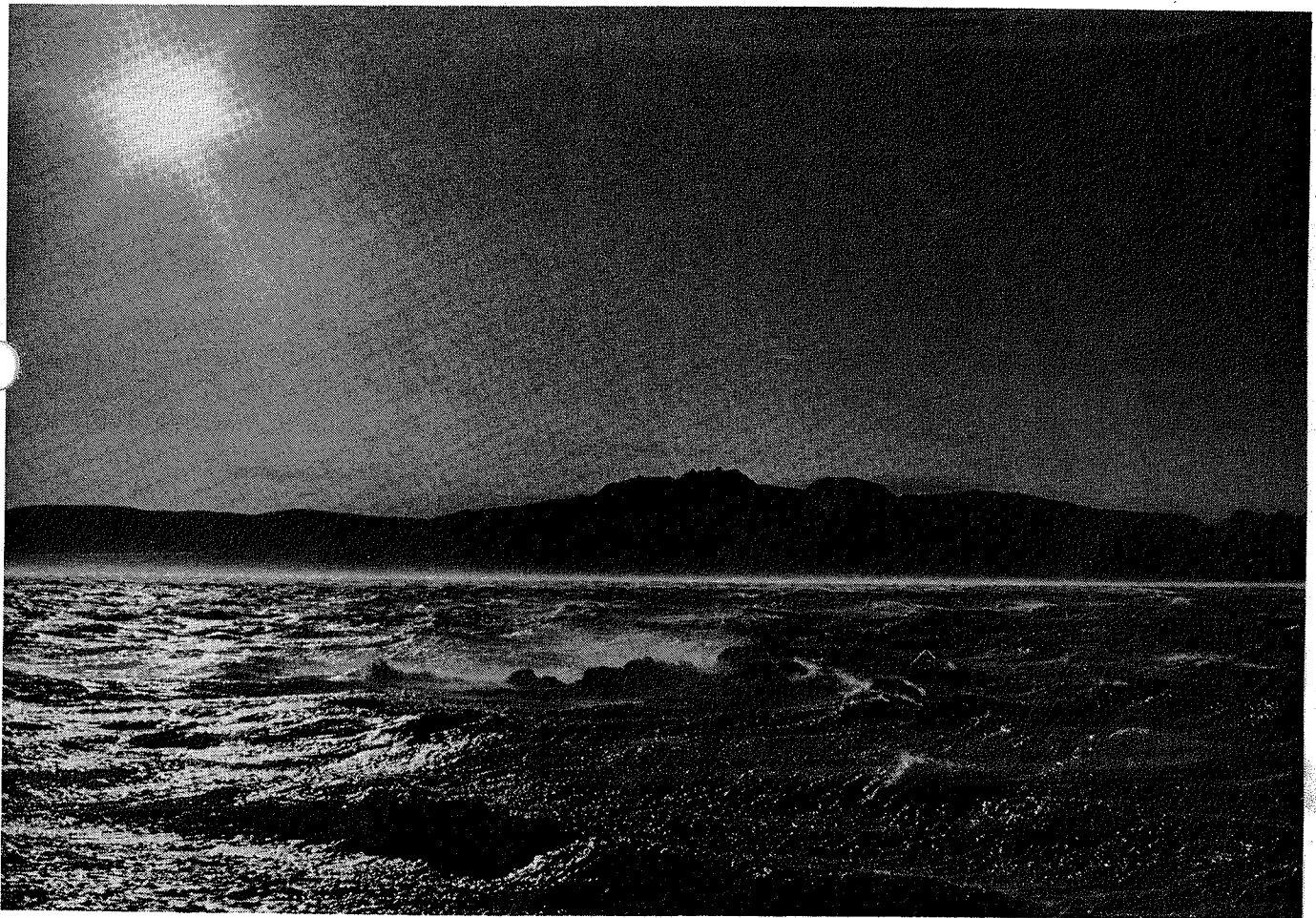


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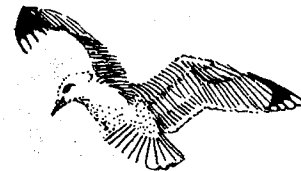
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*It is those who are able to share and give
away who find life replenished in themselves.*

... Father Christopher Kelley
At the bikeathon-bucket walk rehydration ceremony



ON THE COVER. Autumn is a time of contrasts. Calm, crisp days alternate with raging winds and driving snow as ol' man winter approaches. Photographer Larry Ford captures the fury of the south wind churning the lake into froth, the Mono Craters silhouetted in the distance.



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Mono Lake Watch

We Are Mono Lake

Seven years ago, several hundred monophiles scooped buckets, canteens and bottles of water from Lee Vining Creek above the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's diversion dam. They carried the water four miles and emptied it into Mono Lake. For the Mono Lake Committee, formed a year before by a handful of volunteers, that first bucket walk was an unbelievable outpouring of support and energy. At a time when the lake seemed doomed, it renewed our resolve to weather setbacks and overcome forbidding odds. It was a turning point.

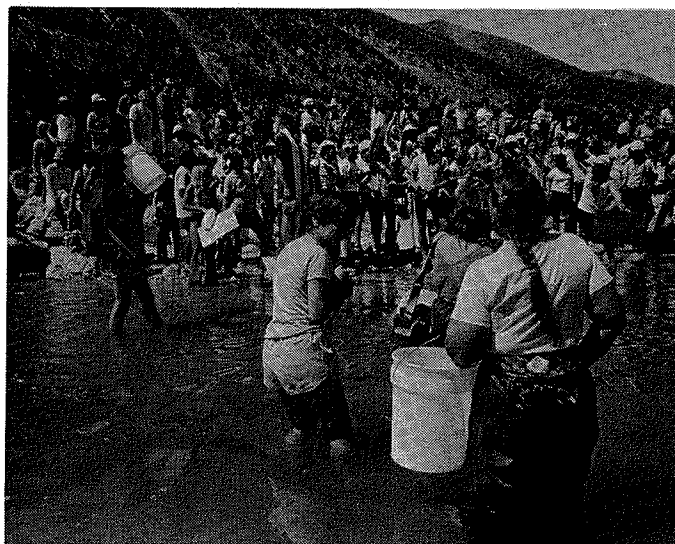
This year the mood was much more joyous, but just as determined. The bucket walkers, waving signs that read "D(estructive) W(ater) P(olicy)" and "Only God Has Water Rights," gave a rousing welcome to the 64 bikeathoners who had cycled test tubes of water all the way from Los Angeles.

We have cause to rejoice. With your help, we have in Mono Lake a voice that is heard in Sacramento, Washington and around the world. We have won crucial battles in the courts and in the legislature. We have turned the tide.

But there is still a long road ahead. It's been a dry, warm summer, and Mono Lake has suffered. The court-ordered flow of 19 cubic feet per second down Rush Creek has not been sufficient to offset evaporation. Since spring the lake has fallen over a vertical foot, leaving a conspicuous ring of muck along its shores. It is now over two feet below its April 1984 high stand.

For every acre-foot of water that flowed down Rush Creek into Mono Lake, the DWP has diverted over nine acre-feet south to Los Angeles. DWP continues to take every drop it legally can.

It looks like a replay of land-bridged islands,



Richard Beebe

abandoned gull colonies, declining shrimp and fly populations and thousands of acres of exposed alkali—unless the DWP shares some water.

If the dry weather continues, Negit Island—where gulls are nesting for the first time since 1980—would be land bridged by the end of next year. Twain Islet, which currently harbors approximately 30 percent of the entire nesting population, could follow in three years.

We've seen Mono Lake recede before—strangling islands, maiming the landscape, sapping its power to enlighten our lives. With your help, we won't let it happen again!

This year's walkers and bikeathoners affirmed that resolve. A mile-long stream of people flowed across the alkali to give the lake a drink. As the waters mingled, someone quietly said, "We are Mono Lake."

Journey With Fellow MLC Members To . . .

THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS!

ECUADOR!

PERU!

THE AMAZON BASIN!

For details on this exciting fund-raising trip, please see p. 16.

RUSH CREEK LAWSUIT: Public Trust Yes, CEQA No



Judge David E. Otis' long-awaited decision on Rush Creek proved a mixed bag. On Aug. 23, he agreed with the stream's defenders that lower Rush Creek is a public trust resource that must be protected if feasible. But he also sided with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power on the inapplicability of the California Environmental Quality Act, ruling that an environmental impact report is not required. This latter ruling will be appealed.

Rush Creek, Mono Lake's largest tributary stream, has been the focus of a major legal battle since last November. Tropical storms and a wet winter resurrected the stream in 1982, creating a trout paradise. Last fall, when DWP threatened to leave at least 30,000 thriving piscines high and dry, scrappy local fisherman Dick Dahlgren convinced California Trout to file suit. In March of this year, the court granted a preliminary injunction keeping 19 cubic feet per second of water, about 13,400 acre-feet per year, rushing down the stream into Mono Lake.

The Mono Lake Committee and the National Audubon Society have rallied to Rush Creek's defense, joining the fishing groups as plaintiffs.

In addition to the public trust and CEQA, we base our case on Fish and Game codes which require owners of dams, especially in Inyo and Mono counties, to release enough water to keep downstream fisheries "in good condition." Otis sidestepped this issue, stating that "any decision . . . is certain to have far-reaching and potentially serious effects well beyond the purview of this case." He hopes to resolve the suit within the public trust context, but if that fails, will consider the application of Fish and Game codes.

At a Sept. 4 hearing, Otis set the trial for Aug. 4, 1986. While a long way off, this affords time to determine the flows needed to sustain a healthy Rush Creek fishery. Undoubtedly these flows are greater than the 19 cfs DWP must now release. Otis urged the litigants to agree on a party to conduct a study, but DWP balked. Cal Trout suggested Fish and Game, but DWP insists on its own "fish man."

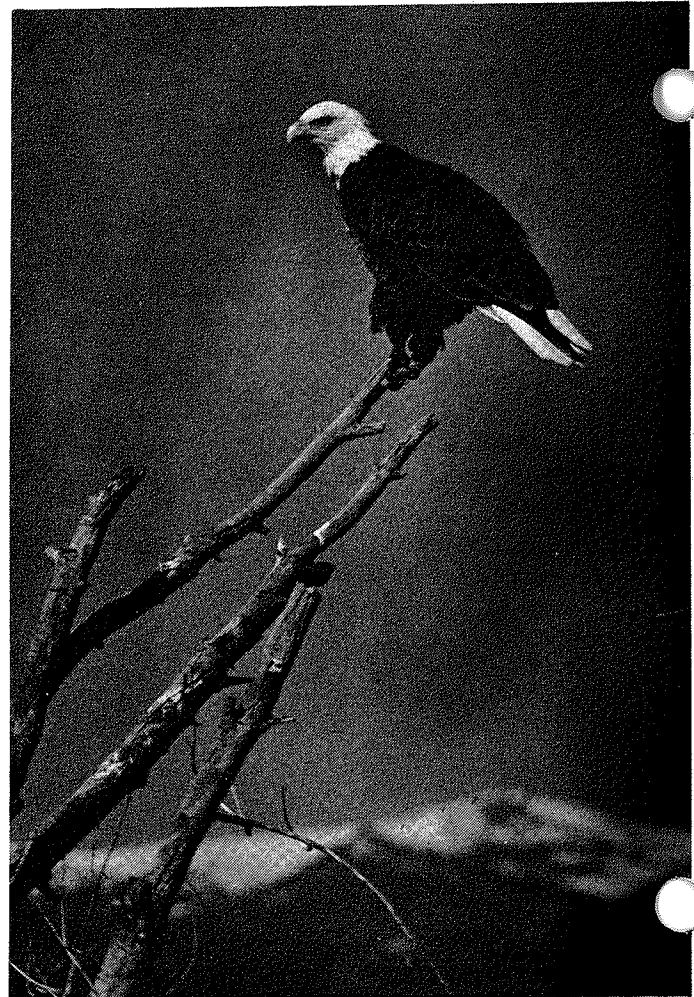
While trout will be the focal point, Otis will also consider such public trust values as wildlife and recreation. Otis rejected DWP's proposal to limit attention to fishery values. Rush Creek's flow has rejuvenated habitat for large numbers of birds and mammals including ospreys and bald eagles.

