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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



CSPRA President Gail Sevrens

by *Gail Sevrens*

Mike Chrisman is the Secretary of Resources, the agency under which the Department of Parks and Recreation falls. An affable guy (I was introduced to him once in an airport), he traveled to Del Mar in September to testify on behalf of the Resources Agency at the most recent public hearing regarding the proposed toll road that would go through San Onofre State Beach.

Now, you might be thinking to yourself, "I'm sure he gave them heck and told them what they can do with their toll road!" And perhaps that is what he really wanted to do. However, Secretary Chrisman instead testified on behalf of the toll road. What?!

The reason is this: the Resources Agency, along with the Department of Parks and Recreation, is part of the executive branch of California's government. As such, policy decisions made in the Governor's office are winding down through all the layers of the bureaucracy. No matter how much Secretary Chrisman may or may not have wanted to decry the road and its potential impacts on a State Park, he had to publicly support the project because the Governor is in favor of it.

Which brings us to why it is so important that CSPRA exists and does what it does.

As an organization, CSPRA can take the stands that our Department

can't or won't. We can tell the world what an awful idea this toll road is. And guess what? When we do, people actually listen. Time and again, when I have spoken to legislators and others, they pause and digest our information and reflect. They realize that as first-hand witnesses, we know what we are talking about. We know how terribly understaffed, overworked, and underfunded we are. And there is power in that knowledge, and being able to spread it around.

So while Resource Secretaries, Department Directors and others may have the opportunity to work behind the scenes to convince the Governor of the merits of ideas (or lack thereof) or to bring issues to his attention, WE have the power to take it to the legislator, the voters, the media, and others. And if we don't do it, who will?

ACCESS PASS

Thanks to all of you who provided input and suggestions regarding the proposed State Parks Access Pass. While the Pass did not make it into the final budget, your feedback was key for when the idea surfaces again, which may happen as soon as next year.

Some of you have concerns that reducing fees would lead to not only increased general attendance and issues of management of sheer numbers of people, but also that we'd get more visitors that are harder to manage. The CSPRA board has taken these concerns to members of senior department management, who have been receptive to hearing about and responding to them. They have offered concrete examples of how the Department would address such issues, if the Pass were to come to pass.

Measures to address visitor management could include additional positions, both peace officers and others (which would be facilitated by an estimated six-fold increase in funding); provision of needed equipment and vehicles; enforcement of rules and regulations; education of new visitors

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regarding rules and standards of conduct; and implementation of carrying capacity measures such as limiting the number of visitors to that which our facilities could safely support without damage to the resources.

The CSPRA Board is committed to continuing to take this message to Sacramento and working with all to make sure concerns are addressed. We seek ongoing input from you, the membership. We have scheduled a panel discussion to take place at the California Parks Conference next March and hope you will come participate. For more information--and to see the Board's position statement regarding the Access Pass as it was proposed last year--please see our website.

THE NAME

A perennial issue brought to the CSPRA Board is our organization's name and whether it accurately reflects who we are.

The issue is especially germane in our recruitment efforts. I have had several people tell me they weren't eligible to join because they weren't "rangers." One person had even joined as a supporting member, not knowing she was able to join as a voting member. Time and again, people have told members of the Board, "as soon as you change the name, I will join."

Clearly the issue is reflective of larger issues going on in the Department overall, and divisions among classifications.

Another catalyst for the issue is the evolving history and purpose of our organization. Founded in the 1960s when "rangers" did it all (interpretation, maintenance, getting visitors to follow rules, checking in campers, etc.), CSPRA was a voice for employees in the days prior to the existence of unions and bargaining units. Today, our role is much different.

I must confess that over time I have

identified with both sides of the issue. As an interpreter and environmental specialist I have never been in the ranger/peace officer classifications, and did wonder a bit about the name even when I joined. As someone who has spent considerable time in a uniform in the parks, I have gotten used to--and "gotten over"--being referred to by the public as a "ranger".

The two sides I see to the argument come down to this: internal vs. external. Internally we are all acutely aware of classifications, titles, and differences among each series. But externally, to the world, like it or not, we are all "rangers." In the generic sense of the word, a "ranger" is one who protects the land. And that is what we all do, whether we operate a sewage plant, process worker's comp claims, educate our visitors, or arrest those who pose a threat to visitors and resources.

