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—John Greenleaf Whittier, from "Proem"**

Erica Crawford



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CHAPTER CHAIR

Thank you, Sam

Last November, the people of the United States voted across the Nation against Republican candidates favoring the continuation and escalation of this Administration's war in Iraq. The Democrats regained control of the House and the Senate, and already we are seeing important changes in both houses. We are also fortunate to have as our own Congressperson, Sam Farr.

On January 11, after President Bush gave a speech to the nation escalating the war effort in Iraq, Farr introduced legislation to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107-243) and to require the withdrawal of our armed forces from Iraq.

Farr described his frustration with the president's refusal to listen to the will of the public and expressed deep regret for

the many US troops who have been killed and wounded. His analysis of the current increase in violence in Iraq is that it is political and cannot be helped by our continuing presence in the country and the keeping of troops "in harm's way."

Representative Farr is to be commended for being the first to introduce legislation against this senseless and arbitrary war which has caused so many casualties. Our own troop fatalities stand at about 3055; there are an estimated 50,000 - 60,000 civilian Iraqis dead and many more wounded on both sides.

This war has also cost us credibility and friendship with other nations as well

as billions of dollars that could have been spent on health care, poverty, education and environmental clean-up. According to the Pentagon, the cost of the war in Iraq alone is expected to top 8.4 billion dollars a month for the fiscal year ending in September, and the administration is expected to ask Congress soon for an additional \$100 billion dollars for "emergency" war money.

Farr is to be commended for his readiness to speak out, assume leadership and take necessary action during these critical times.

—Rita Dalessio

FROM THE EDITOR

Honor conservation not consumption

While waiting in line at the historic Del Mar Theater in downtown Santa Cruz for admission to one of the free films of the Pacific Rim Film Festival, I started talking to the woman in front of me. She confided that the day before, she was unable to stay for an evening film since she had to go home to take some clothes off the line.

"I live in a mobile home park," she explained, "and we're not supposed to hang laundry outside." She went on to describe how she had found a spot for her clothesline not easily viewed by others since her unit was next to the fence. "But I really needed to get home and take the clothes in before someone complained."

What's wrong with this picture? Why is it that someone who is doing something wonderful for the environment, doing something wonderful for you and for me, has to sneak around so nobody sees or complains. People who hang their laundry on a clothesline should be applauded as heroes and given the key to the city not shunned by neighbors or censured by the homeowners association.

It seems to me our culture needs a values reorganization. I know it can happen

because it has before. Remember when smoking was considered glamorous? Now it's considered unhealthy, rebellious, or rude. Remember when only zealots recycled their bottles and cans? Now it's considered one's civic duty.

Let's change our thinking about actions that reduce our energy consumption. Let us celebrate the little and bigger steps we all take to save our planet. Pat yourself on the back every time

you replace an incandescent light bulb with a fluorescent one. Give special recognition to employees who walk, bike, take public transportation, or carpool to work. Honor neighbors who hang their clothes on the line instead of using a dryer. Reward family members who turn out lights when they leave a room. Deliver chocolate to friends who bring their own bags to the grocery store. Give gold stars to students who walk and bike to school.

You get the idea. Let's change the culture. Let's honor conservation not consumption. We need movie stars to recycle their Hummers and make hanging clothes out to dry fashionable.

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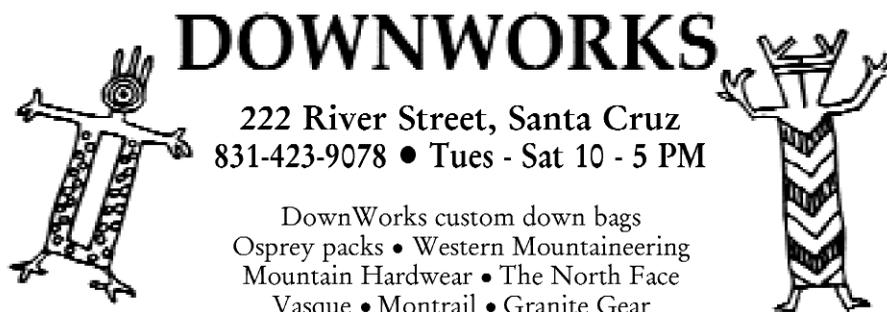


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No widening

The arrogance of our local transportation policy-makers is stunning. In voting to secure funds from the State to widen Highway 1 they thumbed their noses at the 58% of our County's voters who specifically said "NO WIDENING." They are currently spending \$200,000 on a 100-person task force, whose job is to assess the mood for highway widening and other transportation options. Before this task force had reported its conclusions, the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission applied for massive highway widening funds.

But, in my mind, the biggest insult is to ignore the impact of the automobile on our community and on our planet. Santa Cruz is a progressive community, but when it comes to the almighty auto, step aside or get run over. Our two mid-County supervisors, Jan Beautz and Ellen Pirie, will only wake up when they themselves lose re-election bids.

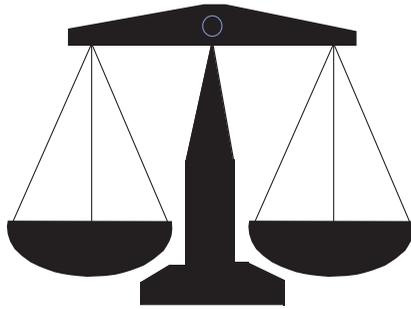
—Spike Alper
Bonny Doon

Hats off to VWA

For those of you who have gone into the Ventana Wilderness for a leisurely walk, strenuous hike, or backpack to enjoy its mesmerizing beauty, have you ever wondered who keeps these wilderness trails maintained? Well, let me tell you. The Ventana Wilderness Alliance is an amazing organization that has members so tremendously wonderful, strong, hardworking, unselfish, caring, noble, and very humble. They remove gigantic trees that have obstructed the trails, making it sometimes impossible to pass. They do brush clearing as well. To top this off, they give up their weekends, without pay! It has been an honor to know these people! HATS OFF TO THEM!

—Esperanza Hernandez
Soledad

Sierra Club challenges September Ranch in court



by Gillian Taylor

The 891-acre September Ranch (SR) subdivision proposed for traffic-clogged, water-strapped Carmel Valley was recently approved by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors (with Supervisor Dave Potter dissenting). In response, the Ventana Chapter and co-plaintiffs Patricia Bernardi and Save Our Carmel River have sued. We were not surprised with the Board decision, given its history of failure to properly consider the impacts of development, including the impacts of the earlier incarnation of the same project.

Six years ago the Sierra Club successfully sued over an earlier version of the September Ranch development in which the courts (including the Appellate Court) found that the water analysis was faulty. We believe this latest water analysis is slicker, but no better.

Attorney Michael Stamp is representing the Club and co-plaintiffs. In addition to the water issue, the Chapter is challenging the project's huge and unmitigated impacts on Monterey pines and oaks, among other special species. Over 2600 Monterey pine trees and over 800 coast live oaks would be cut down to build the luxury housing of this project, which is proposed to be sprawled all over the steep slopes of this fragile ecosystem in violation of natural resource policies and common sense.

Not only is water availability a critical issue for Carmel Valley and River

species and habitat, but the Carmel River is the main drinking water supply for the Monterey Peninsula. Faced with the overdraft of the River and of the Seaside Aquifer, the County should not be playing fast and loose with water calculations, analysis, and impacts. Throughout the years of studies and hearings, your Chapter volunteers presented materials and analysis laying out how the project violates the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and several key Master Plan policies.

We believe this is a critical lawsuit due to the high biological values of the resources under threat and the likely harm that would come to the Carmel River and the public's water supply. After eight years of work, we are seeking a final NO on the project and its adverse impacts.

