



NEWSLETTER

CALIFORNIA STATE PARK RANGERS ASSOCIATION

LAKE NATOMA
PLANS
OPPOSED

from the Sacramento
Bee by Gretchen Kell

"Letters of protest are stacking up against plans for a campground and motorized tour boats for the disabled at Lake Natoma, a reservoir east of Rancho Cordova popular for kayaking, canoeing, wind surfing, sailing and rowing.

The proposal is part of an amendment to the general plan for Folsom Lake SRA. It includes adding 150 family camping units, 75 picnic sites, parking, and a complex incorporating a store, snack bar and boat rental facility to Nimbus Flat, a quiet, 75-acre site on Lake Naoma.

"I was expecting quite a bit of opposition, but this is probably a little more than I thought," said Kenneth Peirce, an associate park and recreation specialist.

...If a broad range of local residents, environmentalists, sports enthusiasts,

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And more. This one's for you - so take a look.



JOB SHARING
NETWORK

by Jan
Kendig

How does one find other people interested in job sharing within DPR? Contact me. I will be

organizing a job sharing network for our Department.

According to Gerald Johnson (Staff Svs Mgr II, Personnel), any position in our Department could be filled as a shared position if the operational needs

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RESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Rick Parmer

POLLS AND PRESS SPELL SUCCESS

I confess. Since my college days at Berkeley I have been an addict. Not the usual sort, mind you. Rather, a compulsive and chronic poll watcher on the environment. And what I have discovered as the major trend over the years is once again re-inforced by a recent report by the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors.

81% of respondents to their survey "strongly agree" that "government should preserve natural areas for use by future generations."

No big surprise, right! But, in the current climate where there is overwhelming public support to cut government spending, the survey also found a large majority willing to "pay taxes which are dedicated to preserve natural areas in this country."

According to a New York Times article, "The findings appear to be in

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can be met. Job sharing is currently in practice throughout the Department in various classes.

My role is strictly informal. All I will be doing is keeping a card file with the following information:

- 1) Name, address and phone number.
- 2) District the person wants to share in.
- 3) Classification and range.

When I receive information on at least two people who are interested in the same District and class, I'll help them get together.

It will be up to them to find a job opening and apply for it. It's my suggestion that once you find a job sharing partner, you work out a proposal and agreement on how many hours, who works weekends, holidays, possibility of transfer or job separation, etc. Once both of you agree with the proposal contact the District Superintendent of the park you're interested in before or when there is an opening. You have a

much better chance of "selling" your proposal if you are prepared and have worked out all the details ahead of time.

I've talked with many people about this opportunity for those individuals wanting to work part-time and the response has been positive. The only drawback as far as the Department is concerned is that they have to pay for each person's full benefits. This is a small price to pay for meeting two people's needs who would like to work part-time. A real benefit from job-sharing a full time position is that the hours are guaranteed, (as apposed to intermittent time.)

If you are interested in this job sharing network, please send me the following information:

- 1) Your present position.
- 2) Seniority points, where appropriate.
- 3) Region/District you would like to work at.
- 4) How many hours per month or week you're interested in.
- 5) Name, address and phone number.

It is my goal to have an ongoing job sharing network to help those women and men in DPR who want to work part-time. I will try to "match" individuals with the same needs.

Whatever the reason for wanting to work part-time be it having another career, wanting to stay home more with your children, etc., job sharing is ideal. You are still considered a full-time employee in regard to benefits, scheduling, etc.

If you have questions, please call me at 415-557-4069. ++

Jan Kendig is a SPR I (Int) at Candlestick Point SRA and the SWAC Vice-Chairperson.

-Ed.



WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS!

Christina Marie Delgado
Suzanne Dee Weckerly
Joan E. Eckles



AREWELL OLD
FRIENDS

Honorary member
Bert Dunshee

Retired Members
Elvin L. Wood
James A. Beck



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GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, Governor



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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Governor Deukmejian asked that I thank you for your letter regarding Department of Parks and Recreation funding.

The 1986-87 Budget, which the Governor presented to the Legislature on January 10, provides significant funding increases in the priority areas established during the Administration's first year in office. These areas include fiscal stability, education, public safety, economic development, and protection from toxic waste. The Governor's Budget continues a dramatic shift in California's spending practices, and at the same time, maintains a balanced budget with no tax increase.

