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Open Letter to Areias

June 15, 2000

Mr. Rusty Areias, Director
California Parks and Recreation
Dear Mr. Areias:

I wish to address a concern I have regarding the upcoming fee reduction. I have worked for eight years with people from lower incomes, including inner city youth. Based on my past experiences, I do not feel that the fee reduction will bring in more people from the lower income bracket to the parks. People, regardless of how little money they have, will pay whatever it takes to have relaxing, enjoyable time. I have known people who were struggling to pay rent each month to take their children to Great America or Disneyland. These amusement parks cost between 30-50 dollars per person to enter, and there are countless other expenses that go along with the theme park experience once inside. If even the lower income bracket is willing to pay these exorbitant fees to enter a theme park, why are they not willing to pay the 6 dollars it costs to get into a state park?

I do not feel that the lack of use of our parks is due to the price, but rather because we do not have programs or activities that inspire people to come. For example, many residents of California speak Spanish as their first language. I have observed that individuals who do not have mastery of the English language often feel isolated and left out of many of the events that occur in our parks. An effort should be made to create more bilingual programs, and to hire interpretive staff who are fluent in at least one other language besides English. There should be outreach programs to inner city schools and youth centers to give these children an opportunity to experience the majesty of California's state parks.

It is not money that is isolating people, it is the lack of services provided to people whose first
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What Does This Year's Budget Mean to California State Parks and its Employees?

For the last several years the employees of the Department have been heroically holding the State Park System together with Band-Aids, bubble gum, bailing wire and duct tape. Each year we have hoped for the help we need in the form of operating dollars and staffing to give our State Parks and their visitors the level of care necessary to preserve them for future generations. Before January 1, 2000, retirements and resignations had been growing at an alarming rate, the ability to hire seasonal staff had been reduced because of shrinking operating budgets and the influx of visitors had grown without the reduction of park fees. This year's budget did not give us enough to put the bailing wire and duct tape away, but we won't have to use bubble gum and Band-Aids any longer. For the first time in many years our maintenance budget was augmented with people and support dollars. (Continued on page 3)

Budget and Bond by Nick Franco

There's been a lot of rumors about the park bond and projects being vetoed. As park professionals, we need to understand that \$2.1 billion cannot be spent in one year! The vetoes that many of us saw in the budget are simply recognizing that we are not yet ready to undertake the vetoed project. It does not mean that the project will never be funded. Director Areias, the State Parks Foundation, and many other groups (including CSPRA) worked very hard to get the bond passed and to have a bond that meets the needs of State Parks. Bond funds must be released responsibly so that interest can be earned to pay off the debt.

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President's Message

by Kim Baker

I must admit that I was disappointed by the outcome of this year's budget. Our legislative advocate, and many other people, worked very hard to convince the budget committee to boost our funding. While overall funding increased from past years, the failure of the governor to approve new positions was particularly disappointing. We can't do a good job protecting more parks, and serving more visitors, without more staff.

I recently read *The Sempervirens Story: A Century of Preserving California's Ancient Redwood Forest 1900-2000* by Willie Yaryan and Denzil & Jennie Verardo. The book tells the story of the fight to acquire Big Basin Redwoods State Park. One hundred years ago, preservationists lobbied the legislature for funding, convinced several governors of the importance of preserving the redwoods, monitored the early park commission and took action to prevent corruption from destroying the park they had fought to create. In one case, a lumberman logged his property when he tired of waiting for the state to buy it. They fought in the legislature, and in the media. They spoke at service clubs and group meetings. They encouraged people to visit the park so they'd care enough to preserve it. The cumulative impacts of their efforts created what we have today. The most powerful impact this book made, for me, is how little some things change. The struggle continues.



We can't ignore the fact that we are a state agency and the political process will always have an impact on state parks. Maybe it shouldn't be that way, but it is, and we have to stay involved and keep fighting to make it work to our advantage.

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This newsletter marks the 100th edition of the CSPRA newsletter edited by Doug Bryce. It also marks the last. Noah Martin, a Millerton Lake Ranger, will edit the next issue, with Jeremy Stinson of Brannan Island as copy editor. Contributions can now be sent to news@cspra.com. Thank you Doug, for all of your hard work!

