

# Newsletter

California State Park Rangers Association

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## Join the *Rush To Alaska!*

by Luan Aubin  
Los Lagos District Interpretive  
Specialist

How can you receive outstanding career training and have a great vacation at the same time? By attending this year's National Association for Interpretation (NAI) Workshop in Anchorage, Alaska! Bring your family and bring your friends—it's sure to be an adventure for all.

Many, myself included, consider the annual National Interpreters Workshop (NIW), to be the premier interpretive training available. Each year, hundred of interpreters from all over the country, and even some from abroad, attend the workshop. This year's workshop is being held October 20 – 24, 1998 and you can be a part of it!

The 1998 NIW theme, " Interpretation and Tourism: Together Toward Sustainable Solutions," will explore the linkages between interpretation and the tourism industry. It will showcase how each can support the other in working toward the development of a tourism and interpretation infrastructure, which can  
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## State Park Bond Action Alert

Senator Thompson, author of SB 2, the proposed Parks Bond, called CSPRA to an urgent meeting in July. According to Senator Thompson, now is the time to convince the leaders of the legislature to put the Parks Bond on the ballot.

### What You Can Do

Send letters immediately to:

The Honorable John Burton  
Senate President pro Tempore  
P. O. Box 942848  
Sacramento, CA 94248-0001

The Honorable Antonio  
Villaraigosa  
Speaker of The Assembly  
P O Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0001

Send a copy of the letters to your local state legislators, with the request that they ask the leadership to bring forward SB 2, the Park Improvement Act. Letters from park supporters from around the state may force action on the measure. The deadline for the November ballot is August 20. Also, please send a copy to CSPRA.

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## President's Message

by Jill Dampier

I would like to share with you a conversation I had recently with my father in Idaho. I did not edit it so that the provocative nature of this conversation would remain intact. Please let me know your comments.

Its not the name that makes this association, it's the members.

During one of my conversations with my father, he inquired about CSPRA. I started telling him about all the stuff that the board and association was doing, and mentioned that one of the issues we were working on was possibly changing the name of our association. He stopped me than and asked "why?" I told him that some felt the name hindered our ability to promote membership outside the Ranger classification. Again, he asked "why?" My answer was labored. I finally said that some employees of the department did not want to become a member of a "ranger" association and that many think CSPRA only deals with ranger issues. He looked at me and asked me if they were aware of the type of legislative issues we were dealing with and who benefits from our legislative work like getting a park bond on the ballot. He asked me what type of sessions we offer at our conference and who is eligible for the training scholarships. Of course I replied that the whole department would benefit from the passage of a park bond and that we worked to protect the integrity of State Parks in our legislative efforts, so all employees benefit. I went on to explained the different "tracks" and the diversity in subjects covered at the conference, and informed him that any member can receive a training scholarship. "Do they (nonmembers) know this?" "We state it in our membership applications and newsletter. Whenever testifying at legislative hearings and the like, we describe CSPRA as a professional organization dedicated to promoting the professionalism of all state park employees, defending the integrity of our state parks, and that even though the name of our association includes 'Rangers' we work for all state park employees." He than asked me if CSPRA was a professional association and cared about promoting professionalism. "Of course" I said. Than he asked me if these people that didn't want to join CSPRA because of the name considered themselves professionals. I shot him a surprised, wide-eyed look and said "well they are professionals in my book, but I cannot speak for them." He concluded by saying that as an outsider, he could not understand why any department employee would not join CSPRA. Its not the name that makes this association, it's the members. And I agree.

### California State Park Rangers Association

#### Who we are . . .

The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) has been dedicated to protecting and preserving features of the California State Park System for more than three decades. CSPRA actively promotes advancement of the ideals and philosophy for which state parks were founded.

#### What we do . . .

- \*Provide professional exchange of thought
- \*Defend State Park System integrity
- \*Support quality Department efforts
- \*Comment on park uses

The Professional organization that cares about protecting and preserving the values of the State Park System.