This Administration is committed to providing quality parks and recreational facilities for the people of California. The Governor realizes the need to protect California's uniquely rich and diverse natural resources base. In 1986-87 the Governor's Budget proposes a funding level of \$136.5 million (up 7 percent) and 2,796.1 personnel years (up 2.5 percent) for the ongoing operation of the Department of Parks and Recreation and its facilities. Significant program increases include:

- o \$510,000 and 10 personnel years for various efforts related to the promotion of tourism in California.
- o \$1.3 million and 25 personnel years for the operation and maintenance of new developments that will be completed and open for public use in 1986-87.
- o \$1.9 million and 23.8 personnel years for the operation and maintenance of about 55,000 acres of park lands that will be acquired and opened for public use in 1986-87.
- o \$2.8 million and 9.8 personnel years for existing and new operational needs such as automated information systems, telecommunications equipment, increased patrol and kiosk coverage for public health and safety, and increased resource protection programs.

Please be assured that the Governor appreciates the time you have taken to communicate your concerns. If you have further questions or need additional information, please contact Kirk Stewart of the Department of Finance at (916) 445-5332.

Very truly yours,

Lois M. Wallace
LOIS M. WALLACE
Assistant Director

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public officials and even some instructors of the handicapped have their way, one of the amendments - to add recreational facilities for the disabled at Nimbus Flat - will be voted down.

"The Natoma area is developed enough," said Ivie Crader, an instructor at the Easter Seal Society's Head Trauma Reintegration Program. The area already is "suitable to my class," she said. "I was able to take those in wheelchairs fishing with no problem."

...Pierce said the parks department considers the proposed development "an opportunity for making the whole area accessible to the public."

But some opponents said that construction of overnight camping spots and commercial facilities will attract people with high-powered boats to Lake Natoma. Currently, the only overnight campground is at Negro Bar, an area on the north side...

"This will interfere considerably with the traditional uses of Lake Natoma, which is primarily used by non-

motorized craft - rowers, kayakers, wind surfers and also long distance swimmers," said Frank Cirill, a Sacramento resident who kayaks there.

"Lake Natoma is a very unique small body of water that can be used by many people for non-motorized boating," he said. "We have so few bodies of water of this type remaining in California that they should be protected as much as possible."

Donald Alden a member of the Lake Natoma Rowing Association, criticized the environmental document in a letter, saying it "does not fully discuss the consequences of mixing many power boats ... with fragile human powered craft."

"Even at 5 mph, heavily laden power boats make sufficient wake to endanger a novice paddler or rower. Accidents will be inevitable."

The California State Park Rangers Association also expressed concern about the potential influx of recreational vehicles and power boats to Nimbus Flat. Such boats would cause "direct conflict with the current usage by small sailboats, canoes, and kayaks," the association said. ..."



ND FOR THOSE
WITH
HISTORICAL
INCLINATIONS

from the Fresno
Bee

"Bogus Crapper brings blues to Texas museum

Officials of a southeast Texas museum were disappointed to learn a commode they had displayed for years as a collector's item is not an original article by English sanitation engineer Thomas Crapper. "It's a disappointment, but life must go on." Brazoria County Historical Museum Director Margaret Kelly said Monday.

The flush commode exhibited at the museum was recovered in the mid-1970s from the Acadia, a Confederate blockade runner that fell victim to Union guns near what is now Surfside.

Museum officials thought the commode was one of the "super flush" toilets said to have been invented by Crapper.

But they recently learned Crapper did not invent the flush toilet until several years after the Acadia sank" ++

So - check your cistern
-Ed.



NE RANGER'S
TAIL:

ISLAND LIFE

excerpts from Time
magazine

"The point of this account is that the accountant spent the night in New York harbor ... in the custody of a park ranger's family on Liberty Island, in a red brick duplex beneath the Statue of Liberty, and learned something of how exhilarating and exasperating it is to live in so remarkable a venue, to say nothing of the view.

... Bob Panko is the ranger (NPS).

