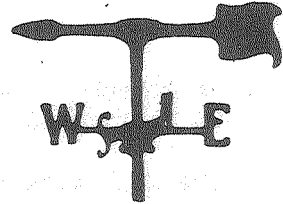




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REPORTER

News from North, East, South & West

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

October 1971

First, I would like to congratulate Ranger Joe Hood who was selected to receive the CSPRA scholarship to the 1972 Audubon Camp of the West.

The ballots are in regarding the amendments to the Constitution which would admit all Rangers and Park Maintenance Men to full membership.

I am very pleased and gratified at the response to the ballots, a total of 274 ballots were returned. This to me indicates that you the members are truly interested in CSPRA and its future. My sincere thanks for supporting my stand on expanding the membership to include all Rangers and Maintenance Men. The results were:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
To admit Ranger Trainees	225	49
Seasonal Rangers	203	69
Maintenance Men	182	91

I attended parts of the 1972 CSEA General Council Meeting which was held in Fresno. My ambitions to meet with other mutually recognized Associations was not possible, as this year C.S.E.A. did not have a mutually recognized group. Therefore it was impossible to meet them.

By and large the resolutions as presented and heard by the various committees were a re-hash of prior years. However, the entire GEC is a very healthy approach to bettering the position of each State employee. As the President of C.S.E.A. emphasized in his message, the past year had many battles and all was not lost, there were benefits gained such as the 1/50th retirement formula, time and one-half for overtime, nightshift differential, unemployment insurance and other accomplishments. The program for the coming year is going to be an uphill struggle and C.S.E.A. will need your individual support.

Here at Hearst Castle there is a movement underway to obtain Union representation for the non supervisory employees. The Union of State Employees Local 411, AFL-CIO has signed up a number of employees as members and has created a chapter here at the Castle. Having never worked with a Union before this is going to be a new experience for me as a Manager. I am sure that other areas will sooner or later experience the impact of a Union in their midst.

Neil Power, who has worked long and hard on publishing the "Reporter," has indicated that he would like to take a break as Editor and is hopeful that someone will step forward and volunteer to take over the job. If any of you have printers ink in your veins and would like to become the Editor, please let me or Neil know of your desires.

My congratulations to all of the new Rangers I's who successfully completed their year as Trainees. I also want to welcome to the Department, the newly appointed Ranger Trainees and wish them total success in their chosen profession as California State Park Rangers.

(Wesley E. Cater)
Wesley E. Cater
President

The man who says "it can't be done" is always interrupted by someone doing it.

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Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

On November 3 and 4, 1971, the Department Uniform Committee will meet in Sacramento.

The following items will be on the agenda:

1. New shoulder patch design.
2. Wearing of keys, key chains, etc., with the dress uniform.
3. Resolve the results of the v-neck tee shirt poll.
4. Grooming standards.
5. Women Ranger uniform.
6. Ranger Dress uniform shirts - new perma-press and Conqueror brand shirts - competing with Elbeco.
7. Ranger dress belt change.
8. Lighter weight material for dress pants and/or modernization of the whole uniform.

If you have any comments on the above items, or anything you would like brought before the committee, please contact me by November 1st.

Any member of the Dept. Uniform Committee.

WOULDN'T A RANGER ON A BICYCLE LOOK FUNNY?

Back in December I was talking to Don Ritchie from the Golden Gate Area. Don was doing a study on the feasibility of using bicycles for patrol. At that time I took the all to standard approach to new ideas and told Don that I thought a bicycle patrol of Big Basin would be impractical. With 243 campsites spread over several miles of the park, connected by some uphill grades, a Ranger would spend most of his time huffing and puffing. I quickly forgot all about the idea.

In the middle of July my family and I moved into park housing. Although we had our bicycles with us, we didn't ride them because we thought there were too many hills. One extra fine evening I decided to give my bicycle a try, though I anticipated more walking than riding. I was in for a big surprise. Even with my one speed Schwinn, I found I was able to pedal back up those steep roads. As the weeks rolled by I found that I could ride every road in the main part of the park.

