

# CALIFORNIA RANGER®

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## Verardo On AG's Crime Comm.

Attorney General, George Deukmejian, has asked CSPRA President Verardo to serve on his "Citizens Commission on Victims of Crime". This conclave of 60 citizens (representing each county and having among its members actual victims of violent crime) is to help prepare The Crime Victims Book. This publication from the Attorney General's Crime Prevention Center is intended to inform readers not only of available state assistance for crime victims, but other potential support and assistance as well. When complete The Crime Victims Book will be distributed by law enforcement statewide.

## Ranger Pistol Team In "Governor's Top Ten"

by Jeff Price

The California Combat Association sponsors competition between four member teams from enforcement agencies throughout the Western States each year. During 1979 over 200 teams were vying for the coveted "Governor's Top Ten". One Distinguished Master Class team (TEAM ONE) and Master Class team (TEAM TWO) of Park Rangers competed as employees of California State Parks and Recreation. DPR TEAM ONE placed sixth overall, with a score of 1199.7 out of a possible 1200. That means only 3 shots failed to find the "5" score ring. In order to be considered, each team must

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## DIRECTOR CRITICIZES 1980 CSPRA CONVENTION

In a meeting before the District 4 Area Managers and Staff, Director Cahill stated the recent CSPRA Joint Convention was akin to "Nero fiddling while Rome burned," since the advent of Proposition 9. President Verardo has been deluged with phone calls concerning the comment and has responded with the following statement. "I am sorry Director Cahill saw fit to be so critical of a conference which has been so long in

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## Santa Cruz

### A REPORT FROM 1980 G.E.C.

by Jeff Price

The fifteenth annual CSPRA Convention and meeting of the General Executive Council was held in Santa Cruz this past March 6th. The GEC was only a part of the offering to CSPRA members by Convention Co-Chairpersons Bob Culbertson and Jennie Verardo this year. A joint convention and workshop was held, surrounding the annual membership meeting. Western Interpreters Association and Park Rangers Association of California joined CSPRA for a record setting joint workshop and convention. An estimated 550 members from the three associations attended all or part of the program from Wednesday March 5 through Sunday March 9. "Resource Preservation through Interpretation" was the theme of speakers, panels and workshops presented. The conference was dedicated to Joshua "Josh" Barkin who recently retired from 20 years of trend-setting interpretation for East Bay Regional Park District. He and his wife Pearl were honored at the Saturday banquet. WIA presented him with their Honorary Member award.

While a few early arriving members were enjoying themselves Wednesday at the sponsored golf tournament, competition pistol shoot and hospitality of the Holiday Inn, the newly elected CSPRA Board was meeting in extraordinary session. The three hour special meeting was called to complete review and refinement of the 1980/81 budget.

Several weeks before, a Ways and Means committee chaired by Region 4 member and past president (continued on page 4)

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California Ranger is mailed bulk rate which can provide slow delivery. This issue was held until March 15th to report on the Joint Convention so you may get this issue late. Normally expect CR about the 20th.

Editor.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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We're pleased to welcome as a CSPRA member:

Patricia L. Brown of Region I



### - JOIN STEVEN VANMATRE - INTERPRETIVE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

A three day interpretive workshop is planned for May 2-4 at Skylake Yosemite Camp near Bass Lake, California. The session is being sponsored by the Association of Environmental and Outdoor Education.

\$80.00 covers room, board and the conference. Featured at the workshop will be Steven VanMatre, author of "Climatization" and "Acclimatizing". Members of AEOE receive a \$10.00 discount.

For reservations write Gary Busher, 1749 Clinton Drive, Concord, CA 94521. For more information call Sister Carolyn at 415-593-1601.

According to John Kolb who got this info to CR, "This is the ultimate in interpretive training"

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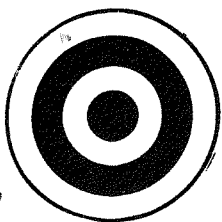
## CSPRA Board Supports Prop. 1

After a lengthy discussion of options on how to deal with Prop 1, the Board of Directors voted 6 to 2 in favor of support. The chance to set aside lands in public trust now, while they are available was stressed. The controversy and main reason for "nay" votes centered around the alternative of developing existing park lands and better protecting them. Strong feelings that natural open space is rapidly dwindling were evident. A preference of temporary hardship from additional work load and less than optimum protection over allowing valuable lands to be developed was expressed. Vote YES on Proposition 1.