For more information about CSPRA and how you can become a member write:

**CSPRA**  
**P.O. Box 292010**  
**Sacramento, CA 95829-2010**

## Capitol Corner

by Joanne Kerbavaz

### SB—Park Improvement Act Deadline for passage August 20

Now is the time for all CSPRA members to write letters urging the passage of SB 2, the proposed Parks Bond (see Action Alert on page 1). If a school facilities bond passes, we may be able to get SB 2 on the same November supplemental ballot. Write letters, and ask all friends of parks to write letters, to Senate President pro Tempore John Burton and Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa. Send copies of the letters to your local legislators, and encourage them to contact the legislative leaders in support of SB 2.

SB 2080 -- Land and Water Conservation Act Set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 5.

CSPRA has not supported the use of tax credits to encourage donations of undeveloped lands. We feel that the law would largely benefit large corporations, and would discourage types of mitigation that may be more protective of biological diversity. We are concerned that the tax credits in SB 2080 would cause a loss of revenue to the General Fund, and would detract from efforts for a Parks Bond. Because of the Department's past opposition to this measure, State Parks does not stand to benefit from donations.

SB 1641 - Candlestick SRA  
Set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 5.

SB 1641 would enable the transfer of portions of Candlestick SRA for the construction of the Candlestick stadium and mall complex. The bill's author, Senator John Burton, has been working on a compromise bill that will give State Parks the authority to transfer the land, but will allow the Department to negotiate a mitigation package that will replace any recreation opportunities lost by the transfer. CSPRA will continue to monitor this bill.

## Thank You from Honorary Member

Mary Wright,

It has been a joy to watch you in action in the State Park System! And since El Nino struck so many of us this year in Big Sur, your thoughtful generosity in offering us a beautiful place to live in the Alvarado Adobe in Monterey . . .

It was, of course, a dream come true - since it was I, as a State Park Commissioner in the late sixties, accompanied Bill Mott, Director, to visit three old historic adobes in Monterey which the owners wished to leave to the State Park System. When we visited the Alvarado Adobe owned by Mrs. Hurd — we were both surprised when she made a request — "that the house be used as a residence and lived in when it was appropriate." My comment was, I recall, "what a lovely idea!" — never realizing that by the time I reached 85 years of age — I would be rescued from the storm — in this comfortable abode to work on my book on **Stewardship** of the parks and wild world.

And during that concentrated period, you were to present me with another honor — which was to give me a sense of belong to the State Park System (somehow—forever) And the meaningful gathering in San Luis Obispo made me feel very proud indeed of the State Park Rangers Association — and for the privilege that I was to be reminded of this honor with a handsome Stetson hat!

And may I ask you, dear Mary, to express my gratitude to the State Park Rangers and the prideful work they are carrying out.

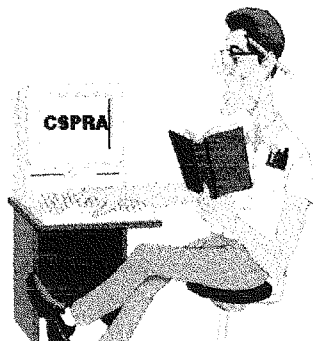
A host of warm wishes,

Margaret W. Owings

**Write letters,  
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# HUMOR IN UNICORN

by Jeff Price



Wrestling negotiator?

*It's tough, but we'll just have to go to the rug on this one.*

Painful pursuit.

*I know you are busy, so I'll just cut to the quick.*

Liquid assets.

*How much money do you expect to squeeze out of a stone?*

Outer sanctum.

*You can't touch that money, some things are just synchronosant.*

Isn't that a candy bar?

*... and it earned real koodoos for the Department.*

Dental hazards.

*He's really keeping his shoulder to the wheel and his teeth to the grindstone!*

Not a clue!

*I'm not fully comprehensive of the matter.*

Horizontal omen?

*That does not bed well for us.*

*Some people see the glass in a third way.*

*This glass is way too full.*

## Nominal Déjà Vu!

**We've Done This Before**  
by Jeff Price, Marin District

The CSPRA Board has determined that our organization needs to name its bimonthly newsletter ... at least something other than "newsletter". As I know only too well, we have done this before! During the Summer of 1979 when I was serving as the editor, we also hit upon the novel idea of giving the publication a name ... other than "newsletter". Earlier newsletter versions had been titled the "Reporter", but that name was going to be used for a quarterly professional journal which was then being developed.