I took to riding my bike to work. Soon I was being kidded. People jokingly said, "Why don't you use your bicycle for patrol, after all it's green?" My first reaction to the comment was that I would look funny patrolling on a bicycle. I would be embarrassed. Then I remembered Don's comments, "We should be embarrassed driving around in big smog belching, noise making cars and trucks!" I decided to give it a try. Donning my Stetson, I stepped out into the clear fresh air, mounted my bicycle and pedaled off. I greeted each person along the way and received cheery hellos.

As I traveled along, I ran the objective of patrol through my mind. Though I was enjoying the ride, I wanted to be sure that I could effectively evaluate the bicycle as a patrol tool. Pedaling through the first campgrounds, it was apparent that I was much more aware of what was happening around me than I would have been in a vehicle. My vision was unobstructed. Every sound seemed to reach my ears. In the truck I have to pay so much attention to watching for children and not bumping into trees that it is difficult to observe adjacent areas properly.

I spotted a camper gathering firewood and was able to glide right into his campsite and say, "Hi!" Having established rapport it was easy to explain to him why he shouldn't gather wood in the park. Had I been in the truck I would have had to come to a stop where I wouldn't block the road, unbuckle my seat belt, put the transmission in PARK, apply the emergency brake, get out and walk over to the campsite. During this time all the people around are wondering why the Ranger is stopping. The wood gatherer, he knows he has done something wrong, senses the eyes of other campers watching. Now I can still say "Hi!" attempting to overcome the negative vibrations. However, on my bicycle this scenario is avoided.

I found myself stopping to investigate various areas that I might have driven past in the truck simply because of the inconvenience of stopping, getting out, getting in, and starting again. We know this shouldn't happen but it does.

When you're in a truck, campers will hesitate to stop you to ask a question. However, when you're on a bicycle people feel free to stop you for a few moments of conversation.

Proper attitude is a vital element of patrol. On my bicycle I was in a much better position to appreciate the beauty of the redwoods. Since I was infinitely more happy on my bike than in a truck, it was easier for me to be observant and alert. I had a more positive attitude when making public contact.

How about the element of time? Arriving back at headquarters, I was amazed to find that the time for my bicycle patrol was only a little longer than a truck patrol would have been, maybe 10 minutes longer. The bicycle patrol took longer because I was doing a better job of accomplishing the goals of patrol.

My patrol was with a one speed Schwinn. Maybe a 3 speed or a 10 speed would be better. However, the main criteria in selecting a bicycle should be durability. Since there would be times when a bike would be ridden on dirt and gravel roads, special consideration should be given to selecting high quality tires.

I used my own bicycle and the question was raised about state liability and workman's compensation. If there was an accident involving a Ranger riding his personal bicycle on patrol, would he be covered by workmen's compensation if disabled? Would the state back him up if a civil suit were filed against him? These questions should be resolved before any Ranger uses his own bicycle for patrol. Perhaps Casey Buchter, the Department's legal counsel, could give us an opinion.

Effective resource protection requires extensive patrol. All types of patrol must be utilized for maximum results. Certainly vehicle, foot, and horse patrol are all important. Each one has a time and a place where it can be a valuable tool. Now let's add the bicycle to our list. Give it a try. Find out where bicycle patrol can be put to the best use in your operation.

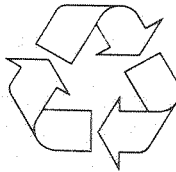
Ranger Jerry E. Henderson
Huntington State Beach

OLD CARTONS FOR NEW USES

Those three red arrows following each other on the bottom of Mueller Co. cartons are reminders to our customers that pollution can come in many forms—even as paper cartons.

Mueller Co. is one of many manufacturing firms around the country cooperating with the paper and paperboard industry in a campaign to reduce pollution from paper wastes.

The symbol is there to remind the end user that if paper and paper board products are recycled and reused, it will help eliminate much solid waste. Recent studies show that paper products represent between 40 and 50 per cent of municipal solid waste, and paper products represent as much as 60 per cent of highway litter.



Although most paper and paperboard products are disposable, the fibres from which they are made can be used over and over. Last year more than 11 million tons of used paper fibre were collected and reprocessed into new products, removing 20 per cent of the waste paper from the solid waste stream.

