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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Several items of note have come up since you received you last Reporter. Huey Johnson responded personally to my letter requesting information on the Lake Tahoe issue (printed elsewhere) in this issue. The request to Mr. Johnson asking for information on Lake Tahoe, and specifically the proposed National Recreation Area, was brought about due to a Nevada rejection of the joint state planning agency for the Lake. This left Tahoe environmentally vulnerable to further development. A viable alternative was to establish a National Recreation Area, but CSPRA had concerns over the fate of the existing State Park Lands should such a recreation area be established. The reply Mr. Johnson sent to me was entirely satisfactory and I will request the Board of Directors to actively support the National Recreation Area concept at our next meeting. Lake Tahoe must be preserved against further over-development.

Elsewhere on the environmental front interesting developments have been taking place. Several articles of late have pointed out how Proposition 13, which most of us view as negative,

has actually aided the environmental movement in California by ending the proliferation of sprawling suburban subdivisions. This phenomenon is occurring due to local government's inability to finance necessary recurring services which must be provided once such ventures are completed. Therefore, subdivisions are being turned down at an alarming rate. While this does inflate housing costs, it also allows environmentalists to effectively block the building of such ventures in environmentally sensitive areas through the use of economic (Prop. 13), as well as environmental, arguments.

On the opposite front, the conservative, business, development-oriented Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF), has effectively used the Endangered Species Act against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA wanted to force the City of Los Angeles to build a \$250 million sewage treatment plant. But the PLF successfully blocked the EPA action by citing, under the Endangered Species Act, that anchovies feed on the sludge dumped in the ocean and therefore the sew-

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## **Help Someone Special**

**Benefit Run for Special Olympics Program**

Thanks to the early backing of C.S.P.R.A. with a \$100 cash contribution and enthusiastic work by many Departmental employees, preparation for the fund raising event for the Special Olympics, 'Be Special, Help Someone Special', is going full speed ahead. C.S.E.A. has come on board with a \$500 cash contribution and free printing services.

For those of you that did not catch the last article, details on the event are contained in the enclosed race flier.

Director Cahill is entering the event and says he will go four miles if he has to crawl. C.S.P.R.A. members Jeff Price and Lloyd Geissinger have made pledges of \$1.00 per mile for up to five miles on the Director. (By the way Russ, Geissinger says the only reason he pledged the \$5.00 is that he doesn't think you can make it!)

Cahill has also issued a challenge that he can raise more money than any other department director. Let's help the Director beat the other directors by each equalling Jeff and Lloyd's pledge (or whatever you can afford). Several of us in the Planning Division have matched their pledges. There are also awards for the Division that raises the most money, and the Division that raises the most money per capita. If you pledge for the Director, your pledges will also count toward your Division's total.

I know it is hard for most of you to get to Sacramento, but it is going to be a great event. Try to come and run or help us administer the race, or if you can't get there, pledge for someone that can. Hope to see you on October 6.

Charlie Willard, Chairman  
Be Special, Help Someone Special

## **YOUR Pledge Is Important**

## TRAINING

### Notes & Opportunities

The following training courses are being offered at the listed institutions this fall. CSPRA members interested in attending should make their own arrangements. There is still scholarship funds available for members who wish to apply. Keep in mind that those applying for scholarship funds must submit a DPR 392 Training Request through normal channels before applying to CSPRA. Once your request has been denied submit it along with a letter explaining why you want to attend the training and how the training will benefit the park visiting public. All requests for CSPRA scholarship funds should be sent to: Bill Beat, CSPRA Education and Training Committee, Castle Crags State Park, Castella, CA 96017.

#### Training Opportunities

A. The following courses are being offered at West Valley Community College in Saratoga, CA. Those interested in attending one of the listed courses should contact the West Valley Community College at 14000 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga, CA 95070 or should call (408) 867-2200 extension 375.

1. Principles of Park Maintenance - Tuesday and Thursday 0730-0830 for 18 weeks. The participants will earn 2 units. Course to be taught by Richard Reed, city of San Jose and will be held in room SET 15 Saratoga Campus. Those wishing to attend must enroll in West Valley College, costs including tuition and books approximately \$20.00.
2. Basic Interpretive Techniques - Mondays 1:30 to 4:30 for 18 weeks. The participants will earn 3 units, course will be taught by Jerry Lawrence Palvatto, Park Department. Those wishing to attend must enroll in West Valley Community College, costs including books and tuition, approximately \$20.00.

B. The following courses are being offered by the Sacramento Public Affairs Center through the University of Southern California. Those wishing additional information should contact Sacramento Public Affairs Center, University of Southern California, 1007 Seventh St., Suite 606, Sacramento, CA 95814, phone (916) 442-6911 or University of Southern California, c/o Clairmont Hotel, Suite 10, Domingo and Ashby Avenues, Berkeley, CA 94705, phone (415) 841-1316.

