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BIG TREES GOLDEN JUBILEE 1931-1981

by Curtis Dean Kraft

Plans have been formulated for the dedication of Calaveras Big Trees State Park. The "Big Trees Golden Jubilee" will be held July 5, 1981, 10am to 3pm and will recreate the 1931 dedication ceremonies. Governor Brown has been asked to be the keynote speaker. The event will be attended by representatives from State Parks, Park Commission, Save-the-Redwoods League, Parks Foundation, Calaveras County, local personalities and others associated with the Big Trees.

A full day of activities is being planned with guided walks, history displays, period costumes, antique cars circa 1931,



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music, singing, and an old-fashioned no host picnic at 12 noon. The dedication ceremony will begin at 1:30pm.

A special souvenir cachet envelope will be sold and the Postal Service will have a branch office open at the park where all mail will be cancelled with a special pictorial cancellation stamp.

The present park staff extends a special invitation to all former staff to attend and help celebrate. Many "old-timers" have already accepted. This family reunion of park staff will be a fun time for all. Bring your favorite Big Trees stories to tell. If you need a campsite, just call the park office. (209) 795-2334.



HOTEL 1931

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Letters

I'm finally getting around to responding to your letter to Retirees requesting their annual dues and a word or two about my activities since retiring... Please find enclosed my check for the dues. I have told you previously Henri and I have been completely involved in our beach house construction. The house is of contemporary design with a large living and dining room section completely across the front which faces the Pacific Ocean and a section of Carpinteria Beach (State Beach that is). We have a circular "Swedish type" fireplace that sort of delineates the living room from the dining room. Our home is built in the Concha Loma Tract (Shell Mound) and the Deed restrictions state "single" story residences only but we were allowed to include a deck over the front portion of the house with a stair that serves the deck from the living room... The kitchen has everything in it that Henri has so patiently waited for all her "Park Years". Then we have 3 bedrooms with the Master bedroom on the ocean side of the house. Also three bathrooms with ceramic tile, etc. and three garages. One garage will be used as my shop and office. The landscaping will be very simple and practical. No lawns to mow or care for, rather maintenance free we hope. Native shrubs and flowers and possibly a dwarf citrus tree or two. The outside deck on the ocean side will have some terraces to control any heavy rainfall. I forgot to mention, all windows are double glazed and we are about to enter into a contract to have solar cells placed on a portion of our garage roof to supplement our hot water needs. So we invite all our "Park Friends" to drop by for a visit... And perhaps now I'll have time to better organize the CSPRA Archives too. P.S. Now time to do a little traveling.. First jaunt will be this week end up to Clyde Elmer's retirement party. Hope to see you there... Oh yes, we are still playing tennis and lo and behold, I won the tournament for the 55 yrs and older group last month here in the club...

Al Salzgeber, Carpinteria

I continue to take short walks, do some yard work, help with the shopping, and attend W.W.I. meetings.

Charles H. Fakler, Capistrano Beach

My retirement activities have been of varied and exciting interests since moving here to Paradise, CA in 1975. Still keep involved with our Parks as I've been the wagonmaster of the local "Sons in Retirement" RV Club the past three years, thus visiting many park units, often seeing friends of past work years. Also very active with gem and mineral club and my lapidary shop at home, Calif. history group, nature hiking class every week, Elks lodge, Lions club, fishing, etc.

Acquired a new wife in '76 after the passing of Phyllis the year before. Has been a great life here, especially now with my two sons and grandsons in nearby Chico and Oroville.

Best regards and everyone is invited to come by and see why we enjoy Paradise!

LYLE WATSON, Paradise

Ms. Paula Pennington
CSPRA Environmental Issues Committee

Thank you for your kind letter of support on SB83 which will establish the Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve.

Although the bill will do nothing to put more water into the lake itself, it will provide much needed protection for the Mono Basin's unique and valuable Tufa Towers. More importantly, SB83 constitutes a vital first step toward focusing increased public attention on the entire Mono Lake situation.

You will be pleased to know that the bill passed the Senate Natural Resources Committee by a 6-0 vote. It now goes before the Senate Finance Committee.

Thanks once again for your support.

Senator John Garamendi

Dear Mr. Verardo:

The Governor has requested that I answer your January 9, 1981 letter which expresses concern about Silver Strand State Beach and Salton Sea State Recreation Area.

