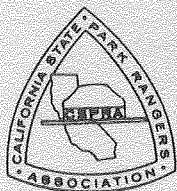


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Local Camping Taxes By Tom Nixon

As of July 1, 1984 Visitor Services employees of Carpinteria State Beach have been collecting and accounting for transient-camper taxes as implemented by order of the Carpinteria City Council and adjudicated and decreed by the Superior Court of the state of California for the county of Santa Barbara. In effect, anyone who now wishes to camp at Carpinteria State Beach must pay in addition to their regular camping fee or reservation an 8% tax on the dollar for each day of their stay. Exclusions to this camper's "bed tax" are day use fees, dog fees, extra vehicle fees, and other exemptions outlined in chapter 3.36 of the Carpinteria Municipal Code. City representatives indicate this tax is necessary to pay for services the city provides for the state park such as police and paramedic assistance.

Discussion of implementing such a tax ordinance has been ongoing for some time. A hearing was held on February 10, 1984 before the Honorable Patrick L. McMahon in which the city tax ordinance was held valid under California law. Transcripts from the hearing indicate that the state failed to provide representation at the hearing. Closer inspection reveals that the city met its commitment pursuant to the Code of Civil Procedure for "summons by publication" to all interested parties, yet this amounted to little more than an announcement in the local paper. Channel Coast District and Carpinteria State Beach offices have no record of receiving any notification of the hearing.

In addition to the case of Carpinteria, Local Jurisdiction Camping Taxes, (LJCT) are beginning to appear in other areas of the state park system. South Carlsbad has begun collecting LJCTs at a rate of 6% to the dollar. Other areas dealing with LJCTs in one form or another are Morro Bay (8%), and Pismo State Beach (7%). The Napa Area has also been rumored to be involved. A visitor recently told me that he was able to vote on a referendum for such an ordinance in the Santa Cruz Area.

Retired Members Info

Instructions: Please return completed sheet to Mr. McCall at least 4 weeks prior to retirement date to ensure prompt arrival of CSPRA Retirement Plaque.

Mail to:

Retired Members Committee
Mr. Joe McCall, Chairman
9028 Talisman Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
(916) 363-7566

I. Retiree's Background

Name to appear on plaque: _____

Location, title, date when hired by DPR as a permanent employee: _____

Date first hired as a DPR Seasonal (if applicable): _____

Total years with DPR: _____

Ending date, location, and position with DPR: _____

Outstanding or notable accomplishments during career: _____

The retiree is best remembered by co-workers for being: _____

Name of husband/wife: _____

II. Retirement Party Information

Time, date, and location: _____

CSPRA member who could present plaque: _____

Coordinator's name and phone #: _____

III. Retirement Plaque Information

Mr. McCall, please have plaque inscription refer to retiree as a "Ranger," "Manager," "Employee," or _____

IV. Comments: _____



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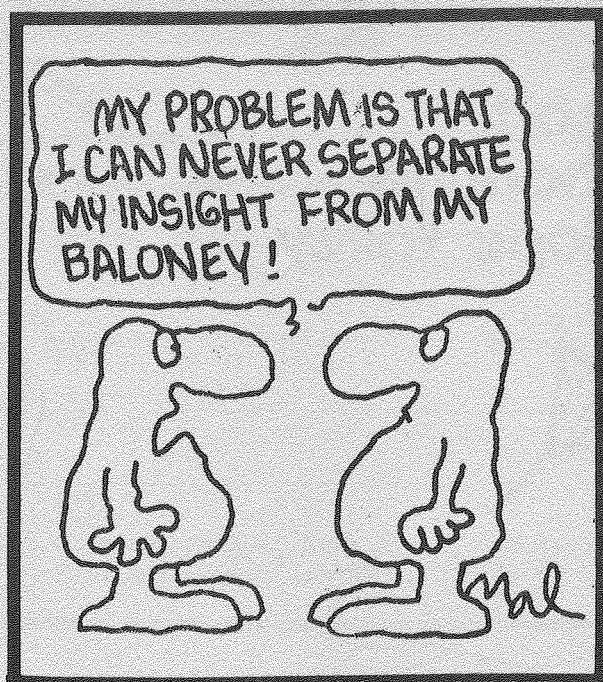
Retired CSPRA Golfers

