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the air at the Mono Lake Tufa SR*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



CSPRA President Gail Sevens

by Gail Sevens

As we enter the thick of the summer season, sometimes it's hard to look past just keeping up with the hordes coming through the gates. We're preoccupied with making sure the restrooms are working, the field surveys are done before the construction begins, the year-end reports are in before deadline, someone is available to lead the nature walk, the new hires are trained, keeping the peace in the campground and the swimmers safe, all with vacant positions. Operating on three cylinders and crisis management become the norm.

During these long days it is important to take a breather, reflect on why we do this, and what our legacy will be. Some of us know retirement is coming quickly, others of us are just beginning our careers. For me, the years remaining are still in double digits, too many to quantify with precision. But the years behind me are also in the double digits, and a bit of a perspective is emerging. I have evolved from doing this park business for the sheer joy of it to feeling the need to make sure I leave something behind.

What we leave behind is not always tangible. Working in parks, no matter what your job is, is like being a teacher. You often don't know when you make a difference in someone's life. But we've all heard the stories from strangers and friends: "I remember when I was a

kid, camping every year with my family." "I love that park, it is so beautiful!" "I learned about bears and mountain lions." And the classic "I always wanted to be a ranger ever since..." On and on.

At the beginning of my career, nothing could happen quickly enough. One Earth Day event, a Junior Ranger program, a visiting school group, all seemed a drop in the bucket. Or even sometimes spitting into the wind.

You know what? Those fifth graders that I spent so much energy on, to show them the beauty, importance and fragility of our disappearing open spaces are now 23-year-olds—voters, workers, students, parents, young members of the community. The families to whom I patiently explained the reasons why they had to stay on the trail might include a new generation by now. And just as there were a handful of teachers that had a powerful impact on me, I know that there are visitors out there who I have impacted. Powerfully.

Nowadays, when the only park visitors I meet are on my days off (the Northern Service Center has very low visitation) I still know that my work has those powerful impacts. The permits I process are one small part in the construction projects that maintain our parks and provide the facilities for visitor experiences. The wildlife and cultural resources I protect will endure for future generations.

I also feel we need to think bigger. When I was a kid, there existed just the city and the country. Cities were islands in the wilderness. But now, parks and open spaces are the islands in civilization. In recent years, a sense has emerged that we are too overwhelmed and underfunded to continue acquiring land to protect. But, the last remaining undeveloped lands will soon be completely out of reach for the park system, snapped up for development, too expensive to acquire, or devoid of resources. Meanwhile, our existing properties will face erosion from

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COMMUNICATION CENTERS

ANSWERING THE CALL

by **Manuel Bergado**

*Superintendent of Telecommunications
Public Safety Division*

Over the past 5 years, the CA State Parks Communications Operators (Comm Ops) and Communications Supervisors (Comm Sups) have handled and logged an average of over 1.35 million radio and telephone calls per year. These dedicated professionals at our Communications Centers at NORCOM, CENCOM, SURCOM, and Hearst Castle are “answering the calls” from State Park Rangers and Lifeguards; National Park Rangers; State Fish and Game Wardens; the public; and several other State, Federal, and local public safety agencies.

From a routine “In-Service” call to a critical multi-agency response to an earthquake or tsunami, the Comm Ops and Comm Sups are the critical link for those in the field. To assist peace officers, Comm Ops and Comm Sups have access to several resources, including: Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) for information regarding peace officer status, geo-locations, dispatch logs and events, and rolodex; the CA Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) for information regarding driver’s licenses, vehicle registration, wants and warrants, criminal histories, missing persons, and restraining orders; and Cal-Photo for information regarding driver’s license and booking photographs.

State Parks Comm Ops and Comm Sups provide dispatch services for nearly 1,000 peace officer positions in the field. Over the past 5 years, the Comm Ops and Comm Sups have dispatched and recorded well over 105,000 State Parks public safety events per year. Public safety events include visitor accidents, crimes,

incidents, traffic collisions, and vessel accidents.