DWP also failed to convince Otis that public trust issues should be referred to the State Water Resources Control Board. "This court has concurrent jurisdiction," he told DWP's lawyers. "Unless members of that board participate in this

trial, they are not going to have the same evidence as I do . . . This court will be in a better condition to decide the issues."

Otis' ruling is an encouraging extension of the 1983 California Supreme Court Mono Lake decision. That decision obligates the state "to protect the peoples' common heritage of streams, lakes, marshlands and tidelands . . . as far as feasible," even if this means reconsidering past water allocations. Licenses, permits and agreements, therefore, do not give DWP—or anyone else—the right to blithely destroy places like Rush Creek or Mono Lake. Only if no reasonable alternatives exist can water be allocated in ways that "unavoidably harm" public trust values.

Otis intends to "proceed in accordance with the principles announced in *Audubon* [1983 Mono Lake decision] to balance the public trust values in lower Rush Creek vs. the needs of the people of the city of Los Angeles." How quickly this balancing proceeds will depend on whether DWP or other parties appeal Otis' ruling. The case could also be delayed by new motions, counter complaints and other legal maneuverings. DWP, in the Mono Lake suit, has contrived to delay, complicate and increase the expense of the litigation. In the Rush Creek case, there is an important difference: until the case is tried, at least, water will continue to flow to Mono Lake instead of Los Angeles.



Rush Creek is important for wildlife as well as fish. At least five bald eagles, an endangered species, wintered along its banks last year. This photograph was taken Feb. 17, 1985, not far from Mono Lake.

Gulls Fare Better, But Why?

"I think it's safe to say the gulls did great this year," comments Point Reyes Bird Observatory biologist David Shuford.

On the July interagency gull census, Shuford and other biologists tallied almost 20,000 California gull chicks—over three times last year's total, but still well below the 35,000 counted in 1976. By late July, thousands of brown youngsters were nabbing brine flies along Mono's beaches. A few weeks later, most were already winging coastward, not to return for several years.

Increased reproductive success, not numbers of nesting adults, made 1985 a good year. Since at least the mid-1970s, approximately 50,000 gulls have nested at Mono Lake. But the number of chicks they have fledged has varied from 26,800 in 1976 to only 1,800 in 1981.

We do not yet know how many chicks fledged this year, but 15,000-18,000 is a reasonable guess. This compares to fewer than 6,000 in 1984. Numbers of nesting gulls remained the same, but many more young survived.

Why was reproductive success higher this year? "I would really like to know," says Shuford, "but I don't have any solid answers at this point . . . We need to look carefully at our data, but even then it will be hard to say."

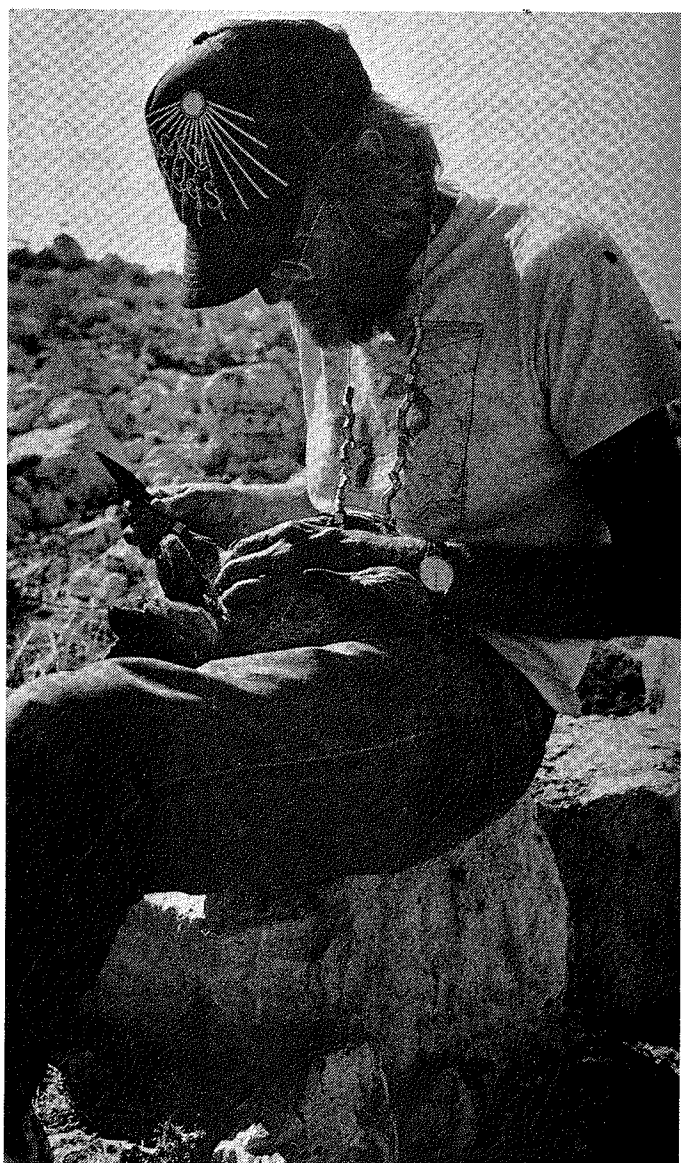
In fact we know less than we thought we knew. Last year overcrowding appeared to lower reproductive success. But gulls were just as crowded this year, and three times as many survived. In 1981, a heat wave seemed to cause massive chick mortality. This year may have been equally hot, yet the chicks flourished. We still do not fully understand how factors like crowding, temperature, food supply, habitat, parasites and predators interact to influence the numbers of chicks the gulls successfully raise.

This year most of Mono's gulls nested on the islets northeast of Negit Island. They were especially dense on Twain Islet, where 7,900 pairs crowded onto 13 acres. Twain harbored almost twice as many nesters as any other islet. What a contrast to 1982, when Twain became connected to the mainland and coyotes routed its nesting gulls! Twain, like Negit Island, was resurrected by Mono's rising waters in 1984.

For the first time in six years, small numbers of gulls nested on Negit Island, but were not as successful as those on the islets. Shuford located 92 nests and 39 chicks. "We expected success to be lower on Negit," he comments. "Since adults are usually very traditional in the use of nesting sites year after year, it is likely most of Negit's colonizers are young birds which are known to have low reproductive success."

Throughout most of recorded history the majority of Mono's gulls have nested on Negit Island. In 1979, the declining level of the lake connected the island to the mainland. Coyotes forced the gulls to crowd onto Mono's other islets. Since 1979, chick production has declined by almost 60 percent. This, says Shuford, "has caused us to question whether reproductive success has been great enough to offset mortality."

Despite this trend, Negit's importance has been disputed by Joseph R. Jehl Jr. and other Los Angeles Department of Water and Power consultants. In their view the gulls prefer the islets, nesting on Negit only as a last resort.



Daniel D'Agostini

Biologist David Shuford bands a gull chick on one of the Negit islets.

"We will not be able to answer the question of Negit Island's importance without several years of data," says Shuford. "We need to let the gulls recolonize the island in substantial numbers, delineate study plots and collect data on habitat preference and reproductive success . . . If the lake continues to decline, however, there may not be the opportunity to conduct objective scientific studies to resolve this important issue."

When this year's gull chicks return, will Negit and Twain still be islands? Not unless more water replenishes Mono Lake. And with fewer islands secure from mainland predators, nesting success is likely to suffer.

David Shuford and the Point Reyes Bird Observatory would like to express their appreciation to the following organizations for supporting this year's gull research: Mono Lake Foundation, Recreational Equipment Inc., Golden Gate Audubon and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

National Academy Study Faces Senate Hurdle

With the enactment of the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area last year, Congress required the National Academy of Sciences to assess the impacts of water diversions on Mono Lake's ecosystem. The study has been delayed, however, by lack of funding.

Now that is changing. This summer, in recognition of the study's urgency, the Forest Service contributed \$125,000. Thanks to the efforts of Congressman Richard Lehman, the House of Representatives approved another \$240,500. That funding faces its final hurdle in the Senate this autumn.

The Academy study will provide a thorough, independent and unbiased scientific assessment of the impacts of water diversions on Mono Lake's ecosystem. It is imperative the study be completed as soon as possible so that impacts can be assessed before Mono Lake and its wildlife suffer irreversible harm.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Please write Senator James A. McClure, Chairman, Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 in support of funding for this study.
2. Write to senators Alan Cranston and Pete Wilson, thanking them for their support (Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510).

THANK YOUS!

We are deeply grateful to Rep. Lehman and his staff, and representatives Sala Burton, Tony Coelho, Jim Wright and Sid Yates for supporting this study in the House of Representatives, and to the Forest Service for its generous contribution.



Ken Hively, courtesy L.A. Times

Michael Dressler slogs across the land bridge from Twain Islet. The year is 1982, and predators are soon to rout the islet's nesting gulls. Now, thanks to a higher lake level, the birds are back. But for how long?

Interior Denies Protection for Mono's Birds

According to the Reagan administration, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is not violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act by lowering the level of Mono Lake.

The opinion came in response to California Congressman Richard Lehman, who asked the Department of the Interior to "strictly enforce" the treaty to protect Mono Lake's wildlife. Lehman, the author of the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area legislation, believes DWP could be in violation if a "coyote walks out [to a nesting island] and eats a bird." Mono's island-nesting gulls are migratory birds protected by the treaty.

Interior Department spokesperson Marian Horn, however, disagreed. "The fact that an area is no longer as productive as habitat for migratory birds," she told Lehman, "does not constitute a violation" of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Horn did concede "the population level of migratory birds at Mono Lake has declined," but "for a variety of reasons."

In contrast, Interior Secretary Donald Hodel recently invoked the treaty to terminate irrigation water to 42,000 acres of San Joaquin Valley farm land. Toxic, selenium-laced runoff was polluting Kesterson National Wildlife Refuge, causing birth deformities in migratory waterfowl and shore birds.

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act, maintains Interior, protects birds but not habitat. It applies to Kesterson, which involves the maiming and killing of birds, but not to Mono Lake, which only involves the degradation of habitat.

This interpretation is suspect. Habitat destruction is as great a threat to migratory birds as poisoning, overhunting and other direct assaults.

DWP portrayed Interior's response as support for its contention that Mono diversions have no environmental impacts. "We've spent \$1.5 million for research to learn about the birds at Mono Lake and it shows there has been no environmental damage because of DWP withdrawals," said DWP engineer Le Val Lund. "There certainly are impacts due to climatic changes, however."

