



# Tecolote

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 16 FIELD TRIP TO PT. MUGU GUN CLUB. Leave the museum at 8 am.  
Sunday Bring a picnic lunch. THE BUS IS AVAILABLE. Make your  
reservations now by calling Mrs. Cooke 65520 or Janet  
Hamber 7-6549. Fare \$2.00. White-faced ibis, peregrine  
falcon and many species of ducks have been seen here.
- Feb. 21 SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING. Meet at 3:30 pm. in  
Friday the Junior Library at the Museum of Natural History.  
Reports of the Audubon Workshop at San Dimas will be given.
- Feb. 28 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AT 8:00 pm. Farrand Hall, Museum  
Friday of Natural History. Title of the slide illustrated talk  
to be given by Janet Hamber is "Glimpses of Florida Bird  
Life". Janet spent Christmas vacation in Florida and will  
show slides of the Tampa Bay area, Loxahatchee Wildlife  
Refuge and the Everglades.
- Mar. 15 FIELD TRIP TO CONDOR COUNTRY. More details next issue  
Sunday
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## AUDUBON CENTER APPEALS FOR MONEY AND NAMES

In January Bill Goodall, Western Representative of the Audubon Society, and Paul Howard, Director of the Southern California Audubon Center at El Monte, addressed our local Board. It appears that the Center, unlike all the other Audubon Centers, was inadequately financed at its inception, and has been operating at a deficit, paid by the National Society, of twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars a year. This unhealthy situation can be corrected by an adequate endowment fund, which the Center is now seeking.

Mr. Howard, who is personally leading the campaign, is not asking local branches or their members to raise the half-million dollars needed, though all contributions will be gratefully accepted. What we are asked to provide is the names of friends or acquaintances who have some money, as well as some interest in conservation, and who might be persuaded to give or bequeath to the Center's Endowment Fund. Contacts with individuals, agencies, businesses, and foundations are needed, and any local member who can suggest one or more is asked to get in touch with Joy Parkinson, who has agreed to act as Mr. Howard's liaison here. Her address and phone number are: 568 Beaumont Way, Goleta. Phone 7-9371.

Your Directors are aware of the unique public service performed by the Center at El Monte, which now teaches conservation practices to over 40,000 children a year, and asks the members to help as best they can.

Products (already scheduled to be outlawed in Dade County, Florida) containing ABS: Tide, Premium Duz, Fab, Oxydol, Rinso, Vim, Salvo, Cheer.

What product do you use?

San Diego "Sketches"

#### CARRIZO PLAINS FIELD TRIP

Sunday, January 19, a busload of sleepy people met at the Museum at 6:00 a.m. to go to the Carrizo Plains in search of cranes. Those who were able to keep their eyes open enjoyed a beautiful sunrise over the ocean between here and Ventura.

About midmorning Waldo stopped the bus in the pass above Ventura and asked if anyone had a piece of string. It seems that the gordovar-us of the fratistat was on the fritz, resulting in a spark which was inversely proportional to the altitude, or vice versa. In any event, a string was found and the motor fixed. This amazed the women members as they'd have sworn the correct way to fix an ailing fratistat was with Scotch tape and bobby pins. A short time later a stop was called for snacks in order to get the energy of the birders up to that of the bus.

We saw several interesting birds, including merlin, mountain plovers, ravens, ferruginous hawk. Although we craned our necks for cranes, we saw no cranes. One local inhabitant informed us that the cranes were all nesting on the salt lake. Any cranes nesting there must have been highly transparent, as none of the 45 of us had seen them. Another local inhabitant said the cranes had moved out 10 days before.

By late afternoon we were in a beautiful hilly area east of Paso Robles. About the time it started to rain we were on narrow winding roads posted "Pavement Slippery When Wet." Such was our confidence in Waldo's driving that we all relaxed and let him do the worrying. Perhaps we had too much confidence. At the first town Waldo bought gas, muttering something to the effect that the gas gauge was wrong, but that it was a strain driving when the gauge said empty.

By the time it was dark our spirits were drooping a little, but there's only one thing necessary to make a trip a success for us bird watchers. Fortunately Cookie had brought extra cookies, coffee and cocoa, so when these were passed around, the success of the trip was assured.

