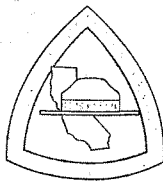


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Legislation: 5150 W&I

by Mike Lynch

SB 1761 (Holmdahl), which would extend to state park peace officers the authority to detain and refer mentally disturbed persons, has passed out of the Senate. At the Senate Judiciary hearing on SB 1761, CSPRA, SPPOAC (State Park Peace Officers Association of California), CAUSE, PORAC, and CPOA had representatives who appeared to testify for the bill. CSEA also supported the bill with a letter to Senator Holmdahl. The Department was opposed to the bill at the time of the hearing, but did not testify. The bill passed the Judiciary committee and the full Senate with no negative votes.

Since passing the Senate, the Department who originally was opposing the bill for several reasons (no problem, ploy for safety retirement, need for 1-2 years to study the problem, increased costs, etc.) agreed to survey the field. This survey, which was supposed to go to all peace officers, showed not only a need but a high use of the authority, mistakenly, in the last two years. With the survey and urging by CSPRA and others, the Department appears to be changing its position and will probably support the bill.

The Bill now goes to the Assembly Health Committee. Members are urged to write their Assembly Persons supporting the bill. The main points to hit are that we are regularly called upon to deal with disturbed persons, that we receive POST approved training for handling disturbed persons, and that the authority would eliminate the current practice of arresting obviously disturbed persons for lack of any other alternative. A copy of your letter should go to the Assemblyman Art Torres, Chairman Assembly Health Committee, State Capitol, Sacramento, California 95814. CR

Huffman Shows Support

In a positive turn-about, Chief Deputy Director Alice Huffman signed off in support of SB 1761, Senator Holmdahl's bill introduced with the support of CSPRA, to include State Park Peace Officers under the provisions of Welfare & Institutions Code Section 5150. The Department's revised Bill Analysis noted that in 1978 and 1979, 183 persons were detained under this code which allows mentally disordered persons to be brought to a hospital without the stigma of a criminal record.

On another issue, the Department is opposing Presley's SB 1447 unless an amendment is introduced to afford State Park Rangers the protection of other peace officers with regard to a felony penalty for assault while engaged in the performance of duty. This type of assault protection has been a long sought-after goal of CSPRA.

Both positions reflected a deepening understanding and concern of the Department Administration brought about by a productive meeting between CSPRA President Verardo and Chief Director Alice Huffman. CR

PRES. FORMS MGMT. COMMITTEE

I am interested in appointing a committee to deal with the professional concerns of CSPRA which affect State Park Managers. Such a committee would bring to the attention of the President and the Board of Directors, management concerns and viewpoints on a variety of subjects. Managers interested in working on such a committee should contact me as soon as possible.

Denzil R. Verardo, President

Ranger History Feedback

Editor,

Your article on the origin of the term "ranger" and how it came to be applied to forests and parks is most informative.

In response to your interest in knowing just where, in the history of California (state) parks, the term "ranger" was first applied, I am enclosing a copy of an article published in News and Views in early 1970.

The photograph does not reveal clearly the details of blouse and jacket on the Lincoln green-grey uniforms, first official ones, selected by a committee of field personnel, and the lack of the "Calaveras crease" on the "Stetsons". (They were the light weight "Whites", not genuine Stets).

Shield badges bore the lettering of rank as did an embroidered pocket strip. In 1945, the administration titles for State Park Ranger, Grades 1, 2, and 3 were Deputy Ranger, Assistant Ranger and Chief Ranger, respectively, applied to badges and pocket strips.

Someone else may have informed you of some or all of the foregoing, but I hope this will still be of interest to you.

Ree and I are sorry to have missed the joint workshop at Santa Cruz in March. We've heard it was excellent and hope we can make the next G.E.C.

