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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ANGY NOWICKI
CSPRA President

As I prepare to hand the President's gavel to **Gail Sevrens**, I take the time to reflect on what last year brought to CSPRA. I am amazed at what a few dedicated people can do.

We have established quarterly meetings with Ruth Coleman to discuss critical issues that we as park professionals face. We helped sponsor **Park Advocacy Day**, encouraging members to join us as we meet with legislators. We increased our advocacy connection with the **State Park Foundation** (Tracy Verardo), and **Governmental Advocates** (Monica Miller). We remain active on serious issues that will impact our parks like the proposed Toll Road through San Onofre SB, the proposed power lines through Anza-Borrego Desert SP, the proposed dairies near Col. Allensworth SHP and the proposed Big Lagoon Indian Casino near Humboldt Lagoons SP. We financially supported the Director Awards, resurrected the District Rep program, and continue to co-host the California Parks Conference. We formally requested that the Department help reimburse employees for the conference. For the first time in several years, we were able to gain 50% support and 100% to presenters. We represented the park employees on the housing issue.

This year we will be offering a workshop on preparing for state oral boards, at the 2007 conference. We will offer several of these workshops within the state during the next year. We revamped the scholarship program and increased the money in the pot. We continue to support the retirees program and attend the annual Rendezvous. The board has begun to move into the 21st century, utilizing electronic mail to stay in constant communication, conference calling to reduce the cost of our meeting and minimize the personal impact to our board. We utilized the website and WAVE to keep the membership up on the latest news.

One of my many goals was to make CSPRA an association not just for Rangers but for all disciplines. Our board is made up of a variety of disciplines, a Park and Recreation Specialist, Supervising Ranger, Maintenance Chief, Superintendents (some of which were retired), a Lifeguard and a couple of Rangers. I hope we can continue to increase the membership with park employees that match our parity.

We welcome **Allison** and say farewell to **Laura** as Executive Managers. Laura has taken the Association light years from when she first took over as Executive Manager. Her "out of the box" ideas, organizational skills, and experience gave us the synergy to take CSPRA to the next level. We welcome Allison, a staunch park supporter, married to a State Park Ranger who brings with her a backpack full of non-profit experience. The professional level these two women have and will offer CSPRA is inspiring.

I would like to thank the membership for your voting me into office. This is an experience that I can never duplicate. I want to thank the CSPRA board for a year worth being proud of. We have been a great team and I do appreciate all of your dedication.

THE EAGLES HAVE LANDED

by **Michael Smith**
Environmental Services Intern



As the Bald Eagle looked up from his salmon carcass, a native fisherman paused along the opposite bank to raise his salmon spear in salute. "To'-qhill", he shouted, "eat well my relative". The fisherman smiled and walked on as the eagle's reply echoed through the narrow river canyon.

Evidence of Historic Bald Eagle Presence in the Millerton Region

Although scientific literature documenting historic seasonal Bald Eagle presence along the portion of San Joaquin River now impounded behind Friant Dam is lacking, local Native American oral histories and creation stories help fill the void. Millerton Lake State Recreation Area (MLSRA) is wholly contained within the ancestral homeland of the Dumna

Tribe. Surviving Dumna elders vividly recount bald eagle sightings in conjunction with salmon spawning events along the San Joaquin River prior to the completion of Friant Dam in 1944. *To'-qhill*, is not just the Dumna word for Bald Eagle. *To'-qhill* is also acknowledged by the Dumna People to be the first Bald Eagle - the eagle responsible for the creation of their world.

Genesis of the MLSRA Bald Eagle Interpretive Program

In 1984, State Park Rangers **E. Tyler Conrad** and **James E. Stilwell** produced a report entitled "Wintering Bald Eagles at Millerton Lake 1983-84." In addition to providing the first formal description of MLSRA's wintering Bald Eagle population, this

report ultimately prompted an investigation of eagle viewing as a recreational activity.