If you go into the bookstore of a National Park, you might see one of their books aimed at kids. It is a coloring book, and it explains all the different kinds of "rangers" in the Park Service: people we would call historians, maintenance, interpreters, and "rangers."

Perhaps the one thing that resonates with me the most is the fact that the word "ranger" itself resonates with the public. Whenever we meet with legislators or testify at a public hearing, we benefit from the "ranger cachet." I think many of you have seen those surveys that rate "rangers" among the most trusted members of American society. I recall speaking at a hearing on behalf of protecting Col. Allensworth State Historic Park from proposed mega-dairies. After saying my piece and walking back toward the audience someone said, "Yay! The rangers are here!"

So where do we go from here?

The Board would like your input. Please send us your thoughts via email or phone. We would love for members to weigh in by submitting

articles for the *WAVE*. We would like the discussion to evolve over the next several months and will include it as an item at the GEC next March.

Check the website for a future poll on the issue. It will be up soon on www.cspra.com.



BOARD ELECTIONS

Have an opinion about Parks or CSPRA? Wish to contribute to the organization, its future, and its mission? Please consider running for the Board. We have several open positions including President, Treasurer, and Board Member. The commitment is this: serve two years, attend meetings (most meetings are done via conference call, with an average of two in-person meetings per year, including at the California Parks Conference), and serve on one of our committees (conference, financial, membership/recruitment, advocacy, professional development). Expenses are reimbursed. In addition to getting a nifty polo shirt you get great personal development and the satisfaction of protecting our parks for future generations. Please contact us right away if you are interested.

Scholarships have been increased to \$500. Go to www.cspra.com or email scholarship@cspra.com

SUNRISE POWERLINK, as of 11-1-08

by **Diana Lindsay**
VP Environmental Affairs
Anza-Borrego Foundation & Institute

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park may have escaped the scourge of Sunrise Powerlink. We are closer to celebrating, but as they say, "it's not over until the fat lady sings." A big step in the right direction was made on Friday, October 31 – a real treat for all of us – when the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) announced his proposed decision to deny SDG&E's application for the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project because the utility could not meet the mandated deadlines for renewables and because it would cause "significant and unmitigatable impacts on the environment." An alternate decision was proposed by Commissioner Dian Grueneich granting conditional approval for construction along the southern route – not on Park property – if SDG&E can prove that it will meet certain standards

tied to renewables. Grueneich did say that any other route is unfeasible, such as the northern route through the Park. This great news followed the release of the Final EIR/EIS and BLM's selection of the Alternate Southern Route (SWPL—Southwest Power Line) as the Environmentally Superior Route as their top choice and also SDG&E's announcement that the southern route was no longer "unfeasible" for them. The southern route is the one preferred by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. His staff has made it clear that they don't want the route through the Park.

Here are the final steps remaining before it is all over. Closing arguments on the Final EIR/EIS will be heard November 7. The official protest period will end November 15. Then the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will either accept the recommendation of the ALJ or Commissioner Grueneich or they will propose a variation of their own

and make a final decision sometime between December 4 and the end of the year.

If the southern route is selected by the CPUC, the route would cross lands recently purchased by the Nature Conservancy to protect a wildlife corridor between the Park and the border. The property currently has a power line right-of-way on it for SWPL. Because this is not currently Park land, the Department of Parks and Recreation does not oppose this route. However, conservation groups in San Diego do oppose the southern route or any route that is not a no-wires approach.

For more information about why conservation groups are completely opposed to Sunrise Powerlink, view the new one-hour video created by Sunrise Powerlink Coalition members at this site: http://www.dpcinc.org/_sunrisepowerlink.shtml.

So, chill the champagne. We may be uncorking the bottles soon!

San Onofre Toll Road Proposal

by **Gail Sevrems**, *CSPRA President*

In September CSPRA submitted a letter to the Federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which is considering an appeal by the toll road proponents (TCA) after the California Coastal Commission determined that the project would not be consistent with the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act. In the letter we focused on the legal issues before NOAA and addressed the points that the TCA raised and would be the basis for overruling the Coastal Commission's finding: that sluggish Southern California traffic is a national security issue (!), that the road is needed for an emergency evacuation route for Camp Pendleton, and that there are no alternatives in existence besides running a

road through the park.