Mueller Co. hopes that users of our products will make our cartons and other paper goods available to the paper industry for reuse—a practice also carried on by Mueller.

WANTED - Alive - one editor for the REPORTER. A chance to serve SPR and your fellow Rangers. Will train. Best time to start will be January 1972 as that is when mailing permit is renewed. Should be reasonably close to a printer. Learn while you earn. Contact Neil Power, Box 154, Columbia, CA. 95310

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On viewing the ocean for the first time the little boy exclaimed, "Look, Mother, it just keeps flushing and flushing."
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"Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides and, following them, you will reach your destiny."

October 4, 1971

Dear Neil:

Thus far, I have received only one letter of nomination for the "Honorary" Ranger Award. It is a good letter and I am enclosing a copy in the event you would like to reproduce it in the Reporter as an example. I'm sure some members have other nominees in mind, but have just not gotten around to recommending them.

Would you please print another statement as follows:

December 1, 1971 is the deadline for receipt of letters nominating candidates for the "Honorary" Ranger Award to be made at the General Council Meeting in March. Please prepare your letter now, containing name, mailing address and telephone number of your nominee; date and place of birth, education and/or background of service; and the specific accomplishments that the writer believes qualifying for the award. Sign your name or names with address and telephone number and mail to Earl Hanson prior to December 1, 1971. A snapshot of the nominee will be helpful.

Thanks for your help

Earl Hanson
2600 Verna Way
Sacramento, Ca. 95821

Earl P. Hanson
2600 Verna Way
Sacramento, California 95821

August 20, 1971

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, nominate an unusual and outstanding man for the 1972 Honorary Ranger award. Our nominee is:

Mr. Joseph Theodore Bruggoman
La Porte Road
Bangor, California 95914
Phone: 916-679-2468
Age: 81 years
Birthdate: October 9, 1889
Birthplace: Snyder, Nebraska

Joe moved to Bangor, California near the Oroville Dam Construction Site from Sioux City, Iowa in June 1963. He lives in Bangor with his son Arthur and family. He was on hand when the dam construction first began and when the first visitor overlook was constructed. Almost everyday Joe would report to the Overlook where he observed the construction and discussed technical data with Rangers and construction engineers. The volume of visitors at the Overlook usually became so large that the Ranger on duty could not answer the many questions the public had. When this happened Joe would step in and help. The dam has been completed for over three years now, but Joe still reports for duty always ready to help whenever and wherever he can. He answers visitor questions, runs errands, picks up litter or assists in any way he can. His personality and rapport with the public always adds and never distracts from the high degree of visitor service offered at the unit.

Joe spends a good deal of time with Rangers in their off-hours fishing or just over at the home of Rangers for a cool drink or a cup of coffee.

When Joe goes fishing and he does love to fish, he usually comes home with a bulging creel. The bulge is not always fish, just litter he had picked up along the bank. Usually if he doesn't report in for several days someone will call his home to see if he is O.K. He's in exceptionally good condition, always the perfect picture of health. Recently Joe renewed his drivers license and passed the eye test without glasses. You might say our nominee has a lot of "stick-to-it". He worked at one occupation for sixty-two years starting out as a paperboy and retiring as the circulation manager for the Sioux City Journal.

Respectfully submitted,
Rangers of Lake Oroville
State Recreation Area

Original signed by 9 Rangers from Oroville.

September 21, 1971

Paul R. Johnson
Cuyamaca Rancho S.P.
Julian, California 92036

Dear Paul:

In comment on your recent letter in the CSPRA Reporter, subject: Plastic Can Liners, It certainly is nice to hear the younger rangers griping about something besides hair length.

I only have one question (right now, that is). How come the plastic sacks which you say permanently preserves junk, usually splits open when picked out of the can? Seems to me that a dozer at a land fill garbage site might just be a little rougher on the sack than that.

Jim Greene
Jim Greene
Heart Bar S. P.

WILDERNESS SANITATION

YOU ARE ABOUT TO TAKE A STEP BEYOND CIVILIZATION, a step into the rugged, untamed wilderness. While in the wilderness, you will be without the modern conveniences to which you are accustomed. You will be "roughing it" — without lights, without refrigeration, and without plumbing. Here in this untamed country, you will be without even the most basic sanitation facilities. There are no garbage collections and no toilets. You will have to manage without these conveniences.

