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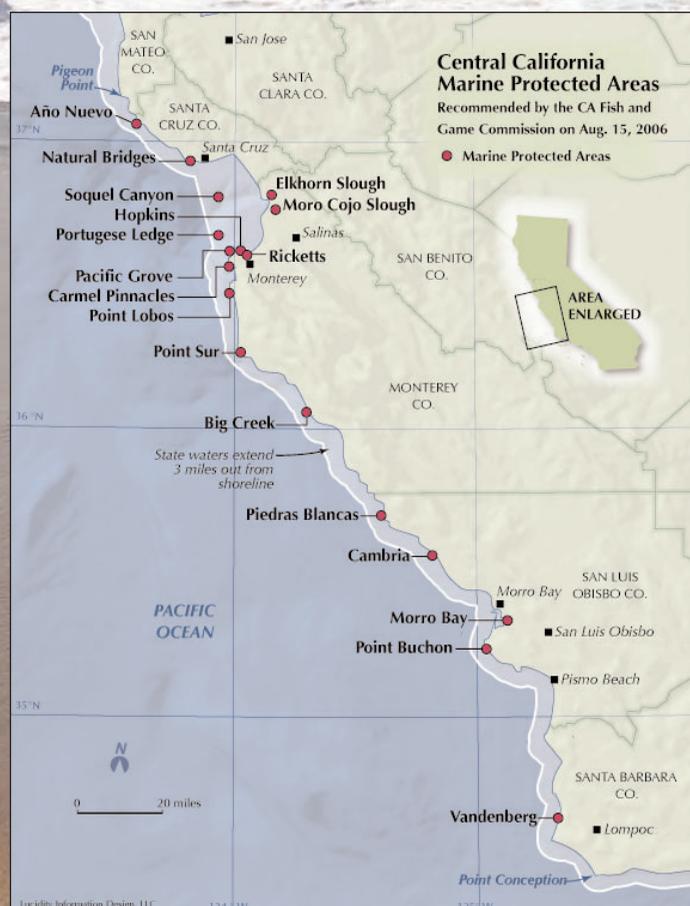
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Election Endorsements

Fish and Game Commission takes historic action to protect ocean

by Kaitlin Gaffney, Central Coast Program Manager for The Ocean Conservancy



An historic campaign to establish a statewide network of marine protected areas (MPAs), in California, achieved a major milestone on August 15, 2006. With a unanimous 5-0 vote, the California Fish and Game Commission approved a network of 29 MPAs covering over 200 square miles of state waters along California's central coast. This plan, the first step in a master-plan for the entire coast, should receive final approval in early 2007 after environmental and regulatory review. The concept of marine protected areas includes marine reserves, where no fishing is allowed, marine conservation areas (where some commercial and/or recreational fishing is permitted) and marine parks where only recreational fishing is permitted.

While the law calling for an improved system of marine protected areas along the entire California coast passed in 1999, implementation languished for

several years due to budget and staff shortages. The process was jump-started by newly elected Governor Schwarzenegger in late 2004 through a unique private-public partnership. What followed was a year of stakeholder meetings advised by science teams, followed by recommendations of a Governor-appointed Blue Ribbon Task Force. It culminated in a proposal by the Department of Fish and Game that was strengthened and approved by the State Fish and Game Commission.

The final MPA package creates a network of 29 marine protected areas that comprise more than 200 square miles (about 18%) of state waters between Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz Counties. Although conservation leaders supported a higher level of protection than was adopted, the Commission's vote is considered a significant step towards ecosystem protection.

For more information go to: www.CalOceans.org.

Richard Stover



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Fall is a good time to hike

This fall is an especially good time to get out on the trails for a hike. Don't let these mild, clear days go by without looking through the Outings pages for a leisurely walk or a strenuous climb through scenic areas of forests, parks, rivers and ridge tops.

In addition to the many popular hikes in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the

Ventana Wilderness, the Chapter has begun offering hikes to two new properties opened this summer by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District.

One is Palo Corona Regional Park, about 4,350 acres of a former ranch with over 500 species of plants. The entrance to the park is located on the east side of Highway 1, about a mile south of Carmel Valley Road in Carmel. The elevation ranges from sea level to 3,400 feet. The Palo Corona trail leads up to Inspiration Point, a 3-mile round trip, where there is a dramatic view of Carmel Bay.

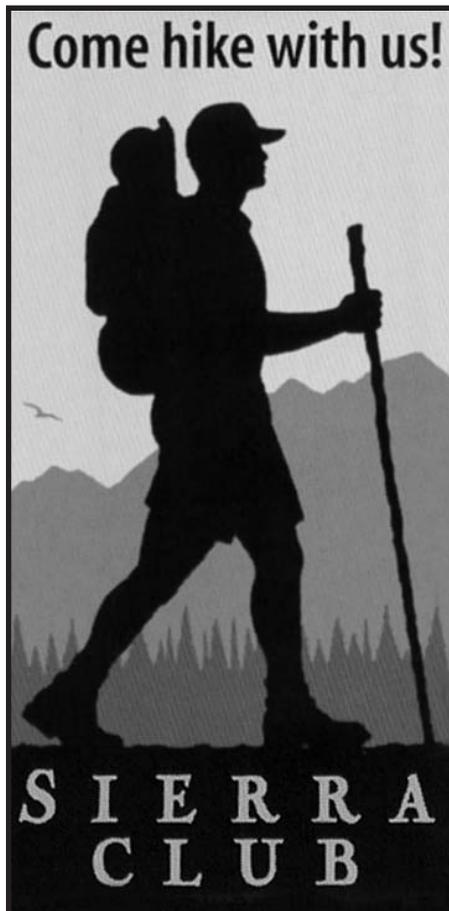
The second park is Mill Creek Redwood Preserve. The entrance to this preserve is approximately six and a half

miles from Highway 1 on the south side of Palo Colorado Canyon Road in Big Sur. This 1,500-acre open space preserve boasts the best constructed back-country trail in Monterey County. This park has a sense of quiet tranquility found in more remote places but is only 15 miles from the peninsula. There is a single 5-mile roundtrip in-and-out trail that winds among shaded redwood side canyons above Upper Bixby Creek to a spectacular view of lower Bixby Canyon and the Pacific Ocean.

If you cannot find a hike to these new properties being offered that suits your schedule or want to explore these parks independently, you can contact the Park District to request an access permit online at www.mprpd.org or by calling 372-3196. Access permits are required by the County of Monterey to visit both of these parks. It is recommended that visitors apply for an access permit at least 48 hours in advance of the planned visit as permits are limited. Parking information will be provided, and carpooling is highly advisable and encouraged.

There is a photo of one of the spectacular views in Palo Corona Regional Park on the back page of this newsletter.

—Rita Dalessio



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Workshops on the issues:

Nov. 6 Seymour Ctr, Santa Cruz

Nov. 9 Monterey Institute for
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FROM THE EDITOR

RID YOUR HOME OF VAMPIRES



Richard Stover

A power strip is the perfect ghost buster for your home and office. Install them to reduce your power usage.

Do you find yourself staring into the dark wondering if vampires are bleeding you dry? Do you lie in bed at night listening to the sucking sound of your conservation efforts draining away?

Stop the bloodsuckers. Take charge. Rid your home of vampires.

We're talking about the vampires and ghost charges that most modern appliances have built into them. When you turn most appliances off, they're still on. Fight this needless waste with a power strip.

The reason your TV springs instantly to life is it wasn't really off. Use power strips to completely switch off these electricity wasters when you're

not using them. Simply plug your TV, DVD player, VCR, computer and other appliances with standby modes into an inexpensive power strip. Turn off the power strip and, presto, your appliance will be really off.

Do you leave your cell phone charger plugged in? Unplug and banish that ghost load. The same goes for digital camera battery chargers.

Bust those ghosts. Ban the vampire loads.

Standby modes on all your appliances can waste the equivalent to keeping a 75 or 100 watt light bulb running continuously. Now, that's scary.

Unplug those suckers.

—Debbie Bulger

Sierra Club joins lawsuit challenging sprawl

At the request of the Santa Cruz Group, the Sierra Club has joined a lawsuit against the City of Watsonville that has been filed by Friends of Buena Vista (FOBV), a local neighborhood association in Larkin Valley, just north of the Watsonville Airport.

The City of Watsonville is proposing to expand the city limits and annex the

area known as "Buena Vista" for development of 2,200 homes, associated commercial buildings, and a school. The entire area is directly under the flight paths for the airport runways. In addition, this area drains into the Harkins Slough.

The adverse impacts of this development include the conversion of quality agricultural lands to non-agricultural uses, groundwater depletion due to over-pumping of the Pajaro Valley Aquifer, increased traffic on roads and highways, and increased polluted runoff into Harkins Slough. The proposed development would severely compromise operating safety at the Watsonville Airport due to building in previously "clear" zones. As a result of this factor, the Watsonville Pilots Association has filed a companion lawsuit.

