

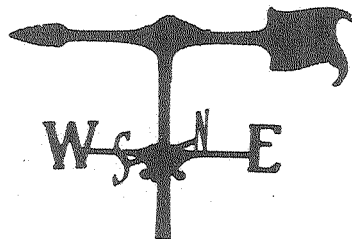
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# REPORTER

News from North, East, South, and West.



## HISTORY IS HERE TO STAY

A view seems to prevail among budget analysts that history is something we can live without.

The politically oriented may go so far as believing that history is adequately served with the repair of a few old buildings and some stirring speeches about the intrepid pioneer.

Some see only the dollar sign. Camping? Fine! Lots of gear to be sold, campers, roads, gasoline. Skiing? Great! Stores full of goodies for devotees, accommodations at the runs, all those bones to set. Beaches? Terrific! Costumes minimal, but costly per square inch. And people get so darned hungry at the beach. Reservoirs? Wow! Boats and fishing things and all that paraphernalia.

So what about history? "You can't eat it," shrugs Mr. Fiscal.

Well, Mr. F., in case you haven't noticed -- and evidently you have not -- history is big business in these United States and elsewhere in the world where the tourist is ever in demand with his kopek, franc, peso and dollar. Remember the Sphinx? And the pyramids? And the Colosseum and the Parthenon and the Taj Mahal and a thousand other shrines. Europeans and Asians and Africans have been cashing in on history for generations.

"But it can't happen here," Mr. F. will be muttering.

No? Brother, it is happening. It has been happening for some time. The "take" in history oriented activities amounts to a large pile of coin.

The growth of interest in Americana -- in a very wide range of categories -- has burgeoned phenomenally over the past twenty years. The antiques, real and phony and frankly simulated, are sold by the ton all across the land. Books and periodicals dealing with history have multiplied like rabbits on pep pills. Old auto clubs, old stamp clubs, old bottle clubs, old anything clubs, spring up like green grass in May. History societies and associations grow annually more numerous and more vocal and more potent. Minority groups across the nation are demanding -- and how they are demanding! -- that the history of their particular segments of society be taught in the public schools. Taught like it was, and is.

History is like sex: it's here to stay, brother. So history is relevant, Mr. F. Relevant to people, real live TODAY people. Why?

Because history is life, and that is not something we can do without.

Cliff M. Bisbee

A post card from ex-CHIEF Earl P. Hanson, dated May 15, 1969, says in part, "I am leaving for American River Hospital in a few minutes to have surgery. Will be here for one week. Expect to be physically limited until after June 1."

As Earl would probably say, "A stitch in time will save mine."

We all wish him a speedy recovery. Why not drop a card to Earl at 2600 Verna Way, Sacramento, CA. 95821.



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE.

Dear Neil:

It was real nice talking to you on the phone last night. I'm sorry I did not get an answer to you regarding the proposed communication you asked about publishing in the Reporter.

As I mentioned on the phone I can see no reason why portions of it cannot be published. However, I do believe that it should be pointed out that these suggestions are not the ideas and recommendations from CSPRA as an Association.

I think possibly two or three of them may be controversial and I am not sure that they would reflect the unanimous opinion of the Association or the Board of Directors. I think a footnote or an explanation to this effect should go along with the proposed article.

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Editors Note. President Brock would like it made clear that all signed material in the REPORTER is the opinion of the writer and not the opinion of the California State Park Rangers Association. Your controversial and thought provoking articles are solicited for printing.

If any official pronouncements for CSPRA are made in the REPORTER they will be so stated.  
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Several years ago I read an article (I do read occasionally) in a park oriented magazine. The article commented on "Obsolescence". I wonder, sometimes, if we don't have more of this than we like to admit.

