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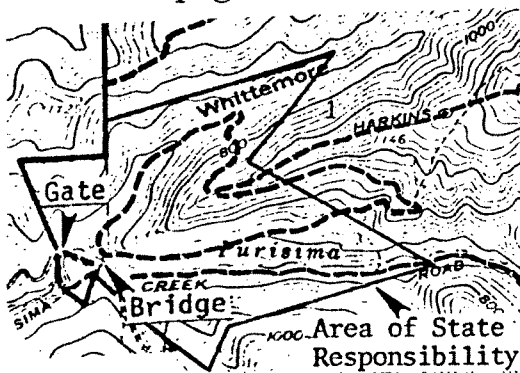
Rendezvous at McConnell

McConnell SRA will once again be the site of this years Retirees' Rendezvous. The location of last years Rendezvous, McConnell was the clear choice of participants in a recent survey. So mark your calendar (9/29 — 10/3) and get ready for more fun, food and relaxation. Remember, **this event is for All Past and Present DPR employees and their families and guests.** CSPRA membership is not required.

State Park Trivia Returns

by Jim Woodward

The map below shows all of what may be the least known unit of the State Park System. Give yourself two points if you know the name and location. Clues: This 168 acre unit has been operated by DPR since 1984, has old-growth redwoods, and is unclassified. (Answer on page 7.)



Setback on a Magnificant Journey

Proposition 180, the California Park and Wildlife Initiative (CALPAW), received only 43.4 percent of the vote in the June 7 election. Voters rejected every bond act on the ballot, including those for schools, higher education, and earthquake repair.

The fundamental cause of the defeat came from voter concern that California is financing too much of its future with long term debt, combined with extremely low voter turnout. Low voter turnout means that only the older, most conservative voters actually vote. These voters tend to be the most concerned about spending, and almost always vote against bond and tax measures. More than half those voting were over 50, while only nine percent were under 30. This compares to the average Californian, who is under 30.

The continuing California recession, combined with frequent press stories about the deficit in the California budget and the danger that the state's credit rating might be downgraded made voters concerned about accumulating more debt. Certainly CALPAW supporters knew about these economic problems when the initiative was begun, but the almost (Continued on page 7)

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President's Message

Now that we have determined with certainty that the taxpayers of California will not support any measures that will cost them money - what do we do? The Defeat of Proposition 180 had nothing to do with parks, it was a continuation of the revolt against taxes and government in general.

The search for permanent funding sources becomes even more imperative. And the proposals had better be realistic, ones that add more tax will have a continuing tough time at the ballot box unless there are really compelling positive arguments. And then there will be competition for all dollars on all ballots. Back to the Drawing board.

Meanwhile there is a push to overturn Proposition 117, both the

habitat funding aspect as well as the ban on trophy hunting of Mountain Lions. If this is successful there will be no funding for critical habitat acquisition.

And then there are several bills to weaken the endangered species act in California and to eliminate protection for rare plants.

You better get active if you believe in many of the things State Parks were established for.

And on a personal note — maybe this will make some unhappy - but I'm getting really distressed by friends in the Department that smoke and die younger than they should. The Department wellness program should really focus on this tragic waste.

I am proceeding with my legislation, AB 1128 to provide essential funding for the rehabilitation, restoration and preservation of parks, natural and cultural resources, fish and wildlife.

New Bond Act — AB 1128 Cortese

Mr. Dave Nelson
CSPRA
17645 Hwy 160
Rio Vista, CA 94571

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you for attending the meeting conducted by my staff consultant, Nina Gordon, regarding the resource bond act. I appreciate and value your involvement and expertise.

As promised, I am proceeding with my legislation, AB 1128 to provide essential funding for the rehabilitation, restoration and preservation of parks, natural and cultural resources, fish and wildlife.

I have enclosed a chart reflecting the proposed reduced amount of \$500 million. The changes in the narrative and specific allocations are being drafted. The ultimate decision as to the allocations will be

that of the leadership.

AB 1128 is scheduled to be heard before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Bond Indebtedness on Tuesday, August 9, at 1:30 in room 2040.

The next few weeks will be a critical time in deciding the future of the bond act. Your assistance at the hearing and also to solicit support from legislators and the leadership will be very important. Please contact Nina Gordon, senior consultant, at (916) 445-6164 if you have any comments and/or suggestions. I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

Dominic L. Cortese

(See page 5 for details of AB 1128)

Letters

June 13, 1994

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June 1, 1994

Dear Mr. Getty:

Thank you for contacting me and letting me know of your support for the California Desert Protection Act.

