



FRIENDS OF LOS PENASQUITOS CANYON PRESERVE, INC.
P.O. BOX 26523
SAN DIEGO, CA. 92126

NEWSLETTER

February 1985

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your support!

We will use this newsletter to keep you informed about our group's activities and issues that affect the preserve.

First, a brief introduction. Board members are:

Robert Sauers, president
retired architect
755-8775

Bill Jennings
student/researcher
277-4175

Barbara Walter, vice pres.
self-employed writer-photog.
672-3896

Sarah P. Johnston
teacher
271-8337

Mike McCormick, treasurer
drug store manager
271-4413

John Northrup
geophysicist
454-6570

Dot Brovarney, secretary
historian
483-6806

Harriet Pellar
rep., Citizens Advisory
Committee for the Preserve

Art Casey
rep., Citizens Coordinate for
Century III

Pam Stevens
community leader
566-2261

Dr. Elberta Fleming
nature center founder
271-6710

Bob Trettin
rep., Los PQ Canyon
Preserve Task Force

Call us if you have any questions or information to offer.

Board Meetings

We usually meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Scripps Ranch. Members are welcome. If planning to attend, please call a board officer to confirm date/time/place. The next meeting is Feb. 27.

Excerpts from the Friends' Statement of Purpose

"The Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve is an educational organization, open to the public, that is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve.

"The natural beauty of the preserve lies in its diverse wildlife and plantlife; therefore, the Friends will promote activities in the preserve that respect the rights of wildlife and do not damage plantlife.

"One of the Friends' long-term goals is preservation of sensitive land forms and wildlife habitat in the canyon and on the rim. Another is retention of the historical integrity of the preserve.

"Some immediate goals are:

1. develop an active membership and a financial base of support.
2. inform members about the group's activities and plans for the preserve via a newsletter.
3. promote public awareness of the preserve's cultural and natural resources by sponsoring hikes, lectures and other community outreach programs."

Hike Schedule

When: Feb. 9, 1985, 8:30 a.m.
Where: parking/staging area of Los Penasquitos Canyon preserve, on the west side of Black Mountain Road about 1.9 miles north of Mira Mesa Blvd.
What: 6-mile hike to "waterfalls" and back.
Bring water & snack.
Rain cancels.

When: Feb. 17, 1985, 8 a.m.
Where: same location as above.
What: 6-mile hike to "mystery trees" and back.
Bring water & snack.
Rain cancels.

Lopez Ridge Planned Residential Development (PRD)

The developer's request to amend this 1400+ unit project will be considered by the city's Subdivision Review Board Feb. 4, 8:30 a.m., 5th floor of the City Administration Bldg., 202 C Street.

The project is slated for the narrow ridge that separates Penasquitos and Lopez Canyons. It includes 2 million cubic yards of grading, a 4-lane road and a bridge across the marsh to Sorrento Valley Blvd.

For more information, call Bob Sauers, Bill Jennings or Barbara Walter.

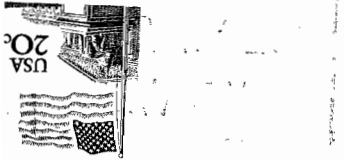
Membership Chair

Sarah Johnston is the one to call if you have questions about your membership.

For the Board,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Walter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Barbara Walter".

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Bob Sauer

V.I.H.

NEWSLETTER

March 1985

Dear Friends:

Lopez Ridge Update

The city Subdivision Review Board approved Genstar Development's Lopez Ridge amendment on Feb. 4. Several concerned citizens are writing letters of appeal to the city Planning Commission, which will hear the project sometime in the next few weeks. For more information, call Bob Sauer, 755-8775, Bill Jennings, 277-4175 or Barbara Walter, 672-3896.

Hike Schedule

March 9, 8 a.m., Mystery Hike. Meet at Sorrento Valley Blvd. east end. The hike will be 3-4 hours. Wear sturdy shoes, and bring water and a snack. Leader Bill Jennings will point out some of the preserve's more unusual aspects.

March 17, 8 a.m., Wearing of the Green Hike. Join leader Mike "Irish" McCormick in admiring the preserve's new coat of spring greenery. Meet at the preserve parking-staging area on the west side of Black Mountain Road across from Horseman's Park. The hike will be 3-4 hours. Bring water and a snack and wear sturdy shoes.

For both hikes, non-members are asked to make a \$2 donation to support the Friends' educational programs. Rain cancels.

-- Elberta Fleming

Another Friendly Group

Board member Dot Brovarney is scheduling a carpool trip to the Santa Margarita River to join Friends of the Santa Margarita on one of their hikes in March or April. If interested, call her at 483-6806.

Archaeology at Johnson-Taylor Ranch

Members of the San Diego County Archaeology Society are digging up history and pre-history at the ranchhouse on Saturdays through March 23. SDCAS members are working on the dig with the county and Recon, an environmental firm, under the supervision of Recon archaeologist Susan Hector.

Wing A is being further explored. When tested in fall 1983, it proved to be rich in cultural remains. Susan and her crew hope to learn more about the Indian village discovered during the earlier testing. Another interesting question remains regarding the probable existence of an older adobe structure pre-dating, and on the same site, as the Johnson home.

If you are interested in helping, chances are you can volunteer as a docent on-site. As artifacts are recovered and cataloged, a display is being developed that requires monitoring and interpretation. The Saturday work schedule is 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

-- Dot Brovarney

Membership Notes

If there's a Friend who would like to assist with membership (computer & database very helpful) please call Sarah on 271-8337.

John Early lived up to his name by becoming one of our first members. Thanks to all the members for their contributions.

-- Sarah Johnston

Newsletter Help Wanted

Are you skilled in writing, editing or graphics? Do you have access to printing? The newsletter could use your talents. Call Barbara Walter, 672-3896.

Oops, Sorry

Last month our president was incorrectly identified. Bob Sauers is a practicing architect.

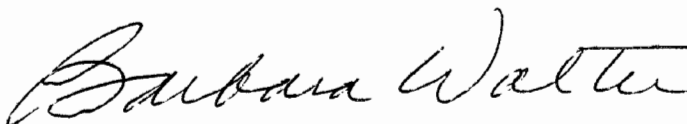
The correct spelling for our geophysicist board member's name is John Northrop.

Bob Trettin's phone number was omitted: 236-6611. Bob is aide to Deputy Mayor Bill Mitchell, who chairs the Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Task Force, the three-person group that administers the preserve. Other members of the task force are Councilman Ed Struiksma and newly elected County Supervisor Susan Golding.

Quote for the Month

"It is quite possible that men require deer and canyons to keep them human."

-- James Michener







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NEWSLETTER

April 1985

Dear Friends:

Lopez Ridge Appeal

Appeals against Lopez Ridge planned residential development amendment (lots 11 and 13) will be heard by the San Diego Planning Commission 9 a.m. March 28, in 12th floor council chambers, city administration building, 202 C Street.

Lopez Ridge PRD is planned to be built on the narrow ridge that separates Lopez and Penasquitos Canyons at the preserve's west end. Despite objections, the majority of the project was approved by the City Council. It calls for 2.5 million cubic yards of dirt to be dumped in the preserve's side canyons, and a 4-lane road (Calle Cristobal) bridging the marsh.

With this amendment, Genstar Development wants to build 132 more dwelling units (for a total of 1534 units) and a 350-foot bridge across Lopez Canyon (Camino Santa Fe). According to the state Department of Parks & Recreation, the route chosen by the developer for Camino Santa Fe "will require filling a canyon and making roadcuts up to 80 feet high...through soil and rock susceptible to gully erosion." For more info., call Bob Sauers, 755-8775 or Barbara Walter, 672-3896.

Mirador Park Appeal

Bob & Peggy Chamberlain, Friends members, are leading the opposition in Mira Mesa to the Mirador Park planned residential development, which is adjacent to the preserve and their home on Avenida del Gato. According to the Chamberlains, the project causes "significant unmitigated impacts" to the Mira Mesa community plan, requires excessive grading and fill and causes cumulative loss of biological habitats. The City Council will consider the Mirador Park project 10 a.m. April 16. The Chamberlains are renting a bus to take their neighbors to city hall (\$2 per person). For more info., call Bob & Peggy Chamberlain on 566-3039.

Our president, Bob Sauers, reminds us of the words of Buckminster Fuller: "If humanity does not opt for integrity, we are through completely. The odds are so close, it is completely touch and go. Each one of us could make the difference. That's why I do what I do."

Hike Schedule

Date: Saturday, April 6
Time: 8 a.m.
Place: Sorrento Valley Blvd. east end
Hike: 3-4 hour Easter hike to witness the rebirth of the preserve after winter rains.
Info: Call 271-6710.

Date: Sunday, April 21
Time: 8 a.m.
Place: Parking-staging area on Black Mountain Road
Hike: 3-4 hour "wilderness" hike in recognition of John Muir's birthday will explore important wildlife corridors and unusual habitats.
Info: Call 271-6710.

-- Elberta Fleming

For all Friends hikes, participants should wear sturdy shoes and bring water and a snack. Rain cancels. Non-members are asked to make a \$2 donation to support the Friends' educational programs.

Santa Margarita River Hike:

Date: Sunday, April 14
Time: 8:30 a.m.-noon
Place: Santa Margarita River bottom
Hike: Special hike given for Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve by Evelyn Ashton, chair of Friends of the Santa Margarita River.
Info: To reserve space, call Dot, 483-6806 (eves.)

Carpool meets at 7:15 a.m. at Scripps Ranch. (Call for location). Return to Scripps Ranch 2:30-3 p.m. Bring sack lunch for stop at Live Oak Springs Park noon-2 p.m.

Come explore with us another wild area in San Diego County. This is southern California's last undisturbed coastal river (for the time being). The Friends of Santa Margarita successfully fought a dam proposal last year, but it is expected to be reintroduced in Congress this year. Enjoy the scenery and get some tips on how to preserve our precious wildlife.

-- Dot Brovarney

Thanks a Bunch

The Sierra Singles, a chapter of the local Sierra Club, recently donated \$300 to the Friends. Thanks so much to all who donated, especially Geoff Smith, chair of the organization.

Book Published on the History of Penasquitos

"Rancho de los Penasquitos - On the Road to Yuma," is being published this month by San Diego County Parks & Recreation Department. The book represents years of historical research on the part of county historian Mary Ward and her research associates. The importance of this new publication is underscored by county plans to restore the 1862 Johnson-Taylor adobe as a ranch museum. The book will be available through the Friends for a reasonable price. The Friends will receive a percentage of each sale. Call Dot at 483-6806 after April 8 if you'd like to order a copy.

-- Dot Brovarney

(Editor's note: Dot is one of Mary Ward's research associates who contributed to this valuable endeavor.)

New Appointment

Board member Pam Stevens was recently named the Mira Mesa Town Council's representative to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Penasquitos Canyon Preserve. The CAC, as it's known, meets the first Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Mira Mesa Library on Mira Mesa Blvd. The public is invited to attend. Those who have questions about the group or its activities may call Pam on 566-2261.

Membership Notes

First the good news: So many of you have joined, our membership is more than 85! Now the bad news: Our membership chair is overloaded with work commitments. Also, she will be unavailable this summer. If there's a Friend who would like to assist with membership (computer & database very helpful) please call Sarah immediately on 271-8337.

Quote for the Month

"Something will have gone out of us as a people if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed; if we permit the last virgin forests to be turned into comic books and plastic cigarette cases; if we drive the few remaining members of the wild species into zoos or to extinction; if we pollute the last clear air, dirty the last clean streams and push our paved roads through the last of the silence, so that never again will Americans be free in their own country from noise, the exhausts, the stinks of human and automotive waste. And so that never again can we have the chance to see ourselves as single, separate, vertical and individual in the world, part of the environment of trees and rocks and soil, brother to the other animals, part of the natural world and competent to belong in it."

-- Wallace Stegner

Special Note

To all Friends members: Please take time to read, complete and return the enclosed flyer. We need your direction. Thanks.

For the board,

Barbara Walter

P.S.: As a personal note, I want to thank all Friends who contributed to San Diegans for Managed Growth. The preserve is the ultimate beneficiary of your generous financial support. *BW*



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Dear Friends:

We need your advice on how politically active you want the Friends, as a group, to be. Please take a minute to read this flyer and fill out the form below.

Some of us would like the Friends to lobby against development projects that adversely impact the preserve, in public hearings, meetings and by letter.

Because we are a nonprofit public benefit corporation, tax code 501(c)(3), our articles of incorporation state: "No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office."

What constitutes "substantial" is open to interpretation. One interpretation says anything less than 25% of the time is acceptable.

We are willing to adhere to this limitation, as long as our members accept the risk (for example, a developer may challenge our tax exemption). The tax exempt status is important not only because members have a write-off, but because we foresee the day when the Friends will apply for grants to offer educational programs at the county's Johnson-Taylor adobe in the preserve.

Another alternative is to establish a second organization for lobbying that would not be tax exempt.

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS! We will abide by the wish of the majority of our membership.

 I WANT THE FRIENDS TO BE POLITICALLY ACTIVE AS NOW CONSTITUTED AND REALIZE THE POTENTIAL RISK TO TAX EXEMPTION.

I WANT THE FRIENDS TO BE POLITICALLY ACTIVE, BUT PREFER THAT LOBBYING BE DONE THRU A SEPARATE ORGANIZATION.

I DO NOT WANT THE FRIENDS TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL LOBBYING

COMMENTS:

Return to: FRIENDS OF LOS PENASQUITOS CANYON PRESERVE, INC.,
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MAY 1985 NEWSLETTER
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LOPEZ RIDGE AMENDMENT

On April 22 the San Diego City Council responded to citizens' concerns and voted 8-0 (Jones absent) to grant an appeal hearing on the city's approval of this project, set for the narrow ridge that separates Penasquitos and Lopez Canyons. The hearing will be held in late June or early July.

In making the motion to grant the appeal hearing, Councilman Ed Struiksma said the council should review results of a traffic study requested by Mayor Roger Hedgecock on the impact of deleting north-south roads from the preserve (including Lopez Ridge Amendment's Camino Santa Fe) before it approves this project. The traffic study is due in late June.

(Addendum: The San Diego Planning Commission voted in March to approve Lopez Ridge Amendment. At that meeting, Commissioner Paula Oquita cast the lone dissenting vote.)

For more information call Barbara Walter, 672-3896 or Bob Sauers, 755-8775.

MIRADOR PARK APPEAL FAILS

About 30 residents attended the April 16 San Diego City Council hearing to oppose

the Mirador project because of "significant unmitigated impacts," as described in the EIR. Despite the eloquent pleas of Bob Chamberlain and Pam Stevens that the project violates the Mira Mesa Community Plan and the "spirit and intent of open space preservation," the council voted 6-2 to approve it, paving the way for 452 dwelling units on the south rim of Penasquitos Canyon. Mayor Roger Hedgecock and Councilman Mike Gotch cast the two "no" votes. Councilman Uvaldo Martinez was absent.

BOB SAUERS' PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Apropos of indiscriminate development in general and destruction of unique canyons in particular, I was struck recently with the following quote: "Burn down your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic; but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in America."

-- William Jennings Bryan

POLL RESULTS

A total of 26 members (30%) returned the green flyers.

14 voted for #1 (I want the Friends to be politically active as now constituted and realize the potential risk to tax exemption); 11 voted for #2 (I want the Friends to be politically active but prefer that lobbying be done thru a separate organization); and 1 voted for #3 (I do not want the Friends to engage in political lobbying).

The board's newly established goals committee is reviewing the tally results and will report at the June board meeting.

BOARD MEETINGS

Members are encouraged to attend the Friends' board meetings, which are held in Scripps Ranch the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Call 271-6710 for location and directions. Secretary Dot Brovarney (483-6806) has agenda info.

COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED

At the April meeting the board set the following committees:

Finance/Fundraising (Bob Sauers, chair, 755-8775); Education (Elberta Fleming, 271-6710, and Dot Brovarney, 483-6806, co-chairs); Goals (Pam Stevens, 566-2261, chair); and Publicity (Barbara Walter, 672-3896, chair).

The membership chair is temporarily open. If interested in taking on this task, please call Bob Sauers, 755-8775.

A Friends member, Fred Jacobs, entered our membership list on his computer and is providing us with labels for the newsletter. Thanks, Fred!

If any other Friends want to apply their special expertise or are interested in working on a committee, please call one of the numbers listed above.

HIKE SCHEDULE

Date: Sat., May 11
Time: 8 a.m.
Place: Sorrento Valley Blvd. east end
Hike: 3-4 hr., history of Lopez Canyon
Info: 271-6710.

Date: Sat., May 18
Time: 8 a.m.
Place: Parking-staging area on Black Mt. Rd.
Hike: 2-3 hr. bird walk with Jane McNeil
Info: 271-6710.

Date: Sun., May 19
Time: 8 a.m.
Place: Parking-staging area on Black Mt. Rd.
Hike: 3-4 hr., history of Penasquitos Canyon
Info: 271-6710

For all Friends hikes, participants should wear sturdy shoes and bring water and a snack. Rain cancels. Non-members are asked to make a \$2 donation to support the Friends' educational programs.

SUMMER PROGRAM PREVIEW

The founder and driving force behind the Friends, Dr. Elberta ("Bert") Fleming, is again offering

her popular "Summer Safari" classes for local children at Sundance Elementary School in Penasquitos.

Using native plants and Indian crafts, Bert teaches the rich natural and cultural history of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve. Her classes are highlighted by a field trip into the canyon.

