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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



CSPRA President Gail Sevrems

by Gail Sevrems

The Sunrise Powerlink proposed to slice through Anza-Borrego Desert State Park was delayed in late July by the PUC, which cited inaccurate information provided by project proponent San Diego Gas and Electric. As a result the environmental impact report has been pushed back until January 2008 and more questions have been raised about the viability and usefulness of the project. Hard work by many, such as the California State Parks Foundation, Anza-Borrego Foundation and Institute, Center for Biological Diversity, Utility Consumers' Action Network, League of Women voters of San Diego County, and many, many others.

As I write this, there is not good news to report on the budget, which is under stalemate here in Sacramento. Fifteen million dollars are proposed to be removed from deferred maintenance funding—something we all know is desperately needed to chip away at that approximately billion dollar backlog. Some legislators baselessly and inaccurately claimed that State Parks has taken money from maintenance coffers to spend on acquisitions.

Finally, for good measure, Senate Republicans have proposed eliminating all state positions that are currently vacant. I know there are some of you out there working six and seven days a week to make up for our current vacancies. Fortu-

nately, most folks I talk to in the Capitol don't think this proposal will fly.

There is, however, a proposal to up the pay of state game wardens, but not state park employees. We all know that those of us in the parks work just as hard as our fine colleagues at the Department of Fish and Game and do equally critical protection of resources. We'd like to see DPR included in the pay raises in order to recruit and retain quality employees and fill our yawning vacancies. Please help us spread the word about the key work park staff does.

Please thank **Mike Lynch** for his many years of service to CSPRA as representative to the International Ranger Federation. His hard work and dedication is much appreciated! And please welcome **Jeff Ohlms** as our new representative to the IRF. Jeff helped put together a Southern California World Ranger Day event and has attended the international conferences in the past along with **Angy Nowicki**. One idea we are kicking around involves setting up an international exchange between DPR and a foreign park service, similar to the DPR-National Park Service exchange program that many found so valuable.

High speed rail environmental documents have been released, and we will take a close look to see how the proposed project could impact nearby parks.

Recruitment and finances are two main tasks facing the board. As retirements have increased in the past several years, our recruitment efforts have not kept pace. While many retirees stay on in the organization, they pay reduced dues. So, make sure you spread the word among new hires and old hands alike, about the professional development opportunities within CSPRA and the vital work we do protecting the parks.

In the next few months, the CSPRA board is going to be looking to the membership for input on the direction

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SINKYONE WILDERNESS STATE PARK

FINDING A PLACE ON THE LOST COAST

by **Keven Harder**, *Sinkyone Ranger*

At first glance, six months prior to my arrival, the Sinkyone Wilderness appeared to me to be the Quintessential Ranger position. Nestled in the Redwoods of Northern Mendocino County, the Park is 7,800 acres of designated wilderness, a polar opposite of my previous assignment at Ocotillo Wells Off Highway Vehicle Park located in the desert of Southern California. Upon arrival, struggling to find “my place” in this park that apparently ran itself, and in a community that would rather I find “my place” somewhere else, I found myself wondering what it was exactly about the “quintessential” ranger that was so great.... Provided with the opportunity to define “my place” and five months later, that initial assessment, though slow to come, is indeed evolving into a reality.

The park is named after its original Native American inhabitants, the Sinkyone Indians. The park includes approximately 22 miles of the Lost Coast trail, which is part of the California Coastal Trail. Steep cliffs rise from the ocean floor to create a dramatic coastline, unlike any other. Rolling meadows provide grazing and breeding ground for a herd of approximately 40 Roosevelt Elk. Once inland, visitors will find themselves surrounded by forests of fir and redwood. The landscape is characterized by steep gulches and high peaks providing a strenuous, but highly rewarding, hiking experience.

