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The “Wednesday afternoon massacre”

State Senate Rules Committee Votes to Replace Three Appointees to Coastal Commission

by JOANNE HODGEN EATON

One observer called it “the Wednesday afternoon massacre.” Another described it as the breaking of a power circle and predicted more to come.

Meeting in closed session, the state Senate Rules Committee voted February 25 to replace its three appointees to the regional Coastal Commission for San Mateo, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties.

Given the ax were Mary Henderson of Redwood City, chairman of the Central Coast commission and its representative on the state Coastal Commission; Robert Gambang of Pacific Grove and Norman Walters of Santa Cruz.

Their two year terms had expired January 1. The committee itself is scheduled to go out of existence along with other regional commissions by July 1.

In their places the committee appointed Larry Parent, a Monterey real estate broker; Jack Bullard, a Santa Cruz labor leader and Stanley Doten, an attorney from San Mateo.

Henderson is an environmentalist who had been under fire by groups opposed to her strict enforcement of the Coastal Act.

In a prepared statement to the press, Nancy Burt, an administrative officer for the Senate Rules Committee, stated that because the Central Coast regional commission “has been fraught with so much controversy the committee thought it was wise to replace all its appointees to that commission.”

Though she did not elaborate, Burt said that in making its new appointments the committee “sought to preserve the balance of power on the commission.”

But the leader of an organization which had lobbied against Henderson’s reappointment said her removal will change things on the commission.

Joe Gughemelti of the California Coastal Council predicted further changes on the Central Coast regional commission and the state commission.

Observing that the “commission has gotten away with an exceptional degree of arrogance,” Gughemelti said the commission’s power circle which had ignored the criticisms of the legislature had been broken.

Gughemelti said state Assembly speaker Willie Brown is expected to make “wholesale changes” within the next month. Assembly appointees are Grace McCarthy of Pacifica, Marilyn Hummel of Ronnie Donn and Zad Leavy of Big Sur.

Of the three terms of Gughemelti’s group probably would be Leavy, a hardened environmentalist whom Henderson picked as her alternate to the state commission.

Gughemelti said that Michael Fischer, executive director of the state commission, will be the target of Coastal Council action.

Joanne Ewen of Coronado, vice chairman of the state Coastal Commission, will be removed by mid-March, according to Gughemelti. Ewen is a Senate appointee. Her term expired January 1. She is regarded as an environmentalist.

(Gughemelti’s prediction came true on Thursday, March 5, when Ewen was removed from the state Coastal Commission in a party-line vote. Ewen was replaced by John Rush of Santa Barbara County.

Melo said he had recommended Parent because he was in the real estate business and therefore likely to be sensitive to questions of property rights, as Gambang and Nix were.

Parent said he was surprised to learn that he was being considered for the appointment.

Stating that he preferred to avoid such labels of pro-development and environmentalist, he said, “Obviously the coast needs to be preserved, but we also have to be sensitive to property rights.”

Parent, 49, is a former president of the Monterey Peninsula Board of Realtors and was named “Realor of the Year” in 1979. A resident of Monterey, he is a trustee of Easkton Monterey Hospital and a Democrat. This is his first appointment to public office.

Parent said some Coastal Commission decisions have been “nonsensce” noting that a stipulation requiring a motel to provide rooms for low and moderate income persons was “unenforceable.”

Bullard has been assistant district representative for the Operating Engineers Union, Local 3, AFL-CIO, since 1963. He has worked in 46 counties from San Luis Obispo County to the Oregon border.

Bullard was not available for comments at press time.

Doten also was unavailable for comment.

However, Sen. Keene said he had been asked to recommend someone to replace Henderson who had a similar ideology.

Doten, Keene said, is “giving, fair, independent and environmentally aware.”

Keene noted that he and Doten attended Stanford Law School together and were roommates later.

Doten has no ties to real estate developments nor ideological commitments that would interfere with fair policy decisions, according to Keene.

Doten, 41, is an attorney for the corporate law firm of Morrison and Foerster in San Francisco. Appointed by the Senate Rules Committee to fill Henderson’s slot, Doten confirmed that he would be considered an environmentalist in terms of LCP issues.

“Local government should convey regional and state issues,” he said.

In interpreting the Coastal Act, he said he would be “generally on the strict side.”

Asked if the law firm pursued environmental causes, he said, “There have been cases where we did get involved and an environmental issue was part of it.” He cited infilling of San Francisco Bay as an example.

On Monday, March 9, commissioners unanimously elected Capioloma councilman Robert Garcia as their new chairman and picked Pacific Grove councilman James Hughes to be Garcia’s primary assistant.

Garcia, regarded as an environmentalist, has been on the commission since 1978. Hughes, a moderate, is a charter member of the commission.

On a 9-7 vote, the commission picked Zad Leavy of Big Sur as its representative on the state Coastal Commission. Leavy, an outspoken environmentalist, had been Henderson’s alternate on the state commission.

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Carmel Map Mural Receives Unanimous Approval

A Carmel map mural that drew criticism from some commissioners and the support of some residents has been unanimously approved by the Carmel Planning Commission.

On Wednesday, February 18, the commission approved the concept for the map, a decision that any changes in the map's design will be submitted to the commission for review.

A complaint from former Carmel mayor Gene Hammond prompted a commission review of the mural, which is being drawn on a 16 by 20 foot mural next to Nielsen Brothers Market at San Carlos and Seventh.

Hammond had characterized the map of the commercial district as "cooked up." Designed and primarily executed by Carmel artist Carol Minou, it includes illustrations by cartoonist Bill Bates, known for lampooning Carmel residents and tourists alike.

The mural will replace one that stood at the same site when Leidig's Texaco service station was there.

After receiving Hammond's letter of protest, commissioners said that back in 1979 they had reversed the old map, not Minou's present design.

At the Feb. 18 meeting, planning commissioner Donald Davidson said his only objection to the Minou mural was the use of the word "help" in a cartoon.

Commissioner John Logan said he was opposed to "advertising" of local businesses in cartoons. "Talbott Ties" and "Nielsen Bros. G." are identified in two cartoons.

"I realize those sketches are not presented as a form of advertising but they are," Logan stated.

"Some of the cartoons I agree with you would be amusing in a book by Bill Bates. But seeing something defacing on that sign, I'm not certain I would care for it. The 'hell' doesn't bother me too much," Logan said before concept approval was given. Logan reiterated that when he voted to approve architectural drawings for the new market in 1979, he was giving concept approval of the old Leidig sign. Commission chairman Robert Stephenson agreed.

The city Planning Department received 10 letters supporting the map. Hammond's letter was the only one opposed. A petition posted at Nielsen's was signed by more than 800 people favoring the design.

Hammond attended but left the meeting before the final vote. Informed by the Gazette of the outcome, he said the decision was "fine." "I think it's up to them (the commission). They look at it and they decide," Merv Sutton, owner of Nielsen Brothers Market, said he was pleased by the community support.

If residents had objected to the map it would have been changed, he said. "We're trying to do it for the city as much as anybody," Sutton noted.

Minou said that barring bad weather or unexpected roadblocks, the map will be completed in early April.

Wildlife Rescue Needs Towels

The Monterey County SPCA's Wildlife Rescue Team needs new and used terrycloth bath towels as bedding for wild animals under its care.

Towels will be accepted Mondays through Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the SPCA, 1002 Monterey-Salinas Highway, across from the entrance to Laguna Seca Raceway.

Fate of Patterson Beachfront Property Remains Uncertain

The fate of the Patterson property remains uncertain.

On Feb. 23, the Central Coastal regional coastal commission approved the bulk of the Carmel Local Coastal Program (LCP) by a 9-1 vote, but rejected the city's proposed standards for development of Patterson's beachfront property, 9-5.

The regional commission staff's recommendation supported by the commission majority, calls for a 50 foot setback from the western edge of the property, with housing units to be clustered. The city, which is against clustering, requires only a 25 foot setback on the 22,000 square foot parcel.

After the meeting, Jack Patterson estimated he has spent about $100,000 on improvements to his property, architects and attorney fees.

"We're going to see somebody," he said. "I've been on this eight years and I've got nothing else." Purchase of the property for open space has been discussed by the city council in the past, but no action has been taken.

However, in early February the city agreed to investigate acquisition, setting a six-month deadline; after that, Patterson would be allowed to proceed with development of a four lot subdivision.

City councilmembers' reaction to the commission's decision was mixed. On Monday, March 9, the council voted 3-2 to appeal to the state Coastal Commission.

Council members Mike Brown and Helen Arnold were on the short end of the vote.

City attorney George Brehmer had advised the council that it must file an appeal within 10 days of the coastal commission meeting.

