



NEWSLETTER



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Future For Parks

by William Penn Mott, Jr.

The May issue of the California State Park Ranger's Association newsletter carried an article entitled, "Parks for Profit". This article referred to an editorial in the Santa Cruz Sentinel entitled, "Parks in Partnership". The editorial stated, "William Penn Mott recommended such a program years ago, but the idea barely got off the ground." The "such a program" referred to in the editorial was the development of cliffside motels at various beach parks, lodges, swimming pools, tennis court, etc., that could be built in units of the State Park system to produce revenue.

It is unfortunate that comments are taken out of context to support a particular point of view and I appreciate this opportunity to set the records straight and present my position on this sensitive issue.

I have always felt that the State Park system should be planned, developed and managed as a balanced system in the public interest now and for the future. I consider the preservation and management of the Kruse Rhodendron Preserve, Point Lobos and wilderness areas as important as developing and managing the intensively used beach parks. I believe that protection and management of the redwood groves are as important as the preservation of the adobes and other historical structures. Likewise, I feel that those who derive their recreation from off-road vehicles should have special areas set aside for this form of recreation, but I am just as concerned that those whose recreation is enjoying the beauty and solitude of a wilderness trail be provided that opportunity. I also feel that a camping experience for some is a social experience while others may wish an environmental opportunity, and that the opportunity for tent camping or just sleeping on the ground in an isolated spot is as important to some as is "camping"

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Coastal Watch

by Rick Parmer

During the last week of July, the City of Del Mar lodged an appeal in its lawsuit against the City of San Diego over its approval of the proposed 40,000 person development near Los Penasquitos State Preserve. City officials are optimistic their case has a better chance of the appeals level than in its initial Superior Court consideration.

CSPRA contacted Scott Williams who works with Del Mar City Attorney Dwight Worden and was told they would complete filing briefs in mid-fall. The case would probably not be heard until six months later. However, in the event the developer, Baldwin, obtains all permits necessary to begin construction, a request to move the hearing date forward, will be made.

Yield From The Field ?

by Bill Krumbein

Government waste, the bane of bureaucrats, hits right at home within our department. Here, though, I am not speaking of wasted money: our department is wasting the intellectual and artistic resources of its own people! The department does not take the opportunity to fully utilize individual talents and skills of its employees.

Look at the myriad of baccalaureate degrees that rangers collectively hold -- we have people with degrees in botany, education, business, police science, natural resources and music, just to begin. We have talents in the arts. Now, ask the question, when has the department asked YOU to contribute your knowledge and expertise in order to solve a problem or attain a goal? As a consultant, researcher, reporter, or artist, we all have something to offer: but we're seldom given the opportunity.

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in a motor home or trailer is to others.

Likewise, there are those who enjoy hostels and those who enjoy cabins. Except for Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, the Department does not provide the latter. This in my mind is a form of camping that could be expanded, but not at the expense of the primary natural or cultural values of a park. I have seen in other State Parks examples of "cabin camps" that have been sensitively designed to harmonize with the surroundings. I must say such developments have related to the natural surroundings in a more pleasing and less damaging manner than some conventional campgrounds.

I supported the removal of cabins and the campgrounds from the primary resources in Big Basin and the removal of the artificial swimming pool at Pfeiffer Big Sur because each example was totally inappropriate to the primary purpose of the park - namely, preserving the redwoods and the Big Sur River ecology. In other words I would support carefully planned, limited cabin development provided it does not conflict with the primary natural, cultural or visual resources of a park.

I also support working with the private sector. However, it is my strong feeling that the Parks and Recreation Department must set the standards, control the design and the management goals. The private sector must make a profit, but this cannot be at the expense of the park values or the quality of service. In any joint venture with the private sector, I feel that the Department must approve the design. Agreements under these conditions should be for not more than ten years - a five year agreement with a five year option. If it is needed the private sector may finance the construction, then the agreement will have to be 20-25 years in order to amortize the cost and the percentage of the gross paid to the Department will be less. The amortized cost should be on a straight line amortization table with the Department having the privilege at any point in time to buy out the concessionaire at the straight line amortized balance.

