



# NEWSLETTER

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## COE · ADDS ACRES

by Barry Breckling

Henry W. Coe State Park at 13,119 acres, was one of the larger California state parks. July first the Coit Ranch was transferred to the department and this was followed shortly by the Thomas Ranch, which made Coe over 32,000 acres. The smaller Thomas Ranch (1,150 acres) is also adjacent to approximately 4,000 acres of B.L.M. land.

An additional purchase was also brewing around this time. State Senator Alfred Alquist, who had been instrumental in the previous acquisitions, urged the legislature to add to the Omnibus Parks Bill, a \$9 million appropriation for the purchase of the purchase of the 47,000 acre Gill-Mustang Ranch. While the state and the property owner haggled over the price, opposition to the purchase grew in the Central Valley. The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors went on record, in December of 1980, as opposing the purchase, and State Senator Ken Maddy of Fresno, went a step further in February when he was able to have the Public Works Board vote postponed. Their vote was the final step before purchase. Maddy then introduced a bill that would prohibit the state from buying property in Stanislaus County (36,000 acres of the Gill-Mustang Ranch was in that county). The opposition said that the property was over priced, inaccessible (particularly for Stanislaus County residents), unuseable in the hot summer, it was marginal for cattle and worse land for park use, and would take the land off the tax rolls. Senator Maddy had voted for the Omnibus Parks Bill, and some persons thought that Maddy's opposition actually came from The American Sportsman's Club, who lease the land for hunting and are known to be politically influential. It was also stated that two of the Stanislaus County Supervisors were members of The American Sportman's Club and hunted on the Gill-Mustang property.

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## 1982 G.E.C. PREVIEW

by Dave and Janet Carle

Plans are underway for the next GEC to be held in Sacramento on March 3, 4, 5 & 6 of 1982. Taking advantage of the location, the theme will be the relationship between the field and headquarters. The central program on this theme will be illustrated with a humorous touch by a group of employees that have worked both places.

Other highlights will include an address on Friday by Director Pete Dangermond, and behind-the-scenes tours on Saturday of the new California State Railroad Museum and Capitol Restoration Project.

The California Parks & Recreation Society will be holding their convention in Sacramento at the same time, and interested CSPRA

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## Coastal Watch

by Rick Parmer

A proposed 10.5 acre residential development project adjacent to the Torrey Pines State Reserve Extension property has become the subject of increased debate over its adverse impacts upon the Reserve and surrounding community.

Henegar Homes Inc. has submitted plans to the City of San Diego requesting permission to construct thirty residential units on the crest of a prominent coastal ridge overlooking the Reserve. Sixteen of these are condominium units, up to thirty feet high clustered as close as 30 feet to the actual Reserve boundary.

Negotiations between DPR and the developer addressed several major issues including - public access, fire protection, erosion control and ecological impacts. These

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The political battle continued, with Alquist, the Sierra Club, other conservation groups, horse groups, and the department pushing for the purchase. To overcome the objections of Maddy and Stanislaus County officials, Director Dangermond proposed that the purchase be scaled down from 47,000 acres to 34,800 acres. This was of course the best land - the best suited for park use. This revised purchase went before the three member Public Works Board in July of this year. The original purchase would have only needed a "yes" from 2/3 of the members to pass, but because it had been revised, it now required a unanimous vote. Board member Adrianna Gianturco voted against the purchase, seemingly killing it. Alquist and Director Dangermond vowed to continue pursuing the purchase.

In August, Maddy's bill died in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, and on August 31st the purchase was again brought before the Public Works Board and this time it passed. The property passed through escrow four days later. It may be a number of months until the property passes from General Services to state parks, and maybe a year before the public will be allowed on the property.

This purchase, plus the rest of Coe, has now set aside in excess of 67,000 acres; California's second largest state park. This last property, the Gill-Mustang Ranch, at just a little over \$200 per acre. Not arid and steep, next to useless rattlesnake infested country as those opposing the purchase had said, but a wild and beautiful cross section of California's Central Coast Range. It includes ponderosa pine forest, some chaparral, open grassland, and much oak woodland and oak-digger pine forest. The major drainages are the Coyote, Pacheco and Orestimba creeks. Springs abound in the area, supplying year-round water. The ponds, lakes and streams have bass, bluegill, catfish and trout. The historical heritage includes the Indians, the Spanish, homesteaders, the grizzly bear, cattle ranchers and Joaquin Murrieta. The park can provide outstanding areas for hiking and backpacking, particularly in Spring and Fall. There are endless open vistas of ridges and valleys, wildflower covered hillsides, and glimpses of the Pacific Ocean and the Sierra Nevada. The wildlife is varied and numerous, and the wildness is attested to by sightings of prairie falcons, a good population of mountain lions, the commonness of golden eagles, and the recent sighting of two California condors. All this and only a short distance from San Jose and the few million people of the San Francisco Bay Area. A darn good deal for the people of California and the generations of Californians yet to come.