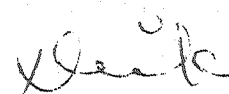
No one is immune from obsolescence. It is a continuing problem which takes many forms and saps the vitality and aggressiveness required for success. It can isolate you as an individual and us as a group, as a changing society passes by. As individuals and as a profession we cannot risk the chance of being obsolete. Because every individual is susceptible at any time, constantly evaluate yourself with test questions and exercises. Do you feel you understand the social and economic changes taking place as they relate to parks and recreation? How many things are you doing today that you were doing the same way two or three years ago? How many times have you said "It won't work", before you honestly tried to make it work?

It is suggested that you establish written goals and make no excuses if you don't achieve them. Our individual action is necessary to identify obsolescence, prevent it personally.

We run the risk of failing to develop an awareness and failing to expand our concepts in keeping with the dramatic changes of the past few years-- even the past year!

As individuals and as a profession we cannot run the risk of being "obsolete".

Sincerely,

  
RICHARD L. BROCK  
President  
CSPRA

On April 16, 1969, Mr. Dan Gomes, Business Manager of District 3, wrote to all units of the district and asked for a list of problems and questions related to the function of the Division. Here are ten suggestions from D. A. Knoefler, Folsom Lake, which he has agreed to have printed. These are Knoefler's personal opinions:

1. Transfer the Personnel Section from the Administration Services Division, which is mainly concerned with accounting and budgeting, to the Operations Division as it deals directly with the field personnel and is more aware of their needs.
2. Communications: Too often these go directly to the field units instead of through channels (via the District Office).
3. New administrative procedures usually do not consider park operating methods or the extra work load imposed on the units.
4. The use of the Fiscal Year programs divides the main operating season. This creates an unnecessary work load when the units are already in heavy operations. It also causes a problem in hiring seasonal help, planning on summer operations, and payment of various expenses as no one knows how much, or if any, funds will be available.
5. Annual Permits should be on calendar year basis as fiscal year cuts season in two during heavy summer use.
6. Wallet-size card for annual car permit instead of sticker.
7. A combination car and boat annual permit?
8. Lifting the \$25 limit on sub-purchase orders. (Times have changed and prices have gone up since the \$25 limit).
9. Elimination of the Seasonal Ranger program. Difficult, time consuming, and costly trying to find someone on the list who will be available for work when his services are needed. Will probably be fine in summer, but during "off-season" we found that those on the list are students and are, as a rule, unavailable. Also, we haven't been able to get them ahead of time for training purposes. The patrol activities here can be "murderous" and I hope the term doesn't become literal.
10. And for heaven's sake, see if some of the many forms and reports can be modified so that a few can do the work of many. For example, there are three forms, dealing with facilities, that could be altered to fit every section's needs. As of now, each section or division has to have its own form. I won't mention the new form that is supplanting the existing 202. I believe that it will strangle on its own complexities.

I really don't suppose you can do anything about the foregoing, but you asked for it!

D. A. Knoefler,  
Area Manager

There is a certain district superintendent, who shall go un-named, who will give a speech any chance he gets, on "park people" as opposed to rangers, guides, lifeguards, and such as small groups. And he is absolutely right. The way things are the organization is getting factionalized (if that's a word) by the division of the troops into more and more categories. We have Rangers, maintenance men, lifeguards, historical guides, historians and naturalists all bearing different titles and in some cases wearing different uniforms. We historians are spread too thin to start any cliques, but I think the department would have a better esprit and more internal cooperation if every man in the field had the title ranger (yes, I'm jealous). Anyone wearing the uniform is a ranger to the public anyway. I have altogether given up trying to explain that I am a State Park Historian I. Those with specialized jobs could be designated by parentheses (naturalist) or (historical guides) or (whatever); or there could be an R.O.S. as opposed to M.O.S. as used by the army with a code number designating the specialty. This would make cross transfers somewhat easier as well. I am thinking of a lifeguard who has given long and faithful service, but whose legs begin to go. He would not have to look for other employment, but could be fitted naturally and neatly into another job in parks.

