



NEWSLETTER



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Bottle Bill

by John Mott

As some of you may be aware, the Californians Against Waste (CAW) is sponsoring the Can and Bottle Initiative of '82. This Initiative is essentially the same as the Can and Bottle Bill which the beverage industry has successfully defeated the past few years. Now Senator Raines and the CAW are going the Initiative route.

In order to qualify as an Initiative, 350,000 registered voter signatures must be gathered. The beverage interests are expected to spend between 5 & 10 million dollars to defeat the November '82 Initiative. CSPRA and numerous other organizations are backing CAW.

A Container Deposit Law Does The Following:

- ✓ Requires a minimum refundable deposit of 5¢ on all beer and soft drinks in bottles and cans.
- ✓ Requires stores to redeem empty containers of the brands they sell and allows recycling centers to serve as redemption centers.
- ✓ Penalizes those who ACTUALLY litter and rewards those who pick it up.
- ✓ Achieves its objective without more government programs or additional taxation.
- ✓ Takes advantage of an existing time-proven refillable system familiar to most consumers.

The fund raising campaign for the Initiative's "war chest" will begin in about a week. Signature gathering will probably take place between November '81 and March '82. I have been in contact with CAW and have pledged our full support and cooperation in all phases of this effort.

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16th Annual CSPRA General Executive Council March 5-7, 1981

The Annual Convention and General Executive Council for 1981 got off to a rather stormy beginning!

Rain and 10 foot ocean swells kept the 50 people signed up for a tour of Anacapa Island on shore Thursday. Plans had been to spend the entire day off shore at our 40th National Park, Channel Islands, viewing brown pelican rookeries, sea lion caves and the beautiful island. The same storm also put a damper on enthusiasm for the annual golf tournament. It was called off due to flooded greens.

The Thursday storm didn't affect CSPRA's pistol match however. About 15 state park peace officers and several interested spouses and guests competed for honors in several rated and unrated categories. Trophys were presented at the banquet.

Of course the next day, Friday, when most all activities were scheduled for indoors, the weather was fair. A bird walk to nearby McGrath State Beach and complimentary Continental breakfast started the second day off.

The 1981 convention was a joint meeting between CSPRA and the Park Rangers Association of California. We affiliated with PRAC this year on conferences, training, publications and mutual advancement of the Ranger profession.

Friday morning was spent in membership meetings for both CSPRA and PRAC.

The 16th Annual GEC was called to order by President Denzil Verardo. Vice President Mike Lynch, Regional Directors; Bob Allen (I), Jerry Waggoner (III), Don Caffey (IV), Mike Curry (V) and Louis Wakefield (VI) were present. Region II Director John Lunday was absent and no alternate had been appointed.

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SUPPORT THE CAN AND BOTTLE BILL INITIATIVE

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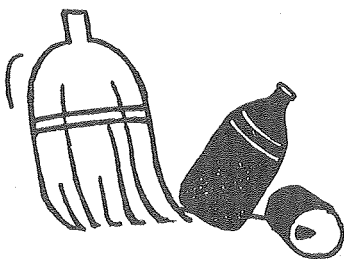
Articles will begin appearing in the CSPRA Newsletter regarding the Initiative and its progress. (Jeff Price, Newsletter editor is now on CAW's mailing list.) Individual CSPRA members can help most by:

Publicizing the Initiative to friends, relatives, fellow park employees and park visitors. I was amazed at how many DPR employees in my own Area were not even aware there was a Park Bond issue on the Nov. ballot! Hopefully this will not be the case for the Can and Bottle Initiative of 1982.

Help Raise Funds \$! One of CAW's main fund raising activities will be via a raffle on May 30th. Prizes include a weeks vacation in Hawaii, 3 days in Yosemite, Cross country skis, parkas, car stereos, etc. Raffle tickets will be available shortly. Would the sales people in the audienc please contact me or the CAW. We need your help!

Gathering signitures. In order to allow us the maximum possible time to gather signitures I am beginning to compile a list of "aparkplug" people to help distribute petitions and publicize the Initiative in their Areas. Let me know if you would like to help out.

1981 promises to be an active year for the EIC. With the support, backing and interest of CSPRA's 450+ members, we will have a major effect on not only the Can and Bottle Initiative, but also many environmental issues as well. Let me or any EIC member know if you would like to help us pursue an issue which personally concerns you.



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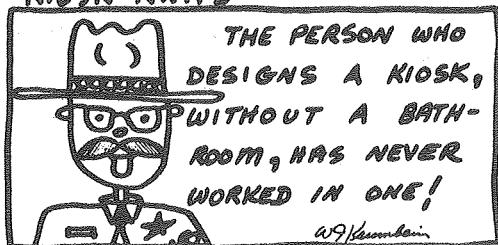
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\$\$\$ AVAILABLE

by Bill Beat

CSPRA members should know that the Education & Training Committee still has money available for scholarships. Those interested in applying should contact me. For those wishing to apply for a scholarship the qualification requirements are:

- *Applicant must be a CSPRA member.
- *Applicant must have attempted to get the Department to pay for the training prior to applying to CSPRA (disapproved DPR 392, Employee Training Request, should be attached).
- *Training must be job related or career related in nature (letter requesting the scholarship should contain a statement telling how the training will help the applicant do a better job serving the people of California).
- *The scholarship applicant must agree to provide a report on training he received to the scholarship committee, who may then request that applicant prepare an article for the CSPRA Newsletter.
- *Applicants must submit an expense claim for training expenses. These may include books, tuition, materials, mileage and housing, or other expenses.

I would like to ask all of you to be on the lookout for training opportunities which might be of interest to other members. Should someone know of a program which they feel might be of interest to others please let me know. I also ask that if any of the members know of special programs being offered at schools in their area which might be of interest to CSPRA members please put my name on the mailing list of that institution and I'll let members know through the Newsletter.