How to help

The Chapter needs your help to pay legal fees. Please send checks made out to the Ventana Chapter (not tax-deductible) or to the SC Foundation/Ventana Chapter (tax deductible), and mail to Joel Weinstein, Treasurer, 140 Carmel Riviera Drive, Carmel, CA 93923.

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—Debbie Bulger

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Coastal win

Long Beach officials have axed a liquefied natural gas terminal project by unanimous vote because of "insurmountable safety concerns," reports Mark Massara, Director of the Sierra Club's Great Coastal Places Campaign. Thanks to Club activists who wrote letters and worked with our coalition partners to halt this project.

Fight like a tiger

Just before Christmas, a Sacramento judge ordered the California Fish and Game Commission to conduct a review to determine if the California tiger salamander should be listed as an endangered or threatened species. Two years ago the Commission rejected the petition to list the salamander on dubious scientific grounds. The salamander will be protected during the 12-month review period. The lawsuit was filed by The Center for Biological Diversity.

Missed opportunity

In December the Coastal Commission extended the life of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant without taking the step of mitigating the damage caused by the plant's once-through seawater cooling system. The law allowed the Commission to permanently protect surrounding coastline as a mitigation. Unfortunately, the Commission did not take that step despite testimony by Sierra Club and other environmental organizations.

Stuck on oil

Just before his State of the Union speech in January, President Bush quietly used his executive authority to lift the ban on drilling off the southwest coast of Alaska in the fragile, salmon-rich waters of Bristol Bay. When it comes to Big Oil, Bush would rather risk sacrificing the world's largest salmon run than increase mpg standards for motor vehicles. If our cars, trucks, and SUVs averaged 40 mpg (achievable with existing technology) we would save more oil than the U.S. currently imports from the Persian Gulf.

Full disclosure

As a result of the recent published Appellate court decision in the Joy Road case, the process of logging in California will be more open to public scrutiny. All Timber Harvest Plans (THP) that have been significantly modified since they were originally submitted will require notice and recirculation to the public. No longer will the public have to constantly visit the California Department of Forestry office to check a THP file for additions and changes. Now if CDF fails to renotify the public, they are in violation of the law. THP can be accessed at ftp://thp.fire.ca.gov/THPLibrary/North_Coast_Region/.



National Club election coming this spring

The annual election for the Club's Board of Directors is now underway. In March, those of you who are eligible to vote in the national Sierra Club election will receive in the mail (or by Internet if you chose the electronic delivery option) your national Sierra Club ballot. This will include information on the candidates and where you can find additional information on the Club's website.

The Sierra Club is a democratically structured organization at all levels. The Club requires the regular flow of views on policy and priorities from its grassroots membership in order to function well. Yearly participation in elections at all Club levels is a major membership obligation. Your Board of Directors is required to stand for election by the membership. This Board sets Club policy and budgets at the national level and works closely with the Executive Director and staff to operate the Club. Voting for candidates who express your views on how the Club should grow and change is both a privilege and responsibility of membership.

Members frequently state that they don't know the candidates and find it difficult to vote without learning more.

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You can learn more by asking questions of your group and chapter leadership and other experienced members you know. Visit the Club's election website: www.sierraclub.org/bod/2007election. This site provides links to additional information about candidates, and their views on a variety of issues facing the Club and the environment.

You should use your own judgment by taking several minutes to read the ballot statement of each candidate. Then make your choices and cast your votes. You will find the ballot is quite straightforward and easy to mark. A growing number of members find the user friendly Internet voting option to be very convenient as well as saving postage.

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California Department of Forestry pulls approval of Cemex logging plan

Public comment closed prematurely

In a surprise move, on January 16, the California Department of Forestry (CDF) rescinded its approval of a timber harvest plan (THP) submitted by the Davenport cement plant owned by Cemex/RMC, a Mexican multi-national corporation. CDF took this extraordinarily unusual move in response to a phone call and follow-up letter submitted earlier that day by Jodi Frediani, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Group's Forestry Task Force.

The Cemex THP has the potential to further devastate the San Vicente Creek watershed with detrimental results for the drinking water source of the community of Davenport. As noted in the last issue of *The Ventana*, 20 years of logging, which created an extensive dirt road network in the San Vicente Creek watershed, has resulted in high turbidity levels in San Vicente Creek. The resultant turbid water has necessitated a "Boil Water" order for the residents of Davenport for the last two winters. In November, 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) listed San Vicente Creek as a sediment-impaired waterbody. The contaminant source was listed as silviculture, or logging.

The Santa Cruz County Group applauds this rescission. CDF prematurely approved the THP on January 10, by closing public comment before the public had a chance to review and respond to the plan. In addition, the Santa Cruz County representative on the Timber Harvest Review Team not only did not receive notification of a Review Team meeting in December (and was therefore unable to attend), but also was not informed that public comment had closed before she submitted comments on behalf of the County.

As a result, the public comment period has been extended for 30 days, until February 20. Both the Sierra Club and COAST, a Davenport environmental

group, intend to submit comments on the logging plan which did not adequately respond to the recent EPA listing of San Vicente Creek as an impaired waterway.

How to help

- Write Leslie Markham, Division Chief, Forest Practice, California Department of Forestry, 135 Ridgeway Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 regarding the Cemex/RMC THP, 1-06-080 SCR; or e-mail Ms. Markham: santarosapubliccomment@fire.ca.gov.

- Tell Chief Markham to prohibit Winter Operations as requested by the County and to require no cutting next to the streams as specified by the Department of Health Services in order to protect drinking water sources. Some writers might want to ask that no more logging be permitted until the current water quality problems for Davenport are resolved.

• Comments must be received by February 20, 2007.

Club collecting signatures to overturn Monterey County General Plan

In yet another twist, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors recently adopted a developer-friendly General Plan despite a promise the Board made in late December to put both the Community General Plan Initiative and their developer-friendly Plan head to head on the June ballot. The Board's action means that the new General Plan is now in effect, allowing sprawl projects such as Rancho San Juan to proceed irrevocably before citizens have a chance to vote.

To prevent this developer-friendly plan from being implemented, Coalition members are collecting signatures to qualify a referendum to overturn the developer-friendly General Plan.

The saga of updating the Monterey County General Plan has been a long, torturous chess game between the Board of Supervisors representing developers' interests and a coalition of community groups fighting to give Monterey County residents an alternative to sprawl. It has morphed into a fight to defend the people's constitutional right to vote.

The battle has spread over almost eight years entailing four General Plan drafts, three referenda, one initiative,

countless public meetings, and several lawsuits. As part of a broad coalition of community organizations, the Ventana Chapter has been deeply involved in this historic struggle to prevent Monterey County from turning into another Orange County.

For almost a year, the County interfered with the legally-qualified, anti-sprawl initiative backed by the Ventana Chapter. The Board majority claimed the initiative petition violated the federal Voting Rights Act because it wasn't translated into Spanish. They continued to stonewall past the November 2006

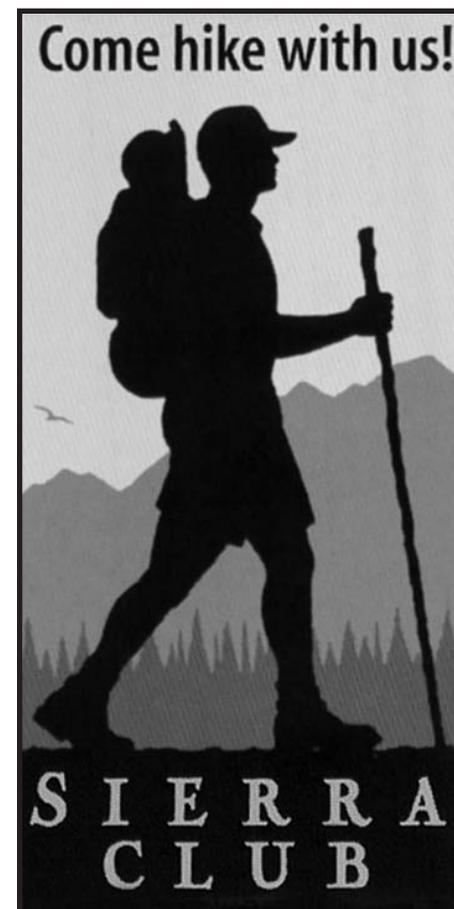
election even after their position was discredited by both the Ninth Circuit Court and the United States Congress.

