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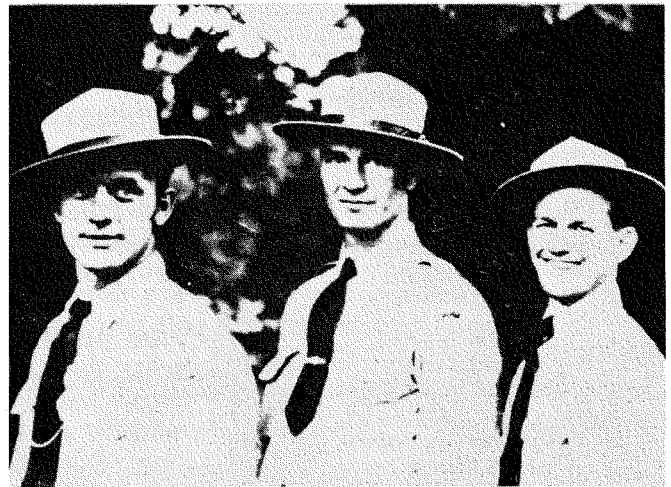
Joint Conference CSPRA - SPPOAC - DPR - RETIRED
Red Lion Inn, Sacramento, September 30 - October 3, 1991.

Don't miss this opportunity to take part in this once-in-a-lifetime gathering of the active and retired California State Park family and the biggest gathering of Rangers since medfly. Renew old friendships and make new ones at this Joint Conference celebrating the 125th Anniversary of California State Park Rangers.

Exciting general and concurrent sessions relating to the various aspects of State Park operations and history will be taking place during the conference along with special presentations from Mike Finley, Supt. of Yosemite National Park; William Penn Mott, Jr., past State Parks Director and National Parks Director; Douglas Wheeler, Resources Secretary; and noted environmentalist David Brower of Earth Island Institute, who will be our keynote speaker at the banquet on Thursday, October 3rd. Following Mr. Brower will be the premiere of the 125th Anniversary film.

On Wednesday, October 2 you will have the opportunity to enjoy a park family picnic hosted by Marshall Gold Discovery SHP in Coloma. An array of entertainment and activities are planned for this day including a special campfire program highlighting the "Best of the Best" in campfire interpretation. This picnic will be catered and will include a special

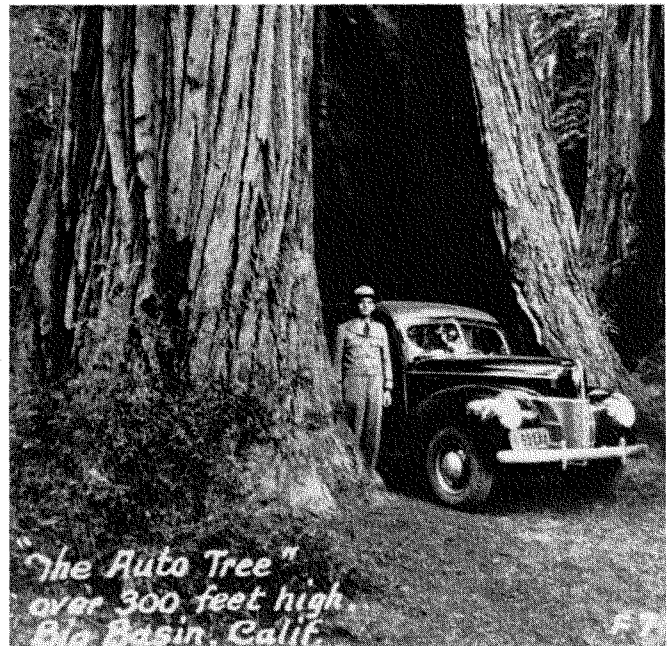
cutting of the 125th year Anniversary Cake.



Rangers Murrell Gregory, Nelson Gerhard and Chet Boyle at Calaveras Big Trees.

Nominations

The nominations committee will meet in Old Sacramento, 101 "J" St., on October 10, 1991. The committee will be chaired by Dick Troy. Please send your suggested nominees to Nominations Committee, P O Box 28366, Sacramento, CA 95828. The positions of President and two Board Members are up for election. Incumbents Getty, Pozzi, and LeFlore have indicated they will not be running again.



