



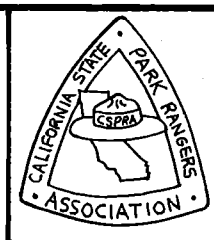
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"Parks Are For ... Everyone!"

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NEWS FOR



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President's Message

"THE PRIVILEGE OF
WORKING WITH YOU."



I was particularly pleased to hear Director Mott's new policy on participation by Departmental personnel in activities outside the State Park System. We understand the policy applies at county and local fairs and at public service conferences or major activities whenever State Park System exhibits or material are a part of the activity.

This does successfully complete a CSPRA objective expressed first in Resolution 15/67, and carried forward in subsequent years.

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The Region V and VI chartered bus to Santa Cruz has been sold out and will leave Carlsbad at 0800 hours, Thursday, March 7. Although the trip will take much longer than by other means of transportation, it is a way to beat the fuel shortage. The bus idea should be of value for the 1975 GEC in San Diego.

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Elsewhere in this issue we have printed the Concession Division's answer to our resolution 73-2, which urged the Department to encourage use of recycled and recyclable materials by existing concessioners, that existing concessioners also be encouraged to separate recyclables from wastes, and that future contracts specifically require both practices.

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Not much else to report. As you know, this will be my last report. I hope to see all of you at Santa Cruz so I can personally thank you for your support over the past two years. For those members who cannot be at Santa Cruz, accept my appreciation for the privilege of working with you.

news flash!

The price of the C.S.P.R.A. General Executive Council Banquet on Saturday, March 9th has been reduced from the originally announced \$8.50 per person to only \$6.50. Yes, the menu remains the same—juicy prime rib.

CONCESSIONS POLICY

[The following letter was forwarded for publication by CSPRA President Jack Welch.]

Dear Jack:

John Hightower has been off on sick leave for some weeks and has asked me to respond to your letter of January 10. The recycling of manufactured products is a subject of interest to us all and the concern expressed by C.S.P.R.A. in your Resolution 73.2 is shared by many. The Concessions Division, working through the Area Managers and concessionaires, has met this question and included some important contract language in that area.

The standard concession contract now contains either or both of the following, depending on the situation:

"Concessionaire and State shall from time to time review items sold and containers or utensils used or dispensed by Concessionaire and wherever feasible, eliminate the use of non - returnable containers, plastics, etc. State reserves the right to prohibit the sale or use of non-recyclable containers or plastics. No pull-top cans or styrofoam cups or other non-biodegradable cups are to be used or sold by Concessionaire".

"All foods and beverages sold directly on the beaches shall be sold in disposable paper containers".

At Millerton Lake, a recent amendment permitting the sale of beer included this language:

"Beer will be sold only in aluminum cans and only paper or cardboard packaging will be used. Concessionaire shall make every effort to keep the premises cleared of beer cans and other litter, and will cooperate fully with State personnel in this regard. Concessionaire will take positive steps to encourage the return of cans and other litter, including but not limited to the use of signs and appropriately marked trash cans".

From this you can see the direction in which the Department has been moving. We are convinced that much more can be done, but many additional steps hinge on other factors. Of particular importance is the associated supportive facilities to process the recyclable material. What is gained if a concessionaire uses only recyclable containers, and

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Former B of A Chief Sees Good in Energy Crisis

[The following article was forwarded for publication by Jim Whitehead.]

By Louis B. Lundborg

A few years ago, when the young people began to decry our "garbage economy," our first knee-jerk reaction was to bristle and to write off everything they were saying as simply reflecting the subversive teachings of their left-wing professors. We added a few grumblings to the effect that this was typical of young people who had never had to work for anything, had never known want or privation—and now were biting the hand that was feeding them so well.

But looking back to that period as a new year opens, we begin to see that this was not just another wave of adolescent nonsense, to be put away in the newspaper files along with goldfish swallowing, flagpole sitting and panty raids.