The greatest challenge to “answering the call” is created by staffing shortages at our Communications Centers. The job market for public safety dispatchers is very competitive. Some non-State agencies offer signing bonuses, lucrative work schedules, and enhanced benefit packages, in an attempt to lure both prospective and current State Parks Comm Ops to their dispatch centers. Although the Communications Centers are currently operating with only about 2/3 of the full time positions filled, the continuing recruitment efforts by the Center Managers and Comm Sups may be slowly turning the tide in staffing those vacant positions. This effort is strengthened with the assistance of State Park’s new Staff Recruiter.

Each year in April, those who “answer the call” are recognized during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This year, State Parks hosted the annual banquet of the Organization of Public Safety Telecommunicators at the California State Railroad Museum. This



organization has representation from most of the public safety agencies in Sacramento County and all the surrounding counties. Well over 400 public safety dispatchers and friends attended this special event, where not only the outstanding dispatchers, such as **Carol Smith** and **Nick Coker** of State Parks, but all dispatchers from the participating agencies were honored for the truly professional dispatch work they do every day.

Our 24-hour, 365 day-a-year Communications Centers are gearing up for another busy summer season. The State Parks Comm Ops and Comm Sups, both seasoned veterans and newly-hired, are doing what is necessary to be prepared to “answer the call”.

DIRECTOR'S RECOGNITION AWARDS

CSPRA recently co-sponsored a ceremony to honor 27 State Park employees who have distinguished themselves with extraordinary achievements. Please see www.cspra.com for a complete list of honorees.

COMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS

RADIO REVOLUTION

by **Mike Kania**, Public Safety Division

In 1987 I had just transferred to the "American River District". It was my second assignment as a Dispatch Center Supervisor, at that time shared with fellow Rangers **Jill Dampier**, **Jake Zaiger**, **Karl Popplereiter** and **Michael O'Rourke**. The concept of "Centralized Communications" for all DPR Personnel was still in its infancy. CenCom construction was underway and NorCom was the next big challenge. NorCom's beginnings would start with the transformation of the long established "Folsom Lake Dispatch" program.

As a former supervisor of "Central", the communications network for the "old" Pajaro Coast and Santa Cruz Mountains District (the forerunner of CENCOM), I was soon given the task to work with Ranger **II Ken Simmons** on several projects. Ken was one of the few Communications "techno experts" of the time. We were directed to write the justification to create and/or upgrade the existing classification of Dispatcher Clerk, to the current classification of Public Safety Communications Operator. The new classification had to be approved by the State Personnel Board (SPB), as well as the newly created Department of Personnel Administration (DPA).

Early on, there was much confusion as to who (SPB or DPA) had the authority to authorize such a new classification. Ken was busy putting together the "technical" side of centralized dispatch so I inherited the writing of the justification for the new classification. Of course Ken, with his 24/7 dedication, also contributed immensely to the classification upgrade.

I recall that one hurdle to justifying

the new classification was a long telephone conversation I had with a DPA "Analyst". The Analyst was convinced that State Park Dispatchers basically "dispatched trucks to deliver brochures and museum artifacts" to various Historical Parks. The Analyst frame of reference as to what constituted a State Park was the Railroad Museum and Sutter's Fort. Well, Ken and I had a visit with a State Park legend, and pro law enforcement visionary, **Garth Tanner**. Garth suggested that we base our justification for the upgrade on the CHP Communications Operator's Duty Statement. Acting on Garth's suggestions, and after submitting them to DPA, we in turn were faced with questions such as "Why do Rangers and Lifeguards carry guns?"; "When did Rangers and Lifeguards start driving vehicles with lights and sirens?"; "We didn't know that Rangers and Lifeguards respond to accidents and law enforcement events!" It appeared that some people




*NorCom charter members; L to R, back: **Sue Patton**, **Mike Kania**, **Sally Nevin**, **Loretta Redman**, Front: **Marilyn Murphy**, **Kim Trefry***

in DPA didn't get out of downtown Sacramento much.

To make a long story short, it turned out that the Department ultimately convinced DPA that State Park Dispatcher Clerks actually performed many more duties than CHP Com Ops (who were making a lot more money at the time). After we fought the battle with the bureaucrats, and with the help of SPPOAC, CSPRA, and the Department, the new classification of Public Safety Communications Operator finally became a reality.

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DISPATCH, BACK IN THE DAY

Editor's Note: A call was put out for good radio stories from days gone by. Enjoy, and thanks to our contributors.

