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James Whitehead Audubon Scholarship

The James Whitehead Audubon scholarship will be presented to the winner of a essay contest. The scholarship is for 1/2 tuition to the Audubon Camp of The West, at Du-Bois, Wyoming for a two-week summer session.

Criteria: All applicants will prepare a 750-word essay that will be judged by a committee appointed by the president of CSPRA. The essay must be on one of the themes that James Whitehead espoused throughout his professional life.

Professionalism in Parks
Education of the Public
Pride in the Park System
The Future of the State Park System
Protection of the Resource
Resistance to Mediocrity in Public Service
The Generalist versus the Specialist

For additional information and standards for judging, contact Fred Jee, CSPRA Education/Training Chair, P. O. Box 483, Borrego Springs, CA 92004. All essays must be postmarked by March 1, 1991.

Election Results

Approximately 59% of the membership voted in a race that saw Kate Foley easily elected treasurer, while in a six-way race for two director's positions Nina Gordon and Ron Schafer were elected. Ron was the only person reelected — he had completed Bud Getty's term when he moved up to the presidency last March. (Details on page 7)

Ruth Mott Dies

Ruth Barnes Mott, wife of William P. Mott, Jr., former Director of both the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the National Park Service, died at the age of 78 on December 11, 1990.

Ruth Mott moved to Orinda with her husband in 1937 when there were only dirt roads between Berkeley and Orinda. She was born and raised in Ithaca, Michigan. Ruth was a member and leader of the California Republican Assembly and long-time member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Ebell Society of Oakland, the African Violet Society of the East Bay, the Lakeshore Women's Club, and the Orinda Community Church. .



She was devoted to her husband and children, William Penn Mott III of Ross, California; John David Mott of Santa Cruz; and the late Nancy Mott Pichler.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P. O. Box 6181, Concord, California 94524, or the California State Park Foundation, P. O. Box 548, Kentfield, CA 94904.

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24 Alternative Uses For The PR 24

By Linda Rath and Beth Wallace-Terry

The PR 24. It sits in your car, hangs at your side or is resting comfortably at home beside your off-season stetson. If you're in the Southern Region or other high enforcement area, you may even use it once in awhile for its intended purpose.

If, however, you find your PR 24 is still a shiny, fresh-out-of-the-box black, void of dings and scratches and just lies around somewhere feeling lonely and depressed, we at the Gaviota District say . . . USE IT!

During a recent training session, our DT instructor, who shall remain nameless, introduced 24 alternative uses for this fine instrument of defense. We would like to share these here with you. (Note: The following has not been approved by DPR.

1. Snake Attention Getter: Pound on the ground to scare away snakes lurking near you.

2. Trail Hook: Brush away the poison oak from that overgrown trail.

3. Fly Swatter: For advanced fly swatters or extremely obnoxious flies or for when you are **really** bored and need a challenge.

4. Mother Nature's Helper: Knock the tops off thistles to help distribute the seeds.

5. Injured Animal Destroyer: Put sea gulls or cute little squirrels out of their misery when injured beyond repair.

6. Mudpuddle Depth Tester: Test depth of puddles **before** getting your boots muddy. We have found that "Sole High," "Toe High" and "In The Boot" notches placed discreetly on the baton are quite helpful for this.

7. Mud Knocker Offer: Knock off the mud

(and other squishy items) that can accumulate on one's boots.

8. Cobweb Destroyer: Knock down those unsightly cobwebs in the corner of the office.

9. Commode Clearer: Clear out stopped up toilets (at least temporarily).

10. PMA's Friend: Use to really jam that diaper down the toilet so a PMA can earn a little extra money in overtime. (Only do it at PMAs end of shift and with his/her permission or this turns into the PMA's enemy).

11. Dog Distractor Stick: Throw to dogs to keep them from attacking you. Most dogs will chase sticks, if you're lucky. (Known as "Distract" in PR 24 jargon).

12. Dog Annihilator Stick: Borrow your partner's to throw at or hit the attacking dog if you are not lucky (known as "strike" in PR 24 Jargon).

13. Dog Teach-it-a-Lesson Stick: Pretend you are throwing it for the dog and, as soon as it turns its back to run after it, teach it a lesson it will not soon forget by giving the beast a quick but very effective wack on its you know what (known as "Distract and Strike").

14. Gavel: Used to get screamers, arguers, or deadhead's attention during enforcement contacts.

15. Crutch: Use as a crutch/support when going down an extremely steep trail.

16. Crutch: Use as a crutch if you break both legs beneath the knees.

17. Crutch: Use as a crutch if you've had an especially long shift that day.

18. Brake Light Tester: Jam it in the brake pedal to check the brake lights during monthly inspections.
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RETIRED MEMBER INFORMATION

(Please save until needed)

INSTRUCTIONS: Please return completed sheet to Joe McCall at least four (4) weeks prior to retirement date to ensure prompt arrival of CSPRA retirement plaque.

MAIL TO: Joe McCall, Chair
Retired Members Committee
9028 Talisman Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
(916) 363-7566

RETIREE'S BACKGROUND

Name to appear on plaque: _____

Location, title, date when hired by DPR as a permanent employee: _____

Date first hired as a seasonal employee (if applicable): _____

Total years with DPR: _____ Total years of state service: _____

Ending date, location, and position with DPR: _____

Notable accomplishments during career: _____

The retiree is best remembered by co-workers for being: _____

Name of spouse: _____

Plaque inscription should refer to retiree as a: Ranger; Superintendent; Manager; or _____

Retirement party information (time, date, location): _____

CSPRA member who could present plaque: _____

Coordinator's name and phone number: _____

COMMENTS: _____

New Members

We are happy to introduce these new members to our organization. CSPRA offers a forum for sharing ideas and concerns and a means for making an impact in the field of the park professional. There is a place for each of you here, and your commitment to CSPRA requires a commitment to you from this organization. Each of us by getting involved can help the other. Again, welcome to CSPRA.

Andrew Zilke, Ranger II — Channel Coast
 Karen Poore, Ranger — MTC
 Brian Buttazoni, Ranger — MTC
 Michael Gross, Ranger — MTC
 Joanne Redoble, Ranger — MTC
 Vincent Sereno, Ranger — MTC
 Mike Rominger, Ranger — MTC

Mike Smittle, Ranger — Delta
 Robin Greene, Ranger — MTC
 Javier Morales, Ranger — MTC
 John Pelonio, Ranger — MTC
 Mark Gibson, Ranger — MTC
 Suzan Brandt, Ranger — MTC
 Kenneth Lee, Ranger — Marin

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will commend you on your resourcefulness. And, when you do get into that rare enforcement situation the bad guys will become so impressed by all the dings and scratches on

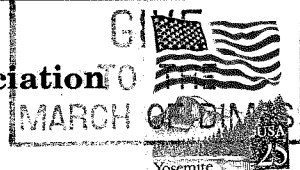
it that they will immediately comply.

We're sure many of you have discovered, as we have, just how versatile the PR 24 can be. Send your ideas to DT Instructor, Vic Graves, Gaviota District, Refugio Beach Road, Goleta, CA 93117.

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