I am also interested in ideas on ways this committee might best serve the association's membership. If anyone has an idea on that subject they can write me or contact one of my committee members:

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Mr. Denzil Verardo, President
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Dear Mr. Verardo:

I learned of the California State Park Rangers Association's opposition to the use of the By-Word system at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, by copy of your letter of February 5, 1981 to Area Manager Herman Schlerf.

You emphasized your opposition to its use in natural areas, especially where excavation is required and also its use of energy and that it may be distracting for some visitors. You also suggested that it may establish a precedent that would lead to concessioning the priceless heritage.

On more than one occasion my family and I have enjoyed Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, and I agree with you that it has very special qualities. I also agree that the principal experience to be derived from natural areas is one of peace, serenity and inspiration. However, I have found that being with people who have a special knowledge and ability to interpret these areas, greatly expands my experience.

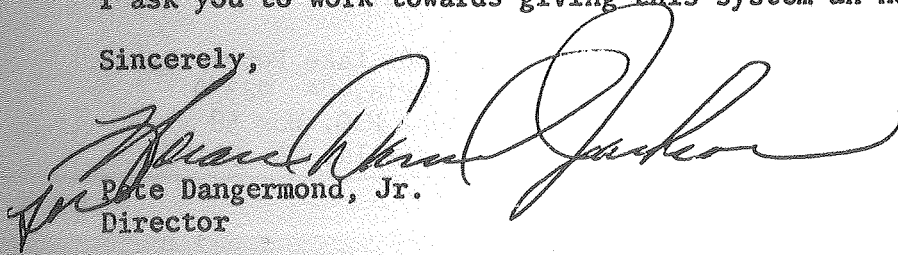
I am aware of the fact that the subject of using By-Word at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park was discussed during Director Cahill's administration. He was originally in favor of this program, but then changed his opinion.

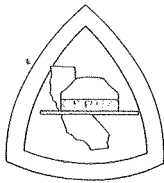
I have decided to proceed with this program. I believe that we should utilize this as an experiment to find out whether or not By-Word enhances the enjoyment of the park.

I recall when the By-Word system was first introduced to the State Park System, there were some misgivings, but it has proven to be a very useful tool. I believe we should look upon its utilization at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park in the same positive manner.

Would it be possible to combine both the learning and the inspirational experience? I ask you to work towards giving this system an honest try.

Sincerely,


Pate Dangermond, Jr.
Director



california state park rangers association

President's Opinion

There are several moves afoot which could, if successful, jeopardize the environmental integrity of the State Park System. The Bureau of Land Management has announced plans to test for oil and gas in Salton Sea S.R.A. The BLM had withheld mineral rights to the land when they originally turned the area over to the State Park System. The BLM holds similar mineral rights on state park-lands from Oregon to the Mexican border. If the Bureau is successful in the Salton Sea exploration, much of the State Park System could be similarly exploited.

In a separate move, Secretary of the Interior, James Watt has announced his intentions to re-open bids for the leasing of offshore areas of the Northern and Central California coast for oil exploration. Literally hundreds of miles of state beach frontage, several endangered species, numerous State Parks, and two State Reserves (yes, NOTHING is sacred) could be adversely affected.

These two external issues have CSPRA's active opposition. But it is not only external issues which CSPRA has recently been forced to focus its time and energy on. The Department has announced its intentions to install electronic listening devices in Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park along the nature trail. This requires a trench to be dug to bury the electronic cable. No E.I.R. was done on the project. Furthermore, this would set a precedent for the use of such devices in natural areas where CSPRA feels they are inappropriate. Perhaps more relevant is the fact that the installation of the devices will cost the Department in excess of \$100,000 and require maintenance and operation of the system--all in an era of supposed shortages, tax-payer revolts, and budget cutbacks. Ironically, the area also has a docent program, but I guess since the "Year of the Volunteer" ended in January, such inconsistencies no longer matter. The Director recently spoke of a praiseworthy Department goal: to direct and maintain correct missions and recreations to the appropriate lands. Thus, both off-road vehicles and wilderness experience can be gained in the State Park System, but in their own appropriate areas. The use of electronic listening devices in a natural area seems to weaken a mission formulated only a few weeks ago, since it seems to CSPRA to be incongruous to have electronic intrusions requiring excavations in a supposedly preserved natural area--and we will not let that fact go unnoticed.

CSPRA is committed to opposing any actions, external or internal, which could damage the integrity of a system to which we have devoted our careers, and, more importantly, to which we have made a commitment to protect for future generations.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

by Bill Beat

ATTENTION ALL CSPRA MEMBERS. Are you looking for a way to broaden your ability? The following is a list of college courses and training opportunities that may be of interest to you.

The following courses are offered through the University of California Extension at Davis. Anyone interested should contact University Extension, Room 4485, Chemistry Annex, University Annex, Davis, CA 95616.

Our Ancestors, Ourselves, a Symposium on Human Origins, a two day seminar with guest speakers, Dr. Jane Goodall, Dr. Garniss Curtis, Dr. F. Clark Hewell and several others. Class held May 9-10, 8am to 5pm, cost \$45. If interested call Dottie Moore (916) 752-3098.

Yosemite Photoworkshop, five day program covers photographic composition, filters, etc., course includes lectures, tours, class runs five days - Monday through Friday, April 6-10. Class held at Yosemite Natl Park and is taught by Lewis Kemper, former resident photographer Ansel Adams, Gallery, Yosemite. Cost is \$250 this includes instruction and double occupancy lodging at Yosemite Lodge.

Interpersonal Relations: Conflict Resolution, course lasts one day and includes topics on anger its source and characteristics, teaches skills for handling and communicating with potentially angry and difficult people, types of conflict and how to assess your conflict management style. What to do about win-lose situations, course offered April 25, 8am to 5pm, cost is \$60.

