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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



CSPRA President Gail Sevrens

by Gail Sevrens

In my final message as your president I would like to give an update on the state of the organization, and send out some very heartfelt thanks. First, the state of CSPRA.

Finances

I am very proud to say that the organization has been extremely fiscally responsible. Thanks to the efforts of Treasurer **Wendy Martin**, finance committee member **Craig Mattson**, and Executive Manager **Allison Pedley**, the organization's budget is now balanced, and we finish each year on budget. We have been helped in this area by generous donations from Honorary Rangers **Bill Lane, Jr.** and **Henry Trione**, which have allowed us to raise the training scholarship amount to \$500 and offer scholarships to this year's Park Advocacy Day. Governmental Advocates and **Monica Miller** have helped tremendously by providing their valuable services to us pro bono. And, Allison and **Don Schmidt** have also helped us obtain insurance to protect the organization's assets and board members from liability in this lawsuit-happy world.

Park Protection

During the past few years CSPRA has been active--and often victorious--in numerous fights to protect

the parks. Among the things we've fought: the proposed Foothill-South Toll Road through San Onofre SB, the proposed mega-dairies next to Col. Allensworth SHP, the proposed Sunrise Powerlink through Anza-Borrego Desert SP, proposed timber harvesting in the viewshed of Castle Crags SP, a windfarm in the viewshed of La Purisima Mission SHP, a private children's museum on culturally sensitive land in Old Sacramento SHP, the proposed dam in Auburn SRA, 2008 proposed park closures, and changes to employee housing in State Parks, among others.

Things we have supported: Proposition 84; deferred maintenance funding; DPR acquisition of Sacramento Railyards buildings for a railroad technology museum; a dedicated, non-General Fund source of funding via the State Park Access Pass; prevention of hate crimes in State Parks, and sea otter protection.

We have been very fortunate to work with excellent partners in park protection, among them the California State Parks Foundation, the Sierra Club, National Resources Defense Council, SPPOAC, CALPA, and literally scores of others.

Professional Development

Our excellent California Parks Conference continues to offer general and specialized training every year, and this year, under the leadership of **Nick Franco** is no exception. CSPRA has offered numerous training scholarships and sponsored a promotional interview training session. We continue to sponsor awards such as the Whitehead Award for the top BVST cadet, the annual Director's Awards, and, new this year, the DPR Accessibility Award.

Recruitment

With continued high levels of retirement, keeping pace via recruiting of new members has been one of our

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biggest challenges. While many have joined us, other DPR employees say they perceive a peace officer focus due to the "Ranger" in our name. As the organization moves forward, it needs to determine if the benefits of our name recognition and the "ranger mystique" that serves us so well in our advocacy efforts outweighs the reluctance by some non-badged folks to join our organization. Or, to see if we can overcome the perception through education and recruitment efforts.

International Ranger Effort

CSPRA has sponsored a showing of the film *The Thin Green Line* and we are beginning an effort to explore an international employee exchange, similar to the one that used to exist between DPR and National Parks.

Thank You

I have so many people and organizations to thank. Top of the list: past president **Angy Nowicki**, who gave me such great guidance and accomplished so much prior to my coming aboard; **Ron Brean**, who recruited me to run for president; **Karen Barrett**, who recruited me to run for the board; and **Dana Jones**, who recruited me to join CSPRA in the first place. And, to all of you members, who have placed your trust in me.

Next, the wonderful board members past and present who have worked so hard for your organization. In addition to those mentioned elsewhere in this article they include: **Tyson Butzke**, **Sal Goshorn**, **Dave Gould**, **Rain Greenslate**, **Joe Mette**, and **Brett Mizeur**, as well as the dedicated district reps. Advocacy committee members **Donna Pozzi** and **Dick Troy** have provided valuable advice. Executive Manager **Allison Pedley** has been a tower of efficiency, dedication, and organization. Previous EM **Laura Svendsgaard** is, always and

forever, an inspiration. Able webmaster **Jeff Price** and Wave editor **Janet Carle** (plus ghost editor **Dave Carle**) have served you with dedication and perspiration.

