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Late News on Anaheim Workshop

Reception: California State Parks Foundation President, Wayne Guthrie, will host another of his famous receptions on Monday evening in the Tiffany Terrace beginning at 6:30.

Where do we go from here? What can we do individually and collectively about the problems the Department faces? Presidents Bud Getty and Joe von Herrmann will lead a discussion of what CSPRA and SPPOAC can do collectively and individually and what we as individuals can do to help the Department. This discussion will be held at the luncheon on Wednesday.

Banquet will be held on Wednesday evening along with a no-host cocktail hour and a dance.

Beach Party will be held Tuesday evening at Huntington Beach.

Child Care will be available for those who tell us when they will want it, how many children, and their ages. If you let us know by mail before the workshop, we guarantee we'll have it. If you let us know 24 hours in advance, we will do our best. There will be a small charge.

Resolutions at GEC

Bylaws Article III, Subsection 7.2. Resolutions for GEC must be submitted to the Executive Manager prior to the start of the General Executive Council. Late resolutions may be received only with a majority approval by the Board of Directors. Resolutions must be prepared in correct written form and signed by five (5) Active or Active Retired members.

"A Penny For Parks"

The California State Parks Foundation will be mailing you a flyer and survey on *The State of the State Parks*. It recaps the problems facing the Department of Parks and Recreation and recommends that a penny out of every general fund dollar be dedicated to the support of the California State Park System.

"A Penny For Parks" would double our current budget and eliminate the need for park closures, layoffs, and disappointment for the state park visitors.

Your response to the questionnaire will allow the Foundation to begin to prioritize what we view as important in this state.

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President's Message

The budget for the State of California is over \$60 billion.

If we subtracted the California Department of Parks and Recreation's budget, the state budget would still be over \$60 billion.

If we doubled our budget and subtracted it from the state budget, it would still be over \$60 billion.

If we multiplied the Department's budget by 10 and subtracted it from the state budget, it would still be over \$60 billion.

And if we subtracted the revenue we make, the self-producing OHV funding, the bond funds, and other reimbursable funds from the Department's budget, we could multiply the remaining general fund budget by a helluva large number and subtract it from the entire state budget and it would still be over \$60 billion.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is not a big deal when you only consider its fiscal impact on the state. But it's a big deal to the people of California. We serve a lot of people. We, and the National Parks, probably have saved more rare and endangered plants and animals, accidentally or incidentally to our other missions, than any other agencies in California. We also serve important scientific research directly with facilities at Bodega and Ano Nuevo, and by issuing numerous collecting permits to bonafide scientists in units throughout the system.

Our contribution to the educational system of California is huge. Hundreds of thousands of school children visit parks as an integral part of their school program. Cutting parks' budget is also a cut in school educational programs. Reduced services to schools will have to be a part of our overall reduction if we have even partial closure.

Ranger John Mott compared some budget figures in response to a local newspaper article that indicated there would have to be a choice between parks, roads, and education:

Public Schools	\$19.9 Billion
Health and Welfare	\$13.0 Billion
Higher Education	\$4.1 Billion
DPR	\$0.182 Billion

As you can see, the elimination of our entire budget would produce no significant improvement in education, roads, or any other major program.

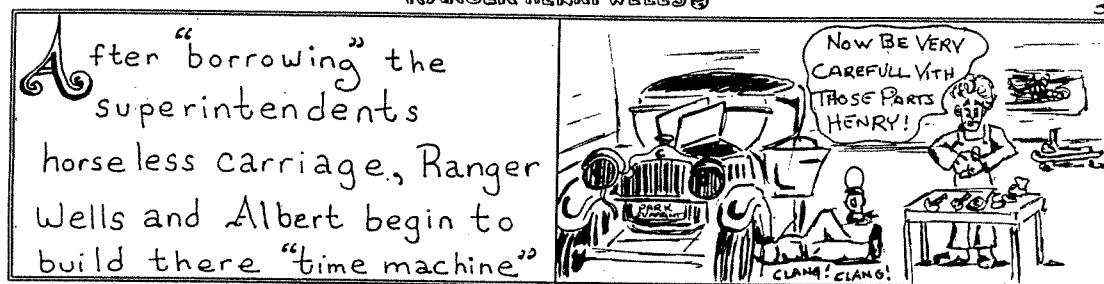
Our deficit is \$30 million for F.Y. '91-92. There are 30 million people in California. A buck per person would keep parks open, staffed, and protected.

Next fiscal year's budget shortfall is estimated at "only \$22 million." That's less than six bits per person — the greatest bargain in the world. The people need to know about the plight of their parks. That's our job.

Bud Getty, President

Why are we so insignificant when it comes to appropriations and so vital when it comes to budget cuts and revenue?