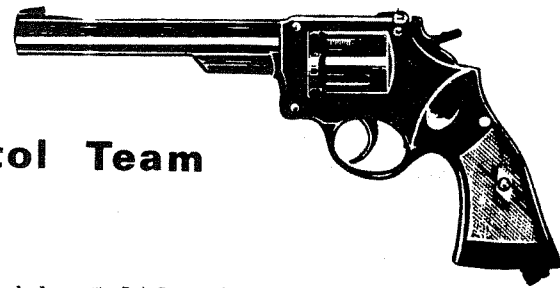
### DIRECTOR CRITICIZES (from page 1)

planning at a meeting which I was not invited to attend. We are hardly 'fiddling while Rome burns' unless Director Cahill considers the interpretive needs of the disabled, minority groups, the urban populace, resource managers, etc., frivolous. We have sought to effectively dovetail interpretive education for our members with needs identified by our Department in the planning of this conference. We have also included world reknowned experts in their fields as well as a myriad of volunteer groups which have played an important park role. The subject matter concerned is that which the Department has been unwilling or unable to provide its employees. Knowledge gained from speakers such as Grant Sharpe, William Whalen, Raymond Dasmann, and Eleanor Ramsey, to name a few, were of significance whether or not Prop. 9 passes. Some of the workshops such as Ed Pilley's 'Champagne Publications on a Beer Budget' provided information which will become essential if 9 passes.

The Board of Directors has also taken action to oppose Proposition 9, but it is the interpreters and volunteer groups who we need to actually disseminate our viewpoint to the voting public, and this convention is the one place where all these groups will meet. This may be fiddling while Rome burns, but if we ignore the needs and efforts of our employees, our volunteers and those who are willing and able to give essential information and support, we would be fueling the fire instead of fiddling."



## Pistol Team



Honored by California Combat Association  
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compete in a least ten different matches. TEAM TWO had won 6 of 7 matches but were unable to attend the required 10 shoots so fell out of the running. Members of TEAM ONE are Bob Todd (Santa Cruz Mtns.) Craig Burke (Angel Island), John Fillerman (La Purisima), Steve Michel (Gaviota) and Bob Canby (Malakoff Diggins). Members of TEAM TWO are Jim Harrison (Castle Crags) Les Clark (Santa Cruz Mtns.), Steve Chaney (Big Sur) and Doug Kauffman (Sonoma).

The DPR TEAM ONE spent almost \$5,000 of their own money to compete in 1979. According to TEAM ONE member Bob Todd, "This has become an expensive sport. Match fees are now at \$21.00 (they shot in over 20). Then there are meals, lodging, gasoline and transportation plus all the ammo we shoot. Our TEAM TWO could have placed real high, but expenses put them out of business".

Many teams are supported by their agency. Time, ammo, special uniforms and agency vehicles are supplied. They are recognized as an official function of their representative department. For example, the California Highway Patrol has their top BLUE TEAM at every match. They placed fourth overall. The same is done by LA County Sheriffs, LAPD, U.S. Border Patrol etc. etc. They also placed in top ten.

It has been learned that Director Cahill has been sent an invitation to the CCA awards banquet to accept a trophy on behalf of his "Department's Team". According to CSPRA President Verardo, "The Department probably isn't aware that Rangers even have a team so may not be there". Verardo has requested to be present at the Honorary Awards Banquet to accept on the team's behalf.

The awards are to be presented March 29th at the San Jose Hyatt House. This dedicated pistol team has raised the level of respect and professional consideration from hundreds of other law enforcement personnel for Rangers.

Congratulations to all team participants!

### BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1980/81

<u>Estimated Income</u>	
Membership Dues	24,000
Controllors Fee	475
GEC Ads	1,000
Reserve from 79/80	1,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>25,525</b>

<u>Estimated Expenditures</u>	
GEC	2,730
Board Meetings	1,800
Reg Directors & VP	1,450
President	1,625
Executive Secretary	4,150
Committees	750
Staff Services & Support	2,890
REPORTER	2,220
Insurance	3,000
CALIFORNIA RANGER	2,040
Reserve to 81/82	1,000
Scholarships	1,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>25,525</b>

CREDIT 870

### ONE OF THESE DAYS

by Mike Lunsford

How many gallons of gas does your patrol operation require? Could you get along with less than you are presently using? Are you prepared to justify the amount you currently use? Consider the following scenario, and look to the future.

#### Patrol Ranger to Supervising Ranger

"Dave, I need an additional two gallons of gas per shift. Since the cattle trespass began, I've had to increase my vehicle patrol time along the west boundry, and have exceeded my quota. Dennis has given me some of his rations, but I continue to need more than my allotment of ten gallons."

#### Supervising Rangers Reply

"Sorry Mike, Gene has asked us to cut another ten percent. We may have to cut the west side from our vehicle patrol route."

One of these days...

1980 GEC REPORT (from page 1)

dent Ron McCall began to piece together a budget. (see page 3 for CSPRA approved 80/81 budget) New this year, the committee made recommendations on ceiling limits for expenditures by Officers and Directors. Items appearing for the first time in any budget were \$1,625 for the office of President and \$2,040 for the newsletter California Ranger. McCall deleted the Association Program Fund by cutting the \$2,000 allotted last year. Board meeting funds were slashed from \$3,000 last year to only \$1,800 for 80/81. This was done by reducing the number of Regions and therefore the number of Regional Directors attending meetings from 8 to 6. Also the quarterly meetings of the Board were cut to three meetings. (including GEC)

BOARD APPOINTS FISCAL WATCHDOG

The Board also appointed McCall as Controller for 1980/81. This new assignment was made to watchdog expenses and purchases made by the Association. Executive Secretary Bryce will require detailed documents to support all claims. An itemized accounting will be prepared by Bryce and then reviewed by McCall, independently.