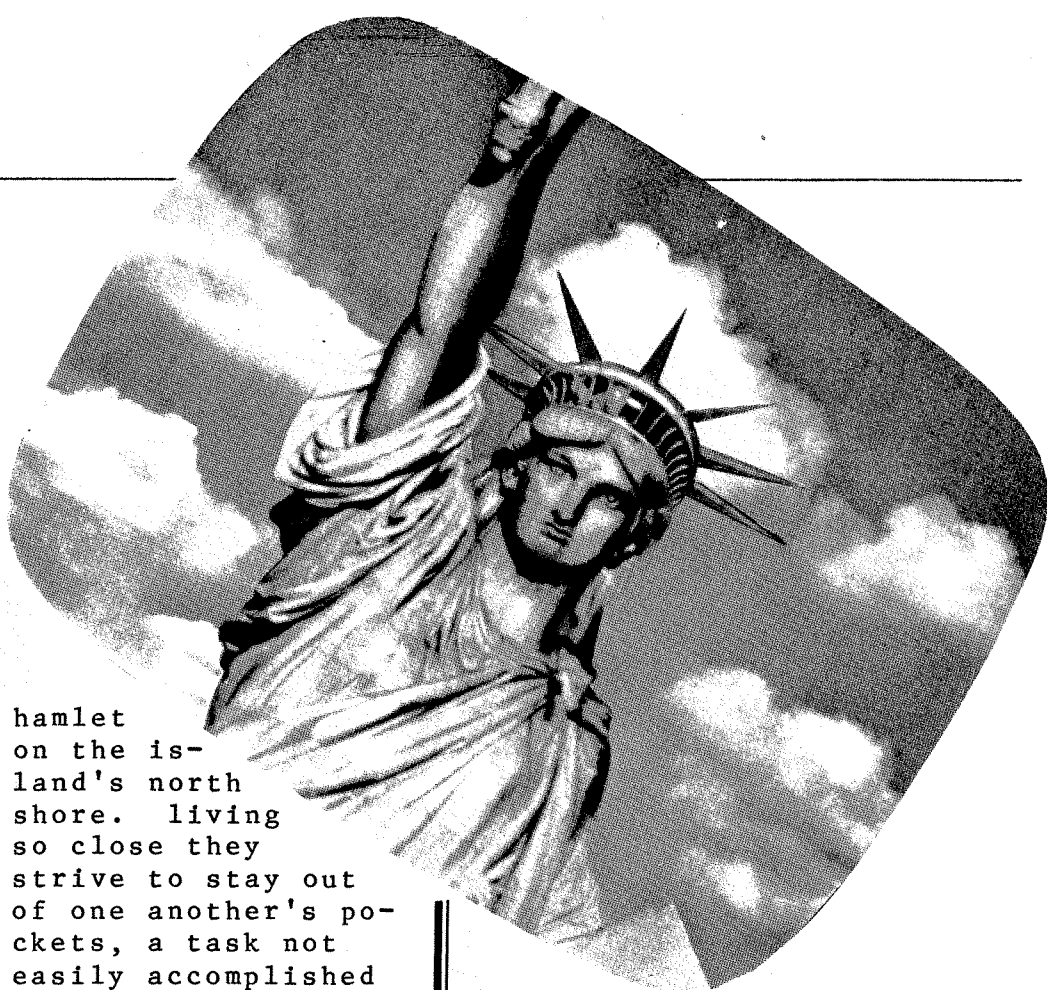
... Bob flung open a last iron hatch, letting in the shank of a five-star New York day, and crawled out on the catwalk around the new torch, bright as an untouched penny. The arm swayed with a sharp, brisk wind, but the heart was too near to bursting to grow faint. In the harbor below was a perfect shadow of the statue...

...Fourteen people - nine adults and five children - live in the military-style housing

hamlet on the island's north shore. living so close they strive to stay out of one another's pockets, a task not easily accomplished when the whole community is tied to the common radio....

"I've been with the Park Service since 1971," he explained ... "I've lived in fire lookouts, in trailers, in one-room cabins where the running water came from a creek nearby. This is the nicest place we've ever had..."

..."Every photographer in New York City has had the same idea," he said. "The Lady. Get a helicopter. Sunrise or sunset. The skyline in the background. You get a chopper 100 feet over your house at 5:45 in the morning, you don't sleep late.



... They took a ... stroll round the island, their path illuminated by a torch 305 feet above, and the stunning light show that is the city across the way. Sometimes on warm summer nights they take a bottle of wine and sit on a bench and stare at the skyline. On summer mornings, Jen takes to a bench in her bathrobe, letting the sun dry her hair, and she is reminded that she occupies special ground. For all that, she says, "We don't march out the door each day singing America, the Beautiful. We're a working couple with a baby." ++

A look at an other's life style within our profession. -Ed.

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May 6, 1986



Purpose: "Conservation of wild
scenery and landmarks in Marin County,
California, and particularly the pro-
tection of the scenic beauty and
value of Mt. Tamalpais and its
surroundings."