THE ADVENTURE OF RANGER HENRY WELLS



The adventure continues... *Chetphilly*

Activities Include

Keynote Speaker
Joe Edmiston,
Executive Director,
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

Closing Speaker
Jeff De Bonis,
founder & Executive Director of the AFSEEE

Reception hosted by
Wayne Guthrie
Monday evening.

Beach Party
Tuesday evening at Huntington State Beach

Banquet & Dance
Wednesday evening

Deadlines!

Hotel
Inn at the Park
2/16/92

Conference registration w/out late fee
3/4/92

Late News on Workshop (Continued from page 1)

Correction: A tour on your own is available to Mission San Juan Capistrano not San Juan Bautista.

The hotel address is: Inn at the Park, 1855 South Harbor Boulevard, Anaheim, CA 92802.

Late Charge for Registration will take effect on March 4, 1992.

PRAC members will be bringing information on jobs with their park districts for CSPRA, SPPOAC and PRAC members who may be facing lay-offs this coming year.

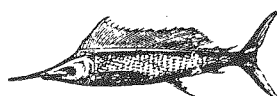
Badge Swap An informal badge swap will be arranged and announced at the workshop. Contact PRAC President Chris George for further information. (714) 254-5226.

What The World Wants And How To Pay For It

from the January 1992 Sacramento/Yolo Affiliate of National Sane Freeze

According to the World Game Institute, cutting annual world military expenditures by 25 percent would provide funds to take care of most environmental and human needs. While the following calculations inevitably involve some subjective judgments and are not necessarily definitive, they point toward some intriguing possibilities (in \$ Billions):

Prevent soil erosion	24.0
Stabilize population	10.5
Stop ozone depletion	5.0
Stop deforestation	7.0
Renewable energy	17.0
Energy efficiency	33.0
Stop global warming	8.0
Prevent acid rain	8.0
Retire developing nations debt	30.0
Ensure literacy	5.0
Provide health care	15.0
Provide shelter	21.0
Provide clean water	50.0
Provide food	19.0



Revitalize Your Interpretive Spirit!

by Linda Herr Rath

**NAI will hold
their 1992
workshop in
Santa Clara.
November 15
to 20.**

Tuesday, Oct. 1 - 900 professional interpreters descend on Vail, Colorado from all over the U.S., Canada and even as far away as England and New Zealand. Interpreters register for the five-day National Association for Interpretation's 1991 National Conference and settle into the village of Vail, explore the shops, gaze at the surrounding bright yellow aspen and beautiful mountains, decide which workshops to attend (over 100 concurrent sessions over a three-day period are offered), catch up with friends they hadn't seen since last year's conference in Charleston, South Carolina, and make new acquaintances. An Altitude Adjustment Rocky Mountain Roast awaits these hungry travelers at a nearby park later that evening.

Wednesday, Oct. 2 - Good morning, Interpreters! The morning starts out in Vail's Dobson Arena where workshop participants are welcomed to Colorado, listen to the message of Keynote Speaker, Dr. Gary E. Machlis, Professor of Forest Resources, University of Idaho, talk on interpretation in the post-modern world, and enjoy the live music from some very talented interpreters.

Then it's off to attend concurrent one-to-two hour workshops on evaluating interpreters and programs, museums and exhibits, special populations, insects, nature crafts, controversial issues and the media, marketing, nature centers, storytelling, and a variety of other topics. In between sessions, interpreters stroll through an exhibit hall displaying vendors and businesses who design exhibits, create signs, publish books and postcards and provide other interpretive related services.

Throughout the day, a Creative Corner has been set up where authors and artists ranging from singer/songwriters to writers to film makers share and autograph their products and discuss creative aspects of their work.

In the evening, Baxter Black, the very funny and talented Cowboy Poet, entertains a room full of interpreters right out of their seats with his own original stories of the West.

Thursday, Oct. 3 - The morning begins once again with a Keynote Speaker. Dr. Jay A. Anderson, Professor, Utah State University, Director, Ronald V. Jensen Living Historical Farm, discusses living history and challenges us all in our roles as interpreters.

Then it's off to another day of concurrent sessions, today featuring edible plants, interpreting death, urban wildlife, interpretive activities, managing goals, American Indian interpretation, managing volunteers and docents, living history, and music and interpretation.

Participants can also attend the poster sessions where several interpreters have set up displays on a variety of topics and people can talk to the dis-

players one on one about their programs.

The day ends with the evening's NAI fundraising auction where participants acquire unique goods and treasures from around the country while contributing to the NAI Scholarship Program.

Friday, Oct. 4 - The day features one-half and full-day field trips to Leadville, Glenwood Hot Springs or Georgetown to learn about Colorado History. Or hikes through passes and on Colorado trails, mountain biking over mountains or visits to outdoor environmental schools. Or wildlife watching. Or fly-fishing. Or photography. This is our chance to see Colorado and learn about interpretation in the field.