How to help

If you live in Monterey County, we need your help. *Please help us campaign against* the county's "sprawl-now-pay-later" plan; and *help us campaign for* the Community General Plan Initiative. You can volunteer, publicly endorse, or post a yard sign. Contact Julie Engell, 633-8709, engellj@aol.com, for more information.

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Saturdays

Habitat restoration—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.

Feb. 10, Natural Bridges State Park
Feb. 24, Quail Hollow Ranch Co. Park
Mar. 4, Moore Creek Preserve
Mar. 17, Call for location

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Saturday, Apr. 21, Wilder Ranch, 2 miles north of Santa Cruz on Hwy. 1.
Saturday, May 26, Cabrillo College Hort. Ctr., Demo. Classroom 5110, 6500 Soquel Dr., Aptos
Saturday, Jun. 23, Scarborough Gardens, 33 El Pueblo Rd, Scotts Valley

Saturdays

Garland Ranch hikes

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Co-op America's 12-Step Plan for Climate Action

by Alisa Gravitz

With the movie *An Inconvenient Truth* drawing record audiences last summer, and groups as diverse as the "Evangelical Climate Initiative" and the Pentagon sounding the alarm on the coming climate catastrophe, our country could be on the cusp of taking real action on a very real danger.

But how much action is enough to match the scale of the solution to the scale of the problem? Based on the data, such as rapidly melting polar icecaps, showing that climate change is happening faster than anyone had thought, it is increasingly clear: Baby steps won't do it.

We need a bold action plan that can evaluate corporate, government, community, and household plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, especially carbon emissions, to levels we can live with.

Scientists at Princeton University's Carbon Mitigation Initiative (CMI) have taken up this challenge, and propose stabilizing carbon emissions by dividing this huge task into smaller, doable action "wedges" of equal size—each with the capacity to reduce carbon emissions by 1 billion tons/year by 2054. CMI lists 15 possible "wedges," out of which we need to achieve just seven to reach carbon stabilization.

At Co-op America, we added our own filters to this approach. We screened out measures that are too dangerous, costly, and slow (like nuclear power plants, syn-fuels, and "clean" coal), and we beefed up

those that are safe and cost-effective. (Wind energy is cost-competitive at utility scale, and has beaten natural gas in certain markets. Solar energy will be cost-competitive within five years.)

With these filters, we developed a plan that uses current technologies; is safe, clean, and cost-effective; and is big enough to meet the climate challenge—12 "wedges" when we only need seven. Each of the following could reduce carbon emissions by at least 1 billion tons per year by 2054:

Here's Co-op America's 12-step plan:

1. Increase fuel economy for the world's 2 billion cars from an average of 30 mpg to 60 mpg.

2. Cut back on driving. Decrease car travel for 2 billion 30-mpg cars from 10,000 to 5,000 miles per year, through increased use of mass transit, telecommuting, and walking and biking.

3. Increase energy efficiency by one-quarter in existing buildings and appliances. Move to zero-emissions plans for new buildings.

4. Decrease tropical deforestation to zero, and double the rate of new tree plantings.

5. Stop soil erosion. Apply "conservation tillage" techniques to cropland at 10 times the current usage. Encourage local, organic agriculture.

6. Increase wind power. Add 3 million 1-megawatt windmills, 75 times the current capacity.

7. Push hard for solar power. Add

3,000 gigawatt-peak solar photovoltaic units, 1,000 times current capacity.

8. Increase efficiency of coal plants from an average of 32 percent efficiency to 60 percent, and shut down plants that don't meet the standard. No net new coal plants; for new plants built, an equal number should close.

9. Replace 1,400 gigawatts of coal with natural gas, a four-fold increase in natural gas usage over current levels—a short-term step until zero-emissions renewable technologies can replace natural gas.

10. Sequester carbon dioxide at existing coal plants. Sequestration involves storing carbon dioxide underground, an unproven technology that may, nonetheless, be better than nothing.

11. Develop zero-emissions vehicles, including plug-in hybrids and electric vehicles powered by renewable energy.

12. Develop biomass as a short-term replacement for fossil fuel until better carbon-free technologies are developed—but only biofuels made from waste, and made without displacing farmland and rainforests.

This framework can help us think big and fast enough to avoid the worst consequences of climate change. If we are to achieve each wedge by 2054, the next 10 years must see major action. Anything less and we're kidding ourselves.

The good news? We can do this. We have the technologies and the know-how. We can take many of these steps today, on our own. For the rest, we need to persuade our elected officials, contact our power companies and auto manufacturers, and demand action from those with decision-making power. The best news? Beating climate change opens the door to more jobs, energy security, progress against poverty, a cleaner environment, and a safer world—a better future for all of us.

Co-op America is a not-for-profit membership organization founded in 1982. Their mission is to harness economic power—the strength of consumers, investors, businesses, and the marketplace—to create a socially just and environmentally sustainable society.

Sierra Club launches weekly radio show

The Sierra Club has launched a weekly radio show called Sierra Club Radio, a half hour program to be broadcast in the San Francisco Bay Area and available nationally on the Web and via podcast. The show will be hosted by Orli Cotel, and will air on the Bay Area's Air America affiliate, 960am The Quake, at 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays, as well as webcast at www.sierracclubradio.org.

The show will spotlight in-depth conversations with a wide range of environmental experts and activists, artists, filmmakers, and authors inspired by nature. It will also feature lifestyle tips from *Sierra* magazine's Green Life editor, Jennifer Hattam, and Mr. Green, Bob Schildgen; in-depth interviews with Sierra Club Books authors; and political observations and commentary by Executive Director Carl Pope.



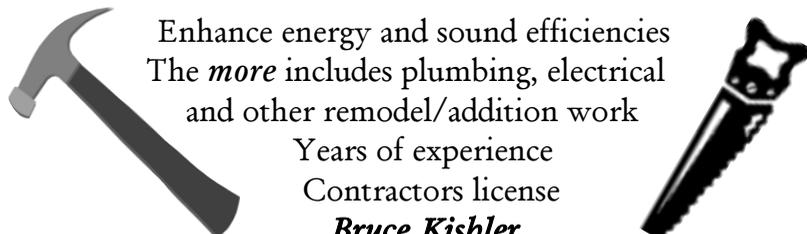
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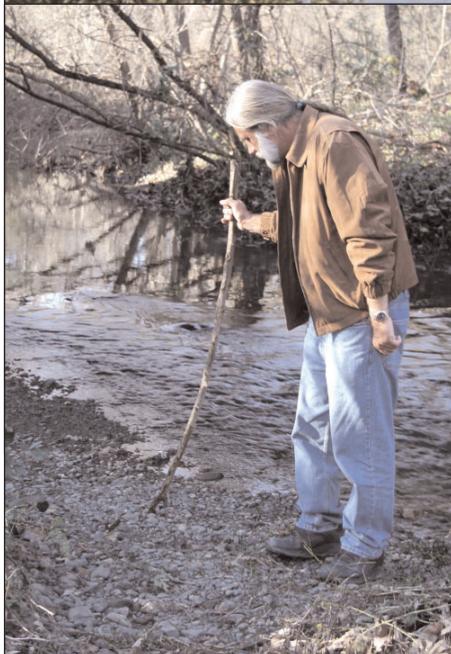
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What happens upstream on Llagas Creek in Santa Clara County has an effect on the Pajaro downstream.

