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## AB 2584 PARKS TO NPS!

Do you want some of our state parks transferred to the jurisdiction of the National Park Service? Assembly Bill 2584 will do just that if passed.

We lose Mt. Tamalpais SP, Stinson State Beach, Marin Headlands SP and Angel Island State Park.

This bill does not provide for the state park employees working at these units who will be forced to resign, move or accept positions with the NPS (If positions are available).

The NPS has no master plan. Our parks, if included in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, could well become mis-used and mis-managed. Would you like to see motorcycles in the natural area of Mt. Tam? Under NPS jurisdiction this could happen.

Home rule is best. It's easier to deal with a district office or Sacramento than it would be with Washington, D.C. **WRITE NOW!** to the Governor, to your State Assemblyman, to your State Senator, to the Assembly Committee on Resources, Landuse, and Energy.

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### NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS .....

Have you sent your Insurance application in yet?

There are still almost 150 members who have \$1200.00 in pre-paid life insurance available - - all you have to do is return the application sent to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Johnson in Region VII. Jerry is our insurance committee chairman. His address is 4954 Clear Circle, Carmichael, California 95608.

As soon as the prepaid group applications are processed, the expanded insurance coverage options will be offered.

## INTERPRETATION AND THE BUDGET

At our continuing interpretation session in October, the group brought out the fact that interpretive programs and projects often have a low department budget priority. A certain amount of frustration and even resentment is felt among field personnel because of this situation. Interpretive activities and programs provide our department with some of its best publicity and provide park visitors with some of their most enjoyable moments in parks. Yet, too often the interpreter has to scrounge for materials, equipment and time to present a program. In many cases the lack of material resources compromises the effectiveness of the interpretive activity.

Of course, when we talk of budget, the situation does get complex and priorities can change as the individual whose judgment determines priorities changes. In addition, the effect of interpretive activities on park visitors is difficult to assess

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## President's Message ..

This will be my last President's Message as March will see President Elect Ron McCall take over the reins of the Association for the next two year term. I would like to thank all of the Officers and members who have worked so hard and been so faithful during my term in office. There are so many people involved that I will not try to name them here, just make a general "thank you" to all who have been so helpful. I will be thanking individuals in person or by letter for their individual contributions.

### *How Did We Do?*

It is only human when you come to the end of a task such as holding an office to want to look back and ask "how did we do?" When asking this question there are several scales against which to measure accomplishment. One way is

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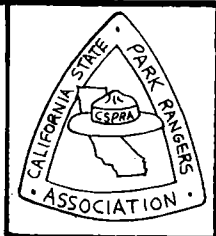
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## President's Message ..

to compare where you are now with where you started. Another way is how well you did compared to someone else who performed the same task. I would really prefer to use still another measurement. How well did we do compared to our potential!!!

Did we really do everything we could have done? Did we do everything as well as we were capable of doing it? When I think of the potential of this Association, I think of it in terms of the aggregate of the potential of all the members. When measuring our accomplishments of the past two years against this scale I must say that we have only begun to scratch the surface of what we are capable of doing.

My first message to you two years ago related a theme of "directing, participation and contribution". My message last month repeated this same theme, and I leave you now with the identical thought. For the existence of the California State Park Rangers Association to have any real meaning the membership must be of one mind as far as the direction of our efforts are concerned. Apathy on the part of a majority of the members or cross purposes of small splinter groups can negate the finest intentions of any group. We must all be single minded to the purpose of this Association - to work toward the enhancement of our chosen profession!

Likewise, the load of accomplishment cannot be carried by a hand-



ful of dedicated members or officers. When I speak of participation I mean participation of each and every member. Each one of us has something to give. Each one of us has some talent, knowledge or experience that is unique, that will contribute to the purpose of the Association.

For me, personally, this past two years has been a tremendous experience. I have enjoyed working with you and your officers. It has been a pleasure to get to know many of you personally and now be able to call you friends. The opportunity to participate with many notable people such as the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, members of the State Park and Recreation Commission and members of our legislature has contributed much to my life. I would like to thank each one of you for the opportunity of this experience.

*Jr. Past President*

I look forward to sharing what I have learned with your new President Ron McCall and your officers as I serve the next two years as Junior Past President. I hope I have made a contribution that will prove worthwhile in the years to come, and pledge my continuing support to your new President and Officers.