C.S.P.R.A. retired members plan a second golfing get-together in Bakersfield, October 30 and 31st. All retired Department employees are invited to two days of golf at Kern River Park and Buena Vista Park. Please write to Louie Wakefield P.O. Box 87, Tehachapi, CA 93561 by October 1 to allow for reservations to be made.

Louie will also make advance reservations at the Bakersfield Plaza Inn where the group stayed last spring. Rates are plus or minus \$30.00 for a double, \$29.00 for a single. Most shared a double room last time. A pool and jacuzzi are available.

Camping facilities are also available at the Kern River County Park. You must make your own arrangements.

PLAN TO ATTEND! SEE YOUR OLD FRIENDS!



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State _____

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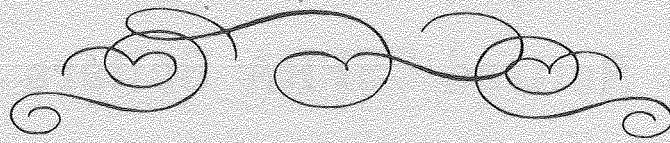
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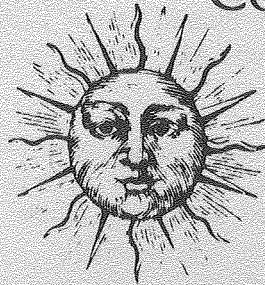
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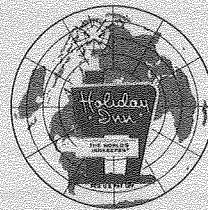
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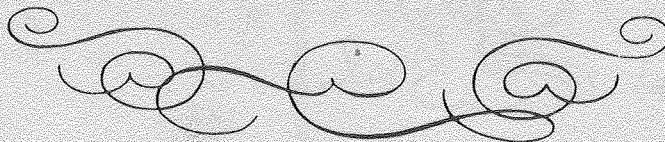
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**In the heart
of enchanting
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A MATTER OF MEASURE

by bill krumbein

At some time ("Other duties are required") you may be asked to mix up a batch of bathroom disinfectant without the advantage of a measuring device.

DILEMMA: A mixture too weak won't harm a germ; a mixture too strong may burn a ring around a visitor's derriere.

What can you use to measure the chemical? Probably every park office has the available tools.

- A Kodak 35mm plastic film can
- A teaspoon

The film can holds 7 teaspoons
Minus 1teaspoon
Equals 6 teaspoons

6 teaspoons = 1 ounce.

★★★ Membership ★★★

Please send me more information on the benefits of CSPRA membership.

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Taxes continued from page 1

The Department has issued notices for proper collection of such taxes. The Administrative Manual section 0623 is in the process of being revised to include the additional accountability as are the 1985 Group and Family Reservation applications for camper notification. Permanent signs are being designed and ordered for park user information. LJCTs are rapidly being integrated into the state park system.

What effect will these "bed taxes" have on the state park system? Most importantly, how is the public receiving these additional taxes?

Operationally there are many concerns. Since collections are subject to local audit, tax collections must be stated individually on receipts. A camper coming in with a reservation with no extra vehicles or dogs must stop, pay and receive a receipt for a tax. This creates more of a workload at the entrance station. Sufficient change is continually needed and must be sought often. Report of collections are taking much longer, taking rangers out of the field. Finally there is a general concern being voiced as to how effective are we as a tax collecting agency and to what degree are we adding to an administrative workload that has been already criticized as occupying too much of park operations.