In the next ten years, changes are inevitable, and I believe the Department can with imagination and skill become a partner with the private sector to produce facilities of a high quality for the public. At the same time it will be of great importance that the primary natural, cultural and visual qualities for which the state park system has achieved world wide acclaim be maintained and preserved without compromise for the benefit of future generations. I also believe that acquisition of land and historic sites must continue; not that the need is now, but twenty-five years from now the need will be there.

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Ultimately, the answer lies in the department supporting uncommitted time for its field staff. This means a ranger, lifeguard, guide, maintenance worker, or manager, etc., would be given a certain amount of free time to do whatever he/she wants to. (Sounds radical, doesn't it)? You wouldn't have to patrol, you wouldn't have to collect fees, you wouldn't have to attend meetings, you wouldn't have to answer the telephone -- you could do anything you wish, as long as you were broadening your own park experiences by using your skills and knowledge to create something useful.

With the East Bay Regional Park System, not only are naturalists given free time before and after their programs (planning and evaluation), but the fifth day of their workweek is set aside for the interpreter to take care of any special projects they are involved with. This time is spent doing research for programs, gathering program materials, preparing various written publications, working on exhibits, etc..

Just imagine what accomplishments we might attain by the scheduling of uncommitted time for our people to work on their special projects? Rangers might investigate their park resources more thoroughly and discover a rare and endangered plant species. Others might create

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How to preserve Old Newspaper Clippings

Are those old newspaper clippings that you've been holding on to for so many years turning yellow and threatening to crumble? Experts at the National Archives, who have the same problem, suggest the following method of preserving old newspaper: Mix two teaspoons of magnesium carbonate and a quart of club soda in a large plastic dish. Sandwich the clippings between two pieces of screen or Pellon, a material sold in most fabric stores, and soak for 30 minutes. Mop up the excess water with blotting paper and allow to dry overnight on more blotting paper. After using this preservation technique, store the clippings in a well-sealed flat plastic bag. They should keep forever.

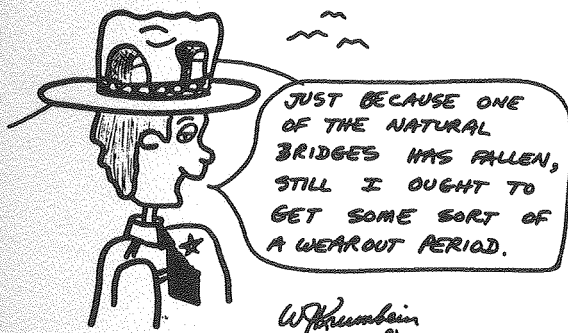
CONSTITUTION CHANGE FAILS

Counting of ballots has been completed and the proposed change electing Directors statewide and choosing a VP from among the Directors has failed narrowly. Only about 10% of ballots were returned.

Final Count:

YES 23
NO 25

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Responses To Resolution 1981-1

So far only one comment received on expanding of CSPRA membership to include all DPR employees.

NAME CHANGE CHOICE:

C.S.P.R.A.
or
S.T.R.A.N.G.E. M.A.N.G.E.
F.O.R.U.M.*

*Secretaries, Trainees, Rangers And New Groundspeople, Eager Managers And Noxious Gregarious Employees For Organizations Relishing Ubiquitous Maneuvering.

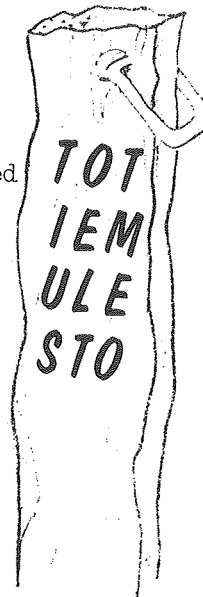
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POST PUZZLE

Members Floyd Lemley of Leucadia and J. Allen of San Simeon answered last month's puzzle...