California State Park Rangers Association

Mission Statement

The California State Park Rangers Association is an organization of park professionals dedicated to advancement of the highest principles of public service, and established to support, protect, and defend the integrity of State Parks for present and future generations.

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language is not English and a deficit in programs for children who are not lucky enough to experience nature on a regular basis. I ask you to please consider adding to our interpretive programs, thus allowing us to start reaching out to all of California's residents. These parks were made to preserve, and to give families a safe place where they can enjoy nature. I am concerned that the fee reduction will not bring in the families who have not been attending in the past, but will rather bring in a clientele that will take advantage of the lower rates and cause more harm than good.

Every day I am asked "What is there to do in the park?" While 80 miles of hiking trails is impressive to an avid backpacker, to a family that has never been in a state park in their life, just having trails won't keep them coming back. Interpretive programs are of utmost importance to keep people using the parks. The modern audience wants to be entertained. We need to interpret nature to this audience in a way that makes the children beg to come to a state park instead of Disneyland. If we make nature accessible to everyone regardless of their ethnicity, language, or income bracket, then we will have fulfilled the mission of state parks. Reducing the fees by a few dollars is not going to increase that accessibility. Money does not make the connection, interpretation does. I ask you to please consider providing more funding for interpretation than instigating this fee reduction.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Annemarie Therese Booth, Park Aide
Big Basin Redwoods State Park

Budget (Continued from page 1)

The Governor gave us 36 PY and \$1.5 million dollars for our ongoing maintenance budget. This was just a down payment towards the full need. This year we must provide the Department of Finance a complete review of our maintenance program so that in the next two years they can allocate the total need to us. One thing I have learned, is that you don't get everything you need in one

budget cycle. It is truly a grind, which requires constant nagging, cajoling, connections, justifications, meetings, BCP rewrites, and a huge amount of sweat. For the fee reduction we also did not get all that we asked for. In this year's budget we got 101 PY and about \$6 million in support. This should be enough to get us through this fiscal year but once again we will have to show the Department of Finance that our need is greater than that allocation. The records we keep this year in the area of attendance, increased public safety and housekeeping needs and any other impacts on our operations will be the fuel that feeds next year's efforts to get additional support. On top of the people and support dollars, we also got \$26 million to support the reduction in our fees. What this means to us is that we still have a requirement to earn money for our operations but it is \$26 million less. This year we will have to collect about \$30 million in fees.

There were several specific BCP's which were approved to place staff and support in specific districts. These additions included personnel and support for the new Point Cabrillo Lighthouse acquisition, extra help for the Angeles District, support and PY for acquisitions at Henry Coe State Park, help for the new Mining and Mineral Museum, assistance for a new acquisition at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and some additional support for Bay Area district.

Finally, this year's budget dealt with the Bond. In terms of our day today operation, the Bond portion of the budget will have little direct effect. On the other hand, the effect of the bond on our future is grand. There will be new acquisitions, rehabilitation projects and planning support that will continually improve our parks. For a closer look at the budget details check out the Department of Finance's web page on the budget (http://www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/BUD_DOCS/Bud_link.htm). You can see the details of the Governor's May revision and the highlights of the signed budget. In the end, this year's budget means that things will get a little better. It is true that we did not get enough to end our struggle in the field, but it certainly is an improvement. Each of you will have to measure the effects based on your experiences during this new fiscal year. Hopefully you will feel some relief. How do you spell relief? MONEY!!!

Bill Berry
Chief, Central Field Division

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JOHN NICHOLAS 1936 – 2000

On July 12, 2000 I had the sad occasion to attend the memorial service for John Nicholas at Santa Clara County's Sanborn-Skyline County Park. Holly Huenemann, Mike Romminger, Todd Allen, Joanne Danielson, and myself represented State Parks. I was very impressed by the number of people at the service, but I was more impressed by the large number of solemn faces in uniform

standing at the rear and sides of the gathering. John Nicholas was a big man — not just because of his size — but because of the tremendous positive impact he had on so many lives in the ranger profession. The number of rangers in full dress uniform from so many different agencies provided mute testimony.