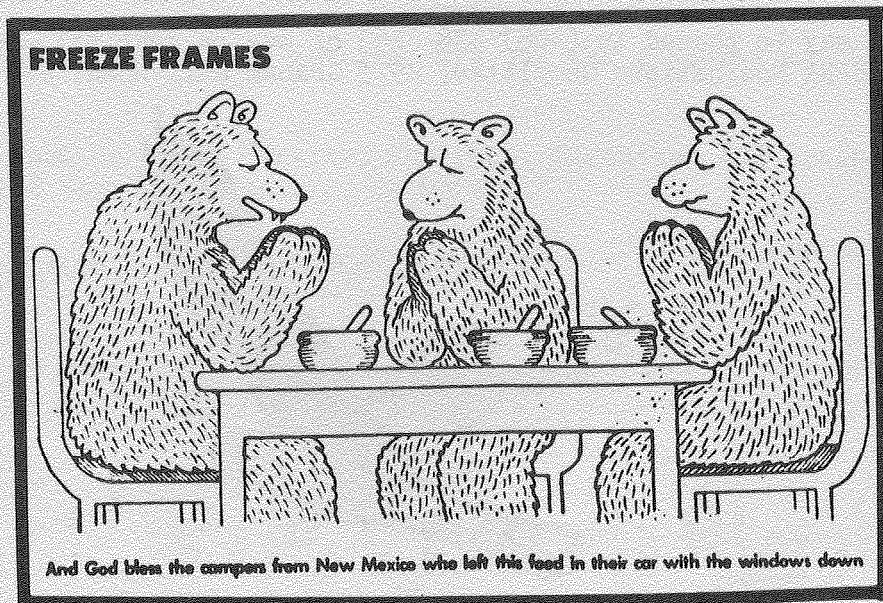
The feedback from the public has almost all been negative. Some campers refuse to pay and leave, while others complain and stay. One general comment is often heard, "How can the city tax the state?" The general frustration expressed by the camper centers on a bewilderment as to why this is being allowed to happen. "Since state parks are already being subsidized by taxes," one camper asks, "why am I being taxed again?" Campers are having a hard time seeing what services are being offered to them by local communities. Conversely they feel as if it is they, through their tourism dollars that support the local economies. The Department has lacked any real evidence for some time to adequately report on how park visitors support local economies. This is currently being rectified by Park Visitor Spending Surveys which are being distributed at many designated state park units.

Taxes are a volatile issue. Our ancestors went to war over it. Rangers and park aides are spending a great deal of time mustering up all their interpretive skills to respond to the anger and frustration. For us in the field, we are wondering what price the state park system is paying in public relations. More importantly, what is being done to satisfy a recreating public that supports parks and continually passes Bond Acts (such as the recent Proposition 18) ?

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As a solution one camper has indicated that he intends on contacting his Assembly person and having his representative initiate legislation to overrule current ordinances and to prevent local jurisdictions from taxing state park units within their boundaries. Other campers have taken advantage of the recent Park Visitor Spending Surveys to vent their feelings. Some campers have threatened petitions and boycotts of local merchants. This has failed to materialize to my knowledge. The most recent concern being expressed by both camper and department employee is that camping fees will be raised to absorb the LJCTs. This will alleviate many operational concerns, but how will this sit with campers?

As a ranger entrusted to protect the parks, serve the public and interpret the whole thing, I find myself concerned and admittedly lacking in information as to how to best support the department and the values of the state park system as it relates to the controversy generated by LJCTs. Local communities and state parks should be able to co-exist and to draw from the support each has to offer the other. Let us not forget the public in our efforts to work out our economic relationships. We exist because of them.



INVOLVEMENT NEEDED!

Nominations for the offices of Treasurer and Director are now open. Any active or active retired member may nominate themselves or any other member simply by either attending the Nominations Committee meeting or by contacting Nominations Committee Chairman John Mott. All nominations must be received by the October 1 public meeting which will be held at the newly remodeled Henry Cowell State Park Visitor Center at 7:30 p.m.