NOAA also held a public hearing on the appeal. It had set up the requirement that all those wishing to speak at the hearing send a letter in advance. At the hearing, first elected officials would be given time, then representatives of organizations, and finally individuals. Representatives of organizations needed to submit requests on letterhead.

I complied with all those requirements, but when the list of speakers came out I was scheduled as an individual, and given slot #398. Only the first 150 slots would have time to present. I called the NOAA attorney in charge and explained the situation, and he refused to change the list to allow CSPRA to be represented as an organization. Apparently we weren't the only ones this happened to; NOAA would not change the list for

an elected official either!

So, it turned out that I did not get to speak at the hearing. However, I had the opportunity to attend and thank many of the people and organizations who did. Surfrider got people out in force; probably one or two thousand who came were linked with them. One of the best, in my mind, presentations was by State Treasurer Bill Lockyear. He addressed the legal issues very clearly and powerfully.

NOAA has until January to make its decision. No matter what it decides, lawsuits are likely.

Meanwhile, the TCA has requested a Federal loan, stating that its other existing toll roads have not raised the revenue that the TCA had anticipated. This gave opponents the opportunity to point out--again--that this situation might happen with the San Onofre road as well.

Mommy, What's a Ranger?

by **Jim Covell**
Monterey Bay Aquarium

I couldn't believe a five year old could say anything that would make me so profoundly sad.

I have the occasional opportunity to spend some time in kindergarten. My wife, Christine, is a fabulous kindergarten teacher as well as a master interpreter. I take advantage of that connection to do things like test new exhibit components or education activities on the five-year-old set. Everyone at school knows her as "Miss Christine" but they're not sure what to call me. Somehow "Mr. Christine" just doesn't ring right. So they settled on "Ranger Jim," a moniker I've always considered an honor.

One of the kindergarten parents asked her child one day, "Why do you suppose they call him Ranger Jim? Do you think it might be because he was a park ranger?" The child replied with that wonderful clarity of thought common to five year olds: "No mom, Ranger Jim was a POWER RANGER!" We all laughed until tears streamed down our cheeks.

As the humor faded away, I found something troubling about that comment. The kids in this school all live within two miles of a state beach, and almost as close to a state historic park. They generally come from families that spend time outdoors and have an appreciation for nature. And yet the only reference these kids had for the term "ranger" was the Power Rangers of television and action figure fame.

Like millions of other kids that grew up in the boomer generation, I was totally captivated by the "ranger mystique" as Horace Albright termed it. No trip to a park or campground was complete without taking in a walk or program, or having some



*Ranger
Jim with
the kids*

type of interaction with a park ranger. (I tend to include naturalists, historians, interpreters and resource specialists all under that common label of "ranger" because our audience often views us as one generic category). I had the added reinforcement that my father wore that familiar Smokey Bear hat every day of his work life. That early influence is why I chose interpretation as a career. I suspect many of you reading this article were

***You are the charismatic
megafauna at your site...***

attracted to that ranger image as well, and perhaps it influenced you to work in the parks.

I guess that's what troubled me about the kindergartener's comment. If we have a generation of children growing up that don't really know what a ranger is, what they represent, what they do, that generation may have no use for rangers as those children become decision-makers in the future. We have park agencies that debate who gets to wear the Smokey Bear hat—the enforcement rangers or the interpreters. Add concessionaire staff that deliver interpretive programs, and the picture gets even more complicated. I'm concerned that while we argue over who "owns" the ranger image, that image is slipping away from us altogether.

I spent 12 years working in urban parks in Sacramento, California as a generalist ranger/interpreter. Along

with other dedicated ranger staff, we made sure that every school child experienced an interpretive walk or presentation with a ranger. Most park users were greeted at some point in their visit by a roving ranger or attended a program with one of us. That level of presence in the community established a positive image for us and for our agency—and it reduced our enforcement challenges at the same time. Our goal was that the community owned the image of the park ranger, and I'd be willing to bet that most children in that community attached a positive value to rangers.

So where am I going with all this? We—enforcement rangers, interpreters, resource specialists and others that work in park settings—have a common interest in presenting a friendly, positive and professional image to the public that we serve. But beyond that, we have to go out of our way to interact with our public wherever and whenever we can. Being positive and professional inside an office or a vehicle isn't going to impress our audience. You are the charismatic megafauna at your site, and spending some quality time with visitors is the perfect antidote for hours of report writing and staff meetings. If our audiences don't understand what we do, or don't ever encounter us, they almost certainly will not miss us if we go away.