I am very pleased to let you know that the Desert Bill was approved by the full Senate by a vote of 69-29 on April 13. I also want to convey my heartfelt gratitude to you for your support.

As you know, this bill has traveled a long road to get to where it is today. It has been discussed in various forms in the last eight years but was never approved by the Senate Committee or full Senate until this Congress. Rest assured that I will fight to ensure the Desert Bill is enacted.

Once again, thank you so much for contacting me about the Desert Bill. I would like to share with you the enclosed copy of my floor speech before the Senate. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Judy Li of my Washington office at (202) 224-3841.

Please know that I am working hard to represent the best interests of California in the Senate. I appreciate your taking the time to contact me and hope that, over time, you will find me to be a caring and effective United States Senator.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

Dear Mr. Lynch:

I enjoyed your article (Colonel Wing) in this month's *CSPRA Newsletter*. It is a useful and informative piece and we will pass it around to our staff in the important interest of historical continuity.

Sincerely,

Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP
Executive Director
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

The Honorable Dominic L. Cortese
Chair, Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee

Dear Assemblyman Cortese:

Please oppose AB 3835 (Knowles).

The elimination of the funding provided by Proposition 117 will affect all local grants as well as state projects that allow habitat acquisition for wildlife including the mountain lion. With the defeat of Proposition 180 the only source for this critical acquisition is the Proposition 117 funding which was authorized by public vote.

AB 3835 also allows trophy hunting of mountain lions. The recent tragedy in Placer County does not warrant this drastic step as a knee-jerk reaction.

Again please oppose AB 3835.

Sincerely,

Maurice H. Getty
President

How to Contact CSPRA

CSPRA has developed a group of District Reps to help you keep in touch with the board. (See list of District Reps on page 15) If you have a question about CSPRA and its activities ask your District Rep and she/he will get the answer for you. If you are aware of a problem facing the department, your park, or just you they will be glad to bring your issue to the board for resolution.

Also, you can call the CSPRA office and leave a message on the Voice Mail. Just dial (800) 994-2530 and leave your complete message — someone will get back to you if necessary.

Our FAX number is (916) 387-1179 and it is available 24 hours a day as is the (800) number.

Several Districts currently do not have a Rep. If you would like to be one or would like to suggest someone call (800) 994-2530

Annual Conference

Plans for our 1995 annual conference are well underway.

Kevin Joe and Bill Trunick (PRAC) are co-chairs of the Local Arrangements sub-committee. The committee will be planning the golf tournament, pistol shoot, tours, off-site dinner and dance, raffle fun run, exhibitors, and other things designed to make your visit in Santa Rosa more comfortable and enjoyable. If you live in the general Santa Rosa area and would like to help please contact Kevin or Bill.

General Sessions are being planned by Bud Getty, Ron Breen, Bill Dillinger, Bob Donohue and Bill Mennell. They are selecting speakers for the Keynote, Luncheon, Banquet, and the hot-issue panel discussion. Contact Bud Getty with your suggestions.

The Interpretive track is being planned by Susan Grove, Nancy Fuller and Donna Pozzi. If you have any ideas please contact any of these persons.

The Public Safety Track is being chaired by Adrian Itaya along with members David Sloane (PRAC) and Mike Lynch. If you have suggestions for this track please contact any one of them.

The Operations track is headed by Dave Lydick (PRAC) with Bill Mennel (Maint Supervisors) assisting with maintenance sessions. We need a Ranger I or Ranger II to assist with this track. Please contact the CSPRA office.

The Resource Management Track is chaired by Gary Fregien and others from the Resource Management Division along with Dorene Clement and Lucinda Woodward. If you have any suggestions please contact Gary Fregien

Mark your calendar for March 6-10, 1995. This will be the best conference yet.

A Quick update on Bodie by Donna Pozzi 7/31/94

The Bodie Protection Act is now officially part of the California Desert Protection Act, which finally passed in the House of Representatives on July 27. If you were one of those who responded to our appeal

to contact your representative to urge passage of the Desert Bill, thank you! While this is another important hurdle for the Desert Bill it's not so impressive for the Bodie Bill which had already been approved by the House twice. Now we must wait and see what happens in the Senate. It's critical that the Bodie Bill not be amended out of the Desert Bill or weakened in any way. We are very hopeful though that the Desert Bill will pass, with Bodie intact, and be signed by the President this fall.

Meanwhile, we have been working to assist the Department in formulating a strategy to acquire Galactic's holdings from the bankruptcy trustee. Since the State of California is very cash poor these days, CSPRA continues to make contacts with non-profit organizations and fund-raisers to find an innovative approach to this dilemma. With the failure of CALPAW, everyone is in the same boat. Nonetheless, I truly believe a combination of public and private funding, aided by legislation at the state and federal level, can be creatively assembled if the political will is there. The alternative is to let the property go to another mining company and pay more later for the same land. We don't have much of a choice, do we?