A \$3,000 item for 80/81 is our life insurance premium. Costing about 50¢ per member per month, each of us is insured for \$1,500. Methods of reducing this premium were discussed. The Board will be considering self-insuring since only 4 claims have been paid to date. Another alternative would be to be insured for any member claims over a deductible amount. This may save the Association considerable revenue.

Regional Directors will have an increased budget of \$250 annually to use for local meetings and communication. The Vice President this year was given \$100 to carry out the duties of his office.

The largest increase approved was for Executive Secretary. Up until last year we had been counting on near total volunteer work from this officer. The Board and membership approved a contract-type system whereby guaranteed professional services are provided at an annual cost of \$2,227. This represents 14 days for GEC Board and special meetings and an estimated 3 hours per week at \$8.50/hour. Also included in the contract is an agreement for clerical services totaling \$1,500, office space, telephone and P.O. box.

New Controller, McCall, recommended and the Board adopted additional fiscal guidelines.

1. Any out-of-state travel must be approved in advance by the Board.
2. Expenditures over \$ 100, other than those in budget, must be approved in advance by the Board.

COMMITTEES APPROVED - PUBLICATIONS SCHEDULES SET

The Board approved the Presidents recommended Committee Chairmen for 1980/81 as printed in last months California Ranger and the Jan-Feb issue of Reporter.

The move toward providing members with a regular newsletter and a professional journal was also solidified at this meeting. The California Ranger will be a monthly publication with a 1st of the month deadline for submission of material. The Reporter will become thematic in nature and be published in January, April, July and October. The first quarterly edition will be July 1980. Theme and content will be determined by Editor Lloyd Geissinger. Watch for an article by him soon.

The first day of the convention was wrapped up by all attending a Hospitality Hour, hosted by Alvord & Ferguson Uniforms. Thanks to long time Association friend Bob Ferguson.

The second day of the convention began at 0600 with two conducted walks featuring photography techniques and birds of the area. After the free continental breakfast, participants had a dilemma in deciding which of the concurrent activities to attend. Judging and

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critique of the audio-visual entries, a special film, five tours and CSPRA General Executive Council all began at 0930.

The tours, most of which were totally booked by pre-registration went very well. Full day trips went to Wilder/Cowell SP, Moss Landing and Ano Nuévo's elephant seals. Half day trips toured historic buildings and another went to the local seashore for tidepool interpretation.

The 15th annual GEC was convened with all Board members present. About 25 members attended, along with an estimated 15 guests.

#### 1982 CONVENTION SITE SELECTED

The highlights of the 1980 GEC were presentations by Committee Chairs, adoption of the budget, designation of CSPRA Honorary Member Howard King & presentation of 1982 GEC convention sites. Sacramento's Woodlake Inn was the choice, narrowly edging out a surprising second of Visalia's Holiday Inn. Also-ran's were San Diego's Vacation Village and Santa Rosa's El Rancho Tropicana. It should be noted that the full membership in attendance at Saturday's banquet voted on these sites, so some 200 CSPRA members had input this year. In the past a vote was taken at GEC. If done the old way, only 25 members would have decided our 1982 site.

CSPRA Committees gave detailed reports of their activities during 1979/80. Discussion and questions from the floor made for a very informative and lively meeting. Your Regional Directors will be holding meetings soon to share these with you for your comment.

#### URBAN PARK FEARS DISCUSSED

The one resolution brought to the floor dealt with fears of some Rangers that a Departmental push for urban parks would deny existing or planned natural parks staff and funding. No resolution was possible but the discussion made us all aware of the different attitudes of those present. Ranger Charlie Smith, currently assigned to Candlestick Point, offered an overview of special problems he felt might be unique to urban parks. He also spoke well of job satisfaction at Candlestick, and related several stories showing that many appreciate our Department's urban involvement.

GEC was adjourned at 1600. The Board of Directors then immediately reconvened in open session to discuss business at hand.

#### ARAUJO, GIBSON, NEJEDLY, HOLMDAHL HONORED

Four CSPRA Certificates of Appreciation were approved for Victoria Araujo and Victoria Gibson for their work on the Park Commission and legislators Nejedly and Holmdahl. All but Nejedly were present and received their certificates at the Saturday Banquet.

President Verardo recapped 1979/80 and presented some relevant CSPRA history for new members. Our move away from employee matters was stressed.

#### CAHILL ADDRESSES JOINT CONVENTION

Director Russ Cahill made an unscheduled appearance and addressed a joint meeting of all three associations at 1700. He stated affirmative action is a high priority goal in 1980. He wants to have the support from city dwellers for the Department since they are over 70% of the states voting block. He feels that urbanites should have recreation provided by the State in their immediate area. Cahill said the Chicano and Black legislative caucuses consistently back park projects. The Director stated very clearly that he would not support POST certification for Park Peace Officers. The cost of retraining those who fail tests would be more than he wants to spend. POST will not recognize our earlier training.