**E. I. C.****REPORTS**

I am sure that most of the members of CSPRA are aware of the fact that the California Coastal Zone Conservation Commissions have submitted the California Coastal Plan to the governor, the legislature, and the people of California. The various commissions (six regional and one statewide) worked for three years to produce the Plan, which hopes to protect coastal quality and to provide guidelines for conservation and development of coastal areas. Now it is up to the state legislature and the governor to enact the Plan into law. The 1972 Coastal Initiative, which created the Coastal Commissions, did not provide for a permanent program. A firm law based on the proposed Coastal Plan is needed to continue the existence of the commissions and to continue a policy in this state of wise land use planning in the coastal zone.

The Coastal Plan, if adopted, will affect all citizens of California, no matter how far they live from the ocean. And it will directly affect us as departmental employees through its policy recommendations on recreation, resource protection, land acquisition, and beach and park use in the coastal zone. There have already been instances, as at Doheny and Pismo State Beaches, where the wishes of the department and the rulings of the commissions have been in conflict. But the overall benefits of the Coastal Plan are tremendous, and without it the planning and regulation of land use along the coast will once again become the fragmented, self-serving process that it was prior to the passage of the 1972 Coastal Initiative. According to the California Coastal Plan Summary, it "promotes" productive agriculture, viable communities and neighborhoods, expansion of commercial fishing activities and fisheries research, acquisition of additional parklands, restoration of degraded coastal environment, and continued development of existing ports and marinas; seeks to achieve balance where there is a competition among goals, such as where increasing coastal access

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## Explorer Post 220 helps to move H2O tank

Members of the Sonoma Explorer Post 220, sponsored by the California State Park Rangers' Association, joined forces with a Santa Rosa group to do a good deed recently.

Six members and two advisors of the Explorer group disassembled and transported a 15,000 gallon water tank from Clear Lake St. Pk. to Sugar Loaf Ridge St. Pk. The tank is to be used for emergency water supply in a relatively dry section of the park.

## THE NOT SO OLD RANGER

### DESERT BEES

During the early 60's the use of chemical insecticides created havoc with native insect populations. Commercial honey producers were losing their domesticated bees by the millions.

A few of the more enterprising beekeepers in Southern California located a spot where they thought their bees would be safe: Miles and miles of pesticide free space in The Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. They contacted Ranger Willie, who

was in charge of the desert at the time.

Being an old farm boy and a public spirited ranger who liked his honey in more ways than one, Willie recommended their proposal. I agreed and recommended the idea to Headquarters.

Back came a two page negative answer from Sacramento. It seems the idea had been tried before. The results were utter disaster. When the good domestic bees integrated with the good wild bees of the desert, they produced a vicious strain which was even worse than a bunch of white-faced hornets disturbed in the woods. Most of us knew that a mad white-face wasn't satisfied with stinging once. When they get in range, they go over the victim like a machine gun. The half-breed bees didn't need to be aggravated. They'd detour on the way home to the hive in order to dish out misery to unsuspecting people.

That settled the matter for me. I wrote Willie a simple two word memo "NO BEES." I intended to attach a copy of the Sacramento explanation of previous disasters. By mistake, the Headquarters memo was not attached. With only my two word memo Willie had to go out and convince the local beekeepers (whom he'd led down a primrose path) that the State wouldn't allow the introduction of exotic wildlife into their magnificent park full of spring wildflowers.

Willie lived through it. He always claimed to be a lover, not a fighter.

By A. D. Philbrook

## Expressly for Wives



Preliminary steps have been taken by some of the spouses in District Six for the organization of a "Spouses Forum" at G. E. C. this year. The thought is that some of us will be interested in participating in discussions of our common problems and needs. Ideally this will be an open forum with an eye to setting up seminars and workshops for future G. E. C.'s and examining the need and plausibility of creating a permanent spouses auxiliary to C. S. P. R. A.

The forum will provide a means by which we can identify and solve such problems as; our initial adjustment to the park system, our adjustment to our continued mobility, the development of a positive attitude toward the public, the development of a positive attitude toward the park system and as many others as you might think of.

Naturally, all of these ideas break down into many, many different aspects; and, in order to get the best benefit from discussions, we need as much input from as many spouses as possible. The ultimate purpose of all this, of

course, is for us to help each other solve our common problems with the hope that this will reduce tensions between us and our husband/wife park employee and allow us to creatively contribute to ourselves and the park system.