Keep up the good work and warm personal regards,

Sincerely yours,
Earl Hanson



BOL : Dog-in-Training

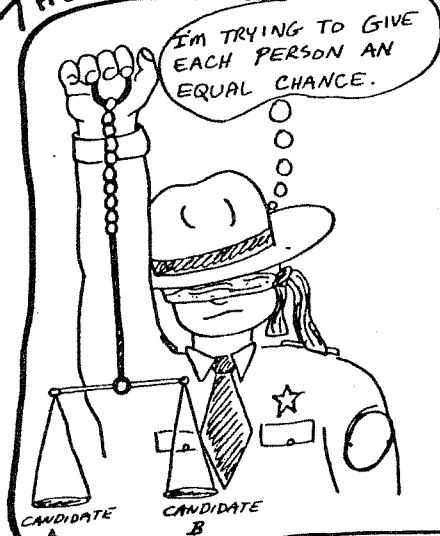
by Fred Soderlund

Within the past few months I have become involved with Guide Dogs for the Blind. They have a program which I believe we all need to be aware of. The first year of a guide dog's life is spent with a 4-H'er. It is this individual that gives the dog its early training; such as housebreeding, basic commands, and most importantly, exposing the dog to a wide variety of situations. During the course of the first year the puppy goes just about everywhere the 4-H family goes. The dog is taken into stores, on buses, office buildings, to parks, etc.

Our rules and regulations state that a seeing eye dog is allowed on the trails only when accompanied by a blind person. However, realize that you may run across a guide dog-in-training. Usually, but not always, the 4-H puppies are wearing a green coat that says "4-H Guide Dog". Also the collar does not have a license but will have an I.D. tag imprinted with "Guide Dogs for the Blind", their telephone number in San Rafael and the dog's name. All the dogs have AKC registration numbers tattooed in the ears. There are three breeds of dogs that are used, all purebred; German Shepards, Golden Retrievers and Labradors.

If you find an individual on the trail with one of these dogs, use a little discretion. While allowing the dog on the trail is not following the letter of the law, realizing why the dog is there, to me, is reason enough to allow it to remain. CR

THE PROCESS



MEMO:

TO: AREA
FROM: SACTO

Remember, judgement of candidates should be fair and impartial; without regard to race, color, sex, or national origin.

gun

"YOU WILL, OF COURSE, FOLLOW THIS MEMO... BUT SHOULD A WOMAN APPLY FOR THIS TOUGH ASSIGNMENT, SHE OUGHT TO HAVE CERTAIN MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS; LIKE BE 6'6" TALL AND WEIGH 240."

RANDO-SELECT

FOR PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS

JOE F	FRANK L	JANE S
LINDA A	BOB G	LARRY M
MATT B		ED G
NANCY OL	MIKE L	RICH T

"BELOW EACH CANDIDATE'S NAME IS A HOLE. USING THIS BALL, THROW UNTIL THE BALL GOES INTO A HOLE... THAT PERSON WILL BE OUR NEW RANGER."

"SOMETHING DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT."

TWO-CAREER FAMILY



by Shanda Garmon Smith

The life of a park spouse is not always the easiest job in the world, nor is it the worst. It requires some communication and decision making. A park couple has many career options open to them.

I would advise trainees and their spouses to talk with as many Ranger I, II, III, Managers, etc. as they can. It is possible and plausible to combine two careers, though it may require some creative planning. One person may have to put his or her career on the back burner while the other career goes ahead. To say that a park spouse must give up his or her career is not what really happens. All you need to do is look around at what is going on.

A two career family is not only what many people want but is also almost a necessity on a Ranger's salary. No two careers fit perfectly together. Look at the number of magazine articles on how to work out two jobs. They are aimed at jobs other than State Park careers, but that is exactly what it takes, work. Isn't that what a marriage or relationship is based on?

