committee member Mary Margaret DeBartolo for study. Committee Chairman

Harold Seyferth said further public opinion would be sought when the plan is considered by the entire committee.

In other action, the committee:

—Postponed discussion of the Water and Marine Resources report until the second meeting in August.

—Viewed a slide show detailing the visual resources of Carmel presented by member Ken Wood.

—Reviewed a letter from Senator S.I. Hayakawa supporting efforts to keep the Big Sur area from federal control.

The Significance of the Fourth

Publisher's Letter reprinted from Monterey Life Magazine, July 1980

Independence Day is very much like Christmas. Most of us celebrate these holidays, and others, but we give little thought to their true meaning. When today's children think of the Fourth of July, they conjure up images of fireworks, picnics and warm summer days spent on the beach. I'd wager there's not one in ten thousand children or adults that reflects on the true significance of this day. And I don't mean the declaration of our independence from British rule — that's a minor point.

No, the Fourth of July, Independence Day, is one of the most significant days in human history. It represents the key event which finally broke loose a vast reservoir of energy called human freedom. It was this event which established that governments are created to protect the rights and property of their citizens, not to enslave them. At the time, in 1776, this was a mind-bending revolution in thinking difficult for many living in the new republic to accept; today it is inconceivable for us to consider life in anything other than a free society.

Over the years, our fledgling government has grown from an uncertain toddler to an overbearing mammoth of staggering dimensions — sort of like a Japanese movie monster. Long ago we ceased being a country of strong individualists who flared at any attempt of government to encroach on our lives. In recent years, we have asked government to do more and more for us and our politicians, in their rush to buy our votes, have fallen all over themselves in an attempt to outbid one another with our own money.

As the saying goes — with great truth — "Government can only give to you that which was first taken from you."

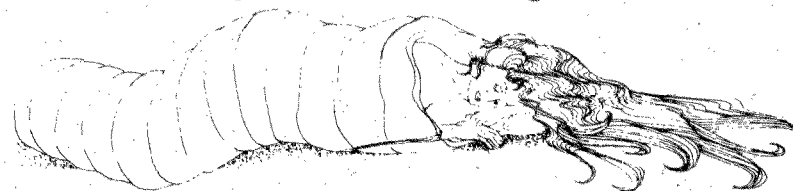
Today we suffer from a burdensome excess of government. We need to start acting now to find ways to reduce the role of government, to find creative private solutions that depend on the working of the marketplace rather than seeking greater governmental regulation and intrusion.

An excellent local example is "The Big Sur Problem," which, after all I've seen and heard on the subject, I have yet to see adequately defined. Everyone involved in the controversy seems to agree on the need to preserve the Big Sur area, yet there is still heavy pressure to bring in the federal government to "protect" it. The rationale is that the federal government is the only body around with enough money to fund this protection. I have a problem with this approach: to begin with, I believe there are viable alternatives to federal funding if we wish to put forth the effort to seek them out; and, secondly, who will protect us from the intervention, regulation and inevitable property seizures of our own government? There is no place to go for appeal.

If we are to reverse the growth of government and its present heavy burden, we must be willing to seek alternative solutions and not continue to rush to Uncle Sugar to solve everything. If we don't, the precious escape we won in 1776 will go for naught, and we will once again become the ruled rather than the rulers. There's another old saying that we should burn into our national consciousness: "That government governs best which governs least." —NEALE JOHNSON

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The 1977 Big Sur National Park Campaign

(Editor's Note:

The following Big Sur National Park Campaign Scenario was authored by William A. Turnage and reproduced on his letterhead in August, 1977.

William A. Turnage is Ansel Adams' business manager and the executive director of the Wilderness Society, which on Jan. 15, 1980, announced its intent to propose a National Scenic Area designation for the Big Sur Coast.

It should also be noted that when the Campaign Scenario was exposed and distributed to the community in the fall of 1977, resident Nathaniel Owings objected to Turnage's use of his name, stated that he was not in favor of a federal takeover, and he favored local control. In July Mr. Owings reversed himself and endorsed Leon Panetta's bill.)

There appears to be virtually unanimous agreement among concerned Peninsulans that there exists an urgent necessity to act now to save the remaining undeveloped areas of the Big Sur, and to protect and preserve the remarkable character and beauty of this very special part of the California coast. Informal exploratory discussions indicate that the most viable and satisfactory method of saving Big Sur lies in mounting a concerted and professional effort to establish a Big Sur National Park or National Seashore. Among the individuals involved in or aware of the discussions include, in addition to the members of your board present at the luncheon on July 28, include Fred Farr, Sam Farr, Nathaniel Owings, Ansel Adams, Congressman Leon Panetta (and members of his staff), Larry Moss (director, Planning & Conservation League) and Will Shaw.