In the Fall of 1979 we ran a contest among the membership and had some 70 names suggested — of which almost 50 could actually be considered for print. The winner was submitted by that grizzled, but nonetheless articulate and now-retired Ranger, Bill Krumbein, Jr. The winning suggestion was "California Ranger", which we promptly put into effect with the January 1980 issue.

The name apparently carried profound professional impact. So much so, that within nine months the CSPRA Board decided the new quarterly journal should have the name of California Ranger and pilfered it. That publication lasted awhile and was then dropped, again leaving the newsletter nominally titled "Newsletter".

Now, some eighteen years later, we are doing the same thing again. The Board wants your suggestions for a name. If you have any good ideas for naming the CSPRA newsletter, please e-mail them to me at <olompali@aol.com> or by mail at PO Box 1853, Novato CA 94948, by September 15th and we'll select the best entry. I must tell you, I'm leaning toward California Ranger again, if for no other reason than to just complete the cycle. I look forward to hearing your ideas.

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## California Parks Conference Start-up Meeting

*June 11, 1998 Wyndham Garden Hotel. Respectfully submitted, Jeff Price.*

After a brief tour of the sleeping rooms, break out rooms, and banquet facility the group reassembled for discussion. See the list of participants at the end of these notes.

1999 Conference Co-Chair selected were Mike Nicholson and Bud Getty.

Tom Smith suggested a theme which was merged with the current working title and resulted in "Managing Sensitive Environments — Fulfilling the Vision."

It was group consensus that there should be four basic areas of professional park training at the 1999 Conference. Several titles were mentioned and all are included here with the expectation that the conference leadership will streamline them. The four tracks and those willing to help are as follows:

**Park Operations & Maintenance:** Tom Smith, John Aranson, Ed Hulme, Mike Smith, Raleigh Young.

**Natural and Cultural Resources:** Bill

Trunick and Cindi Whitehead.

**Public Safety:** Mike Chiesa.

**Interpretation/Education/Public Use/Recreation:** Paul Ferreira.

Other areas of interest are as follows:

**Featured Speakers, Distinguished Panels & Special Guests:** Bud Getty and Gary Fregien.

**Local arrangements (golf, pistol shoot, off-site evening):** Jeff Price.

**Treasurer, Pre Registration, and On-site Registration:** Doug Bryce.

**Conference computer support (website, program design, forms, etc.):** Jeff Price.

We reviewed recommendations from former planning team members and selected items that should be addressed in the initial planning for San Rafael in 1999.

Several prior year's programs were reviewed and discussed in relation to "do's and don't's." (Continued on page 6)

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## Parks Conference (Continued)

The following suggestions were made in a brainstorm session focused on conference content and activities:

- \*Have an 8-hour POST certified training block on the first or last day.
- \*Have an 8-hour "Project Wild" training certification block.
- \*Have "awards" during the conference, not banquet.
- \*Invite Anne Rovetta to have a session.
- \*Hold association meetings at different times to reduce conflict.
- \*Have sessions going, maybe two, during meetings for nonmembers.
- \*Expand luncheon to 1.5 hours to allow for awards presentation.
- \*Include natural history restoration.
- \*Use local park maintenance resources— schedule trips.
- \*Use Petaluma Adobe as a resource site.
- \*Include wine tasting.
- \*Include trail restoration and maintenance— hands-on.
- \*Park volunteers in sensitive areas.
- \*Wildlife observation.
- \*Integrate several plenary sessions for popular speakers/ sessions.
- \*Attract nontraditional groups to conference.
- \*Have silent auction, but do a "legal raffle" for several big prizes.
- \*Field trip to Coyote Point Museum.
- \*Do guided canoe or kayak trip on Petaluma River.
- \*Schedule evening boat trip on SF Bay.
- \*Visit Alcatraz and Angel Islands.
- \*Provide a mountain bike tour - China Camp SP.
- \*Present a "how to" fishing clinic demo using actual students.
- \*Visit Marin Mammal Center, Pt. Bonita and Headlands Art Center.
- \*Include Bay Area Discovery Museum visit or speaker.
- \*Early morning walk at Mt. Tamalpais.
- \*Tour Muir Woods facility.
- \*Early morning birding trip to Bolinas Lagoon.