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Hans and Esther Ewoldsen Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage

by MICHAEL GIBBS

Back in the late 1920s, a lad by the name of Hans Ewoldsen was supposed to take over his family farm in Germany, but before he settled down he wanted to see something of the world.

He met some people from Iowa who offered him a job on their farm. It was the opportunity that he needed. He shipped out to the United States and headed across country. The job lasted a year before he took off to Denver, Col. He later went on to Los Angeles with his brother and some friends.

But the city didn't agree with him. It was too much like the East, where money seemed to rule everything.

A chance meeting with a fellow named Chapman changed all that. Chapman owned the Bixby ranch up in the Big Sur country, and he offered Hans a job which lasted another year.

About this time, a born and bred girl by the name of Esther Pfeiffer was to horticultural school up in Berkeley. After graduating, she began working in a nursery. She worked a couple of years to get practical experience. Then when she thought she knew enough, she moved back home to begin her own nursery.

Hans, who had been alone and enjoying himself in the mountains for about a year, had decided to pack up and leave because a noisy neighbor had moved nearby.

One day, the local stage driver told him this hard working German lad that the Pfeiffer ranch needed help, so Hans went down to see Mr. John Pfeiffer, who ran a resort down near the Big Sur River. Hans was hired.

Esther came home about that time, and they met. She was a pretty little gal and he a handsome rugged individualist. And they found that they had a great many things in common. Both loved the land and the world around them. Both had by nature a positive attitude about the future. And both had a special sparkle in their eyes when they looked at each other.

"Did we fall in love?" Hans wrote. "I would rather use the word 'raised' or 'elevated.'"

Fifty years later, on the eve of their golden wedding anniversary, Hans said of Esther: "She wasn't the run of the mill. She was intelligent. She was independent. She's a Pfeiffer. She's got a head of her own. I felt we could live together." So they married. The year was 1931.

Afterward, they planned to go to Germany to take over the home farm. The honeymoon lasted all the way to Germany aboard a freighter, passing through the Panama Canal and across the Atlantic. But their stay in Germany lasted only eight months. Hans saw too many ominous political events happening, which made them decide to sell their farm and go back to Big Sur. They ended up settled on Lathrop Brown's Saddle Rock Ranch, which they ran for 12 years.

They kept a lookout over the land and the cattle and made improvements where they could. Hans installed the first electrical generator in the entire Big Sur region: a hand built paddle wheel that gave them enough electricity to run a few lights so that they could read far into the night.

Children came along over the years, and they decided to move north so that the kids could go to school in Monterey. They ended up leasing Rogers Redwood Camp and renaming it the River Inn. They ran it for several years and then leased out.

About this time, Esther became guardian, a job she continued for 15 years. She enjoyed the job she said jokingly, "because I got to read everyone's postcards."

During that time, Hans built up the River Inn and started working on a home high up on one of the ridges which overlooked the Big Sur Lighthouse and the present day Pfeiffer Big Sur Park. The land was donated by Esther's father, John Pfeiffer, who divided the rest of his estate among his children.

Hans and Esther received 160 acres. They built their home as far back up the ridge as they could.

At first, the land was all brush. Brush as tall as a man. But as Esther says of her property:

"I liked the outlook. I had always liked it up here. I used to come up here on horseback with the excuse of looking at my father's cattle."

"Of course people said to each other, 'Why'd they select that place? They'd have to live like ticks up there. Nothing but brush.' But now they say, 'aren't you fortunate to have this.'"

Hans had the road built and the brush cleared and he put in the water line.

"The first thing I did when she said she wanted it here," explained Hans, "was look for water. Her dad told me there was a nice spring somewhere up on these mountains and I went and found it and that's what makes it possible for us to live here. Plenty of water. It's gravity flow. We get about 40 gallons a minute now. It falls 600 feet. We had the pressure so we used it to make electricity the first year."

"We did have a guest house that was a storage house originally. Then we started improving here and there; the road, the orchard, the fences and the gardens. We were sort of self supporting. We had milk cows and eggs. We still are. You can knock the highway out and I wouldn't give a damn. That's one thing, I learned farming from the ground up. So we can do practically everything that needs to be done."

Three five-year plans went into building their homestead, and they're still working at it. The gardens need tending, the greenhouse needs painting, a few of the trees have to be pruned. Work keeps them active and enjoying life.

Over the years they have been able to observe just what happened along the coast and "projecting that into the future we're not going to have what we want here," says Hans, who has been working in resource conservation for 27 years. His walls are full of awards and plaques to prove it.

They prefer to look ahead. "We're positive people," Hans exclaimed. "I like to do things. I lived long enough to learn that the only way to get anything out of life is to do something worth while. Also, I find that your health requires that you keep physically active."

Activity may be the key word to explain the Ewoldsons. For many years now, they have been active in trying to keep this area a nice quiet scenic area. Wherever you find a community project you're very likely to find Hans and Esther. They're the kind of people who give of themselves. At the community gathering to restore the old Livermore Ledge house, many of the women asked Esther to show them how to make the old fashioned pine needle baskets. They wanted to make sure the folk lore of the area was passed along.

And it was Hans who laid the new pipeline at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park. As Ralph Fairfield tells it, "Hans set a course for that pipeline and didn't let anything get in his way. I don't know how the man did it. His energy's incredible. He just keeps going. And Esther's the same way. They're pretty amazing people."

Plenty of people who attended their golden wedding anniversary party at Ventana on February 28 would concur wholeheartedly. They're pretty amazing people all right.
Historical & Contemporary Photos on Exhibit

Sixteen galleries, museums and art centers are holding special exhibitions of historical and contemporary photographs this month in recognition of "the continuing and significant tradition of creative photography" on the Monterey Peninsula.

The BRUISED REED (375 Alvarado St., Monterey) will show color photographs by Clinton Smith through April 2. The large format prints are the result of 1980 trips to South Georgia, Mono Lake and Death Valley. The gallery is open Sundays through Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays until 4. Closed Saturday.

CAFÉ BALTHAZAR (170 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove) will present color photographs by Jeffrey Helwig, including landscapes, seascape and natural abstracts, through March 26. Open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Photographs by members of the CARMEL FOUNDATION photography activities group will be on display through March 31 at the foundation, Lincoln and Eighth, Carmel.

COLLECTORS GALLERY (318 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove) will show new color work by Al Weber through April 3. The gallery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Color photographs by Steve Gann, showing the construction of the Monterey Conference Center in 1975-76, are on display at the CONFERENCE CENTER GALLERY (Del Monte and Alvarado, Monterey) through March 31. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Photographs by David Muench and Robert Byers are being shown this month at the JOSEPHUS DANIELS GALLERY (Su Vecino Court on Dolores near Sixth, Carmel). Muench's work will be exhibited through March 18. The Byers show, primarily large format landscapes, details from nature and gentle abstracts, will begin March 20 and run through April 19. The gallery is open from 11 to 5 Tuesdays through Saturdays and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays.

FRIENDS OF PHOTOGRAPHY (Sunset Center, Eighth and San Carlos, Carmel) is showing new works by Paul Berger of Seattle, Jerry Burchfield of Laguna Beach, Jan Groover of New York City, Richard Mirach of Emeryville, Jo Ann Callis of Culver City, Robert Fichter of Tallahassee, Fla., Patrick A. Nagatan of Los Angeles, Barbara Jo Revelle of Chicago and Ken White of St. Louis, Mo., from 1 to 5 p.m. daily through April 5.

THE GREEN GALLERY (The Barnyard, Carmel) is showing "abstract, contemplative and erotic" still portraits by Lanie Strahler. The pictures are constructed from individual black and white photographs of body parts. The gallery is open from 10:30 to 5 Mondays through Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. "At Mono Lake," 85 photographs including works by Edward Curtis, Brett Weston, Ansel Adams, Ted Orland, Edward Weston, Don Worth, Cole Weston, Al Weber, Edmund Teske, Todd Walker and others, will be featured through April 10 at the HARTNELL COLLEGE ART GALLERY (156 Homestead Ave., Salinas). Hours: 10 to 4 Mondays through Fridays and 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

THE PAT HATHAWAY COLLECTION GALLERY (568 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove) will exhibit photographs by C.W.J. Johnson (1833-1903), official photographer of the Hotel Del Monte, from March 17 through March 28. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Photographs by Edward Weston, representing his work of the 1930s and 40s, will be shown through March 19 at the MONTEREY PENINSULA MUSEUM OF ART (559 Pacific St., Monterey). Museum hours: 10 to 4 Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The MONTEREY PUBLIC LIBRARY (Pacific and Madison) will show "Eleven Exchanges," a portfolio by Candy Campbell, J. Alan Constant, Mike Elliott, Susan Huber, Alex Melkovic, Meredith Mullins, Emmy Reese, Nick Robertson, Bonnie Rodecker, David Stroud and Cheryl Tronter, from March 18 through March 31. The library is open from 9 to 9 Monday through Thursday, from 9 to 6 Friday, from 9 to 5 Saturday and from 1 to 5 Sunday.