The evening's event features Richard Pawling presenting a living history program entitled, "Where Have We Come From and Now Where Are We Going: The Philosophy of Interpretation."

Saturday, Oct. 5 - We gather once again and for the last time this conference in the Dobson Arena to listen to Keynote Speaker Alfred Runte, President, Trails to the Parks Foundation, Fellow, Institute for Pacific Northwest Studies, University of Idaho, who addresses the problems and pressures interpreters face today and the necessity of us following our "passion" in his address, "Where Have All The Interpreters Gone?: Strategies for Surviving Political Correctness and the Age of Bureaucracy" (sound pertinent?).

One last day of concurrent sessions features historic interpretation, microcomputers and staff scheduling, rainforest preservation, school programs, interactive television, using plants as interpretive tools, games for incredibly large audiences, costumed interpretation, zoo interpretation, more storytelling and a panel discussion on interpreting sacred resources.

Authors and artists continue with the Creative Corner and exhibitors display their services and wares.

A banquet and dance round out the night and the workshop.

Sunday, Oct. 6 - It's back to the parks, museums, botanical gardens, game reserves, nature centers, environmental education camps, zoos, or wherever all these interpreters came from as we travel home. We leave with new ideas and a rejuvenation of the interpretive spirit.

Sound like fun? Well, you missed it!

But you will get another chance. Next year's National Workshop is right here in California (Santa Clara).

Every year, more interpreters discover this incredible gathering of some of the best interpreters in the country. (This year 900 interpreters attended. Next year, NAI expects over 1,000.) And each year the workshops provide these professionals with new ideas, inspirations, and a place to share their own skills and knowledge.

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Interpretive Spirit (Continued from page 4)

This is your chance to meet such interpretive greats as Joseph Cornell and Bill Lewis, as well as exchange ideas with and learn from a host of interpreters from all walks of life.

Discover the National Association for Interpretation by attending the 1992 conference in Santa Clara from November 15 to November 20, 1992. Become a part of this growing organization for professional interpreters. And revitalize your interpretive spirit!

For more information on NAI or the National Workshop, call 303/491-2255 or write NAI, P. O. Box 1892, Fort Collins, CO 80522.

"Mountain Biking Is Fine Recreation But Only When It's Done Responsibly"

by Jeff Jones

Reprinted from the Santa Cruz Sentinel - Sunday, December 8, 1991

YOU MOUNTAIN BICYCLISTS are doing it to yourselves, you know. A significant number of you are scofflaws. You ride on trails and in areas which you know are closed to mountain bikes. You go too fast and exchange rude words and gestures with other park visitors who are alarmed at your speed.

In the parks where I work, (Henry Cowell, Fall Creek and The Forest of Nisene Marks state parks) illegal and unsafe mountain-bike activity is the number-one complaint received from other park users. Not a shift goes by that I'm not flagged down by someone complaining about mountain bikes. And these folks are angry, too, often putting their concerns in writing to their legislators, the governor or department officials.

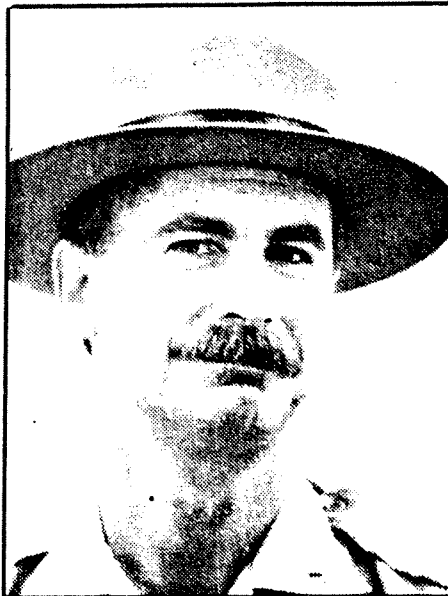
You've also become our number-one visitor accident. Unsafe speed is usually the primary contributing factor. Most of the time injuries have been broken collar bones and dislocated shoulders. However, with the number of you who ride recklessly, often with no helmet, the potential for more serious injury is high.

Incidentally, getting rescued from a remote portion of a park takes awhile. It's not like a half-hour TV show in which the victim gets help in a few minutes, is loaded into a helicopter and gets whisked away to the care and comfort of a nearby hospital. Nope, you'll lie there for an hour or two while rescue personnel are assembled.

Even with the best of care and first-aid "packaging," being carried in a litter over steep and uneven terrain is an ordeal for the victim and the rescue party.