In other matters, I continue to represent CSPRA as a member of the Citizens' Mining Information Network. (Please see the press release on page 5 from our recent meeting in Butte, Montana.) Through this network, I have met remarkable people all over the country whose lives and communities are being impacted by hard rock mining. Their stories and struggles have taught me a great deal — both from a technical and personal standpoint. I'd like to think I've been able to share some of my experience and help them in return.

AB 1128 (Cortese) Proposed Bond Act

(Dollars in millions)

Local Grants

Per-Capita Formula	\$110
Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Programs	25
Historical Resources	10
Museums, Zoos, Aquariums	5
Urban river & waterfront parks	10
Total Local Grants	\$160

State Park System

SPS Acquisition	\$34
SPS Development Projects	100
SNO-PARK	1
Total State Parks	\$135

Others

Central Valley Matching	\$38
Wildlife Conservation Board	70
California Tahoe	25
State Coastal Conservancy	30
Santa Monica Mtns Conservancy	25
San Joaquin Conservancy	2.5
Coachella Valley Conservancy	2.5
San Joaquin Valley Drainage	2.0
Unallocated	10
Total Others	\$205

Bond Total \$500 million

(See New Bond on page 2)

Mining Law Reform Activists Visit Butte

By Associated Press

Butte, Mt - Citizen mining activists from throughout the United States gathered this past weekend at the Fairmont Hot Springs to share information and develop solutions concerning environmental problems caused by hard rock mining. More than 30 people from twenty states ranging from Florida to Alaska and including all the western states met for 3 days of presentations about the problems caused by inadequate state and federal regulations.

The number of citizens organizations working on hard rock mining issues indicates that citizen activism is at an all time high. Most claim their work is in response to the new "gold rush" and a nationwide increase in mining projects.

Florence Ore, from Pony, Montana, representing the Northern Plains Resource Council at the Conference said, "There is more gold mining in this country now than there was in the last century. The impacts, environmental, economic and social damages from all types of mining are being felt in communities everywhere. These citizens' groups are on the front line of achieving better state and federal regulations which will protect people and our lands."

"Flying in from Spokane, I was appalled to see the mountains of mine waste and the ruined river drainage in the Butte/Silver Bow area. Without responsible regulation, this is exactly the kind of environmental damage we face in my state from open pit, cyanide leach mining," lamented Woody Rehanek of the Okanogan Highlands Alliance, in North Central Washington.

As part of the conference, the group toured the Crystal Mine, an acid mine drainage water treatment demonstration project. This abandoned mine is one of 270 hazardous mine sites identified so far by the Montana Department of State Lands and is among more than 500,000 estimated to exist throughout the United States.

The Conference, hosted by the Citizens' Mining Information Network, based in Albuquerque, NM, coincides with the (Continued on page 6)

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Mining Law Reform (Continued from page 5)

final chapter in the debate in Congress on legislation that will reform the 1872 Mining Law.

Those in favor of reform claim that this antiquated law is responsible for historic and contemporary damage to public lands and the loss of public resources due to mining.

Joe Azure, President of Red Thunder, a Native American group on the Fort Belknap Reservation, said, "To me this modern mining is like swimming in shark infested waters — its only a matter of time before something tragic happens." Research and action by Red Thunder and other groups forced the Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences to bring a lawsuit against the Zortman-Landusky Mine and its parent company, Pegasus Gold over ongoing violations of its permit and state water quality laws.

"The most striking and emotional aspect of the conference for me were the presentations by native Americans who described the continuing, 150-year assault by the mining industry on the homelands of their people," said John Manty, representing AWAKE, a Michigan grassroots environmental organization.

The Citizens Mining Information Network meets twice a year visiting different areas of the country affected by mining.

Bonds' Use Ok'd For Mine Cleanup

by The Associated Press

Colorado authorities were given the go-ahead yesterday to collect more than \$3.8 million in bonds posted by a gold-mining firm that was trying to clean its mountain-top site when it ran out of money.

Mined Land Reclamation Board members, angered at what they felt was misleading information from the mine company and its parent company, voted to grant collection powers to the state division overseeing cleanup of the Summitville Consolidated Mining Co. site near Wolf Creek Pass.

The forfeited bonds would help continue the cleanup and water protection programs in progress.

Board members angry

Chairman James B. Cooley and member Luke Danielson were angered that they and other members, Maxine Stewart and Catherine Kraeger-Rovey, were not advised of Summitville's pending financial crisis when they were given a tour of the site less than a year ago.