John Mott has served as honorary member chair, **Steve Bier** is on the international committee, and **Kirk Wallace** continues as head of the Retiree Rendezvous. Past Presidents such as **Kim Baker**, **Val Bradshaw**, **Wes Cater**, **Bud Getty**, **Nina Gordon**, and **Scott Nakaji** have been helpful and inspiring. **Monica Miller** and Governmental Advocates have helped us fight the battles. Additionally, your state park leadership has been very supportive of CSPRA: Director **Ruth Coleman**; Deputy Directors **Ted Jackson**, **Roy Stearns**, **Bill Herms**, and **Michael Harris**; Division Chiefs **Tony Perez** and **Lynn Rhodes**; and

their very helpful staffs. The California State Parks Foundation staff have been great supporters and partners, including **Elizabeth Goldstein**, **Sara Feldman**, and **Traci Verardo-Torres**.

The penultimate thank you goes to the incoming board: President **Pam Armas**, Treasurer **Blythe Liles**, and board members **Pat Clark Gray**, **Nedra Martinez**, and **Cindy Spencer**, along with continuing board members Vice President **Natalie Lohi**, Secretary **Don Schmidt**, and member **Craig Matson**. Along with the great CSPRA staff, I can actually rest easy knowing the good work will continue.

The final thank you? To my husband, **Scott King**, who has patiently let me spend so much time and effort on behalf of CSPRA, made post office runs, and even accompanied me to some events. Thank you!

NEW BOARD ELECTED

by Gail Sevrens

I am very pleased to announce the following new board slate. We are extremely fortunate to have an excellent, dedicated group of park professionals to join our continuing board members. Thank you all for your commitment to protecting parks and park values!

President - **Pam Armas**, former CSPRA Secretary and CPC Co-Chair and Sierra District Superintendent

Treasurer - **Blythe Liles**, current CSPRA board member and current State Park Interpreter at Southern Service Center

Board Member - **Nedra Martinez**, host of this year's fantastic Retiree Rendezvous and Montane Sector Superintendent, Colorado Desert District

Board Member - **Cindy Spencer**, longtime CSPRA member and San Mateo Coast Sector Maintenance Chief, Santa Cruz District

Board Member - **Pat Clark Gray**, long-time CSPRA District Representative and Interpretive Specialist for the Monterey District

The new members join the following sitting board members:

Vice President - **Natalie Lohi**

Secretary - **Don Schmidt**

Board Member - **Craig Matson**

I will transition to Past President.

I'd like to salute the service of outgoing board members **Tyson Butzke**, **Rain Greenslate**, and **Dave Gould** and Treasurer **Wendy Martin**. I know they will continue to be advocates for CSPRA and its goals and continue to help us spread the word and recruit new members.

REALITY BITES

A Park Ranger's Struggle with Lyme Disease

by **Jordan Fisher Smith**

Retired park ranger, Auburn SRA

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I got my case of Lyme disease from a tick bite while working as a park ranger in the western foothills of the Sierra Nevada on June 14, 1998. We rangers are one-size-fits-all fixers of any problem you could imagine, and we get called upon to act in situations you might not associate with us. If we come upon a fire, we are expected to get out our shovels and start building line. If there's a baby to be born and the woman isn't making it to the hospital, we'll deliver it, right where we are. And if someone commits a criminal act, it's our job to make sure they don't get away.

I was on patrol that afternoon when I heard a deputy sheriff on the radio, pursuing a suspect on foot in the canyon below me. He was inside my park, so I went down to the river to assist him. This sort of thing was sufficiently common that I can't remember what the particular guy we were looking for had done, but I recall the sting of the star thistles on my bare legs as I ran down from the road. I was wearing shorts because I'd been on boat patrol earlier that day and they were easier to swim in if you had to dive off the boat to get someone out of the water.

We lost our man. I dusted myself off and drove back to the ranger station, where I caught up on paperwork. The incident had been sufficiently anticlimactic that I never wrote a report on it. So it can be with pivotal things; they can come dressed in normalcy, like the Texas Schoolbook Depository or a spaghetti dinner I had with my



friend and fellow ranger Kyle Pattee before he burned to death fighting the Shiprock Fire up in Idaho. They say he didn't have his gloves on, so he couldn't hold down his foil shelter when the fire overran his position. So it was with me, running into the weeds in that warm afternoon in those shorts with no insect repellent. They hadn't told us about ticks and Lyme at our ranger academy. To this day, they still don't.

The following morning, my day off, I slept in. Sometime after coffee I found a tick—small, brick red—doing a headstand with its mouth parts buried in my skin just below where my gunbelt had been. I carefully removed it with tweezers and put it in a plastic sandwich bag to take to my family doctor.