It is our consensus that to develop the Big Sur concept and plan, present it both locally and nationally, and organize a successful park campaign will require one full year of work by a local coordinator with experience and professional competence, operating with a budget of approximately \$60,000. The project could and should begin as early as Nov. 1.

The Monterey Peninsula Foundation has been suggested by Will Shaw and Fred Farr as an ideal "sponsoring entity," though the campaign would presumably be separate and the coordinator would not be an employee of the Foundation. Mr. Shaw has volunteered to undertake the major fund-raising effort and the Foundation could serve as the recipient of tax-deductible gifts. I believe your attorney has indicated that such a procedure would be legal and satisfactory. We have also had several discussions in this area with Latham & Watkins of Los Angeles, one of the largest law firms in the West, who have indicated an interest in donating up to \$50,000 worth of legal services in connection with the project.

All campaign activities would be undertaken with scrupulous regard for legal, accounting and management standards, and in close concert with the relevant attorneys.

We need not review the critical nature of the development, visitation and land-use pressures in the Big Sur region. Nor is it necessary to extol the aesthetic and natural virtues of the land and coastline. Big Sur clearly needs and merits protection and preservation.

Discussions to date have focused on the national park or seashore concept as the best because: (1) the Federal Government alone has the necessary financial resources for land acquisition, preservation and management; (2) the National Park Service is widely recognized as the most experienced and effective resource preservation/people management agency in the U.S.; (3) unified, one-agency management of this large, complex and very heavily visited region seems essential.

We believe there is unlikely to be major, serious opposition to such a Big Sur concept, either at the local, state or national level — though there might clearly be some debate about the best method, cost and timing for achieving the desired objectives. The residents of the Big Sur area itself are extraordinarily

ly aware of their unique physical environment and deeply concerned about the problem of overdevelopment and excessive uncontrolled tourism.

Many concepts and issues remain to be resolved, of course. The entire idea is very much in the earliest stages of discussion. The views and suggestions of your board members are earnestly solicited. Among the issues to be considered are the boundaries of a proposed park or seashore; cost and method of land acquisition; policy towards inholdings and developed areas; collaboration with the state parks system; long-term use and development plans for the area; etc.

The enclosed scenario/outline focuses the majority of the campaign's time and effort towards gathering information, then developing and effectively communicating a viable, truly democratic proposal which reflects the wishes and aspirations of Monterey Peninsula residents while maintaining the broadest public and national interest.

We look forward to further discussions with you and your

An Open Letter

William A. Turnage, Director
The Wilderness Society
1901 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Turnage:

It is widely known that you authored the August 1977 Big Sur National Park Campaign scenario which outlined plans for making Big Sur a national park;

It is also widely known that you are Ansel Adams' business manager and publicist;

It is further widely known that you are a business associate of Will Shaw and Ansel Adams;

It is finally widely known that you are using the Wilderness Society to lobby for Big Sur federal legislation;

Because your actions, if successful, will irrevocably affect the lives and future of the people of Big Sur, the editor of the Big Sur Gazette is writing this open letter to obtain your answers to the following questions:

Are you still employed by Ansel Adams?

Are you still a business partner of Ansel Adams and Will Shaw?

As director of the Wilderness Society, you are a quasi-public official; will you disclose your sources of income for public scrutiny?

Your prompt reply would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,
Gary Koepfel
Editor and Publisher

colleagues. The goal is worthy of our best efforts — and the challenge is among the most exciting and important ever to face the Monterey Peninsula.

SUBJECT: PROJECT OUTLINE — THE CAMPAIGN FOR BIG SUR NATIONAL PARK

I. Concept

1. Initial Discussions: Panetta, Shaw, Adams, Turnage, F. Farr, Moss
2. Sam Farr
3. Secondary Discussions: Panetta, Adams, Turnage, Foley, Franzen in Washington, D.C.
 - a. Mo Udall
4. Shaw-Turnage: Budgets, Planning, Initial Execution
5. Adams-Farr-Owings: Basic concepts—Develop preliminary proposal (September/October)

II. Organization

1. Create an Entity and a Steering Committee (August)
2. Select an Executive Director (August)
3. Fundraising — Will Shaw (August-October)
4. Establish program and office (October-November)

III. Concept Presentation

1. Local groups (civic, environmental); prominent individuals and Big Sur large landowners; local media.
 2. County and local governments
 3. State government: governor's office, Resource Department, Legislature.
 4. State Parks Department
 5. National Park Service
 6. U.S. Forest Service & Department of Agriculture
 7. Federal administration: Interior, Office of Management & Budget, White House, CEQ.
 8. National environmental organizations
- (This phase to occupy November & December, concurrent with Phase IV — Information Gathering)