The Club's environmental goals in this lawsuit are to block urban sprawl, preserve agricultural land, preserve water quality in Harkins Slough, and reduce or confine the over-pumping of the Pajaro Valley Aquifer. The specific legal goal of the litigation is to get an order setting aside the approval of the Watsonville General Plan Amendment unless and until a legally adequate Environmental Impact Report is prepared and substantial mitigations adopted.

The Watsonville General Plan Amendment generates numerous environmental problems which are deferred for future solving. For example, there is no identification of a credible solution to increased regional traffic congestion that



would be created on Highways 1, 129, and 152, nor is there a guaranteed water source to supply the huge population growth this General Plan Amendment seeks to encourage.

The proposed General Plan Amendment dismisses such deficiencies by calling them regional problems that need to be solved by someone else or by contending that these problems will be solved later.

The Sierra Club and FOBV believe that this abdication of local responsibility needs to be corrected before any part of the General Plan Amendment is implemented. In public testimony Sierra Club and FOBV sought to convince the City of Watsonville that it should not adopt a Plan that contains major regional problems without first articulating clear and credible solutions. These efforts were to no avail, which is why we are seeking correction of the situation through the courts.

Glass designer to donate portion of sales to Santa Cruz Group

Annieglass, the Watsonville-based designer of handmade glass tableware, has introduced a new pattern which highlights the Monarch butterfly. The serving ware was designed by Annieglass owner, Ann Morhauser, who has a personal attachment to Monarchs and the preservation of their habitat. Because the Santa Cruz habitat plays such an important role in the life of the Monarch butterfly, Morhauser will donate a portion of the proceeds from sales of her new Butterflies tableware to the Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club.

Aldo Giacchino, Chair of the Santa Cruz Group, expressed great appreciation for Morhauser's generosity stating, "It is very heartening to see a local artist who draws inspiration from the local environment make a contribution towards its preservation."

The five-piece group of tableware showcases 24k gold abstractions of Monarch butterflies against thick, transparent glass. The line was introduced in September at the Annieglass store in Santa Cruz. To see examples go to www.annieglass.com.



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Carbon conflict

Seth Zuckerman points out in the Sept/Oct *Sierra* (p.54) that a round-trip flight from San Francisco to Paris generates 5,600 pounds of carbon dioxide, equivalent to that of eight months carbon emissions by an average person. In spite of this astounding comparison, Sierra Club 2007 Outings header promotes trips—"to the ends of the earth." (p. 60)!

How can the Sierra Club, in good conscience, continue to offer transoceanic outings? I urge that SC Outings no longer be offered, or at the very least, confined to the U.S.

—Ralph Berger
Santa Cruz

Water waster

This summer I spent five days in a hotel to escape the heat in the Santa Cruz Mountains and was dismayed that the shower wasted an incredible amount of water. In order to get hot water, I had to turn a knob which also increased the water pressure, and there was no low-flow shower head. I wonder how many rooms in motels and hotels in Santa Cruz and Monterey County are like this. Here we are talking about desalination and something like this exists.

—Judy Gilchrist
Los Gatos

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Vote the environment, November 7

Sierra Club positions on State bond measures

by Bill Allayaud, State Legislative Director, Sierra Club California

The November 7th ballot will be filled with many ballot measures. Sierra Club California has taken positions on a number of these measures. Some are very controversial, and the stakes are high. The Club has not taken a position on every measure. Vote for the environment on November 7!

**Proposition 1c: Housing Bond:
Vote YES.**

This is a \$2.85 billion bond measure that will facilitate several types of affordable housing. It will also provide money to local governments for infrastructure for transit-oriented development and money for planning infill development. Affordable housing and money for smart growth planning are consistent with our statewide growth management guidelines.

**Proposition 1d: Schools Bond:
Vote YES.**

This is a \$10.4 billion bond measure for school modernization and to reduce school overcrowding. Like the housing bond, this is consistent with the Club's growth management guidelines, as schools that need this money the most are in urban areas and older suburban areas.

**Proposition 84: Water Supply/
Quality and Parks Bond:
Vote YES.**

This is a \$5.3 billion bond that would improve the quality of local drinking water supplies by conservation of open space, streams, and forests both through land purchases and conservation easements. Monies from the park bond measures passed by voters over the last eight years are nearly gone.

**Proposition 85:
Parental Notification
for Abortions:
Vote NO.**

This constitutional amendment is very similar to Prop 73, which the Sierra Club opposed in last year's special elec-

tion. It would require parental consent or a court order prior to a woman under the age of 18 receiving an abortion. Many health care groups oppose this measure because it could encourage illegal, unsafe, amateur abortions. Sierra Club has taken pro-choice positions since 1969 in support of our policies on population and women's access to family planning services and reproductive health care.

**Proposition 87:
The Clean Energy Initiative:
Vote YES.**

This measure will fund a \$4 billion dollar effort to reduce California's dependence on gasoline and diesel by 25% over 10 years. It funds incentives to make alternative fuel vehicles and alternative fuels more widely available and affordable to consumers and research to bring clean, renewable energy and energy-efficiency technologies to the marketplace more quickly. The money will be raised by a tax on every barrel of oil extracted from land or water areas in California.

**Proposition 89:
The Clean Money Initiative:
Vote YES.**

This measure, sponsored by the California Nurses Association, would enact public financing of political campaigns and set new limits on political contributions and expenditures. This initiative proposes to remove corporate wealth as a major factor in elections through a voluntary system of public campaign funding. Prop 89 also sets new limits on campaign contributions to state office candidates and campaign committees. It introduces new restrictions on contributions and expenditures by lobbyists and corporations. The primary revenue for the Clean Money Fund is generated by a 0.2 percent increase in taxes on corporations and financial institutions.

**Prop 90:
Eminent Domain and Damages:
Vote NO.**

This measure is extremely important for all that the Sierra Club works on. The proponent, a wealthy East Coast developer and well-known Libertarian, claims it's just about stopping the abuse of eminent domain by local governments; hence they call it the "Save Our Homes" initiative. But, we have relabeled it as the "Taxpayer Trap" initiative because of a hidden provision that says that basically any regulatory action a city, county, or state agency takes

could be termed as "damaging" the value of private property. This amendment to the State Constitution would both result in billions of dollars of taxpayer money being spent on litigation and payouts for bogus damages, and in local and state agencies being reluctant to regulate the uses that affect our air, water, and land. The Coastal Commission, the State Air and Water Boards, Fish and Game, and local zoning and planning bodies would all be adversely affected if Prop. 90 passes. Defeating Prop. 90 is a high priority for all environmental groups in the state.

Why Sierra Club supports Phil Angelides for governor

by Bill Magavern, Senior Representative, Sierra Club California



air, water and wild places.

Schwarzenegger has supported freeway expansion and the rollback of the landmark California Environmental Quality Act. Angelides supports the Clean Alternative Energy Initiative on the November ballot; Schwarzenegger opposes it. Angelides supports giving communities the ability to enforce California's public health and environmental laws, while Schwarzenegger backed the business-sponsored initiative that took away that right. Angelides called a halt to the handouts to industrial dairies in the Central Valley, while Schwarzenegger tried to keep giving away pollution-control money to polluters.

Schwarzenegger has named one committed preservationist to the Coastal Commission; Angelides promises to name four. Schwarzenegger has campaigned for George W. Bush, the most anti-environment president in our history, while Angelides has opposed Bush. Schwarzenegger is proud of his role in creating the gas-guzzling Hummer; Angelides is proud that his family owns 3 hybrid vehicles.

The Club's interview committee was well aware of Angelides' past record as a developer in the Sacramento area, and we discussed it with him. We gave much more weight, though, to his record as our elected Treasurer over the last 8 years. He has put the weight of his office behind real investments in clean energy and smart growth and has prodded corporations to clean up their environmental practices.

We can do better. We can have a governor who moves consistently toward a more sustainable future instead of one who tries to please his big-business supporters with one hand while making environmental promises with the other.

That is why Sierra Club has endorsed Phil Angelides for governor. The decision was reached after Angelides filled out a long questionnaire and met with us for an interview. Schwarzenegger declined repeated requests to return our questionnaire and meet with us.

While Governor Schwarzenegger deserves credit for programs to fund solar energy and reduce diesel emissions, among other advances, his pro-environment promises have too often been undermined by his strong ties to the corporate lobbies that oppose virtually every major proposal to safeguard our

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Club picks for statewide races

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:
John Garamendi

The Lieutenant Governor sits on the State Lands Commission, the UC Board of Regents, and is a non-voting member of the Coastal Commission.

Insurance Commissioner Garamendi served in the Legislature where he authored laws on clean energy and toxic cleanup. As Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, he implemented the Central Valley Improvement Act water reforms and blocked the Ward Valley nuclear waste dump. As Lt. Governor, Garamendi promises to once again promote a green agenda as he has at the state and federal levels for three decades.

SECRETARY OF STATE:
Debra Bowen

Are you concerned about touchscreen voting machines, hackers, and paper trails when you vote? The Secretary of State will decide the voting procedures for California as the state shifts to electronic voting and as absentee voting increases.