My physician didn't see much point in testing the tick. Lyme was a rare disease in California, he said, and if by some wild chance the tick in the bag was carrying it, I was unlikely to get it. Expect some localized redness around the bite, ticks are dirty animals, he said. I followed his advice.

When a circular red area appeared around the bite, I didn't worry; I'd never seen a Lyme rash.

The first thing I noticed in the weeks that followed was a crushing fatigue that didn't improve with rest. In August I went to see another doctor—a cool young general practitioner in running shoes and a white lab coat. I told him about the tick bite, the rash, the fatigue. He sent me to get blood drawn.

"Good news," he told me on a follow-up visit, "Your tests are all normal." He felt my belly. "Your spleen's enlarged, though."

"What does that mean?"

"I'm not sure." He finished examining me and washed his hands at the sink, then scribbled something on a prescription pad.

"What's that?" I asked.

"I want you to take Prozac."

"Prozac? Wouldn't I know it if I were depressed?" I responded. "I don't feel sad—well, if I am, it's only because I'm too tired to play with my children anymore."

"You wouldn't necessarily know you were depressed," he replied, peering at me through his wire-rim glasses. "From what you've told me you've got a stressful job, and there are some forms of depression that are experienced only as fatigue."

I left his office, feeling embarrassed.

I limped through the next year, working part time. I had bouts of severe diarrhea which came without warning and then disappearing just as quickly. Back to the running shoe doctor; stool samples were run; no intestinal parasites were found, all normal. I ran out of sick leave. At 43, perhaps I was getting too old for ranger work, I thought. Then that September, one morning I woke up

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Lyme Disease

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and couldn't feel my hands.

Once, in Alaska, before the advent of GPS devices, a friend and I spent a day crawling over mossy logs in a dripping spruce forest, unable to discern where we were. The next morning the clouds lifted and we climbed a tree on a ridge, where we could shoot compass azimuths on a nearby peak. Nowadays people don't get lost much. Everything is made to make us more and more found, connected as we are by PDA, cellphone, and GPS. But as the Lyme got worse, my own body became a terra incognita, full of signs and features I didn't recognize.

The numbness and pins and needles in my hands soon progressed to my feet. Then there were shooting and stabbing pains; the first time I had one, I tore my shoe off, thinking that a spider had crawled into it. My vision grew blurry. I got motion sickness during car rides, a problem I had never known in my life. My ears had begun to ring, a piercing whine.

The beginning of the end of my ranger career came one day at the pistol range. We were required to qualify with our weapons four times a year. We stood facing our row of human silhouette targets, the rangemaster called out "Gun!" The rangers on either side of me drew and fired, and I was left struggling to get my gun out. The loss of feeling in my right hand made it impossible for me to operate the releases on my holster. I could not be on duty in that condition.

I saw a rheumatologist who sent me to a neurologist, who did a spinal

tap. I had elevated protein in my spinal fluid. The neurologist stuck electrodes on my arms and legs through which he delivered electric shocks to test my nerves. This test revealed nerve damage, he said, and coupled with the protein in my spinal fluid, seemed to indicate that the protective sheath of my nerves might be melting away. But the cause was unlikely to be Lyme, he said, because Lyme wasn't found much in California. I would later find out that the county public health lab had been collecting ticks in the park where I had been bitten. Four to eleven percent of them tested positive for Lyme.



Jordan Fisher Smith looks at medicines he took for Lyme disease in the documentary *Under Our Skin*, see page 6

Finally, in January of 2000 I went to see a prominent researcher in Lyme disease.

"Why didn't anybody see this?" he said, leafing through my thick patient file. "You're a classic case. A park ranger—an occupation prone to tick-borne disease—known tick bite, subsequent rash, typical symptoms...."

He put me on oral antibiotics.

This is the point in a medical narrative where things ought to get better, but they got worse. Now I developed painful arthritis in my feet and hands. Later it would appear in my shoulders. One day, quite suddenly, my nose filled with the most horrible odor—like the smell of death mixed

with noxious chemicals. The odor went away only to return again, over and over. Sometimes I tasted it in my mouth.

Two years after my tick bite I began feeling decidedly drunk, but this was a far more unpleasant intoxication than an alcohol buzz. I was having trouble with minor computations, balancing a checkbook, the tip on a restaurant bill. I forgot the words for things, lost my parked car, got lost while driving in familiar places. The identity of people who apparently knew me pretty well was becoming obscure to me. Writing a note to my wife or recording something in my diary, I would write the second letter of a word before the first. Why not the third? It was always the second. The brain is a labyrinthine organism, its complexity most apparent when the flawless functioning we take for granted begins to unravel.