Needle Rock Visitor Center provides an entry point to the park that greets our constituency with postcard views from the porch of an historic farmhouse. The house serves not only as the visitor center itself but as the living quarters for a revolving crew of colorful and highly dedicated camp host volunteers. The surrounding communities

member and also enforcing the law, must be handled with tactful discretion. Otherwise, a Ranger may awaken to find the State Park sign in the driveway riddled with bullet holes. While involvement in the eradication of local marijuana gardens does not make this resident Ranger the most popular member of the community, the opportunities for community



consist of Whitethorn, Whale Gulch and Shelter Cove, home to approximately 3,500 “locals”. While there is no real “industry” in this rural area, a great deal of commerce is generated by marijuana cultivation. Furtive glances abound and minding one’s own business is the order of the community. As the only law enforcement officer living in the community, the task of balancing one’s place as a community

betterment through involvement, collaboration and interpretation are ever present. Efforts put forth, big or small, are certainly noticed by most and in particular by those locals who frequent the park.

To develop an operations plan for the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park all a ranger has to do is consider the preceding paragraphs. One can delve into

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one's main interests or dabble in a little bit of everything:

Hiking the length of the park over several days with a fellow ranger. Discovering those details of the park that are of intrinsic value and those that constitute further efforts of resource management and protection such as trail maintenance, removal of exotic species and grassland restoration;

Patrolling many miles of dirt roads and, more often than one would think, responding to some of the most remote areas of the park on law enforcement calls;

Aerial surveillance to discover illegal marijuana cultivation sites. Subsequent covert ground raids to seize the crop;

Balancing what battles to pick in and around the surrounding communities, keeping in mind what this particular community expects, safety and what this agency's goals are;

Ensuring continued quality



interpretation and services to visitors, through formal and informal presentations, and by maintaining a strong, knowledgeable volunteer staff.

wander behind the redwood curtain.

The "quintessential ranger" conjures up many different visions. The Sinkyone ranger position offers an opportunity to create an existence based on, not only what is important to the park and community, but what is important to the incumbent ranger. The "defined" ranger position here is, and will continue to be, an evolution. The struggle to find one's "space" has, and will likely continue, to provide for a richly rewarding experience and unique lifestyle for those who dare to

GREEN GROWY STUFF

by **Jenny Donovan**, Supervising SPR, Eel River Sector, South

Being born and raised in Southern California I am used to concrete and asphalt with a few glimpses of green here and there in the city. I recently took a position in the Redwoods, the "sleepy" Redwoods, you know where Rangers go to retire. Well to my surprise these parks are not as sleepy as I was lead to believe, or my retirement is still too far off. My life was about to change dramatically. I was not only in "Nor-Cal", I was now in "Humboldt Nation" – the state of mind that Humboldt should or has seceded to become its own nation. In some sense I almost feel like I am in a new country and days I feel like I'm on a different planet. The last place I worked was Crystal Cove, the wealth and privilege of Orange County. I now work and reside in Humboldt County,

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with the highest welfare per capita in California and part of the "Emerald Triangle", the three counties in which the best marijuana bud comes from. There are parts that I do truly enjoy and it did not take long to get used to: traffic means you have to slow to the actual speed limit because you see another car on the road, the closest traffic light is an hour to my north or south, and the wait, well there is NO wait at the DMV. The gal is usually excited to have someone to talk to. Those changes I can get used to. Southern California had the beaches and Coastal sage scrub, little ankle to shoulder height green growy stuff. The North Coast Redwoods brings a whole new meaning to green growy stuff; it is everywhere, even in my closet. Of course the stuff in my closet is mold, folks.

Weed however does grow wild, why we found some growing "wild" just the other day in the Parks. In the spirit of resource management we formed a team of "Generalist Rangers" to eradicate this nasty little invasive species from within our portion of the Emerald Triangle. As a matter of fact while driving down the road the other day I saw a "farmer" kid driving down the middle of the road on his not-street-legal motorcycle with two plant containers with these full grown "weeds" strapped to the back of his bike and a third one he was holding with one arm while trying to drive with the other. It looked awfully difficult to maneuver his bike and he almost crashed into me. Quite the sight, I must admit, to see such activity going on in such a sleepy retirement community. Of course we quickly realized he was a decoy to draw our attention away from our resource management commitments.

Humboldt Nation has this unique

view on public enemy number one (quoted from *Reefer Madness*). In this Nation one is allowed 99 plants or 3 pounds for "personal use" if you carry a 215 card. A 215 card is a note from your doctor saying that you are ill and the only relief in the entire medical world is THC. So it is a regular occurrence to see fully grown plants in vehicles you stop or that are camping. See, if you're "sick" and need relief, it seemed fair that 3 pounds per year should get you better, that's 16 ounces to a pound so 48 ounces divided by 365 days equals



just under a ¼ ounce a day. Not a bad way to spell relief. We have a lot of "sick" people in my town, and they do like to recreate at State Parks.