Riparian Birds of Sacramento Valley by Canoe, July 10-12, course will include field observations from a canoe in areas along the Sacramento River. Various birds, their nests and environment will be studied, course will meet 8am to 5pm Friday through Sunday, cost of \$95, includes canoe rental.

The History and Ecology of California's Mother Lode, June 11 and 12 includes visits to significant sites of California's Indian and white settlers history in Sierra Foothills, class held 12 Thursday, 3pm Friday. Cost is \$125 and includes dinner, breakfast and lodging at old St. George Hotel.

Natural History of Death Valley and the Amargosa Canyon, April 4-8. Car tour of the valley will look at wildlife, wildflowers and geology of the area. Course all day both days, cost \$185 includes meals, except in transit and round trip transportation from Davis.

Star Walk: A Night With The Heavens, class held June 14-15 or July 11-12 or August 8-9, two day class held at Mt. Diablo State Park, will include all aspects of field Astronomy, cost \$30 includes campsite.

Sutters Butte Natural History, May 9-10 class is a tour of the Buttes, will look at wildlife and geology of the area, cost \$75 includes meals, you provide your own camping equipment.

Other courses are offered in the areas of Business Administration, Career Development, Enterprise and Investment, Health and Fitness, Personal Growth, Wilderness Sports and Recreation and others. For a complete listing contact the University Extension Service at University of California at Davis, Davis, CA 95616 or call at (916) 752-0880.

West Valley Community College Park Management Program is hold 4 day workshop on Planning for Park Resource Management, Course will include basic environmental principles, erosion control, preservation or improvement of habitat fire management, developing resource management plans, etc. The course will begin March 23rd and will end March 27th, those wishing further information should write to West Valley Community College, 14000 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga, CA 95076 or call (408) 867-2200 ext. 375.

Dominican College of San Rafael is offering a wide variety of training and education programs through the Point Reyes Field Seminars, some of the classes being offered include:

Spontaneous Combustion: Theater and Games for Environmental Education, April 4-5, class teaches techniques for teaching children about the outdoors, the fee is \$35.

Practical Ecology: Techniques and Guidance for Teaching Out-of-Doors, teaches new methods for exploring fundamental ecology principles with young people, class is offered May 23-24 the fee is \$35.

Owls of the Point Reyes Peninsula, March 21 or March 22, class will consist of an afternoon lecture and potluck followed by a dusk to midnight 10 km moonlight walk, fee is \$21.

Bird Watching for Beginners, March 28-29 a course designed to teach the beginner the basics to bird identification. The fee is \$39 and this includes dormitory accommodations.

Spring Birds: Migrants and Breeders, May 16-17. This is a field course which will include visits to a wide variety of bird habitats throughout the area. The fee is \$39 this includes dormitory accommodations.

Other classes being offered through the Point Reyes Field Seminars include:

- *Preditory Birds, May 16-17, fee \$39
- *Breeding Birds and Their Habitats, June 13-14, fee \$39
- *Nature Photography, April 3-5 evenings, fee \$41
- *Illustrating Wildflowers, April 4-5 or May 2-3, fee \$35
- *Drawing Seashore Life, April 11-12, fee \$35
- *Wildflower Photography, May 2-3 or May 16-17, fee \$39
- *Biophotography, June 13-14, fee \$39
- *Sea Vegetables, evenings April 10-11 or May 8-9, fee \$32
- *Spring Wildflowers for Beginning Beginners, April 11-12, fee \$35
- *Wildflowers of the Forest Meadow and Strand, April 25, fee \$35
- *Spring Wildflowers at Point Reyes, May 2-3 or May 16-17, fee 35
- *Seaweeds at Driftline, May 24, fee \$21
- *For Families: A Day at the Seashore, May 9, fee \$23
- *Habitats and Inhabitants of the Point Reyes Penninsula, April 25-26, fee \$39
- *Life at the Edge of the Sea, April 25-26, fee \$35
- *The Butterflies, May 30, fee \$21
- *Mammals of Point Reyes, June 6-7, fee \$39
- *Instants in Time, The Geology of Point Reyes, June 6-7, fee \$35

Anyone interested in attending any of the Point Reyes Seminars can get futher information by writing to : Point Reyes Field Seminars, Point Reyes, CA 94956 or those wishing to contact by phone can call (415) 663-1200.

CSPRA members remember if you wish to apply for scholarship funding for any of the above or other programs you must:

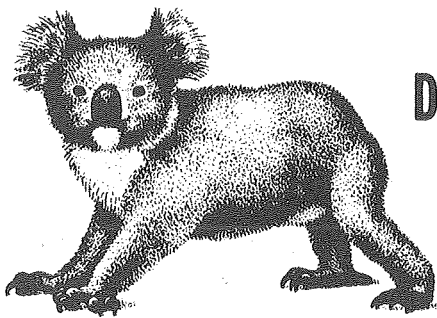
- *Submit a DPR 392 to the Department and have it refused before CSPRA will award a scholarship.
- *You must send a letter along with a copy of your rejected DPR 392, explaining how the proposed training will improve your ability to serve the public through your job.
- *Submit a complete itemized list of expenditures.

If you find good training opportunities, drop me a card with details:

Bill Beat, Chairman
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Good news

IN YOUR PERSONAL PLANNING



DOWN UNDER

RAFFLE

OUTBACK, FAIR DINKUM*!

by Rick Parmer

In last month's newsletter I said I would introduce you to rangers Down Under. These observations were made while employed as a youth worker in Alice Springs, a town of 16,000 in the Northern Territory (NT). Alice Springs (affectionately called "The Alice" by locals) is situated in the center of the Australian continent and best known as gateway to Ayers Rock, the giant monolith 200 km. away.