In fact DWP's diversions have caused Mono Lake to fall about 46 vertical feet below natural conditions, doubling salinity and exposing gull colonies to mainland predators.

Water Conservation Bill Deserves Support

Assemblyman Tom Hannigan's A.B. 1287 would require homes and buildings in California be equipped with toilet bags and low-flow shower heads prior to sale. This common-sense conservation measure, supported by the Mono Lake Committee, needs support in the California Senate. Please take a moment to write a brief letter to your state senator (Senate Chamber, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814). Letters are especially needed to the following members of the Appropriations Committee: Al Alquist, Chairman (Alameda, San Benito, Santa Clara); Robert Beverly (Los Angeles); Ruben Ayala (Los Angeles, San Bernardino); Dan Boatwright (Contra Costa); William Campbell (Los Angeles); Wadie Deddeh (San Diego); Ralph Mills (Los Angeles); John Foran (San Francisco, San Mateo); and Ken Maddy (Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Luis Obispo).

New Study Documents Mono Dust Hazard

Raising Lake Level Most Effective Mitigation

While Mono's air quality is usually among the best in California, the basin experiences infrequent but severe dust storms that exceed federal emergency levels for particulates. High winds sweep the dust off Mono's exposed lake bottom, and carry it many miles away.

A newly released "Study of Particle Episodes at Mono Lake" sums up four years of research on the dust hazard. U.C. Davis scientists Bruce H. Kusko and Thomas A. Cahill evaluate the frequency and severity of dust episodes, the physical and chemical nature of the dust, its sources and its relationship to local weather patterns.

Kusko and Cahill found that on 89 percent of all days monitored, air quality at Mono Lake was excellent. This only confirms what we've known for years: on clear, calm days our desert air is among the cleanest on earth.

During windstorms, however, air quality could hardly be worse. Nowhere else in California have higher 24-hour total suspended particulate levels been measured. On about 5 percent of all days, TSPs approximated or exceeded federal emergency levels, rendering the air unsafe to breathe.

The future of air quality in the Mono Lake region is even more ominous. Kusko and Cahill's study proves that the dust or "salt storms" originate in the playa areas exposed by the recession of Mono Lake, and are "clearly associated with the rapid lowering of lake levels." As Mono continues to shrink, more lake bottom will be exposed and the dust problem will worsen, eventually engulfing the entire basin and spreading into adjacent areas.

It has already happened 135 miles to the south. What was once Owens Lake is now 100 square miles of glaring white alkali, its tributary streams shunted into the Los Angeles Aqueduct. The dust storms are more severe at Owens than at

Mono Lake because more lake bed has been exposed. Dust has spread at least 150 miles away and reduced visibility at China Lake Naval Weapons Center to levels causing numerous interruptions in flight operations.

Dust from both Owens and Mono lakes is easily inhaled, and contains potentially toxic substances such as selenium, arsenic, mercury and lead. The minute size of the particles aggravates the hazard, for they can be drawn deep into the sensitive regions of the lower lungs.

How can we alleviate the Mono Lake dust hazard? While snow fences could cut wind shear and sand traps could catch the coarser wind-blown particles, Kusko and Cahill conclude "the most effective mitigation measure would be a raising of lake levels to cover playa areas."

DWP Funds Dust Mitigation Study

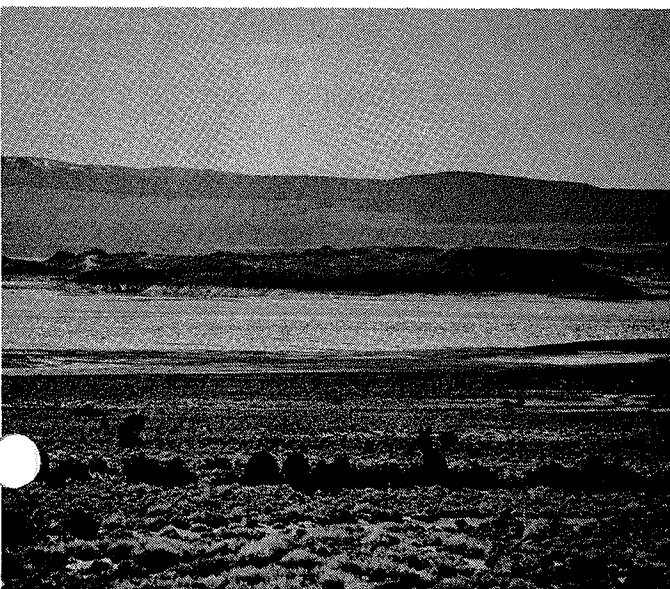
In an attempt to ameliorate alkali dust pollution caused by the shrinkage of Mono Lake, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is attempting to establish plant seedlings on two study plots on Mono's alkali-encrusted lake shore.

DWP's sudden concern over Mono dust—a threat it has downplayed in the past—is motivated by a bill that passed the California Legislature in 1983. S.B. 270 requires DWP to conduct air quality studies, mitigation studies and actual mitigation projects at Mono Lake and in the Owens Valley.

The current study, which has been contracted to the UCLA-affiliated Environmental Monitoring and Services, Inc., consists of planting four species of native plant in small study plots on Mono Lake's eastern and northeastern shores.

EMSI began planting this July before obtaining the required permits from the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area and Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve. Both agencies are concerned about plant introductions, use of fertilizers and site disturbance.

Can plants be coaxed to grow on the alkali? As another lengthy study begins, Mono's receding waters expose more alkali-encrusted lake bottom, aggravating the air pollution problem.



Looking north across the land bridge toward Negit Island on a calm day.



7 The same view on a windy day, the island obscured by alkali dust.

Mono Scenic Area Dedicated



John Harnett, aide to Congressman Richard Lehman, cuts the ribbon dedicating the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area. Lehman is the author of the scenic area legislation, and championed it through Congress.

The Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area received its official baptism Aug. 3, complete with ribbon cutting and cake.

"It's part of the movement to protect the lake," said Congressman Richard Lehman, who led efforts to create the scenic area last year. "Congress can't abrogate water rights and we didn't. But I think this increases the momentum to take the next step, which has to be taken in California by the courts to limit diversions."

"In passing the scenic area, Congress wished to say this is an area that should be preserved," said MLC Chairman David Gaines at a luncheon speech. "The challenge now is to find a way to protect Mono Lake, to find a compromise with the city of Los Angeles . . ."

Meanwhile the Forest Service, working closely with the Scenic Area Advisory Committee, is forging plans to manage, protect and develop the area. A site for a visitor center has been identified east of Lee Vining High School which affords an unobstructed view of Mono Lake. Interim management guidelines have been developed. Most private property issues have been amicably resolved.

During the next several years, the Forest Service will be soliciting public input as it develops a comprehensive management plan. This plan will address roads, trails, campgrounds, grazing, hunting, boating, ORV use and numerous other issues that will, in sum, determine what the scenic area will be like in years to come.

The scenic area welcomes public input. To contact the scenic area or be added to the mailing list, write: MONO BASIN NATIONAL FOREST SCENIC AREA, P.O. Box 10, Lee Vining, CA 93541.

State Loses Sheep Appeal

Efforts by the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the attorney general's office to protect marsh and meadow habitats within the Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve from depredations by grazing sheep have met with yet another setback.

In a ruling July 26, the Third Appellate Court denied the state's motion to prohibit grazing within the reserve. A subsequent petition for rehearing was also dismissed on the grounds that grazing qualifies as a reasonable and historic use of lands within the Mono Basin. Grazing is prohibited, however, in every other state reserve and most state parks, and is clearly incompatible with preserving "geologic features and scenic qualities in a state of undisturbed integrity."

This problem is of concern to Sen. Garamendi, the author of legislation creating the Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve. This March, Garamendi introduced S.B. 1120 to prevent grazing and other activities that cause ecological damage. Garamendi allowed the bill to die pending the outcome of legal appeals.

What options remain? The case has yet to be given a full trial, and this may be pursued in Mono County Superior Court. The appeal may be carried to the California Supreme Court in hopes of a more favorable ruling. Meanwhile, sheep have returned to Mono's southeastern shore.

The Mono Lake Committee continues to support the immediate elimination of all grazing from the reserve to protect its unique, limited and important wildlife habitats.

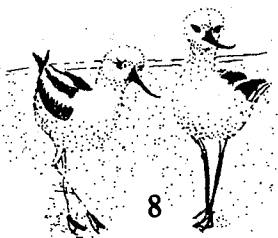
Kids Win Award for Letters to Reagan

More than 200 students at Decoto and Alvarado elementary schools in Newark, Calif., wrote President Reagan last November about the plight of Mono Lake. Two months later, much to the students' surprise, science teacher Elizabeth Jaenecke received a letter from the Environmental Protection Agency notifying her that the students would receive the president's Environmental Youth Award.

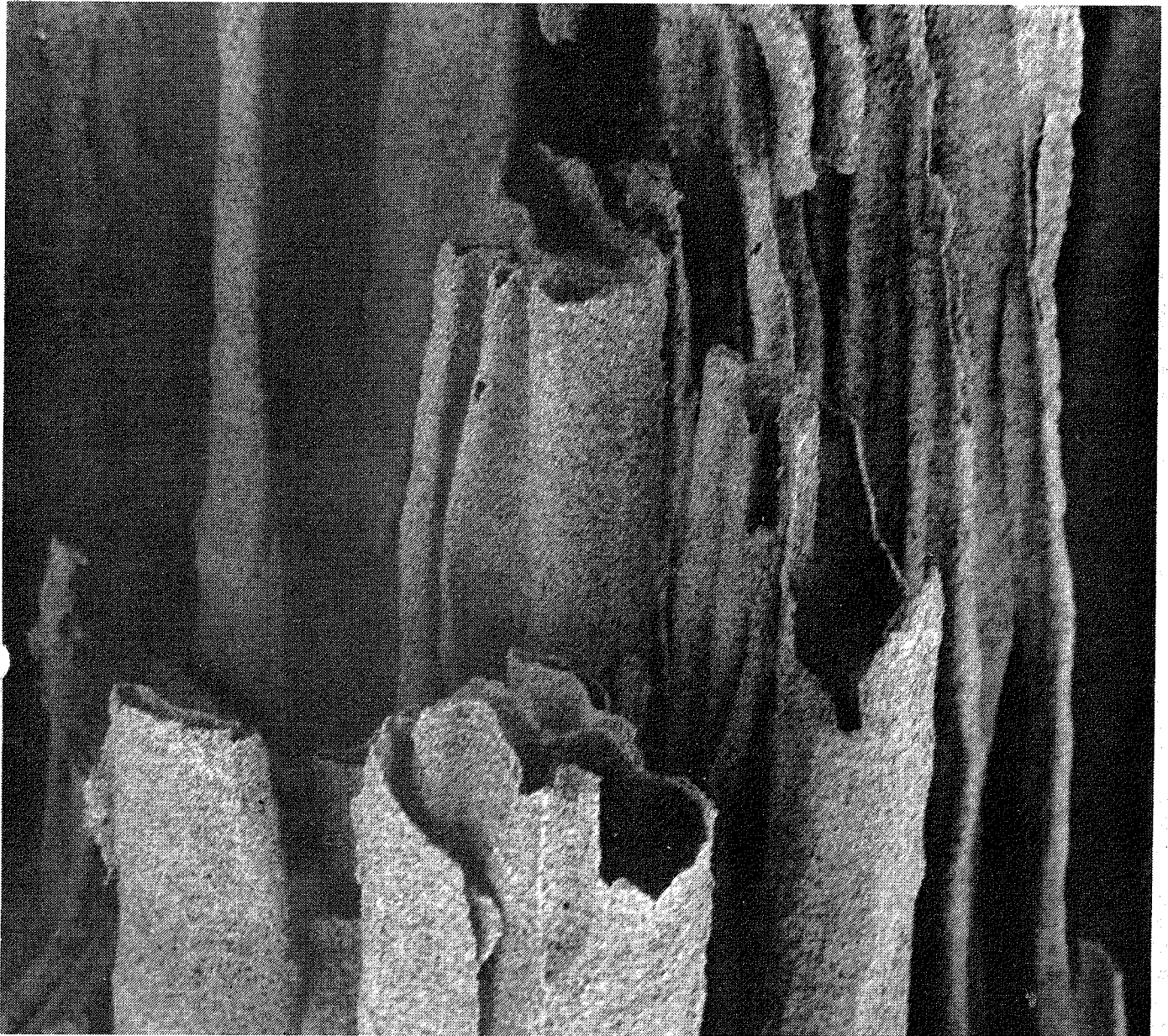
"The children were so excited," Ms. Jaenecke said. "They clapped and rooted. They realized they can make a difference when they let people in power know their views." She brought the problem to her students' attention because "this is the earth children live on."