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According to Cahill we enter 1980 looking forward to an additional 500,000 park visitors, another 200,000 acres of park additions and will have 500 fewer employees in the Department than a year ago.

CAHILL DEMANDS CREATIVITY IN THE FIELD

Having just come from some storm ravaged areas, Cahill demanded more creative thinking. One example was in restroom placement and construction on exposed beaches. His suggestion was to put the restrooms on wheels to be moved when storms approached. He drew some laughter at this proposal, but said if Bill Mott (former director) could get so much mileage out of unisex restrooms, he'd do it with wheeled restrooms.

Also along the line of creative thinking Cahill told of his continuing reorganization plans. He said he expects his new Regional Directors to make their own decisions and run their domain with creative style. He even will accept Regions being run differently. Some 200 applications have been received for the DPR jobs.

After his brief talk and floor questions, Cahill met with the Board of Directors in closed session. He was questioned on Departmental opposition of a bill to include Rangers under peace officers who can enforce Welfare and Institutions Code 5150. (See separate article in this issue). He declined direct comment until he could meet with his Deputies and staff.

Along this line, Cahill expressed concern that he did not want Rangers to lose sight of their purposes for being in a park. He does not want to see hard-core enforcers or Rangers becoming "hunters". Cahill departed wishing CSPRA success in 80/81.

It should be noted that Safety Retirement, which is clearly an employee matter and outside CSPRA domain, was not discussed for about 30 minutes.

5150 - RETIREMENT MOMENTOS - CRIME WATCH '80

In other actions, the Board vowed to continue to seek authority for Rangers to use W&I 5150.

Retiring members will continue to receive a plaque from CSPRA but rather than an outright gift, DPR badges made by CSPRA will be made available at cost to party organizers or members themselves, until the 40 in stock now are gone. It was noted the cost was prohibitive and that CSPRA initiated the program until the Department could assume it - which they never did. Also, many Rangers have already bought a second badge on their own.

The Board voted to support "Crime Watch '80". This is a publicity campaign by Attorney General Deukmejian to inform Californians of the rights and plight of crime victims and to produce effective crime prevention.

BOARD SAYS YES ON 1 - NO ON 9

A decision was reached to fully support Prop 1. A commitment of funds and a media campaign was made to inform Californians that Prop 9 will hurt the parks they value so highly, and that services and park hours may be reduced. CSPRA opposes Prop. 9.

A bill (AB 2111) which would transfer off-road vehicle funds from DPR to the State Lands Office will be opposed by CSPRA.

CSPRA supports retaining peace officer status for all Park Managers. President Verardo will write the Department outlining the value of Managers being badged. A discussion revealed a confusion over wearing of uniforms and its relationship to being badged for Managers.

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A GEC site selection policy was adopted by the Board. After GEC each year, the Vice President will form a committee to select themes and consider a joint convention, and then select several locations and hotels that would accomodate what was planned. At the next GEC members will vote on and select a location from those presented.

The motion to adjourn came at 2335, none too soon for a Board that just completed 19 hours of deliberation since arriving in Santa Cruz 32 hours earlier.

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER - GRANT SHARPE

Friday began with early morning bird and photo walks and a Continental Breakfast provided by Visalia Holiday Inn.

At 0900 Presidents from all three Associations gave an official welcome to the workshop - convention. Keynote speaker Grant Sharpe of University of Washington was introduced. Sharpe called on interpreters to make themselves necessary to park managers. He showed slides demonstrating that the interpretive effort can channel visitors, forstall vandalism and enlist public support for parks. Interpreters are the best people to get rules across to visitors. He noted that we should not entertain because entertainment causes over use and resource damage. Sharpe cited "depreciative behavior" as the main enemy of interpreters and managers. "Visitors know more and care less" he said. Examples were shown to disprove the idea that quality and cleanliness keep vandalism down. Sharpe asked interpreters to show how resource damage, vandalism and abuse of park rules costs them money.

#### WORKSHOPS - SPAGHETTI FEED - SQUARE DANCE

Between 1030 and 1700 Friday a marvelous assemblage of 20 workshops, speakers, panels and programs were presented. I can't do justice here since at any given hour four different sessions were underway. All I can say is you should have been there.

At 1800 an unbelievable spaghetti feed was put on for nearly 450 by Region III member Jerry Waggoner. Afterward, contest awards were presented for photography, golf and pistol shoot. There was so much noise and such a crowd, all I got for sure is that Bob Todd from Santa Cruz Mtns. Area won the shoot. I apologize to the other contest winners.

This huge group also became dance students for Square Dance caller John Cadiente. He put this mass of humanity through an hour of fun and comical routines under the guise of western dancing.

#### WORKSHOPS - SACTO STAFF - PANEL

Saturday began with walks and complimentary breakfast as the previous two days and blended speakers on Obtaining Community Support, Greenpeace, Resource Interpretation and Urban Interpretation until 1100.

