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*"...to support, protect, and defend the integrity of State Parks for present and future generations."*

## **K-9 PROGRAM CELEBRATES 40 YEARS**



***K-9 Handlers Past and Present, Standing L to R : past handlers Bill Berry, John Russo, Bob Breshears, Jim Burke, Dick Edwards and Jeanne Sisson. Kneeling : present handlers Brett King, Mike Glecker, Rob Chambers Dan Kenney, Al Chavez , Kent Gresham and Mike Smittle***

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by *Pam Armas, CSPRA President*

I truly don't even know where to begin with a President's Message for this issue of the Wave. First we are closing parks, then we are not closing parks, then our budget gets slashed and we are told we have to keep our parks open with half of our ongoing maintenance money, half our resources funding, no roads money and no seasonal dollars. In my last article for the Wave, when referring to the people of Mongolia, I wrote "they have nothing, yet they have everything." In contrast, we have nothing and yet we are still expected to do everything. A little different. Then to add insult to injury the governor receives an award from the National Park Trust for "protecting public lands". (To see CSPRA's letter of opposition to this award, go to our website at www.cspira.com). On top of that he vetoes two bills aimed at protecting California State Parks land in a critical time in our history. Just when we all think we have hit our band-width, it gets stretched further. I have always said we are a very resilient organization, but could there be a breaking point???

So that's the black cloud.... the silver lining is that there will be no layoffs, we work in beautiful places and as an organization we care for each other deeply. At the risk of overusing a cliché, I truly believe that out of crisis, we will come out stronger

and better. I have been reading with interest and pleasure the maintenance folks on the listserve "backbone" and their plan of training to improve themselves professionally. That what it's all about! Kudos to you all.

CSPRA is dedicated to the health of our organization and its people. I am reading a wonderful book called *It's Not About the Coffee* by **Howard Behar**, past president of Starbucks. It is about taking care of your employees to achieve your mission. I have always believed this philosophy. In that vein, we are still working on professional development. CSPRA will participate in the Parks Conference during the week of March 15 at the Embassy Suites in South San Francisco. I hope as many people as possible can make this important conference.

CSPRA is 100% behind the State Park Access Pass initiative, which is being sponsored by the California State Parks Foundation (CSPF). I have talked with **Elizabeth Goldstein** and expressed our desire to help move this important initiative forward. CSPRA Secretary **Don Schmidt**, and I will be attending a meeting in a few weeks with CSPF to discuss how our members can help. We are hopeful that CSPRA members will assist with signature gathering and other lobbying efforts.

I cannot sugarcoat the fact that we are in for a rocky road when our busy season hits after this winter with the current budget conditions. I read recently "either you think you can or you think you can't; either way you are right." As an organization, I think we can!

## CALIFORNIA PARKS CONFERENCE

Save the dates!!

March 15 - 18, 2010

Embassy Suites, South San Francisco

A variety of sessions in all disciplines are being planned, including fun and exciting field trips. Contact co-chair **Don Schmidt** (don@cspira.com) if you can help. Now more than ever we need to get together and support each other.

## *K-9 Program's 40th Anniversary*

# **STATE PARKS K-9 PROGRAM**

*by Jeanne Sisson*  
*Supervising Ranger, Sierra District*

On October 16th and 17th, 2009, the State Parks Canine Program celebrated 40 years of service, thanks to the efforts of the K-9 Anniversary Committee, comprised of **Jim Burke, Ted Jackson, Scott Liske, Mike Lynch, Brian Robertson, and Randy Trefry**. The two day event was attended by current handlers, former handlers, families of handlers, and supporters of the canine program. The event was funded by the participants and by contributions from CSPRA, SPOAAC, California State Parks Foundation, Witmer-Tyson Kennels, and 5.11 Tactical. Gold Fields District supported the event with the use of its facilities, including the recently constructed Folsom Lake Powerhouse Visitor Center.

The event kicked off on Friday evening when special guest **Dick Edwards**, the very first State Parks canine handler, talked in an informal setting about his adventures as a handler with his partner **Sam** at Big Sur back in 1979. On Saturday afternoon, seven current Department handlers and their canine partners conducted a demonstration of their skills in obedience and protection. Saturday night was the catered dinner and formal program. The program MC was **Bill Berry**, former Deputy Director of Park Operations, former Canine Program Coordinator, and former canine handler. The K-9 Anniversary Committee presented appreciation awards to people who have been instrumental over the years in the development of the program. Recognition was given to the 5 longest serving K-9 handlers, and the program included a tribute to the untimely losses of handlers **Mike Callen** (Folsom Lake) and **Dave Graham** (Hearst Castle). Callen and Graham are honored and remembered every year at qualifications when a



^^ Jim Burke, Dick Edwards & Bob Breshears, the 3 handlers of DPR's first K-9 dog, Sam. Below, Dan Kenney & Al Chavez show moves with Kilo.



team is selected to receive the Mike Callen Top Dog Team Award and another team is selected to receive the Dave Graham Achievement Award.

