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RUNOFFS FINAL

Region II

Director	Cook*	36
	Bartlett	26
Alternate	Callen*	37
	Macomber	23

Region III

Director	Waggoner*	41
	Gargillo	22
Alternate	Kania*	32
	Rodriguez	29

Region V

Director	Schmidt*	45
	Herman	18
Alternate	Donahue*	32
	Lunday	30

Earlier Ballot Results on New Region Boundaries: AYES - 298 NOES - 15

(see map on page 5)

RETIRED MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

by Louis Wakefield

I have been asked to submit an article of news about one of our retired Rangers each month. Am not sure this will always happen but here goes for February.

Appropriate for the first in the series we'll use probably our oldest retired Ranger, Mr. Harry Lee Blaisdell, Sr. Lee started with the Division of Parks during the '30s and retired on disability in 1951, at that time he was the District Supt. of Dist. 5. His first assignment was Mt. Diablo State Park, where he helped pioneer this early park in a fairly new park system. While Superintendent his district at one time extended from San Francisco to San Clemente however was later reduced to span "only" from Big Basin to Los Angeles.

Mr. Blaisdell now lives alone in one of several cabins on a mining claim between

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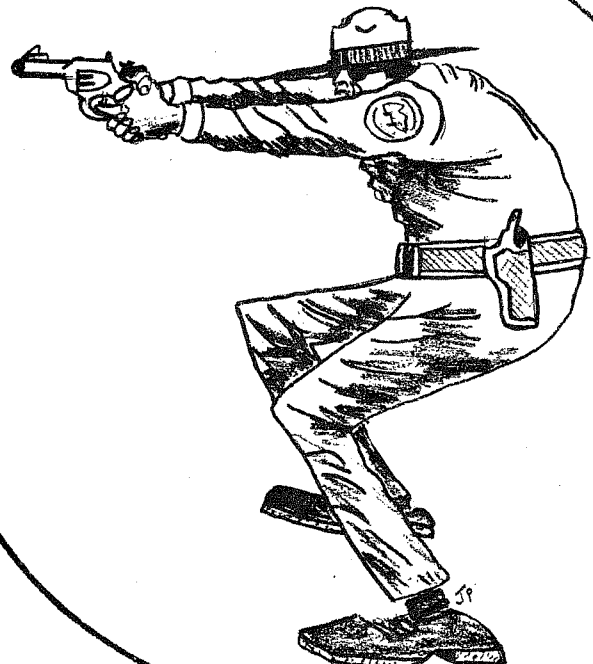
THE RANGER, THE RESOURCE AND JOB SATISFACTION

by Steve O'Brien

The State Park Ranger series is currently experiencing extremely high attrition. Many of those who leave are highly qualified and dedicated people. Poor salaries have been cited as the major cause of this exodus, however this does not explain why so many of us have stayed nor why the loss is centered in particular units.

When asked what makes their jobs so satisfying, most Rangers will answer, "I believe in the importance of what I am doing and enjoy the diversity that the job entails". When asked further of the importance of a Ranger's work, there appears to be a very deep commitment on the part of most Rangers to the preservation and interpretation of California's natural and cultural heritage.

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"If I'm gonna be a cop..."

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Editorial

EVICTION - IS IT A PROPER SOLUTION?

Any of you who operate a State campground must occasionally have a "problem campsite" or a "bad bunch". What is your solution to such groups who may be disrupting others use of the park? Most of us have probably resorted to "evicting" them.

Initially, I'm sure, there are the time consuming "counseling sessions". Then you probably try the "either/or" of compliance or citation/arrest. It seems however that a practice of physically throwing the campsite out is becoming commonly accepted, rather than any other enforcement action. There are even those of us who may do them all.

Here are a few questions I'd like answered!

Where does the Ranger stand with the Department and the law when he evicts some one?

Does he have the right to do so?

Where does it say we may take such action?

Does the Department back us up?