Shortly after completion of this report, MLSRA launched its winter-time Bald Eagle Interpretive Program - a program that included a guided boat tour. The public could view eagles in the wild while learning about their ecology and status as an endangered species from knowledgeable volunteer docents. State Park Rangers **Steve Horvitz**, **Dick Johnson**, **Mel Harada** and **Joe Ramos** as well as Conrad and Stilwell contributed to the planning and implementation of the program. Although accommodations in that first year were spartan, public response was overwhelming. People were willing to

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put up with frigid winds, wet feet and rocking chairs atop an open 12-foot pontoon boat for a chance to view eagles in the wild.

During these early tours, docents were consistently bombarded with questions about eagle food habits, size and visual acuity. Each of these questions gave the docent an opportunity to provide the public with a tidy and concise answer. They were neat factoids that could be gleaned from the available bald eagle literature. One routinely asked question, however, consistently eluded a neat formulaic

answer. “If Bald Eagles are seen at Millerton Lake only in winter, where are they during the rest of the year”?

Studies involving the migratory habits of Bald Eagles in Northern California provided docents with tentative, although highly speculative answers. These studies confirmed late summer northwestward migrations by eagles to British Columbia, Canada river systems during salmon spawning events. They also verified the post-spawn southeasterly dispersal of these same eagles. Many of these returning birds continued their southward winter migration beyond Northern California breeding and natal sites. Maybe we were viewing these eagles during our winters on Millerton Lake. During those early years, answers to the question, "Where do they come from?" were always troubling and never fully satisfactory.

An Evolving Interpretive Program

Today, more than twenty years after its inception, the MLSRA Bald Eagle Interpretive Program has matured.

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The austere vessel of early years has given way to the *To'-qhill*, a modern 30-foot, covered pontoon boat complete with cushion seats. It comfortably and safely accommodates up to 25 guests per tour. A 25-minute PowerPoint presentation, recently developed by MLSRA staff, prepares the visitor for the subsequent Bald Eagle viewing experience aboard *To'-qhill*. The presentation not only illustrates dramatic recent events in Bald Eagle recovery, it also underscores what was learned from a five year MLSRA Bald Eagle Telemetry Study. The study undertaken during five consecutive winters (1998 to 2002), finally and definitively answered the question "Where do they come from?" During the study period, 16 eagles of both sexes and all age classes were captured and fitted with three-ounce backpack transmitters. Eleven of these eagles were given satellite systems, which allowed us to observe their fall and spring migrations. The data produced by the study were astounding. At last, their place of origin had been revealed.

The Bald Eagles we observe each winter at Millerton Lake travel over 1800 miles from places as distant as the Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories, Canada. Freezing wintertime conditions in the far north compel them to embark on this annual, long distance migratory odyssey. They routinely pass through the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia as well as the U.S. states of Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Wyoming, Utah and California.

In addition to providing
us with an accurate

picture of migration routes and destinations, the study also supplied us with information about the movements of these eagles in and around MLSRA. It underscored the importance of open spaces other than aquatic habitats. Grasslands and oak woodlands, where small mammals and carrion are found in abundance, also represent important and indispensable Bald Eagle wintertime habitat components.

Current Bald Eagle Recovery Issues

In 1963 only 417 pairs of breeding Bald Eagles could be enumerated in the lower 48 States. Largely attributable to the indiscriminate use of the persistent pesticide DDT, Bald Eagles were fast approaching extirpation in the contiguous 48 States. Since that nadir, however, DDT was outlawed by EPA decree in 1972, the Bald Eagle was listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and efficacious biological interventions were initiated. Today over 7000

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breeding pairs have been tallied in the Lower 48. The Bald Eagle is now fast approaching the moment when it will be removed from the federal list of threatened and endangered species. Barring last minute legal proceedings, delisting could occur as early as February 16, 2007. (see update below).

When are Bald Eagle Tours offered and how can I Make a Reservation?

Bald Eagle Interpretive Tours are offered at Millerton Lake State Recreation Area on each weekend during the months of January and February. The California Parks Conference of March, 2007, will include an eagle tour on March 8. To reserve your seat aboard *To'-qhill* at other times, contact the San Joaquin Sector Office at (559) 822-2332. We look forward to meeting you and your family members.

Delisting of Bald Eagle Postponed

On February 7, 2007, a Minnesota federal judge extended the February 16 deadline for a federal decision on removing the Bald Eagle from endangered species protection. The new deadline is June 29, 2007. The delay was requested by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services to provide more time to analyse guidelines and procedures for eagle management after delisting.