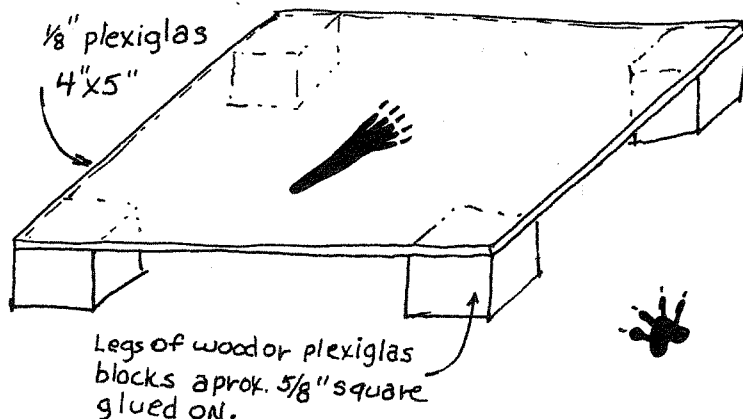
I have espoused my philosophy that with communication and joint decision making, a couple can work out two careers. I feel strongly that this view needs to be put forth to trainees and their spouses. DPR already is asking them to usually take the less desirable assignments at a low salary. DPR shouldn't want to tear apart or delve into their personal life by giving the impression that a park spouse should stay home if the spouse wants to work. Rangers and spouses should make their own lifestyle decisions. Equal time should be given to all sides of this issue. CR



Track Tracer

by Barry Breckling

At Henry W. Coe S.P. we loan out a "Track Tracer." Children become aware of a new world in the dust at their feet, and animals seldom seen now reveal themselves by the signs they have left behind. This gives kids a chance to take home something left by an animal without damage to the ecology. The Track Tracer is easy to construct, see the illustration. Add a marking pen to trace the track from the ground onto the plexiglas; tracing paper for tracing off the plexiglas; a small piece of cloth to clean the tracer; and make an instruction booklet which includes tracks that might be found. A good reference on tracks is the Peterson field guide - "A Field Guide to Animal Tracks" by Olaus J. Murie. CR



Here are a few responses from CR readers on Krumbein/Price "Ranger Namesakes" article from last month.

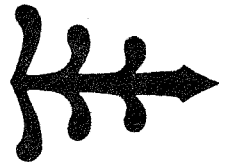
How about "da loan arranger" - he makes loans at your friendly bank.
Cheers,
Neil Power

A couple more for the Ranger list:
Road Ranger - a sophisticated transmission for trucks.
Ranger Day - A line of uniform items some of us wore in the old days.

It will be interesting to see how many Ranger things there are.
Regards,
Jim Davis



OPINION



CONFUSED ?

(1) Until this year CSPRA was functioning as a professional and an employee organization. The CSPRA membership only relatively recently decided to become a strictly professional organization and (2) SPPOAC (State Park Peace Officers Association of California) is a new organization and its goals and purposes are still relatively unknown.

As Ron mentioned the two organizations have fairly well defined areas of concern. CSPRA is a professional organization. SPPOAC is an employee representing organization. By law a "bona fide" professional organization cannot represent its members to the state on employee issues. Perhaps the difference can best be shown by examples of what the two types of organization can do.

Professional (CSPRA)

Disseminating information on interpretive, enforcement or other area of interest to members. Adopt suggested training standards. Take positions on environmental issues or park issues like the state park plan or prop. 1. Promote wise use of the State Park System. Provide or promote updates for the Interpreter's Handbook. Provide a medium of exchange for members, on professional matters.

Employee Representing (SPPOAC)

Directly represent members on employee issues through urging, meet and confer, research, legislation, legal defense, etc. Provide information and a forum of exchange for members on employee issues. Employee issues include safety equipment (light bars, vehicles and vessels, weapons, etc.), individual POST Certificates, disciplinary action, transfer policy, required or optional training, operations policies or procedures, housing allocation, possessory interest payment, grievances, and any other wages, hours or working conditions issues.

As to Ron's 2nd point on clearing up the confusion, I fully agree. As I mentioned, I think the confusion is mainly one of lack of information and the history and newness of the organizations. I have found that the differences and purposes of the organizations are not hard to explain on an individual basis. This exchange between Ron and I should go a long ways towards clearing up the confusion.

On point 3, my resignation. I do not believe that my holding office in both organizations is a large factor in the confusion. Much of the confusion is brought about naturally because we are in a new and rapidly changing situation where CSPRA has moved to being a strictly professional organization and a new organization (SPPOAC) has been formed to provide service in the employee issue area. There is bound to be confusion. Again, I think it is a temporary situation. As people learn about the situation and the organizations the confusion will lessen. For instance, Ron mentioned that Associate Director Knight and Superintendent Heize were amazed to learn that CSPRA and SPPOAC were different organizations. Now that they know the difference between CSPRA and SPPOAC, I am sure their confusion is greatly reduced. So I believe it will be for most people, whether I hold office in both groups or not.