DISPOSING OF WASTE AND REFUSE IS A MOST IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE. Improper disposal of refuse will spoil and pollute these areas. If you handle sanitation properly, you will leave the land clean and attractive for yourself and others to enjoy. How do you do this? There are right and wrong ways to dispose of wastes in the wilderness. The proven methods of such waste disposal are described as follows:

HUMAN WASTE. Fortunately, nature has provided in the top 6 or 8 inches of soil a system of "biological disposers" that works to decompose organic material. Keeping this in mind, you should:

-Carry with you a small digging tool. A light garden trowel is good.
-Select a suitable screened spot at least 50 feet from any open water.
-Dig a hole 8 to 10 inches in diameter, and no deeper than 6 to 8 inches — to stay within the "biological disposer" soil layer. Keep the sod intact if possible.
-After use, fill the hole with loose soil and then tramp in the sod.
-Nature will do the rest in a few days.

CAMP WASTE. Carry out cans, bottles, aluminum foil, and anything else that will not burn. Cans are easier to carry if they are scorched and flattened. Burying is NOT satisfactory because the cans usually will be exposed by animal or frost action.

-Burn in your campfire all paper and other burnable material.

From Washington Alpine Club BULLETIN
as prepared by U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
Forest Service.

Beauty, be dammed.

This is the Eel River today. Sooner or later, the California water lobby will succeed in damming up all this beauty under huge, ugly reservoirs. Forever.

Unless we stop them. Forever.

The water lobby wants to dam the last three wild rivers in our state. The Eel, the Trinity, and the Klamath. These dams would destroy millions of acres of natural beauty, great stands of redwoods, salmon and steelhead runs, large herds of deer and elk, and the home of most of America's last bald eagles.

Recently, this plan was stopped by a few far-sighted legislators and economists. People who know that Southern California does not need Northern California water. That there is no California water shortage. And that there are sensible alternatives to

prepare us for possible future shortages.

Unfortunately, the water lobby has only been stopped temporarily.

Now, however, there are two ways to stop them permanently. One is House Resolution 7238, sponsored by Congressmen Jerome R. Waldie and 7 other California representatives. The other is California State Senate Bill 107. These bills will preserve all three river systems. Forever.

You can help this legislation pass. Details (and the facts about the California water situation) are in The Wild Rivers Reporter, a publication of the California Committee of Two Million.

Send for a free copy. And the California water lobby be dammed.

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The California Committee of Two Million is a group formed to pass legislation to save the Eel, Trinity, and Klamath river systems from a series of 20 dams proposed by various state and federal agencies.

Gentlemen:

I'd like to help dam up the California water lobby.

☐ Please send me a free copy of The Wild Rivers Reporter.

☐ Please enroll me as a charter member of CCO2M. Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____.

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STATE _____ ZIP _____

Please make check payable to CCO2M.

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Death of a Bird

Final Savagery In a Kids' Zoo

New Brunswick, N.J.

When the tiny city farm known as the Children's Barnyard was closed Tuesday, only a pigeon with a broken wing was left behind—and Wednesday morning the crippled bird was found smashed to death, just as so many other animals at the yard had been tortured, maimed and killed recently.

For nearly eight years, the little barnyard in the center of the city had housed a collection of animals — chickens, ducks, rabbits, pigs, turkeys, geese, sheep, goats and ponies — for the joy of city children.

But during recent months workers at the Middlesex county animal shelter, which ran the baryard, have arrived in the morning to find animals killed or tormented — ducks with their legs broken, chickens strangled, geese with their eyes gouged out, rabbits stomped to death and puppies stolen and killed nearby.

Finally, said Robert Jamison, the executive director of the shelter: "We closed it down and took the animals to the country because we couldn't face it any longer." But a pigeon named Lone-

some George, grounded with a broken wing, was left behind.

And Wednesday morning George was found dead, too, smashed to death with hurled apples stolen from a nearby tree, and with stones.

"We didn't move him with the others," Jamison said. "I suppose we should have, but we thought we would leave just a tiny bit of life in the yard. And now, you see there is none."

