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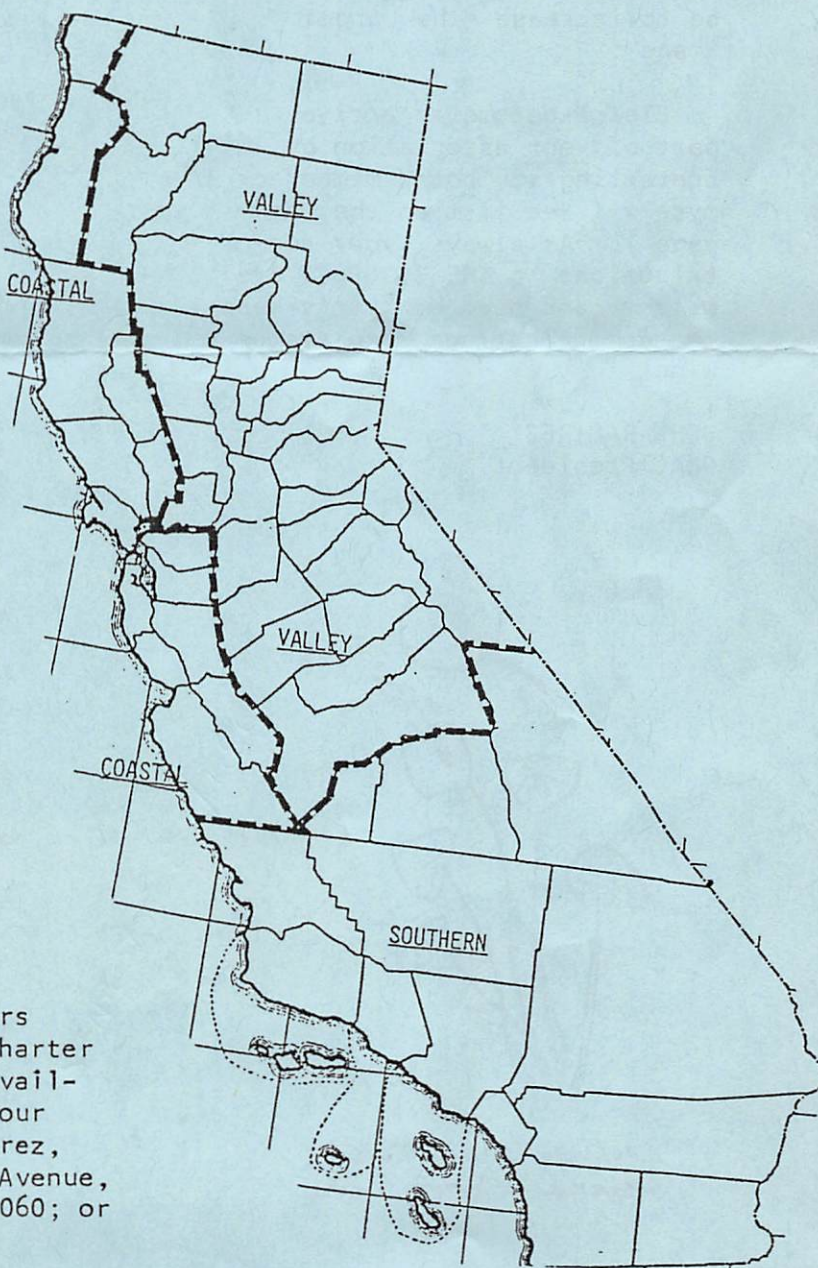
## PRAC By-Laws Amended

At the May 1986 meeting of the Executive Council of the Park Rangers Association of California the following amendments were made to the By-Laws:

- For the purposes of administration the association has been divided into three geographical regions- Coastal, Valley, and Southern.
- There will be one director for the Valley Region, one director for the Southern Region, and two directors for the Coastal Region. All directors will be elected by the membership in each region.
- All directors and executive council members must maintain current PRAC membership status in order to hold office.

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Copies of the Park Rangers Association of California charter and by-laws are currently available to all members. For your free copy contact John Ramirez, PRAC President, 223 Warren Avenue, Santa Paula, California, 93060; or call (805) 654-3977.