IV. Information Gathering

1. County Plan Study (Sam Farr)
 2. History & Available Scientific Literature
 3. Other existing studies of area
 4. Personal interviews (residents, USFS, State Parks, NPS, etc.)
 5. Intense on-site familiarization with area
 6. Resource inventory
 7. Need for possible additional professional studies?
- (This phase to begin in November, but to extend through March — overlap with Phase II — Concept Presentation)

V. Proposal Formulation

1. Boundaries
 2. Cost
 3. Inholdings Policy
 4. Management Objectives & Philosophy
 5. National Park Service input
 6. Local input and collaboration
 7. Guidance from Panetta, Burton & Congressional staffs/committees
- (This phase to be completed April-July 1978)

IV. Proposal Presentation

1. Local groups and individuals as in III.1. (primary)
 2. National environmentalists (key)
 3. Administration: White House, OMB, Interior, Agriculture, NPS
 4. State government
- (This phase is an in-depth expansion of Phase III. Crucial element in success of Campaign. (August-October 1978)

SUBJECT: INITIAL BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE CAMPAIGN FOR BIG SUR NATIONAL PARK

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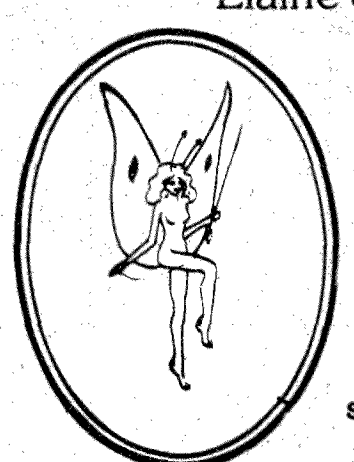
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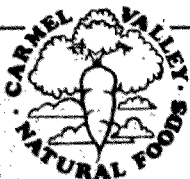
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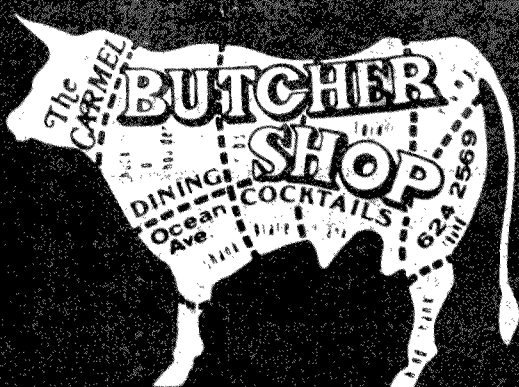
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Democracy in Washington

By Jim Josoff

Washington is hard. Hard on your feet and hard on your belief in the democratic process. After half a dozen eight-hour days tramping the marble halls of Congress, visiting with aide after aide and a few representatives themselves, you realize that everything seems to be handled on a trade-off basis ... except for overheated, aching callouses which nobody wants to trade you for.

The Friends of the Big Sur Coast only had money enough to send five people back to Washington for lobbying and for the hearing and meeting of the House Subcommittee on Parks and Insular Affairs, and the meeting of the full Committee, Interior and Insular Affairs. The Panetta bill, more subtle, more dangerous and less honest than the Cranston bill, was the cause of our going. Rosemary Craven, Pat Chamberlain, Everett Makowski, Alan Perlmutter and I, all from the Friends, were joined in this latest lobbying effort by Ruth Taylor of COAST and Wiley Ramey Jr. and Ken Machado from the South Coast section of Big Sur. Because of the power of Representative Philip Burton and the very strange admanancy of Leon Panetta (whom we can no longer honestly call our 'Representative'), we knew in advance that we had little chance of winning in the House of Representatives. But we had to try, and we had to lay a groundwork for the bigger fight, the one we can win in the Senate.

By the time of the full Committee meeting on Wednesday at 9:45 a.m., we had between us visited 33 representative's offices, three of them several times. Thirty-two aides found themselves on our side: "Of course you don't want Big Brother if you don't need him. My personal views are the same as yours and I think my boss' would be, too ... but I'm not sure he wants to buck Burton right now. We've got some things going in our own district and we may need his help."

So much for what's right, or wrong. So much for preventing government waste through unnecessary expenditures.