DONALD W. NICOL

Well, there they were, in bold-face type, seemingly unconnected with each other or with anything else in the April issue:

"It's RESULTS that count . . ." and

"Put Quality Ahead of Quantity"

Is it really results that count? It seems to me to turn on the old philosophical dilemma of means versus ends. And I'll choose and advocate METHODS every time over results, in the belief that appropriate methods will ultimately achieve proper ends, whereas inappropriately-achieved goals represent a hollow victory.

In a service-oriented occupation such as ours, it is frequently difficult to measure either quality or quantity. Much more often than not, such a measurement becomes a matter of judgment. When both can be achieved, well and good. But in my view, when a choice must be made, whether the job is trail-building, or report-writing, or personnel-evaluating, or you-name-it, its lasting value lies in how well it is done, rather than how much.

In the science of physics, the formula  $P_1 V_1 / T_1 = P_2 V_2 / T_2$  describes the relationships between pressure, volume, and temperature of a confined gas. Perhaps there is a human relations corollary to this law: When pressures go up (especially unnecessarily), and volume of work increases (apparently uncontrollably), then the temperature goes up, too, to keep the equilibrium in balance. And if, in human relations, the temperature goes up, both quality and quantity almost inevitably plummet.

A park-oriented example --- one among many --- of the qual-quant dilemma recently came to my attention: Joe Quantity argued for spending a given number of dollars on inexpensive, short-life campsites and attendant facilities, in order to get more of another recreational facility more to his liking. Bill Quality voted for more permanent, and more lasting campsites, whether or not other facilities could be squeezed into the package. Neither, by the way, is a camper himself. These few sentences oversimplify the situation, of course, but still serve to illustrate the quandary.

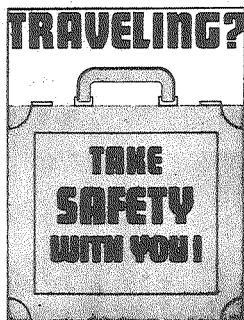
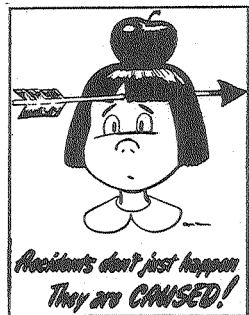
One famous and worthwhile solution was devised by the son of Christopher Wren, the latter being the architect of London's St. Paul's Cathedral. The inscription in that edifice translates thus: "If you would see his monument, look about you." So, in parks, I believe, our efforts should be bent primarily toward producing more inspirational surroundings, rather than proliferating or reproducing gobs of lookalike facilities, and thus diluting the whole recreational experience. In sum, those two brief April sentences might be integrated: It's QUALITY RESULTS that count ahead of quantity.

*Ranging HIGH &  
by Bob Pugh WIDE*

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Editors Note. My personal thanks to Bob Pugh and all the rest of you that have been sending in all the fine articles. Just a post card will do. Write it today for the next issue.

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I BELIEVE in the stuff I am handing out, in the firm I am working for; and in my ability to get results. I believe that honest stuff can be passed out to honest men by honest methods. I believe in working, not weeping; in boosting, not knocking; and in the pleasure of my job. I believe that a man gets what he goes after, that one deed done today is worth two deeds tomorrow, and that no man is down and out until he has lost faith in himself. I believe in today and the work I am doing, in tomorrow, and the work I hope to do, and in the sure reward which the future holds.

I believe in courtesy, kindness, in generosity, in good cheer, in friendship and in honest competition. I believe there is something doing somewhere, for every man ready to do it. I believe I'm ready—right now!—Elbert Hubbard.

Meetings at four separate places in North Eastern Region I, show what now concerns these members, mandatory transfer. What opened this subject was a budget item by our department for an amount sufficient to transfer each man once within three years, or so interpreted.

Mr. Ed Wilson was in our area. He was unable to reveal a transfer plan that would be used if and when this budgeted amount was approved. He did say that he felt each case must be considered separately.

