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## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

by John Mott

Nominations for the offices of Treasurer and Director are now open. Any active or active retired member may nominate themselves or any other member simply by either attending the Nominations Committee meeting or by contacting Nominations Committee Chairman John Mott. All nominations must be received by the October 1 public meeting which will be held at the newly remodeled Henry Cowell State Park Visitor Center at 7:30 p.m.

You now have the opportunity to get on the cutting edge of our Associations' policy and decision making body! As treasurer you not only would be a voting member of the Board of Directors, but also you would act as our Associations' chief financial officer, writing checks and preparing monthly financial reports. As a director you would not only discuss, act on and help implement Association activities, but also you would represent the membership at large at quarterly board meetings.

As with all CSPRA officers, the treasurer and directors are reimbursed for travel and administrative expenses.

Remember, "She or he who hesitates is lost." Do not delay! Your nomination must be received by the October 1 Nominations Committee meeting.

Nominations may be phoned in (408) 438-6763 or may be sent to John Mott, Chairman, CSPRA Nominations Committee, 2975 Graham Hill Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.



## THANKS CSPRA

by John Falk

I would like to thank Steve Horvitz and CSPRA for my training scholarship to attend the Basic Grantsmanship program at the Grantsmanship Center, November 28 to December 2, 1983. This particular program was conducted by Norton Kirtz, Director of the Grantsmanship Center.

This program was quite enlightening for me. I went into it not knowing anything at all about grants. I came out of it a little skeptical, realizing that an awful lot of work goes into developing a grant proposal. But it is possible! The government and/or private foundations or corporations have money to give. However, contrary to popular belief they are not going to dish out money simply because an organization is needy. Competition for these dollars is keen, and those individuals and/or organizations who know how to properly structure a formal grant proposal should have a decided advantage.

I would recommend this training to others in the future. However, grant dollars represent only a small percentage of the philanthropic money available. I intend to take advantage of another program offered by the Grantsmanship Center titled, "Fundraising." I believe this will be in line with our needs, and the needs of the non-profit associations throughout the state.

As a matter of fact, the Grantsmanship Center offers their programs in other cities on a "hosted" basis. As a host, the hosting organization gets two full paid scholarships for two of their members to attend the program.

Perhaps CSPRA can convince DPR of the assets of this program. A fundraising training program can be conducted at Asilomar or in Sacramento.

If I can be of further assistance in organizing such a program for CSPRA please contact me.

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# WHO SAID THAT?

"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundation under them." H.D. Thoreau

"The world is not interested in the storms you encountered, but did you bring in the ship." Anonymous

"Glimpses are all the facts that one gets of wildlife, but that very fact makes the subject intriguing." Roderick Peatti

"By appreciation we make excellence in others our own property." Voltaire

"Always behave like a duck - keep calm and unruffled on the surface but paddle like the devil underneath." London Daily Express

"Chance favors the prepared mind." Louis Pasteur

Editor's note: The last column contained the quote, "We did not inherit our parks from our grandparents, we borrow them from our children." It has come to my attention that this quote is not from an anonymous source, but was stated by Dennis Hall.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

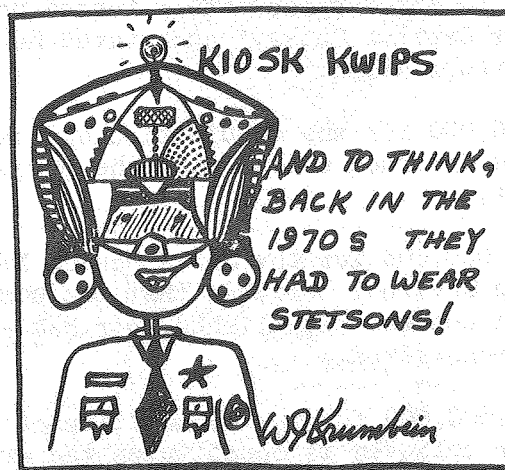
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Borrego Springs, CA



## LEGISLATIVE MONITOR

by Michael Whitehead

With the Legislature taking its annual break after the budget battles, I thought it might be interesting to see where, why, and how much the Governor cut DPR's submitted budget. My source is Assembly Bill 2313 Chapter 258 filed with the Secretary of State June 27, 1984. The bill is 470 pages long and deciphering it was a chore. As near as I can figure, DPR lost \$15,615,000 in the following areas.

To implement a system to catalog and preserve its art and artifact holdings the Governor believes DPR has appropriate funding with \$180,000 and two positions. This is a reduction of \$60,000 and three positions. The Governor believes it is premature to initiate a multi-year program at a higher level until it has been adequately and appropriately planned.