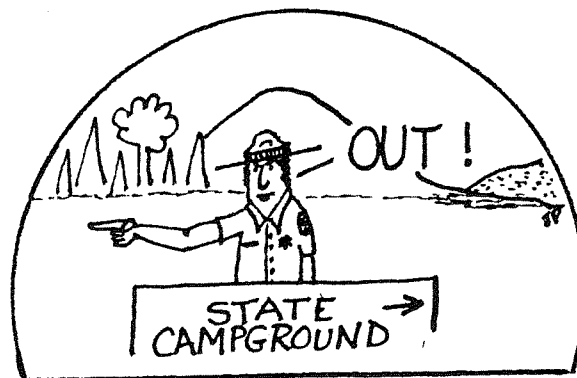
What legal support is available to the

Ranger if someone should challenge the ousting?

Do you refund fees paid?

What about Ticketron campers?

This situation comes up all too often and without clear direction from the Department. Our local D.A. says an apart-



ment manager must not only have a court order served on a person to be evicted but must give them up to 180 days to relocate. During this time, services cannot be reduced or rents increased. I sincerely hope our Enforcement Specialists and Managers will respond to these questions.

Remember, these are PUBLIC campgrounds and the way I see it, individual Rangers are in for serious problems if this practice continues without proper authority.

"CSPRA COMMITTEE CHAIRS APPOINTED"

President Verardo has recommended the following CSPRA Committee Chairs, pending approval at the March Board of Directors meeting, for the 1980 year:

Reporter Editor -- Lloyd Geissinger

California Ranger Editor -- Jeff Price

Education & Training Committee -- Cliff Wade

Enforcement Committee -- Don Patton

Environmental Issues Committee -- Steve O'Brien

Interpretive Committee -- Bill Krumbein

Legislative Committee (formerly Employee and Governmental Affairs) -- Mike Lynch

Uniform Committee -- Dave Bartlett

Nominations Committee -- Ron McCall (Board approval not required)

Historian -- Al Salzgeber

Urban Park Affairs -- Steve Kahn

Ways & Means Committee -- Ron McCall

Honorary Member Committee -- Jeff Price

1981 Ventura Convention -- Ron McCall

1982 Convention -- Vacant pending site selection

1983 Convention Selection -- Mike Lynch

Organization Liaison Committee -- Roy Flatt

Insurance Committee -- Dennis Hanson

Standing Installation Officer -- James Whitehead (Board approval not required)

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
BEING A MEMBER OF A CSPRA
COMMITTEE, PLEASE CONTACT
THE APPROPRIATE CHAIRPERSON.

JOB SATISFACTION (from pg. 1)

This dedication to these resources was often the reason people became Rangers in the first place. Over the years it has been the common feeling that Rangers shared a cause to give purpose to the profession. It has bonded us together and created the fantastic park system the public now enjoys.

It is only when Rangers are inserted into units with minimal cultural or natural values or into drastically restricted job scope positions, such as night security, that multiple resignations, transfers, grievances, and promotion refusals occur. It is only when these job expectations so closely linked to the Ranger identity are denied that tension, conflict and dissatisfaction result. In such cases some stick it out in hopes of better assignments in the future. Others react as: "If I'm gonna be a cop -- I'll get paid like one", and off they go to greener pastures.

If personnel managers do not understand the major motivators of the Ranger series, the solutions they propose to solve present problems will be completely ineffective. If present Rangers are reluctant to accept resource poor or restrictive assignments, one possible solution is to recruit new employees without the traditional Ranger hangups, i.e. Find people unencumbered by an over-riding desire to devote ones life to preservation and interpretation.

When and if this becomes a reality however, the visitor, park system and Ranger profession will have lost a great deal.

MAKE YOUR OWN RAIN GAUGE

by Jeff Price

I have come up with an excellent use for that clear plastic tube my new mace came in. I got a 2qt. plastic juice container, a 39¢ plastic funnel, a calculator and made my own rain gauge... The secret to make it work is a simple conversion formula allowing a large receiving surface (funnel) to fill a smaller collector.