The PACIFIC GROVE ART CENTER (568 Lighthouse Ave.) will exhibit historical Monterey Peninsula photographs from the Pat Hathaway Collection from March 20 through April 18. Hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Three new portfolios by Brett Weston will be featured through the end of the month at PHOTOGRAPHY WEST GALLERY (Dolores near the southeast corner of Ocean, Carmel). Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. The gallery is closed each day between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

Work by Monterey Peninsula College instructors Robert Dawson, Claudette Dibert, Roger Fremier, Henry Gilpin, Ron James and Jerry Lebeck will be shown through March 26 at the ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON SCHOOL GALLERY (Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach). Hours: 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The WESTON GALLERY (Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln, Carmel) will feature "Masterworks of Photography" through March 29. More than 40 regionally, nationally and internationally known photographers are Hours: 11 to 5 Tuesday through Friday, 10 to 5 Saturday, 11 to 4 Sunday, closed Monday.

Carmel High Student Art on Display at Sunset Center

Artwork by Carmel High School students is on display this month in the foyer of the Sunset Theater.

Examples from beginning classes include mythical animals in pen and ink, vegetable or fruit designs in tempera, designs based on contour drawings of old shoes, monochromatic portraits in contour drawing, stylized landscapes in flat areas of tempera and mosaics from torn pages.

Advanced students' projects include abstract designs from sections of photographs, pencil still lifes, designs based on an old typewriter, Haiku poetry written and illustrated by the students, impressionistic oil pastel drawings and still lifes in watercolors and line.

William F. Stone Jr. teaches the high school art classes. The exhibition can be seen before performances at the theater or arranged with the Center director's office.
A Road Long Ago

The following articles appeared in the Sept. 8, 1973 issue of the Salinas Daily Index.

Sur, Sept. 8—Twenty coils of telephone wire and a barrel of insulators came down on the coast highway as which will be built along the new forest service trail to Chew's Ridge. The rest of the wire will be taken in to Chew's Ridge via Salinas.

T.H. Sloan came down to see his son, Norman H., who is forest supervisor. The latter is still working on the map and a working plan for the Monterey national forest.

There is quite a revival of talk about fixing Cerro Hill, since the Cooper accident. It is a wonder more lives were not lost this year, considering that about 100 automobiles were stuck at different times on the hill this year. Why not leave this hill as a relic of past road making and build an all coast road? Build a bridge across Mill Creek at the Big Sur Chute road, build the road around the coast through the old Heath place and A. Brazil's down to the Little Sur, connect up with the old county road to the Eigh House and A.J. Molera's ranch to Pfeiffer's, a total distance of practically 33 miles, whereas the present road is five or six miles longer. But why?

How much money has already been wasted monkeying with surveys of Cerro Hill, and so after a solution? Some time a road will be built and it will not be up Cerro. The immense amount of auto traffic this year has dramatized the need of a good level road, even if they have to cut up the Sur road so it is only ruts and broken bridges. There is at least nine-tenths of the bridges with broken planks with only a loose rail or something thrown over it by a passerby to warn drivers of the danger to their horses. It certainly needs an inspector of some kind down home to just see the road.

There were about three times as many people down the Sur country this year on their outing. The largest number came by auto, next largest by the stages and also an immense number by their own teams. Some claim a thousand autos came down, but probably half that number would cover it. There were seven to fifteen down on different days. A great many only came to Cerro Hill and camped or turned back.

The ranchers have practically all sold their beef cattle for the year.

A kind of tree moth or worm has devoured all the oak trees of the leaves. The pest seems to be general.

Forest Service Taking Applications

The Forest Service is now taking applications for 125 Youth Conservation Corps jobs in Los Padres National Forest this summer.

Young people between the ages of 15 and 18 are needed to help build and maintain hiking trails, campgrounds and fuel breaks. They also will assist with wildlife, habitat and erosion control projects. Participants are paid for their eight weeks of work.

Course work in natural resource management and environmental education is part of the program.

Young men and women who are interested can obtain more information and an application form from their high school counseling offices. Information also is available at Forest Service offices in King City and elsewhere.

Claire's Cooking Corner

From Tidepool to Table

In Big Sur one can safely gather mussels from November through April, Safe, that is, from the "red tide" plankton which can prove fatal if ingested. However, one is never entirely safe from the large winter surf, so keep a wary eye on the swells, even during minus tides, take a friend along and enjoy collecting these mollusks by twisting them off by hand, one by one, from their rocky beds.

The first step in mussel cookery is to thoroughly scrub the outside of the shells with a wire brush. If you have time to let them soak in fresh or clean sea water, they will expel sand and other waste from their systems. However, one can put them directly into a deep kettle and steam them for immediate eating, if they are to be the main dish you will need from one to two dozen per person. For plain steamed mussels, use ½ cup dry white wine or water. Steam until the shells open approximately 20 minutes. Discard any unopened shells as they'll be empty of meat and full of sand.

From here on the possibilities are endless—musseLS eaten hot with sauces; made into chowder; steamed in rice, marinated in a vinaigrette sauce; eaten cold on a bed of lettuce as a salad, with a mixture of mayonnaise and chili sauce; wrapped in bacon and broiled for appetizers, etc! One favorite recipe, from Normandy, follows.

MUSSELS IN CREAM

1. In a large heavy pot put: 1 cup dry white wine, 2 Tbsp. minced shallots, 1 Tbsp. minced parsley and 2 Tbsp. butter. Place cleaned mussels tallow about 60 for 4 persons in pot, cover and turn heat on high. When liquid boils, remove cover, and as soon as mussels open remove them with slot­
   topped spoon.
2. Remove empty top shells from mussels and discard. Keep cooked mussels warm.
3. Let mussel stock boil until it is reduced by half.
4. In a small pan put: ½ pint cream. Let it boil and thicken until it is syrupy.
5. Add the thickened cream to the mussel stock. Stir, and swirl in: 1 Tbsp. butter. Turn off heat and put mussels into sauce.
6. Divide and serve in large shallow soup bowls. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve at once. As with most mussel dishes, mopping up the sauce with thick slices of warm French bread and swirling it all down with signs of good white wine enhance the whole celebration from tidepool to table.
Lueders Is New Executive Director

The Monterey Peninsula Foundation, a charitable trust, has hired Todd Lueders of Carmel as its first executive director.

A Monterey Peninsula resident since 1975, Lueders most recently was an editor with Brooks-Cole Publishing Co. of Monterey.

He earlier held editorial and sales positions with college publishers in San Francisco, was development representative for Yosemite Institute and European operations director for the Foreign Study League.

Yosemite Institute is a private nonprofit school which conducts environmental education programs in the Yosemite Valley for high school and college students; when Lueders worked for the institute, its directors included conservationist photographer Ansel Adams of Carmel Highlands and Caspar Weinberger, now United States secretary of defense.

The Foreign Study League runs European and South American travel and study programs, primarily for high school students.

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Hang Glider Race Planned

A 12 mile hang glider race will be held the weekend of March 14 and 15 at Marina State Beach.

Sponsored by Kitty Hawk Kites and the Marina Rotary Club, the annual "St. Patrick's Day Steeplechase" will be a race against the clock along a six mile stretch between the beach and Sand City to the south.

Last year's winning time was 43 minutes. Pilots will compete for cash awards and trophies. They also will try their hand at target landings for cash.

Launching and target competition will be viewed best from the Marina State Beach parking lot. More parking space and viewpoints will be available at the Lake Court beach access.
Big Sur LCP Adopted by County Planners

by MARY BARNETT

SALINAS—After four years of work and four months of discussion, the Big Sur Local Coastal Program (LCP) was adopted February 11 by the Monterey County Planning Commission and recommended to the county supervisors for adoption.

Supervisors will hold a hearing March 17 on the proposed plan, which will replace the Monterey County Coastal Master Plan adopted in 1962. The Local Coastal Program is required by the state Coastal Act of 1976, adopted by the state legislature to carry out Proposition 20, the coastal initiative passed in November 1972.

Most significant decisions made by planning commissioners on February 11 were:

- To slightly soften restrictions on mining in the Big Sur area, primarily affecting Graniterock Company's plans to mine limestone on Pico Blanco mountain.
- To drop a requirement for the county to enforce "prescriptive rights" to public shoreline access where established by a history of public use.
- To drop proposed shoreline access from Wreck Beach and Coastlands Beach because of hazardous conditions "and conflicts with private property in the area."
- To offer a "transfer of development credits" (TDC) system to property owners with viewed lots that can't be built on under LCP policies forbidding construction interfering with the ocean view from Highway 1.
- To ban all development on the ocean side of Highway 1 except in Big Sur Valley.
- To allow 30 miles per hour as the minimum average driving speed for Highway 1. Caltrans is asked to initiate studies to determine how to regulate recreational use of the highway so service cars won't fall below that level.