There is no room in modern personnel management for arbitrary or routine transfers. In most cases a policy of this sort accomplishes nothing except resentment and expenditure of funds. We hope that we will never be exposed to a plan that did not consider each case separately.

Transfers are made for the convenience of our department, ourselves and sometimes both interests are served at once. Sometimes no interest is served. Just a few reasons to think about are:

Reorganization	Staff new units
Promotion	Family desires
Training	Discipline
Health	Unable to perform certain duties
Special skills	Personality clashes
Community relations	To correct defective original placement

Transfers are a necessary management tool that can help maintain the vitality of our department. They can also create more problems than they solve when used as a substitute for more appropriate action. I am sure that C.S.P.R.A. will be watching developments in this complex subject.

The next meeting for Region I will be held at Prairie Creek State Park Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00 P.M. and is for members in Eureka - North.

WARREN BEERS  
Director Region I

From The Vice President.

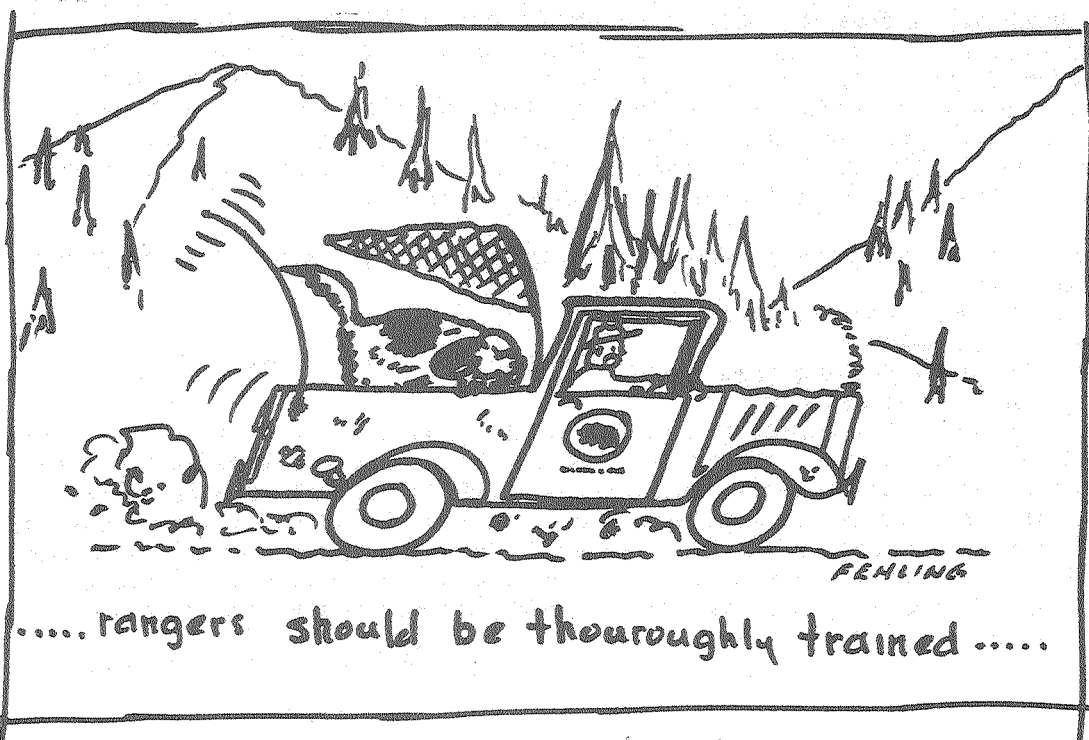
"Been tied down on Area Budget. I haven't been home except to sleep. I'll get something out for next time. Have had two meetings with committees and no doubt will pick up one on Constitution and By Laws.

Really sorry, I'll try harder next time. Paper looks great.  
Thanks, Kirk.