After all, the California State Park System is one of the few, if not the only, governmental agencies which is basically a family business. In order for this "business" not to be a divisive force in our families, let's make an effort for some progress on the problems which it causes us.

If we're not part of the answer, aren't we the problem? G. E. C. this year will provide an opportunity to explore the areas of our interest and concern. What we do with this opportunity is up to us.

Bring your thoughts and ideas - see you in Sacramento in March.

Kathy Jones  
Anza Borrego Desert  
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# 1976 GEC PROGRAM

## Thursday, March 11

- 9:30 a.m. Golf Tournament  
12:Noon Registration  
5:00 p.m. Region VII Hospitality Hour

## Friday, March 12

- 9:00 a.m. General Executive Council  
9:30 a.m. Spouses: Tour Meeting  
10:30 a.m. Spouses: Tour of Capitol  
11:30 a.m. Spouses: Lunch - Lola Montez in Old Sacramento  
12:Noon G.E.C. Recess - Lunch on your own  
1:00 p.m. G.E.C. Reconvene  
1:00 p.m. Spouses: Tours of Old Sacramento, Governor's Mansion, or Sutter's Fort  
3:00 p.m. Spouses: CSPRA Auxiliary - Sponsored by Region VI  
5:00 p.m. Alvord-Ferguson Hospitality Hour  
8:00 p.m. Membership Program: Opportunity for members to present individual programs (e.g. slide shows, interpretive programs, informational presentations, etc.)

## Saturday, March 13

- 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. - Workshops
1. Photo Workshop - A presentation on photography as an interpretive tool and a critique of some of the slides submitted for this year's photo contest. Carl Chavez, one of last year's winners, will be giving a 10-minute presentation on the use of slides in an interpretive program. Ken Lybeck a photographic instructor for the Sacramento County Office of Education, and two judges from the Sierra Camera Club will be critiquing the photos submitted by the membership.
  2. Interpreting Artifact Conservation - Tony Knapp with the aid of Gerald Hoepfner of the UC Davis Conservation Lab will be discussing techniques of artifact preservation.
- 10:15 a.m. to 12:Noon Spouses: CSPRA Auxiliary  
10:30 a.m. to 12:Noon Panel Discussion  
1976 - A Turning Point? - Legislature  
Assemblyman Herschel Rosenthal, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Parks and Forestry, will discuss the direction of park and recreation programs from a legislative perspective. Question and answer period to follow.  
12:Noon Lunch - on your own



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## 1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Panel Discussion

1976 - A Turning Point? - Administration  
Resources Secretary Claire T. Dedrick and Director Herbert Rhodes will discuss the direction of Park and recreation programs from an administrative perspective with special emphasis on programs affecting the State Park System. Question and answer period to follow.

## 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Panel Discussions

1. Interpretive Planning - Norm Wilson will discuss the interpretive planning process. Ron Allison and Don Hook, Landscape Architects, will present a slide show dealing with the General Development and Interpretive planning for Fort Ross SHP.
2. Off-Road Vehicles - Wreckreation or Recreation? or Is There an OHV Park in Your Future? Panel composed of Charlie Willard, Trails and Off-Road Vehicle Section, Jeff Jones, and Fred Soderlund will discuss the Department's Off-Road Vehicle program and what impact it is having and will have on the State Park System.

5:30 p.m. No-Host Cocktail Hour

6:30 p.m. Banquet and Dance

## Sunday, March 14

9:00 a.m. Board of Director's Meeting

**E. I. C. REPORT****Coastal Plan**

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competes with resource protection, where economic development conflicts with conservation, where urban expansion competes with the retention of natural areas, or where short-run gains result in the forfeiture of long-run economic benefits; is *highly restrictive* in its control over the dredging and filling of coastal wetlands, its protection of areas of unusual natural or historic value, and in its regulation of activities that involve substantial environmental risk or the loss of productive agricultural or forest lands."