Session I, for grades 2, 3 and 4, is July 8-12, 9 a.m.-noon. Session II, for grades 4, 5 and 6 is July 15-19, 9 a.m.-noon.

Each session is \$40. Classes are limited. The program is sponsored by the Friends and the Rancho Penasquitos Town Council's Youth/Education Commission.

For more info. or reservations call Bert on 271-6710.

MIRA MESA DAY

The Friends will have an exhibit at Mira Mesa Day, May 4, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Mira Mesa Mall. A few copies of Mary Ward's new book, "On The Road to Yuma," will be available for \$5. A few volunteers are needed at the booth. Please call Bert on 271-6710. And stop by and see us!

PENASQUITOS PARK DAY

This annual city-county event has been set for June 29. The Friends will participate with an exhibit and short hikes to points of historical interest.

If interested in helping, call Bert on 271-6710.

SANTA MARGARITA HIKE

Evelyn Ashton of Friends of the Santa Margarita River led a small group of Friends of Penasquitos on an informative hike on the river April 14. Her group is fighting plans to build dams on the Santa Margarita -- the last free-flowing river south of Los Angeles. The river includes almost one-fourth of San Diego County's riparian habitat. Approximately 3,300 acres of habitat would be destroyed if dams were built.

For more information call 728-7836 or write: Friends of the Santa Margarita River, P.O. Box 923, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

A sister group, the Santa Margarita Foundation, is sponsoring an art auction May 11, 6:30 p.m. at Pea Soup Andersens in Carlsbad. The public is invited. A \$5 donation is requested.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"What is man without the beast? If all beasts were gone man would die from a great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beast soon happens to man. All things are connected."

-- Chief Seattle, 1854

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JUNE 1985 NEWSLETTER
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SUMMER SAFARI

A special treat -- Bert Fleming has received permission from the county of San Diego to hold her Summer Safari interpretive classes for children at the historic Johnson-Taylor adobe in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve.

Summer Safari will be in two sessions:

Session I: July 8-12, 9
a.m.-noon, grades 2-3-4 and

Session II: July 15-19, 9
a.m.-noon, grades 4-5-6.

This adventure in learning will explore:

- Indians of Los Peñasquitos
- wildlife
- nature
- Indian & Mexican crafts and games

And there will be field trips into the canyon.

A note about Bert's background: she is founder and former director of a nationally recognized children's nature center. Bert, who has an honorary doctorate in humanities, has offered interpretive

programs for children and adults for more than 30 years.

Fee for the Summer Safari is \$40 per session, prepaid. Classes are limited.

To enroll return the coupon on the enclosed flyer. Call Bert on 271-6710 for more information.

The 1985 Summer Safari is co-sponsored by the Friends and the Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council Youth & Education Commission.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT

Sue Hector, a Friend and archaeologist for Recon, has revealed new information about the preserve's second oldest adobe in a paper titled "Changes in Historic Site Function: The Johnson-Taylor Adobe."

Hector's on-site research for the county Parks & Recreation Dept. supports county historian Mary Ward's theory that a structure existed on the site before George Johnson built the adobe's north wing in 1862.

Hector has found evidence that the western and eastern ends of Wing A functioned as

patios for a small structure in between. This arrangement is characteristic of a Mexican settlement of the time.

She also reports that Johnson's construction of Wing A followed the Mexican style, while Wing B (the central wing) followed the American style. Hector will learn more about each wing's construction after the adobe bricks are analyzed.

Certain ranch outbuildings (chicken coop, spring house, stone reservoir) probably were built during the 1880's says Hector. The wooden rooms on both ends of Wing A were built after a 1913 fire at the adobe.

Hector's test sites outside the adobe have turned up several 19th Century building foundations, which indicate the preserve's long ranch history.

-- Dot Brovarney

J-T ADOBE AT FAIR

Watch for a glimpse of Rancho de los Penasquitos at the Del Mar Fair this summer. The San Diego Archaeological Society will display artifacts found by volunteers at the Johnson-Taylor adobe dig. The fair is open June 20-July 7.

LOPEZ RIDGE AMENDMENT

As of press time no date is set for the city council hearing of an appeal of

Lopez Ridge Amendment PRD.

The hearing will be held after the city council reviews SANDAG's traffic study of the impact of deleting north-south roads across the preserve. That study has not been received yet.

For more information call Barbara Walter, 672-3896 or Bob Sauers, 755-8775.

HIKE SCHEDULE

Date: Sat., June 8
Time: 6 a.m.
Place: Parking-staging area on Black Mt. Rd.
Hike: 3-4 hr. dawn hike
Info: 271-6710

Date: Sun., June 16
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Parking-staging area on Black Mt. Rd.
Hike: till dusk
Info: 271-6710

NOTE: Except for short walks on Penasquitos Park Day, Friends hikes will be discontinued until September because of summer heat.

For all Friends hikes, participants should wear sturdy shoes and bring water and a snack. Rain cancels. Non-members are asked to make a \$2 donation to support the Friends' educational programs.

-- Bert Fleming

COMMITTEES NEED YOU

Friends' committees, open to members, give them an opportunity to be directly involved in the group's

development and operations. We welcome your involvement and urge you to call the committee chairs:

Education - Bert Fleming, 271-6710 or Dot Brovarney, 483-6806

Finance/Fundraising - Bob Sauers, 755-8775

Goals - Pam Stevens, 566-2261

Membership - Fred Jacobs, 484-5800

Publicity - Barbara Walter, 672-3896.

PENASQUITOS PARK DAY

A Mexican theme has been chosen for this annual city-county event June 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Friends will participate with an exhibit and short hikes to points of historical interest. Bert needs a few people to help with our booth. If interested call 271-6710.

MIRA MESA DAY

The Friends welcomed some new members on May 4.

Highlight of our exhibit was a professional slide show with music created by the Friends' historian, Bill Jennings, and informative displays of the canyon's plants and wildlife prepared by Bill and Bert Fleming. Bert's Rosy Boa drew the young crowd's attention.

BOOK EARNS ACCLAIM

On April 16 the county Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation to county

historian Mary Ward for her work on "Rancho Penasquitos - On the Road to Yuma."

Her research associates (Dot Brovarney, Carol Duykers, Julie Iavelli, Phyllis Ruth, Jane Wilhite and Liz Yamaguchi) also were recognized.

This publication is available for \$6.12 (includes tax & mailing). To order, make check payable to FRIENDS OF LOS PENASQUITOS CANYON PRESERVE, INC., and send to Dot Brovarney, 918 Wilbur Ave., San Diego, CA 92109.

Many thanks to Mary Ward for donating a percentage of book sales to the Friends.

THANKS A BUNCH TO:

...Fred Jacobs for accepting the membership chair's job...Marianne Turlington of Mira Mesa for preparing the Friends' 1984 tax forms and budget and generally putting our fiscal house in order ...Bill Fleming (Bert's spouse) for recommending Marianne Turlington to us.

FRIENDS' OFFICERS

Pres: Bob Sauers, 755-8775
VP: Barbara Walter, 672-3896
Secy: Dot Brovarney, 483-6806
Treas: Mike McCormick, 271-4413

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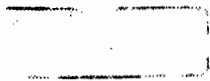
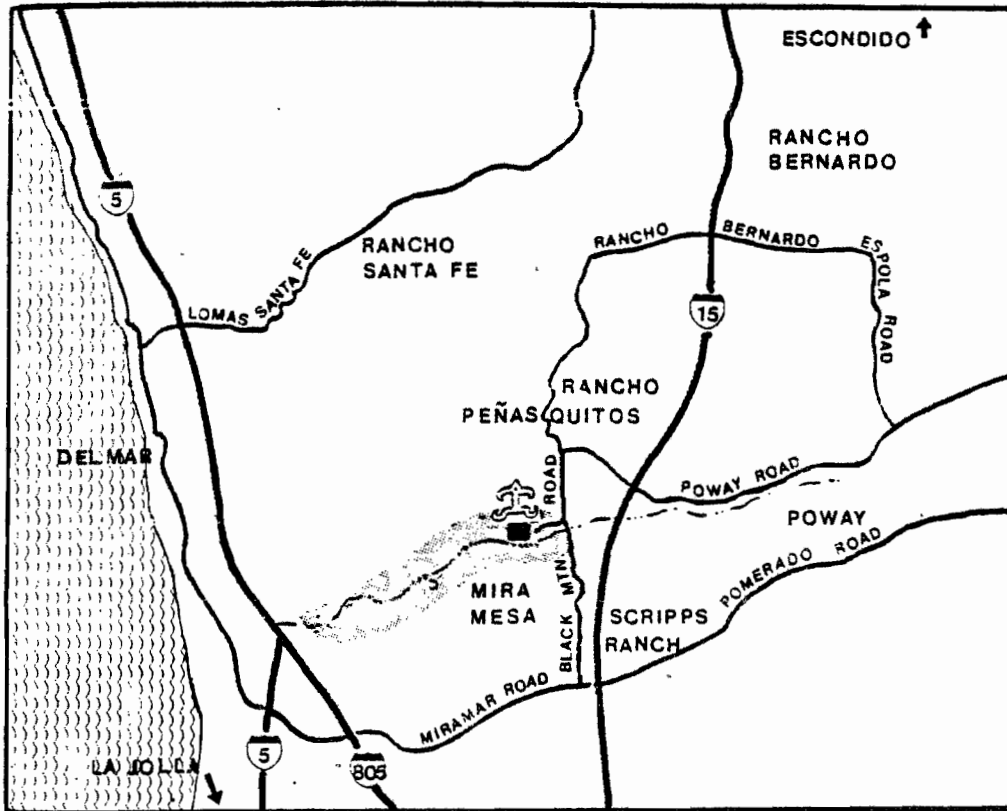
us and our future generations of a priceless experience."

-- Marty Stouffer

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The world is poorer when a species becomes endangered. And nothing bankrupts a nation more than a valuable creature which becomes extinct forever. This robs

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Bob Sauers reports that the Friends received 501(c)(3) tax exempt status from the IRS and state Franchise Tax Board.

PAM STEVENS ELECTED

Congratulations to Friends board member Pam Stevens who was elected chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve at the CAC's June meeting.

Pam is well qualified for this important task. She is a member of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Board and past president of the Mira Mesa Town Council, which she represents on the CAC. In addition, since 1981 she has headed the Sierra Club's Peñasquitos Canyon Task Force.

A former librarian and math/science teacher, Pam writes a regular human interest column for the weekly Mira Mesa/Scripps Ranch Star News. She and daughters Brenda, 7, and Sharon, 2, recently were featured in a LA Times photo accompanying a series on canyons.

Pam, husband Jeff and the girls live in Mira Mesa.

In other action at the June CAC meeting Corey Buckner of Rancho Peñasquitos was elected vice chair.

WHAT IS THE CAC?

The Citizens Advisory Committee consists of individuals representing Rancho Peñasquitos, Mira Mesa, Scripps Ranch and various community groups.

The CAC is the public's forum for debating issues relating to the preserve. It recommends courses of action to the city-county Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Task Force, which administers the preserve.

The Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos planning groups are the organizations that officially review proposed developments adjacent to the preserve. But the CAC also hears developers' presentations and makes recommendations to ensure compatibility with the publicly owned preserve.

As a high priority the CAC will seek to determine firm boundaries for the preserve, and urge the task force to adopt the preserve's master plan.

Some issues being investigated by the CAC are:

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-- proper location for the western entrance parking lot;
-- drying of preserve ponds and marsh (suspected cause: Lopez Canyon sewer line installation); and
-- proposed land swap of 160 acres of city-owned land near I-5 for 263 acres of Genstar-owned land north of the waterfalls.

The CAC meets the first Wednesday of each month, 4 p.m., Mira Mesa public library, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard. The next meeting is July 3. The public is welcome.

-- Pam Stevens

HORSEMAN'S PARK IN FLUX

According to a recent newspaper article, the city's Public Facilities and Recreation Committee voted June 13 to terminate the city's lease with Barbara Gerrior, owner of Horseman's Park, because of inadequate insurance coverage.

The PF&R committee, headed by Councilman William Jones, asked the city attorney to develop an interim month-to-month lease with Horseman's Park until a tenant with adequate insurance can be found.

(NOTE: On June 26 the PF&R committee put its vote regarding Horseman's Park "in abeyance," according to committee consultant Anne Rast. Rast said the issue would come before the

committee again in about a month).

The committee also asked the city manager to investigate a new site for the horse stables, probably near the parking-staging area on the west side of Black Mountain Road.

A potential contender for the city lease is Hart Bros. Livestock of Corona.

A few years ago Hart Bros. sought to operate a working ranch at the Johnson-Taylor adobe, with livestock grazing, rodeos, concessions and "U-drive-em" buggy rentals.

HARRIET PELLAR RESIGNS

At the May Friends meeting Harriet Pellar resigned because of other commitments. She represented the CAC on the Friends board.

Harriet's intelligent and informed contributions to Friends meetings will be missed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of May 22 the Friends have 111 members.

-- Fred Jacobs

GOALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The goals committee met May 22 to evaluate results of the membership poll. The committee decided that Friends goals fall into two

main categories:
preservation and education.

Preservation goals are:

- open space acquisition through purchase or dedication by developers.
- development review.
- preserve enhancement (financing biological and wildlife surveys, archaeological studies and trail systems).

Education goals are:

- establishing an interpretive center at the Johnson-Taylor adobe.
- continuing successful interpretive hikes and talks in the preserve and outreach programs in schools and the community.
- communicating information to members and the public through Friends newsletter.

Of the 31 questionnaires returned, 30 favored some Friends involvement in political action; for example, speaking out against development projects that adversely affect the preserve.

18 favored doing so under the umbrella of the Friends nonprofit, tax-exempt status. 12 favored establishing a separate non-tax-deductible organization for such activities. One favored no political action.

The goals committee recommends that no separate organization be established at this time. Instead it

recommends a standing committee be set up for development review and open space acquisition.

The board was scheduled to discuss the goals committee report at its June 26 meeting.

PUBLICITY REPORT

The publicity committee met May 15 and decided to:

- seek increased coverage of Friends activities in print & electronic media.
- establish better communications with government officials that administer the preserve.
- work with other groups to publicize Friends activities and goals.
- publish Friends newsletter to keep members and the public informed of Friends activities and issues affecting the preserve.

SUMMER SAFARI

A few spaces are left in Bert Fleming's July summer classes for children. Besides being a terrific educational experience, the program benefits the Friends and the county's Penasquitos Ranch Fund.

For more information call 271-6710.

LOPEZ RIDGE AMENDMENT

As of press time no date was set for the Lopez Ridge

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Amendment PRD appeal to the San Diego City Council. If the hearing is scheduled in July or August Friends will be notified via a flyer.

HIKE SCHEDULE

Friends hikes will begin again in September.

BOOK IS AVAILABLE

Friends still have copies of "Rancho Penasquitos - On the Road to Yuma" for sale. Make check for \$6.12 (includes tax & mailing) payable to FRIENDS OF LOS PENASQUITOS CANYON PRESERVE, INC., and send to Dot Brovarney, 918 Wilbur Ave., San Diego, CA 92109.

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Call 271-6710 for location and directions. Secretary Dot Brovarney (483-6806) has agenda info.

CORRECTION

The correct number for the June 1985 newsletter is Vol. 1, No. 5.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Man must go back to nature for information."

-- Thomas Paine

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ATTENTION GRAPHICS ARTISTS!

HOW ABOUT SUBMITTING SOME NATURE-RELATED SKETCHES TO FILL THIS SPACE AND ENHANCE YOUR NEWSLETTER?

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LAND SWAP ADDS TO PRESERVE

The San Diego City Council voted Aug. 12 to trade about 160 acres of preserve land abutting I-5 (mainly used by ORVs) for about 290 acres of Genstar Southwest Development land directly north of the preserve's waterfalls. This acquisition means homes will not be built within several hundred yards of the falls, a scenic landmark.

The land swap was approved by the Citizens Advisory Committee for Penasquitos Canyon Preserve (CAC).

As part of the agreement, Genstar also will pay the city nearly \$1 million for the preserve's more valuable freeway-oriented property. After prodding by Mayor Roger Hedgecock, the council recently voted unanimously to allocate the \$1 million solely for Penasquitos Preserve land acquisition and/or improvements. Hedgecock and councilmen Bill Mitchell, Ed Struiksma and Mike Gotch supported this position.

However, council members Bill Cleator, Gloria McColl, William Jones and Uvaldo Martinez initially wanted to

place the money in the city's general fund, so it could be divided among the districts. If they convince a fifth council member to change his vote, this still can happen.

Call or write your council representatives and let them know your views on the funds allocation.

The trade will be final in the next several months after Genstar receives city approval to develop the I-5 land.

GOODBYE - WE'LL MISS YOU

Two charter board members resigned this summer -- Dot Brovarney and Bill Jennings.

Dot is moving to Santa Barbara to enter UC's public history masters degree program. Bill is seeking a full-time position as a recreational specialist. Good luck to both.

NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED

Welcome to Mira Mesa residents Fred Jacobs and Don Albright, elected directors on July 31.

Fred is also our membership chair. He works at Logicon in Sorrento Valley and enjoys working with computers.

Don, a teacher in the San Diego school district, has a long-time interest in the preserve, especially its Native American history. He lives on the south rim of Penasquitos Canyon. Don, a Natural History Museum Canyoneer, will lead hikes for the Friends.

BOARD POSITION OPEN

Would you like to be a Friends director? We have one board vacancy. Interested members should call Bob Sauers, 755-8775, or Barbara Walter, 672-3896. Directors attend one night meeting a month and work on Friends issues/projects.