Photography Workshop

Sierra Photographic Workshops will conduct a photographic workshop along the shores of Mono Lake, the streets of the ghost town of Bodie, and among the yellow aspen groves of Lundy Canyon Oct. 15-19. Tuition is \$220. For more information, contact: Sierra Photographic Workshops, P.O. Box 33, El Portal, CA 95318; (209) 379-2828 or 379-2841.



Request of a Passing Photographer



As I lay
Photographing these minutely detailed structures
Fashioned so eloquently by the mysterious artistry of nature . . .

I could see
Tiny mermaidens battling brine shrimp dragons
Until the lowering lake forced their retreat.

I ask you
Look at this remarkable work of art . . .
And help those who seek to save the wonders of Mono Lake.

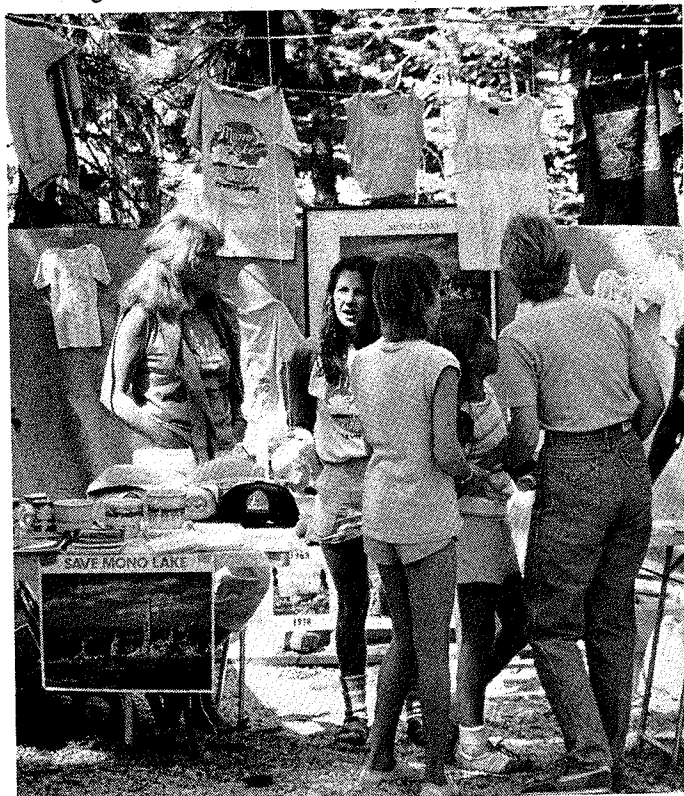
VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR: Mildred Bennett and Dennis Yamnitsky

The Mono Lake effort relies on individuals volunteering their time and energy to a cause in which they deeply believe—people like Dennis Yamnitsky, who organized the highly successful 10K Benefit Run for the third year, and Mildred Bennett, who arranged this year's Alaskan cruise and netted over \$12,000 for saving the lake! In addition, Mildred has set up fund-raising trips to see the elephant seals at Ano Nuevo, a benefit performance of Lee Stetson's "Evening with John Muir," July 4 outings on San Francisco Bay, a special tour of an Oakland museum exhibit, and more. Currently she has embarked on plans for an '86 Galapagos-South America trip and an '87 Alaskan cruise.

We cannot overemphasize our debt to Mildred, Dennis and our many other volunteers. These are the people who will make the difference and save Mono Lake.

You can help as well! Mildred, in particular, is an exemplary, inspirational model of what one volunteer can accomplish. "Fund-raising events," she tells us, "need not be grandiose, big-time affairs, but they should be cost-effective. Day outings may raise \$50 to \$100, a night at the theater or weekends somewhat more." She urges everyone "with ideas and gumption" to get involved in setting up events.

We join Mildred in encouraging volunteerism, whether by helping on fund raising or other projects (see *Projects for Volunteers*, p. 11). Please contact any MLC office for help and encouragement!



Displays at fairs is one of many ways volunteers have helped spread the word about Mono Lake's plight.

Alaska Cruise

The Mono Lake Committee cruise to Glacier Bay, Alaska, was a great success, and many thanks are due the chapters of the Sierra Club and Audubon Society that helped publicize it. The cruise generated over \$12,000 to help save Mono Lake, and all 49 participants said the trip lived up to their expectations. The weather cooperated beautifully, and there were many interesting activities on board and in the ports-of-call to keep everyone happy. Shore excursions included salmon fishing and "flight-seeing" over ice fields. Some people said they would never have ventured on a cruise if it hadn't been for MLC, and they were glad they did. Now we are planning a repeat cruise to Alaska in 1987. For next year, however, we are setting up a Galapagos Islands/Ecuador/Peru/Amazon trip (see p. 16)!! So, look ahead to '86 and '87! Long Live Mono Lake!

... Mildred Bennett

MLC Volunteer and Alaska Cruise Coordinator

10K Run

A record-breaking 254 runners sped to the finish line in the third annual *Long Live Mono Lake 10K Run* on Mono's north shore Aug. 18. It was a beautiful summer day for a run and, once again, race director Dennis Yamnitsky's effervescent spirits made the event a joyous celebration. In conjunction, a wine-and-cheese social was held the next night in Yosemite Valley, attended by 85 enthusiastic monophiles. Altogether, the two events raised approximately \$4,000 toward saving the lake.

The Mono Lake Committee is deeply grateful to Dennis and co-director Jim Rodrigues and to the many sponsors and donors whose generous gifts helped make the run a success.

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Kenwood
Mike Golick
Mill Creek
Rutherford Hill
Schramsberg
Sierra Vista

Projects for Volunteers

Mono Lake will not be saved by the government or an environmental organization, but by individuals volunteering their time and energy to a cause in which they deeply believe.

In 1978, when few people had heard of the lake, a handful of volunteers organized the Mono Lake Committee. Today we still depend on volunteer help.

You can get involved by writing or calling any Mono Lake Committee office.

Plant grass roots in your community! We have assembled project ideas ranging from displays and slide shows to letter-writing campaigns and fund-raisers. If any of the following appeal to you, we will gladly provide materials, guidance and support.

MONO LAKE DISPLAYS. We provide a set of photographs and captions which may be pasted or pinned onto a 32"-by-40" poster board of display area. Specify if a larger space is available. These displays are perfect for schools, libraries, museums, parks, city halls and other public places.

INFORMATION TABLE. Station yourself on campus, at a fair or a shopping center, and distribute Mono Lake brochures, paper stickers and membership forms. Incorporate a display on your information table.

SLIDE PROGRAM. We provide an inspiring 30-minute slide show accompanied by a cassette narration and script. You advance slides while following the script. With a little practice, anyone can give an effective, professional presentation. You supply projector, tape player and a \$35 refundable deposit. These programs are ideal for schools, libraries, museums, organizations and private homes.

BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION. Ask businesses in your community if you may leave Mono Lake brochures at their stores for free distribution to their customers. And ask them if they are interested in selling our posters, books or T-shirts (we wholesale to retail stores). We have found that many businesses, especially those oriented toward outdoor recreation, are delighted to help us spread the word. Often it is possible to arrange an evening slide program at their stores.

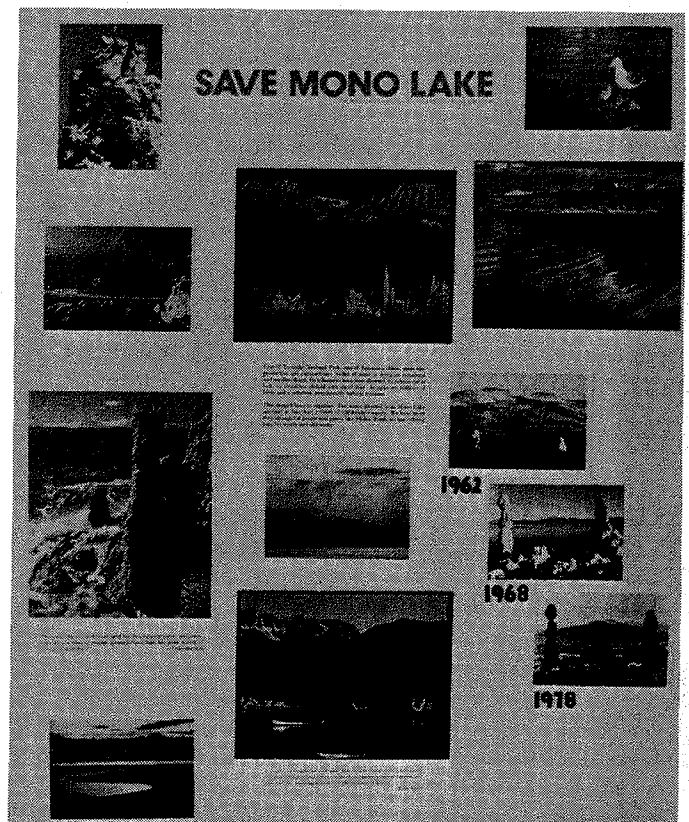
LETTER WRITING. Encourage friends and neighbors to write legislators, public officials and newspapers on Mono Lake's behalf. We supply information on whom to write, and hints of what to say.

LIBRARIES. Find out if public and school libraries in your community have the Mono Lake Guidebook and receive the Mono Lake Newsletter. We will provide these publications to libraries and schools at cost: \$2 for the guidebook, \$3 for a year's subscription to the newsletter.