\$30,000 has been eliminated from the requested budget for a recreation assessment study to determine the feasibility of future development and concessionaires at Franks Tract State Recreation Area. The Governor believes that studies like these are a normal operation of DPR and need not be augmented.

\$100,000 (to be paid from environmental license plate fund) for DPR to undertake a toxic materials study was eliminated. The Governor believes such a study would be more properly assigned to the Department of Health Services and is not an appropriate function for DPR.

\$275,000 for local assistance grants to the city of Sacramento for the Sacramento History Center was eliminated. The Governor believes this to be more appropriately funded under a source such as "Special Account for Capital Outlay" and stated he would be willing to sign such an appropriation.

100,000 for the acquisition option for Gilroy Hot Springs was eliminated. The Governor states that the project is fully funded under the 1984 Bond Act.

\$9,000,000 for the Santa Monica Mountains Area acquisition was eliminated. The Governor believes that the scope and relative priority of this project has not been established, nor has any urgency for the 1984 -85 funding been demonstrated.

\$6,000,000 for the acquisition of Cascade Ranch was eliminated. The Governor believes it constitutes too great an impact on the \$145 million available (capital outlay) from the '84 Bond Act.

## name the Newsletter

THANK YOU one and all who sent in ideas. Here are the entries we have received. The CSPRA Board will vote on its top three choices at the board meeting in September. These final three will be published in an upcoming Newsletter and the members asked to cast their votes for the one name liked best! The winning author will be announced at that time!!

The Vitus Vine  
The News Hawk  
The New Newsletter  
The New Better Newsletter  
Under the Stetson  
Update '84  
CSPRA Communicator  
CSPRA Communique  
CSPRA What's Happening?  
CSPRA On Track '84  
CSPRA Express  
CSPRA Gram '84  
CSPRA Instanews '84  
The Ranger Rag  
Our Own Ranger Rides Again  
Moan Ranger  
The Tone Ranger  
Rangerglyphics  
Interpranger  
No Stranger Ranger  
KD 5157  
Ranger Overtones  
Bemoan the Ranger

CSPRA Resource  
CSPRA Stetson  
The CSPRA Breeze  
Ranger News  
Ranger Report  
Ranger Rick v.s. Camper Clyde  
Really Ranger  
Ranger Rendezvous  
Rambling Ranger  
Ranger Realm  
Ranger Recapitulator  
Ranger Recourse  
Ranger Relief  
The Renaissance Ranger  
The Reputable Ranger  
Ranger Repute  
Ranger Resounds  
The Moan Ranger  
Reputedly Ranger  
The Resonant Ranger  
Ranger Runes  
Rangerithmics  
The Fire Tower





# A Change Through Training

by Ken Wilbur

In December of 1983 I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to attend the Smith and Wesson Armorer's School at the Orange County Peace Officers Academy. This one week course was offered to thirty peace officers, limited to one representative from a department, with a tuition fee of \$335.00. The class started with each participant assigned a work location. At each work location there was a small box of specialized tools, three blank frames of a Smith and Wesson Model 65 and a large box of parts. The class worked from Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1700 with only a short lunch break. By the end of the week, all participants has assembled their three weapons and learned a great deal about the inner workings of a Smith and Wesson. The final exam consisted of a three hour oral interview with almost all questions beginning with "What would you do if..." or "How would you fix...". It was excellent review of the weeks' work.

Since there were no departmental training funds available, I completed this training on my own. After a weeks' vacation, a thousand mile drive and a thousand dollars of tuition and expenses I received a small certificate that proclaimed that I was a "Smith and Wesson Armorer." What I still had to do was to convince the department to allow me to use the newly acquired skill. After a number of phone calls and a letter requesting such authorization, I received a letter recognizing me as a Departmental Armorer. This authorization is for a one year trial period with the department purchasing \$100.00 in Smith and Wesson parts. Considering the number of weapons so far repaired at no cost to the department, I feel the program has a good chance of continuing.

Besides inspecting and repairing departmental weapons I've written a proposal for our department to offer a short (16 hour) course on Advanced Firearms Inspection which would train a small core of interested State Park Peace Officers to disassemble, clean and check DPR weapons. This proposal was approved by departmental staff in late March of 1984 and it is very likely that such a course will be offered at Asilomar in January or February of 1985.

The California State Park Rangers Association granted me a \$200.00 scholarship for the Smith and Wesson training. I do want to sincerely thank the officers and members of this association for their support. This training has been very important to me. It shows that by putting a little time and money into something you believe in, changes can be made. An individual, through training, patience and perseverance, can have an effect on the professional image of our department.