The surrounding tracts of claypan and sand dune desert known as the "dead heart" comprise one of the least populated regions on earth. The NT is nearly as large as Alaska with roughly one quarter the people. One in four residents is of Aboriginal descent.

In 1871, the local spring--often mudhole--was named Alice Springs after the wife of the South Australian governor by this bloke, Whitfield Mills, a surveyor for the overland transcontinental telegraph.

A repeater station was established just outside the present township and today is a restored historical building complex run by the Territory Parks and Wildlife Commission.

NEXT MONTH: INTERPRETING NEXT DOOR TO ALICE

* (meaning genuine--Origin? Beats me and every Aussie I've asked also)

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Hal Latta
Hemet

Charles Maris
Grass Valley



Californians Against Waste will conduct a major statewide "free drawing" from March through May to raise funds for the 1982 Can and Bottle Bill Initiative campaign.

The initiative would simply place a minimum deposit of five cents on all beer and soft drink containers. It will be similar to Senate Bill 4, by Senator Omer Rains of Ventura. C.A.W. is the statewide organization that has coordinated the extensive lobbying effort for Senate Bill 4.

For a donation of \$1 per ticket the donor will be eligible to win a week-long vacation in Hawaii (including air fare and hotel accommodations), three room nights for two at the Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite National Park, two room nights for two and a dinner at the MacCallum House in Mendocino, a bicycle, a Sierra Designs tent, Fischer cross country skis, an Ansel Adams print, cases of P.S. Fetzner wine, a 1982 State Park annual pass (CSPRA donation) and several other prizes.

Several large organizations have already given commitments to C.A.W. to help sell drawing tickets, including the Sierra Club, the Retail Clerks Union, Friends of the Earth, Operation Wildlife, Friends of the River, the Planning and Conservation League, and groups of California bicyclists.

Proceeds from the sale of drawing tickets will be used to fund the signature-gathering phase of the campaign, which will begin towards the end of this year. C.A.W. must collect 346,119 signatures of registered voters in 150 days, a process that will cost approximately \$200,000.

A drawing to determine the prize winners will be held on Saturday, May 30.

To request tickets and more information on the drawing and the initiative, contact Californians Against Waste, P.O. Box 289, Sacramento, CA 95802, (916) 443-5422 or John Mott, 2975 Graham Hill Rd., Santa Cruz, CA (408) 438-6763.

EIC REPORT

Environmental Issues Committee

by John Mott

Since I took office last October, the Environmental Issues Committee held one formal meeting with members Dave Dixon, Rick Parmer, Denzil Verardo and I attending. Another meeting is planned for late March. As Committee Chairman, I am very pleased with the high level of involvement and interest the 7 EIC members have shown. In order to maximize our effectiveness each member is primarily centering on a particular issue.

Presently we are pursuing 5 main issues--Mono Lake, Establishing an Underwater Reserve at Ano Nuevo, the North City West development near Torrey Pines, Offshore Oil, and the CA Can and Bottle Initiative of '82. Besides closely monitoring offshore oil developments, President Verardo is also concerned with proposed Federal condemnation proceeding at Silver Strand State Beach and Salton Sea S.R.A. (details on these proceeding are in the Presidents' Report).

Paula Penington is exclusively involved with monitoring the Mono Lake issue, including SB 83, a bill to establish Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve. Paula has been personally involved with the Mono Lake controversy for years and promises to be an excellent resource person between CSPRA and the Mono Lake Committee.

Unique ecological resources, boaters disturbing sea lions, and clam diggers disturbing the tide pools at Ano Nuevo State Reserve have inspired Walter and Candy Ward to recently submit a draft proposal (including 7 pages of documentation) to establish an Underwater Reserve offshore from the present mainland Reserve north of Santa Cruz. The CSPRA Board will be discussing this proposal and evaluating various implementation options in the near future.

A proposed city of 40,000 bordering Los Penasquitos Marsh Natural Preserve and Torrey Pines State Reserve will undoubtedly have major impacts on the Reserves resources and visitation. Committee member Rick Parmer recently brought this issue before the EIC. He will be representing CSPRA's concerns at upcoming hearings in April. He has been studying the issues, talking with local "politicians" and will soon be drafting a CSPRA position paper on the subject.

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Ever - observant CSPRA member Fred Soderlund has found yet another example of how the name "RANGER" gets put on various products:

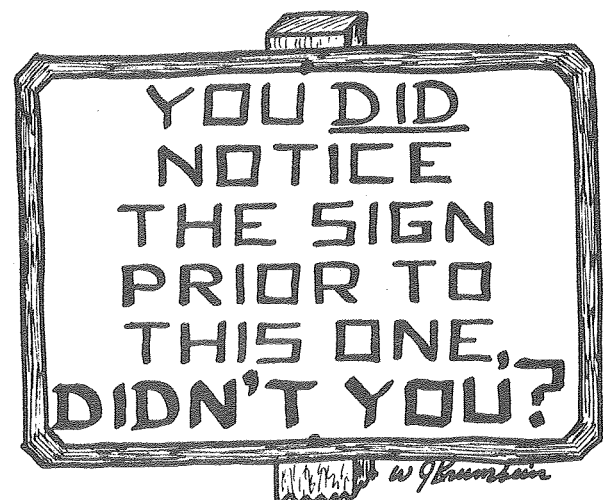
RANGER™ STROBE BAR

Police and fire departments across the country are finding the Ranger Strobe Bar is uniquely distinctive in looks, design and construction.

Member Bill Krumbein also tells CSPRA NEWSLETTER his sons saw the name "RANGER:III" on Buck Rogers' 1987 deep space probe, in the weekly TV version.

Keep us up to date on uses of the "Ranger" brand you discover.