While WIA and PRAC held separate general meetings, Department employees had an opportunity to meet with Deputy Director Neil Johannsen, Al Ross and Alex Torres for an informal question and answer period. Questions were answered on tardy paychecks for seasonal and P.I.'s, storm damage, urban parks, hookups, Prop 9 effects and peace officer status.

After lunch an estimated 550 participants attended a panel discussion on "Interpretation as a Management Tool". NPS was represented by Western Region Director Howard Chapman; USFS by Dr. Mike Freed of their Visitor Information Service; and DPR by Deputy Director Neil Johannsen. The general theme is simply that interpretation, with its information, orientation, environmental education, special programs and services has a larger potential for resolving a basic conflict in parks: being charged with protecting and preserving while at the same time allowing for public use and enjoyment.

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**CLOSING SPEAKER - RAYMOND F. DASMOND**

The closing speaker was the reknowned author, environmentalist and teacher, Professor Raymond F. Dasmond. Most well known in park circles for his book "The Destruction of California", Dasmond chose a more positive presentation titled "The Reconstruction of California". His presentation was short and to the point. He sees California setting an example all the world can follow. We are now faced with decisions which will affect the next 1,000 years. If we are to survive he sees three main thrusts. 1) Conservation of open space and wildlands. Wilderness is essential to mankind. 2) Strive for a sustained yield in our agricultural lands, not maximum obtainable yield which will deplete soils. 3) All city dwellers should exercise as much self reliance as possible by being energy conscious and growing their own food where possible.

**BANQUET - AWARDS - RAFFLE - DISCO**

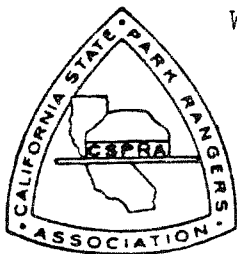
At 1830 the largest catered banquet in CSPRA history was served. Over 500 people were there for the evenings awards, raffle, dinner and disco.

Seated at the head table were Park Rangers Association of California President, Tom Smith, Western Interpreters Association President Hal Hallet and wife, Convention Co-Chairpersons Jennie Verardo and Bob Culbertson, Master of Ceremony Dick Brock and wife, and CSPRA President Denzil Verardo.

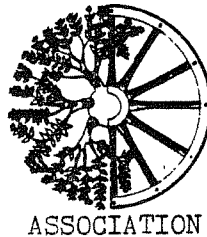
**CONTRIBUTORS HONORED**

Highlights of the evening were WIA presenting "Josh" Barkin with Honorary Membership; CSPRA bestowing Honorary Membership on Howard King; and presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Victoria Araujo, Victoria Gibson and Senator Holmdahl for their outstanding contributions to CSPRA.

Peggy and I consider the raffle a huge success since one of the 21 tickets we purchased came through. We won a camellia bush grown and donated by retired member Tony Trigeiro. Dave and Gretchen Bartlett sitting next to us won a huge can of jalapeno peppers. Other prizes were wine, flowers, a dressed pig, books, liquor, Bill Whalen's name tag, a flashlight and a gift boxed Buffalo chip. Concluding the Workshop Convention, J.J. Johnson spun the disco discs until well after 0100.



WESTERN INTERPRETERS



**JOINT WORKSHOP - CONVENTION**

MATERIAL FOR "CR"

Material received by the first of each month will be considered for that month's issue of CR. I'd prefer typed and double spaced. Drawings and photos should be of high contrast black and white.

Neil Armstrong, ex-astronaut on jogging:  
 "I believe every human has a finite number of heartbeats. I don't intend to waste any of mine running around doing exercise."

TIME, November 26, 1979



## HEY BUDDY, CAN YOU SPARE AN IDEA?

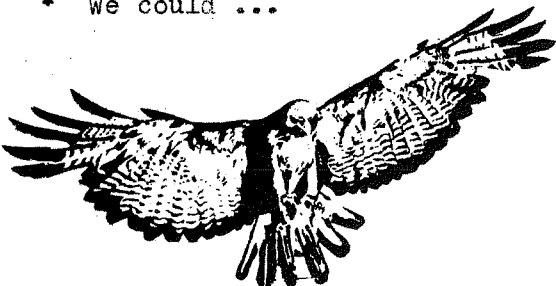
by Bill Krumbein, Chman  
Interpretive Committee

Certainly a change for the better. Instead of being the Interpretive Needs Committee, we are now the Interpretive Committee. Funny how the deletion of one word actually expands the committee's scope. I wish I had thought of it.

We will continue to cater to interpretive needs; but we now have the potential to expand, to create, and to expose almost any form of interpretation that YOU wish.

CSPRA is a professional organization. And since a portion of our profession includes the art of interpretation, it's only logical that we attempt to grow and nurture this aspect. Now, what can we do? (a multi-pronged question, because we can do whatever it is for ourselves, for CSPRA, for others, for park visitors ... for humanity, etc.)

- \* We could write one heckuva good interpretation techniques & gimmicks booklet, with profits going to CSPRA.
- \* We could offer extension courses for college credit, or possibly correspondence courses.
- \* We could create books for children.
- \* We could make short clips for public service T.V. spots.
- \* We could help each other to solve interpretation problems. (You send your question to the editor -- a reader(s) responds with an answer in the next issue.
- \* We might serve other agencies, companies, or individuals, etc. as interpretive consultants.
- \* We can help each other to find strange answers to strange questions. Someone out there will know the answer.
- \* We could ...