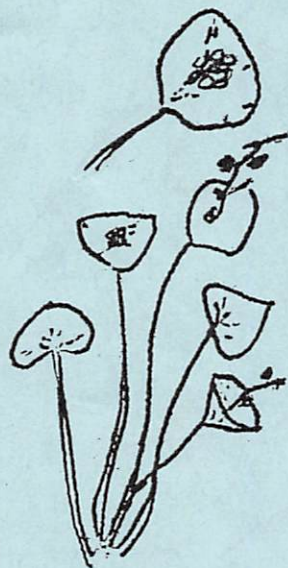


## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Your board is well on its way to achieving the high goals set during the 1986 PRAC/CSPRA Conference. Board members are currently working to provide low cost training programs, to produce an association slide show, to participate in the 1987 PRAC/CSPRA Conference with video movies, to upgrade THE SIGNPOST, and to get involved with various other projects. PRAC's emphasis for the coming year will be to increase "the ranger image".

Please become an active part of your association by contacting any board member or myself ( See list on the back page ). As always, your contributions to THE SIGNPOST are welcome and needed. Let's keep the communications open statewide!

JOHN RAMIREZ  
PRAC President



MINER'S LETTUCE  
*Mertia Perfoliata*

## PRAC Welcomes 1986 Members

The PRAC Executive Board would like to extend a formal welcome to the following individuals who joined the association in 1986:

Eugene Battaglia  
Bob Clovis-

- \*Eugene Battaglia
- \*Bob Clovis- Monterey County Parks
- \*Patrick Congdon- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
- \*Carlos Cruz- Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District
- \*Alfredo B. Fernandez- Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District
- \*John Havicon- Sacramento County Parks & Recreation
- \*Bill Hendricks- Marin Municipal Water District
- \*Tye Kitasato- San Bernadino County Parks & Recreation
- \*Pam Lane- Riverside County Parks
- \*Marcel J. Moranton- East Bay Municipal Utilities District
- \*Rick Morrison- West Valley College
- \*Carl A. Nielson- City of Fremont, Community Services
- \*Laura Raymaker- City of Palo Alto
- \*Arnie Rodgers Jr.- Sonoma County Parks
- \*Karen A. Stoye- Monterey County Parks

Welcome all to PRAC. We look forward to hearing from you, and to receiving your input. You are PRAC- Help keep it strong!

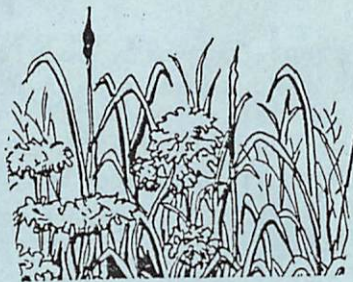


## California Park News

• The California Department of Parks & Recreation announced the formal establishment of the Martin Ranch State Vehicular Recreation Area. The 48,000 acre unit will be the largest public off-road recreation facility, and the third largest state park facility, in California. Martin Ranch is located in western San Joaquin County.

• The National Park Service stated that ozone pollution is damaging more than half the trees in Yosemite National Park, and almost 90 percent in Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks. At Yosemite it was also announced that within the next 30 to 40 years all but remnants of the park's evergreen forests will die. It was determined by National Park Service plant pathologists that nothing can be done to halt the spread of a deadly root rot in Yosemite Valley.

• PRAC Coastal Region Director, Annette Coleman, announced that the 1986 Ranger Olympics at Palo Alto's Foothill Park were a great success. Almost 50 rangers from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area participated in various sporting events, and enjoyed varied picnic cuisine.



## Park Happenings

PRAC, and its members, would like to know about any special "park happenings" in your facility or agency. Items are needed for use in a new column in THE SIGNPOST. Information of interest may include:

- Additions or departures of staff in your organization;
- Personnel in your agency who have received professional awards or recognition;
- Any innovative programs or facility designs your agency is implementing;
- New materials, literature, and/or training which might be of interest to PRAC members;
- Any unique operations or maintenance methods you are currently using in your agency.

Submit your news items to: Chris Crockett, THE SIGNPOST editor, 300 Friar Way, Campbell, California, 95008. You can also phone in your information by calling (408) 378-4467.



• PRAC Treasurer, Bruce Baker, announced the recent appointment of Dave Gray as a Park Ranger for the Town of Los Gatos, Parks & Forestry Department. Dave comes to his new position from California Land Management, Inc., where he was a Senior Ranger in the San Francisco Bay operation. He was also a Seasonal Park Ranger for the County of Santa Clara at Coyote Hellyer Park. Congratulations to Dave, and best of luck in your new endeavor.