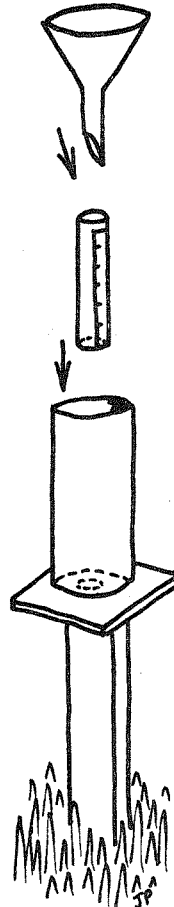
$$\frac{\text{dia funnel}^2}{\text{dia collector}^2} = \text{height of 1" precip.}$$

For example with a 6" funnel and a 3" collector:

$$\frac{6^2}{3^2} = \frac{36\text{in}^2}{9\text{in}^2} = 4 \text{ inches}$$

Simply mark four inches on a piece of masking tape, divide that into ten equal parts and stick it on the clear tube. You can then read off tenths of an inch of precip. directly. (If you don't have a clear collector, burn calibrations on a wood dowel and dip this into your collector).

If you do the numbers right you've got an accurate but cheap tool. Try comparing precip. in forest vs. meadow or valley vs. ridge.

RETIRED MEMBER (from pg. 1)

Trona and the old mining town of Ballart in Homewood Canyon. Here he spends his time reading, listening to his many records, gardens and watches the many wild burros around his place. My wife and I helped him celebrate his 88th birthday last June and we enjoyed every minute of the day with this outstanding man. Since then he has had the misfortune of losing his left arm and shoulder, but when we visited him just before Christmas he was making plans for his summer garden single handedly.

In 1965 at our first GEC Lee Blaisdell was awarded our Honorary Membership and a more worthy man would be hard to find.

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RETIRED MEMBERS-WHERE ARE YOU?

Many of us would like to know what you retired members are doing. I'm sure some of you are now able to do many things with your "free time" that would interest the membership.

I for one would like to know what keeps retired maintenance workers and Rangers busy! What does a park person, retired after 20 to 30 years service do? Does he travel and become a tourist himself or what?

Louis Wakefield, Region 6 Director, will be doing a regular column for California Ranger...please write him at P.O. Box 87 Tehachapi, CA 93561, and bring us up to date.

EDITOR.

A Ranger, passing by a campsite, saw a man sitting all alone beside a tent and asked him if he'd like to go on the morning guided walk.

"No, I did it once and didn't like it" came the reply.

Later, seeing the man alone, he approached again and asked, "Like to go see the afternoon fishing demonstration?"

"No thanks, I did it once and didn't like it."

"Well, would you like to come to our evening campfire program, then?"

"No, tried it once and didn't like it, but my son will be up later and I'm sure he will join you."

"Your only son, I presume?"

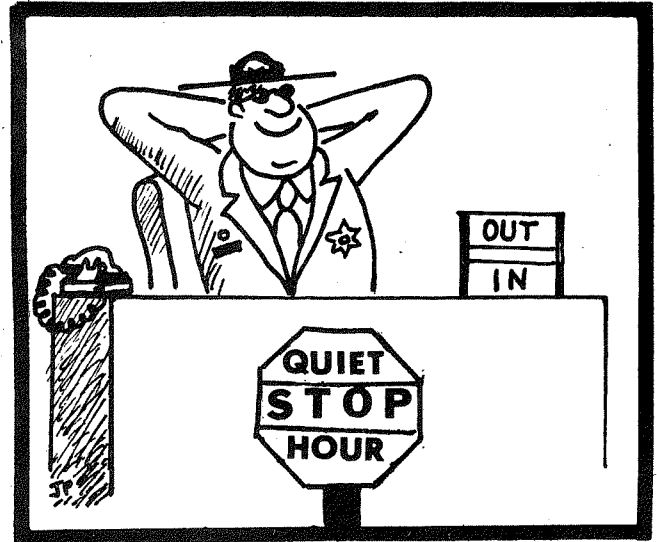


"...let's see now, level and isolated but near the restrooms..."

QUIET HOUR FOR BUSY PARK MANAGERS

by Jeff Price

Between daybreak and darkness there comes a pause in the day's occupation that is known as "The Quiet Hour", a respite that is now used by business executives in more than 1,000 companies.



The "Quiet Hour" concept is an idea many companies have suggested for their harried executives and managers. It allows an hour each day where corporate bosses can get some thinking done and work in relative peace and quiet on special projects. No interruptions is the key, and that means no phone calls.

