

# CALIFORNIA RANGER®

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## TRAINING

### CRIME AND VANDALISM WORKSHOP

by Ed Navarro

Over the past several months, the Department of Parks and Recreation, through the Urban Action/Assistance Program, has been participating in a cooperative venture called The California Consortium. The Consortium is a pooling of resources and is made up of DPR, California Park and Recreation Society, and the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service. Through workshops, the topics of "Marketing Leisure Services," "Grants, Grantwriting and Grants Management," and "Fees and Revenue Management" have been presented to local park and recreation and leisure services providers, as well as to a number of DPR employees.

"Crime and Vandalism" to be offered in late October and "Operation and Maintenance Cost Cutting Strategies" scheduled for early December are the next topics to be offered by The Consortium with the exact dates and locations to be provided at a later date.

The workshop on "Crime and Vandalism" will provide a brief overview of the problems faced by park and recreation providers, a look at "all" the victims, a review of the scope of strategies used to deal with the problems, both from an enforcement and program standpoint, and a look at how some of the local agencies are specifically handling their respective situations.

As is the intent at all the workshops, The Consortium plans on providing a useful blend of information that can be of assistance to local park and recreation and leisure service providers through up-to-date strategies and case studies.

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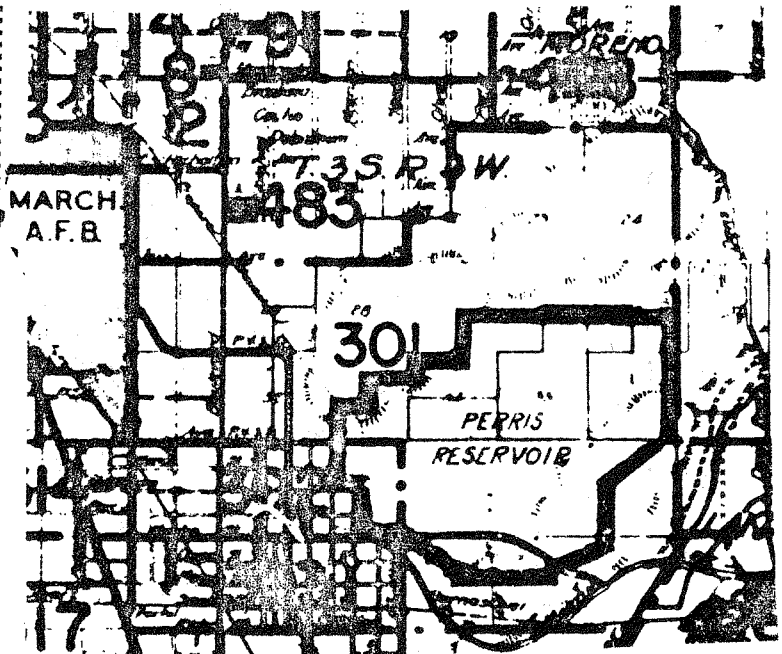
## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

### HOW TO FIND PROPERTY OWNERSHIP THROUGH THE COUNTY ASSESSOR

First of all, you have to find the Assessors Office. Normally, it's found somewhere in the County Building.

When you enter the Office, you should find a large map of the county. The map will be gridded off into small sections identified by a 3 digit number. This number is called the Book number.

Nearby, there should be a library containing the Books in numerical order. The Books will provide you the information regarding the boundaries of the properties.



For example, suppose you want to find out who are the owners of the land adjacent to Russell Mt. You would look on the map for Lake Perris and then Russell Mt., and find out what Book

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# Dog Stories...

## DOG-CLIFF RESCUED

By J. Waggoner

On a Sunday afternoon what nicer thing to do but to hike in a State Park with your wife, child and dog. The day was warm, shorts and no shoes, reflect the heat even along the redwood creek side. After passing the "no dog" sign the family had a nice 2 hour walk. On their return still inside the Park's natural area a rabbit caught the attention on the dog and Gabe was off in hot pursuit. Leaving the fire road Gabe climbed the hill and 10 minutes later was 90 feet above the road. Looking over the edge after hearing the family below the duff gave way and Gabe was over the cliff and stranded. The family tried to coax the dog off the ledge but the dog was not about to leave his place of safety. Gabe's owner tried climbing the sandstone cliff, bare feet and all but the dog stayed put. Ranger Waggoner was advised of the situation and contacted Dennis, the Ranger II.

The Animal Shelter, local fire department, and CDF would not respond saying it was a State Park problem. Several other attempts were made but the dog was not responding to the coaxing. A volunteer fire department offered a 35' ladder but it was going to be short.