I am disturbed by the suggestion somewhat implied in Ron's letter that it is not possible to be active in a professional organization and an employee organization at the same time. Under the Collective Bargaining Law, professional and employee organizations have been divided and their roles more closely defined. Professional organizations cannot represent their members on employee issues. I feel both areas are of vital interest. As a concerned and interested professional Ranger and employee, I plan and hope to be actively involved in both areas.

Mike Lynch

Region 4 News

After the March GEC/Joint Conference, Region 4 hosted 4 Regional meetings to help inform members as to the great times and informative workshops they missed by not attending the Santa Cruz Convention. Area Reps. Mike French (Silverwood) and Rich Lawton (San Luis Obispo) helped out immensely by organizing and chairing Regional meetings in their Areas without my presence. Thanks also to Committee Chairmen Steve O'Brien (Silverwood) and Don Patton (San Luis Obispo) for helping in these meetings as well. I was able to attend 2 Regional meetings coordinated by Bill Miller at San Simeon and Ron Jones at Santa Monica Mtns. Total attendance at all four meetings was around 40.

Some interesting ideas came forth from these meetings including:

Affiliations with Park Rangers Assn. of CA (PRAC)/Reporter

A) Many members favored a working cooperating, affiliation with PRAC but are not in favor of combining the PRAC quarterly journal (Signpost) with CSPRA's quarterly Reporter. Most members felt the Signpost was a more impressive publication than the Reporter and wanted to see the quality of the Reporter brought up to the standards of the Signpost. Most members felt CSPRA should place much more emphasis and money in developing a high quality journal which utilized articles written not only by Rangers, but also by other environmentalists and organizations as well.

B) Most members feel that a publication like the CA Ranger is long overdue, but emphasis should still be placed on upgrading the Reporter. (Do we have any journalism majors in our ranks?)

Future CSPRA Regional Meetings/Training Sessions

A) Presently Area Rep. Mike Lunsford

(Gaviota) is working with Bob Hansen (Nature Conservancy) to develop a CSPRA training session focusing on the NPS/Nature Conservancy efforts to properly manage and preserve the 75 square mile Santa Cruz Island off the coast of Santa Barbara.

B) Area Rep. Bill Miller (San Simeon) is currently looking at the possibilities of having CSPRA host an informational debate between Friends of the Sea Otter, Cal Fish & Game, and perhaps local commercial fishing interests on the status and future outlook for expanding the present range of the California Sea Otter.

C) Presently both Mike's and Bill's plans are still tentative, however I am sure interested members will assist them in their efforts to make these planned sessions reality.

Good luck surviving the summer of 1980.

John Mott Director, Region 4

Ed. Note: Mott transferred out of Region IV and has been replaced by Donald M. Caffey, 1994 Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA 93003

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Deborah R. Brodrick
Topanga
Region 4