The delisting plan had been criticized by Fish and Wildlife biologists, and in an internal document, Fish and Wildlife Director H. Dale Hall argued for a more protective approach for eagles.



*School children
enjoying an Eagle
Tour
photo by Michael
Smith*

BACK IN THE DAY - the Bald Eagle Tours

by George Cook, retired

The Eagle Tours at Millerton lake have been going on since the 80's. We did not have decent equipment to run them with. To remedy this I got **Bill Monaghan**, then Regional Director of the old Inland Region, to approve the use of Volunteer Enhancement money to fund the purchase of a large barge which we could set up for passengers and provide the tours in style. The park had recently established a Friends group, The Friends of Millerton Lake SRA (now defunct), and we were looking for a way to generate some revenue for the group. The theory was that the Friends would operate and charge for the tours so that the use of the Volunteer Enhancement funding would be legitimate. While the Friends did give some of the tours, most were given by State Park Rangers. We also served hot chocolate to the visitors as the winter weather on the lake is sometimes pretty cold.

Monaghan agreed to the deal one night over drinks in Bakersfield while he and I were visiting the South Valley units. **Donna Pozzi**, then the Inland Region Interpretive Specialist, and **Bob LaBelle**, the Visitor Services Manager at the time, made sure the

interpretive barge was on the priority list and I think it was funded in 1986. The District was very involved with Interpretation at that time and Donna gave us the Regional Interpretive award for 1987. Some of the personnel involved with the tours at the time were Chief Ranger **Dick Johnson**, Supervising Rangers **Steve Horvitz** and **Jim Stilwell** and Rangers **Rick** and **JoAnne Leflore**, **Mel Harada**, and **Joe Ramos**. **Bill Dall** was our Maintenance Chief and did the specifications for the Barge.

George Cook was a State Park Ranger Trainee at Humboldt Redwoods in 1971, a Ranger at Millerton Lake and Cuyamaca Rancho, and Supervising Ranger at Hearst Castle and Big Basin. He served as Superintendent of the Gold Mines, San Joaquin, Inland Empire, and Santa Cruz Districts, Deputy Regional Director of the Southern Region and Central Division Chief. George continues to work as an annuitant doing special projects and investigations and has been a CSPRA member since 1972.

ANNIVERSARIES

California State Parks Anniversary Memorabilia

By Mike Lynch

There have been at least five anniversary celebrations in California State Parks over the years. The first was the 50-year anniversary of the California State Park System in 1978. Next was the California State Park Ranger 125-year anniversary in 1991, followed by the State of California 150-year anniversary in 2000, the Lifeguard 50-year anniversary also in 2000 and the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation 35-year anniversary in 2006. All of these celebrations generated anniversary memorabilia of one kind or another and I'll try to fill you in on most of it.



Although California State Parks can track its origins to Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Redwoods given by the federal government to the state in 1864, an organized system of state parks was not established until 1928 as the Division of Parks in the Department of Natural Resources. In 1978, it probably seemed a good time to celebrate 50 years of the system! The anniversary featured some unique items including a flag or banner, pin badges for employees and truck tailgate signs, bumper stickers and even business cards. The logo was a big 50 with a bear in the O. Other memorabilia includes a brochure and a special postal envelope and cancellation.

The Ranger 125-year anniversary found its origins in the appointment of Galen Clark as the first state park ranger (titled Guardian at the time) at Yosemite State Park in 1866. Clark was the first person, state or federal, appointed and paid to protect and administer a great natural park. The ranger anniversary generated many memorabilia items, the most noteworthy was a special and the first anniversary badge that was authorized for wear by the department. There was also a similar smaller badge pin, a reproduction of the original state park "Poppy" patch and a poppy patch pin. Other items included anniversary decals and a special postal envelope and cancellation.



Ranger Anniv. Badge

In 2000, the State of California celebrated its 150-year sesquicentennial anniversary. Although there were many functions during the year, the only state park memorabilia of note was the Resources Agency 150-year anniversary badges authorized for wear by badge employees in the departments of parks, forestry and fish & game. About 1,400 of these anniversary badges were produced. A badge patch was also produced for the anniversary period. A state 150 year pin was also authorized for wear during the sesquicentennial anniversary.