In year three the specialist called for a small tube to be inserted through my chest into the large veins at the portal to my heart. It was a handy little thing; I could coil up the tube and tape it to my chest under my clothing. I had been trained as a ranger medic and knew how to prepare and infuse intravenous drugs, so I didn't need to stay close to a refrigerated drug supply or a nurse. On a couple of occasions I even stayed overnight in the forest—what joy there was in that!—hanging my bag of intravenous antibiotics from a tree branch as I infused myself, as we might have done on a backcountry rescue. But I was retired on disability now, and it was clear I would never rescue people

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again. The fatigue was beyond measure, yet I couldn't sleep. I wanted, more than anything, to sleep. I thought about shooting myself.

After eight months of IV treatment I had a week when I could think, reason, remember names and words. Although I would soon descend back into what my Lyme doctors refer to as "brain fog," it was like that time in Alaska where I had climbed that little spruce and shot my azimuths. Now I had something to navigate by. It appeared that the equipment was largely intact; it was just that the capacity to use it had been confiscated for an indefinite period. Maybe I could win it back.

I am still on antibiotics. There are doctors in this country who do not believe in such treatment, a position most insurers and HMOs are more than happy to agree with, since prolonged treatment isn't cheap.

But when I am being treated with antibiotics, my arthritis and the swelling in my joints gets better; I can write, think, play with my children, and to a more limited extent, enjoy life as I did before. So far, when I go off them I suffer rapid return of painful arthritis, numbness and nerve pain in the extremities, memory loss, blurred vision, sleeplessness, ringing in the ears, and the rest of it. Researchers have found that Lyme's corkscrew-shaped bacteria—called spirochetes—make a home deep in your tissues; more sinister yet, inside macrophages, cells that fight infection in your bloodstream. Pathologists have found Lyme spirochetes in the brains of patients who were treated with antibiotics and later died.

I've thought a lot about how things might have been different—long pants, bug repellant, and a tick check that evening when I got home from work. The bottle of doxycycline pills that most experts agree would likely have prevented my infection had I been given it immediately after the

bite costs \$16 at the government's discount. A recent tally of the costs of my illness and the resulting disability totals over \$200,000. Then there's the question of why it took five doctors to get diagnosed. One thing Lyme has taught me is how potent a longstanding belief—for

example, excessive faith in less than perfect laboratory tests, or a notion that Lyme is not a problem in a given region—can be in the face of the evidence at hand. The lesson is clear: In this, like everything else in the outdoors, we must learn to watch out for our own safety. At least for now.



Since this June 2008 Backpacker article Jordan has gotten off antibiotics and is doing well.

UNDER OUR SKIN

Movie Exposes Rangers' Risk of Lyme Disease

Former State Park Ranger and author **Jordan Fisher Smith** appears in and narrates the new feature-length documentary "Under Our Skin" from Open Eye Pictures. Under Our Skin, which premiered to a standing ovation at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York in 2008, investigates the untold story of Lyme disease. Each year thousands go undiagnosed or misdiagnosed, and park rangers are particularly in danger, since the disease passes to humans from tick bites. The film follows Smith's story after being bitten by a tick at Auburn SRA, as well as those of patients and physicians in other parts of the country. "Explosive...not since Michael Moore has a documentary caused such a stir across America," said Susan Wertheim of Fox News. Under Our Skin comes to theaters in major cities this summer. **To host a community screening in your area (such as at a school auditorium or ranger get-together), go to www.underourskin.com/screenings_host.html**

Yes, We Can...Create Change for Parks

by *Traci Verardo-Torres*

California State Parks Foundation

With California facing an historic deficit, it's more important than ever for park advocates – and State Park staff are some of the most passionate advocates of all – to speak up for the protection and preservation of our 279 state parks. Monday, **March 23** offers a great opportunity to speak up as part of Park Advocacy Day. For the seventh year, the California State Parks Foundation (CSPF) is presenting this important day of grassroots advocacy and lobbying. By participating in Park Advocacy Day, you can join over one hundred fellow State Park supporters in lobbying lawmakers in Sacramento and bringing attention to the needs of California's State Parks.