Park managers may well benefit from this idea as well. To work, however, one must plan the time in advance, schedule appointments and have contingency plans for unscheduled visitors. If you find your day gone before you are started or doing too much last minute deadline work try the "Quiet Hour" for a week or so. Devote this time to concentrating on the highest payoff activities. Chances are you'll discover time better spent, problems anticipated and maybe even a spark of dormant creativity.

NEWS & VIEWS BUDGET REDUCED

According to Editor Gene Cone, the News and Views budget has been cut considerably. The result is a reduction from 16 pages per issue to 8 pages. The January issue money has been used to expand the December "Year of the Child" feature. No January issue was printed.

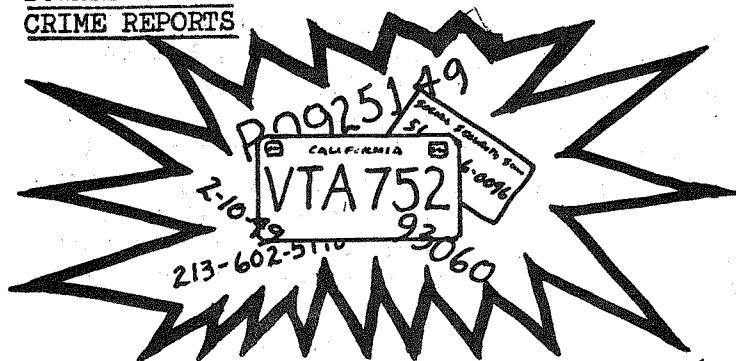
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We're pleased to welcome the following new CSPRA members:

Samuel Alexander	Robert Todd
Jeff Bright	Tim Young
John Kelly	Candace Ward
Kirk Storm	Walter Ward

"NATIONAL PARK RANGERS ORGANIZE"

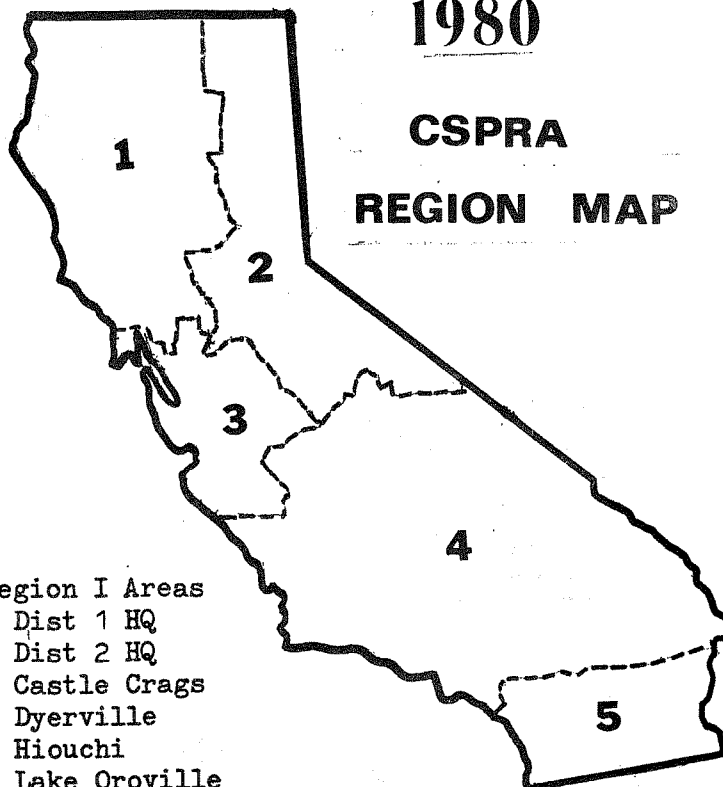
A new brother-organization, the Association of National Park Rangers is now one year old, and doing well. They are attempting to closely pattern themselves after CSPRA, and an information exchange has been set up between our two groups. President Verardo will pass on information on activities of the ANPR which may be of general interest to CSPRA members. Good Luck to the ANPR!!