Ranger Leo Fry at Big Basin, 1940

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committees use CSPRA address.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I spent a weekend on the Sonoma coast camping. Great weekend!

But we saw a lot of "Free Our Beaches" bumperstickers on cars and in local businesses. The store where I paid over \$20.00/lb. for smoked salmon had one on the wall. Gasoline was over 45¢/gallon more than at Petaluma.

We were there for a wedding that took place on State Park System lands at Bodega Head. The wedding party spent a lot of money locally. And they were there because of the natural beauty of the area.

It's the same story all over the California State Park System. Locals reap the benefits, but then fight if they have to support parks. Those who use the parks most, benefit financially from parks most, and those whose quality of life is enhanced most are the ones who always seem to lead the "tax payers' revolt."

And of course, they are the same people who will first notify us if the trash isn't picked up, if loud parties occur on the uncontrolled (free) beaches, or if an assault occurs on an unguarded (free) beach.

And all they want is to get in free because they live nearby. I want to enroll free at UC Santa Cruz because I live close by. Why can't I fish the San Lorenzo River without a license when I live within walking distance? Do locals get to buy salmon at less than \$20.00 per pound? What do they pay for gas?

The sad thing about this local animosity towards our fees is that if we had time to do a PR job and explain why the fees need to be as they are, we could probably sell even many of the locals. But the Department never pre-prepared the public for fee increases; they only back off when the pressure arises. And we have so little time left to spend with the public. So public relations, maintenance of infrastructure, cultural and natural resource management, and interpretive programs all suffer.

Oh well, what's new. It all fits into the new park motto, "Neglect and Collect."

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Joint Conference (Continued from page 1)

The fee for the entire conference (except for the bus ride to Coloma which is \$12.00 each) is \$75.00 per person. Individual session fees will be collected from those not attending the entire conference.

Registration fees are due prior to Sept. 15. Since there is limited seating, you are encouraged to make your reservations as soon as possible. **If you would like registration forms, hotel rates or other information about the conference, please contact Inez Cook at 916/421-4606.**

Letters

Center For The Conservation Of Biodiversity Lepidoptera Research Foundation, Inc.

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May 20, 1991

Henry R. Agonia
Director
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RE: Revegetation At Dockweiler Beach, Los Angeles

Dear Mr. Agonia:

It has just come to my attention that a parking lot has been seriously proposed at Dockweiler State Beach that includes use of a "palette" of exotic plants to soften the visual impact of the construction.

The use of non-native plants here would exhibit a degree of incompetence in environmental biology inappropriate to your department and philosophically insensitive to the stated conservation goals of Governor Wilson.

My specific concern stems from my work as a program manager of the sand dunes ecosystem restoration taking place on the LAX property just to the east of the beach. We are aggressively removing all exotic species and replacing them with historically known species, to establish a closer approximation of the rich dunes community prior to its partial denaturation. With indicated success to date, we will provide

a resource that represents an irreplaceable heritage for future Californians. Additional exotic species in the area does not make our work easier.

The concept of landscape design here is misleading. Efforts must involve native plants, ugly though they may be to the uneducated eye, or else leave the parking lot for what it is and not give it the look of Durban, South Africa as we have on the dunes. This would not only indicate intelligence among your managers, but would cost the taxpayers a great deal less in both installation and maintenance.

The role of landscape architects is rewarding in providing a living floral artwork for urban areas. Near natural areas, or in wildlife corridors, playing God with life forms is not wise. I am reminded of the lovely xeriscapes that have been widely created in new developments of Orange County. But these are in fact biological deserts from which virtually all native wildlife is excluded and which are so disturbed that no approximation of the natural system could be anticipated over millennia, if ever.

I cannot believe your department, with a mandate to preserve natural values wherever possible, will be other than sensitive and insightful in abandoning the irresponsible concept of using non-native plants and in place of a constructive statement to augment the surrounding environment.

Most sincerely,

Rudi Mattoni, PhD
Director

State's Natural Areas Unprotected, Report Says

By Sandy Harrison
Daily News Sacramento Bureau
July 30, 1991

SACRAMENTO - A patchwork of government agencies is failing to protect California's fragile parks, forests, wildlife and ecosystems from growing economic and social pressures, according to a report issued Monday by the Assembly Office of Research.