Just because State Parks aren't facing the closures they faced last year, doesn't mean there isn't a strong need for advocates to walk the Capitol halls. In fact, the worsening budget situation and competition for scarce resources means that advocates need to be even more diligent in educating and lobbying legislators about the benefits of our State Park system. Park Advocacy Day participants spend the day at the State Capitol meeting with legislators and their staff to discuss important issues facing parks in California. With a six-year track record now, we know these meetings make a tremendous impact in legislators' support for key park policies and issues.

Participating in Park Advocacy Day is meaningful, fun, and most of all, easy! Once you register for Park Advocacy Day, CSPF will schedule appointments with policymakers for you and will provide talking points and background information to help prepare for your meetings. You won't be attending these meetings on your own- participants are grouped into small teams that will go to each



appointment together. Each team is matched with a Team Leader, who is usually a returning Park Advocacy Day participant. The day begins with a kickoff meeting at 8:30 a.m., lobby visits in the morning and afternoon, and a speaker's panel in the late afternoon with key legislative leaders. We end the day with a cocktail reception

where we honor two legislators – State Treasurer **Bill Lockyer** and Senator **Lois Wolk** – and thank our participants for a great day!

There are many veteran PAD participants in the CSPRA ranks, and we hope to

see even more CSPRA members take the day to come to Sacramento and participate. For more information, or to register for Park Advocacy Day, visit www.calparks.org, or call the California State Parks Foundation at 916-442-2119. Registration closes March 2, 2009, so don't wait! See you on March 23rd!

Park Advocacy Day Scholarships for CSPRA Members

by *Gail Sevrens, President*

Park Advocacy Day is the one time each year when State Park supporters from all walks of life come to the Capitol to tell legislators face-to-face how important parks are and what is needed to protect them. And who better to tell them than CSPRA members, who are intimately familiar with the situation where “boots hit the ground?”

This year, CSPRA will be using funds from Honorary Ranger Bill Lane Jr.'s generous donation to help support CSPRA members who would like to take part. CSPRA offers the following scholarships to reimburse actual expenses for traveling to Park Advocacy Day 2009, **Monday, March 23**, in Sacramento:

Travel Distance	Reimbursement Up To
<50 miles	\$25
50-200 miles	\$50
>200 miles	\$125

Join your fellow park professionals, along with volunteers, families, visitors, cooperating association members, and others passionate about parks. The California State Parks Foundation, which sponsors the annual event, conducts a briefing on Sunday, March 22 to outline current legislative issues. No knowledge of or experience with the legislature or politics is necessary! Lawmakers and their staffs listen hard to what we have to say. There is nothing stronger than a first-hand report. There are many new legislators who know nothing about the dire straits Parks find themselves in. Tired of lack of funding and personnel? Here's the place to bring your comments, where they can--and do--lead to action!

A WAVE GOODBYE



Tony Quijada
1963-2009

Tony passed away suddenly on Feb. 13, 2009 at the age of 46. He had worked at the Southern Communications Center as a Communications Operator since 2004, dispatching over 300 Rangers, Lifeguards, Fish and Game Wardens and US Fish and Wildlife Officers.

Robert Elliston
1928-2009

Robert passed away on January 24, 2009. He was a Maintenance



Worker and Supervisor for California State Parks for 22 years, working at Will Rogers SHP, Big Basin State Park, Mt. Diablo SP, Sacramento District (during the opening of the Railroad Museum), HQ in Sacramento, and Santa Cruz Mountains District. Bob retired in 1989 as a Maintenance Specialist in Southern Region HQ. He was a veteran of the Korean War, and an accomplished drummer, performing in the Rose Bowl Parade several times. Bob's wife Billie, now retired, was a long-time Museum Curator in West Sacramento.

Julie Spears

1959 - 2009

Julie passed away on January 22, 2009 at the age of 49. She realized her childhood dream of becoming a State Park Ranger in 1981, and worked at Silverwood Lake SRA and in the Angeles District.



Charles Cline
1930- 2008

Charlie passed away in Oct, 2008. He was a ranger for 26 years, at Big Basin, Hearst Castle, and the Sonoma Coast, as well as Humboldt County, Sacramento, Stockton, Oroville and Monterey. He retired in 1986 as District Superintendent of Big Sur District. In retirement, Charlie played cornet in the Watsonville Community Band, was president of the Monterey Hot Jazz Society, & enjoyed fly fishing, scuba diving and photography.

Lois Lemen

1914-2009

Lois passed away on January 29, 2009 at the age of 94. Lois supervised the reservation system for the Department of Parks and Recreation during the Ticketron era. In retirement, Lois enjoyed traveling and spending time with her grandchildren.