What the young were protesting initially was not the products themselves, but the fact that they were expected to worship—indeed dedicate themselves—to the whole production-consumption process that their elders had established as the ruling force in their lives. They sensed, better than the rest of us did, that an extensive national ideology had grown up that equated democracy, patriotism and religion with the free enterprise system—which in turn was defined as "growth for growth's sake." That ideology had evolved gradually over a period of years and, once it was in full flower, its effect was to make it virtually a patriotic duty for everyone to consume.

HIPPIE TYPES

Indeed, one reason establishment types got so furiously angry at the hippie types was that this segment of the young represented a threat to the whole concept of accelerating consumption. Their renunciation of conventional dress, their adoption of sandals (or bare feet) and ragged jeans as the uniform and symbol was an open affront and challenge to far more than the clothing industry. It challenged the whole fabric of the production-consumption syndrome. (The fact that it eventually helped to spawn a great wave of new styles for the garment and fashion industry only added an extra note of irony.)

There were absurdities, to be sure, in all this. Buying new jeans, then ripping off the bottoms and sewing on make-believe patches made no more apparent sense than throwing away a good dress (or a good automobile) simply because it was out of style. But if it helped to make pat-

ching, repairing and "make-do" respectable again, even the pseudo patches may not have been so absurd after all.

It would be both hypocritical and unrealistic to contend that materialism should have no place in our lives. But it is a far cry from Puritanical, ascetic self-denial to the kind of competitive, conspicuous (and wasteful) consumption that has ruled our lives for the past generation or more.

When day after day more goes into our garbage cans or down our disposal drains than goes onto our tables (let alone into our stomachs); when community after community across the land is seeking new sites for "sanitary land fill" (a euphemism for garbage dump) because the old ones are filled up with the refuse of our throw-away society—at that point we are writing a prescription for well-deserved trouble.

Louis B. Lundborg is the retired chairman of the board of Bank Of America. His book, "Future Without Shock," will be published next week by W. W. Norton.

This is why it is not Pollyannaish to say that the energy crisis is a blessing in disguise. Without debating here what is being amply debated elsewhere—what really caused the crunch, who was responsible, whether indeed the crisis itself is genuine or has been exaggerated to serve political or special-interest purposes, etc.—I would hope that it will not be allowed to pass away and be forgotten before we have learned the lessons it has to teach.

It has become popular to speak of the energy crisis as only the tip of the iceberg, and indeed it is. But those who use that figure of speech are usually referring to the other shortage of things (plastics, for example) that are in short supply because plants have not been built to meet the booming worldwide demand. That is not the real problem. The real problem is that all those shortages combined are truly the tip of a much larger, much more profound iceberg.

Under the surface of the waters we are sailing is the cold, hard fact that we are using up irreplaceable resources at a rate that simply cannot be sustained. Building of more plants to use them up faster is not the answer.

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MEMBERS MAILBOX

February 9, 1974

Dear Lloyd:

Russ and I would like to thank all of his friends in the Parks for the nice cards and phone calls he got after his surgery. He's at home now convalescing and making great progress. He should be better than new in about six weeks.

The doors open and the coffee pot is on.
/s/Maxine McDonnell, Doheny St. Bch.

bug problems?
Clipped from "Ranger Rick"

If the birds, mantises and toads aren't helping enough, it's time to do some handpicking. Pick off the bugs, and squash them underfoot or drop them in a partly filled can of kerosene. Try hosing the plants with water to get rid of aphids.

If the bugs are still troublesome, you can make a nonpoisonous spray in your kitchen. Use one strong onion, two hot peppers and two cloves of garlic. Grind them in a blender or chop into small pieces and mash. Add 1½ cups of water. Let this mixture stand for several hours, then strain the juice into a can or bowl.



Dribble the juice on the bug-infested plants. Spread some compost around the plant and put the onion, garlic and pepper mash on top of the compost. Insects are repelled by the odor of these three ingredients.