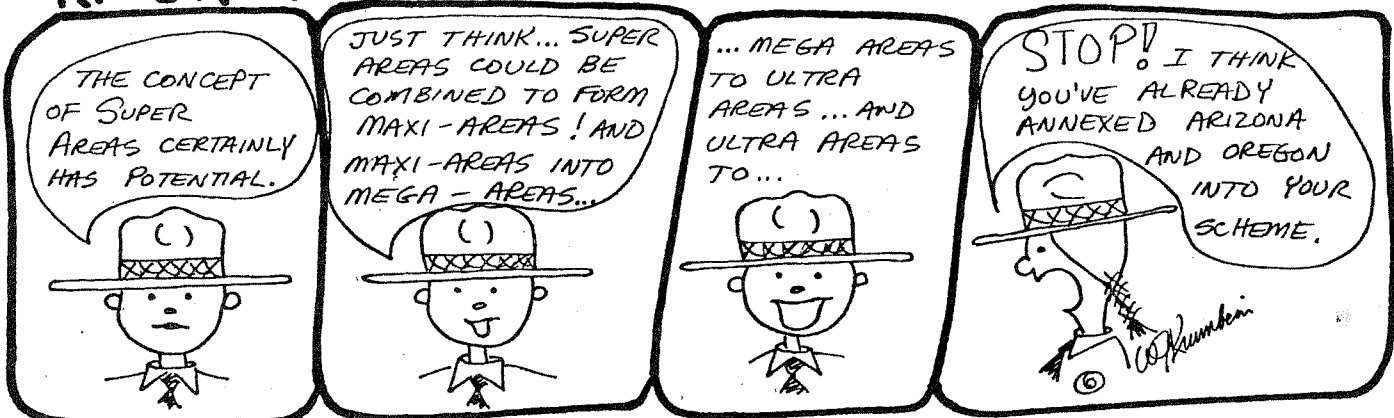
Terrance L. Pearson
Castella
Region 1

Donna C. Pozzi
Sacramento
Region 2

James A. Baird
Pacific Palisades
Region 4

Michael R. Eaton
Huntington Beach
Region 4

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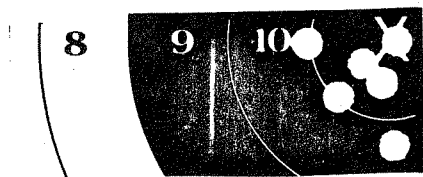


NIGHT SIGHT TIP

by Steve O'Brien

Anyone who has ever participated in a night shoot has come away with the chilling realization that shooting accuracy in darkness is poor at best. An eighty-five % drop at the fifteen yard range is normal. Our most encouraging thought is that the "other guy" is going to be as bad as we are.

For those Rangers who do a good deal of night and security patrol a simple technique may help, in part, to solve this problem. For



approximately \$5 a tube of luminescent paint can be special ordered from your friendly neighborhood jeweler. During daylight your sights will be a dull yellow. At night, after being quickly illuminated by your flashlight before exiting your vehicle, your sights will give off a low intensity green glow for up to twenty minutes. In an emergency you may never have time to sight your weapon but the glow will definitely help you to know where your weapon is pointed, just as with day light shooting.

Surprising accuracy improvements have been made at the seven and fifteen yard line for many people. A marked improvement is guaranteed at the unheard of night shooting distance of twenty-five yards where one can use your sights (if you can see them).

One tube will easily supply twelve or more rangers for an entire year. The paint rubs off easily and needs to be frequently re-applied or protected by a clear seal or lacquer.

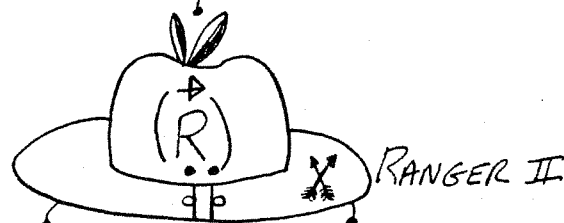
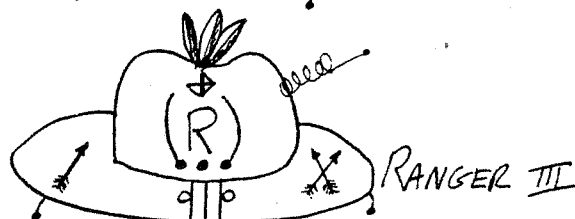
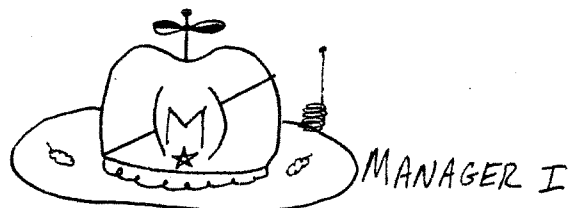
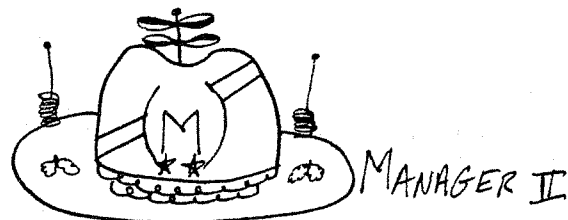
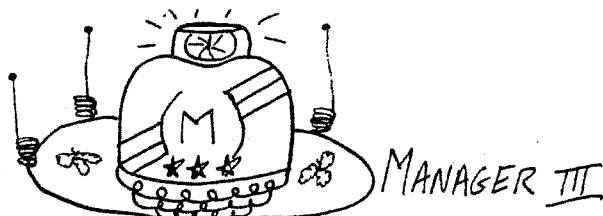
Ed. Note: Mr. O'Brien is currently Chairing CSPRA's Environmental Issues Committee