EDITORS NOTE: over 20 Feb. issue mailings were returned as "undeliverable". If you know of a recent transferee ask if they have let CSPRA know their new address!



GEC from page 1

President Verardo reported on the past year for CSPRA as a professional organization. He said you can tell much about people and organizations by associates. Our affiliation with PRAC, joint interpretive committee work with Western Interpreters Association, assistance to the beginning Association of National Park Rangers and membership in the State Park Foundation Council show such achievements.

Verardo further reviewed work supporting Proposition 1 and defeating Proposition 9. He recounted work retaining OHV funds within DPR. Environmental issues in which CSPRA has been active were discussed, such as support of a Mono Lake State Reserve opposition to off-shore oil leases, protection of Silver Strand from the Navy and Salton Sea from BLM, Bottle Bill support, the push for SPPO jurisdiction below the mean high tide line, air quality over parks and opposition to the By Word system in redwood groves.

The President also reviewed legislation where CSPRA was involved. He pointed to POST Certification, legislation including SPPO's in those able to invoke 5150 W&I, and covered under 830.2 PC peace officer status.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The next portion of GEC was devoted to detailed reports from various committee chairs on activity this past year. Doug Bryce reported \$6,199.20 on hand and 441 current members. The 1982 GEC and convention for Sacramento was discussed. It will be held jointly with PRAC and California Park and Recreation Society.

RENO, NEVADA IN 1983

1983 Site Selection Committee Chairman Mike Lynch presented six different locations for consideration by all members in attendance. The focus was on Tahoe/Reno and the final selection was nearly unanimous for the El Dorado Hotel in Reno. They have given us a confirmed price of \$35.00 single or double for 1983, a bargain. Mike plans a joint meeting there with PRAC and Nevada State Park Rangers. The 1983 GEC will be mid week probably a Tuesday through Thursday.

RESOLUTIONS

Two resolutions were discussed by the members present. One on a poll to expand classes of membership passed, a second calling for a study on the "generalist" role of SPPO's was defeated. The resolved portion of these resolutions are as follows:

PASSED RESOLVED, that a ballot be submitted to all voting members asking that the constitution of the Association be amended to expand the Active and Active Retired Membership classes to include all current and retired, permanent or permanent-intermittent employees of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

FAILED RESOLVED, that the California State Park Rangers Association take an active role to promote open discussion, poll its members, work with Department administrators to study for the next six months the concepts stated in "Proposals for the Reestablishment of the 'Generalist' State Park Ranger".

Attendance was very light at the entire GEC. It was disappointing to see only 34 in the audience at Friday's meeting, of which your editor identified about 19 actual CSPRA members, the remainder being PRAC, speakers or guests.

DIRECTOR SPEAKS

After lunch on Friday, time was given to Director Pete Dangermond and Deputy Director Horace Jackson. Dangermond spoke of the three issues he sees shaping the future of the State Park System; economics, visitation and tradition and values. He sees his goal in the next year as keeping even, with increased growth and decreased revenue. He says parks aren't free and we have to be more business oriented. Strategy will be in expanding and rehabilitating existing parks.

Deputy Director Jackson spoke of his learning how amazingly flexible the Ranger has to be. He drew laughter when he told of being unable to find anyone who would claim ownership or responsibility for the re-organization plans he and Dangermond inherited.

When questioned on installing a By-Word cable at Cowell Redwoods both men said they were committed to giving it a try and that they had the right to experiment and fail. Members were displeased (see related letters and article elsewhere) since the welfare of a magnificent redwood grove could be part of their failed experiment.

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Questions from the floor on the proposed Resource Technician series conflict and proposed limiting of transfers from southern California by not advertising positions in the north drew blank stares from both men. They said they never heard of such proposals, which amazed many present. Deputy Director Jackson even asked the audience at one point if we knew "who is coming up with these ideas and not running them by us?". Of course the audience was unable to help him.

Friday ended with a Western Barbeque dinner and socializing, attended by about 140 people.

The final day was devoted to a series of guest speakers on the ocean environment and related topics, which began after another tasty continental breakfast of orange juice, coffee and sweet rolls.

SEA SALT SPRAY

Dr. Gary Ogden of Moorpark College gave an overview of the coastal plant community. He also related the basics of his thesis on effects of sea salt aerosol on oaks varying distances from the shore. He found foliar absorption of salts has an effect on plants as far as 50 miles inland, and used "salt-burn" to demonstrate accelerated wind pruning effects.

MONEY MANAGEMENT

Mickey Stamm of Kinner Peabody investments presented her views on how cooperating associations could maximize income by thinking about "money attitudes", making money while waiting for big projects and helping the big donor with a tax break.

She felt many coop's were being held back by not having a positive attitude toward fund raising. Some organizations are embarrassed to ask for contributions, aren't tapping talent within and aren't preparing for growth. For example, when small, a coop could have all members decide on how funds should be used, but when growing, those decisions become difficult and methods should change.

Ms. Stamm showed how Treasury Bills, Certificates of Deposit, money market and donated securities could help make money while waiting for big projects to come. She said big donors are being sought on the basis of helping them to support and improve their favorite park, redirecting tax dollars and feeling important.

Bill Dillinger who was in the audience said to be sure to check your coops By-Laws for any restrictions on other than passbook savings accounts. He says some archaic language still exists in some coops By-Laws and should be changed.

Jeff Price mentioned local libraries carry a listing of all foundations which may donate money, and that the next issue of California Ranger carried an article by Lisa Buetler on fund raising.

Jim Whitehead said he thought some mention in coop literature showing percent of funding that goes to the interpretive effort and the percent going to overhead and operations would show donors their money was being well spent.

Jennie Verardo spoke in support of a loose knit organization of all State Park Coops. She felt standardization, assistance to beginning groups and joint publications could be done by a Cooperating Association Council.