Hon. Governor George Deukmejian
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Governor Deukmejian:

We applaud the progress that you reported at the San Mateo County Development Luncheon last week in balancing the budget, more employment, a lessening of crime, and your plans to increase our foreign trade. We also applaud your plans to shore up our very needy educational system and to improve public transportation. We hope that some transportation money will go to improving mass transit in the Bay Area and inducing people to use it. We can hardly get around here there are so many automobiles.

One thing that is very important to the vast majority of Californians is our State Parks and Recreation areas. The public has demonstrated their appreciation of the use of our beautiful public lands time and time again in passing bond acts to finance land acquisition for the park and recreation areas.

Accordingly, this organization is dismayed at data coming to our hands indicating that while the amount of land managed by the Department of Parks and Recreation has increased by 25%, and attendance has increased by 15%, the number of filled positions to protect and interpret our resources has increased only 5%. There actually has been a drop in positions filled from 1984-1985!

The result of this is curtailing of education programs such as nature walks, school presentations, and campfire programs and even such basic resource protection activities as policing off-road use of the terrain by "mountain bikes" and important upkeep and maintenance activities.

Since we are the organization that led the campaign to raise funds for the land purchase that became Tamalpais State Park, and since our members use "the Mountain" constantly, our attention is focused on how this park and others in Marin County are maintained. I attach data indicating that we do not have the staff required to properly maintain this important resource in which we have a high economic and spiritual investment.

About the only thing that we get for our tax dollars once our children are raised is the use of our parks. Accordingly, we ask you to approve the necessary staff increases to adequately take care of and interpret these resources.

Thank you,

Leonore M. Bravo
Leonore M. Bravo, Pres. T.C.C.

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california state park rangers association

April 21, 1986

William S. Briner
Director
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Dear Mr. Briner:

I would like to follow up on our discussion about the possibility of renaming the Sequoia Room at the Mott Training Center after James Whitehead.

Our board of directors heartily endorsed this proposal in light of Jim's dedication to the development of the training center. His inspirational addresses on State Park System philosophy to new ranger classes will always be fondly remembered.

You mentioned your support for this proposal so I thought I would offer our backing in a presentation to the board of the Asilomar Corporation.

Director Milt Frincke would be glad to represent CSPRA on this proposal.

We would like to assist in making a formal presentation to the Asilomar Board as soon as possible. If the Department would like to take the lead on this, CSPRA is most willing to provide supporting testimony. Otherwise, we would be happy to make the presentation ourselves with your blessing and input.

Sincerely,

Rick Farmer
Rick Farmer
President

cc: Mrs. Peggy Whitehead
Mr. Milt Frincke



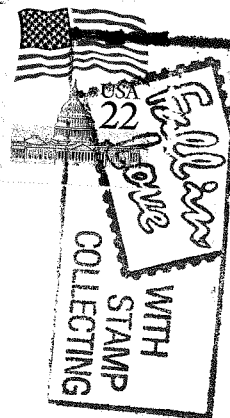
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
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conflict with the Reagan administration's policy calling for virtually no spending to acquire land for new national parks in light of the nation's current fiscal problems."

The President's own commission concluded: "Americans recognize that preserving these areas comes at a price. There is a willingness to be taxed to preserve natural areas for future generations and a recognition that costs of outdoor recreation must be borne by a mix of taxes and user fees."

Our staffing campaign, though swimming against the conventional political tide in California, appears squarely in line with today's public sentiment on parks.

As you may be aware, the Governor recently signed the park's bud-

get without adopting any of our recommendations. That does not mean there is no hope for increases in the FY 87/88 budget. We are negotiating with the Governor's representative on augmentation, options are still open. I will have a more detailed update next month.

What you can do as a member is to send individual examples of summer park problems that relate to lack of staffing to any Board member or to Doug Bryce. These may be very important in supporting our case.

In other press developments there was a front page Sacramento BEE article, "Our Endangered Parks" and a favorable editorial in the Bakersfield Californian, (see the July N/L issue) CSPRA was mentioned in both.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! ++

-Rick



THE PURPOSE OF
STATE PARKS:

from the
Public
Resources Code

"The purpose of State Parks shall be to preserve outstanding natural, scenic, and cultural values, indigenous aquatic and terrestrial fauna and flora, and the most significant examples of ... ecological regions of California ... improvements which do not directly enhance the public's enjoyment of the natural, scenic, cultural, or ecological values of the resource, or which are attractions in themselves, or which are otherwise available to the public within a reasonable distance outside the park, shall not be undertaken within State Parks." ++



QUOTE OF THE
MONTH

"...Without goals there can be no achievement, without achievement life will be as is has..." ++