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I heard the following on radio station KCBS today, May 18, 1969.  
"Supreme Court Justice Wm. O. Douglas said that the No. 1 Public Enemy against conservation is the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers."

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Regions 3 and 7 held a joint meeting at Folsom Lake on May 6, 1969. The 16 members present held a lively discussion for two hours. Much of the discussion centered around the recent letter from Mr. Ed Wilson to Ranger IIIs seeking information about their military service, said information supposedly to be used in the case of any downgrading. Several positions in the Interpretive Services section have not been financed next year through capitol outlay and several individuals will be coming back to the field.

Some of the members wondered, 1.) Was there a breakdown in communications?  
2.) Was the letter really necessary as there are always vacant positions?  
3.) Doesn't Sacramento already have all that information?

As best we could determine, only 2 field positions are involved.

Darryl Knoefler mentioned that he had heard Bass Farber had died of a heart attack about the first of May. Sorry, no further information available.

Discussion was also held on Director Mott's suggestion that the Rangers publish a book on good eating places. It was thought that the ranger in a small community with just two or three restaurants would be in a bind if only one of the three were mentioned. The idea was suggested that the book be a listing of speciality foods, such as, where to get a good crab dinner, Cornish Pasties, elk steaks, etc.

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"BE A PRO"

It takes a lot of guts to wear personal protective equipment. The first catcher to wear a face mask was laughed out of the game. Fielders who wore mits were jeered by the crowds. Football helmets were worn by "sissies" and as for face masks, well...la de da!

But this protective equipment has proven itself and the men who first wore it turned out to be the smart ones.

Personal protective equipment is worn by those who know the risks.

A crash helmet and seat belt are mighty comforting when you're zipping around an auto race track at 150 miles per hour.

A helmet, shoulder pads, and kidney pads make life a lot more enjoyable when you're being cut down by a 275-pound tackle.

In industry, it's just as smart to wear protective equipment. When loads are swinging overhead, or men are working above you, wearing that hard hat and those safety shoes show that you're at least as smart as a professional athlete.

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I'd like to see the Board of Directors of SSPRA consider the following:

(1) CSEA paper indicated recently that park rangers were 14.2% under their counterparts in a salary survey. Our organization ought to shove CSEA to some extent to try to insure equitable adjustments beyond the 5% which hardly buys the hamburger at inflated prices, to be earthy about it. The Department is apparently going to try to get Supts and Asst Supts bigger adjustments. And perhaps part of the Department's rationale is that if "V's & VI's" get more, they'll be able to relax the compaction all down the line. I somehow believe that if the lower grades get a n appropriate boost, the compaction pressures will force boosts for the higher grades. And the latter course seems to have the cart and the horse more logically arranged to me.

(2) How about a program to categorize our units with the name "Park" in every one? Like State Park

State Historical Park  
State Beach Park  
State Recreation Park  
State Wayside Park

State Park Reserve, and others as they may be added. All of us could then be State Park Rangers, in earnest, instead of Recreation Area Supervisors, or Historical Monument Managers, etc. And I think it would lead more logically, in some ways, to calling our statewide staff and complex of units the "State Park Service" rather than the "State Park System." Maybe we could even go for a new patch. As a starter, to be modified appropriately, how about the California-poppy-dominated Scenic Highway marker? Poppies are certainly more significant than grizzlies!

From a Region 3 member.



## RETIRED CSPRA RUDOLPH ANDERSON

What does a Ranger do when he retires? That's a good question. When I asked "Rudy" or "Andy" that question, he just shrugged and said, "nothing".

Anyhow, it was on March 28, 1942, that a ruddy complexioned man approached me at San Clemente Beach State Park and introduced himself as a new Custodian, joining Kenny Stanley and myself as the operating staff.