I'd like to set a goal for all of us that no child will have to ask, "Mommy, what's a park ranger?"

I'll keep checking in with the kindergarteners to see how we're doing.

From the May-June 2008 issue of The Interpreter, the magazine of the National Association of Interpretation. Used with author's permission.

ANGEL ISLAND FIRE REPORT

by **Ray Spencer**, Retired Annuitant

I was on Angel Island today (October 13) with Marin District Maintenance Chief III **Mike Carbahal**. I've been working as a retired annuitant on a couple of projects. The fire missed all historic structures, though it came about 100 yards from Camp Reynolds, the Civil War fort. It covered almost half the island. It may have started in a camping area (its cause is unknown as far as I know) but came right up to the residence area at Fort McDowell and was mostly on the east side. It burned the Pt. Blunt area but no structures there either. The fire went through the secured area that the contractors were using on the FEMA repair to the Perimeter Road at Pearls Beach. It missed most the contractor's equipment, stopping just inches from a brand new generator they had for that job. It damaged some of the treated lumber that is needed for that repair. PGE has turned off the power to the Island and it may take a few weeks for them to repair, since some of the power lines were damaged. The rest of the water system and waste water system will have to operate on stand-by generators until PGE completes repairs.

This fire was a very healthy fire since it didn't get up into the canopy of the mostly oak forest and didn't get into the eucalyptus areas and stayed low and burned the underbrush. The limited Angel Island staff has been working around the clock since it started. The one boat operator, **Allyn Schafer**, has been ferrying the CDF and local fire departments from Fort Baker along with a private landing craft. The local Angel Island Ferry Company stepped up along with the Coast Guard shuttling hand fire crews. In all, this was a one day fire that with darkness was an impossible



task. With daylight and no wind the air attack was able to knock it down quickly. *Photos by Bree Hardcastle*

From the *San Francisco Chronicle* on Oct. 15, 2008:

The blaze moved so fast that many native oak and bay trees survived with just a surface browning, and the seeds and roots of many plants remained alive underground. That means that come spring, flowers and new grass will burst forth in bright color.

"I'd say this was a good fire," **Bree Hardcastle**, a state parks environmental scientist, said as she made her inspection. "It looks like a prescription fire we would set ourselves, to get rid of dead fuel and understory (thick brush). It cleared things out very nicely."

She said the picture would have been much uglier if most of the island's hot-burning eu-

calyptus trees had not been removed 12 years ago. Fire officials have said the same thing, maintaining that if the tree they call "standing gasoline" was still all over the park, some of the historic buildings would probably have been lost.



Aren't we out of this budget mess yet?

by **Monica Miller**, CSPRA Lobbyist

It is fall in the State Capitol, usually a time when the legislature has adjourned and we can rest assured that State Parks is safe for the time being from any potential budget cuts. As you know this year we faced the closure of 48 state parks and the severe reduction of several more staff at other State Parks due to the budget deficit, which we narrowly escaped thanks to all of your hard work. While we continue to push the potential of the State Parks Access Pass as a significant way to cover the deficit for our parks, we have yet to pass a measure. The Governor finally signed a state budget, 85 days late. Nonetheless, it was signed. Within 15 days of that signature, the Administration and the Legislature realized that they were

not only going into another potential \$15-\$18 billion deficit this next fiscal year, but given the meltdown of the stock market, the State is unable to meet its financial obligations because they can not borrow from Wall Street.

So, you may wonder, what does this have to do with you? Well, the reality is that the state has very few places left to cut and, as we enter yet another significant budget deficit, the parks are vulnerable. We need to continue to work together with our parks partners and fight to maintain our parks through the State Parks Access Pass. This is critical because the state sees our parks as a place to save General Fund dollars that are needed to close the gap and the Republicans are digging their heels in even further

to ensure that we do not raise taxes, so revenues continue to be off the table.

We urge you to continue to fight and make sure your voice is heard, participate in Parks Advocacy Day, meet with your local legislator in their District and invite them to events at your parks. Now, more than ever, we need your help from the grassroots level. While it may seem like we can sit around and hope for the best, we must continue to make our voices heard. If you don't know who your representative is you can go to www.sen.ca.gov and click on "Your Senator", input your address and zip code and it will tell you who your current Senate and Assembly Members are.