# Campfire Countup

by Bill Krumbein

A warm-up activity; but there are still too many empty seats! WE at the campfire center must do something to attract others back at camp.

Down one row and back the next, you ask your audience to count out loud. Pointing to each person can help.

Quietly, you have a practice round.

Now ready, the numbers are yelled out. One - two - three - four - 27 - 28 - 29 - 30... until everyone counts.

Hopefully those visitors back at camp will hear this and wonder, "What are they counting over there?"\* Their wonder turns to curiosity and they stroll on over to see your program.

Oh yes, thank your audience for counting their own attendance figures for your records.

- \*a. ants
- b. pine cones
- c. money
- d. Olympic gold medals
- e. other

## Moving?

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Please send me more information on the benefits of a CSPRA membership.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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\$50,000 for a study to determine the feasibility of a museum at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (Lake Natomas Indian Museum) was eliminated. The Governor states that DPR, with the support of the Native American Advisory Committee, has identified locations throughout the state for regional Indian museums and Native American village sites. The tribal Indian group from this region supports the regional museum already underway at Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park.

## CSPRA

### CODE OF ETHICS

Park professionals as members of the California State Park Rangers Association shall be dedicated to preserving of prime examples of California's natural and cultural heritage and to providing quality recreational experiences to the people of California. To exemplify this dedication, members shall be guided by the following principles:

- \* Constantly strive to identify and preserve current and future Park values.
- \* Respect people as individuals and willingly serve them impartially.
- \* Through self-discipline, develop individual competence in order to represent the park profession in a manner that brings credit to themselves and all other members of the profession.
- \* Accept the moral responsibility for the safety and well being of the park visitor.
- \* Promote the future of the Park and Recreation profession by inspiring promising young people to prepare for it.
- \* Establish close working relationships with allied professions & citizens groups to meet the recreation and park needs of the people of California and to strive to influence future improvement of our total environment.
- \* Actively promote the purpose and objectives of the Association.

*Adopted 1978*



# THE EVER CHANGING CODES

by Mark Faull

Eight days had passed since I had been issued my shiny badge. Newly a peace officer I stood poised to write only my second citation to the public. My supervisor at my side, we issued tickets for open alcoholic containers inside a vehicle to three individuals. It was not until several weeks later that I realized that the code section for such an offense had changed. The section had been altered as of the beginning of the year. It was now March and the error producing late information was only discovered as I read the new Vehicle Code that arrived. In reflection I felt the untimely arrival of information embarrassed not only myself but the department as well. I felt bewildered I discovered such a significant change through trial and error reading.

With each session the legislature has the option to change or alter the regulatory codes of the state. Each year amendments, deletions, additions and numerical changes occur. Specific commissions may alter California Administrative Code information. At present it is difficult for the field ranger to properly receive and assimilate such alterations on a timely basis. Reception of timely information is a necessity for efficient and fair public enforcement. Yet there exists within at least segments of our department a tremendous lag in the reception of code alterations.

To a peace officer the regulatory codes are the foundation of operation. It is our responsibility to the courts and to the visiting public to have accurate, up to date knowledge and understanding of the codes we enforce. What internal mechanism does our department utilize to keep the field abreast of legislative changes? In designating rangers as peace officers the department must recognize their responsibility and role as monitor and transmitter of legislative code alterations to the general field. Does our department have such a procedure? Is it operating effectively?

On occasion at the areas at which I have worked I have noticed our penal code to be outdated by several years and our CAC Fish and Game regulations lapsed. It was up to our area supervisors to seek avenues to obtain new regulatory codes. It seems, at least to me, most efficient for such items to be handled once at a centralized location rather than duplicated in the field by multiple areas facing identical problems. It would seem most professional for one individual to contact Fish and Game annually and obtain the new regulations for all field rangers. Presently many Fish and Game field offices are bothered by many individual areas seeking up to date codes. Likewise updated Penal and Vehicle Codes are many times purchased separately by area rather than in bulk by the department.

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For future efficiency perhaps our agency could move towards a professional law enforcement stature by centralizing an individual responsible for the timely updating of field law enforcement personnel. Such an assigned individual would organize, purchase, and distribute the most recent code alterations. Perhaps further code confusion could be alleviated through such changes!