1. Management Analysis I, 9 AM to 5 PM, September 14-17 and October 12-15, Instructor Gillespie.
2. Statistics in Administration, 9 AM to 5 PM, November 2-5 and December 14-17, Instructor Springer.
3. Training and the Applied Behavioral Science, 9 AM to 5 PM, September 14-17 and October 5-8, Instructor Harrison.
4. Public Administration and Society, 9 AM to 5 PM, November 2-5 and December 14-17, Instructor Cooper.
5. The Administration of Financial Resources, 9 AM to 5 PM, September 14-17 and October 26-29, Instructor O'Toole.
6. Concepts and Practices in Public Personnel Administration, 9AM to 5 PM, October 13-14, November 16-18 and December 14-16, Instructor Gable.
7. Organization Development in Public Administration, 9 AM to 5 PM, October 19-22 and November 30 - December 3, Instructor Sipel.
8. Collective Bargaining Negotiations, 9 AM to 5 PM, November 16-19 and January 4-7, Instructor Morgenstern.
9. Financial Administration in Local Government, 9 AM to 5 PM, October 5-8 and November 16-19, Instructor Schunhoff.
10. Seminar in Policy Analysis, 9 AM to 5 PM, November 16-19 and December 14-17, Instructor Radin.
11. Seminar in Police Administration, 9 AM to 5 PM, September 21-24 and October 26-29, Instructor Clemons.
12. Environmental and Resource Administration, 9 AM to 5 PM, September 21-24 and October 19-22, Instructor Boschken.
13. Human Behavior in Public Organizations, 9 AM to 5 PM, November 2-5 and December 7-10, Instructor Gray.
14. Research and Evaluation in Complex Organizations, 9 AM to 5 PM, October 12-15 and November 16-19.
15. Public Organization and Management Theory and Practice, 9AM to 5 PM, September 28 - October 1 and October 26-29, Instructor Snow.

All of the above courses are being offered at the School of Public Administration in Sacramento.

C. The following training programs are being offered by the Point Reyes Field Seminars through Sominican College of San Rafael. In some cases the tuition includes board and room at various training camps. For specific information concerning any of the listed seminars please write Seminar Coordinator, Point Reyes Field Seminars, Point Reyes, CA 94956 or call (415) 663-1200.

Seminar Title	Date included	Fee	Bd. & Rm.	Units
Fall Bird Migration	Oct 13-14	\$28	no	1
Discovery in the Out of Doors: For Teachers & Parents	Oct 13-14	\$32	yes	1
Coast Miwok Culture & Crafts	Oct 13-14	\$29	no	1
Tripping with Terwilliger-Nature Workshop for Teachers	Oct 20-21	\$32	yes	1
Marine Mammals on our Coast	Oct 20-21 Jan 12-13 Jan 19-20	\$28	no	1
Portraits in Nature	Oct 27-28	\$28	no	1
Games: Educational & Interpretive Tools	Oct 27-28	\$32	yes	1
Natural History of Point Reyes	Nov 3-4	\$28	no	1
Water Birds of the Point Reyes Peninsula	Nov 3-4	\$28	no	1
Creation of the Woodcut	Nov 10-11	\$32	yes	1
Early Uses of Native Plants	Nov 17-18	\$28	no	1
Teddine Photography	Nov 17-18	\$35	yes	1
Natural History During the Winter	Dec 1-2	\$33	yes	1
Illustration and Perception in Nature	Dec 27-30	\$70	yes	2



## Help Someone Special

Benefit Run for Special Olympics Program

October 6, 1979

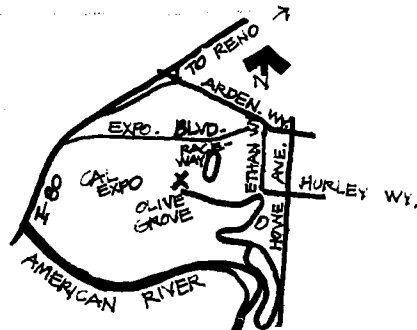
Cal Expo-American River Parkway

8:00-11:00 a.m.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** This is a jog, walk, run for the Special Olympics Program. All participants will receive a T-shirt. There will be a drawing for prizes following the run. Additional awards will be given later based on the amount of contributions and/or pledges obtained. Timing will be available for those interested. Park in Lot D at Cal Expo and enter through the East Gate near the race track.

**REGISTRATION:** Pre-registration fee of \$3 is due by September 18, 1979. Thereafter, the fee will be \$5 payable on run day, October 6, 1979 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Pre-registered runners will receive their T-shirts at the run. All participants are encouraged to seek pledges prior to the race and/or to make an additional tax deductible donation. A pledge form is on the back of this flyer for use in obtaining and collecting pledges.