At its Jan. 14 meeting, the Planning Commission had approved revised language for Chapters 1 through 5 of the LCP, subject to additional public comment about sections on mineral resources and dredging, filling and shoreline structures, and highway service level provisions. A subcommittee met February 10 to review these sections and make proposals to the commission.

The only significant changes which the commission made in the subcommittee recommendations were the softening of mining restrictions and the removal of county responsibilities for enforcing "prescriptive rights" to public access.

At the Jan. 14 meeting, planning commissioners postponed for a month their approval of a restrictive policy on Big Sur mineral resources at the request of Brian Finegan, attorney for Graniterock. When he charged there were "misstatements of fact" in the LCP text, the mining section was opened for public comment until January 23. Three letters were received, including one from Graniterock and one from the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Graniterock thought the mining policies were too restrictive. NROD strongly supported protective policies for Big Sur. The "key policy" on development of mineral resources in the revised draft of January 14 said, "In general the county should avoid commitment to an increased level of extraction until other deposits in less sensitive areas are exhausted."

The text pointed out there are at least six sites in the Central Coast area in addition to Pico Blanco with limestone of similar quality. It added that many other deposits are being properly quarried and processed, including the Kaiser Limestone and Dolomite Quarry at Natividad.

The subcommittee on February 4 changed this policy. Reference to other deposits was removed from the key policy, and the concept of "balancing" environmental and economic values was introduced. This sentence was added: "The county shall evaluate any proposal for an increased level of extraction based upon a thorough balancing of the environmental and recreational values long recognized to exist on the Big Sur coast and the economic values of any mineral deposit."

In the subcommittee's Feb. 4 version, the first policy under the heading "General Policies" read, "Surface mining proposals for minerals or materials which are also available from inland or less sensitive locations shall be denied."

Upon motion of commissioner S. Gary Varga, the words "adequately and economically" were inserted after "also."
The change passed on a 4-2 roll call vote. Supporting it were commissioners Varga, Peter Caldo, Manuel Jimenez and Calvin Reaves. Opposed were commissioners Joseph Sullivan and David Hendrick. Chairman Walter Basham didn't vote, because there was no tie.

Sullivan strongly objected to intersecting economic considerations into land use and environmental protection. However, Varga insisted that economics had already been interjected when the other deposits were mentioned.

Varga also led the attack on the shoreline access policy on prescriptive rights. The draft read, "Where thorough review of development proposals or other review, it appears that prescriptive rights may have been established through a history of public use, the county will require that a shoreline accessway remain in public use."

His motion to drop the paragraph passed on a 7-0 vote. Courts have held that a history of public use gives the public a right to use an accessway even though it is in private ownership.

Asked for his opinion, county counsel Ralph Kuchler said, "Prescriptive rights are there whether you say so or not."

He then read from the Coastal Act policy stating LCPs should "develop public access to the maximum amount feasible."

Devon Bates, regional planning coordinator for the state Coastal Commission, suggested the commission leave in the paragraphs relating to prescriptive rights. The commission heard her politely—and took the paragraph out.

"Those might be shooting words in Big Sur," noted Varga.

"Prescriptive rights are a very dangerous thing. They could set a horrible precedent for other areas. The Bureau of Land Management claims prescriptive rights across private property to its lands."

Basham is a rancher.

Both Basham and Varga delivered brief but impassioned speeches against the whole idea of the Local Coastal Program. Basham voted to adopt it as amended, noting that under the law they have little choice.

"I am the only landowner in the group, and this thing scares me to death," Basham said. "It tears on private property rights which I value dearly. This plan takes land without compensation. It's primarily a recreation plan. If this thing is implemented, I question whether the county is capable of financing it. It Will take a whole staff to manage it. These things have needed staging for a long time."

His remarks were applauded by some members of the audience.

Varga agreed that limitations on use of property constituted "a major taking of private land without compensation."

He referred to the LCP as "the lawyer's full employment act of 1981," adding, "I vote for it with a heavy heart."

No changes were made in the Jan. 14 revised draft provisions regarding dredging, filling and shoreline structures. Basically, all three are out.

The key plan policy reads, "The natural shoreline processes, including bluff erosion and sand transport, shall not be altered by dredging, filling or construction of shoreline structures. Permitted development on the shoreline, coastal bluffs and wetlands should generally be limited to those of public health and safety needs."

County supervisors may adopt the LCP in its present form or change it. Changes must be referred back to the Planning Commission for comment. After board approval, the plan goes to the regional and state coastal commissions for review as to compliance with the Coastal Act.

A recent tentative court decision holds that the Coastal Act may approve an LCP but cannot change it.

Generally, the Big Sur LCP is one of the most restrictive in the slate because of efforts to conserve scenic views and the unparallelled beauty of the area. The plan goes beyond Coastal Act requirements in forbidding all public and private development visible from Highway 1 and major public viewing areas, with minor exceptions.

Big Sur growth is limited to an ultimate buildout of 1,000 units, including the 800 presently existing unbuilt parcels. Of the new residential parcels, 50 caretaker's units and 50 units to be created by transfer of development credits from one property to another to compensate for loss of building rights.

New rural residential parcels must be at least 40 acres in size. The growth allocation program would permit no more than 15 new residences a year, 10 of them on existing parcels.

The LCP when adopted will also become the state of California's plan for Big Sur. Under the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, actions by federal agencies too must be consistent with the plan.
Local News...

Newly Elected CPOA Directors
Look for Active Role in Big Sur

Newly elected directors of the Coast Property Owners Association (CPOA) are looking toward a more active role in Big Sur politics and community affairs.

In a recent letter to property owners, new president Howard W. Sitton described the CPOA board as "the single elected and democratic organization in Big Sur with the potential for a strong democratic voice" in matters affecting the lifestyles and values of Big Sur residents.

An accompanying three-page questionnaire solicits the views of resident and non-resident property owners on specific issues and CPOA's function.

Results of the mail survey were to be discussed at a board meeting on Monday, March 9, at the Big Sur Grange Hall.

Besides Sitton, current CPOA officers are Marion Harlan, vice president; Jaci Pappas, secretary; and Charles Mohn, treasurer.

Other directors include John Harlan, Marge Adams, Claire Chappelle, Mary Fee, William Barleigh, Frank Trotter, Everett Makowski, Steve Pappas and Hugh Rideout.

The accompanying questionnaire poses 10 groups of questions on such topics as wider highway paving and bike paths, the future of the Big Sur Health clinic, a semi-annual membership meeting and chlorination in drinking water systems.

It also asks whether CPOA should publicly take positions on the proposed Big Sur Local Coastal Program, reform of the Coastal Act and proposed federalization of Big Sur.

Stating that CPOA is "the only elected board or committee representing a substantial number of Big Sur property owners," the questionnaire also asks whether CPOA should insist that county supervisors fully coordinate county activities with CPOA rather than working through "an arbitrarily appointed body without giving the CPOA an opportunity to make pertinent recommendations."

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Farr didn't have exact figures on how much that would be, but he thought it was enough by itself to keep the toll road proposal from going anywhere.

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He also liked an LCP proposal for traffic signs designed to discourage use of Highway 1 during periods of congestion and by "huge trucks" and big recreational vehicles.

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Lutenist Joseph Bacon in Carmel Concert

Peninsula Choral Society Will Perform "Messiah" at Carmel Mission

The Monterey Peninsula Choral Society will perform Handel's "Messiah" oratorio Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, in Carmel Mission Basilica. The Lenten season performances will be dedicated to the memory of the late Harry Downie, who devoted much of his life to restoration of the mission. Downie died March 10, 1980.

Haymo Taueber will conduct the chorus and the Monterey County Symphony's chamber orchestra.

Workshops for Older Women

Free workshops on "Independent Living and Safety for the Older Woman" will be held next month in Seaside, Monterey, Salinas and King City.

Sponsored by the Salman Women's Crisis Line and the Monterey Rape Crisis Center, the workshops will deal with myths about rape, the vulnerability of older women, safety and the services of the two agencies.

The schedule:
- April 1 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Seaside Community Center, 986 Hily Ave., Seaside.
- April 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. at New Monterey Community Center, Lighthouse and Dickman avenues, Monterey.
- April 15 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Pebble Beach Heights Center, 725 E. Market St., Salinas.
- April 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Creative Living Center, 65 San Miguel Ave., Salinas.
- April 29 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Home Arts Building at the King City fairgrounds—90 Division Street.