CONDOR POPULATION LIMITED

A very unique slide presentation was offered by John Borneman of the Audubon Society on the California Condor. He told us that only 25 to 30 individuals remained, and covered the natural history of this huge bird.

Apparently Audubon wants to preserve the remaining population by a captive breeding program and radio-telemetry tracking. Other conservation groups are opposing this method and are trying to block permit approval by DFG. Borneman asked for CSPRA member support in capturing three immature birds for breeding and ten for radio-telemetry.

THE GREY WHALE

Dr. James Mills spoke of his experiences with the Grey Whale. He showed amazing slides taken by he and his son Dan in Baja and Alaska. Description of a unique head first birth he observed was quite interesting. Most grey's are born tail first.

NATIONAL PARK UNITS

Robert Chandler, Superintendent at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area shared his experiences trying to get a unit started in Los Angeles.

Even though the ultimate size of the unit is to be 150,000 acres, he said that Reagan's cuts have halted it at 1,400 acres. He wasn't sure of the future of the acquisition program.

Currently Chandler's staff is using State Park Units as a land base for its programs and public involvement.

Rob Ahrenberger, a representative from Association of National Park Rangers spoke briefly giving our audience an idea of how ANPR got started in 1977 and what they are doing. He handled a classic interruption very well, when as he discussed morale in NPS hitting a real low, Chandler's 15 foot long SMMNRA map fell off the wall and crunched to the floor behind him.

Ahrenberger said ANPR will be holding their annual rendezvous in Squaw Valley this fall, and invited any CSPRA or PRAC member to come.

The final speaker on Saturday was Bill Ehorn, Superintendent Channel Is. N.P. He enthusiastically told of his 6½ year battle to get Channel Islands included as our 40th National Park. He spoke of his unusual resource management techniques and plans on Santa Barbara, Anacapa and San Miguel Islands. He closed with a beautiful slide program done by Brooks Institute. It will be part of the new visitor center now being constructed in the Ventura Marina.

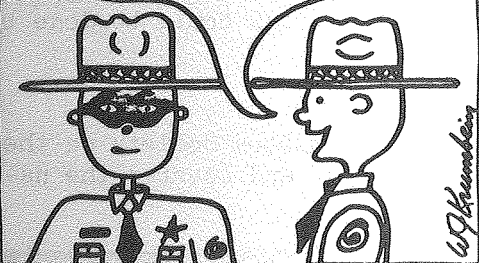
A great time was had by all at the banquet following the programs. Two Honorary Members, Jim Whitehead and Vern Whitaker were recognized and honored.

Our raffle MC, Dave Bartlett, gave away an estimated \$1,000 worth of prizes including \$50 Alvord & Ferguson gift certificates, Coleman camping equipment, nights lodging in Santa Cruz and Sacramento and various other donated items.

The three day GEC for 1981 ended with the 125 attending socializing, dancing and enjoying the company of old and new friends.

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Letters

Dear Editor

The February issue of the CSPRA Newsletter asked for opinions on the use of Lifeguards as State Park Peace Officers at Huntington State Beach. This opinion is based upon past experience, not current knowledge.

The major objectives of the State Park System are to protect its natural resources and serve the visiting public to the best of its ability. Very simply, it takes State Park personnel to accomplish these objectives. A reasonable number of these people must be Peace Officers.

If Rangers cannot be found who will take on this job willingly and with enthusiasm, and Lifeguards are willing to do the job willingly and enthusiastically, why not take advantage of that class?

The Mott Training Center is available to provide Lifeguards with the necessary resource and interpretive material and skills in which they may be short.

Give it a chance! My opinion is that it will work! The resources will be protected, the public will be served and the State Park System will have an additional reservoir of potential managers.

Bill Haussler
Region 6

Dear Mr. Verardo

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the dangers presented to the sea otter population off the coast of California by offshore oil and gas exploration and production.

I believe that the information available at this time is inadequate to support a decision as to whether or not lease sale #53 can safely proceed. For this reason, I have submitted a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior to delay the sale until necessary environmental studies are complete and results are available. In addition, I recommended that a number of tracts near the sea otter range be deleted from any sale now or in the future, and that special efforts be undertaken to protect the sea otter as it expands its range into new areas.

It takes vigilance and energy to protect our wildlife and natural resources. I appreciate your sharing your views with me on this important issue.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor

Dear Mr. Verardo

As you may know, recent actions by the new Secretary of the Interior, James G. Watt, could have a significant impact on the communities of the northern California coast. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the offshore oil drilling situation and urge you to make your thoughts on this issue known to the Secretary.

On February 11, Secretary Watt decided to re-issue the Proposed Notice of Sale for Lease Sale 53, which placed the northern four basins, which had been deleted by Secretary Andrus, back into the OCS process. Secretary Andrus deleted the northern four basins after two years of analysis and in accordance with the balancing requirements mandated by the 1977 OCS Lands Act Amendments, because the minimal resources estimated to lie within this region did not warrant the serious economic and environmental risks associated with oil exploration.