In short, this plan is necessary for sound coastal zone planning. State legislators need input to help them adopt the proposed plan or formulate a better one. We should let them know where we stand as individuals on this important issue. Also, copies of the entire California Coastal Plan can be ordered from Documents and Publications Branch, P. O. Box 20121, Sacramento 95820. Price is \$4.50, including tax, postage,

**PROPOSED BUDGET 76/77**

Estimated Income				
Memberships dues				
	active	501 @ \$48		24,048.00
	active retired	@ 9		228.00
	associate	@ 18		216.00
				24,552.00
— Controllers fee				407.00
				24,145.00
G.E.C. Advertising				2,000.00
				26,145.00
Est. Reserve from 75/76				1,500.00
				27,645.00
Expenditures				
G.E.C.				8,000.00
Bd. Mtgs.				2,400.00
Bd. of Dir.				1,000.00
Ex. Sec.				1,200.00
Committee				600.00
SS+S				2,700.00
Scholarship				1,500.00
Reporter				3,150.00
Assoc. Program Fund				2,500.00
Insurance				2,960.00
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Besides supporting the California Coastal Plan, the Environmental Issues Committee has written to the governor and director of the Department of Fish and Game of Alaska challenging their DFG's policy of killing all the timber wolves in selected areas to see what happens to the moose population in those areas with no wolves to hunt them. Another letter was written to the director of California's DFG questioning that department's recent policy of increasing hunting of mountain lions in California.



Dave Van Cleve, Chairman  
Environmental Issues Committee

Author and former newsman Freeman Tilden, who has chronicled the nation's parklands for over 30 years, has recorded his views in a 40-page illustrated booklet, titled "Who Am I?".

The latest in a series of National Park Service bicentennial publication, "Who Am I?" was published in the author's 92nd year as an introspective look at a national heritage that extends beyond the country's 200 years.

Tilden, who began his career with the National Park Service in 1941 as a literary consultant, invites readers to look behind the bicentennial pageants to reflect on the eternal question of "who am I?".

He examines ways in which millions of Americans use the national parks for re-creation of their physical well-being and for the discovery

of their individual and national identities.

The book takes readers through a sampling of some of the 286 park areas significant for historical, natural or recreational reasons. Through these sites, Tilden describes and ponders some of the reasons the parks are a part of the American heritage.

He further explores ways in which persons have individually benefited in their pursuits to answer the question, "who am I?".

The publication is available at \$1.10 per copy from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. GPO Stock Number is 924-005-00585.

- Submitted by Tony Knapp,  
Registrar of Interpretive  
Collections

# Mailbox

Dear Editor:

Who is Steven Kahn? I've never met the man but I like what he says *and* the manner in which he says it. His Featured Opinion, "Toward Coordinated Interpretation", in the CSPRA Reporter is good journalism. (Incidentally, how fortunate we are to have an house organ such as the Reporter which makes it possible to meet each other.)

More importantly, we need to encourage the man to continue saying what he does. His concept needs support from *all* members.

Frontera is adapting San Diego County Schools' *Balboa Park Study Guide* to its own Old Town unit. The ninety page manual is for individual teachers who, for various reasons, cannot be assured a guided tour for their classes. The manual assists the teacher in planning individually directed, but supervised, visits.

The guide can be adapted to any Area which has a large school population in its surrounding territory. Would be glad to try to get a copy (San Diego County Schools permitting) to any interested person.

*Ron Secovtiah*

/s/ Ron Secovtiah  
P.S. Olé for Ranger Kahn.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

1976 General Executive Council  
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### IN MEMORIAL

LEO D. CRAWFORD

Passed away February 2, 1976

He was a Ranger who loved his work, his comrades, and the public he served.

Leo recently retired as Assistant District Superintendent in District 6.

Services were held in San Diego February 5th.

Our most sincere sympathy is extended to Leo's wife Frances and family at this time.

Anyone wishing to contribute to a memorial for Leo may do so through your local Cancer Society.

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### INTERPRETATION AND THE BUDGET

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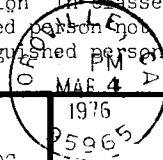
and therefore it is hard to determine whether the dollars spent are getting anything. The effect can be seen by the interpreter in the wonder in a child's eye at a Junior Ranger Program and it can be felt through the special vibrations which are in the air at any successful interpretive experience. But these results are not as easily seen as a new vehicle purchased, a building built or a parking lot paved.

The results are there though, and very important. Interpretive experiences do positively affect the visitor. They foster a deeper appreciation of the natural, historic and recreational values of park units. They encourage each individual to take on some of the responsibility of preserving and protecting parks and park values. They spread the good word of experiences to be enjoyed in parks and they foster a desire in people to continue to support their State Park System financially and spiritually. Well trained, interested personnel with sufficient time, good equipment and resources will provide interpretive activities which will help keep the spirit of the people in parks . . . and the spirit of the people blended with the beauty of the land is the essence of parks.

/s/ JEFF JONES  
Region III

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