And yet, when push came to shove, some of them did stand up and be counted. Our message evidently had got through the mire of expediency. Representative Lagomarsino was beautiful in the subcommittee hearing with his, "I have some real reservations about whether this bill is even needed at all." And Sebelius, in full committee, asking that there be Minority Views in the record, minority views which would show the rest of the House and the Senate that there was controversy about Panetta's great mistake, major controversy. And then there was Marriott in full committee, demanding to know from Panetta why he was pushing the bill if there were so many people writing to him, a Congressman from Utah, asking him to vote against the bill. He also asked Panetta about all of the petitions signed by the residents and property owners against

any increase in the level of federal intervention, and Panetta lied. He said that the petitions were against the Cranston bill, not his, and all the while he knew that the petitions were begun long before we ever heard of either bill. He also said that the Citizen's Advisory Committee was supporting his bill, implying that the CAC represented the people of Big Sur, and all the while he knew that they were in fact political appointees of his buddy, Sam Farr, another of the originators of the Aug. 3, 1977 plan to turn Big Sur into a national park. Several of us recalled Paul Vieregge saying in one of the CAC meetings that the CAC did not represent the community; indeed, Paul said, they had trouble enough just representing themselves. But now, here in Washington, we had Panetta as much as stating that he had the backing of the citizenry.

Anyway, Burton agreed to allow the Minority Views and the bill passed out of committee in his own inimitable style: "All in favor signify by saying aye hearing no objections the bill is passed to the floor." Or words to that effect ... without punctuation.

It was hard to hear those words, even when you knew they were coming. It was hard to sit there knowing you have been betrayed by your own Congressman. It was hard to sit there when you saw Leon Panetta turn to Sandy Hillyer of the Big Sur Foundation to get him to answer a question about the size of the area included in the revised and worsened bill. (Sandy was wrong, too.) It was hard to sit there after you had had a three and a half hour meeting with Burton over water glasses of Vodka, during which you saw perhaps the faintest glimmer of understanding that Leon, his boy Leon, had in fact made a mistake. (Burton even used those words during the marathon meeting when he finally called Leon in.) But nothing changed. That's the way it is in Burton's House.

But thank God for the minority. I never thought I would hear myself saying that, me, a lifelong registered Democrat. But they are the ones seeking less government interference and control over the lives of the citizens. They are the ones who stand up against government waste. In fact, Big Sur seems to be almost a microcosm of the Republican campaign. Maybe the terms are wrong nowadays. Maybe the parties should be called 'The 1950s Liberals Party' and 'The 1980s Realists Party.'

In the subcommittee hearing, and again in the nighttime session with Burton and, finally, Panetta ... we went over the two reasons why Panetta wanted legislation (the announced reasons) and gave proof that the same things could be accomplished without legislation. First, Panetta harps like a broken record on the need to bring the Forest Service activities under the control of the Local Coastal Plan. This time we showed him a copy of OMB Circular A-95-Part II which could

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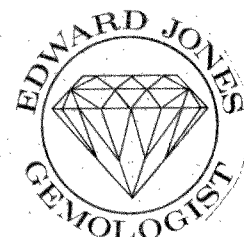
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Panetta's second CAUSE is to provide compensation for landowners. If I had a devious mind, and maybe I am beginning to develop one, I would begin to wonder just what landowners Leon is so anxious to compensate. There really is money available to compensate landowners not permitted to use their land because of restrictions of the LCP. All that has to be done is to make the LCP, after it is accredited by the State Coastal Commission, an amendment to the California Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Plan, and reprioritize the items on the plan's list so that this great treasure (everybody agrees Big Sur is a great treasure) is near the top of the list. Then it will be funded by the Land & Water Conservation Fund (50 percent federal, 25 percent state and 25 percent county monies). No one yet knows how many parcels will be unbuildable because of the LCP. No site-specific analysis has been done. The slow pace of permit application may mean that it will be years before we know the final amount, if any, and if ever. However, it will certainly not be the \$30 million price tag

Memo from the Master

Reprinted from California Grange News

The California State Grange representing 50,000 Californians supports the thesis of local control by the people in the management of its affairs. The Grange supported AJR 74 by Assemblywoman Hallett in an effort to help ensure that there will be no increase in the level of federal involvement in the Big Sur.

The Big Sur area is already well protected by the natural landscape of the land; by the restraints of the people of the area who value property and its environment, and have by choice elected to live there because of its natural beauty; by county zoning and by the California Coastal Zone Conservation Act of 1972; by passing Proposition 20 through the initiative process to protect the California coastline, and subsequently implemented by the enactment of the California Coastal Act of 1976 by the State legislature.

The residents of the Big Sur coast historically have demonstrated and expressed a determined will and ability to preserve the scenic beauty of their area from over development and at the same time have protected its splendor for those enjoying its scenic beauty and also preserving for the people who live there an American lifestyle and the creative beauty which they inherited.

With this protection there is no need for further controls by the federal government. It is clear from past experiences that when the federal government becomes involved in acquiring or managing land for preservation purposes, the people and communities within the boundaries become severely infringed.

The California State Grange committed to local control and management supports the effort of Big Sur Grange to retain local control of the Big Sur regions so long as the California Coastal Act of 1976, or a similar protective State law, is in effect.



