Nipomo Dunes represents imperiled coastline

By Ken Wiley

The raw wind walls as an unseen offshore storm drives a powerful and repetitious pattern of enormous breakers at the shore. As the huge swells break into waves, the wind shears off crest into sharp, white lace — is considered the largest, of California's Central Coast. This is Nipomo Dunes.

The newest acquisition in the Conservancy's Wild California campaign, the Rancho Guadalupe addition to the Nipomo Dunes Project represents one of the state's most imperiled natural areas — its coastline. Of the dramatic coastline for which California is so famous, little remains of an especially rare natural community, coastal dunes. Distribution of dune systems is limited to 12 sites on the California coast. One of the three best preserved of the 12 is found within the Nipomo Dunes Complex. A 19-mile stretch between Point Sal and Pismo Beach, the Nipomo Dunes area is considered the largest, relatively undisturbed coastal dune tract in California. The Department of Interior designated the area a National Park Landmark in 1974.

A Hard Place To Live

The Coastal Dunes are formed and maintained by the partnership of wind and sea. They represent one of the most challenging and interesting biological habitats along America's western shore. The soil here — sharp-grained, moving sand — is extremely low in moisture and seemingly devoid of nutrients. The salt-laden wind skims over the dunes, sandblasting and far beyond. That's why we want to keep it that way. The dunes are part of California's Central Coast. It is Nipomo Dunes.

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SECOND OPINION

On the 20th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination: King remained a master at applying pressure, as he put it, without actually making war. He helped change this country not only for black Americans but for all Americans.

Today, we remember King's remarkable victories, however, as if all his goals had been realized.

Our society is still filled with prejudices and discrimination.

The goal, of course, is learning environments so engaging that disruptive behavior rarely arises.

Second Opinion
State

200 aviators join American forces in troubled Panama

FORT ORD, Calif. (AP) — For the second time in less than a month, members of the 7th Infantry Division (Light) left Fort Ord for Central America, this time lifting off Monday to help stem the flow of refugees to Panama. There, some 200 members of the division's Aviation Brigade will join some 1,100 other American soldiers from around the country protecting U.S. interests in the troubled Latin American nation.

Carrying the troops to Travis Air Force Base 120 to the north, and accompanying them to Panama on Air Force transport planes.

Most of the aviation group used their helicopters to get to Travis, but 58 soldiers convoyed up in buses and trucks carrying additional supplies.

"My people are extremely motivated at this point," Capt. Raymond M. Vargo, 30, head of the Blackhawk helicopter contingent, said on Monday. "Actually, I'm looking forward to it."

Nation

Film admitted as evidence in cocaine-smuggling trial

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A film showing co-defendant Jack Carlton Reed breaking a land speed record was admitted as evidence Monday in the cocaine-smuggling trial of Carlos Lehder Rivas.

Lehder, 38, from Colombia, and Reed, 57, of Palos Verdes, are being tried on charges that they took part in a conspiracy to smuggle some 3.3 tons of cocaine into the United States from Colombia from 1978 to 1980 via Normar's Cay in the Bahamas.

The film, made in August 1971, shows Reed breaking a speed record for battery-powered cars. Reed's attorney, Stephen Weinbaum, asked for permission to show it to back up testimony given by others in Starkville, Miss., that Reed had indeed been a race car driver, as he said.

The request for the film came during the cross-examination of Charles McVey, a Mississippi Bureau of Investigation agent who once had occasion to search a suitcase and seal-deposit box left by Reed.

World

Tibetans arrested in bloody demonstration to be released

BELING (AP) — More than 200 people were arrested after a bloody March 5 independence protest in Tibet, but most will be released, the Panchen Lama, Tibetan Buddhist's No. 2 leader, said Monday.

It was the first time an official figure has been given for the number of arrests linked to the demonstration, during which thousands of Tibetans stoned Chinese armed police and burned vehicles to protest more than 37 years of Chinese Communist rule.

Foreign reporters have not been allowed into Tibet's capital, Lhasa, since the protest, but Western travelers there have reported widespread arrests with estimates ranging up to 1,000.

The Panchen Lama, speaking at a news conference in Beijing that was televised live, also said Tibet's exiled king, the Dalai Lama, would be free to live in Tibet if he returned. The Dalai Lama, a former religious and civil leader of Tibet, fled to India in 1959.

Japan Air Lines complains about Boeing quality control

TOKYO (AP) — Japan Air Lines has written The Boeing Co. about defects found in two Boeing aircraft types and demanding the giant U.S. airplane manufacturer tighten its quality control, airline officials said Monday.