- \*Invite Lionel Ashcraft as speaker.
- \*Use Kule Loklo on Pt. Reyes for cultural interpretation site.

Sandy Ferreira mentioned that the City of Fremont printing plant would donate their services for Program and Registration Packet printing.

Those attending the meeting were: Bud Getty, Cindi Whitehead, Gary Fregien, Bill Trunick, Sandy Ferreira, Mike Chiesa, Darrin Segur, Mia Monroe, Gil Soper, Ed Hulme, Doug Bryce, Tom Smith and Jeff Price.

**Please send ideas and offers  
of help to:**

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**Mike Nicholson — (925) 373-5700**

**CSPRA/PRAC**  
P O Box 292010  
Sacramento, CA 95829  
(800) 994-2530  
FAX (916) 387-1179

**Conference website is:** <<http://members.aol.com/cspraweb/conf99.htm>>.

### World Wide Web Resources by Kim Baker

#### **Grants and Grant writing Help**

Seeking and applying for grants is hard work. The web can make this job a little easier, by making information easily accessible. Some available web sites contain information that is focused on specific interests or geographic locations. Others require a fee to be paid to join or are maintained by professional fund-raising organizations.

These are a few web sites that provide free information which may be applicable to parks:

The Office of Minority Heath Resource Center maintains a funding database at  
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## Rush To Alaska (Continued from page 1)

provide economic benefits and be sustained over the long term. This theme is ideal for California State Parks!

While the theme will be expressed through keynote speakers, special events, and training sessions, the overall workshop will include a number of sessions on other interpretive topics. The week-long program will include:

- Eight pre-workshop training sessions, each lasting one to two days, giving participants a chance to study a topic in depth. Training topics include "Diversity, a Global Issue," "Interpreting Native American's Sacred Landscapes," and "Interactive Interpretation for the Next Millennium."
- Three two-day *Interpretive Management Institute* sessions on topics such as "Interpretive Planning," "Program Evaluation," and "Creative Supervision."
- Over one hundred 45 to 90 minute concurrent sessions on topics such as "Costumed Interpretation: Magic or Mistake?," "Compelling Stories...Compellingly Told," "Reaching the Rushed," "Hands-On Exhibits, the Perfect Touch," and "Incredible Edible Insects."
- Fifteen off-site sessions each lasting one to three days and visiting the Kenai Peninsula or Denali National Park, hiking the Chugach Mountains, and even bicycling the shores of Eklutna Lake.
- Several special evening events including "A Taste of Anchorage," "The Last Great Race," and "An evening of Native Culture."

A variety of vendors displaying their products with the latest applications available for interpretation.

Why would a friend or family member want to come along to this event? Well, besides being able to participate in the extra-curricula activities with you, this year NIW or-

ganizers are putting together special trips and experiences for family and friends of conference participants. You go off to get some innovative, motivating, and fun interpretive training, and they head off for a hike or visit to a local museum.

Costs for NIW are very reasonable. Round trip flights to Anchorage start off at \$380.00. Room rates for single, double, or triple occupancy are \$80.00 per night. NIA can even help set you up with roommates.

Each year six to nine State Park interpreters show up at NIW, most on their own time and at their own expense. This year, maybe you will be one of them. If you are, don't forget to ask CSPRA for scholarship assistance. I'm sure they'll be glad to help!

For more information contact your district interpretive specialist or the National Association for Interpretation at (888) 900-8283.

## Web Resources (Continued)

<<http://www.omhrc.gov/fund-db/fund-nd2.htm>>. This site is a huge list of entries, with no graphics. Subjects include: databases, books, brochures, directories, foundations, grants, on-line services, and more. The focus is on minority health issues, but some of these grants might apply to park issues.

Also useful is <[www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org)>. This site includes information and links to grantmaking agencies, a search engine to match your criteria to available grants, information on grant writing, and more.