Pajaro River Committee continues to make progress

tana Chapter and the Loma Prieta Chapter, is working to educate politicians and numerous agency personnel that it is imperative to consider the entire watershed in any flood protection plan. The Committee's task reached a critical turning point in 2006 as the Pajaro was named America's #1 most endangered river.

The Pajaro often rushes relentlessly to the Bay pinched between narrow levees that prevent it from taking graceful meanders which are its natural bent and which would slow the erosive speed of the water and make the channel more stable. What happens upstream has an impact on water quality and flooding downstream. Downstream, the communities of Watsonville and Pajaro have flooded repeatedly. Lining the river banks are competing interests that vie for solutions that benefit them. These interests include farming, flood protec-

tion, sand and gravel mining, development, public access, and environmental protection.

Little by little the Committee's input is being taken seriously and reviewed by the agency personnel who will influence whatever projects are proposed. In 2003, the Chapter funded hydrologic work by Phil Williams Associates which disclosed a serious stability problem of the lower Pajaro. Subsequent work has resulted in a plan by Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties to excavate benches of the lower Pajaro and set back the levees to allow the River to meander slightly in its present channel. The Committee continues to advocate that this plan be implemented.

The Army Corps of Engineers will submit a report on the river with suggested projects this summer. To date, the Corps has not agreed to a watershed study for the upper river. The Commit-

tee continues to work for a total watershed plan by writing letters and submitting comments at the multiple agency meetings that regulate the river. These letters and testimony are very carefully worded and scrutinized by scientific and legal consultants to represent our environmental interest very clearly.

The partnership of the two Sierra Club Chapters, one from the upper watershed and one from the lower watershed, can serve as a model for the cooperation needed to address the many issues of the Pajaro River by the political entities. If you wish to be a part of this promising work, call any of the Committee members to find out more.

Kenn Reiller, 728-4046
Patricia Matejcek, 768-8187
Jim Van Houten, 684-1861
JoAnn Baumgarten, 722-5556
David Collier, (Loma Prieta member)
408-607-0981

Kenn Reiller pokes around on one of the tributaries of the Pajaro River in Santa Clara County.

Step by step, the Sierra Club Pajaro River Watershed Committee continues its work toward achieving its goal that the flood protection plan for the Pajaro contributes to a healthy, restored River. The Committee, composed of members from both the Ven-

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PEBBLE BEACH UPDATE

Supervisors vote in favor of mystery project

In December, as requested by the Pebble Beach Company, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted to rescind their March 15, 2005 approval of Measure A and the massive Pebble Beach Company golf course/buildings expansion project. The Supervisors also voted in favor of a resolution of intent to approve the project once it returns to the Board. Since PBC hasn't revealed what that revised project will consist of, the Supervisors actually voted to support some future project that has yet to be described or analyzed.

That March hearing, two years ago, was attended by many local and national environmental groups and private citizens harshly critical of this destructive plan to cut down 18,000 trees and destroy the wetland and forest habitat for several endangered and threatened species. The hearing went on for hours and included a statement from the California Coastal Commission Chair, Meg Caldwell, explaining the impropriety of the Board's approving Measure A before it went to the Coastal Commission for certification.

The pro-development Board disregarded all these concerns and heartily approved Measure A and the project. Following Board of Supervisors' approval, nearly two dozen appeals with the Coastal Commission were filed including one from the Ventana Chapter. Since then, there have been over a hundred stories in the State, national, and international press, largely unflattering to the project. The primary focus of these articles has been about backroom politicians maneuvering to replace responsible Coastal Commissioners with ones who favor the Pebble

Beach project.

The majority of the 200 people who showed up for the March 2006 Coastal Commission hearing spoke against the project. The Commission staff gave compelling reasons why this project violated the Coastal Act. The matter was continued to the June meeting, but fearing denial, the Pebble Beach Company withdrew their proposal.

Now we have an approval, sight unseen, from the Board. This latest action is typical of the control and power the Pebble Beach Company has over the Supervisors.

How to help

The Chapter needs your help to pay legal fees. Please send checks made out to the Ventana Chapter (not tax-deductible) or to the SC Foundation /Ventana Chapter (tax deductible), and mail to Joel Weinstein, Treasurer, 140 Carmel Riviera Drive, Carmel, CA 93923.

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Dwarfed by a Giant



On September 30, a group of Sierra Club hikers led by Ed Gilbert found "The Crooked Giant," a dual-trunk redwood tree in the Purissima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve. The main trunk of this giant redwood is about 13 feet in diameter and sports a massive side branch that is as big as many good-sized redwood trees.

This tree is located in the very remote southwestern corner of the preserve, along the Lobitos Creek Trail, near the blind end of the Irish Ridge Trail. To view this tree, the shortest route is three miles from the southern entrance to the preserve, off Tunitas Creek Road, south of Half Moon Bay. This route passes over 2102-foot Bald Knob Mountain.

Dwarfed by "The Crooked Giant" redwood, local bikers pause for a photo. Back row, L to R: Lucca DiCicco, Pam Burnham, Bruce Abt, Steve Williamson, Peter Klembara. Front from L: Lisa Powell, Claudia MacLeod, Helga Wiench, Kimbo Schott.

Ed Gilbert

Joyce Stevens turns 80!



About 100 friends gathered in January to wish Joyce Stevens a Happy Birthday.

Joyce Stevens, long-time Ventana Chapter member, celebrated her 80th birthday in January with about 100 friends in Carmel. Joyce's many interests and hobbies inspired the party decor, which included posters of her hero, John Muir; the River Rat trophy, (a broken

paddle); other outdoor paraphernalia, and maps of a few favorite places. Surprising the party organizers, Joyce enhanced the ambiance by arriving with her own display of brochures of her current project, a proposed Monterey Pine Forest Park!



Joyce displays the Resolution from Representative Sam Farr.

Mary Dainton

Mary Dainton

Guests recalled many great adventures with Joyce and heard emcee Art Haseltine list some of Joyce's many accomplishments for Mother Nature. After Art summarized Representative Sam Farr's statement about Joyce for the Congressional Record, Supervisor Dave Potter's aide, Belinda Arbogast, presented a proclamation of Joyce's local achievements for coast and pines. A past chapter chair, a leader in establishing our bookstore in Carmel, editor of several editions of our *Trail Guide* and map of the Ventana and Silver Peak Wilderness, Joyce continues to lead hikes and help with beach planting and much more.

Inspired by Joyce's love of "Sing Things," guests composed their own verses for the classic George Sterling "Abalone Song" from the old days of Carmel. Of the dozens submitted, here is a sample:

Oh, some like stout
and some like trout
Salami and baloney;
But I can only drink my beer
Washed down with Abalone.

**Happy Birthday,
Joyce!**



ROOTS

REMEMBERING OUR HISTORY
ARTICLES FROM OLD VENTANA NEWSLETTERS

Gems from 1970

Reported in April 1970, a plan to eliminate automobiles from Yosemite Valley: "At Big Meadow incoming visitors . . . would be transferred to an automated transit system on tracks for the seven-mile trip to the Valley. The system is envisioned as quiet, inexpensive, and operated on a 24-hour basis. Overnight accommodations and camping would still be permitted in the Valley, but visitors would have to use public transit or walk."