They said the March 30 letter by JAL's president, Susumu Yamaji, to Boeing chairman Frank Shrontz requested the mistaken installation of engine heat detectors in Boeing 747's, found last December, and the discovery last month of wrong wiring in fire extinguishers in the cargo hold of 767's.

The letter demanded Boeing make greater efforts to achieve better quality control, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity. But they stressed the letter merely was intended to call Shrontz's attention to the problems and was not a formal complaint.

Craig Martin, director of public relations for Boeing Commercial Aircraft in Seattle, confirmed Yamaji's letter was received.

DUNES

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diversity of life thrives here is almost unbelievable.

The Nipomo Dunes Complex contains one of the most unique and fragile ecosystems in California. It is unique because daily life for the dunes' natural inhabitants requires a number of specialized adaptations. Specialized connections to the environment are easily disrupted.

The dunes themselves are of complex origin, composed partially of marine sediments. They have resulted in part from changes in sea level due to glaciation. The dunes themselves are parabolic in shape, with long, low axes orientated parallel to prevailing onshore winds. Stabilized dunes rise to a height of more than 160 feet. Their complex topography, together with a high water table and a variety of water and soil types, creates a variety of microhabitats within the dune system.

18 Rare or Endangered Species

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April survey shows state's water runoff half of normal

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Preliminary results from the April snowpack survey indicate spring runoff in rivers will be an average of less than 50 percent of normal statewide, making the already dry forecast for the summer even worse, officials said Monday.

The forecast dropped from about 40 percent a month ago because there has been little or no snowfall in the mountains, said Jack Pardee, a state Department of Water Resources snowpack survey manager.

Some of California's water districts are instituting emergency conservation programs in the hopes that they will not have to go to mandatory rationing," Pardee said. Some districts have already adopted rationing plans.

Although some water experts are using the word "drought" to describe the situation, he said, the department has no official definition for drought and therefore has made no declaration.

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• The Multi-Cultural Center will present the first of its weekly cultural views Tuesday at 11 a.m. in U.U. 217D. William Alexander, a political science professor, will name “Visiting the Philippines,” a slideshow of his trip to the country. For more information, call 756-1405.

Wednesday

• The German Club will sponsor a speaker Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at 1600 Madonna Road. Gabrielle Landwehr, language division director of the Goethe Institute in L.A., will speak for students interested in special German studying opportunities at Cal Poly and in West Germany. For more information, contact Annemarie Wylie at 756-1860.

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Wheelmen's UCSB victory makes six in conference

The Cal Poly Wheelmen spent a productive weekend in Santa Barbara, as the team was Saturday's race overall, and had top finishers in both races.

The Buellton Road Race win was the team's sixth race win, giving the Wheelmen a good chance at defending their third consecutive Western Collegiate Cycling Conference title. Results are not yet available for Sunday's Research Criterium in Goleta.

"We're currently leading the WCCC because of the depth of our team. We have a lot of strong riders," said Wheelman Robert Enzerink, adding that they emphasize teamwork strongly.

The Buellton race was a 32-mile loop with rolling hills and wind. Enzerink was the top Cal Poly finisher in the 64-mile A race, placing second. Following Enzerink was Angelo Guinasso, placing third.

Enzerink credited teammates Eric Benson and Mike Bennet in helping with the top placings. Benson broke away early in the race, letting his teammates rest. When the pack finally caught up, Benson led a final field sprint to spread it out. His teammates were then able to pull ahead to take second and third.

The 48-mile B race came down to a big field sprint and Cal Poly's Pete Sweeney, Jim Long and Myong-Jae Kim took fifth, sixth and seventh.

Wheelman Cameron Fraser placed fourth in the C1 race and Paul Petri placed fifth in the C2 race.

For the women, Pappas came in third, and Trask followed with the top placings. Paul Petit placed third in the C2 race.

Next weekend the Wheelmen will travel to UCLA for a time trial and a criterium.

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Ruiz said that by getting Hispanic groups to work together, it would make it easier for them to get involved with other students socially.

"But beyond initial enthusiasm and support from the Greek community, Cabrallo feels NAK will have to be careful in its approach. "Subconsciously we have to keep in mind that other people are going to be watching us," he said. "We are doing something that might be seen as negative, I think we are going to be scrutinized very carefully. These people are either going to help us or hinder us."

Valenzuela said the scrutiny is like a test. "But for most people that's what we are doing. We are watching to see if something new fails." But beyond initial enthusiasm and support from the Greek community, Cabrallo feels NAK will have to be careful in its approach.

"We don't want to lose our thing that might be seen as negative. But we don't want to lose our identity as Latinos either. If someone had what they needed, we wouldn't have to do this."

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