As Chair of the Senate Elections Committee, Senator Bowen led the fight to ensure that all votes will be accurately recorded and reported. She strongly supports Clean Money campaign finance reform and is extremely well-informed about the role and responsibilities of the office. Bowen, an environmental leader in the Legislature, played a key role in removing polluter-linked appointees from environmental positions.

CONTROLLER:
John Chiang

The Controller sits on the State Lands Commission, the California Pollution Control Financing Authority, and the state pension funds.

Chiang has been elected twice to represent the Los Angeles area on the Board of Equalization. He has consistently voted to rigorously enforce "polluter-pays" fees that fund programs for electronic waste recycling, hazardous waste cleanup, and childhood lead poisoning prevention. He also advocated ocean and

desert protection as a staff member for former Controller Gray Davis.

TREASURER:
Bill Lockyer

The Treasurer influences environmental policy through investment decisions of State pension funds, and as leader of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority.

For eight years, Lockyer has been the greenest Attorney General in California history. He will carry his environmental commitment to the Treasurer's office where he promises to wield his influence to be the greenest Treasurer ever.

City of Santa Cruz Vote YES on I and J

These two ballot measures would empower the City of Santa Cruz to take action to limit UCSC expansion if there are not appropriate mitigations. The Club decided to endorse these two ballot measures because of the lack of sufficient mitigations to prevent the significant environmental damages from the proposed UCSC expansion.

Measure I is an ordinance which enables the City to oppose University growth unless the University provides mitigations for the negative impacts that the growth would create especially in the areas of water, housing and traffic.

Measure J would amend the City Charter to clarify that the City has no obligation to provide water and sewer services to areas outside its present service area. Most of the proposed University expansion is on the upper campus which is not in the City's water and sewer service area. With the clarification of Measure J, the University would be required to enter into agreements with the City to gain connections to the city water system and sewage treatment plant to serve the upper campus.

Measure I and Measure J provide the City of Santa Cruz with more tools to address the impacts of University expansion. **Vote YES on Measures I and J.**

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Re-elect Assemblymember John Laird

Assemblymember John Laird made significant progress on environmental issues in 2005-06 through action on the state budget as Budget Committee Chair and by moving key legislation.

John Laird has been working hard to finally turn the tide after years of the state's under-funding resources and environmental protection. Laird's most outstanding achievements include allocating \$250 million to the state budget to begin funding the \$1 billion backlog in state parks deferred maintenance, providing for \$19 million to protect and manage California's ocean resources, and augmenting Fish & Game's funding by over \$70 million.

This year, Assemblymember Laird authored many environmentally-focused bills, including:

AB 1881 to improve efficiency of water use in new and existing irrigated urban landscapes.

AB 984 to develop a plan to control or eradicate non-native invasive tamarisk in the Colorado River to help increase the state's water supply.

AB 2496 to increase high-efficiency

toilet standards from the current 1.6 gallons per flush to 1.3 gallons per flush.

AB 2348 would authorize the State to share in the cost of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pajaro River levee project. This \$200 million federal project will require a 25% non-federal cost share.

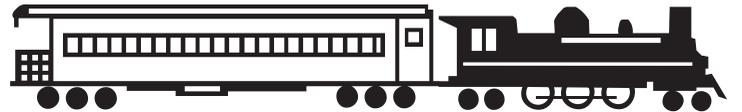
AB 2485 (jointly authored with Assemblymember Jones and signed by the Governor) will provide for new protections for sea otters by making California penalties for killing a sea otter equal to those under federal law, prohibiting dumping materials harmful to sea otters into state waters, and labeling cat litter as non-flushing to reduce harmful *Toxoplasmosis gondii* in sea otter habitat.

AB 3028 to encourage development of the California Coastal Trail and for more coastal resource protection.

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HDR, Portland OR; Mike Hart, CEO, Sierra RR. Sponsored by Sierra Club, People Power in conjunction with the Santa Cruz Sentinel and Assemblymember John Laird. For more information call 425-0665.

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Governor	Phil Angelides
Lieutenant Governor	John Garamendi
Secretary of State	Debra Bowen
Controller	John Chiang
Treasurer	Bill Lockyer
House of Reps	Sam Farr
Prop 1c Housing	YES
Prop 1d Schools	YES
Prop 84 Water/Parks	YES
Prop 85 Parental Notification	NO
Prop 87 Clean energy	YES
Prop 89 Clean money	YES
Prop 90 Eminent Domain	NO
U.S. House of Reps.	Sam Farr, Anna Eshoo, Mike Honda
State Assembly	John Laird
Measures I & J (Santa Cruz)	YES on both

Sierra Club Events

Friday, October 20

Vegetarian Potluck & Film

Urban Solutions from Curitiba
Curitiba is a model "green" city in Brazil with efficient transportation, affordable housing, public parks in flood plains, low crime rate, and happy residents. Local film-makers Maria Vaz and Giovanni Vaz Del Bello will answer questions after the screening. Bring food to share and your own plate, cup, utensils, and serving utensils.

Be prepared; take wilderness first aid

Wilderness Medicine Institute is offering a 16-hour first aid class on Oct. 21-22. The class will cover patient assessment, shock, fractures, hypothermia, altitude sickness, and more. Essential for backpacking leaders and wilderness hikers.

The class is from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at UC Santa Cruz. \$175 cost includes instruction and certification. Sponsored by UCSC Recreation. Register online at www.ucscrecreation.com or call 459-2806.

6:30 p.m. Live Oak Grange, 1900 17th Ave., Santa Cruz. For more info call Karen Kaplan, 335-3342 after 11:00 a.m.

Saturday - Sunday, October 21-22

Peter Grubb work party

Help prepare the Peter Grubb Hut for winter. Free overnight and breakfast at Clair Tappaan before work begins. Tools and food provided. We will be collecting and storing firewood. Contact Joan Marshall, marshall_joan1234@yahoo.com or 650-364-8603.



Friday, October 27

Potluck & Slides:

China

This slide show will be a compilation of the slides that Sheila, Keresha, Andrea, Don and George took on our recent trip to China. The potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring food to share and your own plate, cup, utensils, and serving utensils. We love home-cooked food, but store-bought items (minimum value \$4) make great contributions too. For directions see ventana.sierraclub.org/schedule or call George, 335-7748.

Friday, November 10

Vegetarian Potluck & Film

Global Warming
"Too Hot Not To Handle," a documentary, includes thought-provoking interviews with scientists, city planners, researchers, and politicians. Bring food to share and your own plate, cup, utensils, and serving utensils. 6:30 p.m. Live Oak Grange, 1900 17th Ave., Santa Cruz. For more info call Karen Kaplan, 335-3342 after 11:00 a.m.



an dish (main dish, dessert, salad, etc.) to share and your own table service. The potluck will start at 6:30 p.m. For directions see ventana.sierraclub.org/schedule or call George, 335-7748.

Tuesday, December 5

Senior Holiday Lunch

This year at Duarte's in Pescadero. Full listing under Outings section. Call Pat Herzog for reservation, 458-9841.

Thursday, December 14

Rail Symposium

Passenger rail experts will discuss options for train and trail systems. Jade Street Park Community Center, Jade Street @ 47th in Capitola. 6:30 p.m. Free. Sponsored by Sierra Club, People Power in conjunction with Assemblymember John Laird and the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*.

Friday, November 25

Vegetarian Thanksgiving Potluck

We'll celebrate thanksgiving on Friday so those who have family obligations can still participate. We're going to let some turkeys celebrate too, so bring a vegetari-

Non-Sierra Club events of interest

The following activities are not sponsored or administered by the Sierra Club. The Club makes no representations or warranties about the safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service.

Saturdays (dates below)

Habitat restoration sponsored by California Native Plant Society

Volunteer to restore native habitat in State Parks in Santa Cruz Co. Wear layered work clothing. Bring water & gloves. Tools provided. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We work rain or shine, but if things get particularly unpleasant, we call it a day. Contact Linda Brodman, 462-4041, redwdrn@pacbell.net. website: www.cruzcnps.org.

Oct. 28, Sunset Beach State Park
Nov. 18, Sunset Beach State Park
Dec. 2, Henry Cowell State Park

Sierra Club members to join them. An updated list of all hikes may be found on their website: www.mprpd.org.

Free Wormshops

Learn how worms can eat your food scraps and make beautiful compost for your garden. FREE workshop for Santa Cruz County residents. 1:00-3:00 p.m. Optional worm bin, \$20. Call to reserve worm bin. Sponsored by Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. Call Karin Grobe, 427-3452.

Sunday, Jan. 21, Grey Bears Recycling Facility, 2710 Chanticleer, Santa Cruz

Composting Workshops

Learn how to make organic fertilizer in your own yard. Master composters will teach you how to compost food scraps and garden clippings. Compost bins available at workshops at \$20 discount. Offered FREE to Santa Cruz County residents. Sponsored by Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors and produced by the SC County Dept. of Pub. Works, Recycling, & Solid Waste Services. Advance registration required. Call 423-HEAP (4327).

Second and Fourth Saturdays

Habitat restoration—Watsonville

Second and fourth Saturdays each month. Sponsored by Watsonville Wetlands Watch. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Meet at the Fitz Wetlands Educational Resource Center located at Pajaro Valley High School in Watsonville. Gloves, tools and a snack provided. Call Jonathan Pilch, 728-4106 for more information. No experience necessary.