TOWARD BETTER
CRIME REPORTS**GET THOSE NUMBERS!**

Be sure to get the phone numbers, both residence and business of all victims and witnesses. Also get the names of the businesses. These numbers are put on the subpoenas and are of considerable assistance in service of the subpoenas. There have been many cases in the past where the only way of locating a witness who had moved was by the phone number.

Get Social Security numbers and ship assignments for all military personnel who are victims or witnesses. In order to locate military personnel, particularly those with common names, it is imperative we furnish the military locator with the person's Social Security number.

These could mean the difference between finding a witness or not.

1980**CSPRA
REGION MAP****Region I Areas**

Dist 1 HQ
Dist 2 HQ
Castle Crags
Dyerville
Hiouchi
Lake Oroville
McArthur-Burney
Mendocino
North Valley
Northern Mines
Piercy
Trinidad
Bothe-Napa
Clear Lake
Russian River
Sonoma

Region II Areas

Auburn
Calaveras
Columbia
Folsom
Gold Mines
Marshall Gold
Sacramento
Headquarters
Sierra
Plumas-Eureka

Region III Areas

Diablo
Marin
SanMateo Coast
Dist 3 HQ
Delta
Four Rivers
Dist 4 HQ
Big Sur
Gabilan Mtns
Monterey

Region IV Areas

Millerton Lake
South Valley
San Luis Obispo Coast
San Simeon
Malibu
Dist 5 HQ
Channel Coast
Gaviota Area
High Desert
La Purisima Mission
Orange Coast
Point Mugu
Silverwood Lake
Providence Mtns
Will Rogers

Region V Areas

Anza Borrego
Dist 6 HQ
Frontera
Los Lagos
Montane
Mt. San Jacinto
Pendleton Coast
Picacho
Salton Sea
San Diego Coast

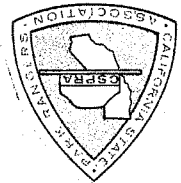
Region VI Areas

All retired members

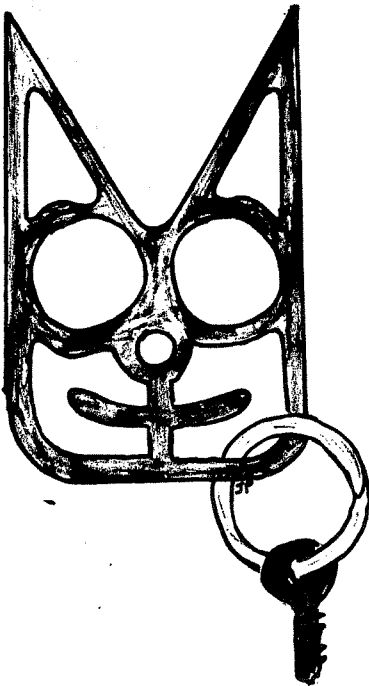
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The Pet Mystical Cat



In the past few months various devices have been sold on the market as innocent items such as key ring ornaments, but they can also be used as weapons. The local police departments and the Sheriff's Office have been asked whether or not it is illegal to possess these devices. The District Attorney and Attorney General in turn have been asked to give a legal opinion on the possession of such devices. One of these devices is called the "Pet Mystical Cat". The Pet Mystical Cat is a flat piece of aluminum about 1/8 inch thick, 2 inches wide and 3/4 inches long, as shown.

The Pet Mystical Cat should be considered a metal knuckle within the meaning of Penal Code Section 12020 where the attendant circumstances indicate that it is possessed for use as a weapon.

Reprinted from San Diego County DA's
"Law Enforcement Quarterly".

The Pet Mystical Cat falls within the class of sometimes useful objects which may not be lawfully possessed where the attendant circumstances indicate that the possessor would use the object for a dangerous purpose. It does reasonably appear that the Pet Mystical Cat could be useful as a key holder where keys are attached to the cat with a brass ring, and as such, its possession would be lawful. However, the Pet Mystical Cat may be used as a kind of metal knuckles by inserting one's fingers through the cat's eyes and using it as an offensive or defensive weapon.

Accordingly, when the attendant circumstances reflect the Pet Mystical Cat is possessed or used as a weapon, it is a violation of Penal Code Section 12020.