The Secretary's decision has been followed by a sixty day comment period, currently under way, during which the Governors of California and Oregon are expected once again to submit comments indicating their states' opposition to inclusion of the northern four basins. I would urge you to make your comments known to Secretary Watt during the comment period so that he may understand what his decision means to the livelihood of our coastal communities. The address is:

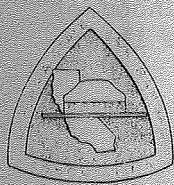
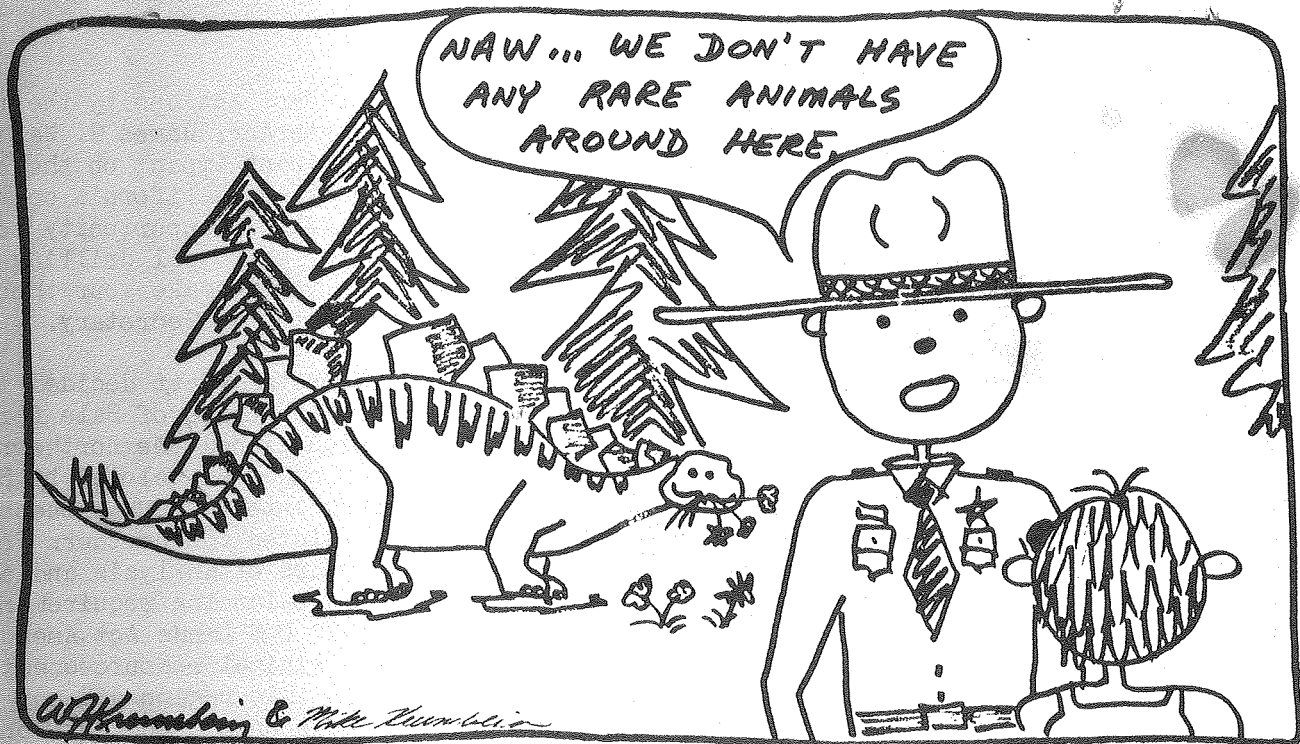
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LEON E. PANETTA
Member of Congress

The Returnable System Is Popular In California

SIX OUT OF SEVEN CALIFORNIANS SUPPORT THE RETURNABLE SYSTEM. A public opinion poll by the California State Department of Consumer Affairs taken in the spring of 1979 showed 84% support. A poll released by the State Solid Waste Management Board in the summer of 1980 showed 83% support. Californians are clearly willing to abandon the "throwaway system" and return to returnables!

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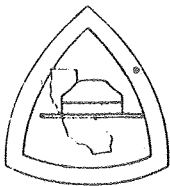
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE 1981 GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE PARK RANGERS ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the 1981 General Executive Council. As I reviewed the past year's accomplishments in preparation for this Presidential Report to you, the membership, I realized what strides we have made toward our past year's goal of further professionalization of our organization. There are several indicators of success by which we can measure a professional organization. One such measure is the company one keeps. Following the direction of the membership, through the Board of Directors, the California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) affiliated with the Park Rangers Association of California (PRAC). Through this agreement, CSPRA and PRAC will exchange information and meet on a formal regular basis, as well as take joint action on mutual issues concerning the ranger profession. A committee was established to work with the Western Interpreters Association (WIA) and PRAC on implementation of our 1980 Joint Interpretive Action Statement. The results of that committee's work should enable all three organizations to be more effective in actions involving interpretation. Another closely allied organization, the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR), held elections recently. Mike Finley of Washington, D.C. was elected President. Mike is a former exchange ranger to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) at Big Basin, and his election means a closer relationship between CSPRA and the ANPR on matters of joint concern on both the national and state level. CSPRA was accepted to the California State Parks Foundation Cooperating Council this past year. This affiliation allows the Foundation to gain further support for their goals with the use of our name, and allows CSPRA to remain closely allied with the Foundation's programs which enhance the State Park System. Maintaining close ties between CSPRA and the other allied organizations mentioned can only lead to the enhancement of both our profession and our association.

Another measure of a successful professional association is the depth and breadth of its legislative programs and political activity on behalf of the goals of the profession. In 1980, CSPRA expended a large amount of time and energy working toward the defeat of Proposition 9, the Jarvis Initiative. By distributing materials, maintaining liaison with key legislators, and joining coalition groups opposing Proposition 9, CSPRA did its part in defeating the ill-conceived initiative. Recently, CSPRA had the pleasure of vigorously supporting Proposition 1, the State

Park Bond Act. Again, through coalition work, and many hours of personal newspaper contacts, CSPRA did its part to enhance and insure a viable future for State Park System growth. The 1980 legislative session saw the introduction of a bill which would have removed off-highway vehicle recreation from the Department of Parks & Recreation and established a separate office of Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Parks. CSPRA again intervened to oppose this legislation, not because we philosophically support OHV areas, but because we believe that if such areas are mandated, then the DPR should manage them in perspective with the state's total recreational needs. A separate office for such parks would have created an unnecessary bureaucracy, as well as losing focus on recreational priorities.