Surely you have noticed the many times I have used the word WE. Frankly, it is the only way for US to succeed.

We must contribute.

We must suggest.

We must work together.

We must help each other.

We must care.

Care. What an enormously profound word it is. We must care enough for each other and our profession to share our ideas and talents. Through CSPRA, and this Interpretive Committee, it appears that we have a pathway now.

To conclude this interpretive sermon (interpretermen?), more questions seem appropriate.

1. Would you like to serve on this committee? At present, there is but Steve Moore and myself.
2. Do you have any suggestions as to where we can go? What can we do?
3. What can you offer this committee in the field of interpretation?

We are able to do incredible things. Wouldn't you like to be a part of our future?

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CLOSE-UP

Interpretive Committee  
Bill Krumbein, Chairman

#### Education

BS Natural Resources 1970

MA Early Childhood Ed 1978

Joined DPR in August 1970

Assignments as Ranger I

Santa Cruz Mountains

Pajaro Coast

Sonoma Area (present)

#### CSPRA Involvement

Delegate

Alternate Regional Director

Environmental Issues Comm. Chmn.

Retirement Memento Comm. Chmn.

1978 G.E.C. Comm. Chmn.

Interpretive Comm. Chmn. (present)

#### Last Book Read

The Snow Walker by Farley Mowat

#### Favorite Things

Nature photography, kids, Mexican food, red wine and vegetable gardening

#### Recent Accomplishment

Learned to juggle 3 bean bags

The following "Damon Runyanesque" story appeared in Torrey Pines State Reserve's "Notes From The Naturalist" as stylized by Region 5 member Donald "Hank" Nicol. Two things should be noted, 1) the "guy" in this story is an ex-Superintendent, Park Commissioner, Torrey Pines Docent and a good neighbor (guess who) and 2) that Hank's highly acclaimed, fresh and varyingly humorous styles of writing have been censured by the "powers-that-be". More on that later, if not resolved.

## The nonexistent frog

Dear Jake

Today some guy comes in and says he seen a African clawd frog. I says "did you see it in the marsh?" "No" he says "I seen it sqwashed flat on the road". This guy is real upset because he figures this clawd frog will for sure mess up the ecolugy. Now Jake I do not know nothing about frogs not even American unclawed ones so I calls the Dept. of Fish and Game. The Game Warden or whatever he was did not seem much worried about these clawed frogs. He says he seen them in Orang County and in the sweetwater dranige and they has a big black claw on the hind foot so me and the guy what had come in goes down the road looking for this sqwashed frog. We can not find no frog on the road so I goes out to the marsh to see if may be a live one but I did not see no frogs of no kind. I see an abundance of all them things I allways see like Grate Blue Herons Snowey Egrets Pin Tail Ducks Wijeons Savana Sparrows and lots of pickel weed and cockel burrs but also I find something I do not expect to see a Claper Rale. They call this bird a marsh chicken but he do not look like no chicken I ever seen because he does not have no red comb on top of his head like any self respeckting chicken and his beek is to long. Anyway Jake it really make my day seeing as how I been looking for one of these Claper Rales for too years and now I finally finds one while I am serching for a nonexistent frog.

Yours Truely  
Hank

## CSPRA AND DIRECTORS OFFICE CONFLICT OVER W&I CODE 5150 USE

Many Rangers have used W&I Code Section 5150 to detain suicidal or mentally disturbed persons. Most probably are not aware that this code excludes all but peace officers under PC 830.1 and 830.2 - that excludes Rangers and Lifeguards!

CSPRA Vice-President, Mike Lynch, contacted Senator John Holmdahl regarding a bill to include SPPO's and Regional Park Police in those that may use this valuable Welfare and Institutions code section. The Senator agreed and authored AB 1761.

CR has learned that the Director's Office will oppose this move by CSPRA. In a February 15, 1980 response to a position inquiry by Senator Holmdahl, Alice Huffman Chief Deputy Director, responded as follows;

"I know that some of our field rangers believe that they need this authorization to deal with disturbed persons. It is also thought that some of our peace officers support this additional authority for themselves in the mistaken belief that it will aid them in seeking inclusion in the Safety Retirement System. However, the Department cannot support such a proposal."

In CSPRA files is another letter dated May 25, 1979 from Russell Cahill (signed by Alice Huffman) to State Personnel Board Executive Officer, Ronald Kurtz outlining DPR position on Safety Retirement. It ends as follows:

"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."

Apparently the Department has changed its opinion of Peace Officers and their abilities since last May.

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## AB DESERT RANGERS TEST EMERGENCY TRAINING

Chief Ranger Ken Smith lay there decapitated in the front seat of the yellow Scout and nobody noticed it for almost half an hour.

When they finally did notice him it was plain to see that he had been decapitated because that's what the sign said that was pasted on the front of his parka.