MEL TUBBS, Lifeguard Supervisor, Orange Coast, 1957-92
I first said KD-5157, the Winter of '57 - '59, when the Division of Beaches and Parks elected Huntington State Beach as the first unit to receive the new radio system. Prior to that date- thanks to District Lifeguard Supervisor, **Robert Isenor** - the Lifeguard HQ and lifeguard vehicles were on a single frequency servicing all of Orange County's Sheriff, Police, and Lifeguard Departments. Talk about traffic.....

Everyone was excited to have our own quiet frequency, particularly the Ranger and Park Attendant staff, that, up until then, had no radios and were still making traffic stops in green pick-ups with flashing yellow lights. Old **Russ McDonald** even patrolled the parking lots astride his Cushman Eagle motor scooter. At Lifeguard HQ, FCC required an A.M. Broadcast radio be on and tuned to one of several designated stations ready to receive a Civil Defense Alert. In those early years you could always hear music playing softly in the background any time HQ was transmitting, and he (sorry ladies, no women allowed then) signed off with KMJ-309.

The voice of Huntington in those early years (fifties) was **Harold (Powder) Byrne**, and later on, **Don Wallace**, both school teachers that worked many summers for us as Seasonal Lifeguards. As dispatchers they scanned the two miles of beach with 15 power surplus binoculars (still there today in 2007 with the mount I designed and had fabri-

cated), and dispatched based on their observations; all the while monitoring radio traffic, and the 10 lifeguard towers, in-house, and outside telephones. Of course, no extra pay, just the one seasonal hourly rate. . .

The 18 key switch board was Army Surplus, operated by umpteen large dry cell batteries, in series, to get the necessary D.C. voltage. The lifeguard towers were connected with 20,000' of surplus wiring buried in the sand. The line was not designed for this, so frequent "digs" were organized to, first, find the line, then patch it.

While I remember Lifeguards digging many of these trenches, I can also recall the Park Rangers, and Park Attendants right there with us, trying to "make do" with what we had. . .

It's stretching my memory a bit, but here is a partial list of our staff then:

Bill Reinhardt, Park Supervisor;
Dana Long, Russ McDonald, John McManus, Roy Stokes, and Wayne Dennis.

PAULA PETERSON, Monterey District Chief Ranger, retired 2003.
Lunch box radios do bring back memories. I have this vivid memory of climbing out on a rock promontory on Mt. Diablo in 1972 during "snow days". I was attempting to communicate with **Miles Standish** who was at the peak to advise him we were closing the park and needed to start working people off the mountain. He and I were not more than about a 1/4 mile apart but those old boxes just were not cooperating. I guess I could be heard by everyone EXCEPT Miles and finally someone at Oroville SRA radioed me and said he would relay the message to Miles. Of course, in those days, there were NO Comm Centers. Our normal procedure for closing Mt. Diablo each night (alone) was to take one of those "radios"

along and if I was to need help I could "try radioing" the lone ranger at Mt. Tam (also closing that park alone). If we just mutually happened to be in the right spots on our respective mountains then that Tam ranger could drive back to his office and call someone to send me back-up from the Contra Costa Co SO. The reverse procedure applied if I got an SOS from a ranger at Tam. By the way, I was making \$600.00/month (and I think that was my gross).

KEN SMITH, retired

Back around 1976, I was assigned to Anza-Borrego when Honda donated two street legal off-road motorcycles to the park. We jury-rigged a lunchbox radio to the top of the rear fender, behind the seat, with bungee cords, attached a CB antenna, and we were on the air. In the field and on the trails it worked reasonably well, if the antenna did not become too active and slap you in the back of the head.

MIKE MUETZ, Retired Annuitant at Norcom

1970- Ventura Beaches Area: We could talk to the clerk-typist during office hours (this helped a lot when you got stuck in the sand on patrol-maintenance had the only four wheel drives). After the office closed we relied on the scanner that Ventura PD had with our frequency. If the volume was turned up they could hear us -- otherwise you had plan B which was go to a telephone and dial Zenith 12000 and tell the CHP operator what you needed.

1972-Folsom Lake SRA- There was a person to answer the radio most of the time. The early opener was on his/her own but the rest of the day and into the night there was someone at

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HQ to answer the radio. We actually had a special phone at HQ that rang over to Folsom PD.

