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HAIL AND FAREWELL

EDITOR'S MESSAGE: With this issue, Signpost bids a temporary farewell. Unlike Parks International Magazine (a recent victim of declining funds), your editor has accepted his first permanent full-time ranger position with the National Park Service, in Maryland, at the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park. I wish to thank those few members that contributed to Signpost and extend my appreciation for your contributions. I will miss all the friends I have made through PRAC. I will continue to be a member of PRAC across the miles. I look forward to my return to a California park and again offer my services to PRAC.

I am making an open request for any member to step forward, make a commitment, and take over the editorship of the Signpost. I know there is a dedicated person (or else you wouldn't be a ranger) out there that will contact our President, John Ramirez, and offer their services. I challenge each member to make this commitment.

My thanks and the best wishes to you all.

Jeff Ohlfs

SIGNPOST'S ROVING RANGER

I received only three replies to the Roving Ranger! There was mixed reactions to how visitors perceive a ranger's enforcement authority: "visitors understand what we do and why we do it" and "they don't care except for when they want something."

Based on uniform and badge, most felt visitors can tell the difference between rangers with enforcement authority and those without.

The replies stated a reliance on local police agencies for violations involving non-conformists verses carrying a weapon and having a "psychological" affect on visitor reactions.

Everybody was in agreement that positive vs. negative contacts have an effect on how we, individually, view the visiting public. Most contacts deal with the "negative types." "Positive contacts always help brighten my day."

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

"Law Enforcement Refresher Training for Park Rangers"

DATE: December 2-4, 1985

LOCATION: West Valley College, Saratoga, CA

AGENDA: Enforcement philosophy and objectives
Working effectively with law enforcement agencies
(panel)

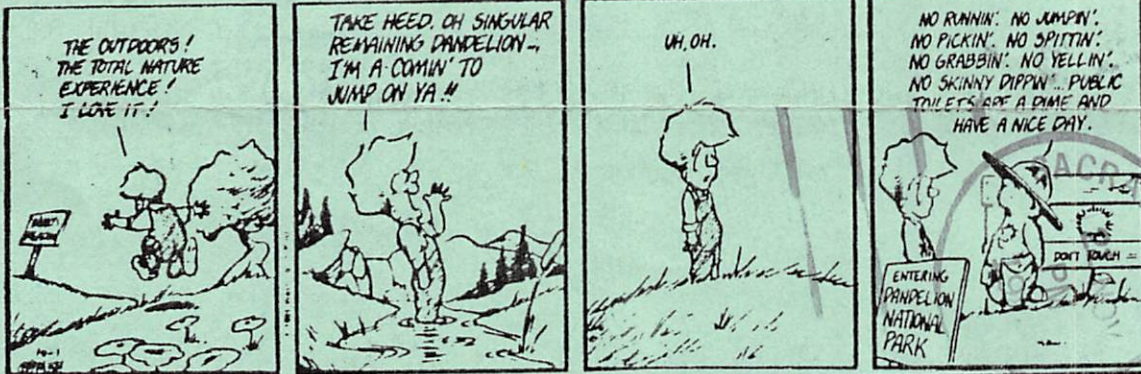
Laws of arrest search and seizure
Controlled substances
Legal update
Ranger survival
Field techniques
The courts
Handling juveniles

INSTRUCTORS: National Park Service Albright Training Academy
Local law enforcement agencies
West Valley College Admin. of Justice Program

COST: \$60. includes materials, 1-BBQ dinner & coffee.

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