BUMPER STICKERS RAISED \$50

John Crossman raised \$50 over-and-above his expenses on the Anti-Prop 9 bumper stickers, and donated the money to CSPRA to continue its anti-9 information campaign. IT WORKED!

BEYOND LAPEL INSIGNIAS

W. K. Krumbein





There are a couple of items which you should be discussing in your Region for the next Board of Directors meeting (probably to be held at the end of summer in keeping with our new, reduced, three meetings per year policy).

The first involves "affiliations." The Park Rangers Association of California (PRAC), the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR), the Western Interpreters Association (WIA) and the California Peace Officers Association (CPOA) are all interested and receptive to the idea of a "mutual affiliation" with CSPRA. Roy Flatt was to look into affiliations, along with the President. After checking, much talking, and some delimiting, he came up with the following guidelines:

- (1) CSPRA should not over-affiliate. By this we mean that, to be meaningful, we should not affiliate with every available organization.
- (2) We tried to narrow down to organizations which have ideals closely related to ours in at least some aspect.
- (3) Affiliation could not be with an organization, such as the California Park & Recreation Society, which demanded financial ties and loss of CSPRA organizational identity.
- (4) Affiliation could not be with an employee organization such as CSEA or PORAC with whom we could not legally bind.

Thus four organizations show promise for affiliation. PRAC and ANPR because it would unify, from a communications viewpoint, rangers in the State working for any agency. WIA because it has a close association, and many dual CSPRA members, with our interpretive work; and CPOA for like reasons on our enforcement aspects. All are "professional" organizations. "Affiliation" to all means approximately the same idea that we wanted: no joint financial/membership ties, increased cross-communications, jointly supported actions where we have mutual concerns. I am sure even more could be worked out once the Board meets and we make a formalized approach. Please let your Regional Director know your opinions on this matter with any or all of the four organizations.

Second, a similar idea has come up. PRAC and ANPR are interested in exploring the idea of a single, joint quarterly magazine such as the Reporter. Each organization would have its own separate section within the magazine edited by our own editors (Lloyd), but feature articles, technical sections and the like could be in a combined section. This would allow us an expanded magazine format, plus joint financing (each with appropriate membership rates). Anyone familiar with the PRAC Signpost knows it is of a quality which is adaptable with the Reporter. Again, feedback from members if we need to pursue this. Then the respective editors, beginning with PRAC and CSPRA's could work out some ideas. CR

We need your input.

LETTERS

As CSPRA President, I continuously receive individual input from members requesting a variety of actions. I heartily welcome this input, but would like for several steps to be taken by you prior to asking me for aid on an issue. If you are contacting CSPRA on a concern which affects our Department, use the Department's communication channels before requesting CSPRA action. Should the results then be satisfactory, you may have resolved the problem prior to it becoming an issue. Should the result be unsatisfactory, the CSPRA Board and President can take the appropriate action. Keith Caldwell and I talked at great length recently on this particular subject. In several instances the Department was not contacted on matters where a simple solution was at hand. In attempting to improve the CSPRA communication network so we can continue to be a results-oriented Association, I need your efforts in following proper DPR communications before CSPRA acts. We are all part of a Departmental "team" and as part of that team should not fear constructive input through proper channels. Should those channels break down, I am more than willing to take action on any issue.

Denzil R. Verardo, President

MAIL

Mrs. Alice Huffman, Chief Deputy Director
Department of Parks & Recreation

I enjoyed our meeting on May 10, 1980, at Santa Cruz and am pleased that we opened new lines of communications between your office and CSPRA. While we may not always agree on future issues, at least we will be able to avoid positional misunderstandings. At the same time we can maximize our common ground for the benefit of the goals and mission of the Department.