Again, now is the time to act, get involved and make your voices heard!



BACK IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

by **Jim Davis**
Chief Rgr. (ret)
Mojave River Dst

I started my State Park career at Tomales Bay State Park in Fall 1954.

The park road was being built and going well until its alignment ran into a rock outcropping on a side hill. The rock would not yield to "ripper teeth" on the D-7 dozers building the road. The project came to a standstill. At that time I lived at SP Taylor in

both sides of the "Duplex" and commuted daily to the start of the park road where Park Supervisor **Charles Mehler** picked me up in the state pickup to go to the work site.

It was on such a morning that I got into the truck and Charlie handed me a box to hold. Looking into the box I found sticks of dynamite, electric blasting caps, wire and a "Hot Shot" battery. Seeing the puzzled look on my face Charlie asked, "What do you know about dynamite?"

My answer: "Absolutely nothing."

To which he replied, "By quitting time you will not be able to say that."

My reply was "What do you know about dynamite?"

To which he replied "Nothing, but I have a book on how to use it."

Obviously it was a good, easy to understand book as we both are still here and the road was completed.

Were the "good old days" really that good? That is in the eye of the beholder.

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BOOK REVIEWS

David Carle is on Fire

Introduction to Fire in California
University of California Press, 2008
review by **Robert C. Pavlik**

Env. Planner & Historian, CalTrans
Since his retirement from the California Department of Parks and Recreation in 2000, David Carle has authored or co-authored seven books, three in the UC Press Natural History series. His first was *Water in California*, the second looks at air, and the most recent is also the most incendiary – *Fire in California*.

It's a hot topic right now, following so closely on the heels of some major conflagrations over the past few years. After reading this fine work, it's easy to predict that more are on the way.

Wave readers are familiar with some of them: in the fall of 2003 devastating fires roared through Silverwood Lake SRA and Cuyamaca Rancho SP. Last year a 150,000+ acre fire burned in the Santa Barbara backcountry for more than a month, and this year, fires

have raged across California, from Goleta to Big Sur to Mendocino to Paradise. As I write this, fires once again are encircling the San Fernando Valley.

A fire in Malibu in January 2007 burned several multi-million dollar homes. Locals blamed State Parks, saying the Department didn't clear "brush" away from their exotically landscaped mansions. Did no one ever tell them that when you plunk yourself down in a fire dependent community you might get burned?

Dave Carle's book comes just in time. It is compact, concise, and a great read. It is lavishly illustrated



and comprehensive in its treatment of the subject. The author examines the role of fire in ecosystems across California, from the redwood forests to riparian areas, oak savannas, and the deserts. His treatment of fire and wildlife is particularly interesting and informative. I was fascinated to learn about fire beetles that swarm to the site of a fire storm from several miles away to lay their eggs in freshly killed trees. Carle also addresses the physical impact of fire on soils, air, and water, and the complex relationship between climate change and fire.

He concludes this fascinating volume with a chapter on living with fire in the Golden state. Carle details what to do before a fire strikes, during a fire, and after the event. It's must reading for Californians who live in what is known as the wildland-urban interface. The bibliography indicates the author's careful research, indeed mastery, of the subject. This is a book that belongs in every ranger station across California.

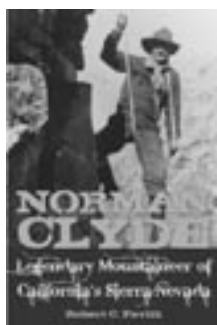
Norman Clyde: Legendary Mountaineer of California's Sierra Nevada

by **Robert C. Pavlik** (Berkeley: Heyday Books and El Portal: The Yosemite Association, 2008; paper, \$14.95)

The history of California's Sierra Nevada is replete with the legendary exploits of numerous men and women who explored, exploited, reveled in, and revealed the beauty and the terror of this great mountain range. The life history, writings, and philosophy of individuals like John Muir have been well chronicled; less well known but nonetheless important is Muir's twentieth century equivalent, mountaineer and nature writer Norman Clyde.