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Burton put on the bill, unless there are some other people to be bailed out. Are they thinking of compensating landowners who have bought a parcel that has no water, or no percibility for septic systems, or that is geologically unstable? Who benefits? There has to be a reason why Panetta is flying in the face of logic. One last thought on Panetta. Remember all of those speeches and news releases in which he talked about local control? On Tuesday afternoon, we sat in Panetta's office with him. Pat Chamberlain, Everett Makowski, Rosemary Craven, Wiley Ramey Jr., Rick Davidge and I. Leon was going over the changes in his bill. Finally I asked if the Secretary of Agriculture did not in fact have final authority and he said, "Yes, the Secretary of Agriculture does have final authority." We left shortly after that, several stomachs heaving.

Despite the problems in the House, the problems of standing up for what you believe is right, things don't look too bad. When the bill passes the House, it will go to the Senate, where the Friends have more friends, where we defeated the Senate Majority Whip once and with your help will do so again. As Alan Perlmutter told the House Subcommittee, "the Big Sur Coalition now represents 95,708 Californians who want no increase in federal land ownership, management or control of the Big Sur Coast." As Pat Chamberlain told them, "If you want more Big Sur signatures on petitions, we'll get them. The people of Big Sur are not going to be carelessly misled by Panetta." As Rosemary Craven said to the subcommittee, "This isn't a conservation bill, it's a compensation bill." As Everett Makowski said, "I would like to ask that you do an Environmental Impact Report before you go any further. I think the results of this bill will be terrible. If we have to do EIRs on small projects and we do, you had better do one on this bill."

There are things everyone can do to help. Write to members of the Senate Subcommittee (Parks, Recreation and Renewable Resources), which will soon be hearing the bill and tell them your feelings about HR 7380. Second, write to members of the parent committee (Energy & Natural Resources). Third, support the Friends as generously as you can. If this means making a second or third gift, please do so. We are staying in the fight to the finish, and we can win if everyone helps. It costs a fortune to do all this and we're broke. (Make checks payable to Friends of the Big Sur Coast, Big Sur, CA 93920.) If we can kill the bill for this Congress, we will have time enough to build the kind of organization that the Panettas of this world cannot ignore. No one ever moved to Big Sur for the purposes of joining an organization, or helping build one ... that is the antithesis of what this place is all about ... but it's also where it's at right now. We don't have a choice. The Friends is your best household insurance.

One postscript: The Hearst Ranch is out of the bill. Burton tells the press it is to avoid a lawsuit that could go on for years and to keep the bill to a single ecological unit. When I mentioned to Leon that I wished we owned some newspapers, he said, "It doesn't hurt." I guess it doesn't. But he has no idea how much we are hurting ... or he doesn't care.



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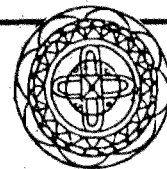
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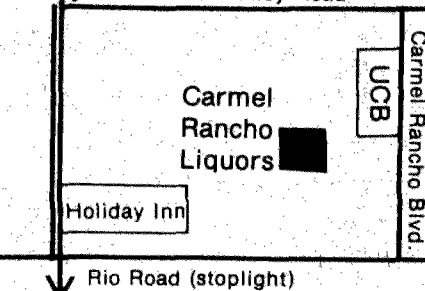
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Statewide Fire Emergency Center Improved

By Bruce Williams
Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO — A forest fire rages through a national park threatening thousands of acres of timber, while only a few miles away another blaze sweeps across rural brushlands; which fire should be fought first?

In an effort to answer such a question in the most efficient and equitable manner, the California Department of Forestry has remodeled their Statewide Emergency Command Center, which is responsible for deciding when and where the state's "scarce" supply of fire fighting equipment and personnel should be utilized.

The command center, linked by microwave radios to nearly every major wildland fire fighting agency in California, is the nerve center for the state's wildland fire fighting efforts.

According to Jerry Letson, assistant chief of fire protection for the Department of Forestry, "The center keeps track of where all available equipment and personnel may be located at any time. It is a beehive of activity."

Letson emphasized how important the recent remodeling of the center could be in the future. "Under the old system, we had everything going on in one room. Radio operators would sometimes miss calls from various agencies because the room was so full of noise and confusion."

Letson explained that the remodeling created extra rooms which are separate from the command center's radio operators, ensuring more accurate communications. "Now we have separate facilities for meetings and phone calls from the media and public regarding fires throughout the state," said Letson.

Another new addition to the center was a computerized system of data cards which makes the job of deciding which fires are more crucial than others much simpler. The system makes valuable

information, including the quality of terrain and geographical landmarks in fire-threatened areas virtually everywhere in the state, available almost instantly.