May 1970 found Earl Moser making these comments: "Gross National Product as a measure of economic benefit is being questioned. Why must the U.S. consumer each year use 5% more coke bottles, 5% more gasoline, 5% more of everything? This widespread concept

that we must grow economically will result in eventual use of all our resources."

On May 16, 1970, Morse Trine and Corky Matthews led a climb of Pico Blanco.

September, 1970: "The SF Bay Chapter is seeking support for Rep. W.S. Maillard's bill SR18071 to establish the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in San Francisco and Marin Counties."

The Chapter announced an "Aluminum Round-up" for October 24, 1970. "Teenage sorters, stampers and sackers will stand by at the four Monterey Peninsula high schools from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to handle any bags or cartons of aluminum cans, foil or TV dinner trays." The students were raising money to finance a film on coastal conservation being produced by Jack Holmgren, Mark Thompson, and Richard Olson.

Docents needed for Watsonville Wetlands

Enrollment for the Watsonville Wetlands Watch 2007 docent class is now open. New docents will attend a six-week training course beginning March 14. The course will be held Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings at a cost of \$35.

Volunteers who enroll will be treated to an inside look at the Pajaro Valley and its wide network of wetlands. Training will cover the ecology, history and restoration of the wetlands and will prepare new docents to assist teachers during field trips.

Docents will be expected to assist teachers with at least two 3-hour field trips a month into the wetlands. In addition to assisting with student field trips, docents have the opportunity to help

with wetlands restoration projects, work in the library of the Fitz Wetlands Education Resource Center, or act as host at the Center on the Pajaro Valley High School campus.

"The ideal docent is comfortable with young people, loves nature, and is a good communicator," stated Kathy Fieberling, director of the program.

Watsonville Wetlands Watch is a non-profit community-based organization dedicated to the protection, restoration and appreciation of the wetlands of Pajaro Valley. For more information or to enroll in the spring docent training program, contact Kathy Fieberling, Volunteer Coordinator of the Watsonville Wetlands Watch, 427-0654. The deadline for enrollment is March 1.

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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:

Black Bear Diner Park and Ride: 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 interest 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.

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 9

HIKE: PINNACLES

Starting on the west side, we'll hike an 8+ mile loop including Juniper Cyn, High Peaks, Balconies and Caves. Wonderful views and some narrow, steep and maybe wet stretches. Leisurely pace. Bring lunch, water, sturdy shoes, and a flashlight for the caves. Meet at MPC parking lot A at 8:30 a.m. (bring change for the parking) or Chaparral parking lot, West Pinnacles, at 10:00 a.m. (National Park entrance fee). Rain cancels. Leaders: Cath Farant and Mary Dainton, 372-7427.

Saturday, February 10

HIKE: GAZOS/ MOORE CREEKS

A combo of two shorter walks. First we'll do 4 miles on Gazos Creek with a waterfall and finish with the same distance at Moore Creek, which is Santa Cruz City's Open Space Preserve at the northwestern city limits. 1000' of elevation gain. 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.

NOTICE

Club events such as potlucks, slide shows and other get-togethers are on page 6 in the Calendar listings.

Saturday, February 10

HIKE: DANISH CREEK

From the Los Padres Dam we'll hike 3 miles up the Big Pines Trail and then drop down to the creekside campsite on little Danish Creek. Should be fewer ticks and much less poison oak than in the spring/summer. 9 miles with 1400' elevation gain. Bring lunch and water. Meet at mid-valley Safeway shopping center near the bank at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

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Sunday, February 11

WALK: WILDER STATE PARK

Please join us for a leisurely walk on the Baldwin Creek loop trail in Wilder State Park. Meet at the County Government Center at 9:30 a.m. for a short carpool to our starting

Getting to outings

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



point. Bring lunch. Back by early afternoon. Call leaders Celia or Peter Scott at 423-0796 if you have questions.

Sunday, February 11

HIKE: PINE VALLEY

The Ventana Wilderness has an unforgettable beauty that will stay with you eternally. We'll

start our ascending hike at China Camp, go down to Church Creek Divide, up to Stone Ridge Trail, to the Bear Basin Connector to Pine Valley where hopefully we will get to visit my good friend legendary Jack English, who always has wonderful tales to share with us in his warm and cozy cabin by the creek. 15-mile loop. Bring plenty of food, water, layered clothing, gloves and \$ for carpool. Call for meeting place, time and information. Leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Tuesday, February 13

SENIOR SAUNTER: ANTONELLI POND

We'll start our 3-mile easy walk along the west side of Antonelli Pond, visit the Homeless Garden, then on to Terrace Point to the Seymour Center. We'll return to Natural Bridges via De Anza Lagoon for lunch. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. or on Delaware Ave. in Santa Cruz just past Swanton Ave. at Natural Bridges entrance. Bring lunch, water, \$2 carpool. Leader: Jean Harrison, 425-5447.

Wednesday, February 14

HIKE: WUNDERLICH COUNTY PARK

This park is in Woodside off Interstate 280 east of Skyline Blvd. We'll start this moderate 7-mile hillside hike in the oakwood brushland behind the historic stable of the Folger Ranch complex. The 290 park acres consist of open meadows, canyons with numerous springs, and dense second growth redwood





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groves. In 1872 Simon Jones planted fruit trees and grapes and started Hazel Wood Farm here. It is a steep park, but it has excellent graded trails. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. (\$5) or at the entrance to the park at 4040 Woodside Road off Hwy. 280 at 10:15 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, February 17

HIKE: SARATOGA GAP & LONG RIDGE

A 9-1/2 mile double-loop hike starting from the parking lot at the intersection of Hwy. 9 and Skyline Blvd. We'll hike along the Saratoga Gap Trail into Upper Stevens Creek County Park. There we'll look for the Ohlone Grinding Stone before crossing Skyline Blvd. into Long Ridge along the Hickory Oak Trail with its magnificent vistas over the Santa Cruz Mountains to the ocean. From there, we'll hike north to the 3.6-mile Peters Creek and Long Ridge Trails Loop. Along the way, we'll pass a beautiful lily-pad pond bordering the private Jikoji Zen Buddhist retreat. Western pond turtles and wild turkey are often seen here. Then we will hike back to the Hickory Oak Trail to the Achistaca Trail and the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail to our cars. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 9:00 a.m. or at Felton Faire at 9:20 a.m.

Bring water, lunch and \$5 for carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Saturday, February 17

HIKE: WILDCAT CANYON/TORO PARK

A crisp winter day is a good time for this climb up a narrow path to the Toyon Trail, where we'll find a sunny spot for lunch and great views as we circle back down to the park entrance. The trails are steep in spots, but we'll take an easy pace and not exceed 4-5 miles. Dress in layers (chilly in canyon/windy up top), wear boots or shoes with good tread; hiking stick optional. Bring lunch and water. Meet outside the entrance to Toro County Park (just west of Hwy. 68 at Portola Drive exit) at 9:45 a.m. Rain cancels. For detailed directions, call before Feb. 16. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Tuesday, February 20

SENIOR HIKE: WILDER RANCH

We'll climb the Baldwin Loop 3.5 miles with moderate steep uphill and great ocean views. No restroom facilities, but we can use restrooms at park headquarters. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at Mission & King Sts. by Shen's Gallery by 9:50 a.m. To go direct, drive past Wilder Ranch entrance about 2 miles. When you see sign on right saying "Quilted Fish" park in lot to the left.