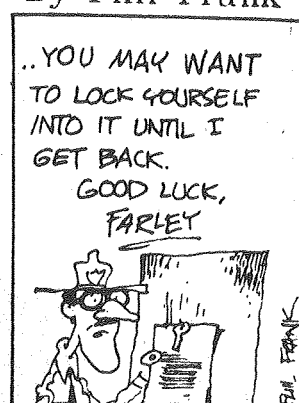
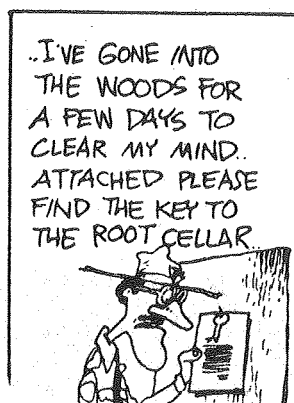
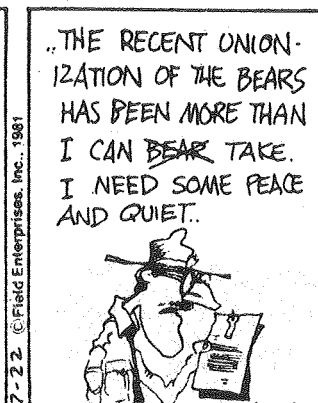
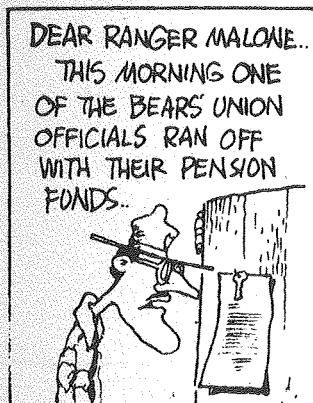
Floyd writes...

"Your wooden post - just what it sez its for - To Tie Mules To. I enjoy the Newsletter even tho some of our 'problems' are disturbing."



Travels With Farley

By Phil Frank



EDITOR'S NOTE: Did you know that Phil actually gets a lot of ideas for his strip by talking with park rangers? If you have any ranger oriented ideas, anecdotes, stories or

humorous situations that you'd like to share, Phil would like to hear from you. Send them to Phil Frank, 820 Waldo Point, Sausalito, California 94965.

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innovative display panels, with painted pictures and movable (by the visitor) components. Someone in the office may come upon an idea on how to move paperwork more efficiently.

Given the time, creativity has no limits! It will take some planning and some staff scheduling alterations: but my gosh, let your imagination run wild, look what we could do!

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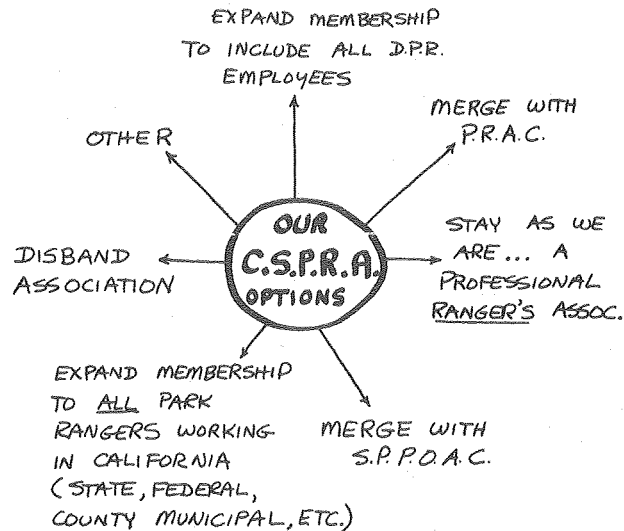
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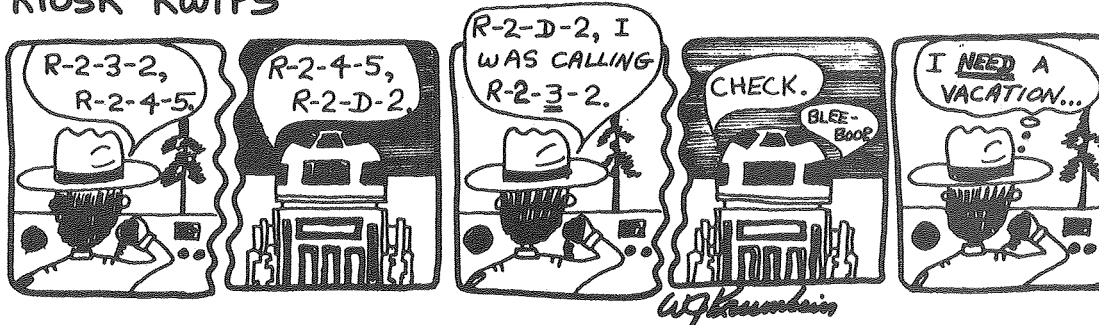
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(No more of these problems after
9/1/81?)

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