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members are invited to attend their workshops on Saturday. A sampler: PIGS IN THE PARK, the role of law enforcement in parks, MAKING THE CASE FOR PUBLIC RECREATION SERVICES, strategies for gaining political and financial support, and the PUBLIC'S REACTION TO ENTRANCE FEE CHARGING.

Other CSPRA workshops tentatively scheduled are sessions on Mono Lake (soon to be a State Reserve), Sen. Omer Rains Bottle Bill, rattlesnakes, and a tour of the Interpretive Collections Unit in West Sacramento.

The traditional square dance/Bar-B-Q, banquet & dance, and Alvord & Ferguson happy hour will of course be a part of the convention.

Anyone interested in presenting a workshop, or getting involved in the planning in any way, please call Dave or Janet Carle at home (916) 791-0276, or at work, Dave (443-7557) Janet (445-1018, tie line).

Editors note: The brief mention of "rattle snakes" above could turn out to be one of the most unique GEC attractions ever. The two-man team puts on quite a show according to those who have seen the "act". By the way, its billed as LIEBENBERG'S "Don't Tread On Me" Rattler Circus America. The Liebenberg's (according to the promo) use "affection training" to work the snakes! Also, we hear the HQ staff plans a "Laugh In" style look at the field and how HQ sees it.

# FOOL THE RANGER

Cen Cal Divers planned a "Wacky Water Wases" day at Salt Point State Park Oct. 4th. In publicity information the various events of the day were listed. One caught the attention of Ranger Bob Anderson.

- ... 7. **AB DIVE RACE.** Out and around the jump on a mat with a goodie bag full of ab shells trailing in the water.  
8. **FOOL THE RANGER.** With a bag full of ab shells swim on a mat out to your buddy and transfer the shells to his bag. He then swims back in on his mat.

Plaques will be awarded to the winners and the losers will be laughed out of the park.

Bring your own booties, masks, and fins - We will provide the rest - **COME AND GET WET.**



In a letter to Cen Cal Divers of South San Francisco, Anderson wrote....

I know that the majority of sports divers are conscientious, law abiding people. But there are those individuals that insist on taking what they can, regardless of what they may be doing to the marine resource (or to their pocketbooks if they get caught). Daily bag and possession limits set by the Fish and Game Commission are not arbitrary decisions; with the skyrocketing popularity of abalone sport diving, it has been necessary to protect a limited resource.

As a State Park Ranger and a NAUI certified Advanced Diver, I'm deeply concerned with the "Fool the Ranger" mentality. To me it is synonymous with "Rape the resource, get what you can now." So let's not fool the Ranger, you're only fooling yourself in the long run.

ATTABOY to Anderson and his staff !!

## Travels With Farley

By Phil Frank



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discussions concluded with special agreements in several areas. A major concern expressed centered on the fire hazard potential and legal liability of the department given the close proximity to dense, highly flammable chaparral vegetation. DPR initially forwarded a 100 ft. fire break proposal but agreed to a standard 30 ft. clearance after consultation with local fire agencies.

Investigation by the CSPRA Environmental Issues Committee revealed additional evidence that several critical issues needed further clarification before permit approval was granted by the City. These include: viewshed, project alternatives, fire protection and threats to native plant communities. Due to the permit time framework it became necessary to file an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to give the project a green light. CSPRA has joined several other community planning organizations in taking the matter before the San Diego City Council. Lawyers for the developer claim the appellants have no grounds for an appeal. Further details next month.

# Sept. Board Meeting Notes

CSPRA Board of Directors met September 12th at the Sacramento airport with an abbreviated but power packed quarterly meeting agenda. The meeting focused on making CSPRA function as a professional organization. The future of CSPRA and what direction and form it should take occupied the majority of "new business".

Board members present were President Verardo, Vice-President Lynch, Executive Director Bryce, Regional Directors Robert Allen (1), Jerry Waggoner (3) and Louis Wakefield (6). Absent were Regional Directors Mike Curry (5), John Lunday (2) and Donald Caffey (4).

## TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

President Verardo accepted Director Curry's proxy allowing Jeff Price to represent Region 5. Don Caffey's letter of resignation as Director of Region 4 was accepted and Heidi Doyle appointed as his replacement on the Board until a new election. The Board voted to have John Lunday removed as Director of Region 2 due to lack of interest and participation. Dave Bartlett was appointed to fill the position until a new election could be held.

## PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

President Verardo told the Board of apparent confusion over the State Controller's deleting all payroll deductions which aren't through an employees bargaining agent. CSPRA dues will not be affected by these Controller's office changes. Other supplemental policies offered by CSPRA or CSEA such as life or dental insurance can't be payroll deducted. Thus far, only rank and file employees are being affected, as this group is the only one bound to a single representative union. If you have some question over changes in your payroll deduction contact your payroll officer or the controller.

Executive Secretary Bryce reported a savings/checking balance of \$2,187.

## BOTTLE BILL

Environmental Issues Committee chairman, John Mott, reported on the 1982 Can and Bottle Bill. Californian's Against Waste (CAW) is planning to raise 500,000 signatures for the initiative process. According to Mott, CAW has funding of about \$200,000 to collect signatures and publicize the initiative. Opponents have a fat bankroll of \$10,000,000 to defeat it. CSPRA supports CAW and the Bottle Bill.

Dave and Janet Carle, co-chairmen for the 1982 Sacramento GEC, reported on their progress and plans. The tentative theme is the relationship between Headquarters and the field. See their article this issue.

## CALIFORNIA RANGER

Our quarterly publication "California Ranger" was without an editor with the loss of Lloyd Geissinger from CSPRA membership last month. The Board decided to appoint a temporary editor until after the upcoming election when the new President could permanently assign those duties. Interim editor, Denzil Verardo, will complete one issue between now and March, 1982. Members who feel qualified to edit our professional magazine should contact a member of the Board.

## UNIFORMS

The Board voted to withdraw CSPRA representation from the DPR Uniform Task Force. In a letter to Don Hoyle, Chairman, President Verardo said "Uniform considerations certainly fall into ... [an area] which could be construed as employee/conditions of employment." Verardo further stated that "...further participation on the Uniform Task Force as an Association would compromise our determination to avoid [employee] issues."

## BALLOTS PREPARED

Nominations for President, Vice-President and 3 Board seats are due to Ron McCall by November 1, 1981. McCall will hold a Nomination Committee meeting on October 26 at the Training Center in Monterey at 1900 hours. If you cannot attend the meeting, there are two other ways to nominate a candidate. First, contact McCall prior to the meeting (Channel Coast Area (805) 648-7793, home 644-4332 or the Training Center); second, any 5 members may sign and

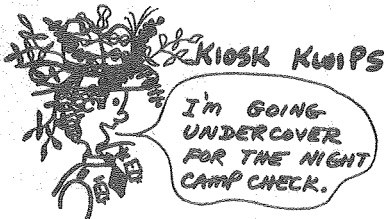
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send nominations directly to Executive Director Doug Bryce at P.O. Box 28366, Sacramento 95828, received before November 10, 1981. Nominees are required to send a statement of intent to serve if elected to Bryce to complete the nomination process.

#### CSPRA STRUCTURE

In a related matter, the Board felt that a truly professional organization could provide services at a cost less than the current \$4.00 per month. They also felt that the token \$1,200 life insurance policy (which costs each member 50¢ per month) could be eliminated and further reduce dues. The Board discussed reasoning that a smaller Executive Board elected statewide would avoid some travel costs for meetings. A reduced budget, cut 50%, was examined and all agreed CSPRA could then reduce dues to \$2.00 per month. A ballot was called for. You should have already received same by the time you read this. Results will change some election procedures, but McCall will be able to answer any questions on changes, if you are interested in an office.

The next Board meeting will be held December 12, 1981 at the Woodlake Inn, site of the 1982 General Executive Council.



#### OFFICIAL RANGER II STUDY QUESTION NUMBER 46

Who can designate swimming areas?

1. Regional Aquatic Specialist.
2. Area Manager.
3. Regional Director.
4. Artesians.

*WJ Kumbien 9/81*

## GUEST EDITORIAL

There remains, I feel, a great deal of concern by the members on what role and service CSPRA is/will be providing. Many people want to know, "what is CSPRA doing now?". I must admit I am not able to tell them exactly which direction CSPRA is heading. We seem to be doing some environmental work and dealing with some DPR professional issues.

I think it very important that CSPRA officers attempt to define it's role and function.

I basically see three directions that the Association seems to be partly moving towards. They are:

A) A State Park Professional's Association. That is an Association make up of all DPR professional classes, dealing or centering around DPR professional issues.