A new lawyer representing parent company Galactic Resources Inc., Rodney D. Knutson, told the board he didn't have specific information about the reasons for Summitville's financial problems. "We got no notice of this (bankruptcy and financial situation) until Friday," Knutson said.

Danielson said: "What use is counsel if he is not able to answer questions? It's not a sign of good faith. . . . No one for the company is here at all."

Another lawyer, Tom Quinn, responded that "the resources ran out before the problems ran out."

Cooley noted that he felt the board had been misled. "It's only a few months since we had a blue ribbon tour," he said. He said it appeared then that Galactic was "well funded."

Closed last spring

The open pit mine and gold-extraction operation 24 miles southwest of Del Norte shut down last spring. Its money all but depleted in unanticipated environmental costs, Summitville filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy last week, with several years of work left and millions needed before the cleanup's completion.

The bankruptcy action brought several contractors to yesterday's meeting, complaining they hadn't been paid for machinery and consultation. They wondered where they stood following the bankruptcy filing.

They were told the state has no hand in paying Summitville's bills, and that a bankruptcy trustee would have to be contacted for debts the company owned.

Trivia Answer (From Page 1)

Purissima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve is located 1 mile south of Burleigh Murray Ranch, and 5 miles southeast of Half Moon Bay. It is owned by the Mid-Peninsula Open Space District, and patrolled by DPR on a 10-year management agreement.

(This is the first of a new series by Jim Woodward modeled after his State Parks Trivia book.)

Magnificent Journey (Continued from page 1)

complete lack of funds to protect our threatened parkland, open space and wildlife habitat made an attempt to gain new funds almost mandatory. The coalition which put CALPAW together was the strongest ever assembled. It included every major conservation group in California, the California Historical Society, League of Women Voters, American Association of Retired Persons, California Teachers Association, NAACP, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and a host of other organizations and individuals.

Editorial support for CALPAW was widespread. The Los Angeles Times, San Diego Union-Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, San Jose Mercury-News, San Francisco Examiner, Contra Costa Times, Riverside Press-Enterprise, and many other well known newspapers, as well as KCBS and KNX radio all endorsed Proposition 180.

The loss of CALPAW is a tragic setback to the cause of protecting California's natural environment, and to providing at-risk youth with recreational opportunities. CALPAW would also have provided funds to the local conservation corps, offering youth healthy alternatives to a criminal lifestyle. Two state park bond acts in a row have now failed. The last one was in 1990. PCL is organizing a meeting of state conservation groups to discuss what other options are available to provide the funds so badly needed to preserve and improve environmental quality in our state. Some of these would include another try at a bond act, a new tax measure which would provide funds and avoid long term debt, and expanding existing funds such as the tobacco tax.

Although California voters rejected this park bond act, we remain confident that voters overall still strongly support protection of natural resources, parkland, and wildlife areas. These lands and waters are clearly worth saving, and we intend to give the voters additional opportunities to protect these treasured places. We hope the legislature will place appropriate environmental measures on the ballot, but if not, the coalition that worked for CALPAW could act once again.

Retirement of Captain Roger Chatterton

After 30 years with Monterey County Sheriff's Department, Captain Roger Chatterton is retiring. Roger wishes to retire quietly, without fanfare; there will not be a retirement function. He and his wife Sue have already sold their home in the Monterey area and will soon be headed to a remote part of northern California.

Roger has "touched" hundreds of State Park employees through his competent instruction at the William Penn Mott, Jr. Training Center basic and advanced peace officer training courses. Everyone is encouraged to send personal cards of congratulations, retirement wishes, memorable moments and inspirational or humorous anecdotes. Chief Ranger Paula Jones will have an opportunity to make a presentation to Roger at a small informal (and surprise to Roger) gathering. She envisions presenting him with a mail bag full of state park employee messages.

To accomplish this Paula will need to receive these cards by July 28th. All cards should be forwarded as follows: Roger Chatterton, c/o Paula J. Jones, 9902 Mimosa Path, Salinas, CA 93907.

Birth Announcement

David A. Matthews State Park Ranger I at the Russian River/Mendocino District and Crystal G. Matthews State Park Raanger I at the Orange Coast District, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter on April 7, 1994. The girl's name is Bailey Battles Matthews, 6 pounds 13 oz. 19" long. Both parents are making their home in Bodega Bay, California.