At one of our park events two young men were passing a joint of weed back and forth. I approached them and asked them to put it out; after all it was a "family" event. They laughed and said they had a 215 card, at which point I advised them it was illegal to share prescription medication. Puzzled they put the joint out without any further incident, they had never heard that before. I have to admit I humored myself with that one. Just this past weekend we had Reggae Rising, formally Reggae on the River but that is a whole different article. Anyhow, there seemed to be 14,000

"sick" people that all came together to listen to music and "shop" at the event. In the past this event has proved to quite the eventful weekend for our Parks. This was my first year and everyone told me how mellow it was. I agreed, until I made the mistake of wanting to go into the event to see it for myself. Now I consider myself a seasoned officer having seen many things in my career, I thought it would be fun. I left feeling as if a piece of my innocence had been robbed. I didn't even know if I had any left. The complete

lawlessness allowed to take place inside this event was truly frightening. I had to go home, curl up in a ball and rock myself to sleep that night.

I have yet to completely mesh with my new community, you see the drug culture up here is a way of life, open use of "medicinal medication", open drug sales, growers stripping

our lands, dumping chemicals into our rivers and destroying our resources. I have even been first on scene where a guy was shot in the face over a grow site "misunderstanding". The community I live in seems to be entirely based on the industry and some of the businesses are just fronts to their growing operations; everyone looks the other way. Rumor has it even the local radio station will stop broadcasts and announce when a helicopter is spotted flying overhead. I have not lived through "harvest" season yet, this year will be my first.

I do enjoy the other "green growy stuff", the Redwoods, the sorrel, the ferns and the abundance of wildlife I have gotten to see. Still in search of a sleepy retirement park....

Trucks vs. Richardson Grove SP

Just How Much is a Tree Worth?

by **Steve Horvitz**, Superintendent

The Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) of 1982 allows large trucks to operate on what is collectively called the National Network. The National Network is comprised of the "Interstate system plus the non-Interstate Federal-aid Primary System" (in DOT speak). These trucks are referred to as STAA trucks and they are longer than California legal trucks. They extend up to: doubles with 28.5 foot trailers (that is, two 28.5 foot trailers plus cab etc.), or singles with 48-foot semi-trailers with an unlimited length for both vehicle combinations with widths up to 102 inches.

In other words; these are the really big dudes that you see traveling along the state's highways.

These trucks are very effective and cost efficient for shipping goods across the country. Commerce has come to depend upon them; in many areas they are the industry standard.

In Humboldt County, where the highways can be narrow and slow, and bounded by large redwoods, STAA trucks just don't fit. Particularly on a small stretch of Hwy. 101 that passes through Richardson Grove State Park.

This tiny section of highway is the last "obstacle" to STAA truck passage into and out of Humboldt County. It is too narrow and here the trucks are not legal on Hwy. 101 as it passes through Richardson Grove, one of our oldest Redwood parks. So, in the words of local business, local developers, national trucking associations, three counties, and a large hat full of other trucking and development interests, "just a few trees are keeping the county poor".

These trees are old growth red-



woods, they're heritage trees, the Native Americans say the spirits of their ancestors live in these trees and only 3% of their once huge population remain; most of them are in State Parks. Those along Hwy. 101 are well within Richardson Grove. And they prevent STAA trucks from passing.

Over the last few years staff at the North Coast Redwoods District and local Caltrans have struggled with finding a way to protect the redwoods, while designing a highway that allows STAA passage. With two counties, the trucking, cattle, flower, and "big-box" industries prepared to line up on one side, and with the CA State Parks Foundation, the Save-the-Redwoods League, local Indian tribes and a bunch of smaller environmental groups lined up on the other, Parks and Caltrans were charged with "fixing this". If no plan could be designed to accommodate STAA trucks without damaging the prime resource the battle would be on, it would reach into the Governor's office, it would be huge and bloody, and there would be no winners: we'd lose trees, or someone would lose commerce.