John was born in Illinois, attended Southern Missouri for his bachelors degree and received a masters in Outdoor Recreation from San Francisco State. His teaching career took him from Diablo Valley College in Concord to Lynbrook High School in San Jose and winding up at West Valley College in Saratoga in 1965. The Park Management Program was initially John's dream and he provided the inspiration and energy that got the program off the ground. Later, with the help of Tom Smith, he built the program into the

State's Premiere Park management program. When Tom took over the Program John went on to serve as the College's football coach and then serve as the College's Chairperson for the Applied Arts and Sciences Division. But John never forgot his dream to train park rangers and continued to teach several of the courses in the Park Management Program while serving in other capacities. John recently retired from West Valley College and was enjoying his retirement on a canoe trip with his wife Candice on the Trinity River on July 3 when he suffered a massive heart attack while paddling on the river. I can only wonder if he had been given a choice of the way to leave this earth if he would have chosen the way he went. It seems so much like John.

Some of the graduates from the program that went on into State Parks include Joanne Danielson, Joe Von Hermann, Jim Owens, Mark Hoffman, Steve Knapp, Fred Matsuura, John Moore, Keith Pellemeyer, Ed Stuckrath, Steve Yamaichi and Dan Dungy. In addition there have been many more that took individual courses but didn't graduate from the program. My apologies if you were a graduate and I didn't include (or misspelled) your name, but its difficult to know everyone who was touched by John. His hiking and outdoor classes were legendary and many learned their "real" ranger skills from John.

I miss you John. Godspeed.

Miles Standish

Robert Isenor Passes

Robert J. Isenor passed away on June 6 in Lake Havasu City, Arizona where he and his wife, Suzie, lived in retirement. Bob was hired as a seasonal lifeguard in 1950 at Huntington State Beach. In 1953 he became the Department's first permanent lifeguard as the District Lifeguard Supervisor for District 6. He spent the next thirty years developing the Department's lifeguard program.

Virginia McCall Passes

Retired member, Joe McCall's wife passed away in January at the age of 90. She was a college drop out who wrote 41 books — mostly light romance and young adult novels — that were translated into 12 languages. Also, she published more than 250 magazine articles and short stories. She completed her last book at 89. Willpower is what kept her going. The arthritis would get so bad she couldn't shake hands with anyone but she could still type 110 words per minute. Joe said that after each book she'd tell him, "That's the last one." Then the next morning, she'd be started on another one."

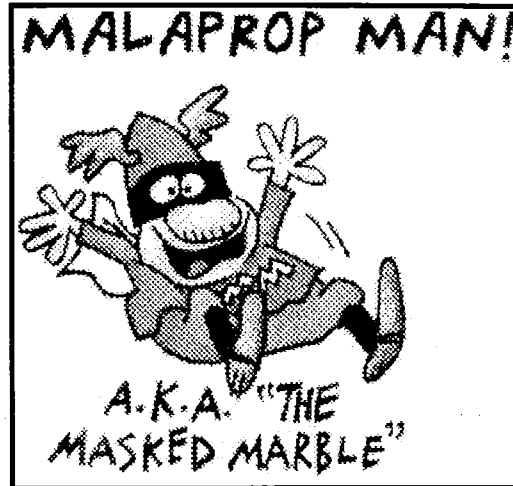
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It would be foolish to release funding for a project that is not yet ready for work. An example is the Angel Island Immigration Station. We are working on Historic Structures Reports and other preliminary work needed before actual restoration can begin. The veto of the \$15 million for restoration doesn't eliminate the money, just puts it off until next year when we will actually be ready to begin doing some of the physical work. We would actually be unable to use it this year; we're simply not willing to rush the high quality job that the project demands.