Ranger Manfred Knaak took one look at him, threw up his hands and exclaimed: "There's nothing we can do for this one."

Then Knaak rushed to the big green sedan to help other rangers tend to the injuries of Maria Rojas, a Park aide, and Ranger Gary McLaughlin.

Fortunately for everyone it was only a simulated major emergency drill on Borrego Springs Road in the Texas Dip area.

Fortunately, especially for the "baby" on the floor of the back seat of the sedan who wasn't discovered for 40 minutes after the first ranger arrived on the "accident" scene. She was not injured in the accident but might have succumbed under the feet of well-meaning rangers who didn't know she was there.

Rojas and McLaughlin kept everyone fully occupied administering CPR, rigging temporary splints for broken bones and patching mean looking cuts and abrasions. The job was done when they had been stabilized and prepared for the ambulance.

Rangers Ray Patton and Jeff Snider observed the test which was designed to prepare rangers to respond to a major emergency when normal ambulance or California Highway Patrol response time would be delayed more than an hour and a half.

"It was worth its weight in gold", said Patton. "They learned things today they will never forget - like looking for babies on the floor of the back seat."

Other rangers who responded to the call besides those already mentioned were Fred Gee, Bob Turner, Mark Jorgensen and George Kowatch.

# GOLD!

The Empire Mine Park Association is having a drawing June 1st for a specimen piece of gold bearing quartz. It has been valued at \$300 to \$500 by the Security Gold Exchange. According to Area Manager George Cook, entries are \$1.00 each and all proceeds will go to the Empire Mine interpretive effort. Those who have seen this "rock" say its gorgeous!! Use order form below and get in on the gold rush.

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## "OF TREES AND WOLVES" by Denzil Verardo

Two CSPRA causes went down to defeat in February. The first has major implications for State Parks. The Senate, by a 31-0 vote, passed a resolution by Assemblyman Norman Waters directing the Department to fell bark beetle infested trees in State Parks. A similar bill was successfully opposed by CSPRA last year. The timber industry supported the resolution, but CSPRA opposed it.

The second decision was by Interior Secretary, Cecil Andrus to lift the ban on the aerial hunting of wolves on federal land in Alaska. While this does not effect the State Park System per se, it is a sign of continued erosion of wildlife protection by governmental agencies. CSPRA had originally supported the ban on aerial hunting.

# INTERAGENCY WORKSHOP AT CAMP ARBOLADO

by Bill Beat

After almost one full year President Verardo and your Board of Directors have at last been able to fulfill a promise made to CSPRA members at the GEC meeting in Fresno. At that meeting President Verardo, through his Education & Training Committee, told members that CSPRA would pursue an agreement which would allow CSPRA members to attend training programs offered by agencies other than the Department of Parks and Recreation. In addition members were told that CSPRA would set up a special scholarship fund system which would allow members to receive funds from CSPRA to pay for attending such training programs. At the urging of your Board of Directors, the Education & Training Committee contacted the U.S. Forest Service in March of this year regarding the possibility of CSPRA members attending an Interagency Workshop sponsored by them which was called Camp Woodleaf. Camp Woodleaf was actually the name of an educational outdoor camp near Challenge, CA. U.S. Forest Service personnel notified CSPRA that they would welcome CSPRA members at their workshop and that the next such program would be held in the San Bernardino area in October of 1979. The CSPRA Board of Directors decided to sponsor six full paid scholarships to worthy members and directed the Education & Training Committee to write an article explaining what the program was about and how interested members could apply for one of the six scholarships.

In June 1979 an article was prepared and printed in the CSPRA Reporter explaining what the program was about and how one could apply for a CSPRA scholarship to pay for the training. An application for those wishing to apply was also included in the June issue.

Originally the Board of Directors had wanted one scholarship to be given to one member from each of the CSPRA Regions, however because not all regions had members apply it was decided to award six scholarships to at least one member from all of those regions which applied. Should there be any of the six scholarships not applied for, additional people would be selected based on their individual needs.

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By the August 20th deadline seven applications had been received by the CSPRA Scholarship Committee and six of the seven were notified that they had been chosen to receive the scholarships. In addition the seventh applicant was told to make arrangements to attend the camp on his own then submit a request for scholarship funds from the CSPRA General Scholarship Fund.

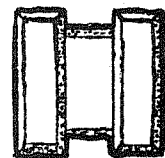
October 19, 1979 the following CSPRA members attended the Interagency Workshop at Camp Arbolado near San Bernardino: Kay Schmidt of Lake Perris, Frank Padilla of Pendleton Coast, Jim Burke of Calaveras Big Trees, Don Pohl of Auburn Area, Dale Haskins of Armstrong Redwoods, and Richard Johnson of Humboldt Redwoods. All voiced glowing praise for the camp and the training they received. All felt that CSPRA members funds had been well spent and all were very grateful for the chance to attend this program. CSPRA Education & Training Committee will continue to search for new and rewarding training programs for the organization's members. Each and every one of you can help us carry this goal out. Should you hear of a program which you feel members might find to their liking please notify Cliff Wade, Chairman of the Education & Training Committee of the program name and where it is being offered plus any other information you might have concerning the training. The next time you hear a member questioning what CSPRA is doing for its members you might point out some of the accomplishments of the Education and Training Committee.