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Book Review

‘Climates of the Mind’

‘Climates of the Mind,’ by Carolyn Kleefeld. Horse and Bird Press, Los Angeles, 240 pages. $8.95 paperback.

In her introduction, the "godmother" of this book asserts that author Carolyn Kleefeld engages in "psychic alchemy." That Kleefeld has gone through various climates and weather of mind in her odyssey of self analysis, realization and assertion is obvious throughout this psycho-philosophical-poetic prose unburdening.

Whether her book will transform others is debatable. Those who are well grounded in psychology or know from experience what it is like to walk this kind of uneven emotional terrain may well find "Climates of the Mind" a fascinating and illuminating document.

Others may find it difficult to break through the verbal barriers to empathy which Kleefeld sets up as she strains for symbols, verbs, metaphors and analogies to convey a sense of her changing self.

My eyes feel punished, bruised from so many disconnections," Kleefeld writes at one point. Some readers may feel the same way as they try to follow the zigzag of the author's inner life.

In a closing passage called "Semantic Aphasia," Kleefeld explicitly discloses an attitude toward words that lies at the heart of what may be psychoanalytically right but is also stylistically wrong about this book.

"Ideal semantics is a sharing of blood," she writes, "a symbolic chanting from the primal seas of being.

In such chanting she engages here, despite her own reservation—and this reviewer's—that "Language is so often more relevant in its absence."

Paul Denison

Sam Seagull Awards To Be Presented

The Advertising Club of the Monterey Peninsula will present its third annual Sam Seagull Awards on Saturday evening, April 4, at the Dibletree Inn, Monterey.

"Sammy" awards will honor the best magazine, newspaper, radio and television advertising efforts of 1980 in the Monterey Bay area.

The affair will begin with cocktails at 7, followed by dinner, presentation of awards and dancing to live music. Seating is by reservation only, at $25 a person with group discounts available. Reservations can be made through Batista Moon Studio at 233-1947 Friday, March 27.

Beacon House Art Auction Is March 21

Beacon House of Pacific Grove will hold its 22nd annual art auction Saturday, March 21, at Rancho Canada Golf Club in Carmel Valley.

Beginning at 5 p.m., the affair will include no-host cocktails, silent auction, dinner and auction and raffle. Roy Gianelli of King City will be the auctioneer. Raffle prizes will include a watercolor cartoon by Eldon Dedini, metal sculpture by Malcolm Moran and stained glass window by Gail Woodford.

Tickets are on sale at Beacon House, an alcoholic recovery house supported by contributions from patients and the public.
Big Sur Honors Senator Hayakawa

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WASHINGTON REPORT

Federal Land Acquisition

by RIC DAVIDGE

The Constitution of the United States gives the federal government authority to purchase land for specific reasons with the consent of the legislature of the state in which the property is located.

Congress has passed several laws allowing the federal government to purchase land for additional uses. All such laws require each state legislature to pass a law to authorize the federal government to purchase land for specific purposes. Every state has a law authorizing the federal government to purchase land in that state. Many states have standard provisions giving blanket authority to the federal government to purchase land for any purpose.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, majority whip of the U.S. Senate, made a statement on the Senate floor on March 4, 1980:

"The process whereby more and more land once held privately is being acquired by the federal and state governments with public funds is alarming. Productive land which can be reasonably developed to help solve this nation's energy crisis as well as land which can be put to agricultural use is being absorbed into public ownership. This land is not only productive but is taxable and is being taken off the tax rolls at the rate of time, thus decreasing the property tax base and increasing taxes on remaining private lands."

In California the federal government has added to its public domain by acquiring substantial amounts of private lands. In each and every case the state not only consented but also encouraged the acquisition and in some instances requested federal regulation and acquisitions beyond that which Congress proposed.

The Burton-Cranston park barrel machine just over the past few years has pushed federal ownership of land in California to within 50 percent of the state. More than 3,400,000 acres of California have been acquired in recent years by purchase, donation and condemnation by Uncle Sam.

The National Park Service alone has more than 4.7 million acres in fee ownership in California together with an additional 253,000 acres under direct control, yet not owned in fee.

The recent addition of Channel Islands National Park (Cranston-Burton) puts National Park Service ownership in California to almost 5 million acres.

Close to 60,000 acres are listed for further federal action in California because of classification as "Threatened Natural Landmarks."

The recent congressional action on the Lake Tahoe Basin (Cranston-Burton) places over 27,000 acres on the California side under federal management and possible acquisition.

Other proposals presently in Congress or in the drafting stage would allow federal acquisition in Big Sur, Irvine Coast and the Great Basin, removing possibly as much as another 100,000 from the state’s tax base.

With increased government acquisition and regulation of private lands in California come direct and measurable demands to increase property taxes on remaining private lands to offset the reduction in supply. As Sen. Stevens pointed out almost a year ago, this is most curious in the state where our citizens developed and passed a proposition to reduce property taxes which later became a national tax revolt.

When you add up the amount of private land acquired by the state and local governments in California, a direct and substantial conflict appears between the concepts of private land ownership and government land ownership. This was an issue addressed in the recent presidential campaign and directly in the Republican National Platform passed by the convention last year.

The GOP platform stated:

"Under Democratic rule, the federal government has become an aggressive, intrusive force upon the human rights of private property ownership. It has dissipated savings through depreciation of the dollar, enforced price controls on private exchange of goods, attempted to enforce severe land use controls and mistreated hundreds of thousands of national park and forest inholders.

The next Republican administration will reverse this baneful trend. It will not only protect the cherished human right of property ownership, but will also work to help millions of Americans—particularly those from disadvantaged groups—to share in the ownership of the wealth of their nation."

One way to achieve greater control over federal acquisition and regulation of private lands in California is to change state law and require consent by the state legislature for each federal acquisition. This is certainly the intention of the authors of our Constitution. And to bring even greater local control over such actions, the state should limit itself to approval of those acquisitions approved by the local area of government. This would put the decision at the point of greatest impact and bring reason (common sense) balance and restraint to government acquisition of private lands.

A number of states have already changed their laws and now require a variety of approvals prior to federal acquisition. Many other states are now considering such actions in their next legislative sessions.

Take, for example, the question of Big Sur. Proposed legislation would place about 100 miles of coastline under direct federal management and allow acquisition. If the state had a law limiting federal acquisition by local government approval, do you really think the Cranston-Burton (and in this instance) Panetta park barrel machine would stand a chance?

Here is an opportunity for you, as an individual Californian, to take greater control over your destiny. One state has passed a law which will not allow further increase in the percentage of federal land within its boundaries. California cannot continue to lose its tax base without cutting services further or eventually changing the law to allow for greater property taxation.

The tools are available, the reasoning and rationale is sound, it is implicit in our Constitution, it is in the best interests of the people (particularly the taxpayers) of California and the country as a whole.

Ric Davidge works in Washington, D.C., for the National Inholders Association and National Association of Property Owners.
I. CONCEIVED

Dear Editor:  Assemblyman Dennis Brown has introduced Assembly Constitutional Assembly Amendment 20 relating to the repeal of the California Coastal Act. The amendment has been signed for consideration to the Assembly Energy and Natural Resources Committee. This is the public's opportunity to write, call or wire any or all of the following committee members and give them your opinions: Chairman Hammigan, Baker, Bates, Bosco, Farr, Frazier, Goggin, Heeger, Kapiloff, Levine, Morgenthau, Rogers or Sher. All letters may be addressed to the member, State Capitol, Sacramento, California 95814.

If you feel as I do that the Coastal Act was ill conceived, and sold on an emotional theme, with little regard as to its impact, destroys the constitutional protection of the ownership of private property, allows an appointed versus elected regulatory body to make laws affecting approximately 66 percent of all of the wage earners in California, is in conflict with existing county, state and federal agencies, etc., then I urge you to contact any and all of these committee members NOW!

Maggie Arnold
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Are We Unprepared for War?

Dear Editor:

"The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists" shows the hands on their doomsday clock at four minutes to midnight. When the nuclear nightmare begins, at least the sober Swiss are ready.

If nuclear leaders mislay their senescence and commence firing, every Swiss, from president to disabled citizen, has access to a safe shelter.

On the Monterey Peninsula, nearly all civilians are unprepared for such a nuclear holocaust, although some, who can afford it, have built themselves comfortable bunkers.

When the clock strikes midnight, you can expect a sea-launched missile to hurl itself into Monterey's airport. When it strikes, the bomb will not only smash the airport but, unfortunately for us, most of the peninsula as well.

Getting on the submarine's silicon chips wasn't easy. Airport planners worked diligently for years to make Monterey's centrally located airport suitable for target selection.