Although the center operates on a 24-hour basis, its primary application is during a crisis situation when equipment or personnel is requested by two different agencies. It is the responsibility of the center to decide which fires are the most important, so available equipment and personnel are used as efficiently as possible.

But how does someone decide that one fire is more pressing than another? That is the job of Alan Batchelder, the chief of the Emergency Command Center.

Batchelder, an experienced firefighter, uses a system of priorities to decide which fires must be allowed to burn out of control so that another may be quickly extinguished.

"Our first priority is always a fire which threatens life or property of the public," explained Batchelder. "We always go for that type over any other. We also consider possible destruction of natural

resources."

"The judgements we have to make must be instantaneous, and there is very little room for error," said Batchelder.

Batchelder seemed grateful about the center's new remodeling, saying, "It could make my job much easier. At least I will know that our information is a bit more accurate. That in itself will make me more confident about the delicate decisions we have to be making around here."

"Luckily, we haven't had a severe enough shortage of equipment or personnel yet to warrant us having to make any priority decisions," said Batchelder. "Hopefully we won't need to, but we intend to be prepared."

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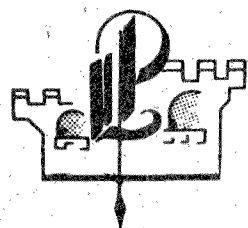
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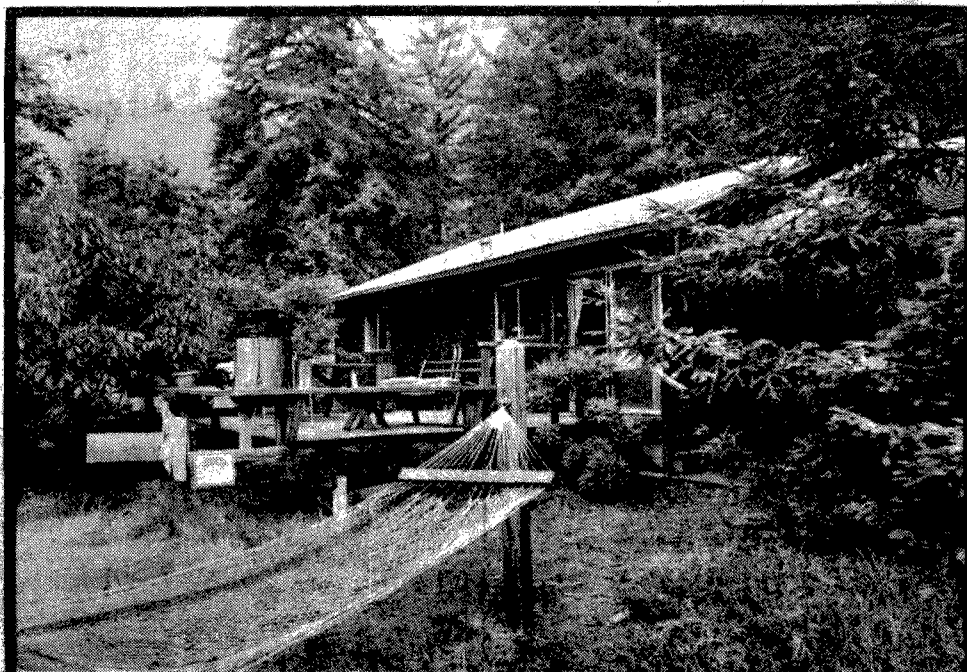
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Residents Condemn Legislation

(Editor's note: The following three reports from Washington journalists on the House committee hearings of Panetta's Big Sur bill provides Gazette readers with an opportunity to better understand recent developments in the campaign to federalize Big Sur.)

Washington correspondents Frank Kane of the *Monterey Peninsula Herald*, John Fogarty for the *San Francisco Chronicle* and Hope Hathaway (API) for the *Big Sur Gazette* all attended the hearings.)

By John Fogarty

Chronicle Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A contingent of angry Big Sur residents condemned legislation yesterday that would give the federal government a say in protecting their homes from overdevelopment as an "unnecessary boondoggle" and urged a House subcommittee to throw the bill "in the waste can."

"When we want your help, we'll ask for it," Wiley Ramey, whose family has operated a general store in the area since 1852, told the parks subcommittee. "Leave us alone. The greatest threat to the area comes from the federal bureaucracy."

Ramey, who lives in San Luis Obispo County, was one of three county residents who testified against the bill on behalf of a local group which calls itself the Committee Opposing Arrogant State Tyranny. Five Monterey County residents, representing the Big Sur Coalition and Friends of Big Sur, also opposed the bill by Representative Leon E. Panetta, D-Monterey-San Luis Obispo.