Like Muir, Clyde was of Scottish descent and a transplanted Californian who came to know this portion of his adopted state better than any living person. During his adult life he made numerous first ascents of High Sierran peaks, performed countless rescues and body recoveries, and penned innumerable articles in contemporary magazines such as *Touring Topics*,

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The Sierra Club Bulletin and others. He was a mountaineer who explored an unknown part of the state-the vertical world of the Sierra, entirely under his own

power. In his own words, he "came between the pioneers and the real rock climbers." He was the first person to ascend over two hundred peaks throughout western North America, and climbed more than 1000 peaks in his lifetime, literally standing where no other human being had ever been. Clyde had a great impact, not only on contemporary and future climbers, but on the popularity of mountain travel, by increasing the general knowl-

edge and appreciation of the Sierra Nevada.

Using previously published works, his voluminous writings, letters and correspondence from a variety of public institutions and private collections, oral history interviews, and correspondence with individuals familiar with Clyde, I endeavored to compile an objective, detailed, and readable biography of Norman Asa Clyde.

The human and natural history of the Sierra Nevada, the Sierra Club, mountaineering, and other climbers are featured in order to better understand Clyde within the setting of his time period and his contemporaries.

The book is illustrated with black and white photographs and two maps, and includes a timeline highlighting some of Clyde's climbs (including first ascents), his major publications, notes and bibliography, and an index.

RENDEZVOUS

16th ANNUAL RETIREES RENDEZVOUS

This year's Retirees' Rendezvous was held in a new venue at the southernmost tip of the state, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, on Oct. 8 & 9th. Over 50 attendees enjoyed the Road-Kill Grille, the raffle, and just getting together with old friends from all over the state. Warm days, cold starry nights and a great venue at the Horse Camp added to the fun. **Nedra Martinez**, Sector Superintendent, and her crew made sure all were comfortable and facilitated a wonderful time. Over 50 raffle prizes were donated, including the beautiful jewelry of **Al McClary**.

Thank you to **Kirk Wallace**, who has been the organizer of this great event for many years.



<<Sector Superintendent **Nedra Martinez**, with her haul of raffle prizes



^^**Dana and Bonnie Long**

Jim Peat and Mike Curry
handled the barbeque >>



Photos by **Jeff Price**

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EXECUTIVE MANAGER



by Allison Pedley, Executive Manager

It's been quiet in the CSPRA office
as of late. Only two new members
to report since the last *Wave* -- John
Lucich, a ranger cadet currently at
the Mott Training Center, and **James
Newland**, a Cultural Resources
Program Supervisor is now a CSPRA
member, and has also recently
published a book entitled *Images of
America: Cleveland National For-
est*. Information about his book (and
others published by CSPRA member
authors) can be found at [http://www.
cspra.com/book_reviews/member_au-
thors.html](http://www.cspra.com/book_reviews/member_authors.html).

Membership renewals from Gray
Bears have been finding their way to
our PO box over the past few months
- thanks to all of you who have re-
newed, and one last reminder to those
who haven't!

CSPRA Board elections are coming
up soon! Please let us know if you
would like to nominate someone for
office, and everyone be on the lookout
for your ballot in early December.

Thanks everyone!

CALIFORNIA PARKS CONFERENCE 2009 March 9-12 in Cambria, California at the Cambria Pines Lodge

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reservations for the 2009 conference.
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1-800-966-6490, and remember to
mention The California Parks Confer-
ence.

SAVE THE DATE!

A WAVE Goodbye

CARL
LONNECKER
1923-2008



Carl was born
in Needles and
worked for Doug-
las Aircraft and
served in the US
Army & Air Force
during WWII. He began his State
Park career at La Purisima Mission
and retired as a Chief Ranger in 1976.
Carl and his wife Lucille lived in
Portola, CA and Florence, OR in
their retirement.

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DAVE BYRD
1962-2008



Dave, age 46, was
a native Califor-
nian. He worked
for JRP Historical
Consulting and
Jones and Stokes
before becoming a State Historian in
the Office of Historic Preservation in
2005. He was a former president of
the California Council for the Promo-
tion of History.

humor in unicorn



Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

by Jeff Price, retired

To be, or . . . ?

*We will meet in the conference
room with all the powers at be.*

Can't handle the ball.

*Sorry, I got distracted and
dropped the bomb on this one.*

Overflowing praise.

*My Vice President sees things
just like I do; as half-a-glass
full.*

Another golden moment cloud-
ed over.

*We hope there will be a silver
lining at the end of the rainbow
for all of them.*

Or buckle down.

*We have to knuckle up and get
to work.*

Taking his lumps.

*Before that morning, I didn't
know the shooter from a hump
of coal.*

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