There are many reasons to get rid of this downtown airport, but getting off the hit list may be the most compelling. In view of the late hour, the best bet for nuclear survival is to lean hard on your airport directors and make sure they offer you something more than the exposed ostrich holes you're in now.

Thomas J. McGrath
Monterey
CAPITOL CHIPPINGS

A passing look at activities of state and federal legislators compiled from their news releases and from reports by Capitol News Service.

In Sacramento, state Sen. Henry Mello, 0-17th District, has been named chairman of a new subcommittee to review legislation affecting the elderly. The subcommittee will conduct hearings in the state and recommend positions on bills which come before the Senate Ways and Means and Welfare Committee headed by Sen. Diane Watson.

Other members of the subcommittee are Sen. Paul Carpenter, and state Assemblyman Lenny Nowak of the Ensenada.

In February he introduced AB 391, which would prohibit the amendment of certain local coastal ordinances if done more often than three times a year.

In Washington, D.C., Sen. Mark Hatfield introduced a bill to clarify treatment of investments in tax credit appreciated property as benefits they are made available to regulated utilities.

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A Republican
State of the State Address

by CAROL HALLETT

Editor's Note: Assemblywoman Carol Hallett, R-20th District, is Assembly minority leader, and as such has been giving what she describes as a Republican state of the state address. Here is the text of that speech as delivered from the floor of the Assembly on Saturday, February 14, during the California Newspaper Publishers Association's convention at the Doublesree Inn, Monterey.

The state of the state of California in 1981 is similar to Charles Dickens' statement, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

On one hand, we have people ready and willing to work, and a private sector ready and willing to help us achieve a new prosperity.

On the other hand, we have a government controlled by people unwilling to let free enterprise be free.

Consequently, Republicans will be continuing the fight on behalf of the private sector. If I were to sum up our Republican agenda for this year in the legislature, I would do it this way:

First, get government off the backs of the producers in our private sector. Then, unite their hands and let them create, explore, develop and produce.

Provide tax incentives, protect against over-regulation, and lower the rates of taxation to stimulate investment and encourage capital expansion.

At the same time, protect the people of this state against over-taxation and give them incentive to build, to save and to invest. Provide them with decent housing, adequate transportation and highways, meaningful employment, and leave them free to work toward a better future. Provide the energy necessary to meet growing needs. Give them safety in their own homes by protecting them against crime. And finally, nurture and protect the foundations of our national industry.

Today, California is run by too many people who neither understand nor appreciate why Thomas Jefferson meant when he said free enterprise was one of the "pillars of our prosperity."

To them, government has the only key to prosperity; but the trouble is, the only door government can open is the one to the state vault.

Let me give you an example. There's a private sector synthetic fuels firm in Sacramento called Future Fuels of America. The firm converts gasoline powered cars into methanol powered cars which it supplies to clients like Bank of America, Pacific Telephone, PG&E, and Fireman's Fund Insurance.

Just this month, Future Fuels of America introduced a complete line of methanol powered Fords for sale to commercial fleets. The price for their converted Ford Escort is about $7,000 — no more than you'd pay for a standard gasoline powered Ford Escort.

The California Energy Commission has also come up with a methanol powered Ford Escort. There's only one difference: The government's version, which they will provide to various state agencies, costs $400,000 per car.

There's an important lesson to be learned here—if you have all the money and time in the world, let government do it, but if you're in a hurry and want to keep some control over the amount of money you spend, let the private sector do it. Why? Because the private sector has the key to competition and a profit, and government doesn't. I think we taxpayers should demand that the agencies use the $7,000 car—not the $400,000.

The notion that government can build a prosperous economy simply by collecting and spending a few more tax dollars is pure nonsense.

Government can't build a prosperous future for any of us. Only the private sector can do that, because it's the productive side of our economy, the origin of our material wealth and technological sophistication.

And it's the lifeblood of government, because this is where government gets its cash and spend it. Believe me, government has grown and prospered at our expense and at the expense of this nation's ability to finance prosperity through job creation.

Thirty years ago, 79 percent of our gross national product stayed with the private sector while only 21 percent went to government.

Today, government sucks up 38 percent of our GNP, leaving only 62 percent for the private sector.

So what can we do in California to breathe new life into the productive side of our economy?

First, we need to take a hard look at how we can streamline our regulatory process.

The explosion of government regulations has resulted in a regulatory inflation that pushes the cost of goods and services higher and higher.

On the California housing front, this regulatory inflation has pushed housing costs up by an estimated 10 to 20 percent. Second, we must insure that our private sector has the working capital it needs to grow, by providing tax incentives that make expansion possible and economically attractive.

California currently levies one of the most punitive capital gains taxes anywhere in the nation—discouraging incentive for business to expand, modernize, create jobs or increase productivity.

For that reason, Assembly Republicans are again proposing new tax incentives for those businesses which work to increase output and expand employment opportunities.

AB 416 by Assemblyman Pat Nolan is designed to attract business and jobs into California's economically depressed inner cities.

AB 262 by Assemblyman Bob Naylor would lighten the capital gains tax load now shouldered by California business. The proposal eliminates the "middle tier" in California law that taxes 65 percent of the gains on assets held between one and five years, and would instead tax only 50 percent of gains on any assets held over one year. Naylor's AB 33 would create an income averaging-like tax system especially beneficial to businesses which are small, new or cyclical.

But obtaining Democratic support for these measures in the legislature is the big question, because many Democrats are already planning another tax assault on business.

Some key Assembly Democrats have proposed to split our property tax roll and nail California business for an additional $2.6 billion a year.

This proposal for a split roll is the brainchild of the so-called California Tax Reform Association. In a secret "strategy" memo leaked to the L.A. Times, the group's executive director predicted that California voters would support the plan "especially when that tax increase will be on someone else."

You know who you "someone else" is—business. They fail to mention that higher taxes on business can only mean higher prices to consumers. Big business will pass it on and the small ones will go out of business.

Many have said that California has a budget crisis. I prefer to say we have a management crisis. A good example in the governor's budget is his position that local government make major budgetary sacrifices while state government gets away with a token budget cutback—less than one percent of our total general fund expenditures.

We Republicans believe state and local government should share more equally in any spending cutbacks.

One major Republican concern is the governor's proposal to drop a fiscal bomb on our public school system by reducing AB 8 revenue limits by 10 percent. We believe education should be one of our top priorities, and we're opposed to these cuts in educational funding.

By the same token, we strongly favor elimination of wasteful or inefficient educational programs, plus a return to educational basics. Hijacking education dollars isn't the way to achieve these goals.

Also, we oppose the governor's plan to use $500 million in unsecured property tax revenues to balance his budget. That money doesn't belong to government. It was wrongly collected from taxpayers throughout California and should be returned to them.

Instead of looking for new ways to finance bigger government, it's time to respond to the mandate handed down by the passage of Prop. 13 by putting an immediate stop to wasteful government spending.

How? Through a broad-based across-the-board evaluation of all government spending programs; any program that can't "justify its existence should be eliminated."

This is the "sunsetting" concept which is carried in AB 143. There are 128 state agencies in California today, and I have yet to see one of them go out of business. On the other hand, last year in California over 7,000 private sector businesses closed their doors.

That's why we'll be pushing like never before to achieve our sunsetting goal.

An equally important measure is ACA 2 by Assemblyman Ron Johnson. This and several other similar measures would give the legislature veto power over regulations handed down by unelected bureaucrats. With 28,000 pages of rules and regulations already in the California Administrative Code alone, it's time to hold government accountable for its bureaucracy.

Most of our spending control efforts this session will zero in on specific programs synonymous with waste.

Heading this list is Medi-Cal, which consumes more money than any other individual state project, a projected $5.1 billion this year.
Every evening.

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Dr. Filante's being joined in this effort by Assembleman Bill Ivers, vice chairman of the Assembly Health Committee.

We're also working on a comprehensive welfare reform package—not to wage war on the poor, but to ensure that the state truly need receive adequate support by throwing frauds and deadbeats off the welfare rolls and by pruning deadwood from the welfare bureaucracy.

One might say that the two words which best describe our Republican goals for 1981 are "fairness" and "balance." Toward that end, many Republicans have co-authored SB 50 by Sen. Bill Craven, to replace the state's Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975 with new provisions to conform it to the NLRA.

California agriculture has a big job ahead of it to keep pace with the rising demand for food and fiber, and a rapidly growing population. California farmers will be called upon to double their per acre output between now and the year 2000.