When you ride on illegal trails, cut across switchbacks to create steep runs, make jumps and run up the sides of trail- and fire-road cuts, you leave scars as unsightly as those seen in off-highway motorcycle areas. These ruts and scars become serious erosion problems when it rains. When we get a normal winter, sections of trail will be lost because of mountain-bike usage. Mountain bikers have also become our number-one vandals of state-park signs. Usually you just deface, destroy or steal the "No Bike" signs. Often, though, you take or ruin the whole sign including trail directions and distances, thereby inconveniencing others and even jeopardizing their safety.

I write more mountain-bike citations than any other kind. In Santa Cruz County, the current fine is around \$100 (subject to change). The court takes the offense seriously. Rulings state that there does not necessarily have to be a "No Bikes" sign at a trailhead for a ticket to be valid. In a sense, having a mountain bike is like owning a fishing pole. It is the user's responsibility to know where, when and how it can be legally used.



Jeff Jones

Now this next statement might surprise you. I still think mountain biking is a good, legitimate form of recreation on public lands. However, those of you who ride irresponsibly must change and change soon. Eliminate speed, danger and illegal trail riding. The riding-etiquette rules developed by mountain bike organizations themselves are excellent. Follow them. Police yourselves; don't play cat and mouse with park rangers out on the trails. Even if you are not caught, other park users see you riding illegally and the reputation of all mountain bikers suffers.

People visit parks to get away, to get some exercise or relax and to experience the beauty of natural areas. Using park lands is a privilege. Ride responsibly and retain that privilege.

Jeff Jones is a state park ranger in the Santa Cruz Mountains District. The district includes Big Basin, Henry Cowell, Fall Creek, The Forest of Nisene Marks, Portola, Castle Rock, Butano and Rancho del Oso state parks.

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Amending the Constitution of the United States

Times have changed since the Constitution was written in 1787. People took for granted clean air and water, rich soil and abundant wildlife.

Today, we are continually reminded that we can't afford to take for granted the environment which sustains our quality of life.

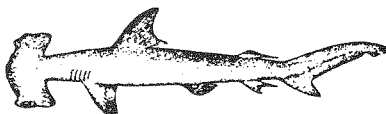
Our Constitution does not protect critical natural resources and habitat. Protections that have been achieved to date have been the result of a patchwork of federal, state, regional, and local legislation. We need federal constitutional protection for our vital life support system.

Amendment 27 — Responsible Use
of Resources

The natural resources of the United States shall be protected and conserved for the benefit of the people, wildlife, and their shared habitat, and may be used only in a responsible manner that encourages the preservation of biodiversity and protects the long term health and safety of the people while permitting the return of reasonable economic benefits.

The Congress and the several states shall enforce by appropriate legislation the provisions of this article.

(Provided by the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, 116 New Montgomery Street, Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94105. (415) 543-2152)



Ballot Results

Tyler Conrad	112
John Knott	154 — elected
Wayne Harrison	131 — elected
Kathryn Yee	76
Adrian Itaya	48

New directors will take office at Anaheim. Forty-one percent of the 669 ballots were cast.

CSPRA Membership

The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) has been dedicated to protecting and preserving features of the California State Park System for almost three decades.

Membership is open to all current and retired employees of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

CSPRA was organized in 1964 by California park professionals as a non-profit, tax-exempt, professional society to encourage quality interpretation, resource management, public protection, maintenance and management of the State Park System.

CSPRA actively promotes advancement of the ideals and philosophy for which state parks were originally founded.

For membership information write:
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APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE VEHICLE CAR SHOW

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____ NO. OF VEHICLES: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ TITLE: _____

PHONE NO.: () _____

Please list a brief description of the type of vehicle(s) you would like to display (please include any additional items such as display board, additional support equipment etc.).

Will you require any additional equipment to assist you in your display, (e.g. V.C.R., lighting, electrical etc.). YES ☐ NO ☐
PLEASE LIST ON BACK OF PAGE

Should you have any questions about your entry, please contact Christopher George or Wayne Krusen, at (714) 254-5226. If no is available, please leave a message were you may be reached.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR APPLICATION TO: RANGER CONFERENCE CAR SHOW
20816 ELY AVE.
LAKEWOOD, CA 90715

DEADLINE MARCH 1, 1992

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Application approved: ☐ Date: ___/___/___ Space Number ☐

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Calendar

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After this date,
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2/16

**Last day to regis-
ter for Anaheim
Workshop with-
out late fee.** 3/4

New officers take
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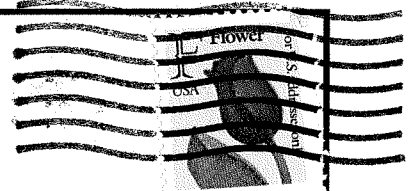
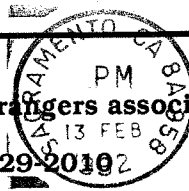
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