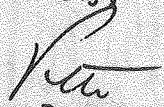
We are setting the conditions on the United States Navy's lease extension at Silver Strand State Beach. As consideration for a long-term extension of their lease, we are now asking for public weekend and holiday use of the beach area plus fee title to a 50-acre bayside site for public camping, parking, and day use. Their staff had previously written to us stating a long-term lease on 20 acres was acceptable, but verbally stated that fee title to this larger area is unacceptable. Their staff has said that they may attempt to condemn this area if unacceptable conditions are imposed. We have not had a formal response to our latest proposal.

Let me assure you that we intend to hold firm in extracting public use benefit of the ocean and bay beach areas involved.

In reference to the proposed oil and gas lease near Salton Sea, we are attaching a copy of the Resources Agency's response to the Bureau of Land Management's draft environmental assessment.

We are very concerned about the environmental impact which exploration would expose. Unless this activity is strictly controlled and regulated, it would cause irreversible damage to the Salton Sea area. We expect the Bureau of Land Management to submit, for our review, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which would address all our concerns. At that time, we would be in a better position to evaluate this kind of activity at the Salton Sea.

Sincerely,

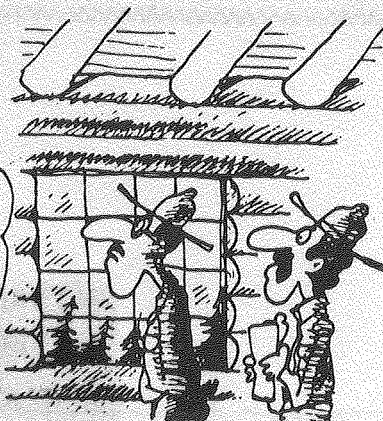

Pete Dangermond, Jr.
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NEW MEMBER

Jeffrey A. Jones
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WELCOME !!

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Honorable Richard Roe, Mayor
City of Del Mar

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Your public appeal for funds in your community-based suit against the North City West project was brought to my attention by local State Park Rangers in our organization. After reviewing the case, I am pleased to inform you that our Executive Board authorized a \$75.00 donation (check enclosed) to help defray legal costs incurred by the City of Del Mar.

We support your attempt to elicit further clarification of regional effects on air quality and the burden on services within surrounding communities such as your own.

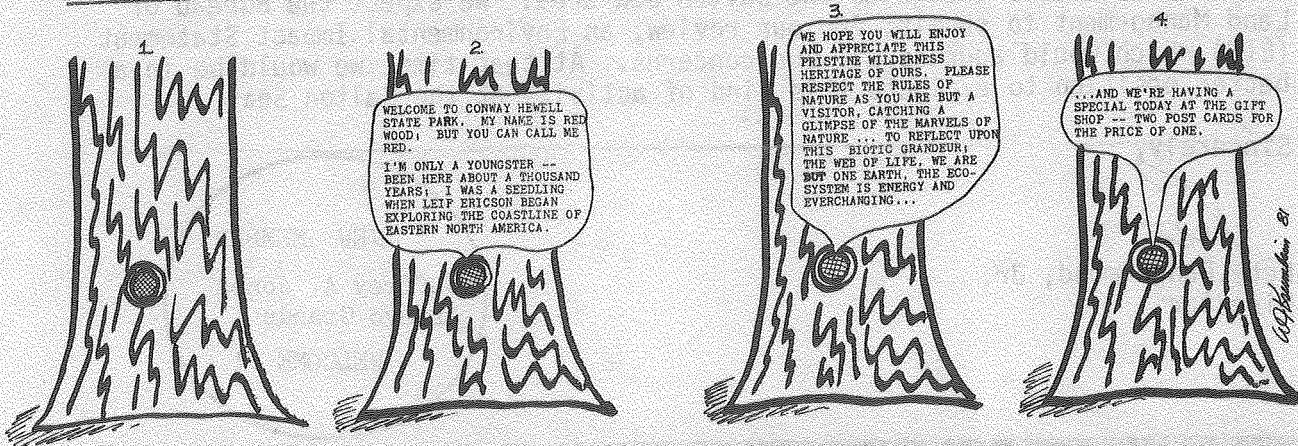
As noted in the Environmental Impact Report, this project will have a significant adverse environmental impact on Los Penasquitos Lagoon, part of which lies within Torrey Pines State Reserve. At this time, CSPRA continues to investigate the potential impacts of visitor services and resource protection this proposed 40,000 person residential community will have upon nearby State Park operations.

Sincerely,





Denzil R. Verardo, President

Red Wood



Toll-Free Recycling Number

Want to find out where you can recycle in your area? The State Solid Waste Management Board has a toll-free telephone line to help find a recycling center located near you. Call the Board at 1-800-952-5545.

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