SECRETARY NEEDED

With Dot Brovarney's resignation, the board lost a very competent secretary. The job entails taking notes at meetings and typing and sending out minutes and agendas.

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HORSEMAN'S PARK IN FLUX

On Aug. 12 the city council voted to terminate Barbara & Joe Gerrior's lease at the

property on Black Mountain Road. The Gerriors live in the Mohnike adobe and operate Horseman's Park. The lease was terminated because they have been unable to obtain liability insurance to rent horses. The city is seeking a tenant with this insurance. See last month's newsletter for more details.

PARK DAY IS A SUCCESS

The Friends signed up several new members and dispensed a lot of information about the preserve on Penasquitos Park Day June 29. Thanks to Bert Fleming and Bill Jennings for creating, installing and directing the Friends exhibit.

Children happily mixed adobe mud bricks and made yarn "paintings" under the guidance of Bert, Bill and their helpers.

Friends nature/history walks led by "Padre Mike" McCormick, picturesque in his long robe, Don Albright and Barbara Walter also were popular with the crowd. At the desk, Dot Brovarney and Bob Sauers took memberships and sold copies of "Rancho Penasquitos -- On the Road to Yuma." Dot also gave talks on the preserve's history.

WE'VE BEEN ADOPTED

Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve and the Friends have been adopted as a special project by the 15-

member Mira Mesa Woman's Club.

Four club members helped with the children's crafts at Penasquitos Park Day: President Wanda Link, Angie Kane, Alice Waltz and Mary Blanchard. Wanda's daughter Marian Strawn, from Riverside, also helped at the exhibit. Thanks to them all.

PQ RESIDENTS, PLEASE NOTE

The Friends will participate in Penasquitos Community Day Oct. 5 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Members who live in Penasquitos are invited to stop by. Those who would like to help at the booth (taking memberships, answering questions, etc.) for an hour or two can call Bert Fleming, 271-6710 or Barbara Walter, 672-3896.

SUMMER SAFARI A HIT

Bert Fleming reports a successful 1985 Summer Safari. The first week's session was sold out with 20 children. Eight children enrolled in the second week. The Friends made a \$200 donation to the county's Penasquitos Ranch fund with Summer Safari proceeds.

Thanks to the Rancho Penasquitos Town Council's Youth and Education Commission for co-sponsoring the Summer Safari. And a

special thanks to Bob Downer and the County of San Diego for allowing the program to be held at the Johnson-Taylor adobe.

Bert says: "The Summer Safari would not have been possible except for the staff involvement of Bill Jennings, Dot Brovarney, Jo del' Homme and Senior Girl Scout Lynn Ward. I owe each of them a thank you for their loyal support and expert assistance."

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-- Bert Fleming

PARKING LOT STIRS DEBATE

A proposed parking lot at the west end of the preserve generated much debate this summer between proponents and opponents of the two sites considered:

(1) near the mouth of Lopez Canyon and (2) near the Sorrento Valley Boulevard cul de sac.

In July the Citizens Advisory Committee for Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve (CAC) voted to approve the city/Genstar sponsored site near the mouth of Lopez Canyon, if Sorrento Valley Boulevard is connected to Lopez Ridge.

The CAC asked that the city provide a foot crossing and path under the Sorrento Valley Boulevard bridge, and that it take care to preserve the sycamore trees and marsh at the confluence of Penasquitos and Lopez Canyons.

LOPEZ RIDGE AMENDMENT

As of late August there was no date for a City Council hearing on the appeal of Lopez Ridge planned residential development amendment. The hearing hinges on SANDAG's submission of a report of the impact of deleting north-south roads across the preserve. The SANDAG report was scheduled to be completed no earlier than the end of August.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Shaw are proposing a 76 condominium project for a site on the north side of Lopez Canyon, about 2.5 miles east of I-

805. The project, which includes underground garages and a tennis court on 13 acres, was on the Coastal Commission's July 23 agenda but was postponed indefinitely, according to a commission staff member.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Fred Jacobs reports as of July 31 the Friends have 119 members. The Membership-Finance committee has revised membership categories. Those who donate \$100-\$999 are now called Patrons (formerly Corporate).

GOALS CONSIDERED

Friends directors discussed the goals committee report, submitted by Pam Stevens, at the June and July board meetings. (See July-August newsletter for complete goals report).

One of the committee's recommendations is that the Friends establish a standing committee "to focus on the related goals of open space acquisition and development review." This committee also will review proposed legislation that has an impact on the preserve.

At the July meeting the board voted to accept the goals committee report but took no action to establish the recommended committee.

PUBLICITY REPORT

Geoff Smith wrote an informative piece on the

preserve for his employee publication, "LEL T&TSD Times" (Logicon Employees League Tactical & Training Systems Division), May-June 1985 issue. Employees of Logicon and many other Sorrento Valley firms enjoy lunch breaks in the preserve.

A few extra copies of the newsletter are available for posting on company bulletin boards. Call Barbara Walter, 672-3896.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

-- Aldo Leopold

EDITOR'S NOTE

The drawing that highlights our September newsletter is by artist and Friends member Allan Rothero.

A native of England, Allan has lived in San Diego since the 1920s. In about 1945 he and his wife Margaret met Henrietta and Ramon Lopez, the last inhabitants of the Lopez Ranch, and developed a long friendship.

Following are excerpts from Allan's unpublished manuscript describing life 50 years ago in Lopez Canyon:

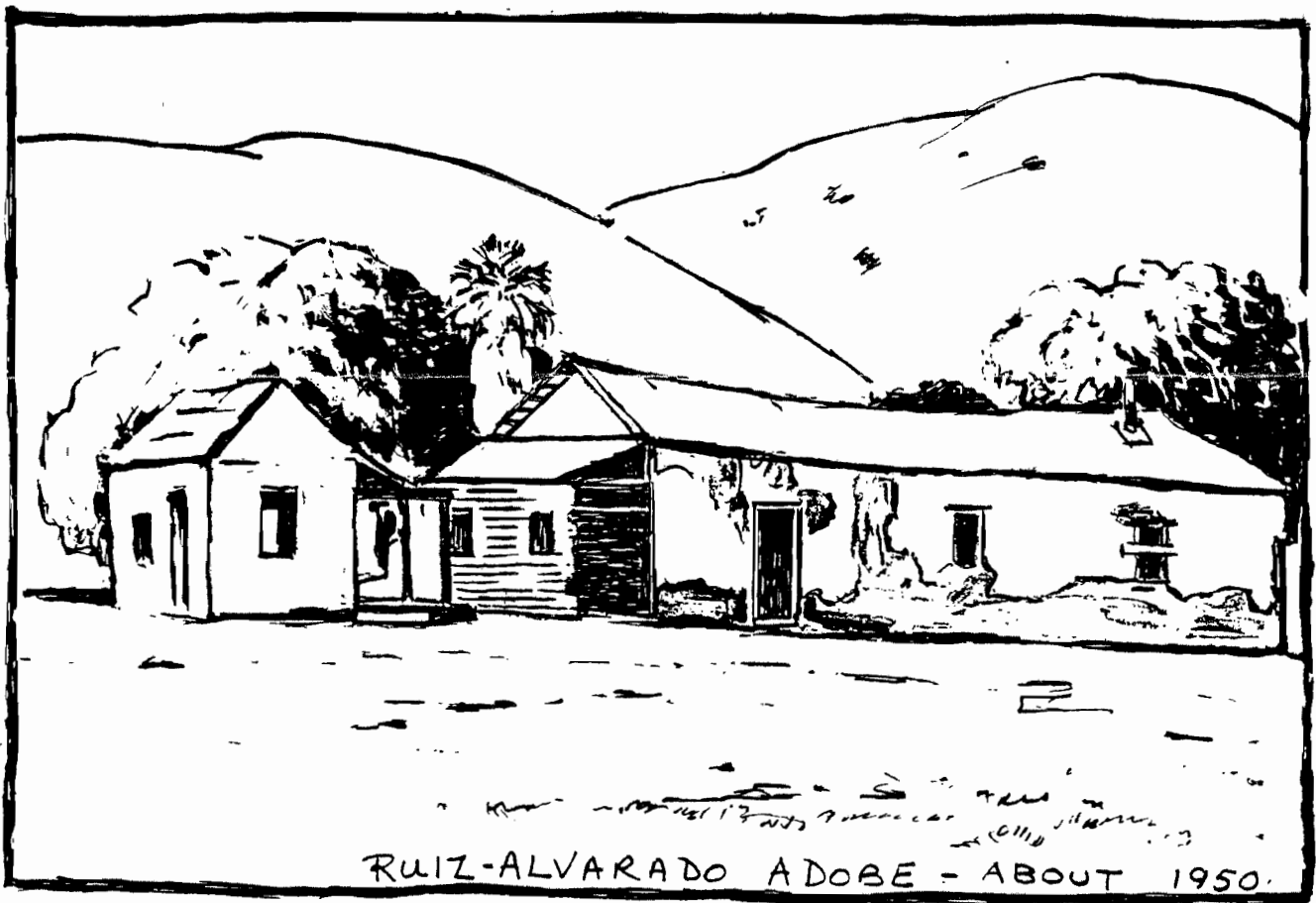
"In the old days Ramon's father rode around on his horse keeping everybody on the ranch busy, so they never went to school -- too much work to be done. But Ramon, once in a while, did have a chance to drive to San Diego. He would cross the San Diego River near the San Diego Mission. Once Alonzo Horton stopped him and asked for a ride.

"Once in a while a dance was held in Del Mar. After their father was asleep off

they would go on horseback to the dance, and return before he awoke, just in time to milk the cows...For one Christmas dance Henrietta made a white muslin dress. To make it look pretty she gathered some red Toyon holly berries that grew on the hills and sewed them on...Once when we were invited into the house, a small trunk was opened up to show up some family treasures: a black lace mantilla and fan from Spain, belonging to their mother; something of their grandfather's who had been a soldier at San Juan Capistrano Mission.

"On the east side of the porch grew a climbing yellow rose. Years ago Henrietta's boyfriend, of whom her father disapproved, had given her a bouquet of yellow roses. In the glass jar they took root. She carefully planted them in the ground, and one had grown and grown...It was a sad time for us when Henrietta and Ramon died. Lopez Canyon never seemed the same to us....I stood where their house used to be. What was left of their home? Some boards lay scattered in the weeds. The trees in their orchard were all dead, the barn where the baby was born was gone. I looked for Henrietta's yellow rose, but I think she must have taken it to Heaven with her."

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TASK FORCE NEWS

Many of this month's newsletter items deal with decisions of the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Task Force, the group that administers the preserve. All proposed activities or developments are reviewed by the task force.

Just as the Citizens Advisory Committee advises the task force, the task force in turn advises the San Diego City Council and County Board of Supervisors who have final decision-making power over the preserve.

Task force members are Councilman Ed Struiksma, chair; Councilman Bill Mitchell and County Supervisor Susan Golding.

The task force meets quarterly or more often if needed.

One item likely to be on the task force's next agenda is the city-Genstar Southwest Development land swap (see item below).

Task force meetings are open to the public.

To find out the date of the next meeting and the agenda, call one of the elected officials above or Nancy Acevedo, supervisor, city open space acquisition, 236-7038.

LAND SWAP UPDATE

Will a road be built through the land Genstar wants to add to the Los Peñasquitos Preserve?

This is the question put to the task force by Friends president Bob Sauers in a letter dated Sept. 4, and so far unanswered.

Bob wrote the letter after reviewing maps that show Park Village Drive traversing Genstar's 290 acres north of the preserve's waterfalls.

Genstar wants to swap this undeveloped parcel for 160 acres of city preserve land near I-5. The city-Genstar agreement is in escrow.

No roads were shown on Genstar's property before the citizens advisory committee and the San Diego City Council voted to approve the land swap.

Bob also urged the task force to require staff to prepare a map that shows in detail, with contours, the proposed land to be exchanged, all rights-of-way and easements and all adjacent proposed development and roads.

"In this way, any future incursions into the park property may be avoided," he wrote.

At its Sept. 11 meeting the task force did not directly answer Bob Sauers' letter. Councilman Bill Mitchell, however, voiced concern about the road.

Councilman Ed Struiksma said Robert McLeod, president of Genstar Southwest Development, verbally promised the city council "there will be no road" through the property.

However, Struiksma also said the city manager's office could not confirm McLeod's statement and was checking further.

Besides the swap of land, the agreement calls for Genstar to pay the city nearly \$1 million. At the task force meeting, Mitchell asked if the agreement could be revised.

Rather than swap land and money, Mitchell said, Genstar should buy adjacent land with the \$1 million and then swap the total acreage.

However, Mitchell did not put his suggestion in the form of a motion. No action was taken on it.

If additional land is purchased, Dr. John Northrop suggests acquiring the northern part of Walden Pond.

The escrow agreement only includes the pond's southern end.

PARKING LOT APPROVED

In other action Sept. 11 the task force approved the concept of a parking lot for 40 to 50 vehicles at the mouth of Lopez Canyon.

Genstar will build the lot when it develops Lopez Ridge and constructs Sorrento Valley Boulevard extension to the ridge. No construction date was given by Genstar representative Bruce Warren.

A second, smaller lot for disabled people and official use is proposed for the nose of the ridge, if the Ruiz-Alvarado adobe replica is constructed there.

ADOBE SEEKS ANGEL

Adobe brick buildings have been around since man discovered the durability of sun-dried mud. But an architect skilled in designing authentic adobe structures apparently is hard to find.

Councilman Bill Mitchell is looking for one. He wants an architect to volunteer services and design a replica of the historic Ruiz-Alvarado adobe, built in the early 1820s.

Only a few walls of the adobe stand at the preserve's west end. However, some important "firsts" are attached to it: first home built on the first Mexican land grant in San Diego, and probably in California.

The task force recommends the replica be constructed on the nose of Lopez Ridge. However, a site has not been designated and the city has not allocated money for

construction. Mitchell envisions a fund-raising campaign emphasizing the adobe's history (Gen. Stephen Kearny's Army of the West raided it after being rescued from the Battle of San Pasqual) that will pique the public's interest. If you're interested, call him on 236-6611.

GET ALONG LIL DOGGIE

Norwood Brown of La Jolla has been grazing cattle in Penasquitos Canyon for years, long before it became a preserve. A couple of years ago he formalized the arrangement by signing a grazing lease with the city of San Diego.

Brown erected barbed wire fences with gates in the preserve to keep his herd under control and on city land (the county does not allow grazing on its preserve property).

But some of his bovine escape artists are making life difficult for Brown, the city, and hapless motorists who encounter the beasts on dark roads.

The city is being sued by a motorcyclist injured when he hit a steer while driving on Black Mountain Road one evening. Moreover, in recent weeks cattle have been reported strolling on Sorrento Valley Boulevard and munching the green grass playing fields of Canyonside Park.

Concerned about safety hazards and the herd's impact on the environment, the citizens advisory committee recommended that the city cancel its lease with Norwood

Brown and remove all cattle from the preserve. The lease is indefinite and can be cancelled on 60 days notice.

Another provision of the lease is that it does not limit the number of cattle permitted to graze in the publicly owned preserve.

Approximately 100 head are grazing now. At times cattle owned by others graze there also.

On Sept. 11 the task force heard the pros and cons (fire fuel reduction and scenes of the "old west" vs. safety hazards and environmental concerns) and asked city staff to review the lease and recommend ways it could be revised; i.e., limit the number of grazing cattle, require better fencing and gates from Brown. The task force will hear staff's report at the next meeting.

How do the Friends feel about this issue? Are you for or against cattle grazing in the preserve? If for, do you want restrictions put on the grazing lease? If yes, what kind of restrictions (i.e., limit on number of cattle, their location, types of fencing/gates)?

Please let the Friends board and the task force members know your views. Drop us a line or call.

Before you do, you might consider what Brock Evans had to say about grazing in the August 1985 issue of Audubon Action:

"Grazing, whether by sheep or cow, is a tremendously destructive activity.

"Cows...generally do not range far; they like riversides and streambanks--the riparian zones, where the best grass, and most of the

wildlife, are found. In the arid West, riparian zones--corridors of maybe 50 feet on each side of a stream--are the most important wildlife habitat.

"The picture changes when cattle move in: green banks are trampled into dirt and erosion gullies; water is fouled by manure. A torn-up muddy mess, a wildlife desert, emerges from what used to be an oasis."

PQ DAY NEARS

The Friends will have a booth at Penasquitos Community Day Saturday, Oct. 5 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on Stoney Creek Road. Everyone is invited to stop by. If you would like to help at the booth for an hour or two (taking memberships, answering questions, etc.) call Bert Fleming, 271-6710 or Barbara Walter, 672-3896.

PARK RANGER

The county of San Diego has allocated funds for a part-time supervising ranger for Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve. We welcome Dan Cather, who will be dividing his time between Penasquitos and a few other county parks. To reach him call 579-4581, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and leave a message.

PROTECT YOUR PRESERVE

To report non-emergency illegal activities in the preserve (off-road vehicles,

shooting, etc.) call SDPD, 489-0101 or 236-6566.

To report wildlife poaching call CalTIP, 1 (800) 952-5400, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Messages will be recorded at other times. If your tip leads to a conviction, you may receive a \$1,000 reward from the California Dept. of Fish & Game.

NORTHROP RESIGNS

Dr. John Northrop of La Jolla, our resident geophysicist, resigned from the Friends board recently but will be a member of our advisory committee when it is created in the near future.

Best wishes, John, and thanks for all your contributions.