The K-9 Program 40th Anniversary Reunion was a successful event celebrating a very special program in our department, and I am deeply grateful to the K-9 Anniversary Committee for their countless hours of hard work and their determina-

tion to make this happen. They did it partly because they recognize the tremendous value the program offers to the Department. The canine units are very effective enforcement tools, mostly preventative, but they are also valuable public relations and interpretive tools. People love to approach

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## *International Ranger Liason*

*by Steve Bier, Ranger  
Anza-Borrego Desert SP*

Greetings from Anza Borrego, the Land Of The Burning Sand, deep in the heart of the Colorado Desert. While on a recent visit to our sister park in Mongolia, I had a chance to sit down and talk shop with current CSPRA President **Pam Armas**, and other State Park Managers about our connection to the greater world-wide Ranger Community. As a result of those conversations, I have been asked to represent CSPRA as the International Ranger Federation Liason. While I greatly appreciate the opportunity to take State Parks global, I can't do it effectively without your help. I know that many of our parks play host to visiting Park Professionals from other states and nations. And I know too that many of you take part in International Ranger Conferences or visit other parks around the globe.



<< Steve,  
in  
Mongolia

My hope is to be able to bring your stories to a wider audience, through the pages of the Wave, and other park publications, to show our commitment to sharing knowledge and support and helping to foster current and future land stewards and park professionals around the world. In turn I hope to provide you with news of the struggles and accomplishments of our Ranger Family abroad who often

times are tasked with our responsibilities, without the benefit of our level of training and support, nor our monetary compensation.

If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to visit the International Ranger Federation web site at [www.int-ranger.net](http://www.int-ranger.net). Or type in The Thin Green Line in your search engine to learn more about International Ranger Day and the issues faced by our friends around the world. In the meantime, if you have a story to share, please feel free to send it my way for inclusion in the next Wave. My inbox awaits your response at [sbier@parks.ca.gov](mailto:sbier@parks.ca.gov).

*Editor's Note: As we are editing this issue, the International Ranger Federation's World Congress is taking place in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. We hope to have a report in the next issue.*

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## *STATE PARK ACCESS PASS INITIATIVE*

*by Traci Verardo-Torres  
Vice President, Governmental Affairs  
California State Parks Foundation*

The California State Parks Foundation continues to work towards a long-term, sustainable funding mechanism to keep state parks open and accessible for Californians. We have recently taken the first of a series of formal steps toward that path. Along with our partners in a campaign committee, we have filed a proposed statewide ballot measure to try to put the State Park Access Pass on the ballot in November 2010. The measure is called the "California State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act of 2010" and calls on Californians to support their state park system and wildlife conservation areas by paying an \$18 annual State Park Access

Pass surcharge on vehicle license fees. The surcharge will be assessed on all vehicles except large commercial vehicles and is mandatory, not optional. The language itself will be available on the Attorney General's web page shortly and once it's up, can be accessed here: <http://ag.ca.gov/initiatives/activeindex.php?active=A>. This is an exciting step forward for all state park advocates, and there are many additional steps ahead as we explore the feasibility of getting in front of voters next November. CSPF is a lead organization in the campaign committee that has been established for this effort. We're looking for help organizing volunteers to gather signatures to qualify the initiative for the ballot. Not only are park supporters the most passionate voices on this issue, but using volunteers will be a



great cost-savings for the campaign. The State Park Access Pass will provide a reliable, dedicated, and sustainable source of funding for our state parks. This ballot initiative gives us a chance to make that idea a reality, but we need your help. Stay tuned for more specifics on how you can help get this initiative on the ballot!

# Across the USA on the 38th Parallel

by Janet Carle, WAVE editor

In September of 2008, my husband, Dave and I traveled across California following the 38th parallel, which passes through Mono Lake, our home in the Eastern Sierra. We back-packed, bicycled, walked and sailed (with the help of retired State Parks friends, John Knott and Dave Martin) across the state.

That trip led to an article in *Coast & Ocean* magazine ([www.coastandocean.org](http://www.coastandocean.org)) and to a book contract with University of California Press. We wanted to follow the latitude line across the USA, exploring water-related environmental stories and the cultural connections tied to that theme. Our editor told us that a book following the 38th parallel *around the world* would have even broader appeal. How about that?