Ranger Anniversary patch

California State Park Lifeguards can trace their origins to the hiring of Bob Isenor at the first lifeguard in May of 1950 at Huntington Beach. In 2000, they celebrated a 50-year anniversary with probably a lot of the famous lifeguard partying, but also

some memorabilia items. Foremost of these was a special anniversary badge and corresponding badge patch. The anniversary badge was authorized and worn from 2000-2001 by all peace officer personnel in the department.

Finally, in 2006, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program celebrated its 35-year anniversary. This anniversary traces its origins to the legislation that establishing the program in 1971. A special OHMVR badge was authorized for wear by all State Park Peace Officers and a corresponding badge patch was also produced. In addition, an OHV patch and pin were produced for the anniversary.

2014 will mark the 150th Anniversary of California State Parks and perhaps we can have a two-year celebration that stretches from 2014 to the ranger 150th anniversary in 2016!

A more complete collection of pictures of California State Parks anniversary memorabilia can be found along with this article on the CSPRA website www.cspra.com.



California State Park anniversary insignia

State Park Rangers Gladly Do It All

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by **Brian Barton**
Supervising Ranger, Sierra District

There is a silent force working in our area: a group of people quietly going about their daily duties, yet playing an intricate role in our community.

While you may not notice them until they are needed, the rangers of the California State Parks affect our lives in diverse ways.

A driver has a heart attack on Interstate 80 causing a crash. When paramedics arrive on the scene, a park ranger is already performing CPR. The man survives. When emergency crews are called for a plane crash in the waters of Lake Tahoe, a ranger patrol boat is on scene to verify that a seaplane merely landed, bringing his family to camp in Emerald Bay. The canceled emergency response saves thousands of our tax dollars.

A police chase for a stolen car ends in arrest at gunpoint with a ranger and Truckee Police officer side by side.

Wanting to get married locally, a young couple chose a park setting. The ranger tours the area with them suggesting locations, picture angles and time of day or season. This tour results in a four-star wedding and memories to last a lifetime.

A local teacher needs an expert on wildlife for a class project. No biologists are available, but the ranger comes to the rescue with his college degree in natural resources.

A young boy fails to show up after a hike. County search and rescue teams are summoned, but before they arrive, a ranger has the boy and his parents happily re-united.

These stories are just a few of the almost daily events in the life of a park ranger. And if you ask most rangers,



Brian Barton is a Supervising State Park Ranger in the Lake Tahoe Area, and co-writes a newspaper column in Northern California. He is an avid bird watcher, scuba diver and angler.

they wouldn't trade their job for anything. Our local Park Rangers take pride in their diverse abilities. California State Parks describe them as "generalists," meaning that they wear many hats. They are equally skilled giving a campfire program to 200 people or rappelling down a cliff to rescue an injured hiker. They are equally comfortable in confronting a bear in a Dumpster, or an armed felon or crazed drug addict.

When you realize that the 11 parks in our area have more than 600 campsites, heavy summer visitation brings enough people to form a small city. This visitation also brings all the crime and problems associated with lots of people in a small area.

Rangers provide for public safety, but more importantly educate the visitors to reduce impact on the environment, as well as reducing conflict with others.

But in all that they do, nothing makes rangers happier than a smile from a child who experienced something new, found his way back to camp, or saw nature in action. Rangers lead interpretive walks, youth programs, and often can be found in classrooms, opening young minds to the great outdoors. Or they may simply just stop while on patrol

to visit with a family walking through the park.

While most of the rangers' duties focus around the state park property and visitor operations, they are peace officers and have law enforcement authority. Many locals are surprised when they call for service and a ranger is first to show up. If the emergency is close to the park and police, sheriff, or paramedics are responding from a distance, often the ranger will respond and help stabilize the situation until other agencies arrive. When the situation is resolved, the ranger quietly slips away and returns to the park.

An old ranger once said, "Many hats make interesting work." Whether acting as a teacher, police officer, tour guide, medic, campground manager, tow truck driver, naturalist, information operator, snow groomer, or entertainer, the park rangers of the Tahoe-Truckee area are an integral part of the community and are proud to be silent support partners.