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-- Bert Fleming

NOTABLE QUOTE

"What event likely to occur in the 1980s will our descendants most regret, even those living a thousand years from now?...The one process

ngoing in the 1980s that will take millions of years to correct is the loss of genetic and species diversity by the destruction of natural habitats. This is the folly our descendants are least likely to forgive us."

-- E. O. Wilson, "Resolutions for the 80s," Harvard Magazine

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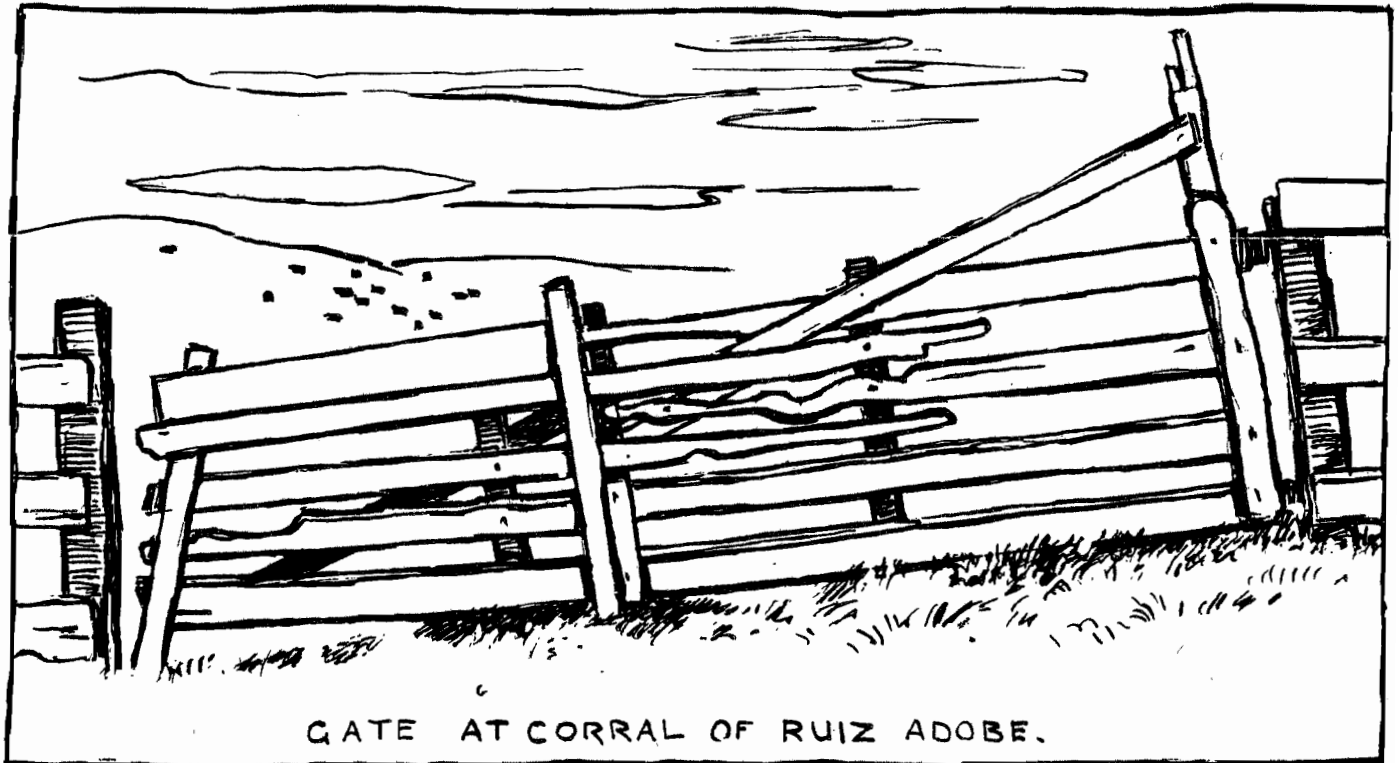
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HIKE SCHEDULE

Date: Sat., Nov. 9
Time: 9 a.m. (3-4 hr.)
Meet: Preserve west entrance; park at Sorrento Valley Blvd. cul de sac
Hike: Lopez Canyon
Info: 672-3896

Date: Sun., Nov. 10
Time: 8 a.m. (3-4 hr.)
Meet: Parking-staging area on Black Mt. Rd.
Hike: Mystery trees
Info: 271-6710

Date: Sat., Nov. 16
Time: 8:30 a.m. (2 hr.)
Meet: Parking-staging area on Black Mt. Rd.
Hike: Bird walk with Jane McNeil*
Info: 271-6710

*Jane, an expert birder, is a member of Friends and the Vista Audubon Society.

For all Friends hikes, participants should wear sturdy shoes and bring one quart water and a snack.

Rain cancels.

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-- Bert Fleming

Editor's Note: On our Sept. 28 hike beginning at Black Mt. Rd. we had a rare treat: A mule deer bounded in front of us, into the chaparral below the homes in Mira Mesa.

SPREADING THE WORD

This month Bert Fleming is leading hikes into the canyons for Girl Scout troops from Rancho Peñasquitos and Scripps Ranch, as well as a photo hike for the Vista Audubon Society.

Last month she and Bill Jennings gave a canyon program/hike for 60 children from the classes of Sundance Elementary School teachers Bob Greenamyer and Hal Benham. Bob Greenamyer is a member of Friends.

Bert also is teaching an oceanography class for students at Pomerado School, sponsored by the PTA.

If you'd like your child's class to benefit from Bert's experience and knowledge, have the teacher call her on 271-6710.

THANKS FOR JOINING

Chairman Fred Jacobs reports we have 139 members as of Oct. 31.

ROADS GET GREEN LIGHT

A San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) traffic study soon to be published reportedly recommends building Camino Ruiz across Peñasquitos Canyon and Camino Santa Fe across Lopez Canyon on the basis of engineering traffic forecasts.

The news is not good for those who like to hike or ride the canyons without seeing and hearing vehicles overhead.

Both roads have been on the city's circulation maps for some time. But citizens who think a natural preserve shouldn't be bisected by roads oppose their construction, as do Mayor Roger Hedgecock and Councilman Bill Mitchell.

At the Mira Mesa Town Council's candidates forum Oct. 7 Mitchell said:

"We've worked very hard to get the 1,806 acres...to have a place where people can get out and stretch their legs and relax away from the big city hustle-bustle. If we cut it in half with a road then we've just defeated the purpose."

The three-member Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Task Force will receive copies of the SANDAG report.

To review it call Councilman Ed Struiksma, 236-6655, Councilman Bill Mitchell, 236-6611 or Supervisor Susan Golding, 236-2271.

Do you want to see roads built across the canyons, or not?

Let your elected officials know.

A letter addressed as below will reach all nine members of the city council:

Mayor and Council Members
City of San Diego
202 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Supervisor Golding's address is County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Canyon Country

Land at the end of Acama Street in Mira Mesa is being graded for a section of the Canyon Country housing project, according to a Fieldstone Co. spokeswoman.

The project includes 588 condominium units and a portion of Calle Cristobal.

Calle Cristobal is the 4-lane road scheduled to run the length of Lopez Ridge and connect to Sorrento Valley Boulevard at the preserve's west end.

Friends director Pam Stevens says the project was approved by the Mira Mesa Planning Group 3 or 4 years ago, and has received permits from the city and coastal commission.



Mercy Mira Mesa

On Oct. 21 the Mira Mesa Planning Group approved a Genstar Southwest Development Co. project that includes the construction of Mercy Road from Black Mountain Road to I-15.

Mercy Mira Mesa will be built on the south side of Penasquitos Canyon, west of Black Mountain Road and south of Horseman's Park.

The project includes 655 housing units (448 attached; 207 detached) on 204 acres.

Genstar is offering to dedicate a narrow strip of "natural habitat and manufactured slopes" north of Mercy Road to the city.

Several mature trees are in this area.

The project's environmental impact report #EQD 85-0299 is available for public review and comment.

Copies were given to the Mira Mesa Planning Group and the Penasquitos Planning Board.

Pam Stevens also has a copy (566-2261).

The State Coastal Commission approved these development applications on Oct. 25:

Caltrans

-- a 2,555 ft. long, 6 ft. high chain link fence to protect a vernal pool on the south side of Penasquitos Canyon, 3.8 miles east of I-805.

The fence is part of a project to extend Highway 52.

Los Penasquitos Lagoon Foundation

-- a 200 ft. long, 6 ft. deep channel at the mouth of Los Penasquitos Lagoon, to restore tidal action.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Shaw

-- 76 condominiums with underground garages and tennis court on 13 acres on the north side of Lopez Canyon.

Staff recommended denying this project.

Special conditions were imposed regarding erosion, run-off control and landscaping.

Tentatively on the Coastal Commission's Nov. 19-22 Los Angeles agenda is:

Cashin Company

-- 248 condominiums, recreation facilities and construction of 1,300 ft. of Calle Cristobal at the end of Andasol Street in Mira Mesa.

San Diego Pipeline Company is paying the city \$10,000 for the right to lay a 16 inch pipeline at the west end of Penasquitos Canyon.

The 2,500 ft. pipeline will be located west of Lopez Canyon and will run north-south.

This section is part of a line from Newport Beach to San Diego that will carry refined petroleum products, says Pam Stevens.

Erosion control measures and reseeding are included in the project.

MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN

The following groups make decisions affecting the preserve:

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Mira Mesa Library.

The next meeting is Nov. 6. Call Nancy Acevedo on

236-7038, or Pam Stevens, 566-2261, for agenda information.

The Task Force for Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve meets quarterly or more often as needed.

The next meeting is 12:15 p.m., Nov. 13, in room 2000 of the city administration building, 202 C Street. (Date may change.)

Call 236-7038 for agenda information.

The California Coastal Commission meets monthly in northern and southern California.

Call the San Diego office, 297-9740, for agenda information.

If you can't attend in person, the groups accept written comments.

Write the Citizens Advisory Committee or Task Force c/o Nancy Acevedo, City of San Diego, Park & Recreation Department, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

Write the State Coastal Commission at 631 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

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CORRECTION

Last month's newsletter incorrectly located the Mercy Mira Mesa project. It is set for the east side of Black Mountain Road, east and south of Horseman's Park.

Genstar Southwest is the developer. The project is being reviewed by the city planning department.

Mercy Mira Mesa abuts the "Mystery Trees," ancient oaks with mysterious carvings.

See next month's newsletter for more details.

HIKE SCHEDULE

Date: Sat., Dec. 14
Time: 9 a.m. (3-4 hr.)
Meet: Sorrento Valley Blvd. cul de sac (preserve's west entrance)
Hike: Christmas in the Preserve--visit Toyon Canyon and Mistletoe tree
Info: 271-6710/672-3896

Date: Sun., Dec. 29
Time: 9 a.m. (3-4 hr.)
Meet: Parking-staging area on Black Mt. Rd. (preserve's east entrance)
Hike: Historical theme
Info: 271-6710

For all Friends hikes, participants should wear sturdy shoes and bring one quart water and a snack. Rain cancels.

Non-members are asked to make a \$2 donation to support the Friends' educational programs.

-- Bert Fleming

NO COWS!

Member Norma Sullivan sent us the following letter on Sept. 29:

"Thanks for the work, newsletter and article about the cows. Please get them out of there!!

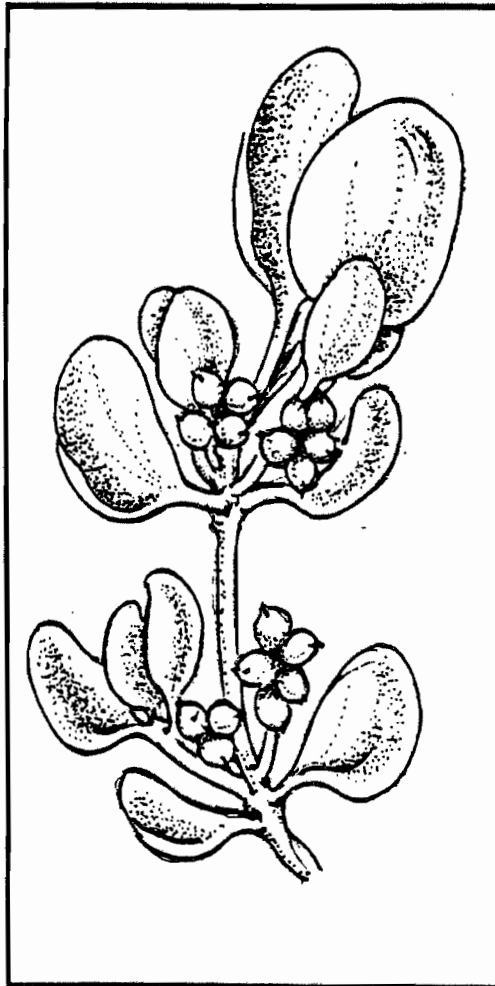
"I've wondered whose they were, why they were there. I've watched them wallow in that lovely creek, breaking down the banks, trampling the flowers, not to mention the cowpies, etc.

"Count me as one, representing at least 15 of my friends, who love the place, who votes against the cows--and thanks for giving me the opportunity.

"It must be time for me to renew my membership--and if not, to express my appreciation.

"Hang in there with Genstar and the swap. NO ROAD!"

Norma enclosed a generous renewal check with her letter. Thanks, Norma.



Mistletoe - Dr. Elberta Fleming

DUES INCREASE IN 1986

Faced with increasing printing and postage costs, directors voted to raise annual membership fees as of Jan. 1, 1986. We also added one new membership category. (See the coupon in this newsletter for membership fees through Dec. 31, 1985.)

We made this decision after careful consideration and in view of the fact that the yearly cost for just the newsletter's printing and postage, when figured on a per member basis, is more than the individual membership fee.

(We want to keep fees low, but we also want to keep the Friends solvent.)

Members receive the newsletter (11 issues/year) and free attendance at Friends hikes and programs.

As of Jan. 1 membership categories and fees will be:

Senior (62)/Student	\$ 7
Individual	\$ 10
Family	\$ 15
Sponsor	\$ 25
Patron	\$ 100
Corporate	\$ 250
Life	\$1000

Please join or renew your annual membership at the low 1985 rates and help us educate the public about San Diego's last natural coastal canyon.

WOLFSHEIMER JOINS TASK FORCE

On Dec. 2 Abbe Wolfsheimer replaces Bill Mitchell on the San Diego City Council. As First District representative she also takes his place on the Los Penasquitos Canyon

Preserve Task Force.

We welcome Mrs. Wolfsheimer's involvement and hope she continues the First District's active interest in, and dedication to, the preserve.

SO LONG AND THANKS

Bill Mitchell and his aide, Bob Trettin, placed the preserve high on their priority list and worked many hours to protect it.

Our heartfelt thanks to both of you. We wish you well in your new endeavors.

LAND SWAP UPDATE

Bob Sauers has not received a written reply to his Sept. 4 letter to the Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Task Force asking the task force to guarantee that a road will not be built through 290 acres Genstar wants to swap to the city for 160 acres of preserve land near I-5.

A 1983 map shows Park Village Road extending west through the undeveloped land.

However, Bob Trettin, task force representative to our board, says the city manager verbally assured him there will be no road built in the open space.

He is waiting for a written response from the new city manager, Sy Murray.

Task force chairman Ed Struiksma said Robert McLeod, president of Genstar Southwest Development, verbally promised the city council "there will be no road" through the property.

However, Struiksma also said the city manager's

office could not confirm McLeod's statement and was checking further.

Bob Sauers' letter urged the task force to prepare a map that shows in detail the proposed land to be exchanged, all rights-of-way and easements and all adjacent proposed development and roads.

TORREY PINES ENLARGED?

The California Department of Parks & Recreation is seeking public comment on a proposal to add about 200 acres of SDG&E land in Los Penasquitos Lagoon to Torrey Pines State Reserve.

SDG&E reportedly purchased the lagoon land about 15-20 years ago with the idea of erecting a nuclear power plant on it. A rezone to open space by the city council quashed those plans.

The remainder of SDG&E's lagoon land is zoned Industrial and will be developed.

For more information see the "Proposed Acquisition and Zone of Interest Map" at the Del Mar Public Library and at the Parks & Recreation District Office, 2680 Carlsbad Blvd., Carlsbad; or write Jim Heiner, Planning Division, State of California, Dept. of Parks & Recreation, P.O. Box 2390, Sacramento, CA 95811.

YEAR END RETROSPECTIVE

As the year comes to a close, members may enjoy reviewing Friends' achievements in our first 15 months of operation.

The Friends were incorporated Sept. 14, 1984 as a nonprofit public benefit corporation to:

—"promote the preservation of sensitive land forms and wildlife habitat in Penasquitos and Lopez Canyons and adjacent areas;

—"retain the historical integrity of the preserve; and

—"promote public awareness of the preserve's cultural and natural resources."

We started with a small group of founders, led by Dr. Elberta Fleming, who elected the following officers from a 12-member board: Bob Sauers, president; Barbara Walter, vice president; Mike McCormick, treasurer and Dot Brovarney, secretary.

Although some faces have changed on the board, three of the four original Friends officers still serve.

Friends are now more than 140 strong.

Friends hikes began Nov. 11, 1984 with a trip to the mysteriously marked "treasure trees" led by Mike McCormick.

Bert Fleming, educational director, created a successful hike program for the Friends that features a Saturday and Sunday hike each month except July and August.

The Friends newsletter began in February 1985 to inform members about our group's activities and developments affecting the preserve. It is published 11 times a year (July-August is combined). Publicity

chairman Barbara Walter, editor, welcomes members' contributions and/or comments.