You now have the opportunity to get on the cutting edge of our Associations' policy and decision making body! As treasurer you not only would be a voting member of the Board of Directors, but also you would act as our Associations' chief financial officer, writing checks and preparing monthly financial reports. As a director you would not only discuss, act on and help implement Association activities, but also you would represent the membership at large at quarterly board meetings.

As with all CSPRA officers, the treasurer and directors are reimbursed for travel and administrative expenses.

Remember, "She or he who hesitates is lost." Do not delay! Your nomination must be received by the October 1 Nominations Committee meeting.

Nominations may be phoned in (408) 438-6763 or may be sent to: John Mott, Chairman, CSPRA Nominations Committee, 2975 Graham Hill Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.



Harrier or Marsh Hawk

EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST

Name _____ Address _____

Area _____ Phone, H _____ W _____

Description of training _____

How will it be of value to you? _____

To the profession? _____

Tuition \$ _____ Materials \$ _____ Travel \$ _____ Misc. \$ _____

Total amount requested \$ _____ How much will the Department pay \$ _____

When did you send your DPR 392 in? _____ CSPRA member? yes ___ no ___

Please attach a copy of your returned DPR 392 and a course announcement if possible.

Return this form to Steve Horvitz, Chairman, Education and Training Committee, 110 Mara Ave, Ventura, CA 93004.



WHO SAID THAT?

The use of quotations in any speech or program to illustrate or drive home a point is always valuable. Unfortunately quotations are often hard to find. The Newsletter runs this regular column of "quotable quotes" for use by rangers, docents, or any CSPRA member in their various programs. If you have any quotes you believe would be of interest please send them in!

"Don't let yesterday use up too much of today." Will Rogers

"Not many sounds in life, and I include all urban and all rural sounds, exceed in interest a knock at the door." Charles Lamb

"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest." Mark Twain

"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Why not go out on a limb? Isn't that where the fruit is?" Frank Scully

"Few problems are less recognized but more important than the accelerating disappearance of Earth's biological resources. In pushing other species to extinction, humanity is busily sawing off the limb on which it is perched." Dr. Paul Erlich

Name the Newsletter

Update! The volume of names printed in the last Newsletter has been transferred to CSPRA President Jeff Price. We are anxiously awaiting the results of the September 22, 1984 CSPRA Board of Directors meeting where the list of eligible titles will be trimmed to three. Those three names will hopefully come to you (the CSPRA members) for a final vote in the October Newsletter.

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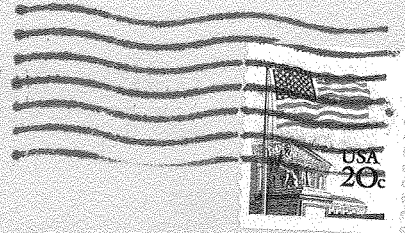
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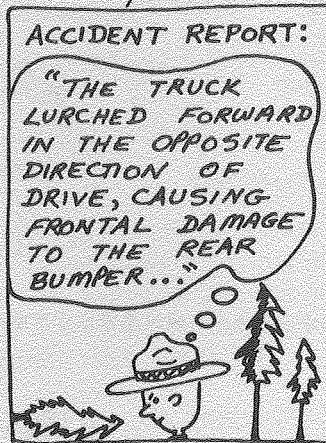
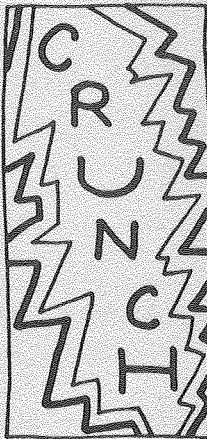
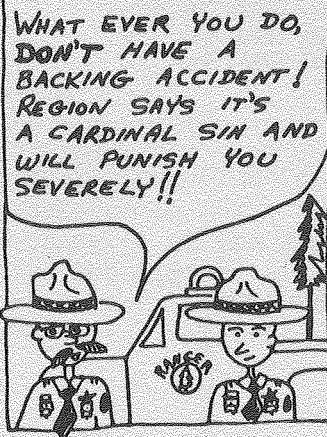
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