Retirees Ramblins

Gordon Kishbaugh

Gordon is staying about the same. He has been in Montgomery Convalescent Hospital over 2 years. His mind is still alert, memory good. He reads, enjoys the park news and bulletins, they put him in the car and I take him for a ride and usually lunch several times a week. Otherwise he stays in bed. He stays in good humor and hasn't lost his ability to tease at times or impatience when things don't get done on time and correctly - (Hasn't changed much in that way). Best Regards, Thelma Kishbaugh

Jim Stewart

Jim and Bev Neil inspired us with their tales of Alaska last year, so last summer Kay and I spent three and a half months touring the "Great Land" and parts of Canada. We came home and sold our trailer and now we have a small motorhome and we have been taking several short trips this summer. We plan to head for Arizona and New Mexico this winter. This retired life keeps us busier than ever before. Best Regards, Jim Stewart

Dick Meneffee

Had better get this off to you now, as we're leaving today for 2 months in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Sincerely, Dick and Anabel

Fred Meyer

Herewith my check for annual dues, which I'm happy to send. Your letter asked for personal news. I'm not doing any park work now, but am always interested in what goes on. Else and I have four grown kids (all in their 40s and 50s); and each one has two of their own, so we have eight grandkids (ages 9 through 23) - none of them married as yet. We stay busy and happy keeping track of the family, and with visits to and from them - they are scattered from Davis to London, including L. A. and Salt Lake City. Best wishes, Fred

Mike Hanna

Hello - I received the dues notice yesterday so am responding at once before I forget it. There's not much news from here. In 1983 I moved here to Woodburn to the Seniors Estate Golf and Country Club, and up to November 1993, I was very active at golf. Never very good at it, but I sure did enjoy it. In November 1993 the weather got bad so I didn't play all of that month. Over Christmas I contacted the flu so didn't play during December or January. February the weather was bad again, so no golf!

In March 1994 I got an awful burning in my stomach which was diagnosed as Lymphoma (Stomach Cancer) so in April I had 1/3 of my stomach removed. They are sure that they took it all out and I am now on my 3rd Chemo Therapy (4 total). I never did have much hair but its all gone now! Haven't had to shave for over 6 weeks! The only reason I'm telling you this is in case you might see some of my friends and could pass the word along. Kirk Wallace, Chuck Lyden, Bob Tardiff, Lee Johnson, etc. We don't know how long we may be in Woodburn, as we are considering moving to Grand Junction, Colorado, to be near my daughter. Will keep you informed if and when we do move. Yours, H.W. (Mike) Hanna

Jim Davis

"Greetings from Paradise, Maui, Hawaii. Sold out and left California the end of May '93. Bought a house overlooking the ocean and neighbor islands a block and a half from the beach. Down the street lives Andy Andagan who some of you will remember as a Staff Analyst from Sacramento and the old District 4 Headquarters in Monterey. Our daughter Penny has also fled the mainland and now lives in Maui. For those of you who have not seen Penny in a year or two or ten or twenty, her daughter graduated from college in May, this year. Our son Paul who you may remember will, as soon as he sells his house and business in Southern California, join us here. Discovered several years ago that a handful of World War II Army Engineer units (I was in one of them) have been written out of the history of the war. Am now writing the history of those units. Hope to publish in early '95. Several years ago, we did Southeast Asia (Hong Kong to Singapore). Plan to return often as we find it's pull irresistible. Hawaii, peaceful, quiet, beautiful, lovely people. If you haven't tried it, do. Most who do are smitten. From Paradise, Aloha." Regards, Jim Davis

Carl Anderson

Tell about ourselves - Where to begin? We are still basking in the glow of a wonderful weekend celebrating 50 years of a good marriage. A barbecue on our deck one nite - entertaining friends from out of town - next day a more formal celebration at the Eureka Inn - (Eureka, CA of course) hosted by our three children and their spouses. Carl plays lotsa golf - fishes, too - and Lu looks after Carl. A few trips - here and there - one coming up soon heading to Canada - did the mid West last fall. We keep in touch with our many friends - (Continued on page 9)

Retiree's Ramblings (Continued from page 9)

enjoyed seeing so many at our celebration. Lots of family, too. Our health is pretty good and we are determined to not let it get us down. No rocking chairs yet. Guess I could go on and on but will not bore you any longer. Lu Anderson