The little red barn and its enclosed yard have been assaulted with rocks, bricks and bottles, mostly with fist-sized rocks taken from the Penn Central Railroad's viaduct 100 feet overhead. The yard itself has been invaded by unknown persons who have battered the barn and broken windows.

Th attackers — only rarely have they been caught and those caught have generally been juveniles released in their parents' custody — have scaled the eight-foot fence topped with barbs to mutilate and kill the animals.

"Why? I guess we're living in a sick society among sick people, and even sick children," said one shelter worker.

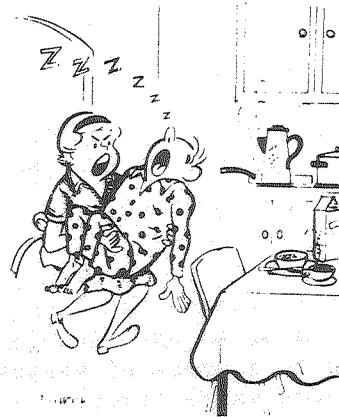
N.Y. Times Service

TO: ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS

SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Nominations Committee will meet, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of President and Vice-president, at 1200 hours, Wednesday, October 27, 1971 on the Fourteenth Floor of the Resources Building, Operations Division Hq.

Richard L. Brock
Richard L. Brock, Chairman



"If you think I'm serving you breakfast in bed—you've got another think coming!"

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THAT'S NICE TO HEAR

"California has an exceptionally high caliber of public employees within its state service.

"At governors' conferences my fellow governors very often speak--with some envy--of the caliber of California's public servants.

"For many--the highway patrolmen, prison guards, fire fighters--a day's work may well include risking life and limb to protect or serve the citizens of California.

"Danger is accepted as part of their daily job and many of them have given their lives carrying out their oath to protect you and me.

"Yet the phrase 'above and beyond the call of duty' is not necessarily limited to those who serve in dangerous assignments. Most of our state employees bring the same dedication to their daily tasks.

"They work quietly and efficiently to provide the variety of services that state government is obligated to maintain for the 20 million people of California..."

Governor Ronald Reagan
Luncheon speaker at CSEA's
30th Annual Institute on Government

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All conservationists are urged by the California Fish and Game Commission to demand the continued scientific management of our renewable wildlife resources in the face of a growing campaign against sport hunting

Our wildlife is at stake

Statement of the Fish and Game Commission

IT IS CONSISTENT with our responsibility as Fish and Game Commissioners that we should "sound the alarm" on a serious threat to the sound management of that wildlife which has been entrusted to our care.

Opponents of all sport hunting are now combining forces and unleashing a vigorous campaign to convince the public and their elected representatives that "complete protection" is necessary for the perpetuation of our wildlife resources—that conservation is synonymous with complete protection—that hunting and pollution are partners in the destruction of the environment.

Conservation and "complete protection" are not the same. Conservation implies management and, through management, the balancing of the species with its everchanging environment.

"Complete protection" ignores decades of wildlife management experience and, therefore, the vital scientific approach to perpetuation of all our fish and game.

With the widespread public interest in environmental matters and a general consensus that man has been derelict in protecting the quality of his environment, it follows that the public is receptive to the "prophets of doom" who falsely forecast the extinction of certain game species because of hunting.

For game species, controlled hunting has proven to be an effective management tool. Contrary to the shrill arguments of protectionist groups,

properly regulated hunting cannot lead to the extinction or even the endangering of any species. **None of the hunted species under modern fish and game management programs has ever become extinct or endangered.**

In the early 1900s protectionists predicted the annihilation of species such as valley quail, gray squirrels, antelope, mule deer, sage grouse, wood ducks and band-tailed pigeons because of hunting pressure.

However, under regulatory and management programs and policies of the Commission and the Department of Fish and Game, populations of these species have increased substantially, and, at the same time, diversified recreational opportunities have been provided for everyone who enjoys the outdoors.

Our efforts to scientifically manage wildlife in California are under direct attack. Tunnel-visioned protectionists are finding an audience for emotional appeals in the Legislature.