There are 137.5 new positions statewide to address the fee reduction and for ongoing maintenance. The budget does not specify what park gets what position, we all simply have to be patient to see where the best allocation of positions will be. Do not let rumors or disappointment over not getting more positions get you down. Is it what we actually need? Probably not, but it is 137.5 positions that we didn't have last year and will allow us to improve parks.

Many of those positions were justified based upon the fee reduction. Was the fee reduction a good idea? It's premature to give an answer. We need the data. Accurate visitor attendance is more important now than ever. If we see a remarkable increase in attendance, then we can likely argue that we need more people to address increased visitation. Besides, isn't it our goal to have as many people as possible enjoy parks? Conversely, we need to know if attendance doesn't change as a result of the fee reduction. If it doesn't, then we need to focus more strongly on many of the other issues out there that may keep people away from parks.

In all, times are good, let's enjoy them and make them as productive as they possibly can be. We've been in the "hunker down" and defensive mode so long, it's refreshing to actually have more positions and the possibility of sharing the parks we love with more people. We can't ignore the positions we didn't get and must keep working on those, plus a stable funding source. But we also can't ignore the recognition that things are getting better and we should celebrate that success.



Mixed Metaphors & Malaprops
By Jeff Price

Well, the twisted tongues have been busy, so here is the newest lopsided lingual lowdown. Metaphors be wit you.

Color Blind?

My point is, I just don't want to stuck with a pink elephant no one else wants.

A marked difference?

They didn't take the robber seriously until he branded his weapon.

First aid assault?

You are just throwing Band-Aids at the problem.

I'm chicken, but this eggs me on.

Don't count all your baskets yet, we still aren't out of the clear.

Cashing in on vanity?

He had too much personalized income to qualify for the Golden Bear Pass.

Difficult hiding place.

I can't just sweep this under the corner.

Wrong I'll.

Soon I'll be taking that walk down the alter.

Cuff, print and book.

This guy is an open slate and I can read him like, uh, you know.

Detergent hazard.

Once you go there, you are on a slippery soap.



Coastal Inn Closes Before It Opens Land Trust Purchases Pigeon Point Project

Michael McCabe, Chronicle Staff Writer
June 15, 2000 (SF Chronicle)

Call it "undevelopment."

In an astonishing turnabout, a controversial bed-and-breakfast inn nearing completion on three acres next to the isolated Pigeon Point Lighthouse south of Pescadero has been snapped up by a land trust and will be removed. All in the interest of preserving open space.

After years of persistence, the Peninsula Open Space Trust announced yesterday that it has bought the starkly beautiful beachfront property, known as Whaler's Cove and the Lighthouse Inn at Pigeon Point LLC, for \$2.65 million.

The property is 21 miles south of Half Moon Bay and west of Highway 1. It includes four buildings — three of them new and expected to be part of the inn — a new water purification system and sewage treatment facilities.

All of it — every bathroom, laundry room and cozy room with a view will be bulldozed if the they cannot be recycled for charitable uses, said Audrey Rust, president of the Menlo Park land trust. "This is called undevelopment," Rust said yesterday. "It's getting rid of two sources of possible pollution to the tide pools below, the septic system and the desalinization plant, and it also reopens access to Whaler's Cove, which has been closed since 1994."

The inn would have been the first commercial de-

velopment west of Highway 1 between Half Moon Bay and Santa Cruz County.

Pigeon Point Lighthouse, six miles north of Ano Nuevo Point, was established in 1872 at a spot on the California coast where ships need to make a small course change. Fog and gales, reefs and currents brought many ships to disaster over the years. When the clipper ship *Carrier Pigeon* ran aground and sank on her maiden voyage from Boston to San Francisco on June 5, 1853, the point gained a legend and a new name.

Environmentalists have been fighting the bed-and-breakfast idea for years. Owner Kathleen McKenzie's buildings, they say, block views and are a worrisome symbol of creeping development pressures enveloping the southern San Mateo coast, which has managed to remain largely wild and rural.

Many were aghast when the San Mateo County Planning Commission and the California Coastal Commission gave McKenzie the permits needed to build so close to the pristine lighthouse. When construction began late last year, the battle appeared to all to have been lost. The inn was scheduled to open late this spring or early summer.