## PRAC Job Corner

The Fremont Community Services Department is currently recruiting seasonal and part-time park ranger assistants. Qualified applicants must be 21 years of age. They must also possess a valid California Driver License, a current First Aid Certificate, and a current CPR certificate.

Recommended experience includes: two years of college work in park management, recreation, environmental science, or administration of justice; small boat operation experience; P.C. 832 law enforcement training; a class IV driver license endorsement; and prior public contact employment.

Position selections will be made on an open and continual basis. Applications can be obtained and returned at the Community Services Center, 3375 Country Drive, P.O. Box 5006, Fremont, California, 94538. For applications and further information call (415) 791-4320.

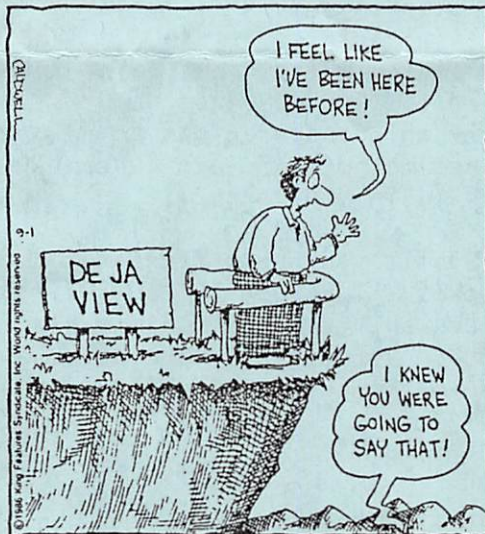
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Are you looking for qualified individuals to fill jobs in your park or agency? Let THE SIGNPOST help you in your recruiting efforts.

Send current or upcoming job announcements to Chris Crockett, THE SIGNPOST editor, 300 Friar Way, Campbell, California, 95008. Job announcement information can also be phoned in at (408) 378-4467.

## Comic Relief

Caldwell □ John Caldwell

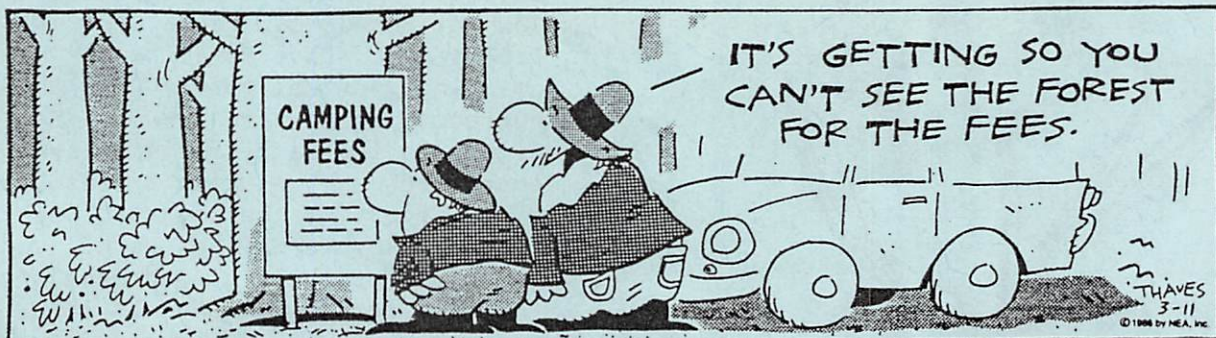


Dennis the Menace □ Hank Ketcham



"Does God know he left the water running?"

Frank & Ernest









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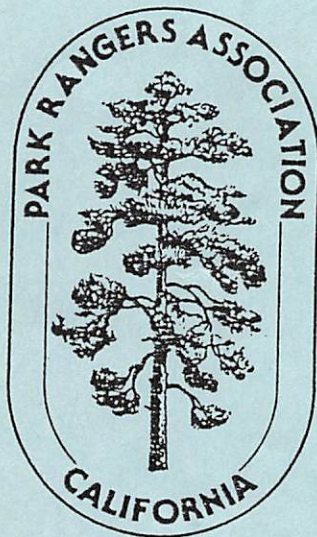
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