The 56 page report cites a rich diversity of forests, mountains, wetlands, deserts and coastline in California. "But instead of linking these natural areas to improve land and wildlife conservation efforts, we isolate them," it concludes.

The result, the report said, are "biological ghettos - isolated parcels of land where wildlife species are forced to survive before being shoved into extinction."

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The report painted a bleak picture of a mid-21st century California virtually devoid of biological diversity, as fragile ecosystems collapse, species become extinct, wetlands dry up, rivers become silt-clogged, forests die off and soil erodes.

The aim of the report was to focus attention on the need for more centralized and comprehensive land use planning on a statewide level, said Wendy Umino, Assembly Office of Research senior consultant.

"Right now, we manage everything on a crisis level, protecting endangered species only after they become endangered, without a comprehensive plan for conserving critical land," Umino said.

The report called for:

Combining land use functions now handled by a handful of agencies including the departments of Forestry, Fish and Game, and Parks and Recreation, and the State Lands Commission into a single land conservation coordinating agency with a single, comprehensive data base;

Shifting land use planning decisions away from revenue-hungry local governments to larger regional agencies;

Renaming and reorganizing the Department of Fish and Game into a new Department of Wildlife Conservation, with an emphasis on the protection of all wildlife and habitat and not just those species that are fished or hunted;

Imposing new fees on users of the state's resources and on developers to fund wildlife and land management.

Sierra Club lobbyist Darryl Young said the report's recommendations should be implemented. "It's time to move from the small neighborhood approach to the larger community approach of conservation. We're happy to see this direction," he said.

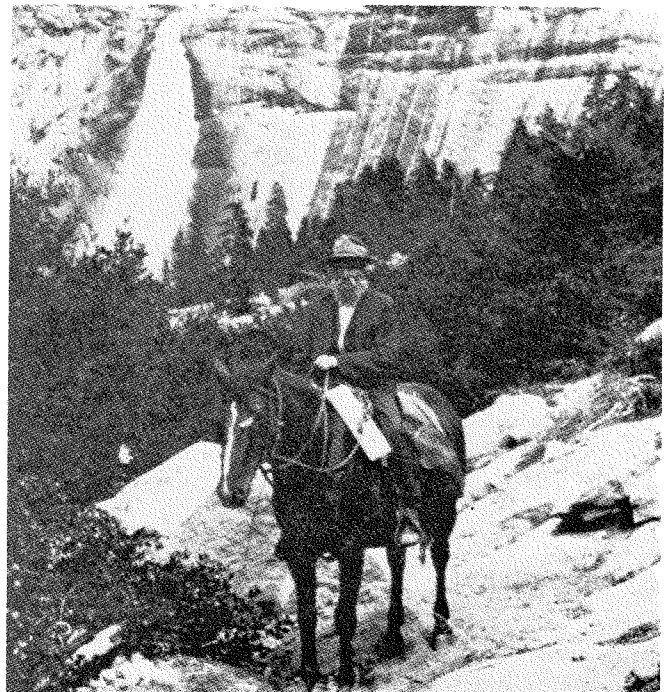
But Gov. Pete Wilson, while a supporter of stricter environmental laws, isn't convinced that more centralized state control is the best way to protect the environment, said James Lee, a spokesman for the Republican governor.



125th Anniversary Photos



Harriet "Petey" Weaver — First Woman Ranger



Galen Clark — First California State Park Ranger

CSPRA 1991-92 BUDGET

INCOME

Contributions, gifts, grants, etc.