After all the possibilities were explored to do something the decision was made to bring in the climbing ropes. Rangers Waggoner and Culbertson became the cliff rescue team. Anchors were set and Waggoner repelled over the edge to the shelf. Gabe was happy to see someone. Gabe was tied into a belay line and lowered to the fire road. He was not sure about this whole process but was happy to his family. Once the ropes arrived the rescue process took 40 minutes to complete. The training in cliff rescue techniques does have value and the public relations of the first Santa Cruz Mountain cliff rescue for a dog by trained State Park Rangers was completed safely.

P.S. The dog owner was cited before the rescue began.

# Lame Excuse List

Many have experienced the confusion of traffic accidents and have had to try to summarize exactly what happened in a few words on Insurance or accident forms. The following quotes were taken from these forms.

Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

I thought my window was down but found out it was up when I put my hand through it.

I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.

A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.

The guy was all over the road - I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.

I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment.

In an attempt to kill a fly, I drove in to a telephone pole.

I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection a hadge sprang up obscuring my vision. I did not see the other car.

I had been driving my car for forty years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.

My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.

An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my vehicle and vanished.

The pedestrian had no idea which direction to go, so I ran over him.

I saw the slow moving, sad faced old gentleman as he bounced off my car.

# Training

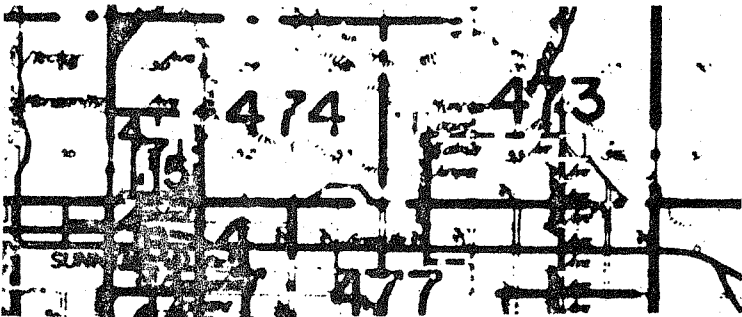
Be sure to set aside some time in late October and early December so you can attend the next in the series workshops to be offered by The California Consortium.

For more information on the "Crime and Vandalism Workshop" contact Ed Navarro, Urban Action/Assistance, California Department of Parks and Recreation, (916) 323-5083.

## Neighbor continued

it is located. In this example, it will be Book #301.

Continuing, opening a Book, the first page should be the Map Index of the Book. This is indicated in the upper left hand corner of the page. The Map Index page describes the area, defined by the Book, in greater detail. The area is further reduced into smaller sections. Each section is identified by a circled number. In the example of Russell Mt., the circled number is 14. This circled number is called the Map number. So far, you have found that Russell Mt. is found in Book #301, Map #14.



The subsequent pages following the Map Index page will describe the area defined by the Map number in, yet, greater detail. The area described will be further reduced into smaller sections. These sections, like the Map numbers, are identified by a circled number. This circled number is called the Parcel number.

Going back to the example of Russell Mt., turning the pages to 301-14 (page numbers are indicated in the upper left hand corner), you will find that the Parcel number for Russell Mt. is 8.

So, you found that Russell Mt. is found in Book #301, Map #14, and Parcel #8. The listing of property ownership is done in that sequential order: Book-Map-Parcel. This is the essential information that you need to identify property owners.

The listing of property ownerships is usually found in microfilm. The microfilms and their viewers are usually found in the Assessor's Office.

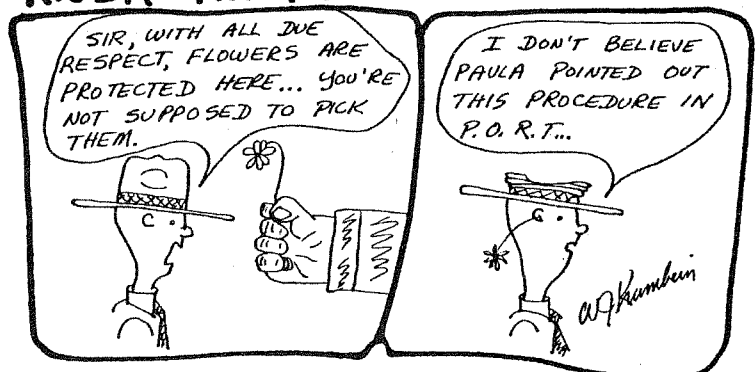
Now, here's the tricky part. The listing of property ownership are expressed in a 9 digit number. Instead of 301-14-8, it will be described as 301-140-008. Zero(s) are added following the Map number, and added preceding the Parcel number to make up the 9 digit number.