1974-Donner SP: If you wanted radio comm at night your spouse had to sit in the museum and work the base station.

1975- Anza-Borrego Desert. Dispatch was during office hours and then we had to talk amongst ourselves in the evening. I bolted a car antenna onto a Honda 250 to see if the lunchbox radio would work better but it didn't seem to help.

1977- Auburn SRA: It was office dispatch during the day. We could get CLETS info when we could reach the Folsom radio person, or when our office person would make a phone call. Remember your requestor code?

1980- Border Field and Silver Strand: Talk to the park aids at the kiosks in the summer and maybe reach the Area office when you were not in a dead spot. Old Town rangers had some CB radios to reach their visitor center but you never knew when the trucker talk would skip in. Relied on spouse to listen to scanner at home and call for help when needed. Used park aids at different times for night radio but occasionally my spouse would have to call them on the phone to wake them up.

1987-Folsom Lake: during the off season the ranger staff would take their turn dispatching and doing the Sacramento Co. CLETS. We were always happy to have the seasonal dispatchers come back to work so we could go back on patrol.

2007-Norcom: I have been a retired annuitant comm-op for over 5 years. Two days a week is plenty. We have made many improvements and I'm sure there will be more to come in the future.

MIKE CURRY, La Purisima Superintendent, retired
As a brand new Ranger at Castle

Rock State Park, 1976-1979, a single Ranger park, my radio communications was with the park aide in the office at Big Basin. Aside from the truck radio I had one of those wonderful "lunch box" radios that ate D batteries.

When I worked nights I generally found myself working long after the park aide had gone home at the Basin. On those nights my wife, **Mellouise**, sat up acting as my dispatcher. She called my backup, rangers or sheriff, called CDF when I needed help at accidents and generally kept an eye on me often till one or two in the morning.

MIMI GUINEY, Ranger, Big Basin, retired

Back in the Hearst Castle days, **Nan Haynes** was patrolling the San Simeon State Beach campground.

Bill Payne was also working that day and was unloading a delivery of bagged firewood. As Nan passed him, she grabbed the microphone, turned on the P.A., and sang him an entire verse (plus chorus) of 'Smoke Gets In Your Eyes.' Nan's wasn't the prize-winning voice of our staff, but the tune was easily recognizable. Problem was, she hadn't actually hit the P.A. button and the whole thing went out over the radio. On the repeater. Region-wide. It was a treat!

JOHN KOLB, Plumas Eureka Park Aid, Folsom Ranger, North Coast Redwoods Supt., retired

At Plumas Eureka SP in late 60's, radio communication was done with "lunch box radios" (about the size of a lunch box and took 12 D cell batteries). Their range was limited, to say the least, and in a canyon in the Northern Sierra, there was no expectation that radio traffic would escape to the "outside". So park staff were free to use whatever language and goofiness seemed appropriate. End-of-shift sign offs often included

the singing of the National Anthem - as was done on AM radio at the time.

Dispatching in the 1970's was usually done by one ranger in the office talking to one ranger in the field. Sometime the office ranger was substituted for the spouse at home. One night, while on duty at Folsom Lake SRA, I heard the field ranger at San Luis Reservoir (about 100 miles south) call in that he was heading to town. The office ranger responded with a request to pick up a pizza. What followed was a long discussion of toppings, size, cost and who was going to eat it. Luckily, it was a quiet night at Folsom so there was no interference with more pressing radio traffic.

First assignment for me was Huntington Beach. As I recall we had one Ranger vehicle with radio and one lifeguard vehicle with radio and a unit in the main guard tower. These were on loan from the Orange Co. Sheriff's office and we had to go through a OCSO central dispatch which in turn sent a request to the responding agency (sheriff, ambulance, Huntington Beach City, etc.) The equipment was used and old and after a few months on the beach didn't work very well but we had General Telephone close at hand for back up (OH Ya!) and a good working relationship with the City Lifeguards. These units were replaced in 1957 I believe with department radios.

A much better system for the times. Now we could share our troubles with someone else in the park unit as there were no other parks with radios that we could communicate with in our area or no central dispatch. We did have someone in the main guard tower on busy nights.