Rough surface. Bring lunch, water, \$3 carpool. HEAVY TICK AREA. Bring repellent. Leader: Brooke Ewoldsen, 475-6188.

Thursday, February 22

HIKE: POINT LOBOS/GRAND LOOP

Point Lobos is the crown jewel of California's state park system, and we are very fortunate to have it nearby. Our hike takes us along tree-clad headland trails with spectacular views where we are certain to see a variety of wildlife and some early wildflowers. 6 miles with very little elevation gain. Bring water, lunch and binoculars (optional). Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride on Rio Road in Carmel at 9:30 a.m. Call to confirm hike. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday, February 24

HIKE: HENRY COE STATE PARK (SOUTH)

There's a short section of winter wildflowers on the way to Wilson Peak in this fairly strenuous park. 11 miles with 1700' elevation gain. 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, February 25

HIKE: MITTELDORF PRESERVE

Join me on this wonderful hike around the Mitteldorf Preserve, administered by the Big Sur Land Trust. 9 miles and 2000' elevation gain. Great views from the high points. Let's admire the gorgeous redwoods in the valley and, I hope, the first spring flowers. Bring lunch and water and wear good shoes. Meet at the San Carlos Ranch Gate, 1 mile off Carmel Valley Road at 9:00 a.m. Call leader for reservation. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Tuesday, February 27

SENIOR SAUNTER: ANO NUEVO

This is a 3-mile hike from a trailhead located on Hwy. 1 across from Coastways Ranch (now closed). Parking at trailhead. Additional parking on north side of Hwy. 1. We'll walk the trails to the breeding beaches and back to Visitor's Center for lunch. Dress for weather. Bring lunch, water and \$4 carpool. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at Mission & King Sts. next to Shen's Gallery at 9:50 a.m. If you go direct, call leader for directions. Leader: Joan Brohmer, 462-3803.

Wednesday, February 28

HIKE: RANCHO SAN ANTONIO CO PARK

We'll hike over 9 miles of this preserve's 23 miles of trails through a number of plant communities and wildlife habitats. There is even a working farm with cow, pigs, goats, sheep, chickens, and an organic garden. Last year we saw a beautiful bobcat walking under the largest heritage bay tree. Early wildflowers may be in the meadows, and at one point the trail follows a fern-walled narrow canyon. On a clear day we can see Mt. Tamalpais to the north and Mt. Hamilton to the east. Bring water and lunch. To carpool meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. (\$4), or drive to the trailhead by 10:00 a.m. taking Foothill Blvd. 0.2 miles to Cristo Rey Drive and find the

northwest parking lot in the park. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

MARCH

Saturday, March 3

AFTERNOON STROLL: POINT LOBOS

Let's take our binoculars and go for a short, easy afternoon stroll around the Cypress Grove and Sea Lion Point Trails, watching for whatever critters and flowers might reveal themselves. If we have any energy and time left, we might see if we can climb to the top of Whalers Knoll, elevation 180', where we might holler "Thar She Blows!!" Or not. Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Rio Road Park and Ride, or at 2:00 p.m. at the start of the Cypress Grove

carpool news

Meet 1 hour before formal meeting time in order to save gas and protect the environment when participating in out-of-county outings. Informal (no leader) carpool meeting spots:

**Santa Cruz: County Gov't Center.
Monterey: K-Mart Seaside**

Trail inside the Reserve. Hard rain cancels. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Saturday, March 3

HIKE: WEST MOLERA

Hike with us the beautiful West Molera trails with great views of the Big Sur coast and a pristine pocket beach. 8 miles and 1000' elevation gain. Wear boots; bring lunch and water. Meet at Albertson's in Carmel Valley at 9:00 a.m. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Sunday, March 4

HIKE: CONE PEAK TO MEMORIAL CAMPGROUND

This hike will require a car shuttle, so I need to know how many people are coming one week in advance. Only 8 people per van. If we have a 2nd van, 8 more. This beautiful, unforgettable 16-mile hike with 2000' elevation gain requires stamina and endurance. We'll hike along the ever-winding Arroyo Seco River. From Cone Peak our vistas will be San Antonio Lake, Nacimiento Lake, the Pacific Ocean, and Fort Hunter Liggett. Wear good hiking boots, dress in layers, bring plenty of food, water and \$ for carpool. For more info, call leader: Esperanza Hernandez 678-1968.

Sunday, March 4

HIKE: GARLAND RANCH

We will hike a 4-5 mile loop, up to the Mesa via Buckeye and Waterfall trails. Bring water and a snack. Wear footgear with good tread, and be prepared for muddy trails. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at Albertson's to carpool at 9:00 a.m. or at the Garland Ranch bridge at 9:20 a.m. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

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Wednesday, March 7

HIKE: NEW BRIGHTON STATE PARK TO HIDDEN BEACH

Let's see what we can discover along our own beaches: a place where Chinese fishermen settled, a new visitors' center, and man-made seawalls. We'll begin at the beach parking lot in New Brighton Beach State Park at 9:30 a.m. Bring lunch and water, and wear shoes for sand and seaciff trails. To carpool meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. (\$1). Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Thursday, March 8

HIKE: GARLAND RANCH

We'll hike up the Terrace Trail, then through the Redwood Cyn and return along Garzas Creek. We're certain to see numerous ferns and early wildflowers, plus there are two gorgeous bridged creek crossings! The loop is 4 miles with 800' elevation gain. Bring water and a snack or lunch. Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride on Rio Road at 10:00 a.m. or at the Garzas Canyon trailhead on East Garzas Road at 10:20 a.m. Call to confirm hike. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Friday, March 9

HIKE: OLD COAST ROAD, BIG SUR

Let's try again for this great outing that was rained out in December. 11 miles with a lot of elevation gain, up and down through fern-lined redwood canyons with views out to the coast and inland to Pico Blanco. Car shuttle and walk from Bixby Bridge to Andrew Molera. Expect moderate to strenuous hills at a leisurely pace. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride on Rio Road in Carmel at 9:00 a.m. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372-7427.

Saturday, March 10

HIKE: FT. ORD PUBLIC LANDS

Ft. Ord Public Lands are managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Creek-side Terrace is a new trailhead where we will start. We'll look for early wildflowers and experience BLM's inscrutable trail designation network. The map on the website for Ft. Ord Public Lands (find it with Google) will show the general area. 7 miles and 1200' of elevation gain. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Mar Monte exit off Hwy. 1 in Aptos to carpool. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, March 11

HIKE: MILL CREEK REDWOOD PRESERVE

This is the newest trail built by the Monterey Regional Park District, and it's gorgeous! We'll hike 5 easy miles gaining 250' elevation through a lovely forest of huge redwoods, madrones, tanbarks and live oaks to a viewpoint overlooking the coastal mountains and the ocean. We are certain to enjoy early wildflowers along the trail and at the overlook. Call for a reservation; permits are needed. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride on Rio Road at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Tuesday, March 13

SENIOR HIKE: DELAVEAGA

We'll walk about 3 miles through redwood and pine forests. First half is uphill to a viewing spot. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at DeLaveaga Park by restrooms at Twisted Tree picnic area (only if you know your way around the hwy. construction). Dress for weather. Bring water, lunch, \$2 carpool and TICK repellent. Leader: Janet Schwind, 425-3845.

Saturday, March 17

WALK: CARMEL/JEFFERS HOUSE TOUR

This is a two-for-one-outing. First, we'll walk around Carmel neighborhoods and along the drop-dead-beautiful Carmel beach. Then, we have reservations to tour Robinson Jeffers' house (known as Tor House) that overlooks the Carmel coastline. World-renowned poet, Jeffers, built this great landmark house himself with stone from Carmel beach. The Tor House tour is \$7, but the hike is free (as always). Reservations required! Space very limited, phone now! Call leader for meeting time and place: Joyce Stevens, 624-3149.