We created five standing committees—Education, Finance/Fund-raising, Goals, Publicity and Membership—to do the work and give members a way to be involved. See newsletter's last page for details.

In May the state Franchise Board granted Friends tax exempt status. The IRS granted us 501(c)(3) tax exemption in June.

In July Bert Fleming put on her popular "Summer Safari" program for children in grades 2-6.

Throughout the year she coordinated several other programs/slide shows for local schools and groups.

As part of our educational program, Friends also had booths at Penasquitos Park Day, Penasquitos Community Day and Mira Mesa Day.

Next year we'll do more—with your help.

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ON THE AGENDA

The following item was on the Coastal Commission's Nov. 22 agenda:

"Permit No. 6-84-487-A

(Carlsberg, San Diego). Request by Carlsberg Construction Co. for trenching and backfilling during 20 days in January 1986 on south side of Carmel Valley road, east of Shaw Valley Road and west of Black Mountain Road. (KK-SD)."

The permit is for utility trenching for 57 homes of Carmel Valley Village Unit 2.

For more information or to review the staff report call 297-9740.

NIMBLE FINGERS NEEDED

Our new secretary's typewriter is broken. If you can help for 1 hour each month by transcribing his notes of our board meetings, please call Bob Sauers, 755-8775.

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Call 236-7038 for agenda information.

NOTABLE QUOTE

"It is inconceivable to me that an ethical relation to land can exist without love, respect and admiration for land, and a high regard for its value.

"By value, I of course mean something far broader than mere economic value; I mean value in the philosophical sense.

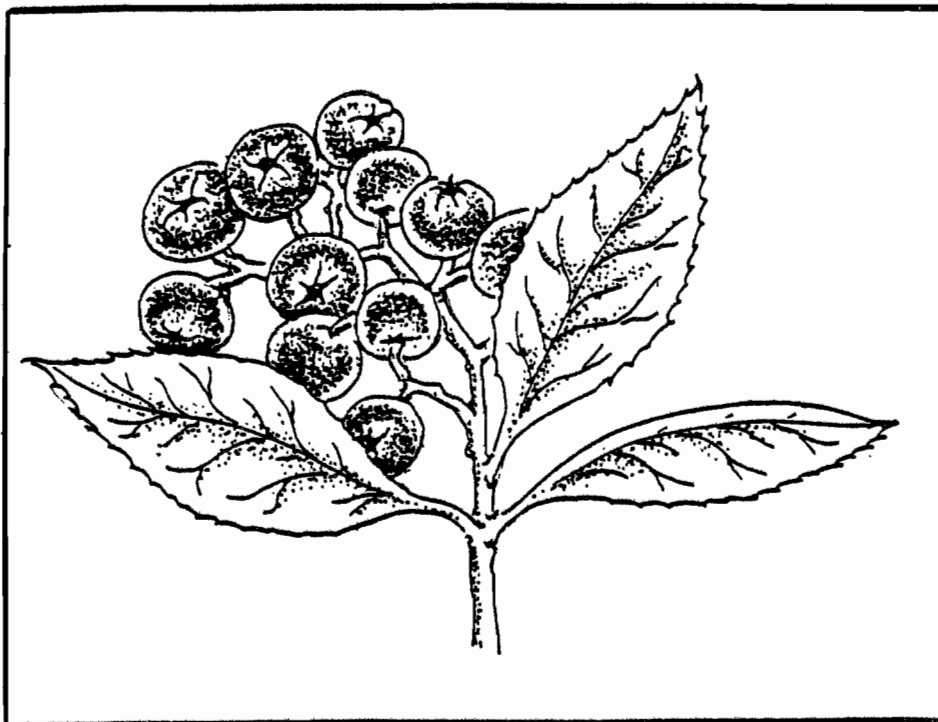
"The key-log which must be moved to release the evolutionary process for an ethic is simply this: quit thinking about decent land-use as solely an economic problem. Examine each question in terms of what is ethically and esthetically right, as well as what is economically expedient.

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

--Aldo Leopold

Editor: Barbara Walter.

Deadline: 3rd Weds. of mo.



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HIKE SCHEDULE

Date: Sat., Jan. 11
Time: 8 a.m. (3-4 hr.)
Meet: Parking-staging area on Black Mt. Rd. (preserve's east entrance)
Hike: Learn about the preserve's unusual vernal pools, which are a rare and endangered ecosystem
Info: 271-6710/672-3896

Date: Sun., Jan. 19
Time: 8 a.m. (3-4 hr.)
Meet: Parking-staging area on Black Mt. Rd. (preserve's east entrance)
Hike: Photo tips from Bill Evarts, professional photographer (see below).
Info: 271-6710/672-3896

A special treat for photo buffs Jan. 19--Friends member Bill Evarts will share his expert knowledge on how to make great photos of nature and landscapes.

Only requirement: a good working knowledge of your 35 mm camera.

Bring normal photo gear, color slide film and tripod.

Bill's credits: professional landscape

photographer 15 years; photo workshop instructor for San Diego Natural History Museum and A-16 camping outfitters; several exhibits; photos published in nature magazines and Sierra Club calendars.

Bill's next workshop for A-16 is a weekend in Anza Borrego Desert State Park Jan. 31-Feb. 1 (cost: \$65). As usual, our walk is free for Friends members.

For all Friends hikes, participants should wear sturdy shoes and bring one quart water and a snack.

BE PREPARED FOR MUD PUDDLES AND WET GRASS. Rain cancels.

Non-members are asked to make a \$2 donation to support the Friends' educational programs.

Directions to preserve's east entrance:

From I-805: take Mira Mesa Blvd. exit east, left on Black Mt. Rd., go 1.4 miles and turn left into Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve parking-staging area.

From I-15: take Mira Mesa Blvd. exit west, right on Black Mt. Rd., go 1.4 miles and turn left into Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve parking-staging area.

Directions to preserve's west entrance:

From the north: take I-805 south, Mira Mesa Blvd. exit east, left on Vista Sorrento Pkwy., right on Sorrento Valley Blvd. to its cul de sac terminus.

From the south: take I-805 north, Mira Mesa Blvd. exit east, left on Vista Sorrento Pkwy., right on Sorrento Valley Blvd. to its cul de sac terminus.

SLEUTHS AT WORK

The Friends placed an article in the San Diego County Archaeological Society's newsletter, asking for help from local archaeologists and historians in determining the historical significance--if any--of the "mystery trees," several ancient oaks in and near the preserve.

The trees are deeply carved with signs resembling letters of the alphabet and other shapes. The signs reportedly show where Spanish Mission treasures were buried.

Some of the trees are endangered because they are in the alignment of Mercy Road, which is to be constructed as part of the Mercy Mira Mesa residential development.

Friends also sent letters

to the city planning department, commenting on Mercy Mira Mesa's environmental impact report and alerting the city to the trees' existence.

We'll let you know the results of our investigation.

GENSTAR SEEKS REVISION

A thousand more homes will spring up on the north slope of Penasquitos Canyon if Genstar Southwest Development receives city approval to revise its Park View Estates project.

Several years ago Genstar received tentative subdivision map approval to build single family homes in units #5-14 of Park View Estates, off Black Mountain Road.

Approval was granted in consideration of the Rancho Penasquitos community plan, which calls for low density (0-6 dwelling units/acre) in this area.

Now Genstar proposes to change the name and the land use of the project.

Park View Estates is to become Park Village PRD (planned residential development). A PRD is a mix of single-family detached and multiple attached units, and allows for increased housing density.

Genstar wants to increase the density on the northern rim from 1,596 units to 2,711 units on 734 acres (up to 15 dwelling units per acre).

The developer also plans to upgrade Black Mountain Rd. to 6 lanes, build several internal roads and construct a portion of Route 56.

However, the proposed revision does not include construction of Camino Ruiz across Penasquitos Canyon, according to a city planner.

The city planned to issue an environmental impact report for the new project on Dec. 16. The public review period is 45 days from that date.

Friends asked that copies of the EIR be sent to the Mira Mesa and Rancho Penasquitos libraries. To comment, ask for EQD 84-0330.

BALLOONISTS BEWARE

The Citizens Advisory Committee for the preserve is sending a warning to local hot air balloonists:

If your retrieval vehicles continue to drive into the preserve in violation of the rule against motorized vehicles, we'll report you to the FAA. You'll be subject to a fine and may lose your pilot's license.

Recreation Council president Corey Buckner brought the issue to the CAC recently. He said there is a disturbing increase in the number of balloon landings in and near the preserve.

Balloons act as a magnet for nearby residents, who illegally drive into the preserve to see what's happening.

According to the city's open space maintenance manager, the city has no ordinance prohibiting balloon landings in the preserve.

However, that could change. At its last meeting the CAC voted unanimously to recommend to the task force that balloon landings not be allowed in the preserve.

There is another more serious dimension to the balloon problem.

A Friends member whose home is on the south rim of Penasquitos Canyon recently watched a hot air balloonist chase a deer for several yards until the terrified animal crashed into a fence.

The incident may not have been deliberate, but damage was done.

To report violators:

-- Write down the balloon number (printed on the bag), date, time, location and details of the incident and give this information to one of the elected officials responsible for administering the preserve and ask them to notify the FAA:

-- Acting Mayor Ed Struiksma, 236-6655, who is chairman of the Los Penasquitos Preserve Task Force;

-- Councilwoman Abbe Wolfsheimer, 236-6611; or

-- County Supervisor Susan Golding, 236-2271.

BOVINE BLUES

The issue of cattle grazing in the preserve most likely will be on the Jan. 22 agenda of the Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Task Force (12:15 p.m., room 2000, 202 C Street, San Diego).

At its last meeting, the task force asked city staff to suggest amendments to cattleman Norwood Brown's grazing permit.

This action followed a request by the Citizens Advisory Committee that the task force terminate Brown's lease and remove the cattle from the preserve.

Safety and environmental concerns led to the CAC's stance.

According to Brown, there are approximately 100 head grazing in the preserve. He reportedly pays the city \$6 per head per month for the permit.

The cattle are supposed to stay west of the waterfalls, but some steers have wandered onto Sorrento Valley Blvd. and Black Mountain Rd. causing injury in at least one case.

Some enjoy seeing the cattle; others cite the ecological damage they do by wallowing in streams.

The task force is trying to reach a compromise.

Here's what staff is recommending:

-- limit the location of cattle to the area west of the waterfalls;

-- limit the number of cattle in the preserve to 125.

-- maintain fences and gates in proper working condition at all times;

-- check/inspect fences and gates every other day.

To express your views on this issue, attend the Jan. 22 meeting or write:

-- Acting Mayor Ed Struiksma, Chairman, Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Task Force, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

ON THE AGENDA

On the Coastal Commission's Dec. 17 agenda was an application for:

"Permit # 6-85-182-A (Lusk, San Diego). Request by John D. Lusk & Son to grade between Nov. 15 and March 31 for streets, utilities and 172 single family homes on north side of Mira Mesa Blvd., east of Camino Santa Fe. (MP-SD)."

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On Dec. 17 Bert gave a program to the California

Native Plant Society board of directors. She is scheduled to make a presentation to the Rancho Penasquitos Planning Board 7:30 p.m. Jan. 2 in the community room on Penasquitos Drive.

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BEST WISHES, SARAH

Board member Sarah Johnston of Mira Mesa resigned recently due to other demands on her time (including a January marriage).

She remains a Friends member. All the best, Sarah.

MYSTERY TREE SIGNS

BOOK FOR SALE

Friends still have a few copies of "Rancho Penasquitos--On the Road to Yuma" for sale.

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programs ___ The environment: plants, birds, mammals, geology
___ Other _____

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HIKE SCHEDULE

Date: Sat., Feb. 8
Time: 9 a.m. (2-3 hr.)
Meet: at eastern terminus
of Acama Street, Mira
Mesa
Hike: A Last Look at a
Pristine Canyon
Leader: Paul McGuire
Info: 578-3421

Date: Sun., Feb. 16
Time: 2 p.m. (3-4 hr.)
Meet: Parking-staging area
on Black Mt. Rd.
(preserve's east
entrance)
Hike: To Waterfalls
Leader: Mike McCormick
Info: 271-6710

For all Friends hikes,
participants should wear
sturdy shoes and bring one
quart water and a snack. Be
prepared for wet grass or mud
puddles.

Non-members are asked to
make a \$2 donation.

The Feb. 8 hike will go
down steep slopes and through
brush. We recommend lug-
soled shoes, long pants and a
long-sleeved shirt.

The Feb. 8 hike rain date
is Feb. 22. Feb. 16 hike has
no rain date.

DEADLINE EXTENDED

Feb. 10 is the new
deadline to comment on
Genstar's Park Village
environmental impact report
(EIR).

The Rancho Peñasquitos
Planning Board will review
and vote on the EIR at its
meeting 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in
the Peñasquitos Drive
community room.

Genstar already has
permits to build 1,696 single
family homes on Peñasquitos
Canyon's north rim.

However, the developer
now wants to increase density
60 percent (to 2,711 units)
and build a mix of single
and multiple family units.

The community plan
specifies single family homes
only.

Copies of the Park Village
EIR are at the Rancho
Peñasquitos and Mira Mesa
public libraries. Ask for
EQD 84-0330.

SPREADING THE WORD

Dr. Bert Fleming also is
on the Peñasquitos Planning
Board's Feb. 5 agenda, before
Park Village.

She will talk about the
preserve's history and how
historical sites may be

affected by development.

Everyone is invited to the
meeting, which begins 7:30
p.m. in the Peñasquitos Drive
community room.

Bert's talk is one example
of Friends' programs and
slide shows on all aspects of
the preserve that are
available to local schools
and groups.

If you'd like a program
call Bert Fleming on 271-
6710.

DRAG HUNT APPROVED

Despite admonitions from
Park & Recreation staff that
the preserve's primary use,
as listed in the draft master
plan, is "preservation and
enhancement of natural and
cultural resources", not
recreation, the Citizens
Advisory Committee in January
voted to recommend approval
of a drag hunt through the
preserve in April, as well as
two practice hunts.

The CAC also ignored city
and county staff's reminder
that dogs off leash are
prohibited in the preserve.

However, before the hunt
takes place it must be
approved by Los Peñasquitos
Canyon Preserve Task Force.

The Task Force was
scheduled to discuss the

proposal Jan. 22 (after our deadline).

According to the organizers, 60 to 70 riders will follow six hounds on three separate runs on the north side of Penasquitos Creek.

Organizers Gerry Donnelly (Johnson-Taylor adobe caretaker) and the Santa Fe Hunt Club say it will benefit Harmonium, a local counseling service.

ROAD DELETIONS SOUGHT

In January the preserve's Citizens Advisory Committee voted again to ask the Task Force to see that Camino Ruiz and Camino Santa Fe were not built across Penasquitos and Lopez Canyons, respectively, and to delete both canyon crossings from city maps and community plans.

CAC chairman Pam Stevens was scheduled to report this vote to the Task Force on Jan. 22.

The CAC took its position after reviewing a San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) traffic forecast study that recommended leaving both crossings in the plans.

CAC members who analyzed the report said it showed the Camino Ruiz crossing was not needed.

Other CAC members agreed with Marvin Gerst, who said the report didn't matter—what mattered was the integrity of the preserve.

CAC member Bob Dingeman added: "When you cross (Penasquitos) Canyon you're going to destroy the preserve."

LOPEZ RIDGE REVISITED

Last April the City Council put Genstar's Lopez Ridge residential development "on hold" until the SANDAG traffic study was completed, because the development project includes bridging Camino Santa Fe across Lopez Canyon.

However, Genstar has approved development permits and can be expected to start construction soon.

Genstar's plans for Lopez Ridge are 1,500 dwelling units and a 4-lane road traversing the ridge, which bridges the marsh and connects to Sorrento Valley Boulevard.

ON THE AGENDA

San Diego City Council:
Jan. 21, amendment to ordinance 0-16411, incorporating land north of Mira Mesa Boulevard and west of Montongo Street into the R1-5000 zone (residential single family dwellings); extension of time to 10/28/88; case 84-0085.2/EOT1.

Jan. 13, resolution inviting bids for the revegetation of Lopez Canyon sewer line.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Chairman Fred Jacobs says we now have more than 150 members. Thanks to all of you for showing your support by joining and/or renewing.

A special thank you to Teri & Bob Jones of Rancho Penasquitos and Bob's employer, Cray Research, Inc. Through their generosity Friends got two donations.

The Joneses used Cray Research, Inc.'s matching grant program when they renewed. Other Friends might want to explore this option with their employers.

Cray Research, Inc. is creating the famous "super computer" at UCSD.

ANNUAL MEETING SET

Circle May 28 on your calendar for the Friends annual meeting. We hope to see all of you and hear your ideas about the preserve.

Location will be Scripps Ranch. Time is not set, but will be in the evening. More details coming.

BIRDS AT HOME

Birders will be glad to know we spotted a pair of Black-Shouldered Kites in the sycamore grove near the Johnson-Taylor adobe on our Jan. 11 hike.

We also saw a large Roadrunner on the rim of a side canyon west of Black Mountain Road.

THANKS, BILL

Friends member Bill McCausland wrote an excellent article about Los Penasquitos Preserve and the Friends for the January 1986 issue of "Sketches," the San Diego Audubon Society's publication.

The Audubon Society has been at the forefront of environmental battles for years. This well respected organization deserves our support.

Audubon has two local branches:

San Diego Audubon Society
430 Olive Street
San Diego, CA 92105
phone 291-8271

Buena Vista Audubon Soc.
P.O. Box 776
Vista, CA 92083

MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN

The following groups make decisions affecting the preserve. All meetings are open to the public.