Retiree's Ramblings

by Jim Davis

Over the holiday season just past, retired Mojave River District Chief Ranger Jim Davis (R-11 to some) celebrated his 85th birthday, wife Nan celebrated her 80th along with their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a journey to Singapore. There they boarded the luxury cruise liner Azamara Quest for her maiden voyage in Asian waters. The Quest and her 700 passengers visited ports in Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Viet Nam and Mainland China ending 3 plus wonderful weeks in Hong Kong, their favorite city in the entire world.

From there a flight into southwest China to Guilin, the home of the indescribably beautiful limestone peaks surrounding the Li River. And on to Shanghai to a hotel overlooking The Bund on the Hangpou River, a must see site.

From there after a month it was time to come home on Japan Air Lines with its superlative service.



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CALIFORNIA PARKS CONFERENCE 2009

March 9-12, Cambria, California at the Cambria Pines Lodge

Conference Highlights

- Keynote by SLO Co Park Manager **Pete Jenny**
- Tour and Dinner at Hearst Castle
 - Wine Tasting
- Tours of Elephant Seal Breeding Area



- Tour of Oceano Dunes
- Great Accommodations at Cambria Pines Lodge
- DPR Director **Ruth Coleman** will address the group
- Valuable Training Sessions, some with POST hours
 - Silent Auction
- Thursday night Banquet

Were you there? Send us photographs for the next issue of the *Wave* to wave@cpsra.com



VI World Congress of Park Rangers

November 2nd - 7th., 2009
Santa Cruz de la Sierra
Bolivia

The sixth World Congress of Park Rangers, sponsored by the International Ranger Federation, is coming up this November in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

This is a chance to meet rangers from all over the world, to share expertise, and to learn about our profession from an international perspective.

Sessions will be held on working relations, adjusting to future global conditions, international relations and cooperation, the potential for international development between



Ranger Associations, and meeting challenges with effective action.

The documentary film, *The Thin Green Line* brought home to many of us the myriad challenges dealt with around the globe. The World Congress is an opportunity to meet

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Information and online
registration:
www.guardaparque.org

our fellow park professionals face to face.

The fee to attend is only \$800 if you register before March 31, which includes 6 nights lodging and all meals, as well as a visit to one of Bolivia's protected areas.

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EXECUTIVE MANAGER



by Allison Pedley, Executive Manager

We have three new members to
welcome to our ranks, all of them
environmental scientists! **Nancy La
Grille** joins us from Oceano Dunes,
Sarah Lose from OHV headquarters,
and **Tamara Sasaki** from right here in
the Sierra District. Welcome all!

With the California Parks Confer-
ence right around the corner,

I've been gearing up to help ensure a
smooth transition to our new Board
members -- **Pam Armas, Pat Clark
Gray, Nedra Martinez, and Cindy
Spencer**. There will be a meeting of
both the "old" and "new" boards at
the CPC, where the budget for our
next fiscal year will be presented,
and ideas solicited regarding future
CSPRA roles. Stay tuned, as I antici-
pate a lot of good information and
ideas to come out of these meetings.

Finally, just a quick reminder that
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James Whitehead Award

The James Whitehead Award is
presented each year to the class
valedictorian of Basic Visitor Services
Training in recognition of outstanding
achievement and overall performance
in all program areas. The award
was established by the California
State Park Rangers Association as a
perpetual tribute to a man whose phi-
losophy and vision for parks inspired
all who came into contact with him.
Mr. Whitehead served California State
Parks as a Ranger, Area Manager,
Regional Director, and as a member
of the California Park and Recreation
Commission. His commitment to our
park mission and to the public we
serve continues to guide us today.
CSPRA District Representative **Pat
Clark Gray** presented the award to
BVST 32 class Valedictorian Ranger
Gregory Grilli.



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Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

by Jeff Price, retired

A drop in pressure, maybe?
*The whole county was plum-
meted by hail.*

Sandbags anyone?
*No one thought he was that
good, I think he snowballed us.*

Better than wind power.
*Rumsfeld's resignation really
took the steam out of the their
sails.*

Well, you get the general idea.
*... but first I want all the dots
dotted and the i's crossed.*

Bad adjustment.
*I heard what you said and feel
you have misaligned my reputa-
tion.*

There ought to be a law!
*That's just like the thief who
yells fire in a crowded restau-
rant.*

Cleanup, aisle 3.
*I am looking forward to work-
ing with members on both sides
of the hill.*

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