**ROUTE:** The run begins at 8 a.m. at Cal Expo. Courses of 2 and 4 miles will be available. Any combination of these courses can be repeated for longer distances. The course is paved and suitable for wheelchair participants. The run portion of the American River Bike Trail will be closed to other traffic until 11 a.m., when the run ends.



The run is being organized by employees of the California Department of Parks and Recreation and supported by public employees of the Sacramento area. Special Olympics is a regional and nationwide program giving those with developmental and physical disabilities an opportunity to participate in athletic events. Several local programs prepare Sacramento area athletes for participation while providing other year-round recreational opportunities.

For further information, additional entry forms, or to make a donation or pledge, please call 449-5277, Sacramento City Department of Community Services.

### SINCERE THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR SUPPORT

State Employees Image Committee  
California State Park Rangers Association  
California State Employees Association  
Sacramento City Department of Community Services  
Sacramento County Department of Parks and Recreation

**ADDED BONUS:** "A Very Special Art Show" sponsored by the Sacramento Association for the Retarded will be at Cal Expo October 6-20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Expo Center Building 8. After the run, be sure to see some exciting art by some very special people. The art show will be open to the public free of charge.

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
Department, Company, or Organization

Circle T-shirt size:      34    36      38    40      42    44      46    48  
   (small)      (medium)      (large)      (X-large)

### RELEASE CLAUSE:

In consideration of your accepting my entry, I, intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims that I may have against the persons and organizations affiliated with the run, the sponsors, the County of Sacramento, and the State of California, their representatives, successors and assigns, for any injuries to my person or damage to my property incurred while participating in or traveling to or from the run. I further attest that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for participation in this event, and my physical condition has been verified by a licensed medical doctor.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent or guardian's signature if under 18 years of age*

Registration Fee      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I expect to go \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

Additional Donation      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I will obtain pledges

TOTAL      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: *Be Special, Help Someone Special*  
Mail entry form and check to P.O. Box 161613, Sacramento, CA 95816

# JOG, WALK, RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM

# Cal Expo-American River Parkway

**8:00-11:00 a.m.**

Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated miles to be completed \_\_\_\_\_

[illegible]

TOTAL

Please return the pledge form(s) with the funds collected to *Be Special — Help Someone Special*, P.O. Box 161613, Sacramento, CA 95816, by October 20, 1979, in order to be eligible for additional prizes.

A Parent or Guardian **SHOULD** sign obtained in case of injury or illness:

Parent or Guardian

Member or Group ID Numbers

## Health Insurance Carriers



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## CONVENTION MAY BE BEST

Even though it is only September and the 1980 GEC is still six months away, it is not too early to start making plans if you want to attend. As most of you already know, next year's convention will be a joint conference with the Western Interpreters Association and the Park Rangers Association of California. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Santa Cruz. For 1980, the convention has been expanded to four days, March 6 - 9. There will be a fishing derby, golf tournament, and pistol competition on Wednesday, March 5, for those who wish to make it a 5-day stay.

The actual General Executive Council of CSPRA will be taking place on Thursday from 9 - 5 and is open to everyone. For those not attending the Thursday business meeting, we are scheduling guided tours of points of interest nearby (and Santa Cruz county is full of them!).

Friday's keynote speaker will be noted interpreter, Grant Sharp; and after his presentation, there will be a series of workshops with the theme of "Resource Protection Through Interpretation." Friday evening there will be a Spaghetti Dinner and Square Dance (with a caller who specializes in beginners, fortunately).

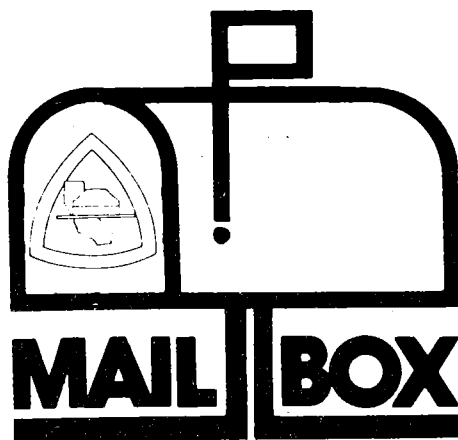
Saturday will see workshops continuing through the morning and early afternoon. Then after the closing session, with a featured speaker; the No-host Cocktail hour. The Banquet and Disco Dance will be limited this year to 450, which sounds like more than enough, considering our last few GEC's; but we are anticipating turning away late registrations from attendance at the banquet.