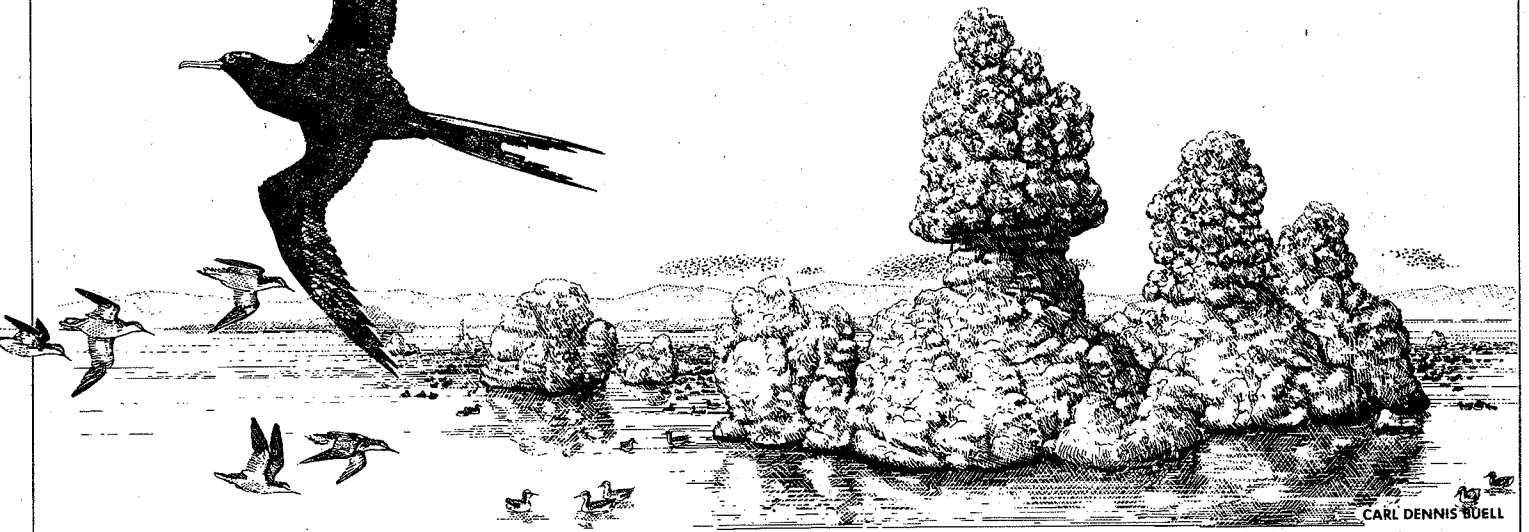
FIELD TRIPS. Organize a Mono Lake field trip from your school, organization or community. We can provide a leader, information on camping and accommodations, and present a slide show and update on your arrival at the lake.

FUND-RAISERS. Bake sales, auctions, drawings, art shows, aluminum drives, runs and cruises are just a few of the ways volunteers have raised funds for saving Mono Lake. We provide guidance and encouragement, and work with you to assure compliance with non-profit fund-raising laws.

Other ideas? Please let us know. Get in touch with our Lee Vining office, and help us save the lake! Mono Lake Committee, P.O. Box 29, Lee Vining, CA 93541; (619) 647-6386.



The Mono Naturalist: Phalaropes and Frigatebirds



We've never seen so many Wilson's phalaropes at South Tufa. This July an estimated 30,000 crowded into one small cove to the west of the nature trail. They were so thick you couldn't tell where the water stopped and the shore began. Airborne, they looked like clouds of gnats wheeling and diving among the tufa spires.

For these two-ounce puffs of feathers, Mono is a rest stop on a long migratory journey. They spend several weeks at the lake, fattening on brine shrimp and flies, molting worn feathers and growing new ones. Then they fly nonstop to wintering areas in Bolivia and Argentina several thousand miles away!

This summer shrimp and flies were relatively abundant. With the rise in Mono's level since 1982, the spring hatch of brine shrimp has rebounded in spectacular fashion. Brine fly population has also increased. There has been bountiful food, not only for phalaropes, but for gulls, grebes and other birds as well.

Rare birds are always exciting. This summer, rarities such as wandering tattler, solitary sandpiper, white-faced ibis and an adult pomarine jaeger were eclipsed by a long-winged visitor from the tropics. Unfortunately, no one saw the magnificent frigatebird gliding above Mono's tufa towers on eight-foot wings. Its bleached remains were discovered in July on one of the Negit islets.

Xmas Bird Count Dec. 31

The ninth annual Mono Lake Christmas Bird Count has been scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 31. Everyone is invited to participate. You need not be an expert to contribute to this annual count of every bird within a 15-mile diameter circle centered along Mono's west shore. The Mono Lake Committee offers all counters a place to throw a sleeping bag. There will be a compilation and potluck dinner on New Year's Eve. Bring plenty of warm clothes, and don't forget skis and binoculars! For more information, call the Mono Lake Committee at (619) 647-6386.

Mono Lake - PRBO Birdathon

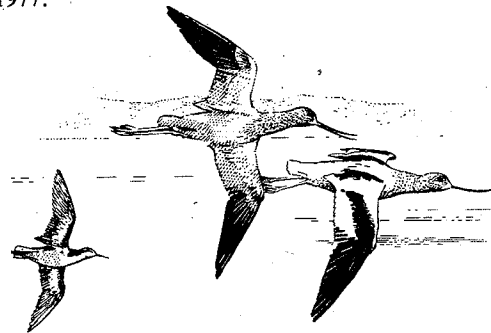
This is a belated invitation to join or support our bird-brained chairman, David Gaines, on the sixth Mono Lake Committee-Point Reyes Bird Observatory birdathon.

Belated because by the time you receive this newsletter, the official birdathon day, Sept. 28, will be past. But don't despair! It's not too late to support Gaines or participate yourself!

The rules are simple. You ask friends to pledge a nickel, dime, dollar or whatever they can afford for every species you tally any day this October. Or, if you don't wish to count, you can sponsor Gaines by returning the pledge form or contacting any MLC office.

Dave will be birding around Mono Lake, where he expects to tally about 80 species. He welcomes fellow counters! If you would like to join Dave for an exciting, intimate day of bird watching on any weekend in October, please give him a call at (619) 647-6496 or 647-6386.

This is a crucial fund-raiser that generated over \$20,000 for Mono Lake last year, and an equal amount for the Point Reyes Bird Observatory. PRBO is a non-profit research group that has been conducting important studies of Mono Lake's bird life since 1977.



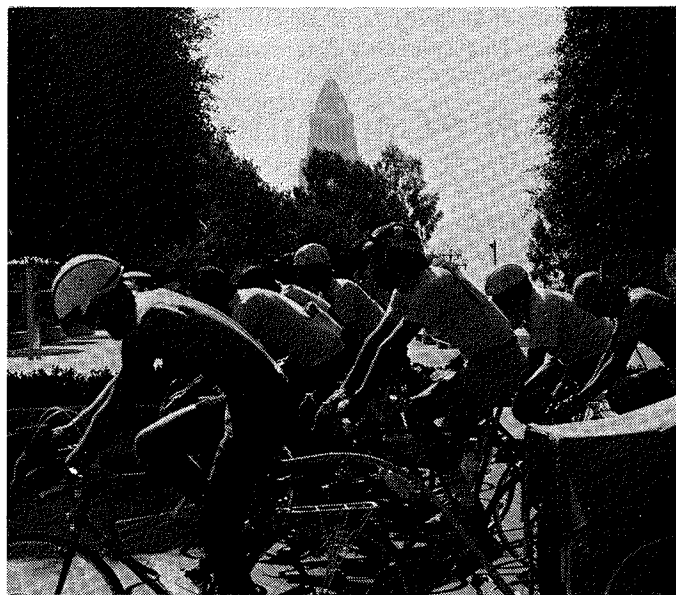
I pledge \$ _____ / species to help save Mono Lake for every species tallied by David Gaines on the 1985 Birdathon.

Notes from a Bikeathoner's

Journal

by Bob Berwyn

Bob Berwyn is one of the 64 bikeathoners who cycled water from Los Angeles to Mono Lake this year. The bikeathoners, who ranged in age from 13 to 50, attracted widespread media attention and raised approximately \$15,000 toward saving the lake.



MONDAY, AUG. 26. A bicycle trip that starts with a bus ride to downtown Los Angeles can only get better. As the bus rests amid 12 lanes of smog-bound traffic, the driver declares us crazy for wanting to cycle 350 miles through the desert. Choking back diesel fumes, I head for Department of Water and Power headquarters. Father Christopher Kelley bastes our bicycles with incense and water. We fill our vials and disappear into the gray haze.

TUESDAY, AUG. 27. Pedaling again after a night on the high plains of the upper Mojave Desert. Rhythmical pumping and breathing, a body/mind meditation. Twenty miles gone and we are still pedaling on a line of asphalt that seems to disappear into the infinite distance.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28. We cycle past the dessicated, dead bed of Owens Lake, sacrificed to a "higher standard of living." Thousands of feet above the shimmering alkali, a flock of pelicans wheels in the blue sky, looking for the lake that was.

THURSDAY, AUG. 29. As we ride to make people aware of Mono Lake's dehydration, we raise our own consciousness as well. Water becomes precious—even water in a plastic bottle at 105 degrees. We realize how necessary to life it is. Glimpses of the aqueduct transport me to the headwaters of Mono's tributary streams. With my mind's eye I can see their flows diverted and the lake cut off to die, just as if I were to cut off the flow of blood to one of my limbs. Each time we condemn a Mono Lake, we lose a part of ourselves. This thought in mind, cycle into Bishop.

FRIDAY, AUG. 30. The lovely people who drove the SAG vehicles really deserve our blessings today. About 25 miles, two flat tires and 3,000 vertical feet out of Bishop, we roll past Crowley Lake reservoir. Instead of Owens Lake with its nutrient-rich waters and wetlands, we now have this man-made aquarium.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31. The profiles of Mts. Dana and Gibbs greet us with granite silence and majesty as we eagerly push on toward the lake. The bucket walkers give us a rousing welcome. All that remains is to return the water from DWP's reflecting pool to its proper place in Mono Lake. As the atoms of hydrogen and oxygen mingle with their fellows, we feel we have somehow brought this planet a little more in balance.

Congratulations, Bikeathoners

To the fearless (and saddle-sore?) participants in the 1985 bikeathon, we owe the success of this vital fund- and awareness-raising event:

Bob Berwyn, Ann Bogazianos, Charles Booth, Judi Booth, Brenda Bowman, Ken Brummel-Smith, Ray Burke, Kelly Burnette, Rob Clark, Amy Cowan, Dan Dempsey, Mike Dressler, Joe Filip, Martin Fouts, Navid Haghdan, Craig Hansen, Mike Hart, David Hayes, Barry Haynes, Doug Hodges, Bruce Howell, Dave Jensen, Gary Johanson, David Kanner, Daryl Keller, Father Chris Kelley, Anne Kelly, Julie Klingman, Barbara Kniffen, Alice Krueper, Jeanie Leikam, Mort Linder, Virginia Linder, Michael Longacre, Geoff Lowrey, Viki Marugg, P. Alan McCulley, Bill Mendoza, L. "Boomer" Murphy, Dee Nagel, Steve Osgood, Anne Paulson, Dave Perry, Tatia Perry, Ian Riedel, Bob Ross, Chip Sands, Chris Schaefer, David Silverman, Duane Simshauser, Frank Smith, Larry Spillane, Jim Stehn, Peter Tannen, Ana Toro, George Tredick, Susan Urquhart, Phil Van Horn, Laura Walker, Joby White, Patricia Willcocks, David Wimpfheimer, Rolly Wissler, Phil Wood . . . plus SAG drivers Doug Burrows, Katy Carrel, Harriet Clark, Lieux Dressler, Jerry and Cindy Padgett, Mary Poulin and Kimby Rosenthal.