McKenzie's opponents were particularly upset about the future of Whaler's Cove, a tiny beach hard against jutting rocks next to the 127-year-old lighthouse that was once used by Portuguese whalers and rumrunners. Unless another way was developed to get to the beach, access would have been restricted to guests of the B&B.

The project's three new buildings each contained three units, barely beyond the shadow of the lighthouse atop the cliff. They were nearly completed earlier this month when the land trust apparently made an offer McKenzie could not refuse.

McKenzie, of Bonny Doon, could not be reached for comment yesterday. However, she told *The Chronicle* earlier this year that the arduous process to win approval was won out of sheer grit.

"Yes, it was a long battle, but I am a native Californian, fourth generation, and I am just tenacious," McKenzie said then. "I think it will be a beautiful development and will be much enjoyed by people." County planning officials expressed surprise yesterday at the turn of events.

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"I've been here for seven years, and I've never seen anything like this before," said Jim Eggemeyer, development review services manager in the county's planning and building division. "I guess we will be dealing with demolition permits on this thing next. This is really unique."

Rust said while the price was high for the three-acre parcel, because of its prominence and symbolic value, the land trust felt it could not let it go without one last offer.

"Now we have to let people know that we need to raise money to pay for this," Rust said. "It certainly is the smallest piece of land we have ever paid money for and certainly the highest price we have ever paid per acre. But, I think, years ahead we will be very glad we did this when we could."

One of the environmentalists who fought the bed-and-breakfast idea for years, Lennie Roberts, was ecstatic yesterday.

"I'm just dancing on air," said Roberts, legislative advocate for the Committee for Green Foothills. "Usually POST's priority is large parcels, but because of its fantastic location historically and its setting adjacent to the lighthouse, they just did this great thing."

Seeking Board Member Nominations

The Committee on Nominations will be meeting in October to nominate active and active retired members to the board of directors. This meeting will be followed by a vote of the general membership in December.

Do you know someone who would be a good candidate? It is one of our goals to increase the diversity of the board to reflect that of our membership. In particular, we are seeking nominations from members who work in southern California, and members who work in the trades and administration, interpretation and resources, as well as field staff and retired members.

Most board positions are held for two years. The responsibilities of each member are varied, and it really comes down to what you bring to the position. Each member has a unique perspective and skills to bring to the team. Although board members are not paid for their time, travel expenses are covered. The board must meet at least two times a year under the bylaws of the organization, but we generally meet 5 or 6 times a year, and we accomplish a great deal of work by the use of e-mail.

One of the many benefits of being an active member of the board of CSPRA is gaining a greater understanding of how the department and our state government work. In addition, it is a great way to meet others in the department who share your high ideals and enthusiasm for protecting California State Parks.

For more information or to nominate yourself or another member, please contact Nick Franco. Contact information is located on the back of the newsletter.

Honorary Membership Nominations

Who?

"An Honorary Member may be any person who, for distinguished service devoted to the objectives of the Association, is nominated by a member of any membership class and approved by a two thirds vote of the board." Section 6, Article 4 of the Constitution of CSPRA.

How?

By placing in nomination a person whose distinguished services meet the following criteria:

1. The individual shall have contributed in an outstanding or extraordinary manner, or to an unusual degree, to the advancement of the State Park concept, the profession of State Park Ranger, public service within the State Parks, or in the field of ecology as it affects the park system or the public use of parks.

2. This service or action is to be beyond that in which the individual would normally have

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Honorary Member

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accomplished as part of his job or responsibility.

3. The service may not necessarily be of state or national importance, but it is to be judged on its own merit and degree of contribution.

4. Normally, the recommendation would be made during the person's lifetime.

What?

Compose a letter, including the name, address and telephone number of the person, the date and place of birth, the educational and/ or service background and listing the specific accomplishments which you believe qualifies him/ her for the Honorary Membership.

When?