In summary, the county is broken down into geographic units called Books. The Books describe these units in smaller units called Maps. Finally, Maps are further reduced to smaller units called Parcels. In order to find property ownership, one must have that information and in that sequential order. Property ownership is normally listed on microfilm, and is described by a 9 digit number (Book-Map-Parcel).

When all else fails, there is a staff in the Assessor's Office who will assist you.

Editors Note: Author unknown-article received unsigned, but thanks.

## KIOSK KWIPS



# RANGER

by Bill Krumbein

Ranger (ME raunger, fr. raungen, ringen to range + - er -- more at range) la. the keeper of a British royal park or forest; esp.: a royal officer formerly appointed to walk the forest, recover beasts that had strayed, watch the deer, and prevent trespasses b. FOREST RANGER 2a. one usu. of a body of troops or organized armed men who range over a region for its protection b. an officer of a country who is responsible for taking charge of and protecting an area against stray animals c. a soldier specially trained in close-range fighting and raiding tactics -- compare COM-MANDO.

So it says in "Webster's Third New International Dictionary."

I suppose it's gratifying to see our profession listed in such a volumn -- other profession seldom appear there. But still, what is a ranger?

We have Texas Rangers -- first organized in the 1820's -- they hunted bank robbers and cattle thieves, chased Indians out of Texas and killed a few of them also, along with Mexican troops and the like. It was said that to become a ranger, a man "had to ride like a Mexican, track like a Commanche, shoot like a Kentuckian and fight like the devil" A story goes that a town was being terrorized by a mob. The townspeople sent for help from the Texas Rangers. A single Ranger arrived on the scene and the people exclaimed "Where are your men"? -- to which the ranger answered, "you only have one mob don't you"?

Are any of you J.R. R. Tolkien "freaks"? The Hobbit? Middle Earth? The Lord of the Rings? Ahh, yes, they you must remember Strider, The Ranger, otherwise known by many other names ... Telcontar a family name but mostly known as Aragorn or simply, the Ranger. His greatest feat was a raid on Umbar in 2980 in which he destroyed a large part of the fleet of the Corsairs. He fought against Sauron, was the hardest and the wisest man of his time, a close friend of Gandalf the Wizard and eventually became King of the Reunited Kingdom and Lord of the Western Lands, restoring peace and prosperity

Forest Rangers -- rangers who work in the forest -- we usually directly think of the U.S. Forest Service and our National Forest, operated under the multiple use concept whereby the forest is used, and hopefully not used up. The profession is varied when one sees the various areas of forest management -- fire control, reforestation, timber management, watershed, management, recreation and other land uses, range management, wildlife management and even conservation education. The man out there in the light green truck, yellow patch and Stetson to most people is a Forest Ranger, no matter what his particular function happens to be.

Now we come to the Park Ranger -- certainly a ranger through and through -- a protector of lands, resources and people. The park ranger takes care of injured animals, chases thieves, fights fires, at times is included in close-range fighting situations, restores park peace and prosperity, is armed to kill, is an interpreter and conservation educator.

The park ranger patrols, sells tickets, rescues stranded people (or animals), registers campers, apprehends law breakers, places a band-aid on an injured child's knee and leads a nature hike.

If this is not enough, park rangers help change park visitors flat tires, calm down noisy parties, are dog cathcers, balance inventory books, write letters, handle snakes, give out information, are helpful, courteous and are admired.

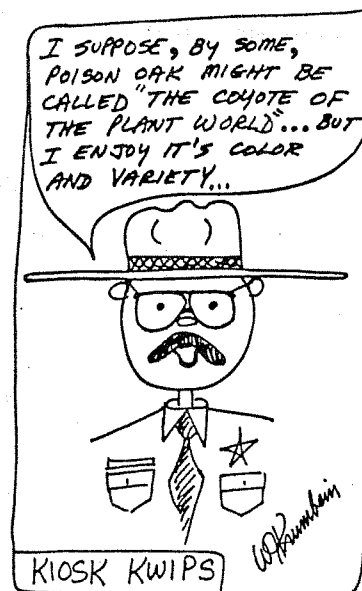
Park Rangers provide the emotional outlet for visitors resulting in rangers being kicked, yelled at, struck by fist or thrown bottle, kissed, kidded, scratched, hugged and almost everything inbetween.

We need other people. Parks are for people and people are what make our lives interesting and worthwhile. I suppose the greatest attribute of a good ranger is what he or she like & enjoy people. If parks didn't have visitor's parks wouldn't need rangers.

One of the best ways of putting it -- "In a park, a ranger is everything to everybody" (Roger Rudolph, 1974, Back Country Ranger Yosemite).

There are those days when -- you know -- people can be plain troublesome. On the other hand, it's a good feeling when someone says thank you... and really means it. It's a good feeling to watch people having fun. It's a great feeling when a child runs up and says "Hi Ranger" --- and holds your hand on your nature hike.