Sunday, March 18

HIKE: ROCKY RIDGE/SOBERANES CREEK

Let's enjoy wildflowers in bloom on this 4-6 mile loop hike with 1600' elevation gain. We'll go up the steep Rocky Ridge trail, over the grassy knoll and either around and down through the redwoods of Soberanes Creek Trail or go further high up and eventually down. Unfortunately, this trail is very washed out. Boots with a good tread and hiking poles helpful. Lovely views to the ocean and surrounding hills. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Albertson's in Carmel Valley at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Tuesday, March 20

SENIOR HIKE: SOBERANES/GARAPATA

Scenic 3-mile walk with lunch on the cliffs. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. To go direct, Soberanes is on Hwy. 1, 7.3 miles south of Rio Road in Carmel. Look for a barn on left side of road and a grove of cypress trees on the right. There is parking along the road on the ocean side. Primitive restroom available. Dress for weather. Bring lunch, a sit-upon, water, \$5 carpool. Leader: Brooke Ewoldsen, 475-6188.

Wednesday, March 21

HIKE: STEVENS CREEK SHORELINE

For all those who appreciate a flat trail, this is it. In 1987 Senate Bill 100, created "Ring around the bay" organizing local, regional, and state organizations to develop open space preserves around the San Francisco Bay. Stevens Creek Shoreline trail is part of the 400-mile preserve link that has been created so far. There are 210 miles of trail right at the bay front. We will hike the nature trail around the tidal marsh and beside Whisman Slough. We can view waterfowl and shorebirds, including black-necked stilts, mallards, snowy and great egrets, and great blue herons. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. to carpool (\$4), or take

Shoreline Boulevard east off Hwy. 101 in Mountain View to the park entrance and parking lot at the end of the road for a 10:00 a.m. start. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Thursday, March 22

HIKE: MITTELDORF PRESERVE

Our hike in this Big Sur Land Trust preserve takes us past a rustic stone lodge, up into a redwood forest, along a lovely creek with multiple bridged crossings and then high up to spectacular vistas. The 5-mile loop has 900' elevation gain. Please call leader early if you can bring a 4-wheel or all-wheel-drive vehicle, as we will need them; we will drive over 2 miles of (possibly muddy) dirt road to our trailhead. Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride on Rio Road in Carmel at 9:30 a.m. Bring water and lunch. You must call to reserve a space as we are limited to 15 hikers, and there is a security gate. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday, March 24

HIKE: PINNACLES WILDFLOWERS

We may change the date at the last minute depending on when the wildflowers are ready to put on a show. Check the website (ventura.sierraclub.org) or call me on March 21 or later to confirm. We will have a slow paced, moderately strenuous, 8-mile hike with 1200' elevation gain to enjoy and identify the wide variety of blooming plants in the park. Bring your flower book, field glasses and camera. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 8:30 a.m. or at the Chaparral parking lot at 10:30 a.m. (that's the West side, off Hwy. 101). Bring lunch, water, sun protection and comfortable hiking shoes. Leader: George Jammal, 706-4233.

Saturday, March 24

HIKE: TAN BARK TRAIL/TIN HOUSE

This is a moderate 6-mile loop through the redwoods of Partington Canyon. We'll hike up to the ridge with spectacular views of the Big Sur coast. Be prepared for about 2000' elevation gain. Wear good shoes and a hat. Bring lunch and water to enjoy at the Tin House. Also bring \$ for 1-hour-long carpool. Meet at Albertson's in Carmel Valley at 10:00 a.m. We'll be back around 4:00 p.m. Leader: Andrea Phelps, andrea_phelps@csumb.edu.

Sunday, March 25

HIKE: TERRACE CREEK

Let's hike the Pine Ridge Trail (5 miles), then up the great Terrace Creek Trail (2 miles) and then from the highest point where we will have lunch, down to the Ventana Inn on parts of the old Coast Road. 10 miles total with 2000' elevation gain. Wonderful views of the Big Sur coastline. Wear boots, and bring water and lunch. Meet at Albertson's in Carmel Valley at 9:00 a.m. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Tuesday, March 27

SENIOR HIKE: FORT ORD

This is wildflower time, and we usually see a great variety. 4-5 miles with some steep uphill on Fort Ord Public Lands. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at Deer Park Shopping Center in Aptos about 9:45 a.m. Park near gas station. To go direct, take Hwy. 1 south, exit at Reservation Road. Drive almost to Hwy. 68 and park near end of road near locked gate at 10:45 a.m. Bring lunch, water, \$4 carpool. Leader: Joan Brohmer, 462-3803.

Wednesday, March 28

HIKE: ST. JOSEPH'S HILL OPEN SPACE

The ranch trail road to the 1253-foot summit of Saint Joseph's Hill is just steep enough to get the blood pulsing. There are attractive views of Lexington Reservoir and surrounding mountains plus a view of the Bay Area from the top which was once a vineyard tended by the Jesuits. Large manzanita bushes grow in the areas of serpentine. We'll hike down into Los Gatos Historical Museum for lunch. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. to carpool (\$3), or at 9:45 a.m. on Alma Bridge Rd. off Hwy. 17, cross the dam to find the 1st parking lot. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, March 31

HIKE: CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK

We'll do the traditional Saratoga Gap and Ridge trails which hopefully will be windy and clear with views. Approximately 10 miles and 1600' of elevation gain. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Call Nick for more information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.



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Saturday, March 31

WALK: ASILOMAR/PEBBLE BEACH

Come along on this 4-mile walk on streets and pathways in Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach, then via a trail between fairways to the beach and out to Point Joe. We'll return on boardwalks with ocean views while looking for early spring flowers and finish at Asilomar. Bring water and a snack. Done by about noon. Meet across from the Fishwife Restaurant on Sunset Drive at Asilomar Blvd. in Pacific Grove at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

Saturday, March 31

HIKE: PINNACLES

Come and celebrate my birthday with me by hiking my favorite place. Let's do a 12-mile loop with 2000' elevation gain, starting at the Chaparral Ranger Station to the high peaks. Maybe we'll spot condors. From the high peaks we will go down to the reservoir, then visit the Bear Gulch Caves (bats!). From there, we will go to the Old Pinnacles Road which will take us to the Balconies Caves and to the end of our hike. Wear good hiking boots, dress in layers, bring plenty of food, water and \$ for carpool. For more info, call leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

A P R I L

Sunday, April 1

HIKE: COMINGS CAMP

From Bottcher's Gap we'll hike up to Devil's Peak (4 miles, steep!) and then along Skinner Ridge Trail another mile or so to the little used Comings Camp. 10+ miles and close to 3000' elevation gain. Bring water and lunch, wear appropriate clothing, boots, etc. Let's

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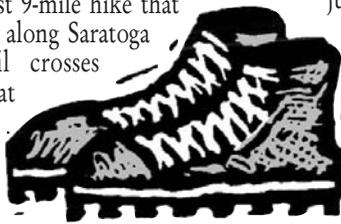
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hope for good weather. Meet at Black Bear Diner Park & Ride on Rio Road in Carmel at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

Wednesday, April 4

HIKE: SKYLINE RIDGE TRAIL

This was the best 9-mile hike that we did last year along Saratoga Gap. The trail crosses grassy hills that explode with wildflowers in spring. There are many impressive vistas along this trail. We'll walk under bay trees, madrone, canyon live oak, and black oak. Most views of the ocean are serene with no human development visible. The trail is part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail that will eventually circle around San Francisco Bay. Some downhill and uphill at beginning and end of the hike. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Sears 41st to carpool (\$4) at 9:00 a.m. or at the trailhead northeast corner parking lot where Hwy. 9 and Skyline Blvd. meet at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.