We're fortunate in this region to work with a CalTrans staff that has an overlaying sensitivity to the resource. Most of them live here because of what the resource provides, they enjoy this lifestyle and understand its importance. So with one batter-board being "not

one redwood tree will be taken" and the other being "find an approach that will allow STAAs into Humboldt County" they began working. First up was to re-survey this stretch of highway to see just how much room there is for realignment between the trees. Once done Caltrans engineers, landscape architects and environmental scientists took a look at the survey points to see if the roadbed could be tweaked here, the centerline moved there to allow the large trucks to pass...easy, right?

Well, yeah – it was easy.

Caltrans came back to the District with a plan that showed that not one redwood tree will have to be taken from within Richardson Grove. The only loss will be a small maple, and there still may be a way to salvage that tree.

Caltrans stepped well outside their normal administrative practices on this; they understood the importance of protecting the resource, while meeting their mission and designed an approach that allows STAA passage, while not damaging state park values. This is still running through the environmental review, but it looks like

	FY Adopted Budget	Actual
INCOME		
Dues**	\$50,820.00	\$45,125.00
Donations		\$43.00
Newsletter		\$200.00
Sales	\$300.00	\$319.00
Scholarship Donation		\$1,555.12
Retirees Rendezvous	\$1,500.00	\$877.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$52,620.00	\$48,119.12
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges		\$49.35
Contractors	\$13,600.00	\$13,800.00
Dues Collection	\$1,500.00	\$1,287.93
Equipment & Equipment Repair	\$300.00	\$236.20
Fees & Taxes	\$900.00	\$1,859.00
Officer/Board/Conference Mtgs	\$3,170.00	\$6,622.63
Exec. Manager Travel		\$651.73
Maintenance Chiefs		\$1,500.00
Office Expenses	\$1,400.00	\$400.33
Phone	\$450.00	\$648.76
Postage	\$1,200.00	\$661.27
Printing	\$500.00	\$417.28
Sales Materials	\$300.00	\$208.79
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$23,320.00</i>	<i>\$28,343.27</i>
MEMBER SERVICES		
Awards/Recognition	\$2,000.00	\$1,155.63
Mott Training Award	\$300.00	\$300.00
Newsletter	\$8,500.00	\$9,775.52
Recruitment	\$1,000.00	\$874.79
Retirees Rendezvous	\$1,500.00	\$877.00
Scholarship	\$3,000.00	\$400.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$16,300.00</i>	<i>\$13,382.94</i>
Heritage Protection		
Lobbying	\$500.00	\$500.00
Lobbyist	\$12,000.00	\$12,184.95
Membership Dues Pd	\$500.00	\$0.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$13,000.00</i>	<i>\$12,684.95</i>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$52,620.00	\$54,411.16
OVERALL TOTAL		[-\$6,292.04]

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the problem is resolved.

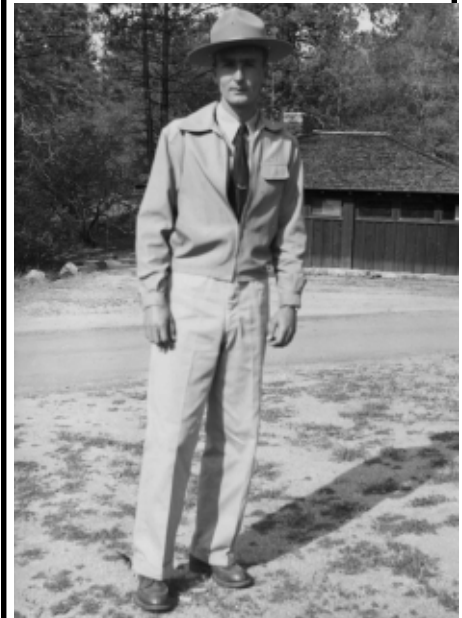
From my point it was great to watch the staff from two departments shed bureaucratic shackles and first try to resolve the problem, and then add the values and mission of the departments into the plan, then build in administrative needs. As a side benefit the District will construct a small trail addition to Richardson Grove's hiking and biking trails that will allow Hwy.

101 pedestrians and bikers to pull off of the highway at the narrowest point, so hikers or bikers can travel on the park's existing roads, re-entering the highway where it is a little safer.