This is particularly true of pending legislation on the mountain lion and the Tule elk. We are disturbed at the prospect of being overruled by legislative action on sound programs adopted after lengthy public hearings for these animals.

Supporters of this legislation have worked aggressively through all media, developed handouts loaded with falsehoods, and directed a letter-writing campaign that reached down into elementary school classrooms, calling on the sympathy of impressionable children.

Recent success in advancing these bills has encouraged these "complete protection" supporters to openly boast that their next legislative target will be the bear. Is the Legislature prepared to take on the continuous role of scientific game manager?

In legislative hearings and at Commission meetings, the protectionists engaged in personal denunciation, denigration of official action, undisguised emotionalism and barefaced threats rather than discussing the factual issues.

None of this is to say that we are unsympathetic towards programs for nonconsumptive use of wildlife or towards nongame wildlife programs. The Commission and the Department are committed to maintain and perpetuate all fish and wildlife resources in the state.

The Commission and the Department have responded to this interest in nonconsumptive use by placing increasing emphasis on nongame fish and wildlife activities. In California nearly \$15 million in sportsmen's fees are annually expended by the Department for the protection and enhancement of our fish and wildlife. Of this about \$1 million in sportsmen's license fees are expended annually for programs not directly involving game species.

All indications are that management programs by the Department for protection and preservation of all nongame species, including those in the

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rare and endangered categories, will be successful.

In summary, what protectionists often ignore or conveniently forget is that in dealing with wildlife there is no absolute safety solely in numbers. Reasonable consumptive use has no detrimental effect on wildlife and in many cases is highly beneficial. Probably, there would be no increase in California wildlife today if hunting had been totally banned years ago. In fact, there would be far less, since the

sportsmen's license and permit fees have been the only state funds available for wildlife conservation. **California's taxpayers, as such, contribute no money for this purpose.**

The protectionists' fallacious line is that firearms are inherently evil and that hunters are borderline psychotics, compensating for personal inadequacies. Their technique is to first demand a moratorium on hunting of a certain animal, next insist on its "total protection," and, thereby, one by one,

eliminate all animals from the game species classification.

We therefore call upon all conservationists, including the Governor, legislators and citizens, to rapidly unite in a campaign to demand the continued scientific management of our renewable wildlife resources. The alternative is the destruction of our wildlife resources through the loss of existing sound management programs as well as the end to all recreational hunting in California. #

To: All Park men and their wives:

How many times have you spent an evening at a park potluck, literally stuffing yourself with all of the delectable potluck specials?

I'm sure that most all of us can answer this question with, "many, many times !!".

This points up the fact that despite somewhat varying philosophies and ideals "park people" can readily agree that they share a love for choice menus.

With this "weakness" in mind, I would like to invite all "park people", including those enjoying retirement to help me compile a "Rangers Cookbook".

Select your favorite receipes, for hor d'oeuvres, soups, salads, main entrees or desserts, give them a name, the amount they serve and any brief history as to their origin and forward them by December 1st. to:

Lloyd Geissinger, Jr.
P. O. Box 103
San Simeon, Ca 93452

I will then compile all the receipe contributions into a cookbook and with the help of CSPRA funds have copies made for everyone interested.

Imagine having the secrets of making Yopi Royer's delicious chicken fricassee or the secrets of concocting Marion Laret's famous "Calaveras Stew".

We might even be lucky and get our Association President to come forth with the techniques and finer points of making his infamous, "Caters Taders".

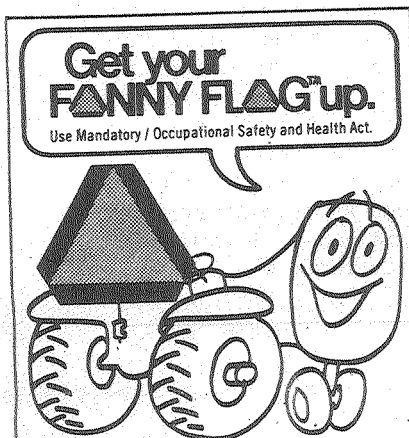
Lloyd Geissinger, Jr.

A wise man once said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for enough good men to do nothing." May I suggest that you take this opportunity to do something --

" People will judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold -- but so does a hard boiled egg. "

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