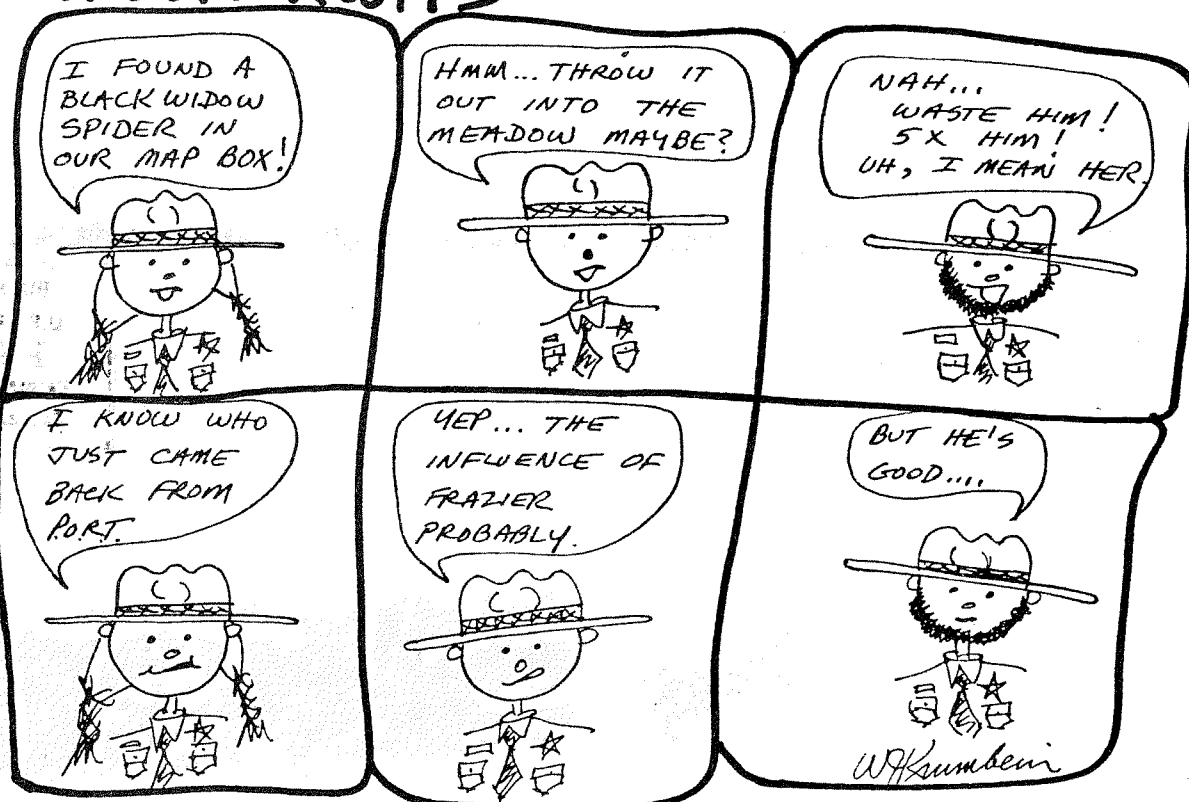
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## KIOSK KWIPS



# CHATTER

Dear Editor:

Come on . . . it's time to delegate the blame for those who do not know the difference between CSPRA and SPPOAC. As Ron said, ". . . we have to put a stop to this confusion."

But wait a minute. Did these organizations confuse people OR, are there a bunch of confused people out there? I believe that the people who are active in either organization are not confused.

Those who are not members; those who do not read the newsletters; and those who pay little attention to the activities of CSPRA and SPPOAC -- These are the people who are confused.

A simple remedy is to be involved, or at least stay in touch with what's going on. One ought not blame these organizations or board members for this "confusion".

And one more thing -- to ask someone to resign from a board because of other people's confusion? Horsefeathers!

. . . And you watch, as usual, those people who are active in CSPRA will (if members) be active in SPPOAC -- so how can one ask these motivated people to resign?

Bill Krumbein

Mrs. Ida Berk, Chairwoman  
California State Park and Recreation Commission

Dear Mrs. Berk:

It has recently come to the attention of the California State Park Rangers Association that an agreement was made between the Department and the makers of Coppertone tanning oil, for Coppertone to donate litter barrels for State Park Beaches.

CSPRA is quite concerned about such an obvious commercialization of the State Park System. Was the Commission aware of this agreement? Does it fit with the Commissions policy on commercial use of the State Park System?

CSPRA would hope that the Commission might take a close look at the Coppertone agreement as it relates to commercial use of the park system now, and in the future.

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(for Denzil Verardo, President)



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