Below are the insignias of rank being discussed by the Uniform Committee.

What do you think?

Ranger II

IG Sup I



Mgr III

Rgr III, IV  
Mgr I, II  
IG Sup II



Mgr IV

# Letters to the Editor

Editor

The California State Parks Foundation is proud to have the California State Park Rangers Association as one of its Cooperating Council members. The Foundation has met a need in the fulfillment of the goals and aspirations of the California State Park System the past ten years. We expect that the next ten years may be even more demanding upon the resources of the Foundation.

As we wrote in our Tenth Year Annual Report, the fact that more than \$20,000,000 were secured for State Park purposes; over 15,000 acres of new park land were deeded to the State and 31 projects were completed does not tell the whole story. For behind every project are the volunteers determined to see it succeed.

The Department is honoring its volunteers by dedicating this "The Year of the Volunteer".

As a Ranger in the greatest State Park System in the world, you are a volunteer in our eyes because your professional organization is one of our Cooperating Council members and our letterhead so proclaims.

What can you do? You can promote membership in the Foundation because in helping the Foundation you are in fact helping the department, but more than that - our members tell us over and over again that their membership is also of great benefit to them.

William Penn Mott, Jr.  
President and Executive Secretary  
California State Parks Foundation

## PROP 9 BUMPER STICKERS

Region 3 member John Crossman has printed (at his own expense) black on green "SAVE OUR PARKS NO ON 9" bumper stickers. He is selling them for \$1.00 each with proceeds going to CSPRA's campaign against Proposition 9. Order from John at 185 Cypress Tree Ln., Boulder Creek, 95006, by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$1 for each sticker.

Editor

We need your help. As you may know, the Governor has cut from the Department of Justice budget 15 special agents needed to bring the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement up to full strength.

The Governor's refusal to authorize these new agents in this year's budget is a surprising change from his position in 1978 when he endorsed adding 21 new agents to the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement.

With your help we can put these agents back into our budget and be of greater assistance to you and our citizens. Please write or wire Governor Brown and your legislators and urge them to give us the authority to hire these needed agents. Also, please let the people in your community know about this situation.

Most cordially,

George Deukmejian  
Attorney General

## W&I 5150

(from page 10)

In another paragraph of her February 15, 1980 letter Ms. Huffman states she prefers disturbed persons be arrested for some criminal offense rather than a 72 hour observation under W&I 5150. She bases this on a preference for a criminal record over "the stigma of a label". This is of course erroneous both in reasoning and in fact!

The 5150 section is there to prevent just such a thing from occurring - it is designed to avoid criminal record.

California Ranger feels the Department should first, take a position on Safety Retirement and not use it in arguments for or against other matters, and second, consult those affected before making statements regarding professional capabilities or the law.

This is in response to an editorial regarding a ranger "evicting" persons from a park. Sections 5003 and 5008 of the Public Resources Code not only states authority for such action but, in fact, mandates that the ranger protect the resource and people, and take action. Sections 0600, 0601 and 0602 of the Department Operations Manual elaborate somewhat more.

The editorial refers to a "problem campsite" or a "bad bunch". Very frankly, I expect that campsites that are "problems" or "bunches" that are "bad" to one ranger could be only slightly annoying to another. The point is that a "problem" campsite might be one with two parents and six noisy, running, poking-into-everything children. This might be a "problem", but I recommend you don't consider eviction without any rules or regulations being violated. On the other hand, one quiet man dropping empty beer cans all over should get some attention.

There's a phrase in Section 626 W&I, that the legislature wrote.

"In determining which disposition of the person he will make, the officer shall prefer the alternative which least restricts the person's freedom of movement, provided such alternative is compatible with the best interests of the person and the community."

This is not a bad rule to consider in any police-type action. While in many cases we almost automatically cite or arrest, there are many wherein we offer the violator himself the choice.

The following is excerpted from a California Attorney General's opinion, January 23, 1976 (IL-76-20):

"The concern for the protection of the greatest number of park users was supported in 40 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 10. The authority for such regulation rested upon Section 5003 of the Public Resources Code, the State's invitation to the use of facilities of parks is not an absolute one but is limited to the use of such facilities in the manner in which they are intended and designated."

The underlining above is mine. This is a direct quote from a 1950 Eastern case.

Cool judgement must be ever present as with most situations in police service. Many areas have developed general policies taking this into account. Exceptions to policies may arise but generally you won't go wrong if you do as the boss says.

G.I. Morrison  
Region 4

(Editors note: Gerald Morrison is)  
District 5's S&E Specialist.

Editor

I must have not been paying attention. What is the "California Ranger"? What happened to the "Reporter"? Does the Rangers Association now have two publications? I'm sure this information has already been available, but I somehow managed to remain ignorant. Please enlighten me.

Ron Brean  
Region 2

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