## Take Advantage of Training

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Area \_\_\_\_\_ Phone, H \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_

Description of training \_\_\_\_\_

How will it be of value to you? \_\_\_\_\_

To the profession? \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Materials \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Travel \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Misc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_ How much will the Department pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_

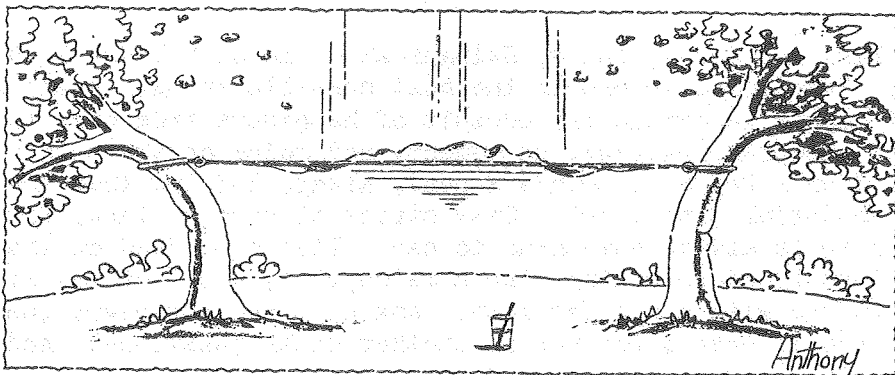
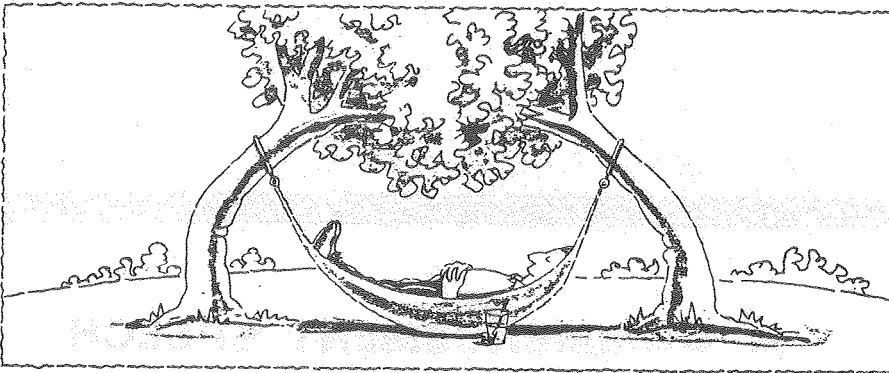
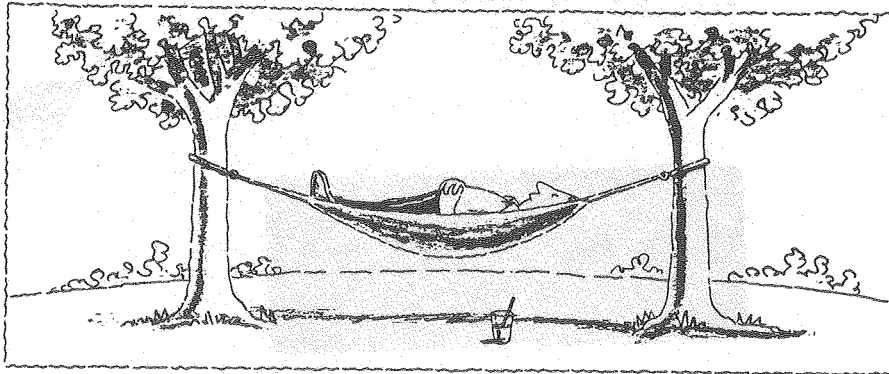
When did you send your DPR 392 in? \_\_\_\_\_ CSPRA member? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Please attach a copy of your returned DPR 392 and a course announcement if possible.

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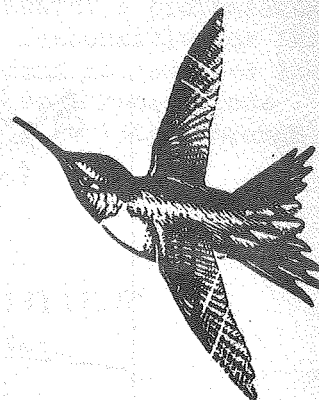
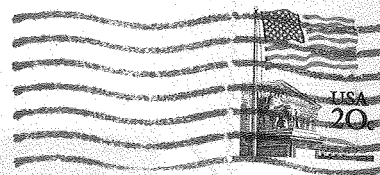
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## A COMMENCEMENT SPEECH

Naturalist and author Ann H. Zwinger at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn.: "Wandering is one of the most sensible things in the world to do. I highly recommend the pursuit of happiness from east to west, bending and stooping, pausing, enjoyment, not going anywhere in particular except down a beach or around a pond, always knowing that there is some thing wonderful just ahead. City street or country lane, for the naturalist there is always something to see: lichen puddled on the granite, a new fern frond uncurling like a mainspring, a pad of brilliant green moss studded with a scarlet mite. Ask why, and for every question you answer you'll have a bouquet of another dozen questions. And herein lies sanity."