Joe McCall

Gini and I thought we would see the USA the scenic slow and comfortable way. We took a compartment on AMTRAK to Charleston, SC. O. K. to Chicago, except for one thing, we thought we would go through Wyoming from Salt Lake. Instead we went through Provo and through the Mulholland Tunnel at Frasier. Scenery wonderful, but Gini does not stand altitude very well. From Provo you get to high altitude in a hurry, Frasier, CO 8250 and the six mile tunnel was 9250 feet elevation. Needless to say Gini stayed pretty quiet at this elevation. Food was excellent all the way but the train ride was the roughest from Chicago to Washington as I've ever ridden on. I had to hold Gini up when we went to the diner, especially in between cars. A five hour delay in Washington in the VIP lounge. Gini slept most of this time but caught a cold with the air conditioner and humidity. Needless to say we cancelled our return AMTRAK trip and flew back. If you do not know about it, they will sell you a one way ticket. Check out round trip first and eat the return trip to Charleston. Roughly six hundred dollars cheaper for two. With all this the trip was enjoyable. Reunion with old friends from the Navy days, drove down to Jacksonville, FL to visit my family. The above was just to let others who may want a train ride to know some of the pitfalls. Check with me before entraining. Sincerely, Joe McCall.

Bob Perkins

"Belfast Bill" and "Gold Mine" Mike accompanied me in my Cardinal airplane to Victoria, B.C. to fish on "Paddy's" boat and play golf. We continued on to Campbell River, B.C., golfed and fished. Had to give golf clubs up — weight and balance factor, to bring back fresh game. Retirement is just great! Bob Perkins

Penalize State Employees

Assemblyman Richard Rainey (R-Walnut Creek) announced the introduction of special session legislation aimed at penalizing state employees who renege on agreements or contracts made with private parties. Assemblyman David Knowles (R-Cameron Park) is the co-author of the special session bill, which creates a new crime punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months, or a fine not to exceed \$10,000, or both, for violating the bill's provisions.

"State employees currently enjoy immunity for their actions as representatives of state government. Misuse of this immunity can result in serious abuse of authority with impunity when an agreement with a private party is broken at the whim of a state employee," said Assemblyman Rainey, who referred to the gross treatment received by the Brumleve family on Mt. Diablo due to actions by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

The bill would also permit a victim of a broken contract or agreement, such as the Brumleve family, who has previously gifted private property to the state, to receive immediate return of the gift upon conviction of a state employee for violation of the bill.

CSPRA is actively opposing this legislation. If you are concerned about this legislation please contact your employee bargaining unit.

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Scholarship Request Form

Instructions: Please send completed form to Frederick Jee, Education and Training Committee, in sufficient time to receive your grant prior to training.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

CSPRA member? _____ (Scholarships are provided to members only.)

Description of Training _____

How will it benefit your job, career or profession? _____

Tuition \$ _____ Materials \$ _____ Travel \$ _____

Lodging \$ _____ Total Requested \$ _____

How much will the Department or others pay? \$ _____

Please attach a copy of your returned DPR 392 and a course announcement. Send to:

Frederick Jee
Education and Training Committee
P O Box 483
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

CSPRA Joins International Ranger Federation

On July 15, 1994, CSPRA joined the recently organized International Ranger Federation (IRF). The affiliation was proposed by Mike Lynch at the March Conference/Workshop and, after a favorable reception by the members attending, it was approved by the CSPRA Board of Directors. The following is information about the IRF contained in their first newsletter. Anyone interested in the IRF should contact Mike Lynch at Auburn SRA, (916) 885-4527.

Dear Colleague:

Greetings to you, friends and colleagues in parks and protected areas throughout the world, from the member associations of the International Ranger Federation (IRF). This is the first of a series of letters which we will be sending to you in our efforts to spread the word about the federation and to inform rangers in all lands about the first international ranger gathering, which will take place in Zakopane, Poland, in May of 1995. Since some of you may not yet have heard of IRF, however, it seems in order to begin with a brief history of the federation.

The federation was born when several members of England's Association of Countryside Rangers (ACR) began laying the groundwork for such an organization with their friends in the Scottish Countryside Ranger Association (SCRA) in the late 80s and early 90s. During a SCRA meeting near Loch Lomond in 1991, representatives from ACR, SCRA and the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) from the U.S. met and discussed the framework for IRF. A series of letters and faxes followed which culminated in an international accord which the presidents of the three associations signed at a meeting in Peak District National Park in England in July of 1992. Since that time, the IRF, under the chairmanship of England's Gordon Miller, has been working to bring other national ranger associations into IRF and planning the Zakopane conference. The statement of purpose found in the accord outlines the goals and intents of the federation:

"The ranger associations of the undersigned nations recognize that international unity is critical to the protection of the world's increasingly threatened and inter-linked natural and cultural resources. We have accordingly agreed to unite in an International Ranger Federation (IRF) in order to:

- * further the professional standards of rangers throughout the world;
- * advance the aims of IUCN's World Conservation Strategy in all our common efforts;
- * share knowledge and resources;
- * establish global communications among ranger organizations;
- * foster professional exchanges among rangers;
- * provide each other with advice and guidance on travel contacts in parks in our respective nations;
- * arrange and conduct regular international meetings; and
- * undertake joint activities to directly support each other's operations where necessary and feasible.