Now, complete and sign, along with other participating members, the letter, or letters, of nomination and mail to Greg Hayes, 2400 London Ranch Road, Glen Ellen, CA 95442-9749 <GregWHayes@aol.com>. **Nominations received later than 12/ 1 will not be considered for next years award. Do it Early!**

Retiree's Ramblin's

Schlerf Nothing real special going on with us this year. Just short trips here and there to see the kids and visit friends.

Biggest excitement this year so far was a fishing trip where I finally caught the big one. Friend took me out and showed me how to catch a sturgeon. After several years of trying this time the big one

didn't get away. It was 59-3/4 inches long and over fifty seven pounds. Another quarter of an inch and we would have had to throw it back since they cannot be kept if over 60 inches in length. Lots of fun. Look forward to seeing everyone at Rendezvous next Fall. Herm and Rae

McCall Did not do much but care for my wife last year. I will probably be moving to Florida where I have three sisters and a brother. All younger than I am. The sisters insist and Jacksonville was more or less my hometown. Will keep you posted on my address. The move is not firm a friend is trying to talk me out of moving. I tell her she can move with me as Sacramento is not her home. Joe McCall

Cater We are back in Morro Bay for the summer. We spend October to April at Desert Hot Springs where we have a permanent Park Model for a second residence. It is located at 70-200 Dillon Road, Site 20 Caliente Springs Resort. Phone 760-251-7401. Anyone passing by give us a call and visit. Have no particular plans for this summer so call us in Morro Bay. 772-2832 if you are passing through. Hope to see everyone at the Oct. Rendezvous. Wes and Celeste

Chavez We are happily entrenched in Graeagle in what is fast becoming a State Park enclave with lots of retired or soon to be retired neighbors. Within a few miles of us reside Ross & Kay Henry, Ted & Jeanne Reinhardt, Bob & Carol Macomber, Doug & Lorraine Metcalf, Dave & Elizabeth Nelson (not yet retired), Charlie Cline, and Bob Canby. Even former Manager Lloyd Geissinger has a summer home here now. Margaret & I have been busy helping with the grandchildren who live with their father Graig in Portola about 10 miles away. Had fun this year volunteering in Hailey and Cody's classroom. As part of deal with Ted Reinhardt, I have taken up a little golf in exchange for Ted taking up a little fly-fishing. At this point I can't golf very
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well but then Ted can't fly fish very well either. We are looking forward to an Alaskan rail/ cruise ship tour the first week of September with the Macomber's, Reinhardt's and Tanners. Hopefully we can make it to McConnell this year. Carl

Strickler How fast this past year has gone! Seems like I just paid our CSPRA dues. Time does fly when your happy. Enclosed also find our registration fee for the Retirees Rendezvous. Our plans for the "Road Kill" Potluck are taking form. All kinds of wild life are hiding from Clyde as he has his eagle eye out for a prospective entree' for that night. You can be sure he'll find something Very different, edible, and surprisingly delicious! The second edition of our Anza Borrego Memory Book, "Remembrances and Reminiscences" is nearly two thirds completed. We are pleased with the results. We believe it will be as enjoyable as our first effort proved to be. With luck and a little more input, We hope to have it as available this year. As before the first distribution will be at the Retirees Rendezvous in October 2000. Rosemary & Clyde

Stewart Kay and I spent a good part of last year looking for a place to build a house. We didn't start building until the first of November. The Lord blessed us with fair weather until the house had a roof and was enclosed. Now we are busy with landscaping. When the snow starts to cover the ground we head for Calistoga in the Napa Valley until the spring thaw. Travelling plans are on hold until we get everything settled at our new home. Best Wishes, Jim and Kay

Long Bonnie and I are very involved in our new Community Center Project here in Tubac. Our group operates the center at the now county owned old Tubac School, (which really isn't that old - built in 1967). We provide meeting space for

about 20 different groups, plus a branch of the county library, facilitate a senior lunch program once a week, and are building a 1st class fast pitch baseball field, soccer field, and volleyball court to serve the needs of Northern Santa Cruz County. It keeps us busy, but we enjoy the work. Bonnie is the catalyst for the project and the County Board of Supervisors and their staff all know her well and appreciate the work she and the group are doing. Hopefully we can get away this year for the Retired Rangers campout. Dana