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Mira Mesa Library.

Call chairman Pam Stevens, 566-2261, or Nancy Acevedo, 236-7038, for agenda information.

The Task Force for Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve meets quarterly or more often as needed.

Acting Mayor Ed Struiksma is chairman. Other members are Councilor Abbe Wolfsheimer and County Supervisor Susan Golding.

The Task Force advises the San Diego City Council and County Board of Supervisors, who have final authority over the preserve. Call Nancy Acevedo, 236-7038, for agenda information.

Write the 9-member San Diego City Council at:

Mayor and Council Members
City of San Diego
202 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Write the 5-member County

Board of Supervisors at:
County Bd. of Supervisors
County Admin. Center
1600 Pacific Highway
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The California Coastal Commission meets monthly in northern and southern California. Call the San Diego office, 297-9740, for agenda information.

Write the Coastal Commission at 631 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

BOOK AVAILABLE

Friends still have a few copies of "Rancho Penasquitos--On the Road to Yuma" for sale.

Send \$7 check marked "Book" to Friends of Penasquitos Canyon Preserve, Inc., P.O. Box 26523, San Diego, CA 92126. Include your name and address.

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WELCOME ABOARD

Bill Evarts, a professional photographer, is a new Friends director. Bill was appointed in January.

Bill lives in Canyon Pointe in Mira Mesa. His deck overlooks Penasquitos Canyon. It's a great place to watch redtail hawks soar.

BOARD SEATS OPEN

Would you like to be a Friends director? We have two board vacancies. Please call Bob Sauers, 755-8775, or Barbara Walter, 672-3896.

Directors should be Friends members and willing to attend one night meeting a month and work on Friends issues and projects.

PLEASE JOIN

We welcome your involvement and urge you to join our committees:

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- Finance/Fundraising - Bob Sauers, 755-8775
- Goals - Pam Stevens, 566-2261
- Membership - Fred Jacobs, 484-5800
- Publicity - Barbara Walter, 672-3896.

OFFICERS

- Pres: Bob Sauers, 755-8775
- VP: Barbara Walter, 672-3896
- Secy: Don Albright, 271-9216
- Treas: Mike McCormick, 271-4413

Members are welcome to attend Friends' board meetings, 7 p.m., 4th Weds. each month (usually). Call 672-3896 for location and directions.

NOTABLE QUOTE

According to a report in the November/December 1985 Nature Conservancy News, almost half of today's medical prescriptions contain drugs derived from plants.

However, the report warns we are losing the potential value of many plant species to habitat destruction:

"Incredibly, in the 15 years remaining in this century, the world's present store of species will decrease by 10 to 20 percent.

"In most cases, we will not even know the value of what we are losing. Nonetheless, we do know that species rely on each other in an intricate network of relationships.

"If you cut one string in a net, you probably have not greatly damaged the net. But if you cut another string every day, you will begin to see some serious holes.

"Keep it up, and you will have to buy a new net. The trouble is, we can't buy new natural systems."

-- G. Jon Roush, "The Heritage Concept: Entering the Second Decade."

Editor: Barbara Walter. Deadline: 3rd Weds. of mo.

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rancho ___ Educational workshops ___ School, family, youth
programs ___ The environment: plants, birds, mammals, geology
___ Other _____.

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HELP WANTED: EDITOR

Are you an aspiring writer? Here's a chance to polish your skills--the Friends newsletter needs a new editor.

After this 13th issue your current editor is leaving for a more hectic schedule--new job plus more education.

The newsletter time commitment is about 12 hours a month (gathering information, writing, copying and mailing). Expenses are reimbursed.

Also needed is a new Publicity Chairman, who writes and mails our hike news releases. This takes a couple of hours each month.

A word processor or electronic typewriter isn't a necessity, but sure helps.

Those interested in either job should be Friends members. Please call Bob Sauers, 755-8775, or Bert Fleming, 271-6710.

HIKE SCHEDULE

Date: Sat., March 8
Time: 8 a.m., 3-4 hours
Meet: Parking-staging area on Black Mt. Rd. (preserve's east entrance)
Hike: Spring wildflowers
Leader: Bert Fleming
Info: 271-6710

Date: Sun., March 16
Time: 2 p.m., 3-4 hours
Meet: Parking-staging area on Black Mt. Rd. (preserve's east entrance)
Hike: To waterfalls
Leader: Mike McCormick
Info: 271-6710

Walkers should wear sturdy shoes, bring one quart water and a snack, and expect mud puddles. Rain cancels.

Non-members are asked to make a \$2 donation to support the Friends' educational programs.

Directions to preserve's east entrance:

From I-805: take Mira Mesa Blvd. exit east, left on Black Mt. Rd., go 1.4 miles and turn left into Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve parking-staging area.

From I-15: take Mira Mesa Blvd. exit west, right on Black Mt. Rd., go 1.4 miles and turn left into Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve parking-staging area.

BOARD ASKS TASK FORCE-- NO ROADS, CATTLE

In February the Friends board took a stand against more roads and cattle in the preserve.

We wrote the Task Force

and asked them to ensure that:

1. No more north-south roads be built in the preserve and
2. Cattle be removed from the preserve except for a small (2 to 3 head) herd corralled at the Johnson-Taylor adobe when the ranch is reconstructed.

No action will be taken on our recommendations without your support.

The Task Force and the City Council need to hear from you, especially regarding the roads. See "Where to Write" in this newsletter.

STOP THE TRAFFIC

Camino Ruiz across Peñasquitos Canyon and Camino Santa Fe across Lopez Canyon have been lines on a map long before Los Peñasquitos Preserve was created. Both roads are in the Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos community plans and the city's general plan.

However, Roger Hedgecock, who wanted the roads removed from the maps, asked the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to forecast the impact on future traffic if the two roads were dropped.

SANDAG's study is in. If

both roads are not built across the preserve, total Penasquitos Canyon traffic from I-5 to I-15 will be only 4,000 more average daily trips than if both roads are built.

"We who drive these roads daily think this is a small price to pay to ensure the preserve's integrity," Friends wrote the Task Force.

MOOVE ON

Friends also wrote the Task Force we think the damage done to the preserve by Mr. Brown's 100 cattle (overgrazing, trampling stream banks and vegetation, competing with wildlife for food and habitat) greatly outweighs their advantages (pastoral scene, annual grazing fee).

WELCOME ABOARD

Attorney Leo Wilson from San Diego recently joined our board of directors.

Leo has land use experience that will be vital to Friends in coming months.

He's also agreed to monitor city hall and keep Friends informed about pending ordinances and projects that affect the preserve.

PARK VILLAGE EIR

After listening to Leo Wilson and Bert Fleming last month, the Rancho Penasquitos Planning Board voted to accept Genstar's Park Village environmental impact report on condition that:

1. the project not endanger the Johnson-Taylor adobe's position on the National Register of Historical Places; and

2. the city investigate the historic significance of a large tuna cactus scheduled to be destroyed by development.

Bert told the group the Johnson-Taylor adobe has national and regional historic importance, as well as local.

She said development so near the adobe (100 meters) may compromise its position on the National Register of Historical Places.

Registration is not just an honor, it means the adobe qualifies for federal, state and private grants.

Regarding the tuna cactus, Bert told the group the Kumeyaay planted certain native species, such as tuna cactus, to ensure a constant supply of food. The cactus in question is unusually old and large.

Leo pointed out Park Village's drawbacks (violates community plan, 60% more homes but only 34 acres more open space, etc.) and articulately responded to Genstar's claims.

Genstar's next step is to seek city approval for Park Village PRD. The city's Subdivision Review Board is tentatively scheduled to hear the project March 17.

Planning Commission and City Council hearings will be held later.

To comment on the project, attend the Subdivision Board hearing and/or write the City Council. See "Where to Write" in this newsletter.

THANKS, RB SAVINGS BANK

Brad Johnston, manager of the Rancho Penasquitos branch of Rancho Bernardo Savings Bank, has graciously allowed directors to meet in the bank's attractive community room, at no charge.

Friends members are welcome to attend the meetings, 7 p.m., 4th Wednesday of each month (usually).

DRAG HUNT SET

Organizers of a benefit drag hunt through the preserve say they have received a permit for the April 5 event from George Loveland of the city's park & recreation department.

Sixty to 70 riders will follow six hounds in three separate runs on the north side of Penasquitos Canyon.

Members of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Task Force did not have to act on the drag hunt request, because they cancelled their January meeting and are not scheduled to meet again until April 23.

LAND SWAP UPDATE

The swap of 160 acres of preserve land near I-5 for 280 acres of Genstar land on the north slope of Penasquitos Canyon still is wending its way through the city bureaucracy.

Just north of the waterfalls, Genstar's land is visually important to the preserve.

Because the preserve land is in the urban reserve, Proposition A requires a city-wide election and

approval of city voters before the swap can take effect.

THANKS, PARK SOCIETY

The San Diego County Parks Society gave Friends hikes a plug in Parks, their newsletter.

We appreciate the publicity and would like to reciprocate.

Here are just a few of the many walks and seminars offered free in Wilderness Gardens Park, by the Friends of Wilderness Gardens, a nonprofit organization affiliated with the Parks Society:

- March 15, "Wild Edibles," 12 noon-3 p.m.;
- April 5, "Bird Walk," 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m.;
- April 6, "Wild Flower Walk," 1 p.m.-3 p.m.;
- June 8, "History Walk," 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Also planned are seminars on wildlife of San Diego County and Native American culture, among others.

Reservations are not required.

Wilderness Gardens is 45 miles north of San Diego in I-15, then 10 miles east on State Highway 76. Parking is \$1 (four quarters).

For more information call the Parks Society on 267-7323.

ANNUAL MEETING SET

Reminder: May 28 is our annual meeting, in Scripps Ranch. More details later. We hope to see all of you and hear your ideas about the preserve.

WHERE TO WRITE

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Task Force members are:

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NOTABLE QUOTE

"The very fact that the word 'desecration' is commonly used to lament the damage men are causing to the environment indicates that many of us have a feeling that the earth has sanctity, that man's relation to it has a sacred quality." -- Rene Dubos, "A God Within"

Editor: Barbara Walter Deadline: 3rd Weds. of mo.

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the rancho _____ Educational workshops _____ School, family,
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geology _____ Other _____

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The Far Side



Farmer Brown froze in his tracks; the cows stared wide-eyed back at him. Somewhere, off in the distance, a dog barked.



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A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW--Friends' board member, vice president, newsletter editor, and publicity chairperson, Barbara Walter, is resuming a fulltime education/work schedule and can no longer participate in Friends' activities. Barbara has been with the Friends since day one, and the enthusiasm, energy, and knowledge she brought us can't be over-emphasized. We wish her the best of luck and offer our deep gratitude.

Therefore... We are in immediate need of an editor for the newsletter. Surely someone out there has been waiting for an excuse to polish their word processing skills on that old typewriter or new computer. Friends provide most of the information; your job is to assemble and type it up. For more arm twisting, call Bob Sauers at 755-8775, or acting editor Bill Evarts at 586-0834. With Barbara's departure, we now have 3 board vacancies. If interested, please attend a meeting (4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm, at Canyonside Rec Center by the ballfields at the Preserve's east end), and learn how you can contribute. A lot of major Preserve sensitive issues are heating up, and we need your help. If you feel strongly about the Preserve's future, now is the time to help, and the Friends a good forum.

HIKE SCHEDULE

Date:	Saturday, April 12	:	Sunday, April 20	Hikers should wear
Time:	8:00 am, (3-4 hours)	:	9:00 am, (3-4 hours)	sturdy shoes, bring one
Meet:	Parking-Staging Area on Black Mt. Rd. (Preserve's east end)	:	Parking-Staging Area on Black Mt. Rd. (Preserve's east end)	quart of water and a
Hike:	Discover the interesting geology of the Preserve	:	Celebration of John Muir Day	snack, and expect mud
Leader:	Don Albright	:	Barbara Walter	puddles. Rain Cancels.
Info:	271-6710	:	672-3896, or 271-6710	

To the Preserve's east entrance: From I-805 take Mira Mesa Blvd. exit east, left on Black Mt. Rd., go 1.4 miles and left into Preserve parking area. From I-15 take Mira Mesa Blvd. exit west, right on Black Mt. Rd., and 1.4 miles to parking area.

CAC REPORT

Proposed improvements to Black Mountain Road, at the east end of the Preserve, were discussed at the March 5 meeting of the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

Tom Pantich of APEC Civil Engineering, representing Pardee, Inc., outlined Pardee's proposal to widen Black Mountain Road on the Mira Mesa side of the canyon in a way that puts the road farther to the west than now planned by the City. This would put the homes in Pardee's future residential project in the area completely to the east of the road, with steep, natural open space slopes to the west.

The proposal also affects Genstar's Mercy Mira Mesa Project. The realignment would require their condominiums now planned for the west side of Black Mountain Road (at the mouth of the finger canyon just south of the County parking lot) to be moved to the east side of the

road, as well.

The CAC liked the concept of keeping a "greenbelt" of natural open space on the west side of Black Mountain Road leading down into Penasquitos Canyon Preserve. The Committee voted to support Pardee's proposal, with two conditions:

1. That at least the width be reserved in the graded right-of-way so Black Mountain road can be widened to a full 6 lanes throughout, not just the currently proposed 6 lanes north of Samoa to Penasquitos Canyon, and 4 lanes south to Mira Mesa Boulevard. Since the CAC is on record opposing the extension of Camino Ruiz across Penasquitos Canyon, the group wanted to make sure they didn't increase the pressure to build that road by not favoring ample improvements in the Black Mountain Road.

2. That a bike path and pedestrian walkway be provided, either as part of the right-of-way or in a separate bike path. The Committee also expressed concern that the bridge to be built across Penasquitos Creek as part of the Black Mountain Road widening be high enough to allow horses and riders to pass underneath. The bridge is not involved in Pardee's proposal, however, since it lies to the north of the area in question. The CAC meets the first Wednesday of each month, 4-5:30 p.m., at the Mira Mesa Public Library, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard. For CAC information call Pam Stevens, 566-2261.

PARK VILLAGE PRD UPDATE

Genstar's proposal to build 2,635 units (Park Village Planned Residential Development) on the north side of Penasquitos Canyon Preserve adjacent to the Johnson-Taylor Ranch received two setbacks last month.

On March 5th, the Penasquitos Planning Board voted to recommend that the proposal be rejected. Friends' representatives spoke against the project at this and previous board meetings. The only votes in favor of the project were cast by developer representatives on the board.

Included in the board's recommendation for rejection were several points which had been raised by Friends. Of major concern is the impact this PRD would have on the Johnson-Taylor Ranch. As proposed, development would come to within 100-150 meters of the Ranch. Not only would its rural setting be severely compromised, but its national historical registry status would also be threatened. Renovation of the Ranch and its use as an interpretive center to present the archaeological, historical, and environmental resources of the Preserve is a vital part of the draft plan for Penasquitos Canyon Preserve.

The PRD proposal also involved extensive grading and changing of the natural topography along the north boundary of the Preserve. The bulldozing and building of artificial slopes would be immediately visible upon entering the east end of the Preserve.

The board also questioned the increase in density of the project, which requested 700 to 800 more residential units in the Park Village Development area than the previous plan.

On March 17th the San Diego Subdivision Review Committee also voted to reject the proposed PRD by a unanimous vote. This vote followed the planning director's recommendation that the project be denied due to the extensive landform modification it would cause and the inadequate open space that would result. He also stated that he could not make sufficient findings as required by the California Environmental Quality Act to support the project. In apparent anticipation of this denial, Genstar had already filed an appeal to the full planning commission. This appeal will be heard 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 10th in the City Council chambers in the City Administration Building, 202 "C" Street. (Call ahead to confirm specific agenda and time, 236-6450.) Friends are urged to attend. For further information, call Leo Wilson at 233-4477.

The revised draft of the Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Master Plan is now available. Copies can be obtained for a small fee from Nancy Acevedo, Park and Recreation Department, Open Space Acquisitions, 236-7038.

A big thanks from Friends to the Mira Mesa Womens Club, membership 14, who recently made a \$100 contribution. They want it to go towards work at the Johnson-Taylor adobe.

A warm welcome to these new Friends: Sara Howell, Alice DeBolt, individual; Suzanne Schulys & Arthur Spencer, John Gilbert & Peggy Farness, Carol Alley, family; Chris Warn, sponsor. We hope you will come to our monthly meetings and bring your suggestions, complaints and help.

SPREADING THE WORD--Friends' volunteers have been willing to meet the press and face the cameras in recent weeks in ongoing efforts to keep the media informed about Preserve matters. Results: TV coverage (chan. 8) on the "Mystery Trees," channel 39's report on proposed Park Village and its impact on the Johnson-Taylor ranch and Preserve; an L.A. Times article on the Canyon and future development, plus Karen Dusek's fine piece in the Hi Sierran.

EDUCATION--Friends are happy to announce that Dr. Alberta Fleming will again offer her popular SUMMER SAFARI program for children. Classes are held at the Penasquitos Canyonside Park at the Preserve's east end on Black Mountain Road, and are scheduled as follows:

SESSION I: July 7-11, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Children in grades 2-3-4

SESSION II: July 14-18, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Children in grades 4-5-6

Class size is limited. For further information, call 271-6710. Alberta also offers special enrichment programs for elementary age children. She recently taught a class at Pomerado School on the "Kumeyaay Indians of Pauwai," and for 5th and 6th graders at St. Didacus School who will be going on field trips to Cuyamaca, she lectured on the mountain tribes.