But that's not going to be possible if the legislature and government increasingly tie the hands of our farmers with controls which reduce or eliminate the tools of agriculture. For example, if the control, flow and storage of water is turned over to a state agency as appears likely with the passage of Prop. 8, not only are the personal property rights of the farmer lost, but so is his ability to provide us with food and fiber. Certainly no threat to our agriculture industry or the food we eat is greater today than the infestation of the Mediterranean fruit fly in the Santa Clara Valley. Without total eradication to prevent spreading of that pest into the remainder of our state, we can anticipate losses into the billions.

The tools of energy for agriculture as well as industry is critical to our future. Without a balanced supply of energy from nuclear to geothermal to hydroelectric to solar and coal, our future is dim—literally.

Moving on to the housing front, we've introduced programs designed to increase housing construction, while providing young home buyers with help to purchase a first home. AB 164, for example, would streamline our housing permit process by abolishing requirements for locally approved housing projects to also get approval by the California Coastal Commission.

We also will look at the California Environmental Quality Act, which has worked to hamstring our housing industry.

Republicans will introduce legislation to categorically exempt specific types of housing—such as rehabilitation and infill projects—from CEQA.

This will aid efforts to renovate our inner cities, while increasing the supply of law and moderate income housing and helping to balance our environmental protection needs with our social and economic needs.

We also plan to help home buyers purchase their first home. We have re-introduced AB 144 to allow first time home buyers to open special tax free savings accounts to save some of the money needed for that first downpayment. The money saved will also mean new capital for our floundering mortgage market.

Republicans are also working to change two other taxes, both of which are unreasonable and inexcusable.

First, we're fighting for total elimination of the state's inheritance tax. And second, we'll continue to push for permanent indexing of the California personal income tax to protect our taxpayers against inflationary tax increases.

It's not surprising the governor and a handful of Democratic lawmakers blocked these efforts last year. The big spenders aren't anxious to reform a tax system that gives government an automatic 16 percent boost in taxes every time a worker gets a 10 percent cost of living increase.

We can put an end to that money machine with AB 101 by Assemblywoman Bergeson or AB 231 by Assemblyman Dennis Brown. Both bills would make full indexing a permanent fact of life.

While we're working to pry government off our backs and out of our wallets, we're also going to be fighting to get criminals—especially violent criminals—off our streets and out of our neighborhoods.

Since 1975, serious crime has risen 25 percent in California. Willful homicide has jumped a shocking 60 percent.

We must enact laws that leave no doubt in a potential criminal's mind that—if caught—he or she will be punished. AB 265 would prevent the early release of child molesters; AB 8, AB 240 and AB 63 are all designed to keep career criminals behind bars for longer periods of time, and AB 56 would require prosecutors to meet and confer with criminal victims before making a plea bargain.

We also will have legislation to require judges to consider public safety when setting bail, to restrict "diminished capacity" and "insanity" defenses and to provide criminal victims with greater compensation for their suffering and loss.

At the same time, we must open our state's judicial process to greater press and public scrutiny. Toward that end, I'm urging support for my AB 149 to open preliminary hearings to the press and public.

Currently, the authority to close a preliminary hearing rests with the defendant. Frankly, I find that unbelievable. We don't need or want secrecy in the criminal justice system.

AB 149 would give the judge authority to close the hearing only if he thought public attendance would jeopardize the defendant's right to a fair and impartial trial.

We're at a crossroads in California today. Either we can continue down the path toward bigger and bigger government, at the expense of our freedom and productivity, or we can recommit ourselves to the values of hard work and free enterprise upon which this state and nation were founded.

Either we can continue to sap the life from our private sector with rules that penalize the producers and reward the idle, or we can unleash the energy of this great state and its people by encouraging and rewarding investment, hard work and private initiative.

I'm optimistic about the future. I believe that the people of California are ready to begin working toward a new economic prosperity, and I believe that our Republican agenda for 1981 can help them do just that.

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Conflict of Interest Investigation Requested by Assemblywomen

Assembly Republican leader Carol Hallett and Assemblywoman Marian Bergeson, R-74th District, are calling for an investigation of "a potential conflict of interest" involving the California Housing Opportunities Corporation (CHOIC) and the California Coastal Commission.

In a letter to Atty. Gen. George Deukmejian, the two Republican assemblywomen said CHOIC was recently formed by the Coastal Commission to develop low and moderate income housing along the California coast.

They said CHOIC was formed "without statutory authorization or public hearings" and will use land and "(in lieu)" fees collected by the Coastal Commission from developers wanting to build along the coast. The two lawmakers wrote: "We have grave reservations regarding the propriety and legality of state employees and commissioners who are responsible for recommendations relative to the taking of land and money as a condition of granting coastal development permits also administering the spending of these funds for low and moderate income housing."

"It would seem that there is a potential conflict of interest here, and certainly a usurpation of legislative authority and prerogative."

The letter ended: "We would very much appreciate your looking into the matter and advising us as to the legality and possible conflicts of interest involving the formation of the California Housing Opportunities Corporation."

Applications Now Accepted

U.S. Rep. Leon Panetta
Seeks Senior Citizen Interns

U.S. Rep. Leon Panetta is accepting applications for the annual congressional senior citizen intern program May 11-16 in Washington, D.C.

Applicants must be at least 55 years of age and involved in providing services and activities for the elderly. Panetta will pick only one applicant from the 16th District.

Participants must pay their own travel costs, but they will receive a stipend to cover lodging and expenses. Applicants are requested to send Panetta a letter describing their involvement in senior citizen services and telling why they want to take part in the program. His address is 431 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Application deadline is March 20.
Bernard Shaw's study of the family communications gap the verse it requires to keep an audience in place for three hours. Yes, three hours, and well worth the sit.

Bunny and his father, Lord Summerhayes, have arrived for a quiet weekend at the country estate of John Tarleton, whose fortune was made in underwear. But John's daughter Hypatia couldn't be more impudent. Thomas R. Sanchez as Bunny performs another of his endless feats of stagecraft when, in order to get his own way, he goes into a fit and must be rescued by Lina. Barbara Shuler as Lina has the presence and build to turn both Bunny and the whole audience into her worshipers. Dick Bird as Lord Summerhayes hides his secret love for his son's fiancée with tired dignity while John Brady as his son's chum Joey tries with equal dignity to avoid her advances. Last, but far from least, Stephen Moorer as the intruder covers the emotions from drunken pride to righteous fury to sobbing repentance with a sincerity that nearly seals the show. This boy has been wasting away in lovesick swain roles far too long and certainly deserves more roles like this one to exercise his fine talent.

"Misalliance" continues through March 22 at the Indoor Forest Theatre, Thursdays through Sundays at 8:30 p.m. Reservations will be necessary for this one. Call 624-1531.

At the Family Communications Theatre comenzó "All a Mistake" on March 14 to see Neil Simon's "A Star Spangled Girl" at the Studio Theatre Restaurant again. Marina Curtis directs a well-timed trio of local actors including Jim Webber who had his debut at the Studio last year as "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Kim Mowry joins the Studio from Hidden Valley, where he spent last year after his return from Australian television. The title actress, Connie Erickson, is superb and well worth going to see all on her own.

The show involves a protest magazine publisher and his one writer, who have a fairly good routine going until SHE moves in next door. Simon can make a basic love triangle look like a political debate among clowns, all of whom could easily live in the next building and be the best of neighbors to everyone else but each other.

Call 624-1661 for dinner and/or show reservations. Dinner at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday, show 1½ hours later.

California's First Theatre presents "Our Town," but it really was a unique piece. Ron Danko had his drama department cast read two collections of poetry by Edgar Lee Masters, both carrying the title "Spoon River" but written years apart. The group then picked their favorite characters from these works to weave into an evening's depiction of a small town and its problems from hypocrisy to murder.

Danko again showed the world that he only picks good performers for his shows, stages them well and manages to keep an adult's attention despite a slow pace. However, neither pace nor subject was kiddle material.

A thirst quenching drink is needed by Bunny (Thomas Sanchez) when his father, Lord Summerhayes (Dick Bird), warns him of the cruel world he must face in George Bernard Shaw's "Misalliance" on stage through March 22 at the Indoor Forest Theatre, Carmel.

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"El Salvador. What's that?"
"It's a country in Central America, and the Soviets and Cubans have been supplying their guerrillas with arms, so they can overthrow the military junta."
"You mean to say, Paw, the United States is seriously thinking of getting in on a war over El Salvador?"
"It ain't El Salvador, Paw. The Reagan administration has been looking for a place to show the Soviets that we mean business. El Salvador just happened to be in the right place at the right time."
"That's what they said about Viet Nam, Paw."
"This is different, Paw. This is in our hemisphere. We can't let the Cubbies just ship in arms and equipment to guerrillas who don't like their government."
"What's the guerrillas' beef in El Salvador got to do with the junta?"
"No one is sure, Paw. I think it has something to do with them wanting land reform. It seems a powerful family in El Salvador are against it and the military is killing the peasants, and the government is trying to find a solution in between."
"And we're going to go to war to solve that one?"
"We ain't going to go to war yet, but I'm getting out my boots just in case, because Secretary of State Haig is taking a hard line against anyone who accepts arms from the Cuban Commies."
"I ain't against stopping the Commies, Paw, but I wish it was something more important than El Salvador."