Heacox This is a big year for us. Celebrated our 50th wedding Anniversary on Maui, January 31. Attended our 50 year class (The Periclean) reunion at Pomona College, Claremont, in late April. This year is the 100 year Anniversary of the U.S. Submarine Service. I am a member of the Sub Vets of WWII, Sacramento Chapter. I hit 76 in August and Barb will be 72 in October. This is the 150 year anniversary of the city of Sacramento and on September 9 the 150 year Anniversary of the State of California and Susan, will be 50 in December. Maybe 2001 will be quieter. (Quien Sabe?)
A Hui Hou (until we meet again)
Malama Pono (take care)
Me Ka Pumehana (with warmth)
Bud and Barbara

Thank You And Good-bye

After working for you for 32 years I will no longer be employed by CSPRA. I was Executive Manager from May 1968 through December of 1995. And, I've prepared the newsletter since 1988. I've met and worked with some really great people. My wife Carol, my children and grandchildren have helped me immensely. Thanks to all of you who have made this such a rewarding experience.

California State Railroad Museum 20 Year Reunion

The California State Railroad Museum opened to the public on May 2, 1981. In honor of the "Sacramento District" employees who made that event possible a 20 year reunion is being planned for Saturday, May 5, 2001. Activities already planned include:

Saturday, May 5, 2001

9:30 a.m. Meet at the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot for a live Steam Excursion Ride.

11:00 a.m. Meet at the Central Pacific Passenger Station

for a group photograph.

11:30 a.m. Lunch break

1:30 p.m. Meet at the California State Railroad Museum to reminisce, and a nostalgic tour.
It'll be great!

We request that you R.S.V.P. to one of the people listed below so that advance planning can occur. Relay information anytime, and confirmation of intent to attend by March 15, 2001.

Quinton Kay
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e-mail kay@vom.com

Bob Elliston
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e-mail billieb@cwo.com

John Hart
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e-mail johnhart@gvn.net

Peggy Whitehead Donates

Peggy Whitehead donated \$730.21 to the Whitehead Award Fund to bring it back up to \$1,000. The fund is used to provide an award to the best student in each Trainee Class and is provided in the memory of Jim Whitehead who was a strong supporter of the training of new Rangers. We just sent a check to Asilomar for \$111 and we will be sending three more checks in the next year for three more classes. In giving this money Peggy said that "It is important to me that Jim's dedication and philosophies are not forgotten and I'm sure the awards will go to those who feel the same way."



Doug Camdon
Joe V. Ramos



CSPRA Finances

Checking	\$2,985.00
General Savings	15,718.43
IRF Scholarship	2,120.00
SAVE BODIE!	1,234.87
Whitehead Award	889.00
Total	22,947.30

District Reps

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Work Phone</u>	<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>FAX</u>
Van Etten-Collins, L.	American River	916 988-0206	530 477-7145	916 988-9062
Padilla, Frank	Angeles, Coast	805 986-8484	818 880-4510	805 488-5367
Crossman, John	Angeles-Inland	805 726-1671	805 942-0662	805 940-7327
Edgemon, Chuck	Bay Area-Coast	650 879-2025	650 879-0827	
Nielson, Carl	Bay Area-Diablo	925 837-6129	925 552-0905	925 855-1731
Harrison, Wayne	Calaveras	209 795-3488	209 795-5342	209 795-7306
Robinson, Rondalyn	Channel Coast	805 654-5301	805 654-0895	805 654-4667
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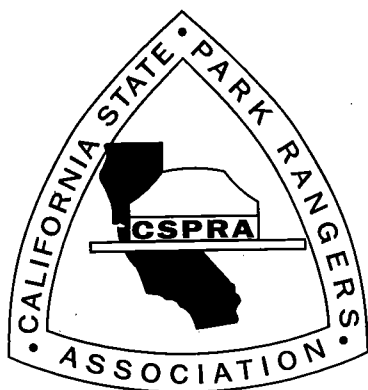
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February 24 & 25

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March 15-18

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