Membership as an affiliate association in IRF is open to all national associations of rangers or wardens who perform the services associated with ranger work, including protection and preservation of wildlands and their resident flora and fauna, protection and preservation of historical and cultural heritages, provision of recreational opportunities in natural settings, interpretation of natural, historical and cultural themes, and administration of public lands.

All member associations have an equal voice in IRF activities. Associations seeking membership must be endorsed by an association already affiliated with IRF. Provisional, non-voting membership in the IRF is also open to individual rangers from countries who do not yet have national ranger associations until such associations can be established.

Since the signing of the accord in 1992, several other ranger organizations have joined IRF, bringing the total number of member organizations to nine:

- * The Game Rangers Association of Africa
- * Northern Ireland Countryside Staff Association
- * Irish National Park Rangers Association
- * Associazione Ligure Agenti Di Vigilanza Ambientale (Italian Ranger Association)
- * Associaicao Portuguesa De Guardas E Vigilantes Da Natureza (Portuguese Ranger Association)
- * La Asociacion de Gaurdaparques del Paraguay (Ranger Association of Paraguay)

We have also received firm inquiries from and/or granted individual memberships to rangers in Finland, Kenya, Iceland, Denmark, Mexico and Costa Rica.

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Anyone interested in the IRF should contact Mike Lynch at Auburn SRA, (916) 885-4527.

International Ranger Association

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We have also begun arrangements for the first IRF World Congress, which will be held at the Hotel Kasprovy in Zakopane, Poland, from Sunday, May 21, 1995, to Saturday May 27, 1995. The Kasprovy is a 600-bed hotel with a large conference hall. If the number of attendees exceeds 150, as seems probable, rooms will cost \$35 U.S. for a single, \$34 U.S. for a double, plus \$25 per day for full board. We are in the process at present of seeking sponsors to help provide funding to cover travel and room and board costs for rangers who could use some financial assistance. The agenda for the meeting includes guest speakers; full day sessions on resource management, human management and balancing conflicts between the two; a raft trip in Pieniny National Park; and a banquet and dance. Additional and more detailed information will appear in coming issues of this newsletter.

If you have not formed a national, state, or territorial ranger association, we encourage you to do so, and stand ready to provide you with assistance. Please contact any of the people listed on the attached directory for further information on the International Ranger Federation and on how your association can become a member.

See you in Zakopane!

U.S. Challenges State Ruling On Water Quality

(From the Great Falls, Tribune April 21, 1994)

Billings (AP) - The federal government is threatening to revoke Montana's right to enforce the federal Clean Water Act because of a state legal opinion that critics say would classify decades of mining pollution as the "natural" state of Montana's waters.

The threat by the Environmental Protection Agency also poses a new roadblock to mining permits for the proposed New World Mine, near Yellowstone National Park.

Under state law, wastewater must be treated to match the "natural condi-

tion" of streams where it is discharged. But in a February legal opinion, a lawyer for the Montana Water Quality Bureau wrote that "natural condition" refers to the water condition in 1955, when the state passed its first water pollution laws, not to the original condition of the stream.

The EPA has told the state that federal regulators will not accept the definition because it effectively declares that pollution from old mines is "natural" and doesn't have to be cleaned up.

"The proposed definition is unacceptable, and by employing this definition, the state jeopardizes its ability to continue to administer the authorized Clean Water Act program in Montana," Max Dodson, director of EPA's water management division, wrote state water officials last month.

The EPA now delegates enforcement authority to the state, but it can revoke that authority if it feels the state is violating the intent of the federal law.

That could affect industries across the state, who then would have to obtain wastewater permits from the federal government rather than the state.

It could have particular significance at sites where mining has caused lasting contamination of rivers and streams. At the proposed Cooke City mine, for example abandoned old abandoned old mines still leach acid chemicals into streams. A central question is whether new mine operators must clean up the mess.

Environmentalists lambasted the legal opinion.

"There are mine tunnels discharging water that's about the same quality as battery acid - how can you define that as natural?" asked Peter Aengst of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. "Is this the precedent we want to be setting across Montana?"

Humor In Unicorn by Jeff Price

A new method for budget constraint.
"The Governor is really tightening the gloves."

Backing accident? "He was sure hot behind the collar."

What a great filing concept. "Just key hole punch it an put it in a binder."

Caught in another underhanded predicament. "He's wrapped under her finger."