"Haig's got no choice. They found Captured Enemy Documents on the bodies of the guerrillas."
"I just heard someone use 'Captured Enemy Documents' since Viet Nam. You got any idea how Haig hopes to stop the Commies from giving the guerrillas arms?"
"Well, I don't want it handed out, but I saw on television that Haig was thinking about blockading Cuba if they kept it up.
"That's big stuff, Paw. We could get us in a war with Russia at the same time."
"You got to call their bluff sooner or later. That's why I'm getting my boots ready. If it really gets big, we ain't got enough boys in the service to handle it. They're going to need us oldtimers to pitch in and fight."
"But you were in World War II. Won't they ask the younger boys to go first?"
"Ain't going to get no young kids going to go into the service to fight for El Salvador. It's only oldtimers like myself who understand if you don't stop them in El Salvador, you'll be fighting them on the beaches of Santa Monica."
"I thought Reagan said he wasn't going to get us into no wars."
"This ain't a real war. It's just a test of our credibility, Paw. Nobody's going to ever believe us if we don't have a showdown soon."
"The whole thing smells more and more like Viet Nam, Paw."
"That's for you to say, Paw. El Salvador has a lot going for it when it comes to seeing who blinks first. It's small, has plenty of jungles and it we win the hearts and minds of the people there, we can scare the hell out of Nicaragua."
"Nicaragua? What have they got to do with this?"
"That's how the guerrillas are getting their arms. Believe me, Paw, if this thing keeps up, we're going to be up to our necks in mud."
"When do you think they'll call you, Paw?"
"As soon as all the young kids in the country realize what's going on and take off for Canada."

"Redwood Timber Harvest Planned Beginning April 15"

The state Department of Forestry has granted timber owner David Doolage of Carlotta (Hammond) a permit to log old growth redwoods in the Little Sur River watershed. The timber harvest will be the first in the scenic watershed in more than 20 years. It is scheduled to start April 15 and end October 15, 1983. No Coastal Commission Harlan permit will be required for the saw and pulp log operations, even though it will take place within a commission Special Treatment Area, because of an exemption for timber harvesting in the Coastal Act. However, a Monterey County use permit will be required.

"There was no reason to think the permit would go through," says Ray Jackman, Central Coast resource manager for the Department of Forestry. Approval was recommended by Len Theiss, state forest ranger in the Felton office. Theiss in-resident and reviewed the application because he has had more experience with logging operations than Monterey County foresters.

Logging in Big Sur in recent times has been limited to salvage operations and a small operation on John McMillen property on the South Coast.

Theiss and Jackman pointed out that timber harvesting is an accepted use and permits may not be denied unless there are environmental reasons. There are none in this case, they said.

A cable logging operation is planned rather than tractor logging which would not have been approved on the steep 27 acre site, Theiss noted.

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United Farm Agency Opens Office

United Farm Agency Inc. of Kansas City, Mo., a nationwide real estate firm, has opened a Salinas office, managed by Irwin and Edith Goldenberg.

He is a licensed real estate broker and practicing attorney who formerly taught business law at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa. She is

"OFF THE RECORD"

By Charles Davis

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

Where else can you sit in the sunshine (it's uncanny how it can be fog-bound all down the coast only to clear in that little valley) amid a grove of redwood trees and enjoy good music while you have brunch and drinks. The nearby bank of the Big Sur provides a splendid listening spot, too. Go the band in person at Big Sur — it's as near a sure thing as you're likely to find in these parts.

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Inc., of Arcata will do the logging for Doolage under the supervision of consulting forester Joel K. Rankin of Bayside. Harvest site is on both sides of an unnamed tributary of the Little Sur river.

"They'll have a portable tower, string cables across the canyon, tie them down on the other side and run a carriage across it to pull the logs over," Theiss explained. "It's slower than tractor logging, but much less damaging."

One small area will be logged by tractor, but it is "well above the stream," he added.

About 50 percent of the redwoods in the harvest area will be cut. Theiss said they are not "park type" redwoods, but some are five to seven feet in diameter. A 50 percent cut is the maximum allowed in a coastal zone Special Treatment area, under requirements set up by the state Board of Forestry.

About one mile of new road will be constructed. Jackman thought the project would not damage the beauty of the area. "It's quite a long distance from where anybody would see it," he said. "The only viewing is from the old coast highway, and it's at least a mile away."

Lee Otter, Big Sur planner for the regional coastal commission, expressed concern about the effect of logging on what he called "a magnificent area." "The Little Sur is the most pristine river around," he added. "It's just terrific."

However, he conceded the coastal commission has nothing to say about the timber harvest because of the Coastal Act exemption.

Rankin said in his permit application that the area will be seeded with annual rye following the harvest. He said no endangered species have been observed in the area, "but if encountered the site will be marked for preservation."

Theiss, however, reported that during a site inspection a golden eagle was sighted, and as soon as road construction is finished, tops of trees will be checked for possible nests.

Accompanying him on the pre-harvest inspection February 3 were Ed Jankauski of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Wayne Howe of the Department of Fish and Game, Lynn Mounday of the Monterey County Planning Department, and Otter.

The new Big Sur land use plan, approved by the Planning Commission but not yet acted upon by the county supervisors, discourages commercial logging of healthy old growth redwood.

However, since the use permit will be requested before board adoption of the new plan, the Doolage timber harvest will not be a real test of the new plan's logging provisions.

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Graniterock Waits for Approval to Mine Pico Blanco

"O noble Pico Blanco," wrote poet Robinson Jeffers, "thou white sea-wave of marble!"

In singing this of a lofty Big Sur peak, Jeffers showed himself a better poet than geologist. Pico Blanco's whiteness is caused by deposits of limestone, not marble. Marble may be more poetic, but Pico Blanco limestone is a high quality resource which sold for $16.50 a ton in 1968. Not surprisingly Graniterock Company of Watsonville, which bought the mountain in 1963, wants to mine the resource it has purchased.

Because of the sensitivity of the area and possible impacts on the pristine Little Sur watershed, Graniterock may have some trouble getting approval for mining the property in its ownership. The Big Sur Local Coastal Program as adopted by the Monterey County Planning Commission—and not yet by the county supervisors—says, "Surface mining proposals for minerals or materials which are also available adequately and economically from inland or less sensitive locations shall be denied."

Because there are at least six other sites within the Central Coast region with similar quality limestone, and many other deposits are currently being quarried, the Graniterock's Pico Blanco plans face an uncertain future.

Accordingly, Graniterock is taking another tack in its efforts to quarry Pico Blanco limestone. It has placed 32 claims on parcels on the lower portion of the mountain in Los Padres National Forest. There, the Graniterock mining claims were assured of effective treatment. In fact, under an 1872 mining law, the Forest Service can't turn them down.

Dave Waite, Los Padres National Forest lands officer and assistant to the superintendent of the forest, made this clear when contacted by the Gazette at his office in Goleta. "The environmental assessment on the project has been forwarded to this office for review for completeness," he said. "But in the ESA all we can do is assess the Graniterock. Under the 1872 law, Graniterock is not bound by law to follow our directions. We can make suggestions. We can even set conditions as long as they are not arbitrary or capricious.

"But if Graniterock wanted to put in a road that we felt would cause a slide, and we made a request for mitigation measures, and they refused, all we could do is go to court and sue for damages. They have a statutory right to operate."

Fortunately, Waite said, Graniterock officials have proved cooperative, and have shown an awareness of environmental pressures and constraints.

"They are talking about taking out several thousand tons," Waite said. "It's not a lot of material. If they said they planned to take two or three million tons off the top of the mountain, and make it disappear, it would be different."

A crucial question is whether or not Graniterock's Pico Blanco mining in Los Padres National Forest will require a state Coastal Commission permit. So far nobody knows the answer. Both the Forest Service and the Coastal Commission have referred the question to their attorneys. So far, the lawyers have not given their opinion. Even when they do, the matter is not likely to be settled. If the answer is yes, Brian Finegan, attorney for Graniterock, is unlikely to take it lying down, if the answer is no, the National Resources Defense Council, which favors strict control of mining in Big Sur if not outright prohibition, is unlikely to be pleased.

Plans for the mining operation have been before the Forest Service since September, and Graniterock is anxious to get going.

"They won't start till we give them the green light, though," Waite said. "We've waiting for word from the attorneys. It may take a while."

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