On Sunday there will be Board meetings for all three groups, and do-it-yourself tours for "people who don't want to go home."

There will be a \$25 registration fee, which will cover all the workshops, meetings, the Spaghetti Dinner, continental breakfasts, and the Banquet! Quite a bargain! Registration will begin before Christmas, and all members of all three organizations will be receiving information packets in late October or early November.

We do anticipate having more people wishing to attend than can be accommodated at the Holiday Inn in Santa Cruz, so this year it will be imperative that everyone who wants to be a part of this great GEC register early.

It looks like this convention may well be the best and most informative gathering that CSPRA has ever been involved in -- at least the GEC committee is doing its best to make it that. We want everyone to come and participate and really enjoy it. So please start thinking about it and when your registration packet comes, fill it out and return it as soon as possible. We wouldn't want you to miss the conservation event of the year! Not to mention all the fun!!



## TAHOE

Dear Mr. Verardo:

Tahoe National Recreation Area legislation is being drafted in Congress now by the staffs of Senator Cranston and Representative Phil Burton. I expect a bill will be introduced this summer.

The issue of the State Parks in the Tahoe region has not yet been discussed. I suspect the legislation will allow the continuation of State Parks management by the State. I see no reason to include the State Parks in Federal ownership. They are being run well at the present time.

The National Recreation Area is definitely a viable solution for protecting Lake Tahoe. Your association's support would be welcomed.

Honorable Russell Cahill, Director

Thank you for your appearance and presentation before the State Personnel Board in support of inequity salary adjustments for the Ranger/Manager cost group. It is good to see a Director, when a gross inequity is recognized, support field personnel on salary issues which affect their subsistence.

Sincerely,  
Denzil R. Verardo,  
President

Sincerely,  
Huey Johnson  
Secretary for Resources

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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age dumping should continue! Thus Prop. 13 is being used as a tool by environmentalists and the Endangered Species Act by environmental foes -- what a State!! It is a frightening trend to see anti-environmentalists effectively using the very tools developed by conservationists to protect the environment, against that same environment.

The only counter to this trend at the moment is the environmental lobby that has developed into a formidable political machine. CSPRA will continue to be a part of that lobby through

our "professional" connections.

One last matter of interest. I have been invited by Richard Tousley, Chief of the Division of Ranger Activities and Protection for the National Park Service, to participate in a session on "Park Law Enforcement" at the 1979 National Recreation and Park Association Congress in New Orleans in October. I am pleased CSPRA has achieved a level of professional respect which allows us to be considered at major park conferences of national stature.

## **SAFETY RETIREMENT**

# **CAHILL CONFIRMS DPR SUPPORT**

Ronald M. Kurtz,  
Executive Officer  
State Personnel Board

On July 16, 1976, the State Personnel Board sent a report to the Legislature on the application of Safety Retirement Criteria. The report included the Department of Parks and Recreation. At the time of the report the Department disagreed with the Category Allocation of C and D for the State Park Peace Officer classifications. Category C is "where some incumbents are public protective and where physical capacity is recommended..." Category D is "where the public protective role does not appear to be present." The difference of opinion at that time was not resolved.

Since 1976 two major steps have occurred which put the State Park Peace Officers in either Category A or B. First the State Personnel Board at the request of the Department conducted a validation study of the State Park Ranger and Lifeguard classifications and determined that a physical performance examination would be appropriate. State Personnel Board is in the process of developing the examination

to be used in the next examining cycle. Second the Department has become certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). This means that State Park Peace Officers meet all the POST standards the same as other law enforcement agencies.

The Department feels the State Park Peace Officers should be included in safety retirement and as long as the State Personnel Board continues to identify the State Park Peace Officers in category C and D safety retirement for our employees cannot become a reality.

My staff is ready to work with the State Personnel Board staff to identify the specific functions performed by the State Park Managers and Rangers which will allow them to be properly categorized.

I would appreciate your support in facilitating a speedy and thorough study.

Russell W. Cahill,  
Director

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## NEW REG'S PROTECT REPTILES

The California Fish and Game Commission has approved the Dept. of Fish and Game's proposal to ban the sale of native reptiles and amphibians in the pet trade. The measure, vigorously supported by CSPRA, originally provided for a complete ban on sales. However, the Commission provided for scientific and educational collections under a strict permit system.

These regulations (DFG Code Section 185;651), which took effect Sept. 1, 1979, not only provided protection for these native species but also acknowledged that reptiles and amphibians are an important part of the ecosystem.

DFG is hopeful other states will now provide similar protective regulations. Arizona already prohibits the sale of their wildlife and Nevada is considering regulations similar to California.

DFG requests anyone finding native California reptiles and amphibians for sale contact their Wildlife Protection Section, (213) 590-5132.



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