LIFE IN THE CANYON--Despite recent downpours, canyon dwellers have been vociferously gearing up for spring, especially the birds of prey. At least two pair of black-shouldered kites have returned to the east end of the Preserve, one couple apparently using last year's nest. The red-shouldered and red-tailed hawks seem to have settled their annual disputes over nesting and perching trees around the Johnson-Taylor Ranch. The kestrels are paired, and blast any violations of their air space by low flying red-tails or ravens, which are too busy mixing it up with the crows to pay much attention. Several mallards, great blue herons, and snowy egrets commute up and down the canyon, occasionally stopping for a snack in the creek. Cooper's and sharp-shinned hawks have been working the canyon rim. Small groups of deer have been seen, and the bobcats very active. In the morning they fearlessly patrol the backyards of houses on the south rim, and have been spotted wandering the roads near the mid-canyon powerlines. Several apparent "coydogs" (part coyote, part domestic dog) have been observed; one looks like a German shepherd, the other a jackal. What have you seen of interest in the Preserve? All you botanists, Auduboners, and canyon hikers, please share your sightings with us by calling Bill Evarts at 586-0834 so we can put them in the newsletter.

THE MUDS OF MARCH--In the wake of increased Indian hostilities in Southern California and the so called Garra Indian Revolt of 1851, the U.S Army mounted several punitive expeditions. Lt. Thomas Sweeny was ordered to lead a column from San Diego to the Colorado River at Yuma. His force consisted mostly of raw recruits recently arrived from New York; a gang of ruffians who had boozed and brawled in every port they stopped. A terrorized San Diego was relieved when Sweeny arrived and took over his charges. From his own journal, March 1852: "They were drawn up in a line, 250 strong, except deserters who were in irons, and as I moved along in front of them I looked each man fully in the face.... I clothed, armed and equipped them for fieldservice, and on the morning that we left the Mission--March 7th--to the great consternation of the other officers, I had the irons taken off the prisoners but kept the men still in charge of the guard who had their orders from me. I was advised by Heintzelman (Sweeny's commander) to take the new route to Panesquetas (sic) which would save one day's march, except getting over San Pasqual Hill, which took two days. It rained nearly all the time after leaving the Mission, till we reached Santa Isabel on the 11th. The roads were in an awful state. I had to have a strong working party continually in advance, and the rest of the men distributed among the wagons. I found that I could not reach Panesquetas the first day, and was compelled to camp on a bleak moor (Sorrento?), whereat every step that the mules took they sunk up to their hips in bog. It would be impossible to convey a correct idea of our deplorable condition, one would have to be there to appreciate it fully. We unanimously christened it 'Camp Desolation.'"

Dates to remember:

April 10, Planning Commission review of Genstar's Park Village PRD. Call 236-6450 for specific agenda and time.

April 16, deadline for newsletter. Call Bill Evarts at 586-0834 with contributions or suggestions.

April 23, Friends monthly meeting, 7:00 pm, at Penasquitos Canyonside Park, near the ballfields at the Preserve's east end.

May 28, Annual Members' Meeting in Scripps Ranch. Details to be announced.

Notable Quote: "... To those devoid of imagination, a blank place on the map is a useless waste; to others, the most valuable part."

Aldo Leopold

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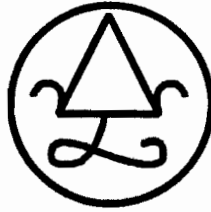


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May 1986 Newsletter

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CAC Discusses Peñasquitos Canyon Draft Master Plan

by Pam Stevens

The new draft Master Plan for Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve was the major topic discussed at the April 2 meeting of the preserve's Citizens Advisory Committee.

The CAC heard a presentation by Nancy Palmer, of Van Dell and Associates, the Irvine, California environmental consulting firm hired by San Diego City and County to prepare the plan. CAC comments on the plan focussed on two major concerns:

(1) That the large-scale map used as the major illustration of the plan did not show clearly enough the current boundary of the preserve, so that it could be compared with the "open space boundary" which encloses all areas that ultimately will be included in the preserve's open space system. The CAC felt that it is important to "not only see where we're going, but where we are, so that we'll know better how to get there."

In other words, we need to know just which areas that are now "de facto" open space and yet need to be acquired through purchase, trade, or the subdivision review process.

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve currently includes about 2500 acres of City and County-owned land, in Peñasquitos and Lopez Canyons. If all the finger canyon and slope areas within the

1979 open space boundary line were added to the preserve, it would grow to 3,340 acres; under the Master Plan's 1985 proposed space boundary, it would be 4,471 acres. (Less any land traded to obtain some of that acreage, such as the 162 acres of "freeway orientation" land in the proposed City/Genstar land swap.)

A major priority for the CAC in the near future is to assist the City and County in planning for the acquisition of these key additional open space areas. The Master Plan contains considerable information useful in these efforts, including a land ownership map (p. 11) and a discussion of the open space boundary system and priority acquisition areas (pp. 44-59). However, it would be more helpful if it clearly identified both the current status and the future open space boundary on a single, large-scale map.

(2) The CAC felt that identifying on the map the proposed improved section of Black Mountain Road, which the Committee supports, and the proposed Camino Ruiz and Camino Santa Fe crossings of the preserve, which the Committee opposes, with the same dotted-line marking labeled "proposed roads" was confusing and inappropriate.

The Master Plan includes two alternative use concepts: plan A without

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Friends First Annual Meeting

All members of Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 28th from 7:00 to 10:00p.m. It will be held at the Clubhouse of Timberlane I Condominiums in Scripps Ranch. Please bring a potluck dessert. There will be a brief business meeting from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. New officers and board members will be elected and several by-law changes voted on. If you would like to run for office or place a nomination, please call Pam Stevens at 566-2261.

Following the meeting we will have three speakers talk about the Preserve; past, present, and future. A representative from the San Diego County Archaeological Society will talk about recent research conducted at the Johnson-Taylor Ranch. Eve Ewing, will recall her memories of visiting at the Horsemen's Park ranch house when the canyon was a working cattle operation. A member of the County Parks and Recreation Department will bring us up to date on the restoration of the Johnson-Taylor Ranch. Following their remarks we will have a further chance to talk informally with our guests.

From I-15 take Mira Mesa Blvd. east to the end, and go south (right) on Scripps Ranch Blvd. Cross Scripps Lake Dr. and follow Scripps Ranch Blvd. as it turns east (stay left; straight ahead it becomes

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Park Village PRD, Round Three and Counting

by Leo Wilson

On April 10th the San Diego City Planning Commission reviewed Genstar's proposed Park Village PRD (Planned Residential Development). Park Village is a 2,634 unit project slated for the north rim of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve's east end. In previous months this development was rejected by the Peñasquitos Planning Board and the City Sub-division Board. The Planning Commission decided to continue the matter until May 22, indicating it might accept a revised proposal which sufficiently addressed some of the remaining environmental concerns raised by Friends and others.

Major objections involve the projected landform changes and the development's overall impact on the historic Johnson-Taylor Ranch. Proposed grading and landfill activity will significantly impair the visual qualities of the Preserve's eastern entrance. Current plans call for residential housing within several hundred feet of the historic structure. This could jeopardize the ranch's historical rating. A March 7 environmental impact report stated: "According to the form completed by the county and accepted by the National Register, one of the reasons that the adobe resource is so significant is that it remains in a rural setting similar to when it was occupied in the 1880s. Development and alteration of the slopes surrounding the site from grassland to urban area may affect the visual setting/character of the adobe. This could compromise the National Register status of the site and affect the county's plans for a park and interpretive center."

Complicating the situation is pre-existing approval granted to Genstar for an earlier proposal for the same site. This earlier project has the same, if not worse, environmental drawbacks than the current PRD proposal. The Friends were originally concerned that denile of the PRD would force Genstar to simply build according to its earlier plan.

Apparently Genstar would prefer to amend its plans for Park Village PRD, as indicated by its current request for increased density (600-800 units). In continuing the April 11 City Planning Commission hearing, the Commissioners in effect told Genstar that although its new proposal may have been environmentally better than the previously approved project, it could yet stand further improvement. In particular, the Planning Commission wished to see revisions and

mitigation in the areas of landform modification. Several Commission members suggested that some residential units might be removed from the road adjacent to the ranch, although this was not a major concern. The Friends feel that protecting the integrity of the ranch area is a key issue.

If you wish to lend your support, the hearing will be on Thursday, May 22, in the City Council chambers in the City Administration Building, 202 "C" Street. Call ahead to confirm the specific agenda and time, at 236-6450, or contact Leo Wilson at 233-4477.

Friends File Violation Notice

by Leo Wilson

Friends recently discovered fresh grading and road building on the north side of Lopez Ridge near the site of the Peñasquitos Canyon "narrows," a mile from the preserve's west end. The activity was apparently related to soil tests for the future Calle Cristobal thoroughfare, but was done without California Coastal Commission approval. Friends have filed a notice of violation with the Coastal Commission and will continue to monitor the situation closely.

It appears the transgression was instigated by the city of San Diego, which had issued a permit. Friends have also sent a report on this incident to the appropriate city council members. Development on the west end of Lopez Ridge and the construction of Calle Cristobal, which will connect with Sorrento Valley Boulevard and effectively separate the Preserve's two main canyons, are of major concern to Friends. Call Leo Wilson at 233-4477 for more information and learn how you can help protect this area of the preserve.

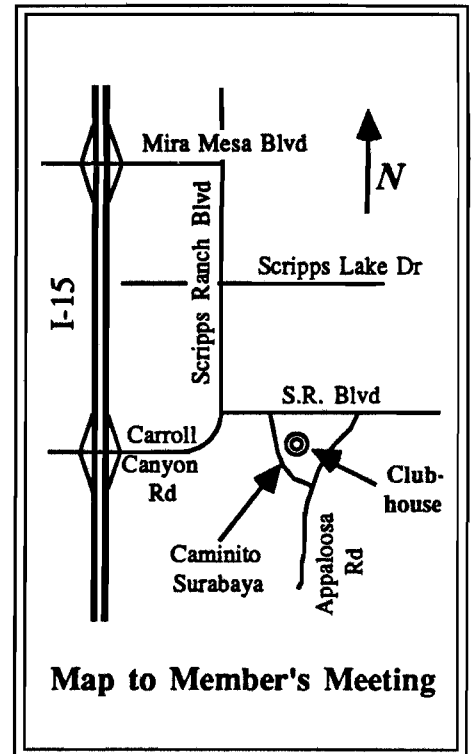
Horse Patrol in Peñasquitos Canyon

Following a request by Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee, The San Diego Police Department Horse Patrol is now active in the canyon, on approximately a once-a-month basis. The unit, which also patrols in Balboa Park and other areas of the City, supplements the supervision provided by the contracted security guard, and in a way that is especially in keeping with the canyon's rustic character.

Members Meeting

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Carroll Canyon Rd.). The first street to the right off Scripps Ranch Blvd. after turning east is Caminito Surabaya, the access street for the Clubhouse. If lost, check in at 10311 Caminito Surabaya or call 271-6710. Please park on Scripps Ranch Blvd. and walk in.



Map to Member's Meeting

CAC Meeting

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the Camino Ruiz and Camino Santa Fe crossings, and plan B with the crossings (pp.17-18). Members of the CAC in general were not happy with including the crossings in the plan even as a alternative, but felt that if they were shown or mentioned at all, their contested status should be made clear.

A subcommittee of the CAC, chaired by Bob Dingeman of Scripps Ranch, will be reviewing the Master Plan in detail. At the April meeting, the CAC did not take any formal action on the plan itself, but approved a motion requesting the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Task Force, consisting of City Council members Ed Struikma and Abbe Wolfsheimer and County Supervisor Susan Golding, to meet together with the CAC to jointly discuss the plan.

Editor's Rambling

Butch Weaver

Hello, I have volunteered to try out as the editor of this newsletter for the next few months. I will use this space to ramble on with some of my thoughts about Peñasquitos Canyon and things in general.

Please consider any opinions expressed in this column to my own and not representative of "Friends" policy.

Let me start this month's column by telling you a little about myself and how I got involved with this job.

I returned to San Diego last January after a year of study and work in Boston, Mass. A month or so after my return, I received a copy of the Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Newsletter. I had enjoyed many hikes and bike rides in the canyon before going to Boston and was well aware of what a unique resource, Peñasquitos Canyon is.

I sent in my check and said to myself that maybe I should consider getting more actively involved. When April's newsletter arrived and I saw that the "Friends" needed an editor for the newsletter, I decided that this was probably an area where I could contribute. Besides, I was just itching to put a new piece of page layout software on my computer to a good use.

I realized that although I worked in Sorrento Valley only a mile or so from the West entrance to the preserve, I hadn't been in it since I returned to San Diego last January. To help me gather energy for the job of putting this all together and to refresh my memories of the canyon, I took a bike ride from the west end of the canyon to the east end and back this morning.

It was a wonderful Santa Ana day. I couldn't have asked for anything better. The canyon was mostly as I had remembered it. I was pleasantly surprised by the number of bicyclists that I met. For those of you that haven't tried it, an all terrain bicycle is a wonderful way to enjoy the canyon. About half way up the canyon, I spotted another cyclist resting by Peñasquitos Creek. I stopped to join him and had a very pleasant chat by the babbling brook.

My inspiration complete, I returned to my office to start work on the newsletter.

By the way, if any of you want to contribute anything to the newsletter, give me a call at 455-7651 or call Bill Evarts at 586-0834. We are always interested in wildlife sightings, personal experiences exploring the canyon or anything else you would like to share with other members.

I Love Mira Mesa Day

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 3, 1986

For the third year, we are participating in Mira Mesa Day to present information about the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. The exhibits will on display from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Mira Mesa Mall at the corner of Camino Ruiz and Mira Mesa Blvd.

Directions to Preserve's East Entrance

From I-805: Take Mira Mesa Blvd. exit east, left on Black Mountain Road, go 1.4 miles and turn left into Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve parking-staging area.

From I-15: Take Mira Mesa Blvd. exit west, right on Black Mountain Road, go 1.4 miles and turn left into Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve parking-staging area.

May Hikes

Hike to the Waterfalls

Date: Sunday, May 18th
Time: 8:00 a.m. (4 hour hike)
Meet: Parking-staging area on Black Mountain Road
Leader: Mike McCormick
Topics: Learn about Indian uses of plants
Info: 271-6710

A Family Adventure

Saturday, May 24th
 9:00 a.m. (about a 2 hour hike)
 West end of Sorrento Valley Blvd.
 Elberta Fleming
 Learn about the early families who lived in the canyon.
 271-6710

Summer Safari

in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve

Who? For children who like to learn about nature, the Indians and history of people who lived in the canyon.

What? Mini-expeditions, tracking and learning about wildlife, Nature and Indian Crafts, games and lots of fun.

Where? Peñasquitos Canyonside Recreation Center with field trips into Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve.

When? **Session I:** Grades 2-3-4
 July 7-11 9 a.m. - noon
Session II: Grades 4-5-6
 July 14-18 9 a.m. - noon

Why? An excellent program for boys and girls working towards proficiency badges in nature and crafts.

Fee? \$40 each session

For further information and registration, call 271-6710 or write to Dr. Elberta Fleming, 10311 Caminito Surabaya, San Diego, CA 92131

The Summer Safari is sponsored by the Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Inc. and the Youth and Education Commission of the Los Peñasquitos Town Council.

Dates to Remember

- May 21 — Deadline for newsletter. Call Bill Evarts at 586-0834 or Butch Weaver at 455-7651 with contributions or suggestions.
- May 22 — Planning Commission review of Genstar's Park Village PRD. Call 236-6450 for specific agenda and time.
- May 28 — Annual Member's Meeting in Scripps Ranch. See page 2 for details.

Notable Definition

pre·serve (prĭ-zûrv') *v.—tr.* 1. To keep safe from injury, peril, or other adversity; protect. 2. To keep in perfect or unaltered condition. 3. To keep or maintain intact. —*n.* 1. An area maintained for the protection of wildlife or natural resources.

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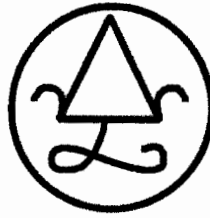
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June 1986 Newsletter

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Friends Appeal Planning Commission Approval of Park Village

by Leo Wilson

On May 22, 1986, the Planning Commission approved the proposal by Genstar to build 2,635 units on the northern slopes of Peñasquitos Canyon immediately west of Black Mountain Road. The Planning Commission approved the "Park Village" project despite the significant grading and landform modification it will cause. The grading and landform modification will be highly visible from the Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve.

How the Planning Commission could approve the Park Village Project, despite the project's earlier rejection by the Subdivision Board, Planning staff and Peñasquitos Planning Board is an interesting account of what is wrong with the planning process in San Diego. The crux of the problem concerns two Planning Reports prepared by the City Planning Department.

The first Planning Report was prepared April 4, 1986. It is an excellent example of how the environmental review process in San Diego should be conducted. The April 4th report detailed the many adverse effects of the Park Village project: the large manufactured slopes exceeding 50 feet in height; the "obliteration of the natural landform;" the change in natural topography and filling of finger canyons;

the clustering of residential units not to preserve the existing topography but instead to increase density; the failure to preserve canyon bottom and ridgeline relationships; and the general failure of the project to meet the goals of either the East Peñasquitos Community Plan or the requirements for a Planned Residential Development. The text of the April 4th report then went on to conclude:

"The grading plan and development pattern proposal results in a project that does not satisfy the community plan goals, objectives and guidelines, does not meet the intent and flexibility permitted by the Planned Residential Process and does not follow the City's guidelines for sensitive development in areas considered to be natural resources for its citizens."