Saturdays

Garland Ranch hikes

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District docents lead hikes at Garland Ranch Park every Saturday and invite

Saturday, Oct. 21, 1-3 p.m., Cabrillo Environmental Horticulture Center, Room 5110, 6500 Soquel Dr., Aptos.

Sat., Oct. 28, 3-4 p.m., Wilder Ranch State Park, N of Santa Cruz on Hwy. 1.

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Thursday, October 19 @ 7 pm
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The debate we're not hearing: Immigration and trade

by Andrew Christie

As immigration once again becomes the hottest political topic in America, the debate again focuses on higher fences and driver's licenses, amnesties and guest worker programs. As always, a central fact is going largely unstated: Corporate globalization and U.S. policies on trade have more to do with how many people cross our borders illegally than U.S. immigration policy or any potential reform thereof.

The exploitation of less-developed countries in the economic globalization framework known as "free trade" has resulted in their financial and environmental impoverishment—both known to be major causes of global overpopulation and increased migration.

The Sierra Club recognizes corporate globalization and overconsumption as primary causes of human impoverishment, environmental degradation, and forced migration. (www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200411/immigrants.asp). While rising migration to developed countries has been cited as a cause of environmental harm, when the issue is reframed as above, it becomes apparent that forced migration is an effect, not a cause, of environmental destruction.

In the environmental community, the issue of immigration has often been framed in arguments by opposing sides as a matter of population vs. overconsumption or U.S. immigration vs. global population, creating an apparent dynamic of environmentalists vs. immigrants and the right of migration, a dynamic of futility on the order of class warfare.

A primary difficulty has been the focus of the debate on U.S. immigration policy rather than on the nature of immigration itself. Developments of the last 20 years have made it clear that there is a larger issue that contains the issues of concern for both sides of this debate. Economic globalization and its regime of wasteful consumption is "promoted and enforced by international institutions and agreements such as The World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization, the North American Free Trade Agreement and the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas," and these policies and institutions have brought about the loss of local production for consumption, increased "instability of food supplies, hunger for millions of people, and devastating consequences for farmers, communities, and nature."

A consensus has emerged:

- "At the turn of the millennium, we are witnessing intense new worldwide migration and refugee flows . . . largely structured by the intensification

of globalization;"

- "Structural adjustment programs [of the International Monetary Fund], imposed as a condition of international loans, have undermined social programs and supports—contributing to out-migration flows from many countries;"

- "The privileging of rich migrants over poor ones romanticizes globalization as corporate progress and ignores the immense human suffering it entails for the majority of the world's population . . . [and] these waves of internal migration also result in the movement of peoples across national borders in order to survive;"

- The "Alternatives for the Americas" statement issued at the Peoples' Summit of the Americas condemned the "actions of transnational corporations, international development and financial institutions . . . [that] heighten inequality among and within states, increase pressure to migrate, and impede efforts to fight racism and racial discrimination."

While it's a given that overconsumption and waste is built in to our model of economic globalization, one seldom hears it acknowledged that forced migration is also a consequence of the increasing impoverishment of less-developed nations and therefore also attributable to the role of "free trade"-styled globalization. At most, the argument is usually made that other countries should improve the lot of their citizens so they won't flee to the U.S., with no analysis of how that improvement should come about or exactly what is preventing it.

Regardless of whether one believes that reducing resource consumption or reducing immigration should be the primary goal for a sustainable society and healthy environment, the problem is the economic engine of inequity that is driving both wasteful consumption and forced immigration. Tackling the problem at its source means focusing our energies on a common strategy with a common goal: Eliminating the inequity between the winning and losing ends of the "free trade" equation. That means turning free trade into fair trade.

"Restricting immigration to the United States won't solve the environmental problems that force people to move in

the first place, and the increasing numbers of illegal immigrants indicate that restrictions are more thumb-in-the-dike than viable policy," says Stephen Mills, director of the Sierra Club's international programs. "The Sierra Club's international efforts go to the headwaters, promoting environmentally-sustainable livelihoods that keep forests and families healthy, while making polluting multinational corporations accountable and trade agreements fair."

Or as past Sierra Club President and environmental legend David Brower succinctly put it as he cast his sharp eye on the fallout of the North American Free Trade Agreement: "Rather than complaining about immigration from Mexico, the U.S. could stop causing it."

Andrew Christie is a member of the Responsible Trade Committee and Chapter Coordinator for the Santa Lucia Chapter.

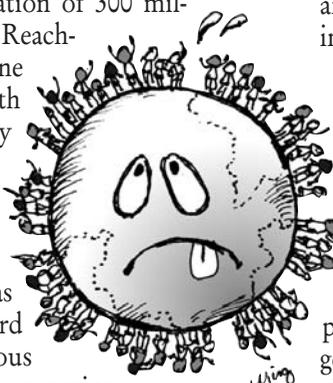
US population tops 300 million

In mid October the United States will become a nation of 300 million people. Reaching this milestone provides us with an opportunity to recommit to finding necessary solutions to the challenges we face as the world's third most populous country with growing environmental concerns such as energy consumption and land and water use. It also provides us an opportunity to reflect upon our role in an increasingly globalized world where it has and will continue to become more apparent that everything is connected. U.S. policies

concerning the environment, security and health all have profound global impacts.

By effectively planning our communities, we can increase transportation choices, reduce air and water pollution, and protect natural places. By planning our families and providing all people with access to reproductive health care information and services, we can slow population growth and preserve natural resources for future generations. And by supporting sound global policies that promote human rights and sustainable development, we can address the root causes of environmental degradation, including poverty and lack of access to basic healthcare.

For more information visit the Sierra Club National website www.sierraclub.org/population.



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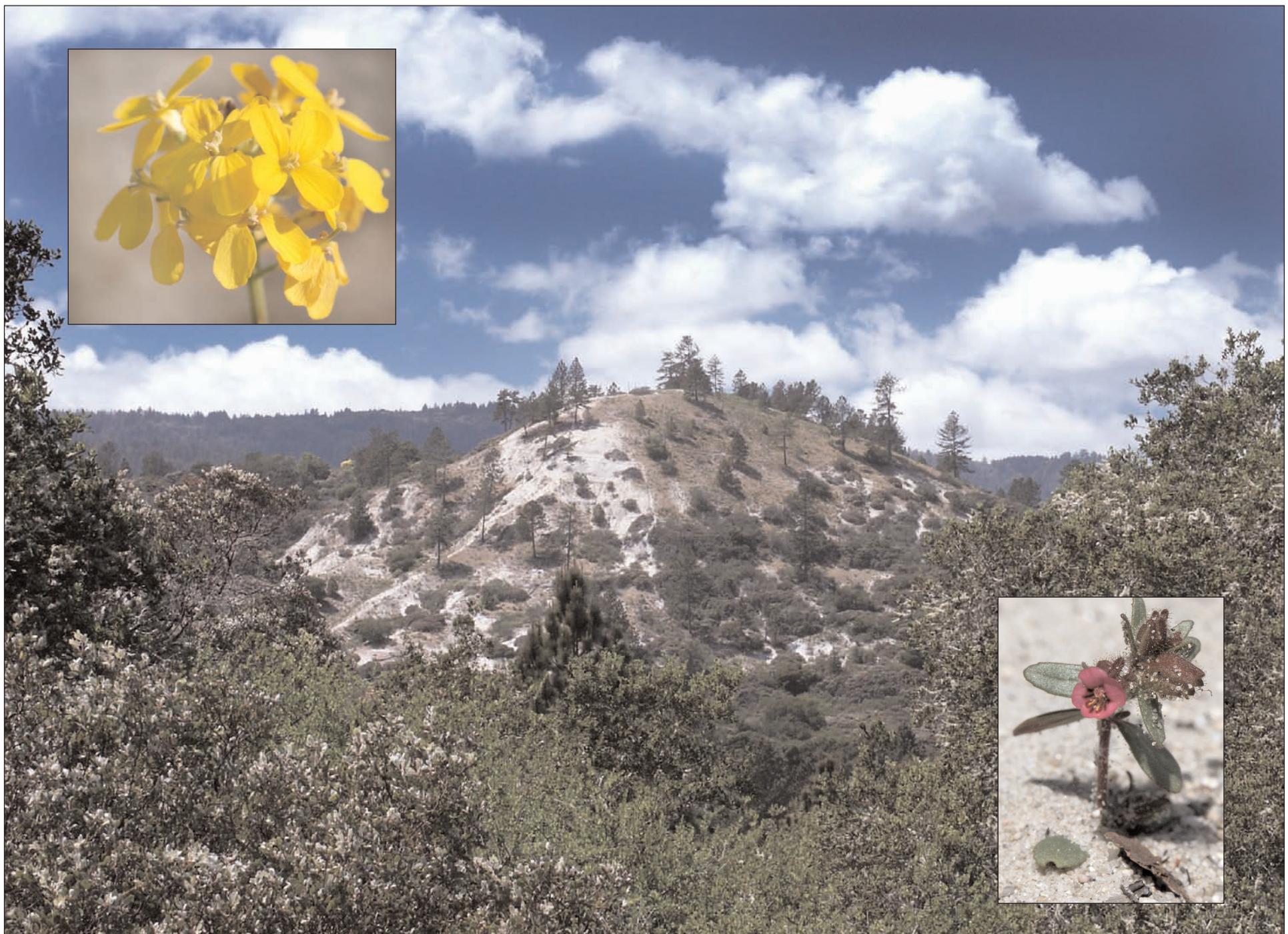
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The flowers and beetle shown on pages 8 and 9 are found only in Santa Cruz County. The endangered Santa Cruz wallflower at the top is known from only 17 locations within the Sandhills. Pictured on the right in inset the Santa Cruz monkeyflower rarely exceeds 4" in height. The pink flower on p. 9 is the endangered Ben Lomond spineflower.