BIKEATHON BUSINESS SPONSORS

LEE VINING AND JUNE LAKE

Boulder Lodge and Sierra Inn, Country Store, El Mono Hotel, Fern Creek Lodge, Gateway Motel, June Lake General Store, June Lake Villager Motel, King's Inn, Mountaineer Hardware, Nicely's restaurant, Silver Lake Resort

MAMMOTH LAKES

Berger's, Brian's Bicycles, Booky Joint, Cask 'n Cleaver, The Chart House, Convict Lake restaurant, Designs Unlimited, Kittredge Sports, Filson's Tackle and Sports, Gateway Hardware, Slocum's restaurant, Matsu restaurant, Mill City Laundry, The Mogul, The Outfitter, Rafters, Roget's, Swiss Cafe and Bakery, Whiskey Creek

BRIDGEPORT

Cedar Inn, The Creek House, Hair Express, Ken's Alpine, The Tackle Box, Virginia Lakes Resort, Willow Springs Motel and Trailer Park

ELSEWHERE

Century 21 Locator, Hudson Valve Co., Sundance Cattle Co., Sundance Feedlot, Inc. (Bakersfield); Corvallis Cyclery, Jake's Athletic Shop, Rainbow Cyclery (Corvallis); Rancho Owls (Downey); Sunshine Bicycle Center (Fairfax); Bob's Village Hobby, Mott and Richards CPA (Fresno); Jewel Fair Hitchings (Gilroy); Village Book Shop (Glendora); Pederson Construction, Golden State Floor Covering, Inc. (Hesperia); First National Laundromat (Joshua Tree); Sequoia Outdoor Center (Kernville); Rick Peterson's Buicks Unlimited (Oakland); Peda Corporation (Palo Alto); Petaluma Dental Group (Petaluma); Brother's Pizza and Pasta (San Rafael); DLR Typing and Transcription Service (Santa Paula); Agricultural Technology, Inc. (Solvang); Vons #58 (Yucca Valley); and DCA Promotions, Inc. (Sarasota, Florida)

MLC News and Activities

MLC Selects Associate Director

We are pleased to announce that Nini Redway has joined the Mono Lake Committee as our new Associate Director. She begins work in our Sacramento office Sept. 9.

Nini brings an exceptional range of skills to the Mono Lake cause. During the past three years, she has managed the administrative and financial systems for Friends of the River. She has also served as a grass-roots organizer on the Mokelumne and Kern River projects. Her MLC responsibilities will include legislative lobbying, preparation of annual budgets and financial statements, management of special fund-raisers, grass-roots organization and undoubtedly innumerable other tasks. Welcome aboard, Nini!

Mono Lake Drawing Raises \$40,000

At our annual meeting Aug. 31, Mono County Supervisors Glenn Thompson and Andrea Lawrence drew the Mono Lake Drawing winners from an ice chest filled with 40,000 tickets.

The drawing netted over \$40,000 for the Mono Lake Committee, double our expectations! If you didn't win the raft trip on the Dordogne River in France or one of the other great prizes, don't give up hope. We are already planning another drawing for next year!

Thanks to everyone who supported the drawing, and congratulations to our prize winners: J.O. Altermatt (Shingle Springs), Patty DeVlieg (San Francisco), Dennis and Tanya Albright (Vallejo), Robert Matte (San Jose), G.E. and M.J. McFate (Palo Alto), L. Siegel (San Diego), D.F. Breedon (Santa Barbara), I. Penman (San Jose), Mary Peters (San Mateo), J.R. Stevens (Carson City) and Shirley Oxarart (Chatsworth).

Thank You, Drawing Prize Donors!

We are deeply appreciative to the following businesses and individuals for donating prizes to the Save Mono Lake Drawing:

Destinations, Inc., Bar Harbour, Maine
The Nature Company, Berkeley
The Alpine Lodge, Mammoth Lakes
Lou Roeser, Coleville
Dempsey Construction, Mammoth Lakes
Mogul Steak House, Mammoth Lakes
Tamarack Lodge, Mammoth Lakes
The Oceanic Society, San Francisco
Dealin' Down, Palo Alto
The North Face, Berkeley
Marmot Mountain Works, Berkeley
A-16, Los Angeles
Recreational Equipment, Inc., Berkeley
Ullr Lodge, Mammoth Lakes
Genny Smith Books, Mammoth Lakes
Salishan Lodge, Glendon Beach, Ore.

Higher MLC Dues

With the coming round of renewal notices, you will find we have raised our dues. While the "I cannot afford more" category remains at \$8, a regular membership has increased from \$15 to \$20. This is our first membership dues increase in five years.

Mono Lake Committee Wish List

Most of our work to protect Mono Lake is done by hand and on a shoestring budget. From time to time we do wish that certain items would just "drop down out of the sky," such as:

- A computer system with word processing capability.
- A typewriter for our San Francisco office.
- A small refrigerator for our Los Angeles office.
- Desk lamps for our L.A. office.
- A two-drawer locking file cabinet for our Sacramento office.
- A 15-hp outboard motor for the PRBO-researchers.

Falkland Islands Slide Show

Ian Strange, noted conservationist, naturalist, artist and author, will lead armchair explorers on a slide tour through the Falkland Islands Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. in Wheeler Auditorium, U.C. Berkeley. Tickets are \$2 and may be obtained from the Sierra Club office, 6014 College Ave., Oakland, CA 94618. Some of the proceeds will benefit the Mono Lake Committee.

Wilderness Conference Oct. 25-27

The Mono Lake Committee is joining the California Wilderness Coalition at the largest wilderness conference ever held in California, Oct. 25-27 in Visalia. All MLC members are heartily encouraged to attend this important gathering, which will bring together approximately 75 environmental organizations. Among the participants will be Sen. Alan Cranston, Rep. Richard Lehman, Martha Davis of the Mono Lake Committee, David Brower of Friends of the Earth and virtually every environmental leader in the state!

The three-day conference, which convenes in the Visalia Convention Center, will include workshops ranging from "Using Radio and Television" to "Wilderness Recreation." There will be multi-media presentations, programs for children, a new Ansel Adams photographic exhibit and entertainment, as well as ample opportunity to discuss issues and strategy. This promises to be a well-organized, productive conference that may set the course of environmental activism in California for years ahead.

Visalia is located about one hour north of Bakersfield and one hour south of Fresno, and is within 4-5 hours of the San Francisco Bay and Los Angeles areas. Registration for the California Wilderness Conference is \$15 until Oct. 15 and \$20 thereafter and at the door. Registration and inquiries should be addressed to: CALIFORNIA WILDERNESS COALITION, P.O. Box 269, Porterville, CA 93258; (209) 784-4477.

Mono Lake Committee

Financial Statement

June 1984 - 31 May 1985

The Mono Lake Committee brought in about \$281,254 in the last fiscal year ending May 1985, including \$172,733 from donations and memberships, \$71,371 (net) from merchandise sales and \$33,038 (net) from fund-raising events. We spent about \$21,000 less than we raised, our largest expenditure being salaries and internships (58%).

If you have questions or comments, please let us know. We are constantly striving to augment income and reduce expenses while increasing our effectiveness on Mono Lake's behalf.

INCOME

Individual Donations	\$92,601	33%
Membership Fees	80,132	28%
Merchandise Sales (net)	71,371	25%
Fund-raising Events (net)	33,038	12%
Foundation Grants	2,500	1%
Misc. Income	1,612	+
TOTAL	\$281,254	

EXPENSES

Salaries and Internships	\$150,304	58%
Telephone	18,743	7%
Printing	18,532	7%
Rent	17,164	7%
Stage	15,163	6%
Level	11,970	5%
Outside Contractors	6,078	2%
Copying	4,910	2%
Insurance	4,390	2%
Litigation	3,840	1%
Accounting Services	3,375	1%
Bank Charges	1,265	+
Maintenance and Repairs	1,265	+
Promotional Expenses	1,036	+
Lobbying	858	+
Dues and Subscriptions	581	+
Advertising	332	+
TOTAL	\$260,070	

Special Thanks to Special Friends

We are deeply grateful to Ralph Kunin and the Westside Environmental Center in Los Angeles for a donation of \$2,450 to support our work at Mono Lake. The WEC was founded in 1971 and for years operated one of the most successful recycling centers in Southern California. All income was donated to environmental organizations and projects. The WEC was forced to disband this year by the loss of its recycling center site. They will surely be missed by all who knew them.

We also wish to thank the Nature Company for years of heart support, including a generous donation to this year's drawing fund-raiser. The Nature Company has recently opened a new store in Costa Mesa, and we invite all of our members and friends to stop in and visit.

Accolades

As usual, we couldn't have made it through the summer without a lot of help, and we apologize to everyone we forget to mention:

The Ventura Chapter of the Mono Lake Committee raised \$560 toward the drawing fund-raiser. Many thanks to Jean Dale, Scott Ellison, Erma Golden, Pat Bell, Marg Wilson and Daren Bialobreski.

Jan Dunn of O'Kelly and Dunn Catering in Mammoth Lakes helped us prepare a scrumptious feast for the bikeathoners. Sheila and Dusty Foster, Pat Kelley, and Mrs. Peter Cook Jr. donated used books that we were able to sell to raise funds for the lake. Solargraphics donated merchandise to be sold in the visitor center and Buttermilk Mtn. Works of Bishop donated a day pack for sale. Hap Fraser brought us a generous supply of paper bags for the center.

Many have helped to spread the word about Mono Lake and have collected donations to support our work, including: the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite, the Mono Basin Artist Guild, Blue Skies Motel and Mini-Mart in Lee Vining, and Kelly Lundgren. The Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce has generously contributed \$625 toward the upkeep of our visitor center.

Our flock of interns worked hard all summer to keep the center open 12 hours a day, seven days a week. With the welcome help of volunteers Anita Bennett, Tim Excell, Doug Goldenburg and Patty Mayall, interns Bob Berwyn, Kurt Delfino, Takashi Fuji, Lori Jackintell and George Larimore did a remarkable job of staffing the desk, stocking the shelves, selling merchandise, keeping the flowers watered and winning new friends for Mono Lake. Intern Coordinator Barbara Stark took over the difficult task of keeping it all glued together. Their contribution to the Mono Lake effort cannot be overstated, and we will miss them all!

Encouragement from Down Under

Mono Lake is a site of remarkable beauty and importance, probably one of the most remarkable places I have visited in my 30 years of visiting parks and other scenic places of the world working as a park planner and now as a teacher of park planning and research. I am appalled at the extent to which the ecosystem of Mono Lake is being gradually destroyed. I write merely to encourage and support you in your efforts. From the distance at which I live, I can probably do little more, but I can assure you that I believe you have a very important site in Mono Lake, and that I will be telling many others of my opinion.