Based on the April 4th Planning Report, it was the Friends' belief that there would be some substantial modifications required in the Park Village project before the Planning Commission would approve it. This proved to be incorrect. Between the April 10th Planning Commission meeting and the May 22nd Planning Commission meeting, Genstar and the Planning Department staff met many times. Other interested parties, including the Friends, were not invited to these meetings.

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Friends Hold First Annual Meeting

by Butch Weaver

The first annual member's meeting of the Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve was held May 28th in the clubhouse of Timberlane I Condominiums in Scripps Ranch. Approximately 25 members came for a potluck dessert, a short business meeting and to hear two guest speakers.

Pam Stevens chaired the elections. The first vote was for the officers and board members. The suggestions of the nominating committee were accepted unanimously. The following is a list of the newly elected officers and board members:

President:

Robert Sauers

Vice-President:

Leo Wilson

Secretary:

Don Albright

Treasurer:

Michael D. McCormick

Directors-at-Large

(2-year terms):

Dr. Elberta W. Fleming

Fred Jacobs

Bill Evarts

(1-year terms):

Teri Jones

Lindsay "Butch" Weaver

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Members Meeting

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One Director-at-Large position remains unfilled and will be filled by a vote of the board when a suitable person is found. In addition to the elected members of the board, there are two "ex officio" voting board members appointed by the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee and the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Task force. The current CAC member is Pam Stevens. The Task Force Position is currently vacant, but is due to be filled by a representative from the office of Councilman Struiksma, Councilwoman Wolfsheimer or Supervisor Golding.

Next, four changes in the bylaws were discussed and voted on. After a suggestion from the floor and discussion, the clarifying phrase, "from the date of initial membership" was added to the first bylaw change. All of the changes passed unanimously. The following is the text of the changes:

1. Change the membership year from a fiscal calendar to one year from date of membership.

Article II, Section 4.

Replace:

"Membership shall extend for a period of one (1) year, which shall be the fiscal

year of the corporation, from July 1 through June 30. The initial dues of a member who joins after April 1 shall be credited to the following year."

With:

"Membership shall extend for a period of one (1) year from date of initial membership."

2. Reduce the number of directors necessary for a quorum at board meetings. Article III, Section 5.

Replace:

"A majority of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

With:

"A majority of the membership of the Board, or five members of the board, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

3. Eliminate the restriction on consecutive terms in office.

Article IV, Section 2,

Paragraphs a. and b.

Replace:

"a. The President and Vice-President shall be elected for a term of one year. They may serve for no more than two consecutive years. b. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a term of one year. They may serve for no more than three consecutive years."

With:

"Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year."

4. Change the list of standing committees to reflect our current operating committees.

Article IV, Section 7,

Paragraph a.

Replace:

"The standing committees to be appointed by the President, shall be as follows: Membership, Programs, Newsletter, Publicity, Hospitality, Fund-Raising, Gifts and Bequests, Historian and others as needed."

With:

"The standing committees to be appointed by the President, shall be as follows: Membership/ Finance, Education, Publicity, Legislative & Development Review, Goals and others as needed"

After the business meeting, Sari Austin read a description of life on a cattle ranch (now Horsemen's Park) in Los Peñasquitos Canyon during the 40's and 50's prepared by Eve Ewing. Eve was not able to attend our meeting due to another out-of-state engagement. However, her descriptions of life on the ranches in Los Peñasquitos Canyon and the surrounding areas was quite vivid and enlightening. We forget how recently the area we now live in was a very rural environment. The warm reading by Eve Ewing's friend Sari Austin complemented the high quality of Eve's writing.

Finally, Susan Hector of the San Diego County Archeological Society told us about their recent discoveries at the Johnson-Taylor Ranch. The Society started its exploration in September 1983. Their job was to excavate the areas that would be disturbed by the restoration of the ranch buildings. Their discoveries include a large ceramic pot made in Spain in the 1700's, many small native American items and shellfish that are, according to Carbon-14 dating, 5,500 years old. Susan's described how the site was most probably first occupied by a small Mexican adobe, built in the 1840's. This was then enlarged in successive steps to the what we see now.

Hopefully our future meetings can be as successful as the 1986 meeting. Many thanks to all of those who donated time to make this years meeting a success.

Park Village Approval

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The apparent result of these meetings was a complete flip-flop in the City Planning Department's position. On May 15th, a Planning Department memorandum was issued which recommended approval of the Park Village project. It made this recommendation despite only one modification having been made to the project, a change in the alignment of Eclipse Road which preserved a finger canyon in its natural state. In return for this modification, Genstar was allowed to redesign units in another area which resulted in heavier grading and landform modification. This was done to "compensate" Genstar for the Eclipse Road realignment. When these two changes are balanced against each other, in effect, no change has been made in the project.

Based on the favorable recommendation from the Planning Department, the Planning Commission approved the Park Village project without any substantial changes.

It is the Friends position that this approval was arbitrary and an abuse of discretion on the part of the Planning Commission. The Friends are currently appealing the Planning Commission's decision to the City Council. We are perplexed the Planning Commission could completely reverse its position in so short a time with little justification.

The Friends can look forward to an interesting City Council Hearing. The hearing will likely be sometime in July. If, and when, a hearing date is set, we encourage all Friends' members and other interested parties to attend. Until then, please write your City Council Members with your opinions on this subject.

CAC Report

by Pam Stevens

Four new members of the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee were confirmed at the April 23 meeting of the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Task Force. Joining the CAC as "citizen at large" members at its May 7 meeting were Dr. Elberta Fleming, Hank Nicol, and Dr. Marvin Gerst; also added was Carolyn Bourne, who along with Bob Dingeman represents the community of Scripps Ranch on the committee.

Dr. Fleming is well-known to many Friends members as a founder of the Friends, an expert on the plants, animals and history of Peñasquitos Canyon, and the chair of the Education and Outings programs for the Friends. A biologist, she is the former director of a nature center in Ohio. She lives in Scripps Ranch. This July she will again be conducting the "Summer Safari" in Peñasquitos Canyon for children grades 2-6.

Hank Nicol is a resident of Mira Mesa and a ranger at the Torrey Pines State Reserve. Next time you visit Torrey Pines, ask for a copy of his "Notes from the Naturalist" about Peñasquitos Canyon, "The Park Next Door." He's an expert on native Southern California plants. (Per Hank's suggestion the CAC recommended "no eucalyptus" in landscaping for the canyon-rim trail Pacific Corporate Center is developing.)

Dr. Gerst, a La Jolla resident, is a psychologist and the co-owner of Pepper-tree Farms stables in Del Mar. An avid horseman, he rides and hikes in Peñasquitos Canyon frequently. He has a knowledge of existing trails and would like to see a regional trail system developed.

Carolyn Bourne has lived in Scripps Ranch since 1978. A realtor with Century 21 Ohman-Rattan, she's the mother of three grown children and "a proud grandma." Recruited for the CAC by Bob Dingeman and his enthusiasm for the Preserve, she's new to Peñasquitos Canyon activism but looking forward to getting involved with protecting our nearby open space for wildlife, nature study and recreation.

In other business at its April meeting, the Task Force, per a request from CAC chairman Pam Stevens, voted to ask the City Manager for a report on the grading being done on Lopez Ridge in conjunction with soil tests for Calle Cristobal. In addition, they approved the Pacific Corporate Center Canyon Rim trail proposal. The Task Force also approved Pardee's proposed realignment of Black Mountain Road, with the CAC's recommendation that the road when improved be wide enough for a full six lanes, and that pedestrian and bicycle access be assured, either through a bike lane along Black Mountain Road or an off right-of-way path.

The Task Force discussed alternative dates and locations for Park Day. Peñasquitos Park Day this year will most likely be a Fall celebration of the completion of the first phase restoration of the Johnson / Taylor ranch. The Task Force voted to take no action on the issue of cattle in the preserve at this time, subject to review in six months.

The Los Peñasquitos Preserve Task Force is chaired by Deputy Mayor Ed Struiksma and consists as well of City Councilwoman Abbe Wolfsheimer and County Supervisor Susan Golding. Currently, it meets quarterly. The next meeting is set for July 23. For more

information, call Nancy Acevedo, City Park and Recreation Department, Open Space Acquisitions, 236-7038.

The Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month, 4-5:30 p.m. The May 7 meeting focussed on welcoming the new members, a report of the April Task Force meeting, and updates on several continuing issues--the Preserve Master Plan, the Park Village PRD, and the "mystery trees" adjacent to Peñasquitos Creek and the proposed Mercy Mira Mesa development east of Black Mountain Road. On an April 23 hike to view these large, old live oaks with their possibly historic carvings, Art Shurtliff of Genstar reported that the trees are on already City-owned property and will not be affected by the Mercy Mira Mesa project.

Normally the CAC meets at the Mira Mesa Public Library, but until further notice it will be at Canyonside Park Community Room, since the library parking lot is blocked as part of construction for the Mira Mesa Seniors Center. (Canyonside Park is a community park, with ballfields, for Rancho Peñasquitos, in Peñasquitos Canyon, off Black Mountain Road just north of Peñasquitos Creek.) The June 4 meeting will feature a presentation by VTN, consultants to the City of San Diego planning for the construction of Calle Cristobal and Camino Santa Fe. For more information, call CAC Chairman Pam Stevens, 566-2261.

Dates to Remember

June 16 — State Regional Water Quality Control Board Meeting, See Page 4 for details.

June 18 — Newsletter Deadline, Call Bill Evarts at 586-0834 or Butch Weaver at 455-7651 with contributions or suggestions.

June 25 — Friends Board Meeting.

Are You Aware? Sewage Spills in Los Peñasquitos Lagoon

by Elberta Fleming

Sewage collected from Del Mar, North City West, Mira Mesa, Scripps Ranch and Rancho Peñasquitos has been overflowing from Pump Station 64 in Sorrento Valley about once a month into Los Peñasquitos Lagoon. The most recent overflow occurred April 23 when 4.5 million gallons of sewage was discharged into the lagoon.

Money to control the overflows will not be budgeted for several years. In the meantime, the problem is an immediate concern because the overflowing untreated sewage is a potential threat to public health. This is especially a problem for people who use the Torrey Pines State Beach and Lagoon area and for the aquatic life in the Torrey Pines State Park.

At least 10,000 more homes are scheduled to be built, with many in progress in the sewer district area. Because the Planning Commission and the City are still giving the developers permits to go on building and adding to the problem, the only way to control this serious problem is to have the state impose a sewer-hookup moratorium.

Concerned citizens should write to the State Regional Water Quality Control Board before June 16. The board will meet on that date to discuss the problem. Letters should be addressed to David Barker and Mike McCann, Senior Engineers, 6154 Mission Gorge Road, Suite 205, San Diego, CA 92124

Notable Quote:

We are not fighting a rearguard action, we are fighting a frontier. We are not slowing down a force that inevitably will destroy all the wilderness there is. We are generating another force, never to be wholly spent, that, renewed generation after generation, will be always effective in preserving wilderness... We are working for a wilderness forever.

—Howard Zahniser

Directions to Preserve's East Entrance

From I-805: Take Mira Mesa Blvd. exit east, left on Black Mountain Road, go 1.4 miles and turn left into Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve parking-staging area.

From I-15: Take Mira Mesa Blvd. exit west, right on Black Mountain Road, go 1.4 miles and turn left into Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve parking-staging area.

June Hikes

Summer Solstice Twilight Hike

Date: Saturday, June 21

Time: 5:00 pm till dusk

Length: 3 to 4 miles

Meet: Los Peñasq. Parking/Staging area on Black Mountain Rd

Leader: Bill Evarts (586-0834)

This will be a slow paced walk through the Preserve's east end. We will visit different habitats while looking and listening for wildlife during this beautiful time of the year's longest day. Come early and bring a snack for a no host tailgate picnic before the hike. Remember to carry water, a jacket and flashlight. Long pants and insect repellent are suggested. Field guides and cameras are welcome; binoculars will be especially appreciated. Those with experience in plant and animal identification are encouraged to join us and share their expertise.

Early Dawn Hike

Date: Sunday, June 22

Time: 6:00 am

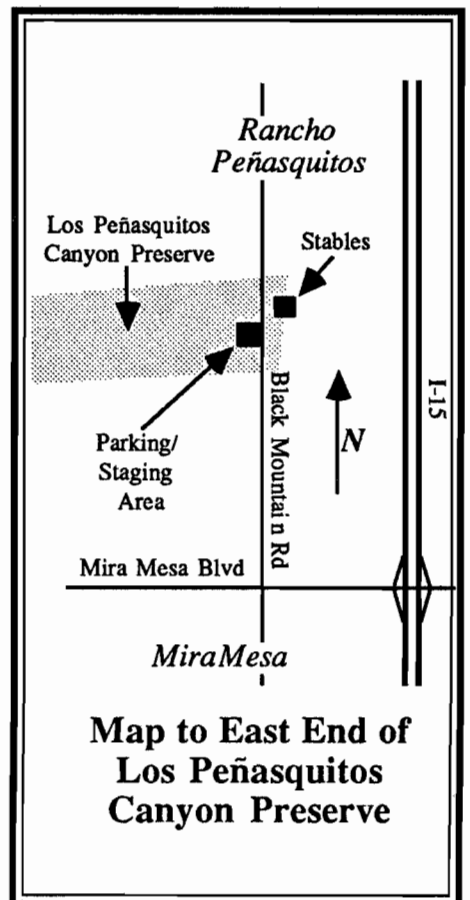
Length: 3 to 4 hours

Meet: Los Peñasq. Parking/Staging area on Black Mountain Rd

Leader: Mike McCormick

Hopefully, we will be able to watch the sun come up. This has always been an unusual experience for those who have participated in this early morning hike. Bring water, a snack, a jacket and if you can, binoculars.

Please Note: These are the last hikes until September or October.



Map to East End of
Los Peñasquitos
Canyon Preserve

Letters:

Please accept our donation... We wish it could be more, but inflation is shooting our budget to "to pieces".

We read your newsletter with interest—Hope "right" prevails. Dedication such as yours deserves to be rewarded with success.

Best Wishes,
Leda Dunlap
Chairman, Conservation Native Daughters of the Golden West

Butch,

Just a note to tell you I appreciated your efforts on the recent newsletter. I like the format very much.

Thanks for taking on the job so the rest of us can be kept informed.

Sincerely,
J. Hooper

Sentimental Hike on Lopez Ridge

by Alice Debolt

On a sunny Sunday in April, I took a sentimental journey along the dirt road that runs along the top of Lopez Ridge. I have walked the western end of Lopez/Peñasquitos area many times in the past 15 years, learning to watch for the shy Grasshopper Sparrows that fly up from the grass in front of one and fly low for a short distance before dropping into the grass again and hiding. I knew that this spring was the last springtime that I would see the wonderful wildflowers that reward the April/May hiker with their bright and beautiful blossoms. I felt sadness while watching the swallows flying along the edge of the ridge...many times I have enjoyed being on eye level with them and sometimes have even seen them from the above as they've darted down into Lopez or Peñasquitos Canyon in search of food and the fun of flying and being alive. I suppose that they will come back year and expect the same web of life to be here that they have come to expect over many generations of genetic programming. And we humans have a surprise for them. Instead of Chaparral and the natural web of life, they will find housing purchased by humans who want to "get back to nature" and live near a natural park.

I remembered many happy hikes along this ridge top. Times when friends and I watched the Red Tailed Hawks do their daring mating dance just over our heads, and the special days when a deer would sprig up ahead of us with a cautious backward look. Always there was a possibility of seeing a Mountain Lion, as my friend Dutch had seen one evening at twilight. Since raccoons are night feeders, I really didn't have the expectation to see on during my day hikes, but I've enjoyed observing their tracks along the water areas and smiled thinking of the Raccoons trotting along with either a full belly or the expectation of filling the belly, leaving their human/hand-like foot prints in the soft earth.

With the coming of housing for humans, I knew that this would all be altered and that many species would have their way of life changed and maybe extinguished...and although that is the way of progress and evolution (the stronger controls the rules of survival), it may be time to look at our path as humans and decide whether or not we are headed for a destination that will please us in the future.

Mira Mesa Day Award

by Elberta Fleming

The Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Inc. were awarded third prize at Mira Mesa day for the beautiful exhibit of wild flowers found in Mira Mesa. The flowers were provided by Phyliss, Hilary and Dorie McGuire. The exhibit featured the Federally protected Mesa Mint which is rapidly being wiped out by development. Photographs of the Mesa Mint and the Friend's Children's Summer Safari accompanied the wild flowers.

Summer Safari

in
Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve

Who? For children who like to learn about nature, the Indians and history of people who lived in the canyon.

What? Mini-expeditions, tracking and learning about wildlife, Nature and Indian Crafts, games and lots of fun.

Where? Peñasquitos Canyonside Recreation Center with field trips into Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve.

When? **Session I:** Grades 2-3-4
July 7-11 9 a.m. - noon
Session II: Grades 4-5-6
July 14-18 9 a.m. - noon

Why? An excellent program for boys and girls working towards proficiency badges in nature and crafts.

Fee? \$40 each session

Hurry, A few openings are still available in each session. For further information and registration, call 271-6710 or write to Dr. Elberta Fleming, 10311 Caminito Surabaya, San Diego, CA 92131

The Summer Safari is sponsored by the Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Inc. and the Youth and Education Commission of the Los Peñasquitos Town Council.

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