DANA LONG, retired

Mt. Diablo SP in the late 60's & early 70's had no radios. Our request went on deaf ears it seemed. The district office was very aware of our needs

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and supported our budget requests but they never got through the final cuts. We finally contacted a firm in the East Bay Area that would supply us with a base station, 3 patrol vehicle units, 3 hand held units all Motorola radios and on our Department frequencies all installed and working with a service agreement and a year's lease all for under \$2,500. As I remember. This also is when they gave us Del Valle Reservoir to operate with one Ranger on site. When Sacto. Com. heard of our proposal they had a cow of course so we dropped the idea — until we heard that surveyors in the Dept. got new hand held units for the survey crews. I think they heard our WHAT!!!! all the way to Sacramento. It still didn't help.

That's when I started taking my unofficial "Patrol Dog" along when patrolling the North and South Gate roads at night along with other early unissued POPE equipment. I even shared my dog with other Rangers at night on a few occasions.

Looking back we had to share much of the blame due to the lack of in depth crime reporting and serious accident reporting on the mountain at that time, leaving the other responding agencies to take care of the paper work. It was mentioned in the weekly report or an accident report if an employee was injured covering an incident.

I recall during a winter snow crowd day when a highway patrol car was rear ended in the parking lot area on top of the peak - his radio response was, "some stupid blankity blank just rear ended me." Of course everyone on that frequency from Bakersfield to Mt. Shasta heard the message. You do get excellent coverage from up on top.

HARRY BATLIN, Interpretive Specialist, Retired
What radios???

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CLYDE STRICKLER

August 1920 – May 2007

by *Kirk Wallace*

Clyde worked for the USFS before and after his military tour, and prior to beginning his career with the California State Parks, in 1947. In 31 years of dedication and service to the California State Parks and the Park Visitors, Clyde's Ranger assignments included Palomar Mountain State Park, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Donner Memorial State Park, Anza - Borrego Desert State Park, and at the Four Rivers Area, as the first Area Manager. Here, his duties included representing the Department of Parks and Recreation during the construction of the San Luis Dam complex.

During his life, particularly in retirement, Clyde was a "gatherer" and maintained a collection of "stuff" that made his garage bulge at the seams. Along with his "gathering" he also was an expert in road-kill science. It was with these two attributes that he was so valuable in helping to put on the "Retirees Rendezvous" each year. His supply of vintage cooking equipment and material for the "Road-Kill Grille" was always available.

Throughout his Park career Clyde was an example and a mentor to many, in all classifications, who would follow in dedicating their careers to the California State Parks.



HAILEE ZALIVAR

Sept. 1963- May 20, 2007

Hailee served with distinction as a communications operator and communications supervisor at San Luis Obispo Communication Center, Southern Communication Center, and Northern Communication Center. She left state service in spring 2005. She will be greatly missed. A memorial fund has been established in Hailee's name to help out her 3 children and new grandson who is due on June 24. The account is at US Bank, # 121122676

WALTER GRAY

1952 - May 8, 2007

Walter was the Chief of the Archeology, History and Museums Division. He had returned to State Parks after a hiatus as the State Parks Archivist. Prior to that, he was the Director of the California State Railroad Museum. Walter had an incredible understanding of the State Park system and its cultural resources and was a true visionary. He was a life-long train buff and was instrumental in the creation of the State Railroad Museum.

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June 6, 2007



Dear Mr. Craig:

We are writing in regards to the proposed Blacktail Timber Harvest Plan, which would take place adjacent to Castle Crags State Park and The Castle Crags Wilderness Area.

The Plan would result in significant impacts to recreation, aesthetics, soils, biological resources, and air quality. The harvest activities would take place within the viewshed of the Park and Wilderness Area, adversely impacting the visitors and their recreational experience.

If the harvest activities were allowed to proceed, we request that full mitigation of all these impacts be implemented and enforced.

We are particularly concerned given the recent harvesting practices of Roseburg Forest Products in the local area and the end result. It is our fervent hope that the area in the Blacktail THP not end up looking like the rest of the upper Sacramento River Canyon with regards to Roseburg's current harvesting practices. The photos that are included with this letter show the adverse visual impacts to the Park from these practices. These photos were taken along the Crags Trail in Castle Crags State Park and the Castle Crags Wilderness Area. Clearly illustrated in the photos are the tragedy of non-mitigated harvesting in the viewshed of a State Park, a Wilderness Area, and a major California interstate.