Here are some of the men that served under Andy: Jack Lemley, Tiny Philbrook, Bob Frenzel, Lyle Watson, Fred Spicer, Jim Avant, Bill Norton, John McManus, Al Schmidt, Paul Jordan, Loren Forsyth, Charley Murray, Ray Robinson, Lyle Keith, Dan Rushing, G.A. Fiahlo, John Fleming, Luke Vaught, and Jim Neider. I am sure there are others, but neither of us could come up with their names. Our apologies to those omitted.

Over a period of seventeen years, Andy was a builder. He bought some land in Yucca Valley and he and Mary Spent their days off and vacation building a couple of houses. After retirement, they spent considerable time down there, selling one place and keeping the other for a place to relax.

Andy took his retirement on July 27, 1967, after more than twenty-five years in the same park. I would like to see someone beat that for staying put. Rudolph, the red nosed Ranger, has that record on ice!

Andy was the most even-tempered Ranger that ever lived, altho I think it was Fred Spicer that told me he saw Andy mad - just once. That's a record too!

He and Mary are now living in their home at 213 Ave. Victoria, in San Clemente. The years have been good to them both.

GENE VELZY

## NOTES AND QUOTES

There will be a hearing on Senator Alan Cranston's bill ( S.1219 ) to stop oil drilling and phasing out of production in Santa Barbara Channel on May 26 th. in Washington, D.C. Write or wire today to: Honorable Frank Moss, Chairman ( Utah ) Senate Sub-Committee on Minerals, Materials, and Fuel, New Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C.

Whenever you feel blue, think about the laughing hyena. He can still laugh even though he usually only eats once a week, and mates once a year.

Almost all of us have enjoyed and appreciated the "Rangers Report & Review" as published by Bob Hanks. He has spent untold hours of his own time, much money to keep the publication going. We have sent in donations previously as our token of appreciation, instead of subscriptions. Now, Bob has a decision to make. Obviously, he can't finance the whole venture. What will it be, more ads, that would help. Subscriptions would be workable, but some extra work also for Bob. How about one more round of donations? I'm sure the money and encouragement would get RRR swinging again. Hanks address is Box 111, San Simeon, CA. 93452

The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting will be in Redding, California on June 13, 1969. The exact location isn't available as of this date.

The next issue of the REPORTER will be out on June 16. All material and reports should be back in Columbia by June 14th.

Each issue costs about \$70.00 and the money comes from your dues. This is your means of communication. Let President Brock, one of the Directors, or me know about your suggestions for change.

Safety experts say we should drive five car-lengths behind the car ahead. But when you try it, you'll find there are five cars in there.

Does it ever seem to you that your paycheck has turned into a receipt for your payroll deductions?



May 30, 1969



## REPORT FROM THE JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT

The question has come up regarding the State Park Rangers dual roll as both "The Enforcer" and "The Interpreter". Can a "Cop" be a good "Interpreter"? This question and the material given with it are thrown out only as "food for thought". Whether you agree or disagree with some of the statements, think it over carefully.

We are engaged in a statewide interpretive program whereby the Ranger personnel are responsible for carrying on the program. There are various good reasons for this: Who knows the park better than the Ranger who works there full time? The experience gained in gathering program information and public speaking helps the individual to progress and increase his professional status. Public contact and being in the public eye as a Ranger Interpreter creates "a good Ranger image". The man in the Ranger uniform, including the stetson becomes a "good guy" to young and old alike. At a time when police, firemen, and military uniforms provoke, in some cases, poor public reaction, the uniformed Ranger can show up as "the good guy". But only if that "Ranger Image" is maintained, can the Ranger effectively operate as an Interpreter, Administrator, and Protector as are necessary for the full enjoyment and safe use of the park by the visitors.