Critical Sandhills Habitat Endangered

by Jeffrey Ringold

Ten million years ago, a vast, shallow sea covered California's Central Valley and emptied into the Pacific Ocean near Santa Cruz. As the Santa Cruz Mountains formed, sand from the ancient sea floor rose, forming the Santa Cruz Sandhills, a unique ecosystem that now comprises less than 4,000 acres of habitat near Felton, Ben Lomond, Scotts Valley, and Bonny Doon. The single rarest ecosystem in Santa Cruz County and one of the rarest in the United States, the Santa Cruz Sandhills, is also among the most critically endangered.

The Sandhills are a remarkable bastion of biodiversity. They support plant and animal species that are found nowhere else in the world, including the endan-

gered Bonny Doon silverleaf manzanita, Ben Lomond buckwheat, Ben Lomond spineflower, Santa Cruz wallflower, Santa Cruz kangaroo rat, Mount Hermon June beetle, and Zayante band-winged grasshopper. As scientists have yet to describe all of the species that are endemic to the Sandhills, these known plants and animals are likely indicators of an even more richly diverse ecosystem.

The Sandhills have become critically endangered by a variety of factors: development pressure, uncontrolled recreation, invasive non-native vegetation, lack of enforcement of local and federal laws such as the federal Endangered Species Act and the County Sensitive Habitat Ordinance, and a lack of systemic planning for their preservation

and management. Federal protection for the Mount Hermon June beetle has succeeded in frustrating small property owners who have sought to build a house addition, deck, swimming pool, or single family home, but it has led to rampant unauthorized development, projects with poor, piecemeal mitigation, and a lack of coherent planning for the Sandhills as a whole.

Fortunately, the County of Santa Cruz, the City of Scotts Valley, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and various organizations and individuals are now moving forward on several fronts to preserve what is left of the Sandhills. A Regional Habitat Conservation Plan and an interim plan for smaller projects are being developed to

establish a coherent

framework for preservation and mitigation in the Sandhills. The County's Sensitive Habitat Ordinance is being reviewed to make sure it effectively addresses the unique threats that face the Sandhills. The City of Scotts Valley is considering establishing its own Sensitive Habitat Ordinance

Mount Hermon June beetle



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to assure consistent, responsible treatment of development issues in the sandhills. A private "conservation bank" (the Zayante Sandhills Conservation Bank) has been established and approved by USFWS to help preserve and properly manage some of the highest-quality, most contiguous Sandhills habitat—and to require credible mitigation of development projects. Additionally, local activists from the Sierra Club, California Native Plant Society, Open Space Alliance, and Sandhills Alliance for Natural Diversity (SAND) are focusing, to various degrees, on Sandhills issues.



Ben Lomond spineflower

Despite these laudable efforts, there is no strategy in place to preserve the best, largest unprotected Sandhills parcels—most of which suffer negative impacts on a daily basis, and some of which are threatened with development. Although a Sandhills Conservation and Management Plan was developed in 2004, implementing key components of the Plan has proven to be a great challenge. Actually preserving the Sandhills will require swift, concerted action by various interested groups and individuals, but especially by government agencies, in order to secure the funds necessary to preserve

the highest quality habitat.

Over a decade ago, coordinated efforts among the Sierra Club, South Ridge Watershed Association, the California Native Plant Society, and others succeeded in preserving the south, north, and east ridges of the Quail Hollow Quarry near Ben Lomond as well as the Bonny Doon Ecological Reserve, two important Sandhill sites. Nevertheless, for a county that prides itself on its commitment to ecological values, we have fallen far short in protecting our single rarest, most endangered ecosystem. We need to do much better, and fast, if we are to protect this fragile ecological treasure in our midst.

Local environmentalists are planning to approach our state and federal legislators to see how government agencies can best respond to this urgent conservation issue. If you would like to participate in that process, please contact Jeff Ringold, jdringold@aol.com.

Additional information on the Santa Cruz sandhills may be found at www.santacruzsandhills.com.

Jeffrey Ringold is an open space advocate and environmental policy consultant who lives in Santa Cruz.

Researchers confirm that lead bullets are poisoning condors

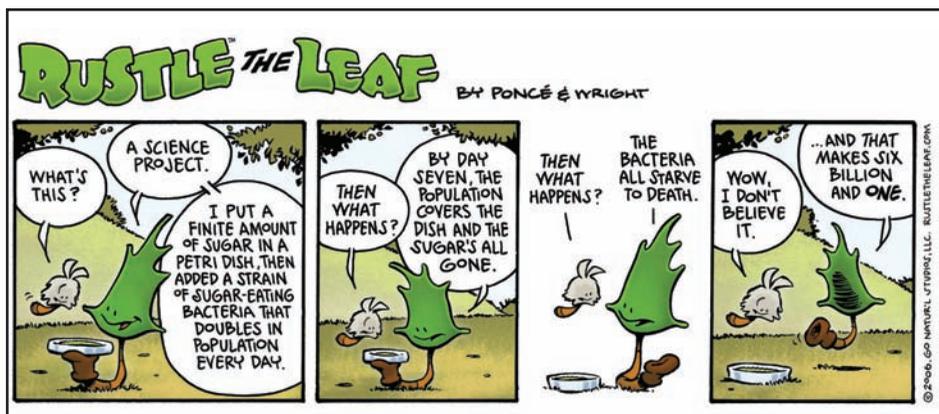
A study led by environmental toxicologists at the University of California, Santa Cruz, has confirmed what wildlife biologists have long suspected: Bullet fragments and shotgun pellets in the carcasses of animals killed by hunters are the principal sources of lead poisoning in California condors that have been reintroduced to the wild.

Lead poisoning is a major factor limiting the success of efforts to rebuild populations of the endangered California condor. Since the mid-1980s, condors have been bred in captivity and released back into the wild in California, Arizona, and Baja California. The birds, which feed on carrion, can ingest lead from ammunition in animal carcasses or gut piles left behind by hunters.

The UCSC researchers used a "fingerprinting" technique based on the unique isotope ratios found in different sources of lead. The technique enabled them to match the lead in blood samples from condors to the lead in ammunition.

Lead researcher Molly Church, said she hopes the findings prompt greater efforts not only to reduce lead exposure in condors but to reduce lead contamination in California in general.

"Lead is a well-known toxin that should no longer be getting into the environment, and it would truly be a shame if lead poisoning negated the significant condor conservation efforts and achievements that have taken place over the past several decades," she said.



NEWS CLIPS

Cleaner buses

Thanks to \$6.8 million from the California Transportation Commission, Santa Cruz Metro will convert 40 buses from diesel to much cleaner compressed natural gas. Our lungs are grateful.

PG cool

Pacific Grove has joined Santa Cruz, Capitola, and almost 300 other cities nationwide as a Cool City. In September city council members voted unanimously to adopt the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. Way to go Pacific Grove! OK, Salinas, Watsonville, Monterey. Are you going to commit to combat global warming?

Petition denied

Our last issue reported the California Supreme Court decision affirming the right of a county to decide where logging takes place. Big Creek Lumber appealed. The appeal was denied, reaffirming this right for counties.

EPA ignoring evidence

While most of the rest of the country is moving toward less pollution, the EPA is not protecting our health. In September the EPA announced new air standards for particulate matter that

ignores scientific evidence that the proposed standards need to be lower. Maybe they should be renamed the Environmental Pollution Agency.

Club sues over global warming

In August the Sierra Club, 12 states including California, the Natural Resources Defense Council and other environmental groups filed suit before the Supreme Court to force the EPA to tackle global warming. The suit contends that the Clean Air Act requires the EPA to act. Because the case includes a challenge by the auto industry to California's clean car laws, the state is involved. It's a sad situation when one has to sue to save the world.

Recycling saves energy

U. S. Department of Commerce notes that recycling plastic saves more than 80% of the energy needed for non-recycled plastic; recycling paper saves 64% of the energy required to make paper from trees; and recycling iron and steel saves over 74% over production from ore. Not only that, the over 56,000 recycling establishments in the U.S. employ over a million people.