Great job to all that were involved with this; the redwoods will remain, and the local community is served.

BILL ALLISON

Sept. 1922–July, 2007



Bill Allison, a long-time CSPRA member, State Park Ranger and Supervisor, passed away recently in Morro Bay. After serving in the US Army Air Corps in World War II, Bill worked as a ranger in Anza-Borrego, Samuel P. Taylor, and the Sonoma Coast, before becoming the monument supervisor of Hearst Castle in 1960. He continued as an Area Manager on the Mendocino Coast and in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he lived on Angel Island and supervised parks in San Mateo and Marin Counties, as well as the Historic Ships in SF Bay. Bill also served as Area Manager for Humboldt and Del Norte, living at Patrick's Point and Prairie Creek Redwoods State Parks. He retired in 1983 to Brookings, OR. In 2003, he moved back to California to live near his daughter, **Susan MacElvaine**.

Thanks to Susan for providing this picture of Bill at Cuyamaca in 1950.

ANNUAL RETIREES' RENDEZVOUS

15th Annual Retirees' Rendezvous, October 5-7, 2007 McConnell State Recreation Area

The Retirees' Rendezvous was established 15 years ago as an informal gathering of friends and acquaintances who have a common tie with each other through the California State Park System as active or retired employees, family or friends. Held this year at McConnell State Recreation Area in the Central Valley south of Turlock, the event will begin with the traditional "Strickler Road Kill Grille" pot luck and BBQ Friday, October 5th. Continental breakfast is provided Saturday morning, October 6th, followed by the "Pitch and Putt" golf competition, a rendezvous tradition. An open discussion with the CSPRA Board will take place at about 12:30 p.m. Saturday, followed by a CSPRA board meeting. That afternoon's dinner will include beef, chicken, beans and dessert. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish. A raffle of donated crafts and gifts also takes place on Saturday night. In short, the Rendezvous has grown to be an enduring tradition – a gathering of both seasoned and relatively green park professionals, an opportunity to exchange tales of life with parks, hear about life after parks, and simply be among friends. Any questions on the Rendezvous, please contact **Kirk Wallace**, (209) 586-3209, **Allison Pedley** at (800) 749-8749, or go to the website at www.CSPRA.com and view the Retirees link. A registration form is included (below), and can also be downloaded from the website, or requested from Allison (allison@cspira.com). Hope to see you there!

RETIREES' RENDEZVOUS McConnell State Recreation Area

October 5 to 7, 2007

Registration Form

Names _____

Address _____ ***City*** _____ ***Zip*** _____

Phone (_____) _____ ***E-mail*** _____

Number attending the 2007 Retirees' Rendezvous. _____ ***x \$5.00 per person = \$*** _____

Number attending the Continental Breakfast, Saturday, October 6th _____

Number attending the Saturday night barbecue: free to retirees, spouses and family; all others \$8.00 per person ***Chicken*** _____ ***Beef*** _____ ***\$*** _____

Total Enclosed ***\$*** _____

_____ ***We will stay at McConnell SRA in a tent or RV. Note: no hookups, no sanitation station, water and combination building available.***

_____ ***We will stay at a local motel or commute. For local motel information, contact the CSPRA office, or check on-line at <http://www.cspira.com>***

Please return form and payment (payable to CSPRA) by September 16, 2007 to

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by **Monica Miller**
CSPRA Lobbyist

Well, it is that time again, a non-election year so the Legislature appears to be in no hurry to get the budget done on time. As we write this article the budget is 39 days late and the legislature has left for the summer. The Assembly was successful at passing a budget that was then sent to the Senate on July 20, however once the Senate received it they were unable to come up with the required 2/3rd vote needed to get it to the Governor. After a marathon all night session on July 20-21 the Senate adjourned with a demand from the Senate Democrats to have the Republicans return with a budget that they could get all 15 members of their caucus to support.

With that charge the Republican caucus spent the next few days developing a budget which consisted of a list of cuts that totaled \$700 million. Many of those cuts were to the health and human services areas as well as social service programs but they proceeded to cut Parks as well, proposing a \$15 million cut of the deferred maintenance money that the 2006-07 budget just allocated to

Parks. The Republicans stated that the Department of Parks spends very little time and money in this area and is more concerned with acquiring parks so therefore this money is unnecessary. We, of course, pointed out that we only just received that money and are in the process of trying to spend it but it would take some time to get the money out the door. Many of the Democrats understood our message and agreed not to vote for those cuts.