Many of our Rangers are now becoming engaged in police powers training. Eighty hours of training has been given to approximately 60 Rangers this fiscal year, and included in the 1969-70 fiscal year are provisions for training 100 more Rangers in the eighty hour course, and to send 10 Rangers to a two hundred hour course. In time this training could compare to that given the CHP, and could include training in the use of firearms, mace, hand to hand combat, etc. And no doubt you could even eliminate the stetson hat from the uniform and replace it with the helmet. Now more questions arise: Can we expect a State Park Ranger who is a first-class interpreter to do a quick change, put on the helmet, don the other police gear; firearm, handcuffs, mace, baton, etc. and still expect the true respect of the park visitor? It is true, we have had CHP, as well as other officers participate well at park programs, but note- they only participated; they were not the instigators of, nor solely responsible for, the success of the program.

Can we expect a State Park Ranger to ~~hold~~ hold at gunpoint a suspected felon in the park and turn around the same day and be the image of the outdoorsman who likes people and all people like him as the symbol of the great outdoors, that "good guy" image?

Are we going to force State Park Rangers to act out the image of stern protectors and upholders of the law and then turn into the ambassador-of-good-will, meet-the-people interpreter? Are we thinking and seeking a schizoid personality? Think about it.

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Yes, the oil disaster for the Santa Barbara Channel continues, and the spill continues at the same rate as it did from the beginning 110 days ago. As a "Pro Ranger", have you become involved in this matter? You should be concerned, and you should actively speak out on the matter, preferably to those in Washington who make the decisions. How about it, Pro?

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Just received word this date from the General Manager of the Long Beach Convention Bureau that the "Queen Mary" will not be available for use until after July 1970. How about Sacramento or Oakland for the 1970 G.E.C.?

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We are pleased to report that "Lil Fat" George Lynn is now home recuperating after a 3 weeks stay in a Santa Barbara Hospital due to a mild heart attack. You can send him a card or letter to P.O. Box 134- Carpinteria, Cal. 93013. I know he would appreciate hearing from all of his buddies.

Al Salzgeber,  
Junior Past President

**A**LARMED CITIZENS in the town of Mendocino, working like a bucket brigade at a burning building, hope they've started fighting in time to save their coast from subdividers and high density development.

"The Big Sur was saved and we can do no less," says Mrs. Emmy Lou Packard, artist and coordinator of the committee to preserve the Mendocino headlands.

She doesn't want to stop with the 52 acre strip separating the old lumbering town from the ocean, land now controlled by Boise Cascade Corp. and apparently headed for vacation home development.

Mrs. Packard's group wants this land set aside as a State park, perhaps exchanging forest lands with Boise Cascade Corp. Beyond that, she hopes Mendocino's example will start "a chain reaction of parks" all along this stretch of spectacular headlands, cliffs and beaches.

Mendocino may be preserved for its 19th Century charm much the way Colonial Williamsburg was saved, but Mrs. Packard's supporters see this only as a beginning. Already, their efforts have resulted in formation of a blue ribbon committee on "parks and open space" for the entire county.

"The more our world becomes like one overgrown, overcrowded city," she said, "the more we need places where you can get away from that awful pace to restore your soul." □



Dear Neil;

Congradulations on the good job you are doing with the "News Letter." Guess we haven't seen each other since I was at Donner with Curt Mitchell. I understand there has been a lot of snow since then.

And speaking of the "Name Game";

Every time you read a piece now days you hear about some bird, animal or resource near extinction. While we're sitting around greiving about these things, the rarest species of all is in grave danger.

In just three short years it has practically been exterminated. As soon as some one comes up with a new title for the State Park Ranger I, this rare breed will have disappeared forever.

Then we might consider addressing the "New Letter" to the "Professional Managers" what ever that is.



Best Regards,

*Carl Whitefield*  
Carl Whitefield  
Area Manager

## *A new caution on drink cans*

Most people who go swimming and fishing and boating are considerate enough not to throw away soft drink and beer cans on the beach or in the water. But many pay little attention to where they throw the snap-off seals to those cans.

On the beach—and everywhere else—in addition to being unsightly, the seals have proved a hazard to bare feet, capable of inflicting painful cuts. In the water, where they seemingly sink immediately to where they cause no harm, there's another danger most of us would never have dreamed of.