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Court removes legal block of land use ballot measures

When a three-judge panel derailed two Monterey County grassroots ballot initiatives intended for the June election, citizens appealed the decision to the Ninth Circuit Court. Now that body has ruled 14-1 that private recall petitions do not have to be translated into minority languages. This decision reversed the earlier ruling, *Padilla v Lever*.

The Ninth Circuit decision clears the way for the Community General Plan Initiative and the Rancho San Juan Referendum to go before the voters.

The Rancho San Juan referendum would overturn approval of the largest project in Monterey County history. The Community General Plan Initiative incorporates common-sense development policies into Monterey County's General Plan by amending the County's existing 1982 General Plan. Supervisors have failed to update the 1982 General Plan despite spending \$7 million and 7 years in the effort.

The Ninth Circuit decision to reverse *Padilla* is in keeping with other Districts' interpretation of the Voting Rights Act. It is also in keeping with the intent of

Congress when it re-authorized the Voting Rights Act this summer, specifically stating that the Act's requirement to translate voting materials into minority languages in some jurisdictions was not to be construed as applying to privately circulated initiative, referendum and recall petitions.

The decision reversing *Padilla* on September 19 came too late to include either measure on the November ballot. Look for both of these land-use ballot measures at a future election.



Hike to save the coast: Oct. 28

by Owen Bailey

On Saturday, Oct. 28, Sierra Club Coastal Director, Mark Massara will lead activists from throughout California on an easy and informative hike through one of California's great coastal places—the Tomales Dunes. This magnificent and relatively isolated spot which is in Marin County across from Point Reyes National Seashore, represents one of the largest unprotected stretches of dunes in the state. Club

Is your dry cleaner using a toxic product?

The Sierra Club, represented by Earthjustice, filed a lawsuit in September that challenges the Environmental Protection Agency's refusal to phase out the use of perchloroethylene, a highly toxic chemical still used as a solvent in most dry cleaning facilities. Approximately 27,000 dry cleaners currently use perchloroethylene, also known as "perc" or "PCE."

Perc has been identified as a probable cause of cancer, and also causes other serious adverse health effects, including headaches, dizziness, eye irritation, kidney and liver damage, and damage to the central nervous system. Recognizing the

danger posed by perc, California air regulators recently called for a phase-out. Many dry cleaners have voluntarily switched to cleaner, safer technologies.

Wet cleaning machines, and machines that run on captured carbon dioxide, or CO₂, offer the same cleaning quality with none of the toxic threats of perc.

The Ventana suggests you choose your dry cleaners carefully. Ask them if they use perc. We called about 10 dry cleaners in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. About a third were still using perc. Others had switched to safer methods. What does your dry cleaner use?

activists have been working for years to protect the dunes from the threats posed by the un-permitted RV campground, Lawson's Landing, the largest RV campground in all of California.

This hike is the second in the series of statewide hikes to save the coast. The first occurred in March in the threatened Del Monte Forest at Pebble Beach.

The Great Coastal Places hike series is designed to bring people together to experience our fragile, threatened coastline and to show people the

simple things that they can do to make a difference in protecting the coast for future generations. Massara will point out sensitive dune wetlands, multiple endangered species, and a future in doubt.

Join Mark and other Sierra Club members from all over California to experience the beauty of the Tomales Dunes and to learn how much you can help with very little time commitment. For

more information email Mark at savethecoast@sierraclub.org or call Catherine Caufield, 415-663-9312.



Activists are working to protect the Tomales Dunes.



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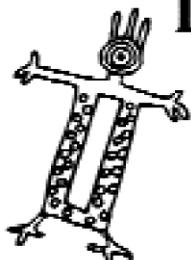
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RATINGS

GENERAL INFORMATION:

All outings begin and end at the trailhead. Carpooling to and from the trailhead is strictly a private arrangement between the driver and his/her guests. Carpool drivers are not agents or employees of the Sierra Club.

GLS = Gay & Lesbian Sierrans. All are welcome on GLS outings.

EXPLANATION OF RATINGS:

The outings described vary in difficulty from leisurely walks to strenuous hikes. The following explanation are general guidelines. (For more information about the difficulty of a particular hike, call the leader):

Walk: Between 2-5 miles, leisurely pace.

Easy: No more than 5 miles; slight elevation gain; easy pace.

Moderate: 5-10 miles; up to 2,000' gain; boots; better than average fitness required.

Strenuous: May involve off-trail hiking; demanding pace; for experienced hikers in good condition only.

MEETING PLACES

DIRECTIONS:

Park and Ride/Black Bear Diner: This parking lot is on Rio Road in Carmel.

Albertson's/Bagel Bakery: Heading south on Hwy. 1, pass through Monterey. One mile past the Ocean Ave. intersection, turn left on Carmel Valley Rd. Almost immediately, turn right at the light toward the stores. Albertson's and Bagel Bakery are on the right.

Santa Cruz County Govt. Center: The large grey building at the corner of Ocean and Water in Santa Cruz. We meet at the corner of the parking lot nearest to the gas station.

Felton Faire: From Santa Cruz take Graham Hill Rd. toward Felton. Just after you pass Roaring Camp (on the left), make a right into Felton Faire shopping center. We meet at the edge of the Safeway parking lot nearest Graham Hill Rd.

41st Avenue Sears: From Hwy. 1 in Capitola, take the 41st Avenue exit and continue toward the ocean on 41st Avenue toward the Mall. Pass the main Mall entrance and turn right into the next entrance heading toward Sears. We meet behind the bank located at 41st and Capitola Road. **Senior Saunter meets in Sears parking lot close to 41st Ave.**

MPC Parking Lot: Monterey Peninsula College Parking Lot. From Hwy. 1 take the Fisherman's Wharf exit, go straight one block, turn left and left again into the first parking lot, parking lot A. This is the site of the Thursday Farmers Market. Plenty of parking without a fee on weekends.

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 14

HIKE: PESCADERO CREEK PARK

A 10-mile hike through a 6500-acre redwood-forested watershed along one of the Santa Cruz Mountains' major creeks. We'll hike the Old Haul Road Trail and sections of the Pomponio and Tarwater Loop Trails. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Bring plenty of water and \$5 for carpool, plus share of park entry fee. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

NOTICE

Club events such as potlucks, slide shows and other get-togethers are on page 7 in the Calendar listings.

Saturday, October 14

HIKE: LOWER PEBBLE BEACH

Enjoy spectacular ocean views and Del Monte Forest on this 9-mile hike starting near Asilomar, then south along Spanish Bay to Bird Rock. We then go east adjacent to Spyglass Hill and Poppy Hills Golf Course through S.F.B. Morse Reserve and out along 17-Mile Drive. Bring water, lunch, and wear hiking shoes. Meet in front of the Fishwife Restaurant on Sunset Dr. and Asilomar Ave. in PG at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Stacy Smith, 625-5256.

Saturday, October 14

HIKE: DANISH CREEK

From Los Padres dam we'll hike 3 miles up the Big Pines Trail and then down to the creekside campsite on Danish Creek. A moderate 8 miles with 1400' elevation gain. Meet at mid-valley Safeway at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

Tuesday, October 17

SENIOR SAUNTER: ASILOMAR/PG

We'll walk north along the coast to Point Pinos. Fairly flat 3 miles. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at the Fishwife Restaurant in Pacific Grove at 10:30 a.m. Bring lunch, water, \$5 carpool. Dress for weather. Leader: Brooke Ewoldsen, 475-6188.

Wednesday, October 18

HIKE: DON EDWARDS REFUGE

If you drive out First St. in San Jose past the technology buildings, you come to Alviso, once a harbor at the end of the bay and now a wildlife refuge. After a short talk about the area and history by a docent, we'll start our 8-mile flat hike at the Environmental Education Center and go along the levees and dikes by Mallard Slough. It is an opportunity to view close up ducks, pelicans, hawks, egrets, and

perhaps a Great Blue Heron. It's also possible to see the roofs of Drawbridge, a sinking ghost town of stilted cabins to withstand the daily tides. We'll be surrounded by amazing views of all the south bay hillsides. Bring a lunch and water plus \$3 carpool. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. or at the refuge parking lot at the end of Grand Blvd. in Alviso at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Thursday, October 19

HIKE: GARLAND RANCH/GARZAS CYN

A beautiful hike with lots of shade! We'll hike up the Terrace Trail, then through the Redwood Canyon and return along Garzas Creek with footbridge crossings. 4-miles and 800' elevation gain. Meet at the Big Bear Diner Park & Ride on Rio Rd. at 9:00 a.m. or at the Garzas Canyon trailhead on East Garzas Rd. at 9:15 a.m. Bring water and a snack/lunch. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Friday, October 20

HIKE: BRAZIL RANCH

Let's explore more of this newly opened 1200-acre ranch south of Bixby Bridge in Big Sur. The late former owner, Alan Funt, had a beautiful barn restored and a special country

house. We'll hike on country roads, trails and cross country high up onto the ridge for gorgeous views up and down the coast with lunch. 4-hour loop hike with some steep hills. Bring a hearty lunch and water, wear hat, sun protection and good shoes, summer gaiters optional. Meet at Albertson's in Carmel at 9:30 a.m. Call before the hike. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Saturday, October 21

HIKE: NISENE MARKS

A 6-mile, car-shuttle hike beginning at Cabrillo College and ending at Safeway in Aptos. We'll traverse the Scout Trail, up over the ridge, to the Aptos Creek Fire Rd. in Nisene Marks. From the fire road, we'll follow the Split-Stuff, Vienna Woods, Terrace and Oak Ridge Trails to the Old-Growth Loop Trail in the Marcell's Forest part of the park to see the fascinating Twisted Grove, and the largest old-growth redwoods in the park. The hike will end with a trek along the Aptos Rancho Trail, past a gorgeous vertical fern grove. Three shallow, unbridged creek crossings. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m. Heavy rain before will cancel. Bring water, lunch and \$1 for carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Sunday, October 22

HIKE: FALL CREEK

Join me as we explore this enchanted forest with redwoods, a lovely burbling stream full of cascades, a lime kiln, barrel mill, fish pond,



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and dancing springs. 7 miles. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Felton Faire at 10:00 a.m. to carpool. Leader: Sheila Dunniway, 336-2325.