GrantsWeb at <<http://web.fie.com/cws/sra/resource.htm>>. This is a site managed by the Society of Research Administrators. Grant opportunities are broken down into categories such as government, private, foundations etc. This site also links into a searching device maintained by the University of Massachusetts, but I didn't find it very useful. This site is focused towards providing grants for researchers in educational institutions, but I found that the links to private funding sources was very helpful. Be forewarned, searching for applicable grants  
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## **Biologists: Trap Ban a Catch-22**

**Science: Researchers in the field  
get predator data before leg-hold  
devices they employ  
are outlawed.**

**July 14, 1998**

**Reprinted from the  
Orange County Register**

**by Pat Brennan**

CHINO HILLS STATE PARK — Lisa Dominguez bumped and jostled her way down a dirt road in her Toyota pickup, pushing the gas pedal as hard as she dared. The sun was coming up, and she had to hurry.

Coyote number C-27 was trapped at the edge of a broad dirt path. And hikers were heading in that direction.

When people see animals in traps, they tend to get upset, Dominguez said — even if the trapping is part of an effort to save the animals' lives.

"They don't realize this is the most humane way to trap an animal," she said.

Dominguez, 32, leads a group of young biologists studying the movements of predators — mainly coyotes and bobcats — to learn how they weave among roads and houses to get from one natural area to another.

The data they collect will one day be used by habitat managers to design wilderness reserves around the fast-paced, rapidly growing urban centers of Southern California.

They hope to help the predators survive after much of their habitat is gone.

But Dominguez and other researchers involved in similar studies have to hurry.

A ballot initiative to be considered by voters in November would ban leg-hold traps, putting an end to much of today's predator research

## **Injuries Disputed**

Animal-rights activists contend that the traps, though rubber padded, too often injure animals, including breaking bones.

"Although injuries may be less than with unpadded leg-holds, it's not at a level that's acceptable to us," said Dena Jones, program director for the animal rights group Pro-PAW in Sacramento. "It's a device we don't think should be used."

But Dominguez, a graduate student at Cal Poly Pomona, and other biologists disagree. They say the soft traps, spring-loaded to avoid injuries, cause superficial cuts and bruises at worst — and those only about 20 percent of the time. Such injuries are treated by the biologists before the animals are released.

For the benefit provided, they're very, very minor (injuries)," Dominguez said.

The traps Dominguez uses snap on an animal's front paw, holding the predator in place until researchers arrive to fit it with a radio collar and let it go.

Out of 42 coyotes and four bobcats Dominguez has trapped so far, none has suffered any significant injury, she said.

Once all the target animals are fitted with collars, Dominguez will begin walking the hills with a large antenna to learn their hunting secrets.

She and her research partners say they go to great lengths to ensure that the trapped animals remain not only uninjured, but free of excessive stress.

## **Coyote Gets His Collar**

Dominguez rises before dawn each day to check her 35 traps before the sun gets too warm, which can cause the animals to overheat. She brings research partner Kim Kindt, who is trained in veterinary medicine.

But they believe that no matter how cautious they are, any campaign against the banning (Continued on next page)

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## Traps

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of traps is likely to fail. Similar initiatives have passed in Colorado, Arizona and Massachusetts.

The reason, Dominguez believes, is misplaced compassion — the same reason she hurried that morning to get to C-27 before the hikers did.

At first glance, the trapping looks like a difficult experience for the animal. As Dominguez and Kindt pulled up, the coyote tried to leap away. But its left front paw was held tightly in the trap.

As Dominguez approached, it crouched low. She saw that its mouth was bloodied, probably from gnawing the metal parts of the trap during the night in an effort to escape.

Now it was a race against time to take measurements, fit the coyote with a radio collar and ear tags, and release it before the coyote showed signs of stress from human contact.

The first step: a noose at the end of a pole, slipped around the coyote's neck to keep it from biting the researchers. Luckily, this one was a male.

"Males tend to be more docile," Kindt said.

Once the coyote knew the biologists were in control, it relaxed, taking a submissive posture as it was muzzled and had its feet bound loosely together.