There are a minimum of six harvests in the Castle Crags area that appear to be clear cuts with a small clump of trees left somewhere in the cut. These harvesting practices leave an unnatural visual scar on the land that will linger for decades. These practices also destroy habitat for protected wildlife that live in the adjacent Park and Wilderness Area.

California State Park Rangers Association is a professional organization of more than 750 active and retired state park rangers, maintenance professionals, administrators, resource specialists, and interpreters dedicated to protecting our State Parks.

California State Parks are set aside for the health, education, and inspiration of the people of California and protect the State's extraordinary resources while providing recreational opportunities.

We urge you to reject the THP as it is proposed.

Sincerely,

Gail Sevens, President

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Wendy Martin, Chair

Thanks to many new memberships the CSPRA financial picture is looking brighter. The greater our membership, the greater our voice when it comes to the important issues to which CSPRA is dedicated. So please, pass this copy of the Wave to a co-worker and speak to them about joining. CSPRA is dedicated to professional development and a portion of the budget is set aside for member scholarships. We're not just for rangers anymore; no matter what your profession, members can apply for scholarships for career applicable training when the Department may not support it. We also offer networking and interview coaching, so if you're not a member why not join today? It's easy to sign up, just go to www.cspra.com/memberships or fill out the and mail the application in this newsletter.

Welcome and thank you to **Jann Bullock** and **Craig Mattson** for joining the Financial Committee. Our committee has a lot of work to do. Our first goal is to reduce or offset expenditures and to that end we are soliciting vendors and stakeholders to advertise in the WAVE and on our website. Ads run as little as \$25.00 an issue, so if you know of anyone who may benefit from advertising in the WAVE or on the website please email the contact information to wendy@cspra.com.

The Financial Committee is also charged with renewing the organization's financial practices. In coming meetings we will be looking at various models and adopting sound financial policies that will ensure that CSPRA is operating with fiscal responsibility. If you can spare approximately six hours a month to help the Financial Committee attain our goals, please contact wendy@cspra.com.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by **Monica Miller**
CSPRA Lobbyist

The Legislature is in full swing as we enter what will most likely be a long, hot summer ahead. As I write this article, the Budget Conference Committee is in the middle of their budget discussions and the Assembly and Senate just finished a major hurdle, the house of origin deadline. This means that each bill must pass out of the house in which it was introduced in order to continue to move through the process this year. The legislature was successful in cutting down their workload last week when they kept as many as 200 bills on the Appropriations suspense file due to the large fiscal costs of the bills if enacted.

Now the process will start all over again as each bill moves to the second house and the policy committees begin to meet to discuss these measures. CSPRA has been actively involved in several bills this year and we would like to share some of those measures with you as well as the status.

AB 3 (Bass) – this bill will extend the sunset date on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to 2018. As you may be aware, this conservancy was created in 2000 by Senator Kevin Murray in an attempt to purchase and protect urban parks in Los Angeles. While the Conservancy has yet to purchase land for that purpose, they have been very successful locally in the acquisition and preservation of other park lands. The legislature believes it is appropriate to continue with this conservancy in an effort to help protect the Los Angeles urban parks. There is funding in the budget for this proposal as well.

AB 576 (Carter) – This measure will protect a boundary around Colonel Allensworth State Park in order to protect the park from the continued threat of the dairy intending to infringe on the ecological

system and the integrity of the state park. There is also \$100,000 in the state budget to allow for the park to celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Proposition 1C – As you may recall, there was funding in the housing bond for urban parks to help facilitate in the building of communities not just in the building of houses. This funding was slated for distribution through the Housing and Community Development Department, however the resources budget subcommittee thought it would be more appropriate to move those dollars to the DPR department of Parks, so we anticipate that will happen as the budget conference committee wraps up their work at the end of June.

AB 1457 (Huffman) – This bill is intended to protect State Parks from threats of non-mission use of roads through parks. Unfortunately, in committee it was clear that we did not have the votes for this measure so the author decided to put his bill over until next year in an effort to further educate the committee. That bill will come up in January of 2008.