Sunday, October 22

HIKE: MT. MANUEL AND POST SUMMIT

This strenuous 13-mile hike with 2700' elevation gain is challenging and beautiful. We'll hike up Mt. Manuel across the ridge to Post Summit then down to East Molera. A short car shuttle back to Big Sur completes this hike. Bring boots, water and lunch. Meet at Albertson's in Carmel Valley at 8:30 a.m. Leader, Steve Legnard 402-1422.

Tuesday, October 24

HIKE: ASILOMAR BEACH/PEBBLE BEACH

We'll stroll along Asilomar State Beach, along the boardwalk into Pebble Beach and go as far as Point Joe or a bit beyond. Friendly dogs on leash OK. Parking along Sunset Drive. Bring water, a snack, and dress in layers. Meet in

front of Asilomar Conference Center and Sunset Drive in Pacific Grove, next to the sign, "Asilomar Conference Grounds" at 11:00 a.m. Leader: Carol Marquart, 375-2235.

Tuesday, October 24

SENIOR HIKE: BUTANO

This easy 3-mile loop hike is through the redwoods into the campgrounds and along Little Butano Creek. A more rigorous extension is available. Bathrooms and water available. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at Shen's Gallery, King & Mission at 9:50 a.m. Bathroom facilities at trailhead. Bring lunch, water, \$4 carpool and share of entrance fee. Leader: Janet Schwind, 425-3845.

Wednesday, October 25

HIKE: COSTANOA TRAILS

Twenty-five miles north of Santa Cruz, the Costanoa Resort was built off Hwy. 1 in a grove of Eucalyptus trees. This was the site of an historic Ohlone encampment with its hill-sides and valleys that provided shelter from seashore winds. We'll start at the resort and follow the trail out and then uphill to the upper and lower vista points that overlook Ano Nuevo Point and Pigeon Point Lighthouse. Bring water, lunch, and \$3 carpool for this 8-mile hike. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. or at the Costanoa Resort Ranch House which is a general store at 9:40 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, October 28

HIKE: SAN LORENZO RIVER REDWOODS

This recent Sempervirens Fund acquisition and addition to Castle Rock State Park adds about 30% to the park acreage. Rain will cause trail problems, so call if wet to verify status. 8 miles with 1200' elevation gain with some off-trail rambling. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, October 29

HIKE: MILL CREEK

Let's check out the new trail at Mill Creek in Palo Colorado. 5 miles, well-graded trail. Slowpoke pace. By reservation only, thanks to the requirement for parking permits, so call leader to save a space. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes; bring lunch and water. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Park & Ride/Black Bear Diner. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Getting to outings
Sierra Club encourages outings participants to walk, bicycle, and take the bus to outings meeting places.



Sunday, October 29

HIKE: PT. BONITA

After driving to San Francisco, we'll take the 12:04 p.m. bus across the Marin Headlands to the Pacific coast. We will visit the park visitor center, and Pt. Bonita lighthouse, then hike back via the Coastal trail to and across the Golden Gate Bridge. The trip is 10 miles with 1000' elevation change. Bring water, lunch and a snack, hiking boots and \$1.50 bus fare (\$0.50 for seniors). Binoculars and camera useful. Dress for windy weather. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 9:40 a.m. Leader: George Jammal, 335-7748.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 1

HIKE: FALL CREEK

This is the best time of year to take a peaceful and quiet hike into the 2390-acre park and see the fall colors of the big-leaf maples around the lime kilns. We'll hike along bubbling Fall Creek into the central canyon of the park, climb switchbacks up onto the ridge to see

the Big Ben tree, and return past the barrel mill. Bring lunch, water, and \$3 carpool for this 8-1/2 mile hike with 1,200' elevation gain. Meet at Sears 41st Avenue at 9:00 a.m. or drive out west of Felton on Felton-Empire Grade Road to the Fall Creek parking lot past the library for a 9:35 a.m. meeting. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Thursday, November 2

HIKE: NISENE MARKS

This loop hike on the Loma Prieta Grade Trail passes through a lovely, shaded redwood forest, tan-bark oaks, maples and ferns. At times we'll hike along creeks with several crossings (boots a must). Lunch at Maple Falls. 900' elevation gain; 9 miles. Meet in Seaside at the Home Depot near the gas station at 8:30 a.m. or in Aptos in the lot behind Dance Synergy near the beginning of Aptos Creek Rd. at 9:15 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday, November 4

HIKE: BIG BASIN

A 12-1/2 mile loop hike with 1330' elevation change, starting from Park HQ. We will hike the Howard King Trail, up to the overlook on Mt. McBee at 1730' elevation gain, then down to the overlook at beautiful Berry Creek Falls at 400'. We return up the Berry Creek Trail, past Silver, Cascade and Gold Crest Falls, to the Sunset Trail and Park HQ. About 1400' elevation gain. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 8:30 a.m. or at Felton Faire at 8:50 a.m. Bring water, lunch, share of park entrance fee and \$5 for carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Saturday - Sunday, November 4 - 5

BACKPACK: BIG CREEK RESERVE

We'll meet 7:00 a.m. at Albertson's and spend the weekend until Sunday afternoon. A Hartnell College biology teacher will accompany us. We hike up Big Creek through the redwoods to High Camp and leave our heavy backpacks in camp. Then, those who want to can hike steeply down on rough trails to Canogas Falls, 1000' loss and gain. On Sunday morning, we'll walk out to a fabulous place high above the coast and finally, return on through meadows with 180 degrees of ocean views. Bring tent, sleeping bag, warm clothes, food for 2 days, cooking utensils, and \$ for car pool. Water will be available. Call

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for reservation. Limited to 12 participants. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Sunday, November 5

EASY HIKE: JACK'S PEAK

We start out on the Earl Moser Trail to enjoy the views of the eastern rolling hills and a peek at some new Carmel Valley development. About 3 miles with some up and down. Just the way to enjoy a Sunday morning. Bring water, windbreaker, lunch and dress for weather. Rain cancels. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Whole Foods side parking lot, Del Monte Center. Call user-friendly leader, Joyce Stevens, 624-3149 for more information.

Tuesday, November 7

SENIOR HIKE: PARADISE PK/RINCON

We'll walk a fire road in Paradise Park to Hwy. 9 cross over to Rincon Trail then cross back to trail leading to San Lorenzo River. 4 miles, some uphill. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. To go direct, take Hwy. 9 to Paradise Park Masonic Club (approx. 1 mile from Intersection of River and Hwy. 1). Follow signs for 1 mile to picnic grounds with ample parking. We'll lunch at picnic grounds. Bathrooms available. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

Wednesday, November 8

HIKE: GARZAS CANYON

Stream-fed Garzas Cyn has lots of rock-lined pools with creek crossings bisecting Garland Ranch. In the spring we tried to hike this trail, but there was too much water, so let's try again with beautiful fall colors. We'll start from the end of Garzas Rd. and hike up the Garzas Cyn Trail to Redwood Cyn and East Ridge Trail. A few of the trails are rocky and narrow, but we'll get a 360° view of Monterey Bay and Carmel Valley. Bring water, lunch, \$4 carpool for this 6-mile sometimes steep hike. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at 10:00 a.m. 10.3 miles up Carmel Valley Rd., right on Boronda and left on Garzas Rd. to the end. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, November 11

HIKE: BIG BASIN

The Meteor and Hollow Tree Trails are old favorites of mine, including a section formerly named in the early 1900s "Trail Beautiful" and now renamed something less beautiful. 10 miles and 1800' elevation gain. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government

Center to carpool. Call Nick for additional info. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, November 12

HIKE: BLUFF CAMP

Let's see if there's any water left in Los Padres reservoir! Meet behind Brinton's at 9:00 a.m. to carpool to Princes Camp in Cachagua. Our 8-mile walk takes us across the dam and along the edge of the reservoir to lunch at Bluff Camp on the upper Carmel River. Scenic and moderately strenuous terrain at a leisurely pace. Bring lunch and water. Leaders; Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372-7427.