The Panetta bill would create a Big Sur Council, with Big Sur residents and landowners comprising a majority of its nine members, to develop and monitor a comprehensive land use management plan for the magnificent coastal area.

However, the U.S. secretary of agriculture would have the final word on such plans to protect the Big Sur from new development, which some contend is threatening its unique natural beauty.

The secretary's veto power and the makeup of the council both were attacked during the hearing before subcommittee Chairman Phillip Burton, D-S.F. Despite the criticism, Burton said he favors the Panetta bill and will move quickly to bring it to the House for a vote.

Pat Chamberlain, who said he has lived in the Big Sur area for more than 30 years, said a greater federal presence in the area (much of the upland Big Sur area is within the Los Padres National Forest) would be bad for residents, bad for tourists and bad for the environment.

Chamberlain said the area now has about 3 to 4 million visitors a year. But he said he

and other residents fear that turning the coast into a federally controlled area with visitor's centers, parking lots and tour buses would raise the number of visitors to about 12 million.

"The government plan calls for staging areas at both ends of Big Sur, 1,000-car parking areas and related tourist facilities and the bus-ing of visitors 50 to 100 miles down the coast and back," Chamberlain said. "That's insane."

He presented the subcommittee with a petition, which he said contained the names

of 830 property owners and residents who oppose the bill.

James M. Josoff, chairman of Friends of Big Sur, said fears of rampant development in the area are unjustified. He said in the last seven years, an average of only 12.5 permits a year have been granted for residences.

"That, in an area of over 300 square miles, is hardly overdevelopment," Josoff said. "There are no hordes of developers waiting at either end of the coast, ready to jump in and despoil Big Sur." He contended develop-

ment is adequately controlled by the state and local coastal protection laws.

Josoff charged that the Panetta bill and a much stronger bill sponsored by Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., that would put the 100-mile Big Sur coast within a federally controlled national scenic area "are just the opening wedge in a long-term campaign to remove all of the people from Big Sur."

Representatives of the Big Sur Foundation and the Wilderness Society testified in favor of the Panetta bill, and Panetta defended his

House Panel Approves Controls on Big Sur

By John Fogarty

Chronicle Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The House Interior Committee approved a bill yesterday that would give federal officials a role in controlling future development on the Big Sur coast.

Before the final vote, the committee added an amendment that would provide a \$30 million fund for buying private land and development rights within the area.

Under the bill, sponsored by Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Monterey-San Luis Obispo, the money would be used to buy land along the spectacular Big Sur coastal area if no money were available from state and local agencies.

Sen. Alan Cranston has a similar bill in the Senate that would set aside \$100 million to buy land and to compensate property owners for not being able to develop their land.

An Interior Committee staff member said the compensation figure in any bill eventually approved by Congress this year would probably be around \$65 million.

"The bill will benefit landowners," charged Saunders C. Hillyer, who represents the Big Sur Foundation, "whether the person owns two acres or 3,000 acres." He said the larger land holders stand to benefit from selling to the government either land or agreements not to build in an area that would obstruct the view from certain areas, like Highway 1.

In addition, landowners could lease back land they had sold to the government and continue to maintain it in a manner consistent with Big Sur's rural nature, Panetta said.

The bill had moved swiftly through a House parks subcommittee and the Interior Committee this week despite objections from opponents who charged that it will not increase environmental protection and that it is simply designed to bail out property owners prohibited from developing their land.

Panetta and Rep. Philip Burton, D-San Francisco, the chairman of the parks subcommittee who steered the bill to approval, denied the measure was designed to

benefit large landowners. They asserted that state and local laws are not strong enough to protect Big Sur and that the federal government must move in to preserve the dramatic coastal area they described as a "national treasure."

The bill, approved on a voice vote after about 15 minutes of discussion, will not reach the House until after Congress returns from its recess for the Democratic National Convention in mid-August.

Panetta's bill creates a Big Sur Council, with a majority of resident members, to develop and to monitor a comprehensive management plan for about 100,000 acres of the area. The U.S. secretary of agriculture would appoint council members from nominees submitted by the governor and local officials and would have veto power over their decisions.

The Cranston bill takes a different approach — creating a 300,000-acre National Scenic Area administered by federal officials.

Coast Property Owners Oppose Panetta's Big Sur Legislation

Continued from page 1

the general membership before committing the funds. He asked that the board retract their action, obtain a refund of the money from the representative, and to set some limit or fixed amount which the board could spend without consulting all the members.

Lockwood's letter expressed similar concerns and strong accusations regarding the board's action.

Short responded that "we must observe the rules of the majority. If this board overturns the vote and rescinds the action taken, I would consider it dishonorable and I would resign."