Save Bodie fund

Benevolent fund

Whitehead scholarship fund

General fund

Program service revenue

1992 Conference

7,000

Dues

45,000

Investments

500

Sales

150

Miscellaneous

Total income

52,650

Reserve from 1990/91

20,147.36

Total revenue 72,797.36

EXPENDITURES

Benefits to or for members

Scholarships

2,000

Whitehead Scholarship

620

Benevolent fund

350

Contractors

4,800

Printing, publication, postage & shipping

3,000

Program service projects

Save Bodie

8,100

Park Integrity

3,000

Newsletter

11,000

CAL RANGER

4,500

Conference & workshops

6,000

Recognition & awards

400

Administrative

Office supplies, phone & miscellaneous

3,200

Travel — officers & board meetings

5,000

Committee activities

2,500

Cost of collecting dues

1,050

Office equipment

3,000

Equipment repair

600

Taxes

100

Bank charges

50

Recruitment

1,000

Membership PCL

2,500

Executive Manager Travel

1,200

Purchase of sales materials

1,000

Total expenditures

64,970

Balance to 1992-93

7,827.36

Reunions at Joint Conference of CSPRA - SPPOAC - DPR by John Kolb

Training Class Members — Reunion

It has been quite a while since we were in training at Asilomar. Looking through the roster for our class, I see that some people are no longer with the Department. For those that still are working for DPR, we have an opportunity to get together this fall.

The 125th Anniversary Committee is planning to have "class reunions" as part of the family picnic at Marshall Gold Discovery SHP on October 2. There will be opportunities for members of ranger, maintenance, and lifeguard classes to reunite, catch up on career highlights and reminisce about their common experiences at the Mott Training Center.

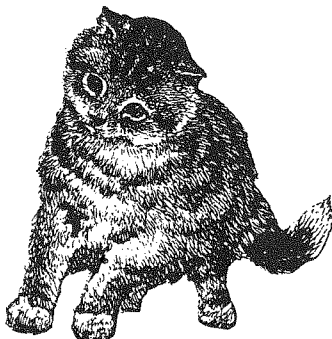
This year marks the 21st anniversary of the first State Park Ranger Trainee group which began training in the fall of 1970. This is also the 17th anniversary of the first Basic Park Maintenance class.

At the picnic, group photos will be taken of class members. These will be compared to "historic" photos taken at Asilomar during the initial training class.

Rosters have been distributed to representatives from many of the entry classes who in turn will contact other class members to encourage participation. This is the first time a "class reunion" effort has been made, and the result should be a lot of fun.

Why not make a special effort to attend? We can catch up on careers, reminisce and see who has the least weight and the most hair.

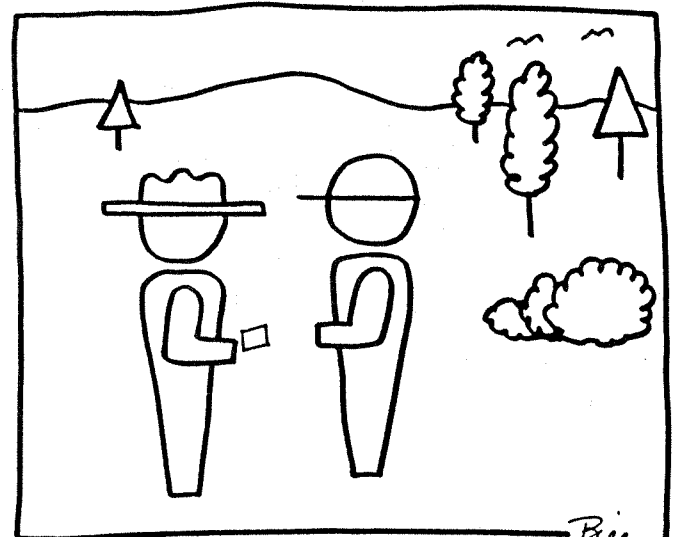
It will be good to see everyone again. I hope you can make it.



Hearing and Writing about the Unspeakable by Kathryn V. Foley

For three days in July of this year, I attended a seminar in Sacramento on the subject of "Intervention in Child Sexual Abuse with Victims and Offenders." Sponsored by Forensic Mental Health Associates, of Orlando, Florida, the seminar covered the following topics: Day 1 -- Evaluation of Suspected Sexual Abuse in Children; Day 2 -- Treating Traumatized Children: New Insights and Creative Interventions; Day 3 -- Sexual Offenders Against Children; Day 4 -- The Male Victim and the Adult Perpetrator: Impact and Recovery. (I was unable to attend the fourth day because of another commitment). The presenters were (Days 1, 2) Beverly James of Hawaii and (Days 3, 4) Nicholas Groth of Orlando.