The noose was removed. Dominguez popped open what looked like a fishing tackle box, and the two women went to work. They took the coyote's temperature, called out its body measurements to each other, took hair and blood samples, weighed the coyote, made sure the radio collar was not too snug but not too loose, removed ticks from the animal's ears, clamped on two tags that looked like earrings, injected a shot of antibiotic as a precaution, and sent the coyote on its way.

"We like to let them go better than they came

to us," Dominguez said.

## Bobcat, Coyote Traps

For a moment after its release, the animal sat as if stunned, then bounded into the brush. Total time: 18 minutes.

If the animal becomes overheated or stressed, the measurement-taking is cut short and it's released. Ice packs are kept on hand to cool it down if necessary.

But coyote C-27 seemed largely untroubled by the procedure.

The processing is much the same for bobcats, but the traps are a little different. Coyote traps are buried and disguised to look as natural as possible; the animals are quick to recognize signs of human presence, and won't go near the trap's lure — fox urine or road kill — if they detect a human scent or other sign.

Bobcats also avoid human scent. But, perhaps like domestic cats, they are drawn to gaudy, colorful decorations.

"The bobcat traps are real flamboyant," Dominguez said. "Lots of feathers and things. It says, 'Come over here and play with me.'"

Coyotes cannily shun such accessories. And that's why banning leg-hold traps will likely end meaningful scientific research requiring capture of coyotes and other wary predators, the biologists say.

## Other Traps Impractical

Other kinds of traps, using boxes or cages, might work for bobcats, or for coyote pups. But adult coyotes simply can't be persuaded to enter a box or a cage, no matter what the inducement, Dominguez said.

It would also be impractical to carry the heavy, cumbersome box traps to the remote trapping sites she uses. And using them would likely increase costs.

Snare traps could be used, counters Aaron (Continued on next page)

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Medlock, a Pro-PAW campaign director in Los Angeles.

"They just haven't looked around," Medlock said. "They haven't looked at the alternatives."

But Dominguez says snares often kill animals, typically by choking them. They also cannot be effectively installed in most of the vegetation found in Southern California's chaparral and coastal sage scrub habitat.

Her \$160,000 study is funded by the California Department of Transportation to compensate for environmental damage from construction of the 71 Expressway. Caltrans installed wildlife culverts under the roadway to connect Chino Hills State Park with the Prado Basin. Dominguez is trying to learn if, and when, the animals use them. That will help determine whether culverts are used in the future to counter the effects of multilane roads and freeways, which break large habitat areas into isolated fragments.

"People can put these in all over, and say, 'We can develop. This will be enough,' " she said. "But no one knows that."

### Race to Trap

Eric York, a biologist heading a similar research project in the Santa Monica Mountains, faces similar issues.

York, who taught safe trapping methods to Dominguez and her crew, has been trapping bobcats, coyotes and foxes to learn whether any will venture across busy Interstate 101 to get from one wild area to another.

His 1 1/2 year project has revealed that the freeway is essentially an impassable barrier.

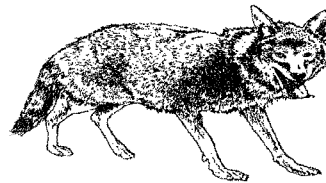
Both York and Dominguez believe they are in a race against the seemingly inevitable: the rapid development of some of Southern California's last wild places, and the banning of leg-hold trapping.

We're kind of planning for the worst," York said of the coming vote. "We're going to trap like hell this fall, and put as many transmitters out as we can."

If the scientists win the race, wildland managers will know enough about the hunting and territorial needs of predators to design effective wildlife reserves around civilization.

If they lose, they say, the very animals the anti-trapping activists want to protect may one day vanish from whatever fragments of wilderness are left.

"If this bill passes, we've got one more (trapping) session, in October," Dominguez said.



## Web Resources (Continued)

still requires reading the mission and criteria for many organizations, before you may find one that fits your project.

Other web resources relating to parks:  
<http://www.gorp.com>  
 Great Outdoor Recreation Pages.

Lots of California State Parks highlighted  
[http://www.parkranger.com/links\\_to\\_your\\_parks.htm](http://www.parkranger.com/links_to_your_parks.htm).