Just at the edge of Solvang Waldo decided that it wasn't the gas gauge which was at fault after all. It takes a certain amount of skill to drive a bus, which is held together with string, for 300 miles and then run out of gas just 15 feet short of the gas pump!! About 20 able-bodied volunteers pushed the bus to the source of supply. We arrived home about 8:00 p.m. (still sleepy) after an uneventful trip from Solvang. The list checked out at 57 species.

P.S. Recommended equipment for the next trip: binoculars, bird guide, lunch, can of gas, piece of string.

Velma Stevens

#### THANKS

Thanks, first of all, to Joy Parkinson who did the layout for the masthead of "El Tecolote".

And to the Museum of Natural History, the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Audubon Society, Ethel George, Harvey Hamber, Nelson Metcalf, Frank Noel, Norman Stevens and Tony Zozzora, many thanks for your contributions. They enabled us to purchase an electric megaphone for use on our field trips.

### MORATORIUM URGED ON ROAD NEAR CONDOR SANCTUARY

The Santa Barbara Audubon Society has joined with the Sierra Club and other conservation groups in asking the Forest Service for a moratorium on the Sierra Madre Ridge road construction. The Forest Service offers two main arguments in support of its project: that the road must be improved as insurance against fire; and that it must be opened to public traffic because it is being built with public funds. But all roads are built with public funds, and this fallacious argument could be used to justify a public road anywhere at all.

The opening of the through road conflicts directly with the idea of lessening the danger of fire. According to Keith Arnold, forest protection research director of the Forest Service, "the growing occupancy of forests by people may be pushing the potentials for conflagrations--really big forest fires--to levels 12 to 1,000 times greater than average conditions in the past." The only way to protect wild areas against fires and other abuses is not to overload their carrying capacity.

The population pressures invited into the back country by this road would threaten the unique values of the Primitive Area, and further discourage the California condors in the Sisquoc Sanctuary. The Forest Service once took the lead, with the Audubon Society, in protecting these great and irreplaceable creatures. Let them think again about the long-term consequences of this road. A road can be completed, or a gate unlocked, at any time. A species once extinct, a wilderness once trampled, is lost to all future generations.

We solicit from the members of this and other Audubon Branches expressions of opinion addressed to Supervisor William Hansen (Santa Barbara) and Supervisor Charles Connaughton (San Francisco) of the Forest Service; to Senators and Congressmen, especially Charles M. Teague (House Office Building, Washington, D.C.); and to the Santa Barbara News-Press and other newspapers.

Kenneth Millar

### YOU AND I TO BLAME FOR SUDS POLLUTION

One of the disgusting and dangerous problems of pollution is the billowing suds of "Hard" detergents which do not break down chemically in sewage systems, but go on sudsing and polluting our streams, lakes and drinking water.

The substance in the hard detergents which causes the trouble is called Alykyl Benzene Sulfonate (ABS). It has been shown that ABS remains poisonous even after many weeks in solution.

The difference in this particular aspect of the pollution situation is that this is something WE can do something about NOW. This is not a case where we cluck unhappily, dash off a resolution and blame someone else-- the one responsible for this is YOU-- and ME-- and the LADY NEXT DOOR.

Testimony before a U.S. House Committee revealed that 75 per cent of all detergents sold contain ABS-- about 25 percent do not, and are available.

Lawmakers talk about legislation to outlaw hard detergents containing ABS. Soap and detergent firms maintain that legislation is not needed because there is supposed to be an industry-wide agreement to convert to "soft" detergents by Dec. 31, 1965-- two years hence.

Wait two years? Ridiculous! This is something you and I-- the culprits-- can do something about now. And tell the lady next door.

Products which contain no ABS (references: Chemical Engineering News, Health Bulletin): Ad, All, Amway Products, Mr. Clean, Dial Soap, Dial Shampoo, Duz Soap, Instant Fels, Ivory Flakes, Ivory Snow, Ivory Liquid, Hanser Soap Flakes, Joy, Lux Soap Flakes, Liquid All, Lestoil, Lanosheen, Rinso Soap, Thrill, Quick Solve, Spic & Span, Vel-O-Matic, Cascade, Fels Naphtha Cleaner, all Calgon products.