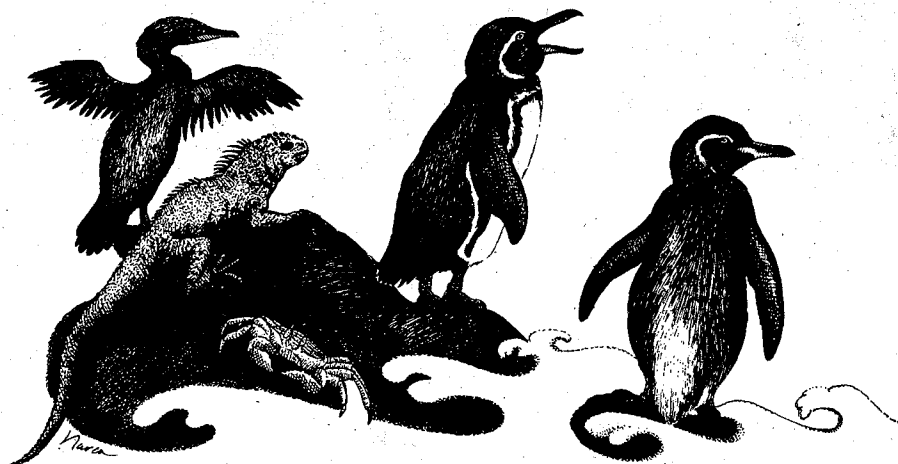
*Elery Hamilton-Smith
Victoria, Australia*

Your sincere, personal touch is heartwarming, and your dedication and devotion to Mono Lake is inspiring. It has just occurred to me to do all future gift shopping through your catalog. Why give the major retail stores the business when there's such a meaningful alternative? Truly, you make me feel a real part of the Mono family.

*Claire Brundage Krusko
Loxley, Alabama*

'86 GALAPAGOS CRUISE

Plus Equador, Peru, The Amazon



If you are interested in the world of nature.
If you like to see places that are different.
If you like to learn about new things.
If you like to relax and let someone else take care of details.
Then this trip is for you.

So what are we talking about? The success of our cruise to Glacier Bay, Alaska, has inspired us to organize a South American adventure that no nature-lover should miss. A substantial portion of the reasonable fare will be a tax-deductible donation to help save Mono Lake!

The Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, Peru and the headwaters of the Amazon River are all in the itinerary of this MLC-sponsored trip June 24 to July 10, 1986. We shall spend eight days visiting the key islands of the Galapagos archipelago

aboard the finest cruise ship in the islands, the *Santa Cruz*. And that's not all! We will explore Peru's fabled Machu Pichu and the colorful towns of Peru's Lima and Cuzco and Ecuador's Quito. Guides knowledgeable about flora, fauna and culture will accompany all parts of the trip. A generous portion of the cost will be a tax-deductible donation to save Mono Lake!

Betchart Expeditions Inc., a specialist in nature trips for non-profit groups, is working with us in planning the trip.

Interested? For details, please send a self-addressed, stamped legal-size envelope to: MLC ADVENTURE, c/o Mildred Bennett, 2719 Marin Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708. Or contact any MLC office.

Mono Lake Calendar a Knockout

The 1986 Mono Lake color wall calendar is the culmination of a volunteer's dream. Several years ago U.C. Berkeley student Grant Davis was in Washington, D.C., working as a congressional aide. Hundreds of letters poured in on the Mono Lake issue, only to be turned into cold, computerized statistics. Legislators saw the name, but didn't understand the beauty and power of the Mono Lake landscape.

Davis had an inspiration. A color calendar could convey the lake's magic month after month. And a calendar is something every legislator needs!

The idea excited the Mono Lake Coalition, a non-profit group representing the Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth, Golden Gate Audubon and the Mono Lake Committee. With initial help from a U.C. grant, Davis worked with coalition members in selecting photographs, designing the calendar and overseeing production.

The result is stunning. Not only are the photographs among the finest we have seen, they are complemented by superb line drawings by Carl Dennis Buell, month-by-month natural

history information and evocative essays by David Brower and Peter Vorster. The printing is state-of-the-art on heavy, glossy paper.

All monophiles will want copies of this calendar, both for themselves and their friends. At our special, reduced catalog price of \$6.95, it's a bargain. And all the proceeds will help save the lake!

10K Run T-Shirts Available

We still have a limited stock of elegant purple-on-yellow 1985 10K Run T-shirts available in size M only. The shirts feature Rebecca Shearin's classic jogging gull design. Order now before they're gone. Please use the catalog order form on the back of this newsletter. The shirts are \$7.50 each.

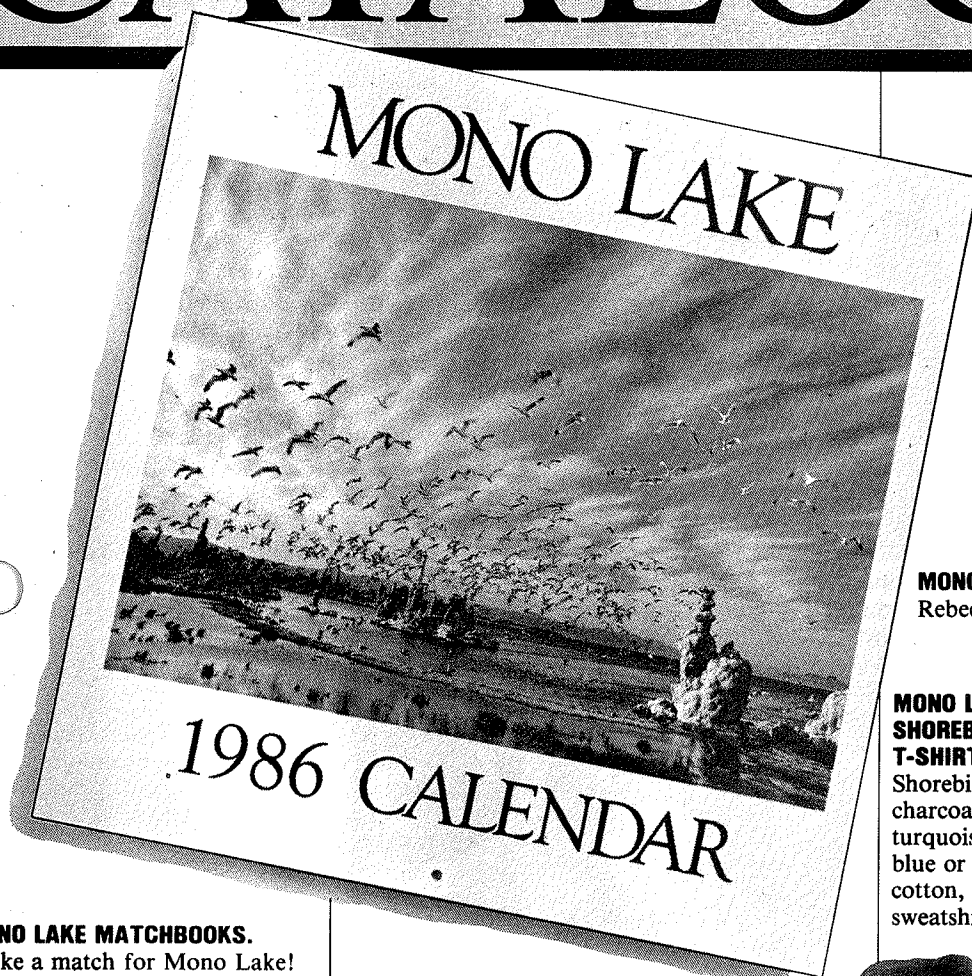
New Newsletter, Catalog Look

We are indebted to graphic artist Brian Day of *Fisher & Day Design Consultants* for our new newsletter logo and catalog design. Brian, an ardent monophile, is donating his services to improve the appearance of our publications. Fisher & Day may be contacted at 2791 Greenwich St., Suite 6, San Francisco, CA 94123; (415) 931-4381.

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MONO LAKE PATCH. Striking 5-color design by Rebecca Shearin, 3 inches across, \$2.50.

MONO LAKE SHOREBIRD T-SHIRTS, MONO LAKE SHOREBIRD APRONS AND MONO LAKE TOPO T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS. (1) New! Shorebird T-shirts, 100% cotton, in white, charcoal, light blue, dark blue, gray, pink or turquoise, \$8.50; (2) New! Shorebird aprons in blue or red, \$9.95; (3) Topo T-shirt, 100% cotton, in cream or blue, \$9.95; (4) Topo sweatshirt in white or light blue, \$16.00.

MONO LAKE MATCHBOOKS.

Strike a match for Mono Lake! Each book is adorned with gulls and tufa design and the words "Save Mono Lake." Box of 50 matchbooks, \$2.98. Six books gift packaged, \$4.47.

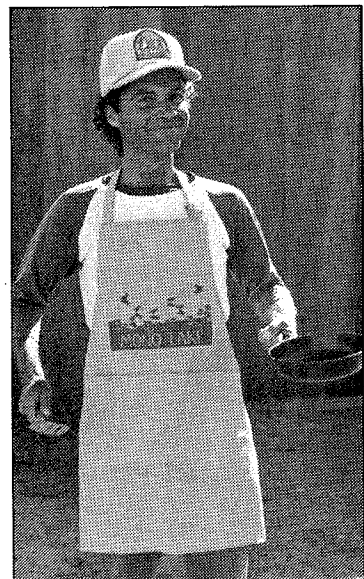


MONO LAKE COLOR CALENDAR!

At last a superbly produced calendar that captures the beauty of Mono Lake. Seventeen vibrant color photographs and seven elegant line drawings are complemented by David Brower's heartfelt essay, "Mono Lake Country." **Special Mono Lake Catalog Price, \$6.95.**



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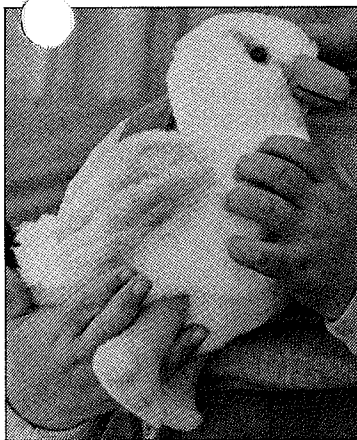
New! MONO LAKE TOTE BAG. Sturdy white canvas bag is ideal for carrying everything from books to brine shrimp, **\$8.95**.



MONO LAKE PIN. High-quality metal pin, one-inch diameter, engraved with a haunting nocturnal scene in blues, silver and white. Designed by Rebecca Shearin, **\$2.00**.

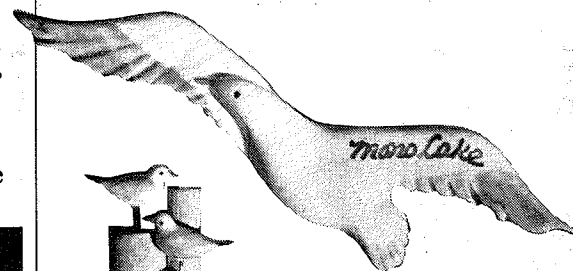
DELUXE MONO LAKE DECAL. Six vibrant colors capture the magic of a Mono Lake sunrise on a 4-inch, translucent decal. Designed by Rebecca Shearin, **\$2.50**.