An out of body experience? "...in a very vicarious position..."

Don't you dump that on me! "I'm well aware of the statue of eliminations."

So just what did she mean? "Beauty runs skin deep, but friends are thicker than water."

Round the horn? "We had a ball of a time."

Some people are so greedy, aren't they? "...every dime she could scratch her hands on..."

Was it in or out? "He said strange things, really out of the wall."

I guess once it gets rolling, there must be limits. "Hey, we have to cut the ball off somewhere."

A flower-like changeling, was his name Bud? "He adapts to any conditions like a camelia."

It's gone before you knew it. "I hear there is a new retroactive hiring freeze coming."

It takes fewer facial muscles anyway.
"She's so anxious about this deal that she's smiling at the bit."

CSPRA Scholarship Fund

(See application form on page 10)

Have you ever wondered what your dues to the California State Park Rangers association can give you? Communication with your fellow park professional and an annual conference bringing together oother park people and experts in various fields of ecology and environmental education. Another benefit often missed is the CSPRA scholarship fund.

This scholarship fund is designed to augment or in many cases provide the funding necessary to obtain training that benefits the applicant in his or her park career.

Currently our department's budgetary woes have eliminated or drastically reduced the amount and type of training available to its employees. The CSPRA scholarship attempts to reduce the impact of that lack of funding in order to benefit the employee and to benefit the Park System by encouraging better trained and motivated staff.

The CSPRA scholarship program provides any member of CSPRA with up to \$200.00 per year for the training of their choice. Criteria for receiving scholarship funds are rather broad. For example: will the training be a direct benefit to the employee? Will the training be a benefit to the Department? Will the training be a benefit to the applicant's career? Tough criteria? No. CSPRA's goal is to ensure that its members get as much support in improving skills, knowledge or viewpoints as possible with the final objective; **a skilled and knowledgeable park professional.**

Are there limitations to this program? Yes. The current funding level of CSPRA only allows for a maximum of \$200.00 per member per fiscal year. Beyond that level of funding, the applicant must ask the Board of Directors for further financial assistance. Each recipient recives only half of their scholarship immediately upon approval and the balance after an article has been written and sent to the editor of the *Newsletter*. The article must be 200 - 750 words in length. The article should bring out those points of the training that best benefits the membership. In this way all CSPRA members (continued on page 14)

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will gain from the training!

How does one get a scholarship? Write your request in letter form or on a printed scholarship application (see page 10). Include any brochures or pertinent information about the training requested. Send a copy of your DPR 392 — Training Request showing that you have attempted to get departmental funding for the training. Don't be discouraged if the department turns you down or only partially funds your training. CSPRA's goal is to see that if at all possible, you, a CSPRA member, get the training you need.

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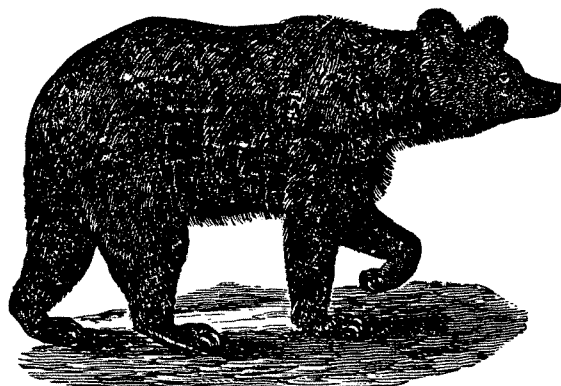
California Conference on Ecosystem Management: Designing With Nature. Tuesday-Thursday, October 25-27, 1994. Hilton Inn Convention Center in Sacramento. Pre-registration is \$150.

Legislative Process for Resource Managers. September 12-13, 1994 in Sacramento. \$295.

California Politics for Resource Managers. November 14-18 in Riverside. \$755.

(For more information on any of the above call (800) 752-0881. From Davis, Dixon, Woodland or outside California call (916) 757-8777.)

Sixth National Wilderness Conference. November 14-18, 1994, Santa Fe, New Mexico. For more information contact John Bristol, BLM, 435 Montano Rd N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87107. Phone (505) 761-8755. FAX (505) 761-8911



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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: CSPRA, P O Box 292010, Sacramento, CA 95829-2010. (800) 994-2530

CSPRA Honorary Ranger Nominations Opened

Do you know of a person who has demonstrated distinguished service devoted to CSPRA's objectives? If you do, you may nominate that person as Honorary Member. Simply compose a letter giving the person's background and relate one or more specific accomplishments which you believe qualifies him or her for an Honorary Membership in CSPRA.

We'll tell you the rules and how to submit your nominations next month.

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