Park Law Enforcement Association Ranger links page  
<http://home.earthlink.net/~bikeranger/>

US Parkranger Lodge web page  
<http://www.bikecops.com/>

Cyclists on Patrol web site  
<http://ash.lab.r1.fws.gov/>

National Fish & Wildlife Forensic Laboratory  
<http://library.ca.gov/california/cahinsig.html#Headings12> California state trivia.

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## Retiree's Ramblin's

### Wallace

Not too much to add about what is happening at this stage of retirement. December will make 10 years of reduced activity from a full time profession. Presently the activity in the Wallace household is mainly community involvement with the local fire department where I attend the board meetings and serve on committees and Marie is secretary of the ladies auxiliary. This month will complete my fifth and last year on the local mutual water company, board of directors but I will stay active with the neighborhood watch program and as Assistant State Coordinator/Instructor with AARP's "55" Alive, mature driving program. What with, also, being Cochairman of the Americanism Committee, Sonora Elks Lodge; and involved with CSPRA/DPR Retiree's Rendezvous, time has a way of flying by. Yes, we still travel some. Our second motor home now has a little over 60,000 driving miles, (and about 150 tow truck miles), but our trips have not been as extensive as in the beginning of retirement. For those DPR employees who are thinking about retirement, **anytime**, in the future, come to the "Retiree's Rendezvous", The weekend of October 2nd, and become a "Retiree Trainee." Kirk

### Cater

Hello to all of our friends and acquaintances. We missed writing last year as we were RV touring the northern parts of the US and southeast Canada. We spend most of the winter months in Desert Hot Springs at a RV resort, kind of like a Hilton Hotel with your own living quarters. Looking forward to the Retiree Rendezvous in October. Sure hope that recent retirees will join in on the fun and festivities. They certainly would be welcome (we need new faces and stories). See you at McConnell. Wes & Celeste

### Stewart

Still living in a mobile home park between Willits and Ukiah (when we're home.) Recently bought a big 5th wheel trailer and will leave it in a trailer park in Chester, CA at Lake Almanor. We hope to spend most of each summer here. This fall we plan to head

East in our van RV to see the fall colors again and visit some of the eastern states and provinces. Therefore it doesn't look like we'll make it to the Rangers Rendezvous this year. Jim

### Adams

Well, you say the dues are due . . . Due tell! Due you due this due-due to be due-bly sure that we all due our due-ty? Are you really due-ful that we would due our best to due you out of the due dues? Due not believe that due-mful thought for a second, Due-d! In the end this may call for a due-l! Due-tifully Yours. Terry

### Perkins

February 98 — "Belfast Bill," "Sherri Nohose," "Llama Lady," (some characters living in Cave Junction) and this retiree boarded the *Nieuw Amsterdam* in Valparizo, Chile, enjoying a sixteen day/night cruise Round-the-Horn, Falkland Islands, Ports in Argentina, Uruguay, and just in time for Carnival in Rio! (I continue to ogle scantily clad bodies!) Am flying my Cardinal to Colorado Springs soon and then to the Rendezvous! Life is good!! Bob

### Neal

Bev & I have returned to California, after spending the winter and spring in Missouri. We help Bev's mother with a terminal illness and the subsequent settlement of her estate. We have purchased a home in Fortuna, now under construction. We will only be traveling part time now. We plan to attend the Rendezvous at McConnell. Jim

### Strickler

Thank you for putting the article in the newsletter about Russ McDonnell. He tells us he was totally surprised to hear from so many old and good friends. It really gave him a tremendous boost to his morale to know so many people cared. Our hope is that his friends will continue to correspond with him. Just a note now and then would be great. Clyde and I are fine and looking forward to the rendezvous as usual. Rosemary & Clyde.