GULLIVER SEAGULL. A cuddly reminder of the birds we're fighting to save. We've never seen a more adorable stuffed animal. Ideal for children of all ages—adults, too! **\$6.00.**

MONO LAKE "IT'S WORTH SAVING" T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS. High-quality shirts silk screened with Rebecca Shearin's evocative and colorful design. Sizes S, M, L, XL. (1) Short-sleeved kids' in blue, pink or gray (no XL), **\$7.00**; (2) Short-sleeved men's in blue or cream, **\$8.50**; (3) Women's French-cut in blue or ivory, **\$8.50**; (4) Baseball jersey with red, powder blue or navy sleeves, **\$9.00**; (5) Long-sleeved in lilac, powder blue or cream, **\$11.00**; (6) Sweatshirt in winter white, silver, bright blue, periwinkle blue or green, **\$16.00.**

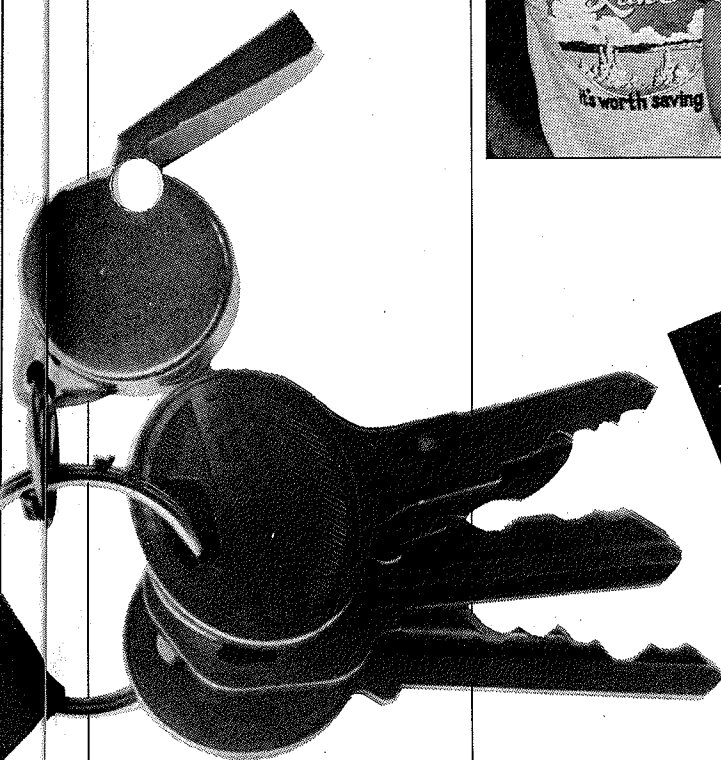


SEAGULL REFRIGERATOR MAGNETS. (1) "Gull on piling," **\$1.00**; (2) "Mono Lake ceramic gull," **\$2.25.**



MONO LAKE MUGS. Handmade blue-and-white porcelain mugs, **\$6.00.**

MONO LAKE MATCHBOOKS. Strike a match for Mono Lake! Each book is adorned with gulls and tufa design and the words "Save Mono Lake." Box of 50 matchbooks, **\$2.98.** Six books gift packaged, **\$4.47.**



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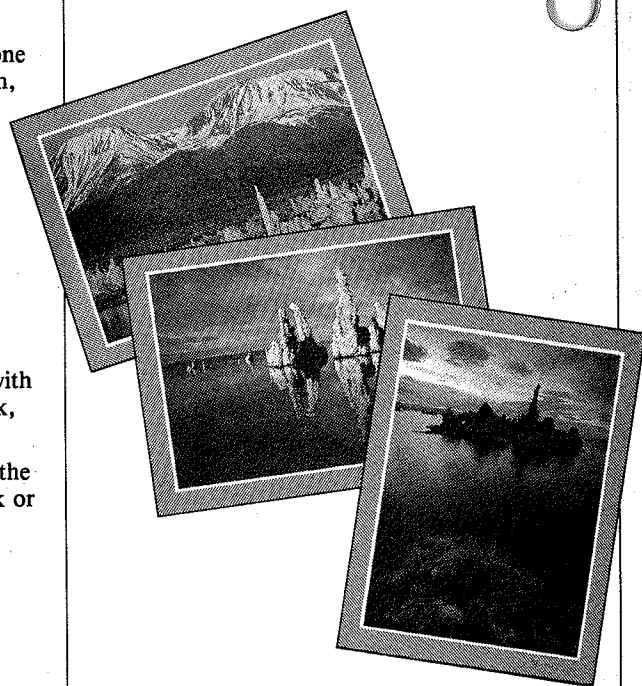
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Conventional flush toilets use 5-8 gallons when 2-3 gallons is sufficient. What can we do about this waste? Use toilet dams. Our conservation kit includes two brass toilet dams guaranteed for five years, as well as a shower head water saver and toilet leak detection tablets. A family of four will save about 20,000 gallons a year! **\$3.50**

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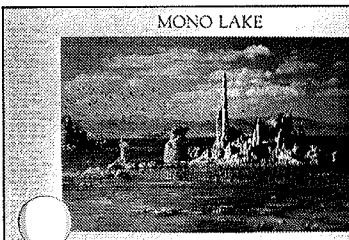
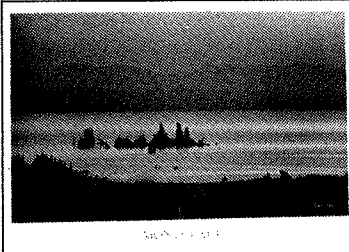


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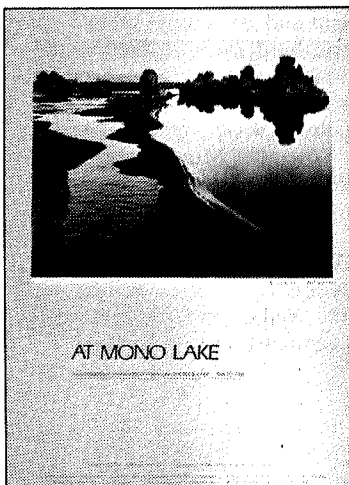
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MONO LAKE POSTERS

New! KENNAN WARD POSTER. A breathtaking, state-of-the-art color poster that captures the subtle shadings of a Mono Lake sunrise. This large (24-by-33-inch) poster is printed on heavy cover stock, **\$15.50.**



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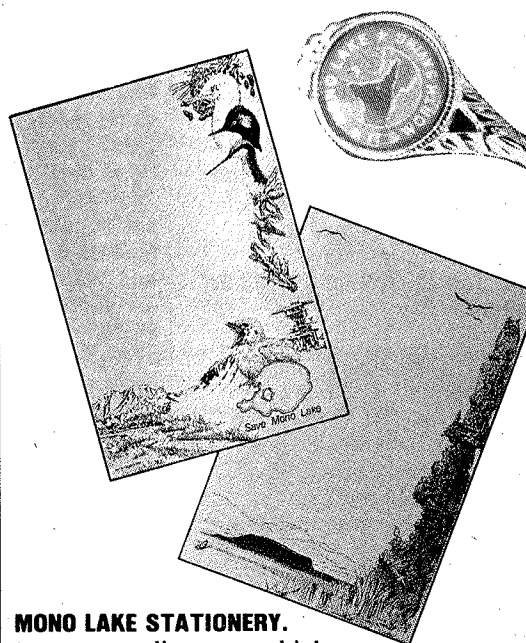
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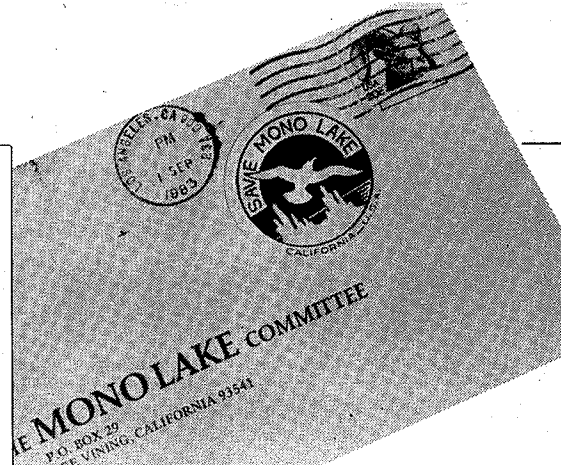
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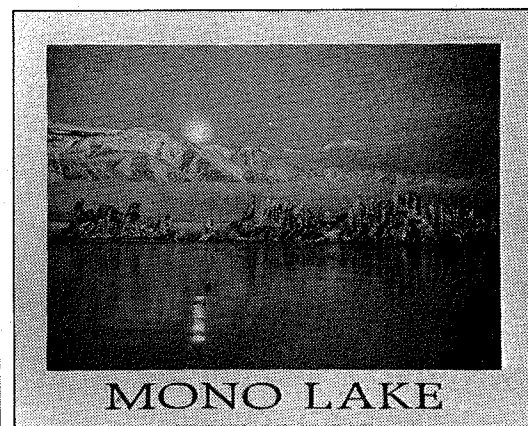
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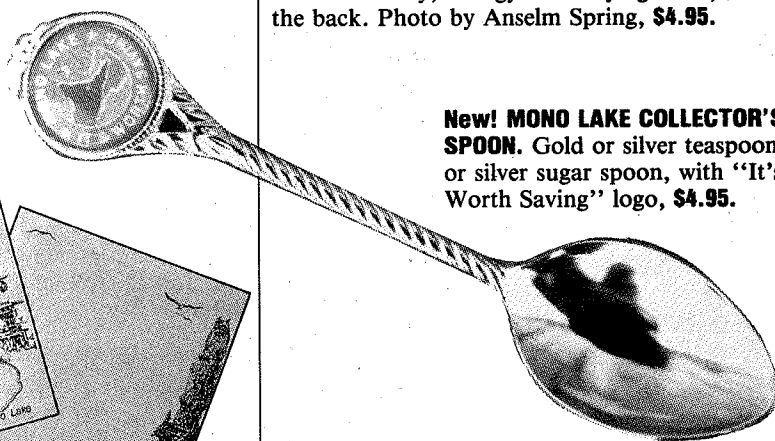


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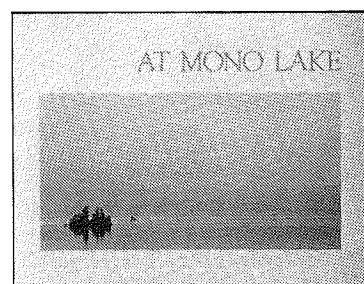
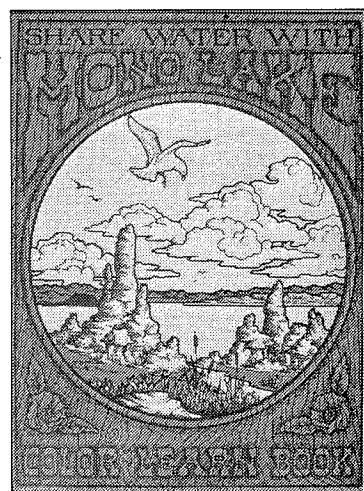
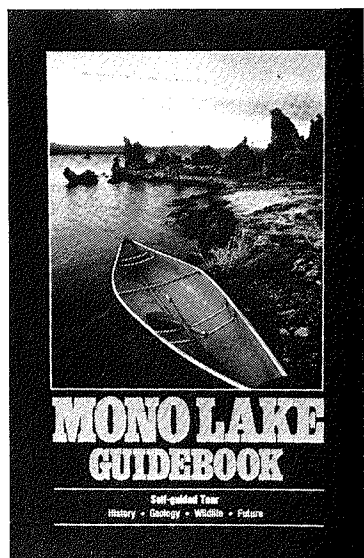


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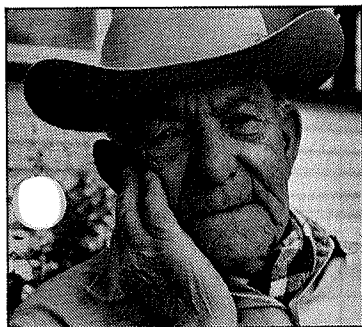
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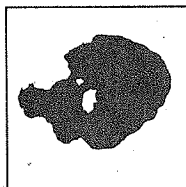
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