Sunday, November 12

HIKE: PINNACLES

Hike the trails at beautiful Pinnacles National Park. 12-mile hike over the high peaks with a 1000' elevation gain. Bring boots, water and lunch. Meet at the Home Depot in Seaside near the gas station at 8:30 a.m. or at West Pinnacles parking lot at 9:15am. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Tuesday, November 14

SENIOR HIKE: MANZANITA PARK

This is a moderate hilly 3-1/4-mile hike in North Monterey County. See ocean and Fremont Peak on clear day. Lunch at picnic tables in park. Bathrooms available. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at Manzanita Park. Call leader for directions. Leader: Beverly Meschi, 475-4185.

Wednesday, November 15

HIKE: WADDELL CREEK TO FALLS

One of our favorite hikes on a trail that starts at Rancho Del Oso by the coast and follows Waddell Creek up to Berry Creek Falls for lunch. The trail passes between private lands with organic gardens and redwood groves.

Near the falls the rocky trail winds uphill and narrows. Boots are the best for this 9-mile hike with 800' elevation gain. We'll pass the site of Herbert Hoover Jr.'s camp when he was a boy building fences. Bring lunch, water, and \$4 carpool. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. or at the trailhead on Hwy. 1 across from the bus stop at Waddell Beach at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Thursday, November 16

HIKE: GARLAND RANCH/GARZAS CYN

If the bridges haven't been removed yet for the winter, we'll hike up the Terrace Trail, then through Redwood Canyon and return along Garzas Creek. If the bridges are out, we'll make a detour and still have a beautiful hike! 4 miles with 800' elevation gain. Meet at the Big Bear Diner P&R at 9:00 a.m. or at the Garzas Canyon trailhead on East Garzas Rd. at 9:15 a.m. Bring water and a snack/lunch. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday, November 18

HIKE: BRAZIL RANCH

See October 20 for details.

Saturday, November 18

HIKE: CASCADE RANCH/BIG BASIN

An 11-mile car-shuttle hike, with 1100' eleva-

tion change, starting from Whitehouse Creek Cyn in Cascade Ranch at 600'. We'll hike up the Whitehouse Ridge Trail to the viewpoint at 1400', into Big Basin along Chalks Rd. to the point near the top of Chalks Mountain at 1700', down the Westridge Trail to the Twin Redwoods Trail Camp, and along the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail to Hwy. 1 at Waddell Beach. The two vista points on the route provide great views of Año Nuevo Island, Pigeon Point Lighthouse and other coastal sights. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 8:30 a.m. Bring water, lunch and \$3 carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Sunday, November 19

HIKE: POGONIP

We'll see the haunted meadow, sacred oak, kilns, and other thrilling sights. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Santa Cruz Government Center. 6 miles. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Sheila Duniway, 336-2325.

Tuesday, November 21

SENIOR SAUNTER: WILDER RANCH

We'll walk the bluffs from the parking lot to 4-mile beach. Easy, flat trail with spectacular ocean views. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at Shen's Gallery, King & Mission at 9:50 a.m. Bathroom facilities at parking lot of Wilder. Bring lunch, water, \$3 car-

carpool news

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Sunday, November 26

HIKE: GARLAND RANCH

Do we need to work off some of that stuffing and pie we ingested on Turkey Day? Let's hope for a clear day and puff up and down a few hills somewhere around Garland Ranch. The pace will be slow and the distance under 5 miles. Dress in layers, bring lunch, water and hiking stick if you have one to help on tricky trail spots. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the main parking lot (NOT ON THE SHOULDERS OF CV ROAD!!!) or if coming from town, check for (no leader) carpoolers at the Park & Ride on Rio Road at 9:40 a.m. Just wave your rucksack around and see who responds. Real Rain Cancels! Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Tuesday, November 28

SENIOR HIKE: POGONIP

Starting at Spring Street we'll hike 4+ miles to lime kilns and view the Sacred Tree on the way. No bathroom facilities. Meet before 9:30

a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at north end of Spring Street at 9:50 a.m. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. Leader: Helena Cantin, 438-4253.

Thursday, November 30

HIKE: NISENE MARKS

What a beautiful hike! Join us for a 9-mile loop on the West Ridge Trail through a lovely shaded forest of redwoods, tan-bark oaks, maples and ferns. The gradual elevation gain is approximately 1000'. Bring water and lunch. Call for meeting time and location. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 2

HIKE: TORO PARK (WILDCAT CANYON)

The Marks Family donated this Park to Monterey County, I believe, in the 1960s. 10 miles with 2000' elevation gain and views. Meet to carpool at 9:30 a.m. near the Mar Monte Ave. exit of Hwy. 1 (south of the San Andreas Rd. exit) Call me to verify the location! Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, December 3

HIKE: TORO PARK

Hike 10 miles in Toro Park with a 1500' elevation gain. This hike is close to town and a

great workout. There are great views of the harbor and Salinas Valley. Bring water, boots, and lunch. Meet at the Home Depot in Seaside near the gas station at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Steve Legnard 402-1422.

Tuesday, December 5

HIKE: CARMEL MISSION/MISSION TR

Meet in front of the entrance to the Carmel Mission museum store on Rio Road at 11:00 a.m. We'll take a 45-minute tour of the Mission for \$5.00 entrance fee. After, we'll stroll along the Mission Nature Trail and have lunch on the grounds of the Flanders Mansion. On our way back, we'll visit the Lester Roundtree Native Plant Garden and return via the Mesa Trail. Bring water, a snack, and wear comfortable walking shoes. Leader, Carol Marquart, 375-2235.

Tuesday, December 5

SENIOR HOLIDAY LUNCH: PESCADERO

Our lunch this year will be at Duarte's in Pescadero, well known for its diverse menu. After lunch, we can walk along trails in Davenport or tour a goat cheese production farm (if open). Meet before 11:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. \$4 carpool. To go direct, take Hwy. 1 north to Pescadero exit to Duarte's. Lunch at 12:00 p.m. Menu details to follow. Reservation required to Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

Wednesday, December 6

HIKE: FORT ORD PUBLIC LANDS

This rolling grassland dotted with eucalyptus, oak, and maple trees is across Hwy. 68 from Toro Park. This land was once off limits and used for military maneuvers, but now it is maintained for biking, hiking and equestrian use. We'll hike 8 miles up and down slopes to see sweeping views of the Salinas Valley from sandstone outcroppings on the hilltop. Bring lunch, water, \$4 carpool. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at 9:50 a.m. at the trailhead

on Hwy 68, 10 miles from Hwy. 1 in Monterey. It is at the west end of Toro Park Estates. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, December 9

HIKE: MILL CREEK REDWOOD PRESERVE

This is the newest trail built by the Monterey Park District, and it is an engineering marvel, as the Carmel Pine Cone wrote. A forest trail with little elevation gain under huge redwoods, madrones, tanbark and live oaks, laurel out to a viewpoint on a bluff. 5.5 miles, deep in the heart of Big Sur. Call for a reservation since parking is limited. Meet at Albertson's in Carmel Valley at 9:30 a.m. Bring water and lunch, \$ for carpooling. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Saturday, December 9

HIKE: MOUNT MADONNA

A 7-mile loop hike from the Mount Madonna's Sprig recreation area. We'll hike along the Merry-Go-Round, Loop, Blue Springs and Blackhawk trails. 1400' elevation gain. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m. or at the Rio Del Mar Shopping Center (near the Bittersweet Bistro) at 9:45 a.m. to carpool, or meet at the park's Sprig entrance off Hwy. 152 at 10:30 a.m. Bring water, lunch and \$3 carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Sunday, December 10

HIKE: OLD COAST ROAD, BIG SUR

In winter the unpaved Old Coast Rd. is delightful. 11 miles up and down through fern-lined redwood canyons with views to the coast and inland to Pico Blanco. Car shuttle. We'll walk from Bixby Bridge to Andrew Molera. Expect moderate to strenuous hills at a leisurely pace. Bring lunch and water. Meet behind Brinton's at 8:30 a.m. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372-7427.

Wednesday, December 13

HIKE: WILDER RANCH

What is your favorite trail at Wilder? We'll hike up over 3 sea terraces uplifted through thousands of years of seismic activity to the overlook for lunch. There are dry grasslands and oak woodlands, and canyon creeks surrounded by redwoods to be explored while we gaze out over the ocean and Monterey Bay. Bring water, lunch, \$3 carpool and entrance fee for this 8-mile hike. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. or at the Wilder Ranch State Park parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Thursday, December 14

HIKE: POINT LOBOS

We'll circle this crown jewel of California's state park system covering 5 miles with very little elevation gain. We'll pass Granite Point, Guillemot Island, Weston Beach, China Cove, and much more. The views will be spectacular, and we are certain to see a variety of wildlife. Bring water, a snack/lunch, and optional binoculars. Meet at the Big Bear Diner P&R at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

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Conservation Committee:

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 Beck's house: 23765 Spectacular Bid, Monterey. Take Hwy 68 to York Rd. to Spectacular Bid.
 January 20, at 2:00 p.m.

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Information: 426-HIKE (426-4453)
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Executive Committee:

Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7:00 p.m.
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Conservation Committee:

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Alan Miyamoto

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