Focused action on environmental matters has always been a major policy thrust of CSPRA, and 1980 was an active year for such issues. The protection of Mono Lake required constant vigilance through contact with the Mono Lake Committee. CSPRA supported various attempts which would have insured the lake's conservation, but none materialized successfully. National Monument status was also not declared by former President Carter as had been hoped for. However, current legislation has been proposed, which CSPRA supports, which would make Mono Lake's shoreline and tufa formations a State Reserve.

The search for energy, specifically locked up in the form of oil, produced a controversy which involved CSPRA. The federal government proposed the leasing of areas offshore of northern and central California for oil exploration. Environmental groups, legislators, members of Congress, and agriculturalists joined forces to produce an enormous public outcry against such leases. Our record of involvement, both through the press and at public hearings, was important in convincing the Department of the Interior to withhold the granting of the oil leases. With the recent change in administration at the federal level, these leases are again being given serious consideration for oil exploration. Again CSPRA will act to oppose the exploitation of natural resources which could damage the integrity of the State Park System in the name of the search for energy.

In another arena, similar intervention by the Federal Government, which could directly affect the State Park System, seems imminent at Silver Strand State Beach and at Salton Sea State Recreation Area. At Silver Strand, the Department of the Navy threatens to condemn a portion of state-controlled beach, and at Salton Sea, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has announced plans to search for oil and gas reserves in the State Recreation Area. The BLM, when it originally granted Salton Sea property to the State, withheld the mineral exploration rights to those areas. Unfortunately, many State Park units contain land which was

originally administered by the BLM, and to which the Bureau retains mineral rights. CSPRA has questioned the intervention of federal agencies in threatening the state's right to preserve land when that interference makes a mockery of the highest level of protection the State of California can afford a parcel of land, inclusion in the State Park System. Land preserved for the sake of future generations must be held inviolate against the whims of governmental bureaucracy and political fancy.

Our association also worked in support of the California Bottle Bill (and is currently working for such legislation), worked in gaining jurisdiction below the mean high tide line for areas where such protection will eliminate operational problems, and conceptually supported tighter air quality standards over state park lands.

The announcement by the Department that it was installing electronic listening devices along the Henry Cowell Redwoods Nature Trail sparked action by CSPRA's Board of Directors to attempt to change that ill-conceived decision. The installation would require trenching the nature trail to lay the electronic cable (which could be environmentally unsound), cost in excess of \$100,000 in an era of limits (which is economically unsound), and set a precedent of electronic gimmickery in a natural area under the guise of interpretation. The issue was not yet resolved at the time of this message, but CSPRA will oppose internal, as well as external, decisions which could affect the integrity of the State Park System. As you can see, in this past year we have had our work cut out for us in attempting to maintain an environmental status quo in existing state park units.

In addition to environmental political action, CSPRA represented its membership at the Joint Legislative Safety Retirement Hearings in support of peace officer safety retirement for rangers and managers. Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certification was a long-sought goal which was achieved in 1980, partially through the CSPRA perserverance; and SB 1761, a CSPRA bill to amend the Welfare and Institutions Code to allow State Park Rangers to civilly detain mentally disoriented persons, passed the legislature and was signed into law. Later legislation (SB 1447) successfully amended our Penal Code status to conform with other peace officers and made further corrective legislation unnecessary.

A professional organization requires quality and timely publications for the dissemination of information to its members. This past year CSPRA's publications went through several phases of experimentation and change to see what would best meet member needs. The end results reflect the patience and energy of the editors of these publications. The CSPRA NEWSLETTER, edited by Jeff Price, has been extremely

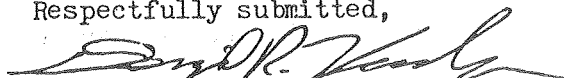
successful in meeting the need for timely information on a regular basis. The CALIFORNIA RANGER, (formerly The Reporter), edited by Lloyd Geissinger, evolved into a quarterly magazine eliciting quality articles from members on professional topics.

Professional associations have programs and goals which support individual needs of the membership. In 1980, CSPRA again aided financially in co-sponsoring the Special Olympics Run which raised \$20,000 for those special individuals. Through the Education and Training Committee numerous scholarships and other forms of financial support were granted to CSPRA members. Member Mario Rodriguez, with CSPRA backing, won a gold medal at the National Police Olympics; and the Association sought Department support for the ranger pistol team.

An association which successfully represents any group of people considered a profession, must actively plan for the future, and 1980 saw CSPRA involved in such long range planning. "Mission 1990" was established by Director Dangermond to chart the long-term future of the DPR. CSPRA, through your President, was a part of the "Mission 1990" acquisition and development task force. As a member of the Attorney General's Commission on the Victims of Crime, I was able to provide input into the California Crime Watch as it affects State Parks and State Park people. A Management Committee, under the chairmanship of former CSPRA President Ron McCall, was established to deal with the DPR reorganization and insure that CSPRA concerns were effectively addressed. CSPRA's future planning also includes increased contact with those legislators and organizations with whose goals, objectives, and/or specific programs we support. One such contact, for example, is Califoe, a Friends of the Earth sponsored organization specifically formed to deal with California's environmental problems. Through liaison with Califoe, CSPRA should be able to focus attention on issues as a member of a powerful coalition of mutually-interested environmental organizations. This type of contact is being cultivated to increase our political viability.

Close affiliate relationships, political action, planned legislative programs, environmental action, individual member support, communications through a regular publications program, and effective future planning are all measures of the degree to which our organization has achieved its professional goals. In 1980, we were effective in each of these areas. CSPRA has therefore met the mandate which you, the membership, directed your officers to meet--that of attaining the status of a true professional association.

Respectfully submitted,



Denzil R. Verardo, President