Just as a healthy person is less likely to catch a cold or virus, a well-cared-for plant is less likely to be sick or infested with bugs. Healthy plants grow from balanced soil, rich in decaying organic matter.

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ENERGY CRISIS cont.- "a dress rehearsal"

The current scurrying around to find alternative sources of energy focuses attention only on the visible tip of the problem, not on the underlying causes. In the long run, technology is altogether likely to develop energy out of self-regenerating sources such as sun and wind, as it will tap such previously untouched (but still irreplaceable) fossil sources as oil shale and tar sands. But by the time we have found ways to produce more energy, we will be drawing closer to the real crisis in other essential resources. Copper, manganese and other basic nonferrous metals are already in acutely short supply; other more exotic and rare metals, scarcely known to consumers but essential to industrial processes, are fast disappearing.

Even pulpwood for paper manufacture is a case in point. There is a worldwide shortage of pulp today; we are cutting trees, worldwide, far faster than they are being replaced, and worse yet, we are depleting the soil on which trees can grow. Many forests, including those in America, can become desert within a few generations. Yet what do we waste more prodigally than paper?

To responsible people, what real difference does it make whether we run out of space and resources in 40 years or 400?

So the current energy crisis provides us with a dress rehearsal—the trial run of a drama that we must some day see enacted on a much larger stage. With this early warning, we have the blessing of time to plan an orderly transition into an era that could be catastrophic if we allowed it to overtake us without preparation.

The transition will not be easy, but it does not have to be all bad. The most traumatic effect will be on manufacturers, who will have to reset their sights and reorder their priorities. Those who can gear themselves to the recycling and regenerating of materials will have a higher rate of survival than those who continue to rely on irreplaceable materials.

New opportunities will open up in professions and pursuits aimed at the restoration and revitalizing of damaged segments of the environment. Similarly, service industries that

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Editorial

When I first heard that the slogan selected for GEC 1974 was "Parks Are For .. Everyone!", my reaction was negative. Not that I didn't subscribe to such philosophy, but that we could not contrive something more original — more creative.

However, time and exposure to this slogan, while trying to make it an integral part of the GEC printed program, have changed my original opinion drastically. What better time than when societies privileges and fortunes are being curtailed, should we think in terms of "everyone", not just a few and certainly not just ourselves. I fear that too many of us have fallen into thinking in terms of the first person, "I" instead of "we" and "they". This stifles progress, creativity, and the quality of our public service.

As we scurry about our parks and offices, handling the routine or preparing budgets or operations plans do we always maintain a good grasp on our underlying objective? I think not. We must take time out to reflect on the quality and values of our public service if we are to keep our work efforts in perspective.

This month's cover photo better illustrates what I am trying to say. On the surface, the scene is merely two people rigging fish poles — a scene common to all park personnel and nothing special. Right? Maybe our first reaction to such a scene when out on patrol is to wonder if the fisherman have their licenses. If we have such a reaction we have lost perspective.

The cover photo represents some-

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Feature Stories

- 1) GEC '74-In Review.
- 2) "State of the Organization" Message by Schlerf as New President.
- 3) Conference Report: "Wildlife And Society—Conflict in The 70's" as Related by Ranger Harry Morse, Lake Oroville State Recreation Area.
- 4) Resolution Results — weapons, vacancies, transfers, lobbyist, mace, and other issues.
- 5) The Life-Style of Desert Assignment by Ranger Buck Graham.
- 6) Regular Features: E.I.C. Reports, NPS-DPR Exchange Chapter 3, and more!

thing special! It is a father and son with heads together — filled with expectations about the days catch. A father taking time to be his son's companion and a son respecting his father for it. They don't have expensive fish poles and the old coffee can contains what bait they have; a few hand dug worms.

Indeed, parks are for everyone!

This is a good theme for our GEC and all of our efforts thereafter; because we are responsible for providing the parks and the experiences gained. Perhaps too — such a theme will help us avoid the "give me" type resolutions we've been prone to entertain in the past!!