B) Merging with SPPOAC and having one Association for both professional and employee issues. This is the standard model followed by many "professions" for instance, the AMA, Nurses Assoc., fire, police, and the Bar Association.

C) A "California Park Rangers Association" or an association that centers around issues and areas of interest and concern to state, federal, regional, county and city park rangers. This is an extension of our affiliation with PRAC (which is trying to move in the same area).

As the Association floats a bit in each of these areas, members appear to be less and less interested and sooner or later are going to drop their membership. Although, moving strongly in either of these three areas will probably result in some loss of members.

Again, I fell it extremely important that a "function" and "goal" be defined and advanced.

Michael G. Lynch



# Natural history

Ed. Note: Back in June 1980, we ran a front page article on the "COPPERTONE" deal. Since then, the State Park Commission and the Director have altered their concessions and advertising policy. It appears, however, that the earlier indiscretion still haunts us..

## NOTICE

Deadline for nominations for offices of President, Vice-President and three Board Members is November 10, 1981. Contact Ron McCall, Nomination Committee Chairman before October 26, 1981. After that date, nominations may be sent to the Executive Director, Doug Bryce, but require signature by 5 members. Nominees must also send Bryce a signed "consent-to-serve-if-elected" statement before the November 10 deadline.



Photo: Ray Schwartz

## Nikki Craft

**POINTING OUT THAT** the Coppertone suntan lotion ad which adorns hundreds of trashcans on California State beaches is in violation of the State administrative Code. Ms. Nikki Craft has again been cited, and subsequently arrested, for appearing topless on New Brighton Beach. The two violations took place within hours of her appearance in Santa Cruz Municipal Court to answer a similar citation which had been issued on August 3.

Ms. Craft, a well-known activist in the women's movement, confirmed her intention of testing the constitutionality of the law which permits males to appear topless, but which defines nudity to include the exposure of women's breasts. The Coppertone ad is particularly pertinent, she says, because the Code also prohibits exposure of the anal region, and the advertisement in question pictures a young girl, topless, whose swimsuit is being pulled down by a playful puppy. "It is clear," Ms. Craft

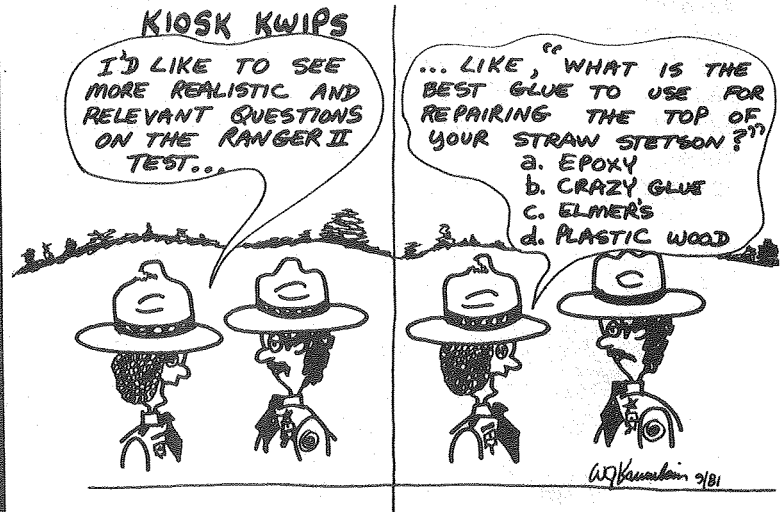
declared, "that corporations have more control over the use of women's bodies than women themselves."

Ms. Craft's trial on the first violation has been set for September 3; her appearance on the subsequent charges for September 17. The first of these took place at 2:00 pm the day of her first hearing, on Seacliff Beach, the second at about 3:30 on New Brighton Beach, a short distance away. On this occasion, instead of being cited, she was taken into custody by Park Rangers and booked at the Water Street jail. She was released on her own recognizance shortly thereafter.

A local authority on media and advertising, Ms. Dee Clark, says that the Coppertone ad which Ms. Craft is adducing as evidence in her defense is one which has been of concern to members of the women's movement for some time. The issue, Ms. Clark adds, is also important insofar as it raises questions about the extent of state control over personal conduct; it is analogous, she says, to the challenges to school dress codes made several years ago.

Staff

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## STEELHEAD TOURNAY

Several park employees on the North Coast are organizing a fishing tournament. If you are going to be in the area around the first of the year, contact Ranger Dan Scott at Klamath Area right now and join in some pole bending steelhead fun.

## CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?

Please Print  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
OLD ADDRESS  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
NEW ADDRESS  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:  
Doug Bryce  
P.O. Box 28366  
Sacramento, CA 95820

## HONORARY RANGER NOMINATIONS OPENED

Do you know of a person who has demonstrated distinguished service devoted to CSPRA's objectives? If you do, you may nominate that person as Honorary Ranger. Simply compose a letter giving the person's background and relate one or more specific accomplishments which you believe qualifies him or her for an Honorary Lifetime Membership in CSPRA.

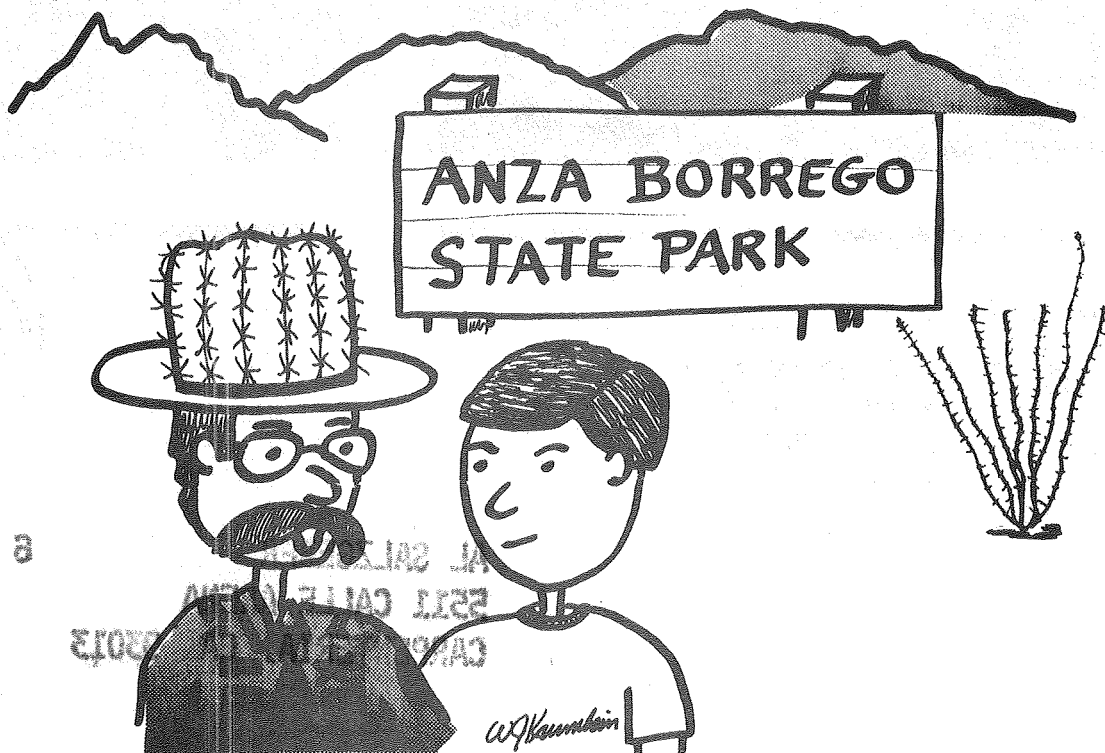
Your nomination should meet four general requirements as follows:

- I. The individual shall have contributed in an outstanding or extraordinary manner, or to an unusual degree, to the advancement of the State Park concept, the profession of State Park Ranger, public service within the State Parks, or in the field of ecology as it effects the park system or the public use of parks.
- II. This service or action is to be beyond that in which the individual would normally have accomplished as part of his job or responsibility.
- III. The service may not necessarily be of state or national importance, but is to be judged on its own merit and degree of contribution.
- IV. Normally, the recommendation would be made during the person's lifetime.

Your nominee, if approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board, will be honored at the 1982 GEC in Sacramento. Please send nominations by December 10, 1981 to:

1982 Honorary Member Committee  
c/o Jeff Price, Chairman  
P.O. Box 1468  
200 Palm Canyon Drive  
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

**\*\*DEADLINE DECEMBER 10th\*\***

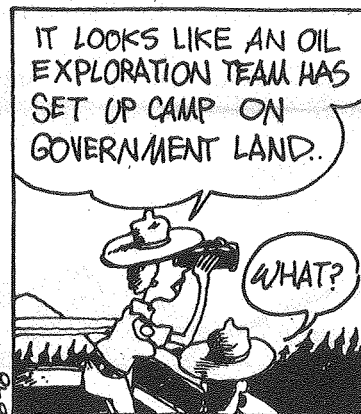


**"YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY...  
THE DESERT JUST GROWS ON YOU."**

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