Next time you see a ranger vehicle passing by, throw a big wave and a smile, and let them know they are part of YOUR community as well.

EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S REPORT



by **Allison Pedley**, Executive Manager

Thanks in large part to Laura's never-ending willingness to pick up the phone when she repeatedly sees my name on caller I.D., we're feeling like the new Truckee office is up and running. Thank you, Laura, for all of the time and organization that went into this transition. We all appreciate it!

I have the pleasure of announcing the first new active member of the year, **Thonni Morikawa**. As the first



new active member of the year Thonni also was the first to receive CSPRA's new, attractive, and highly functional backpack which we are now offering to new members and those who recruit new members. We have set pretty big goals for recruitment this year, so hopefully these new packs will start showing up all across the state.

Holly Huenemann has also signed on as a retired member. Thank you, Holly, and belated congratulations on your retirement!

I am starting to receive requests for dues receipts from supervisor mem-

bers. I apologize that there is not currently a way for me to send these out to you automatically, since "job title" is not typically recorded in our database, and titles change so much among our members in any given year. That said, I am keeping track of those of you who are requesting receipts from me this year, and will automatically send receipts to you next year, same time. There are many

of you I still haven't heard from, so those of you eligible for reimbursement as supervisors should not hesitate to e-mail me at allison@cpsra.com.

I would also love to hear from retired members out there – I've heard rumors that many of you are up to great things and those of us still among the working crowd would love to hear the occasional story of life among the GrayBears!

2005 Honorary Ranger George Cardinet Jr.

April 8, 1909 – January 19, 2007

George Cardinet Jr., age 97, the "Grandfather of Trails" in the Mount Diablo area, passed away on January 19th. George advocated and developed riding and hiking trails for over 65 years, including the 21 mile Martinez-to-Mt. Diablo trail in the 1940's and the Juan Bautista de Anza Trail, which follows the route of Capt. Juan Bautista de Anza in 1775-76 into Alta California.

George mapped and routed over 200 miles of trails in the greater East Bay Area.



George's grandson, **Matt Cardinet**, is a State Park Ranger at Brannan Island SRA.

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

by *Gail Sevens*
CSPRA President-elect

Park Advocacy Day, Monday, March 26.

This annual event is growing each year. If you participate you will be with a small team of folks and provided information on some key issues facing the parks. (Optional orientation is offered Sunday evening March 25 in Sacramento, or other dates elsewhere in the state, in addition to during the California Parks Conference.) Your team has pre-set appointments with a couple legislators and/or their staff members. During your meeting, you may talk about the pre-identified issues, or simply share your experiences with the legislator. Some of the most powerful meetings have included a park employee or volunteer describing the lack of funds and staffing we face, or explaining what a powerful impact a visit to a park can have on a school child. The legislators are your representatives and are eager to listen. They hold the purse strings. Together, we hold the key to the future of the parks.

I urge you to take a day off and come to Sacramento to help make that difference. And, for folks coming from Southern California, California State Parks Foundation is offering mini-grants of up to \$200 to offset travel costs. To sign up or learn more: www.calparks.org.

Recruitment

As more active members transition to the ranks of the Gray Bears, we turn our attention to recruiting the next generations of CSPRA-ers. If you want the legacy of CSPRA to continue and to be there to protect our precious parks, now is the time for you to step up and recruit someone. We are asking each member to commit to recruiting ONE new member. Our strength is in our numbers. Through our membership we can and do influence legislation and defend the parks.

How were you recruited to CSPRA? Chances are, you joined because someone asked you. So, share your newsletter with your park staff. Ask folks if they are members. Talk to your new hires. Explain that CSPRA involves park professionals of all classifications. Remind people that CSPRA led the fight to Save Bodie and needs to be there to face down current and future threats.

Don't forget seasonal employees are now eligible to join CSPRA. That means that park aids, park interpretive specialists, environmental science interns, and student assistants can become involved, learn, and be eligible for training scholarships (and when your staff is well-trained, it benefits the whole park). Don't forget the great opportunity for discount attendance at the California Parks Conference, which provides for professional development, learning the cutting-edge of the parks business, and good old-fashioned networking.