RANGER LOGO



"OHHHH YOU OWN A HORSE. IN THAT CASE, YOU'LL WANT OUR **GOLDEN MARE PASS.**"

I went to this seminar with some trepidation, expecting it to be very depressing. I had become interested in the subject because of issues that had arisen in the workplace, and had paid my (non-refundable!) tuition far in advance, but as the time approached I wondered whether anyone but a psychotherapist could STAND four days of this subject. In reality, the information was fascinating, with implications far beyond anything I had expected, and I sincerely regretted that I was unable to complete the fourth day. (Continued on page 7)

Humor in Unicorn by Jeff Price

So, the sixteenth of these simply snarled columns arrives.

Uniform options in abbreviated personality: "...she's always getting ticked, such short patience."

Supraorbital chiropteran (you non-zoologists may miss this one): "...and he never even bats an eyebrow."

I guess she can't speak due to the properties of mass in motion: "Don't get impetus with me!"

When he was feeling like it was really all over, this guy relied on atmosphere: "...and there was nothing out there between me and thin air."

When the problem employee was finally gone, but not without some sacrifices, the supervisor seemed more worried about his coiffure: "...at least she's off my hair."

He was bitten by the excitement of the game being almost sewn up: "This team is just hanging on by the thread in their teeth."

Acrobatic? Why, yes, but apparently aquatic as well: "She's always flying off the deep end."

The plot thickens: "...and then they got the rancid note from the kidnappers."

The end again, but a reminder for those of you celebrating the 125th, always keep yourself (and your Stetson) in control: "...don't throw in the hat until you are sure."

The Unspeakable (Continued from page 6)

Sexual assault, particularly rape, incest, and child molestation, is one of the most serious problems of our society, and the extent of the problem — and the long-term, life-damaging implications for the victim are only now beginning to be clear. Therapists now believe that one out of every four females, and one out of every six males, are sexually abused in some way during childhood, and that these children will express the effect of this abuse in various dysfunctional ways throughout their lives. (Many therapists believe the incidence is even higher). Most of these children will have no idea of the root of their behaviors, for many will carry no conscious memory of the abuse, and for more the connection to something that happened "so long ago" will not be obvious without extensive therapy. The most severely traumatized will often not be those subjected to what what (from an adult's point of view) the worst abuse.

The best part of this seminar was the fascinating way the material was presented. For example, the first day covered forensic interviews with children, with guidelines on how to elicit information about the abuse in such a way that the child was not further traumatized, yet the information would stand up to a defense lawyer's examination in court. Ms. James used videotapes of actual interviews, as well as reports of the latest research and actual court cases to make her points.

The worst thing about the seminar was the growing realization of how pervasive and resistant to change this problem is in our society, how complex the issues are, and how many lives are adversely affected in often irreparable ways. I was rather saddened at the realization of how much more I understood about the world around me, armed with the knowledge gained from this seminar.

California Desert Protection League News

The California Desert Protection League announces that it has a 27-minute video, which graphically portrays what is happening to the California desert and why those yet unspoiled desert areas of great beauty and wildlife diversity deserve protection. Its title is "Desert Under Siege" and its star performers are two pre-eminent desert scientists, Dr. Robert Stebbins, Emeritus Professor of Zoology at U. C. Berkeley, and Dr. Howard Wilshire of the U. S. Geological Survey.

The original California Desert Protection Act, introduced five years ago, is now S-21 in the Senate and HR-2929 in the House. Mr. Lehman, who chairs the House Interior Committee, now supports the bill which he opposed in the past. In the Senate, Senator Seymour has announced his support for the legislation.

CSPRA Address Change Effective November 1, 1991

The address for CSPRA, *CAL Ranger*, and the *Newsletter* will change on November 1 to **P O Box 292010, Sacramento, CA 95829-2010**. Your Executive Manager has not moved. The Post Office decided it needed a new building and moved about 3 miles, changing its ZIP code and shuffling the box numbers.

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 from this organization. Each of us by getting involved can help the other. Again, welcome to CSPRA.

Brad C. Keitzman, Ranger, Doheney State Beach

September

Calendar

PRAC Interpretive Workshop —
San Jose 9/26/91

**125th Celebration -
Sacramento Red Lion**
9/30-10/3/91

Nominating Committee Meeting
101 J St, Old Sacramento
12 - 1, 10/10/91

Deadline for Honorary Member
nominations 11/1/91

Elections 11/91

New officers take office 1/1/92

**1992 Annual Workshop, Inn
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3/16 - 19/92

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