LOOKING BACK. The appearance of our equipment may have changed over the years but our equipment maintenance problems haven't changed a bit!! Recognize these rangers?

Concessions Policy, cont. -

perhaps even collects them, if in the end they are mixed with all other trash and buried or burned? Have we the capability to capitalize on the effort expended? How many local sanitation districts separate trash? Were these practices universal, it would make recycling truly feasible, not only for park concessionaires but for us all.

I hope this response and information meets the question you posed. We do all need to examine programs from time to time, and your resolution will undoubtedly lead to a renewed emphasis and improvement of the recycling program in state parks. You can be assured that the Concessions Division will continue to work on this.

Let us hope the General Council meeting in Santa Cruz is a resounding success. Hope to see you there.

/s/Charles G. Cline

MORE RANGERS NEEDED

[The following letter was forwarded for publication by CSPRA President Jack Welch.]

Dear Mr. Jack Welch:

We appreciate your interest and concern regarding the Bureau of Land Management's Ranger Force. We recognize the impossibility of adequately patrolling and protecting the vast acreage of national resource lands with our present Force. It is refreshing to know that an Association such as yours has also recognized our situation.

May we assure you that we are doing everything we can to enlarge our Ranger Force, but as you know, we are limited by the amount of funds appropriated to us by Congress. Congress, has also recognized our problem as even in this austere year with many cutbacks in personnel in the Federal Service, we are presently recruiting for four new rangers and anticipate having them on board prior to March 1, 1974. We are also hopeful that the Fiscal Year 1975 appropriation will provide for additional ranger positions.

Again, we appreciate your interest and support.

/s/Delmar D. Vail

District Manager

Bureau of Land Management

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use a minimum of raw materials, as well as activities aimed at the development of all kinds of human skills, will hold unlimited possibilities for imaginative, innovative people.

For consumers, the prospect even holds some positive attractions, as many of them are coming to realize with considerable satisfaction. People in growing numbers have begun to make noises as if just discovering that they have been "conned" into buying things they didn't need, and would be glad to have an excuse to stop doing so. We saw this same reaction during World War II—a visible, audible sense of relief as people found that they no longer had to keep up with the Joneses because the Joneses couldn't get things, either.

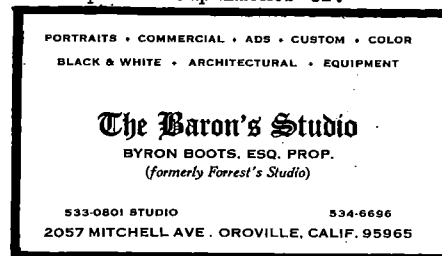
The return to simple pleasures was one of the few happy events of wartime. Competitive pressure to consume conspicuously had been a demonstrable source of neuroses throughout our society, and an escape from that pressure without individually having to be a rebel—especially to have patriotic endorsement for the escape—was a welcome release. The same can be possible in the future.

This may seem to be heresay, especially coming from one who has spent his entire adult life in the private enterprise system (and who is still as dedicated to that system as he was when he entered it). But some of the present orthodoxy was coined to shore up and rationalize practices that were no part of the original corporate or capitalistic system—practices that have grown up around the system and now threaten to undermine it.

Any economic or political institution, to survive, must be flexible enough to cope with new realities. I have enough faith in the collective management insight and administrative skill of our great economic machine to feel that the same organizational genius that conquered the need for production will be able to have the same success in achieving a more stable and rational economy.

Meeting this goal will require a willingness on the part of our national leadership, both private and governmental, to turn its creative talents in new directions. That in turn calls for a willingness to recognize that there are other values—there are alternative life-styles. If we have the wisdom to select the best from each, including those espoused by many young people, the period ahead can be richly rewarding.

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Where can you enjoy a relaxed evening with old friends—make new friends, dine and dance for only \$6.50. Guess correct and you win an invitation to attend the 9th Annual G.E.C. Banquet.

DIRECTOR MOTT -

"..UNSELFISH and PUBLIC SPIRITED..."