Fiscal Sustainability

CSPRA will be participating in ongoing measures with California State Parks Foundation and the Department to explore ways to provide sustained, reliable funding to manage and protect our parks. Watch for opportunities to weigh in and support even-keeled, long-term ongoing funding for our critical needs.

Hot Topics

As we go to press, CSPRA is working on these issues: threat to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park by the hulking electric towers of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink; threat to Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park by two proposed dairies; threat to San Onofre State Beach by the proposed Foothill Toll Road; threat to Humboldt Lagoons State Park by the proposed Big Lagoon Casino (we are supporting the Governor's compact that would locate the casino instead in Barstow). Stop by our website's advocacy corner to see how you can help out.

Lots of threats. And as population increases and available land disappears,

we are sure to face more. CSPRA is very intrigued by an idea Director Ruth Coleman has mused on: what if there were stronger legal protection of the State's parklands?

What do you think? Like me, most of you have probably heard members of the public who believe that once land becomes part of state park it is protected forever. But the threats listed above and many others demonstrate that is not true. What about a Park Protection Initiative that would guarantee that parks really are forever?

I'll end this with a reminder to make sure your local legislators are on your park's mailing list. With a large turnover in this session's members, and old hands returning, now is the time to make them aware of what we do, and where that taxpayer money that they allocate actually goes. Make sure they get fliers about programs and special events, and that they are sent press releases and newsletters. Take the extra step and call their office next time you have a cool event at your park. Develop relationships with staffers, and honor your local legislators when they support parks. Remind them of the economic benefits parks provide to the communities outside our gates and of the education we provide to the community. Don't let them forget how valuable we are!!

A WAVE GOODBYE

Ray Ann Watson, long-time Chief of DPR's Human Rights Office and a State employee for 36 years, passed away on Feb. 1, 2007 in Texas. Ray Ann, who worked for CA State Parks for 18 years, was very dedicated to ensuring that Parks employees had equal opportunities for development and advancement within the department. She was always full of energy that was contagious to all that worked with her.

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Signature

Date

LOBBYIST REPORT

by *Monica Miller*
CSPRA Lobbyist

With the new legislative session underway this year promises to be a very busy one for all those involved. On December 4, 2006 the California Legislature had a record number of new members sworn in, 36 to be exact. In early January the Governor was sworn in and it was off to the races. The issues at hand are health care reform, prison reform, pension reform, a budget deficit and a lot of bond money to be spent. The reality is that there will be many disagreements in each of these areas and it is non-election year, so hold on and prepare for a long, hot summer.

Having said that, State Parks fared well with the passage by the voters of Proposition 84 this past November. The Governor has proposed a number of State Park projects both on-going and some additional areas that are in need of dollars. It will be important that we support these projects as they come up in budget sub-committees to ensure that the legislature works to keep those dollars in the budget. There will be much temptation to take those dollars

and place them elsewhere that may serve another part of California but not necessarily somewhere that is in the state's best interest. Some project examples include \$3.9 million to rehabilitate and expand day use facilities in the La Playa area of **Millerton Lake State Recreation Area**, \$9.2 million to enhance the park entrance and day use facilities at **Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park**, and \$5.1 million to improve day use and campground facilities at **Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area**.

Additionally, we expect to see many new bill ideas introduced by the end of February. They are only up to about 500, but many have yet to determine their entire legislative package. Continue to check in on the CSPRA website to see updates on legislation and how it affects you locally.

Finally, State Parks Advocacy Day is just around the corner and your participation is always critical. We believe you will find it a valuable experience and it wouldn't be the same without your participation. Save **Monday, March 26, 2007** on your calendar and try to join us at the state capitol to share with legislators all of the wonderful things State Parks have to offer.

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Opposition to penalty?

*If she has one more accident, I'm
going to take adversary action.*

Age-old battle!

*Our association bought the park a
duel cassette recorder.*

Sleeveless in Seattle.

*... time to roll up our hands and get
to work.*

Trickle me Elmo!

*You can't let all your eggs out of the
basket at once.*

Accidental discharge?

I heard it was a gunshot wedding.

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