SB 157 (Wiggins) – This measure would have ratified the compact for the Big Lagoon/Los Coyotes Indian Tribe. As you may recall the Big Lagoon tribe sits on one of two lagoons in California and they would like to continue to protect the wonderful gem that it is to our state. However, they also have the right to build a casino in order to provide jobs and funding opportunities for their tribe. They were given that opportunity by Governor Schwarzenegger but the legislature has not ratified their compact. The official settlement expired on May 31, 2007, The Legislature has until September 17, 2007 to ratify the compact or Big Lagoon will go back to Court in an attempt to build on their land. If this happens, we will lose a very precious resource so we are continuing to fight to keep this Lagoon.

These are just a handful of critical measures that CSPRA is continuing to work on; please go to our website to see all the measures that we are working on for this legislative session. We will continue to keep you updated on these and other measures as they continue to unfold.

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increasing visitation, demand for newer forms of recreation. And, as we are seeing, our parks are increasingly being eyed as blank slates to satisfy the needs of the cities.

Parks are part of the infrastructure of civilization, though. People need parks, just like they need roads, power, food, and lumber. And the natural and cultural resources in our park lands don't belong to us, we only hold them in trust.

So as we fight the daily fires in our jobs, we can't disengage from big, long-term battles. We must push for protection of our existing parks and the creation (and staffing) of more parks. Our daily work connections with visitors, whether direct or indirect, pave the way for this. Each person who has that magical experience in one of our parks carries that with them to become a natural advocate for us. But as CSPRA-ers we must confront the threats and enlist those advocates to create something that will last. And grow.

BACK IN THE DAY, from page 7

JEFF PRICE, CSPRA webmaster
It was a very hot summer in 1971, wearing a Class-A wool uniform and Stetson, carrying a radio that weighed about 10 lbs. and used up 24 D-cell batteries every few days, while on foot patrol at Torrey Pines! My dispatcher was a park aid 15 miles away at San Elijo in a busy campground kiosk, and if I was lucky she could hear me.

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EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S REPORT



by **Allison Pedley**, Executive Manager

CSPRA signed on 16 new members in May, 15 of which were actively recruited from the most recent ranger cadet class. Welcome new members and good luck to the entire BVST 30 class as you venture out in your new careers!

Thanks to all of you who contacted the office about mis-labeled May-June newsletters. There was a technical glitch with our mailing service and printing of labels. Everyone should still have received a newsletter, though some were addressed to the wrong person. If anyone did not receive a newsletter, please contact me and I will gladly send one along. Rest assured that this was a one-time glitch that has been rectified. **On that note, if anyone is interested in adding their name to the growing list of members who receive electronic (PDF) rather than snail-mail newsletters, let me know. You will receive the publication sooner, and help save trees to boot!**

It is time to turn attention to our

Grey Bears and the annual Retiree Rendezvous, scheduled for October 5-7 at McConnell State Recreation Area. The Rendezvous is open to all DPR employees and CSPRA members, retired or not, and represents a great venue for getting together with "park family," hearing tales of yore, and voicing your opinion with the CSPRA board who will also be meeting at this venue. Please contact me if you'd like more information about the event!

In the meantime, while this is the busiest time of year for many of you, I hope you all can find time to get out and enjoy this amazing park system. We just returned from two nights camping at Grover Hot Springs, joined by park friends, of course! Such a wonderful couple of days – no TV, no phone (literally, not even cell service), a beautiful quiet setting and phenomenally relaxing hot springs pool. A park, like many, that is there to help us soothe our souls. Get out if you can!

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Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

by Jeff Price, retired

Mixed Metaphor definition: a combination of metaphors that together produce a ridiculous effect of carelessly strung together clichés. Feel free to send along any overheard slips of the tongue - *malaprops@cspira.com*

Brain under glass.

*All that shooting, it's the most
mind bottling thing I ever heard.*

Between is more likely.

*To get the meaning, you have to
read through the lines on this
manifesto.*

Caught in a dilemma.

*He did not fully apprehend the
symbolism of using the Koran
rather than a Bible.*

Oxymoronic Malaprop.

*You wouldn't recognize him now
with bald hair.*

Ringer.

*Monday, McCain will toss his hat
into the arena.*

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