Fish and game departments now find that these shiny bits of metal are killing game fish. They wobble like fishing lures as they sink through the water. The fish strike and swallow them, and unless the fish are large the metal kills them.

You will help the fish population of our rivers and lakes if you place the snap-off tabs inside the can before you put the can in your litter bag.

## ODE TO A RANGER

Oh see the lonely Ranger  
As he sits forlornly on his rust-eaten pedestal  
Notice his grim visage  
Observe his bloodshot eyes as he surveys the ruin around him  
See how they flicker, now bright, now dim  
And the time passes

Oh see the lonely Ranger  
As he sits precariously on his rust-eaten pedestal  
Notice his grim visage  
As it changes to one of puzzlement  
And concern at the growing piles of debris around him  
And the time passes

Oh see the lonely Ranger  
As he sits confusedly on his rust-eaten pedestal  
Notice his grim visage  
As it changes to one of wonder  
At the slovenly condition of the restrooms  
And the time passes

Oh see the lonely Ranger  
As he sits dazedly on his rust-eaten pedestal  
Notice his grim visage  
And pallid color  
As he realizes  
It is the Park Aid's day off.

The above was written by one of Bill Marshall's Park Aid.

## **John Muir founded the Sierra Club**

—to help people explore, enjoy, and protect parks, wilderness, waters, forests, and wildlife.

—to rescue places that made America beautiful and can keep it beautiful, places only as safe as people, knowing about them, want them to be. The club lets people know, and have fun finding out.

### **to explore, enjoy, and protect**

The club is of, by, and for people of all ages, all over. If you can be active, fine. Or you can support the club's conservation effort as a public service. The program:

*Annual wilderness outings*, usually between mid-June and September, daily costs as low as \$3 and up to \$20.

*White-water trips* in wilderness.

*Ski touring and mountaineering.*

*Local trips* — walk, knapsack, or climb.

*Educational talks*, films, exhibits, trips, and conferences.

*Publishing*, including a monthly *Bulletin* and many books (ask for a catalog).

*Library* for arm-chair exploration.

*Discussion groups* in some 200 volunteer committees, plus special task forces.

*Chapters*—in California, the Pacific Northwest, the Great Basin, the Rocky Mountains, the Southwest, the Great Lakes region, and on the Atlantic seaboard.

*Huts and lodges* — 14 in California.

The Brown Act of the State of California has the following preamble.

"The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for the people to know.

"The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

From District 3 to All Employees

May 16, 1969

I have received a report at the District Office and also a report from Sacramento of park visitors who have observed on-duty personnel carrying firearms. This letter is to request that until we have an approved Departmental policy on the carrying of firearms and other protective devices while on duty that it shall stop immediately. Under no circumstances are the employees to carry firearms on duty.

I am aware that certain situations in recent months have caused a great deal of apprehension on my part and much more particularly for the personnel and drastically points up the need for a policy for protection of park personnel. Such policy is in rough draft now and is being considered by the Department and the Director but until this policy comes out and is official, the best advice I can give to the field personnel is use your radios and call for help and try above all to avoid getting into situations of no return.

I am attaching a letter and asking the Area Managers to request the Unit Supervisors to have all employees sign the letter and date it stating that they have taken their copy of this letter. When this is completed the Area Managers will return it to the District Office for our files.

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In the matter of Honorary State Park Rangers perhaps we should spread out more. All the recipients of the honor have been deserving, but there seem to be many others who have been ignored because their contribution has been indirect. The honor should have two purposes; one, to give recognition for services to conservation, two, to get publicity for the cause and for our organization by the very prominence of those honored. Why should we be so parochial as not to honor prominent conservationists who have no direct connection with California or the California State Parks?

I am thinking, for instance of such people as Mrs Lyndon Johnson and Stewart Udall, now that they are safely non-political, or film maker Ivan Tors, or Walter Cronkite or even the editors of Time magazine who have been doing good service lately.

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