Thursday, April 5

HIKE: TORO PARK

This 5-mile hike with 800' elevation gain leads up a forested valley floor along the Ollason Trail to oak-dotted grasslands covered with wildflowers. We will also see a variety of birds which might include wild turkeys, acorn woodpeckers, hawks, robins, jays, and even western bluebirds! We'll return on the Gilson Gap Ridge through oak groves and meadows with panoramic mountain views. Meet at the 7/11-Citgo at Hwy. 68 & Canyon Del Rey in Del Rey Oaks at 9:30 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Call to confirm hike. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Friday, April 6

HIKE: VEEDER TRAIL/REDWOOD CYN

In spring the Veeder Trail in East Garland Ranch Park hosts a profusion of wildflowers. Our loop hike will be only 3 or 4 miles, but is very steep both up and downhill. Bring water and lunch, which we'll enjoy at the wildlife pond at the high point of our leisurely hike. Meet behind Brinton's in Carmel Valley at 10:00 a.m. to carpool. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372 7427.

Saturday, April 7

AFTERNOON STROLL: POINT LOBOS

Did you know that Point Lobos has a Pine Ridge Trail? Neither did I, so we'll check it out. Elevation is not expected to resemble that of the Pine Ridge Trail in the Ventana Wilderness, but we might spot an ocean from the heights! If not, we'll meander along the south shore and then return to Hwy. 1 (and our cars parked outside) via the Mound Meadow and Lace Lichen Trails. Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Rio Road Park and Ride, or at about 1:45 p.m. near the entrance station inside Point Lobos. Hard rain cancels. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Sunday, April 8

HIKE: PICO BLANCO PUBLIC CAMP

It's been a long time since we hiked up to Pico Blanco Public Camp. Let's see how the trail looks! This strenuous hike has a beautiful waterfall at the end, probably still too cold for jumping-in. We'll cross the south fork of the Little Sur River and then hike up. 11 miles with 2000' elevation gain. Wear boots, and bring lunch and water. Meet at Albertson's in Carmel Valley at 9:00 a.m. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Wednesday, April 11

SENIOR WALK: POINT SUR LIGHT

Please note this walk is on a WEDNESDAY. This is a two-hour+ docent-led tour of the only complete turn-of-the-century light station in California open to the public. There is a 1/2 mile walk from parking lot as well as stairs. Located 19 miles south of Rio Road in Carmel. \$8 entrance fee and a \$5 carpool fee. No food allowed on tour. Dress in layers. Bring lunch or buy at Rocky Point after the tour. SPECIAL MEETING TIME. 8:15 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave or the Black Bear Diner at Rio Road in Carmel at 9:15 a.m. or Hwy. 1 in front of the light station at 9:35 a.m. Leader: Beverly Meschi, 475-4185.

Saturday, April 14

HIKE: PAT SPRING

From Bottcher's Gap we will hike a strenuous 16 miles with 3000' elevation gain past Devil's Peak until we reach Pat Spring. We'll see beautiful oaks, madrones and pines. The vistas from the top are unforgettable. An early start will be required for this very long hike. Wear good hiking boots, dress in layers, bring plenty of food, water, \$ for carpool, lots of stamina and endurance. If you have a water filter, please let me know. Call for more info. Leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Sunday, April 15

MOUNTAIN BIKING: FORT ORD

We will explore the trails of the east garrison area of Fort Ord. This is a very popular area for mountain biking, so we must limit the group to 12. Helmets are mandatory. Bring water and a snack. The ride will be on dirt and some pavement. Plan on a 3-hour ride. Meet at the parking lot of the east garrison entrance at 9:00 a.m. Contact the leader Henry Leinen, Hleinen@aol.com (preferred) or by phone, 655-1948.

Wednesday, April 18

HIKE & GARDEN TOUR: FILOLI ESTATE

Filoli, located 30 miles south of San Francisco on the eastern slope of the Coast Range, is a 654-acre estate with 16 acres of formal gardens. Filoli was built in 1916 for Mr. and Mrs. Bourn, owners of the Empire gold mine in Grass Valley. Mr. Bourn was also owner of the Spring Valley Water Co. now know as Crystal Springs Lakes, part of the S. F. water department today. The gardens and grounds were enhanced by the Roths who bought the estate in 1937. The gardens have terraces, lawns, Celtic knot designs in hedge, pools,

hundreds of roses, and rooms planned by Lurline Roth. Today the ingeniously-designed, colorful gardens are maintained by 14 horticulturists, interns, and over 100 volunteers. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. to carpool (\$16 entrance to estate and carpool) or at 10:00 a.m. in the Filoli parking lot off Hwy. 280 to Edgewood Rd. and north on Canada Rd. (\$12 entrance). Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

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Saturday - Sunday, March 24-25

PRONGHORN PROTECTION CARRIZO PLAIN

With little rainfall and few water sources, the species that live here are both hardy and endangered. Particularly beautiful are the pronghorn antelope, which evolved in these wild, open spaces. Then cattle ranching left a legacy of endless fences, deadly to the pronghorn. Join us for a weekend in this remote area removing fencing. Work hard on Sat., take some time Sun. to enjoy the monument. Car camp at Selby Campground. Bring food, all the water for the weekend, heavy leather work gloves, and camping gear. Potluck Sat. night. Alternate date in case of rain. Resource specialist: Alice Koch. For more info, contact Leaders: Cal and Letty French, 14140 Chimney Rock Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446, (805-239-7338). Prefer e-mail: ccfrench@tcsn.net.

Saturday - Monday, April 28-30

BIRDS, FLOWERS, AND FENCES IN THE CARRIZO

This is an opportunity to both visit and serve an outstanding and relatively-unknown national monument. On Sat., we'll assist monument staff in the removal of fence wires to allow pronghorn antelope freer access to the range. Sun. is for sightseeing. The views from the Caliente Mts. are spectacular; spring flowers may still be blooming; and the monument is known for the number and variety of raptors. Those who can stay through Monday will continue fence work with the monument staff. Contact leader Craig Deutsche, 310-477-6670, or deutsche@earthlink.net.

Friday - Wednesday, June 29 - July 4

BACKPACK: GRAND STAIRCASE ESCALANTE

Backpack. Escalante Grand Staircase, Coyote Gulch to Escalante River. Enjoy waterfalls and swimming. Hot season but pleasant along tree-lined creek in deep canyon of brilliant red rock and sheer walls. Shady areas frequent. Lots of wading. See lots of bright lights flashing after dark. 28 miles round trip with pack, additional day hiking. To reserve, send \$20 made out to 'Sierra Club' (refundable deposit) to David Hardy, Box 99, Blue Diamond, NV 89004, phone: 702 875-4549. E-mail: (preferred) hardyhikers@juno.com.

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MEETING SCHEDULE

Ventana Chapter (Monterey Co.)

Information: 624-8032

Executive Committee:

Last Thursday of the month; Call for meeting place & time.

Conservation Committee:

Alternate 3rd Saturdays, 2:00 p.m.
 Beck's house: 23765 Spectacular Bid, Monterey. Take Hwy 68 to York Rd. to Spectacular Bid.
 March 17, at 2:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz Regional Group

Information: 426-HIKE (426-4453)
 Meeting place: Sierra Club Office
 1001 Center St, Santa Cruz, Suite 11.

Executive Committee:

Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, Mar. 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Committee:

Call Conservation chair for meeting times and dates: 768-8187

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