On August 1, 2007 we were told that the Senate had a deal between the Senate Democrats and Republicans as well as the Governor, passing the same budget that was received on July 20 from the Assembly, minus the economic stimulus package, and sending it to the Governor. The Governor had previously agreed to cut the \$700 million by line-item vetoing items that were agreed to in closed door discussion. Once the vote went up in the Senate, the Republicans failed to put up the necessary votes again. So, needless to say it is going to have to get a lot hotter in Sacramento before we will have a budget that the Governor can sign.

As additional details become available watch for this column to

continue to update you. Additionally, you can visit the CSPRA website to see which bills we have taken a position on and their current status.


CALIFORNIA PARKS CONFERENCE, 2008

*March 31- April 3
South Lake Tahoe*

The 2008 Parks Conference Committee has been working diligently to organize an exciting 2008 conference. A few projects in the works include: live entertainment, Lake Tahoe boat tours and dinner cruise, P.O.S.T. certified public safety sessions, hands-on interpretive training, and the list goes on! As always, the committee welcomes ideas and suggestions from all members. You can contact conference co-chair **Natalie Lohi** at natalie@cspira.com. You don't want to miss this conference! Mark your calendars for March 31 through April 3 and come join fellow park professionals at the Embassy Suites Resort, South Lake Tahoe!

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CSPRA takes. We will be examining our mission and how best to meet it. And we will foster discussion of a perennial issue the organization faces. We represent and comprise park workers from all disciplines, yet our name recognizes only one group. While "ranger" may give instant recognition to the public and legislators, it is no longer accurate. Are there better ways we can tell the world who we are?

Don't forget, just like CSPRA isn't just for rangers, the Retiree Rendezvous isn't just for retirees. Active or retired, please come join us the first weekend of October for fellowship and fun with friends old and new.

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and understand that termination of my
membership will cancel all deductions
made under this organization.

Signature _____

Date _____

EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S REPORT



by **Allison Pedley**, Executive Manager

CSPRA welcomes newly retired member **Dianna Taylor**. Dianna was given a membership to CSPRA by her friends and co-workers who felt that after 35 years with parks, she might like to have a way to stay in touch with her former world of work. Congratulations Dianna, and welcome to CSPRA! Dianna is also among the first to receive a "retired" hat with her membership – our latest incentive to all of you newly retired folks to sign up with CSPRA as GrayBears. You can check out the hat at: <http://www.cspira.com/graybears.html>. Also

remember that any member who recruits a new member to CSPRA, active or retired, will receive a thank you gift – your choice of new backpack or retiree cap. Recruitment has been going well so far this year but we need your help to meet our final goal of at least 75 new members in 2007!

It's become evident that the CSPRA database of member addresses is somewhat out-of-date. As a career in parks often means moving a lot, it's easy to forget to notify everyone of new addresses (as is true when you retire). Please, please try to remember to let me know if you move – a quick e-mail will suffice. Also, I wish to again remind everyone that the newsletter is now available electronically if you'd prefer a MUCH quicker and more tree-friendly method of receiving the publication. This would also ensure that if you happen to forget to notify me of a mailing address change, that you'll still get your newsletter!

Ranchita Rocks, 2007

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Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

by Jeff Price, retired

Here is another mixed up batch of overheard slips of the tongue and misfires of the brain. Malaprop: A wrong word that renders a statement ridiculous. Usually the mistake occurs when the speaker attempts a vocabulary much beyond their learning. Sometimes people get so excited they mix comparisons and come up with some very funny concoctions. Feel free to send along any you hear - malaprops@cspira.com

Johnnie, it's time to go home.
We could stand here and talk until the cows turn blue.

Odor in the court!
She has always been a stench park supporter . . .

Turned wide maybe?
This professor just stood his ground and didn't run tail.

Close shave?
They sure got a great milk cow when they crossed a Holstein with a Burma bull.

Time to see the doctor?
Hemorrhoids are a real pain in the neck.

But, it might help his neck.
He's not the one with his ass in a noose.

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