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ANDERSON, CARL	2433 RUSSELL ST		EUREKA	CA	95503	707 442-7273
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REED, THOMAS H.	PATRICK'S POINT ST PK		TRINIDAD	CA	95570-9999	
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STEWART, SAMUEL G.	16100 N HWY 101, #74		WILLITS	CA	95490	707 459-6010
STILES, STAN	288 DANIELLE WY		FOLSOM	CA	95630	916 988-5005
STOWE, JACK	4852 OLIVE RANCH RD		GRANITE BAY	CA	95746	916 791-0061
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#### McCall

As a retired member, I really appreciate the Association making membership so attractive to retired employees by keeping the annual dues so low. Thanks to the Board for that. The past year has been an eventful one for the McCalls. We have been very involved in the Sesquicentennial events at Marshall Gold Discovery SHP. As president of the local cooperating association, I really got into the planning and production of the event held in January. It commemorated the discovery of gold at Coloma in 1848. It was an exciting time and the weather cooperated which allowed almost 20,000 people to enjoy the celebration. The next event will be the World Gold

Panning Championships, which unfortunately for us, is held the same weekend as the Ranger Rendezvous in October. It always hits that weekend and so, this year, the McCalls will have to miss the get together at McConnell SRA. We will truly miss seeing old friends at the rendezvous. (Judy says she may come down anyway if I can teach her to drive the truck with a 22-foot trailer behind it.) The other big happening for us this year was the marriage of our son, Jeff. He was married at the Old Mill Pond, in Soquel. It was a great party. Ron, Class of 1991.

#### Russ McDonnell Says, "Thanks!"

Russ wants to thank all those who took time to write him and requests that you keep it up.

<b>1997-98 Income &amp; Expenditures</b>
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Income	<u>Budgetted</u>	<u>Income</u>
Dues	42,690.00	42,599.00
Donations		175.00
Interest	100.00	31.16
Sales	125.00	446.30
Workshop/Training	250.00	7,023.94
Total Income	43,165.00	50,275.40
<b>Expenses</b>	<b><u>Budgetted</u></b>	<b><u>Spent</u></b>
<u>Administration (Total)</u>	<u>16,590.00</u>	<u>20,980.96</u>
Bank Charges	40.00	4.00
Collect Dues	1,450.00	1,117.20
Contractors	4,800.00	4,800.00
Equipment Repair	500.00	98.71
Equipment	1,000.00	969.74
Fees & Taxes	150.00	513.99
History	1,140.00	1,140.00
Officer & Board Mtgs	4,000.00	7,576.84
Office Expenses	2,500.00	1,992.87
Phone	475.00	780.68
Postage		1,387.20
Printing	1,375.00	543.43
Travel	300.00	22.97
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<u>Member Srvcs &amp; Recruit (Total)</u>	<u>10,500.00</u>	<u>11,312.19</u>
Newsletter	7,600.00	7,900.00
Awards & Recognition	400.00	1,207.69
Recruitment	300.00	150.00
Retirees Rendezvous	200.00	-124.60
Scholarship	2,000.00	1,300.00
Misc		879.10
<u>Heritage Protection (Total)</u>	<u>14,575.00</u>	<u>14,778.10</u>
Lobbyist	12,000.00	12,278.10
Membership Dues (paid)	2,575.00	2,500.00
Park Image	1,500.00	1,198.80
Special Projects	1,500.00	548.80
Donations		650.00
Total Expenses	\$43,165.00	48,270.05

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## Do You Know Someone Who is Retiring?

### Please Order Their Plaque Now!

Yes, CSPRA provides a plaque for each member when they retire if a friend, supervisor, spouse or even the employee themselves will let us know the following:

Name to appear on plaque: \_\_\_\_\_

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Employee would like to be remembered as a Ranger, Superintendent or: \_\_\_\_\_

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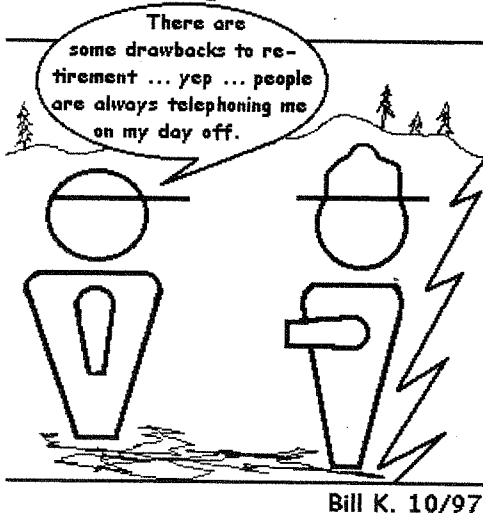
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