During the discussion of the letters, the question of Leavy's CPOA membership was raised. The treasurer reported that Leavy had paid dues of \$3 in 1975 and \$6 in 1979, but that he owed dues for 1977 and 1978, and that he was not a member in good standing.

The board discussed the letters in detail and concluded that there were "errors in both letters."

In response to Leavy's request to limit the board's fiscal decision-making authority, Richardson replied that "It's an ill-advised restraint."

From the audience Joe Hanley commented that, during past emergencies, such as the flood and fires, the CPOA had acted quickly to help those in need. He expressed his appreciation to the board for their action of sending a CPOA representative to Washington.

"You are acting as proper representatives," he added, "and you have taken the proper stand tonight."

In another action, the board concluded that it was senseless to reactivate the fire watch look-out station this summer because the U.S. Forest Service Big Sur Station is unattended after 6 p.m., so the calls from the fire watch would not be answered.

The board decided to recommend the re-establishment of the fire patrol in place of the fire watch.

measure as a balanced approach "which enjoys the support of a wide number of private individuals in the area, public officials and agencies at all levels." He said no one is "going to be thrown off their land" if his bill becomes law because it provides for residents "to continue to enjoy their land and their lifestyles."

After the hearing, Burton said he would back the Panetta bill even though he would prefer to make the Big Sur area into a national park. Burton called another subcommittee meeting for July 22 and said he may attempt to pass the bill on to the House Interior Committee. He said he wanted to move quickly so that the Big Sur area does not

fall victim to the environmental damage that has affected Lake Tahoe.

"Look at Lake Tahoe," Burton said, "it's going down the toilet. It may be too late for Tahoe. It may be going down a one-way poop chute, but I don't want to see that happen to Big Sur."

Subcommittee Makes Changes in Big Sur Bill

By Frank Kane

Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The House Subcommittee on National Parks and Insular Affairs has approved Rep. Leon Panetta's legislation to help protect the Big Sur area.

Panetta, D-Monterey, said the subcommittee, in approving the legislation, added several minor amendments which he "generally supported because they were designed to enhance the fundamental thrust of the bill."

The primary changes made by the subcommittee, he said, were as follows:

—The Big Sur Area Council, which would develop a comprehensive management plan for the area, would be a permanent body not subject to dissolution by executive order of the president.

—The terms of the members of the council would be staggered in order to ensure continuity on that body.

—The council would be required to evaluate means of perpetuating existing agricultural uses of land in the area as part of the comprehensive management plan.

—The secretary of agriculture would not have the power to enjoin uses of land inconsistent with purposes of the bill, as originally proposed by Panetta.

—The boundaries of the Big Sur region also were tightened to cover a smaller area, according to Panetta. The changes were intended to avoid conflicts between the Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies, to reduce the level of expenditures under the bill and to limit the boundaries to a coherent ecological unit, he said.

The boundaries as established by the bill are: West — the three-mile offshore limit of California's jurisdiction; South — San Carpoforo Creek; East — the California coastal zone; and north — Malpas Creek.

The bill now goes to the full House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee for approval.

Panetta said that the southern boundary change eliminates about half of the land owned by the Hearst Foundation which was included in the original plan and also about a third of the land in San Luis Obispo County originally planned.

The subcommittee felt that the new southern boundary did produce a more ecologically coherent area and also that a lot of litigation with the Hearst Foundation could be avoided, Panetta said.

Panetta's Bill Moves to House Rules Committee

From the Herald
July 23, 1980

Rep. Leon Panetta's bill to bring federal management to the Big Sur coast was approved today by the House Interior Committee.

The action, without a dissenting vote, sends the legislation on to the House Rules Committee, where it will be assigned a date for floor hearings before the full House of Representatives.

The bill, introduced by the Monterey Democrat, won committee approval in the amended version cleared by the subcommittee on National Parks and Insular Affairs Tuesday.

It authorizes spending up to \$30 million for land acquisition and management of the Big Sur Coast Area. Funds for acquisition will be divided between the federal government and state and local agencies.

The bill would create a permanent Big Sur Area Council to draft a management plan for the coastal region between Malpas Creek in Monterey County and San Carpoforo Creek in San Luis Obispo County.

The management plan would be based on the local coastal program now being prepared for Big Sur and would restrict the actions of private landowners, and state and federal agencies.

It is designed to preserve the existing natural and human environment of Big Sur, provide greater public access to the coast and mountains, and to protect the area against inappropriate development.

Supporters claim unified management of the area under the U.S. Forest Service and the financial help available from the federal government are needed to implement the protections proposed in the draft Big Sur LCP.

Opponents counter that there are other sources for funds, and that inviting the federal government to Big Sur is the first step toward eventual displacement of residents and full federalization of Big Sur.