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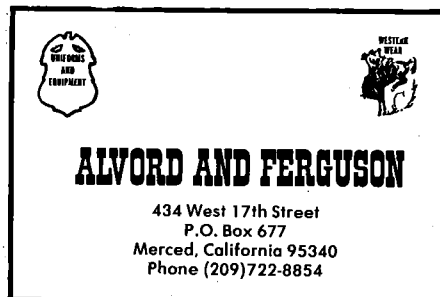
Dear Jack:

Chief Knight informed me of a \$1,100 gift made by the California State Park Rangers Association to fund the purchase of certificates and badges for the Junior Ranger Program. We join in thanking you, the Board of Directors, and the entire organization for this generous gift.

This will help the field organization to increase emphasis on interpretation involving youth since this is one of our major objectives for the coming year.

In these times, when employee organizations are for the most part self-serving, it is a privilege to be associated with a Department whose employees are as unselfish and public spirited as ours have been. Please thank and congratulate the entire California State Park Rangers organization for both Chief Knight and myself.

/s/William Penn Mott, Jr.
Director



1974 GEC PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 8th

9:00 a.m.	to	REGISTRATION	Holiday Inn Lobby
3:00 p.m.			
10:00 a.m.		GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING	Coast Room
		Opening Ceremonies	
		Seating of Delegates	
		Report of President	
		Report of Committees	
		Selection of 1976 GEC Site	
		Consideration of Resolution	
12:00 Noon		RECESS - Lunch on Your Own	
1:00 p.m.		COUNCIL - Reconvene	Coast Room

WIVES'S ACTIVITIES

9:00 a.m.	Crafts Exhibit	Executive Lounge
10:00 a.m.	Welcome	Executive Lounge
10:30 a.m.	Imformal Discussion of Park Life	Executive Lounge
12:00 Noon	Luncheon - Fashion Show	Redwood Room
6:00 p.m.	PRESIDENT'S HOSPITALITY	5th Floor

SATURDAY, MARCH 9th

9:00 a.m.	"How to Take Interesting Photographs" Workshop by Eastman Kodak Co.	Coast Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break	Redwood Room
11:00 a.m.	"Effective Visual Presentation" Workshop by Eastman Kodak Co.	Coast Room
12:00 Noon	Lunch on Your Own	
1:30 p.m.	Interpretive Workshop with "Josh" Barkin. (Limited in Size)	Executive Lounge
1:30 p.m.	"Black & White Photography" Workshop by Professional Photographer "Al" Lowry	Dawn Room

1:30 p.m.	"Wildlife Management in Parks" by Bruce Elliott, Calif. Dept. of Fish & Game	Coast Room
2:30 p.m.	Coffee Break	Redwood Room
3:00 p.m.	Interpretive Workshop with "Josh" Barkin. (Limited in Size)	Executive Lounge
3:00 p.m.	"Public Involvement in Parks" by John Dewitt, Save the Redwoods League; Tony Cook, Sempervirens Fund; Mrs. Celia Von der Muhll, Sierra Club.	Dawn Room
3:00 p.m.	"Controlled Burning in Parks" Discussion with Fred Meyer	Coast Room
4:00 p.m.	Break	
6:30 p.m.	NO HOST COCKTAIL PARTY	Redwood Room
7:30 p.m.	BANQUET Welcome - President Welch Introduction of Guests Presentation of Awards Honorary Ranger Presentation - Jim Whitehead Installation of Officers - Jim Whitehead	Redwood Room
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.	DANCE Music by "The Jerry Chabarro Quartet"	Redwood Room

SUNDAY, MARCH 10th

9:00 a.m.	GENERAL BOARD MEETING	Coast Room
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next stop: Santa Cruz!

EVENTS CALENDER

Feb. 28 - Asilomar Training Center Dedication.
Mar. 1 - Interpretive Conference Scholarship Application Deadline.
Mar. 8, 9, 10 - G.E.C. '74

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