Thank you for requesting our meeting.

Denzil R. Verardo, President CSPRA

Mr. Denzil R. Verardo, President
CSPRA

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your support for my efforts to prevent severe environmental damage to the central California coastal area due to offshore oil and gas development in our area. I appreciate your kind words of support.

I am glad we agree on this issue, which is of such critical importance to our area. The fact is that a sufficient cost-benefit ratio has as yet not been demonstrated which would warrant risking the valuable resources of the California coastal region, including spectacular scenery, an abundance of commercial and other wildlife species, and pristine beaches which attract millions of visitors annually. The estimated amount of energy reserves which lie in the central and northern California sale area are far less than an amount necessary to justify this risk; the Bureau of Land Management's data indicates that the sum total of oil reserves in this region would supply our nation's demand for this product for some 30 days only.

Sincerely,
Leon E. Panetta
Member of Congress

Editor's note:

Please accept my apology if you receive the June issue of CR late. Your Editor wrestled with a painful and slow-moving kidney stone until mid-month.

Mary M. Willson, Chairperson
Calaveras Big Trees Association
Arnold, CA 95223

Dear Chairperson Willson:

The Board of Directors of the California State Park Rangers Association voted unanimously to present you with our Association's Certificate of Appreciation (enclosed). Your energetic docent and volunteer activities with the Calaveras Big Trees Association, as well as your untiring efforts for Calaveras Big Trees State Park have earned you the gratitude of rangers state-wide. On behalf of our entire organization, my congratulations and thanks for a volunteer effort significantly contributing to the enhancement of the California State Park System.

Denzil R. Verardo, President

Mrs. Alice Huffman
Chief Deputy Director

Thank you for your support in our behalf on felony assault in SB 1447 (Presley), and the Department change in position on SB 1761 (Holmdahl). It will be a boost to member morale to see Department support of our goals during these times on anti-public employee attitudes.

Denzil R. Verardo
President, CSPRA



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Other Comments

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Denzil R. Verardo, President
CSPRA

Your willingness to assist the Crime Prevention Center "Vacation Crime Prevention" theme is appreciated. While there are many programs to prevent crime, your daily contacts with park visitors places your Rangers in a unique position for distribution of crime prevention information. Prior to or after the vacation season, citizens need to be constantly reminded to protect their residences and property.

Perhaps when reservations are made for camp sites or other outings, Rangers could remind persons of crime prevention. Suggested crime prevention tips may include; but not limited to, the following:

- ...Notify a neighbor(s) of duration of absence.
- ...Making sure residences are securely locked.
- ...Arranging for newspapers, mail, deliveries to be stopped or immediately picked up.
- ...Installing timers to activate lights and/or radio. (To give appearance residence is occupied).
- ...For extended absences, arranging to have lawns mowed.
- ...Where available, notifying local law enforcement for vacation home security checks and patrol.

Additionally, to the extent resources allow, your Rangers may provide visitors with suggestions on preventing crimes pertinent to state park areas.

A supply of "Take a Bite Out of Crime" booklets will be mailed under a separate cover for distribution. As other publications become available, you will be notified.

If the Crime Prevention Center can assist you further, please do not hesitate to call. Again, thank you and your association for support of CALIFORNIA CRIME WATCH: A Plan to Restore Public Safety in the 80's.

Yours very truly,
George Deukmejian
Attorney General

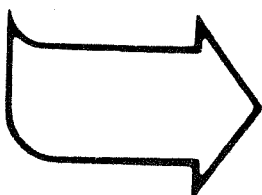
Mr. Denzil R. Verardo, President
CSPRA

On March 15, 1980, the Court of Appeal decision ruled SEERA is unconstitutional. On April 25, 1980, the Governor's Office will appeal the decision to the State Supreme Court. Because of this appeal, the Court of Appeal decision will not become effective. At any time a motion could be made to the Supreme Court to stay the operation of SEERA. However, unless and until this happens, the GOER guidelines remain in full effect. We will inform all interested parties if for any reason the guidelines do not remain in effect.

Very truly yours,
Jay M. Aguas, Employee Relations Administrator
Governor's Office, Office of Employee Relations

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