Why the 38th Parallel? One answer to this question is simply that our starting point--our home--is on the 38°N line. While other latitudes must certainly offer meaningful insights, it has been delightful to realize that "our" line coincides with so many intriguing environmental and cultural stories. Few other latitudes, north or south, pass through so many states and nations. This is a temperate, middle latitude that has proven conducive to human success.

This October we completed the first big leg of our adventure, following the line from Assateague Lighthouse on the Atlantic coast back home to the Mono Basin. From the top of the lighthouse we could see the Atlantic and a distant view of Chesapeake Bay, threatened with pollution, run-off and over harvesting issues and yet still producing blue crabs and oysters.

As we headed west, coal dominated the landscape story: coal barges, coal fired power plants; train cars full of coal; statues of coal miners; communities that had been buried by coal slurry when dams burst; and, especially, mountaintop removal coal mining. We met with Larry Gibson, the Mountain Keeper, near Charles-



ton, West Virginia. Larry's family has lived for 250 years on Kayford Mountain (37°58'), and he has become a leader in the battle to stop the surface coal mining known as mountaintop removal (MTR). Larry's home is a small cabin in a leafy oasis in a sea of mining operations. There is no water because the mine blasting lowered the water table. It's hard to describe the devastation MTR leaves behind. The mountain is turned inside out, coal is dug out, and the debris is dumped into "valley fills," creating a huge wall where streams used to flow. Several thousand miles of West Virginia streams have been buried! Dead, unproductive rubble is left behind where mountains used to be, covered with a thin veneer of green, "restored" with an introduced Asian weed. Mining jobs have disappeared with mechanization. There are only about 15,000 coal miners left in W. Virginia, down from 150,000 in 1950. Water is polluted with heavy metals and acid drainage; sludge dams are a constant flooding threat to communities in the "hollers" below; blasting damages homes and coal dust sickens kids. It is heartbreaking. Larry called coal "the most barbaric form of energy known to man." Over three MILLION acres have been stripped and flattened in the Appalachian states. In California, we hear about coal but rarely see it. The status quo on coal mining is entrenched and it will be hard to change the paradigm.

As we moved west, the green hills gradually dried out and the prairie

began. Only small remnants remain of the original tall grass native ecosystem. The post-Dust Bowl development of center-pivot irrigation systems has allowed the land to produce corn and grain and most of the nation's beef cattle. The huge Ogallala aquifer is being

mined. There is less than an inch of recharge into the aquifer each year, but the withdrawal is happening, in places, hundreds of times faster than that rate. Pumps are today working at reduced capacities. When the water runs out, the economy and environment of this vast region will have to change. Groundwater districts are trying to control use and encourage conservation, but it is a huge task. The water has been over-allotted from the beginning.

We did encounter more encouraging stories. In Missouri, the Pioneer Forest was created by visionary Leo Drey, who set out to demonstrate methods of sustainable logging of the oak forests. The Pioneer Forest follows a long-term cycle of single-tree harvesting that makes for an aesthetically pleasing forest with trees of different age-classes, that minimizes erosion and run-off impacts on the watershed, and improves reproduction and overall health of the trees.

Bob Sexson is a Wildlife Manager in Kansas who is cleaning water sources using man-made wetlands, a process that could reclaim cattle feedlot waste ponds. We had the pleasure of meeting author and poet Wendell Berry in Kentucky, who has been a powerful advocate of sustainable farming and the importance of place and home. Along our route, people opened their hearts and their homes to us, and shared stories about

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# **17th Annual Retirees Rendezvous**



*^^Two former CSPRA Presidents catch up: Ron McCall (1976-78) and Jeff Price (1982-84)*



*^^ Rendezvous Organizer Kirk Wallace and Jim Neal sample the chili.*



*The cooks start the fire. It's all about friends and food!*

This year's event was held in early October at McConnell SRA in the Central Valley. Join in the fun next year!

*Photos by Jeff Price and Ron McCall*



*<<Glen McGowan and Mike Lynch share a laugh.*

## CSPRA Chronicles

*Dave Gould is highlighting a different CSPRA member for each edition of the WAVE. In his many years in working for State Parks and being a longtime member of CSPRA, Dave has found that the personal and professional lives of CSPRA members are quite varied and fascinating. So enjoy...*

### The CSPRA Chronicles...Valerie Bradshaw

*Where do you work, what is your job classification, and how long have you worked for California State Parks?*

The often dreaded word, "HEAD-QUARTERS" has been my work assignment for the past 16 years. I am a C.E.A. and serve as the Division Chief for the Facilities Management Division (formerly known as Technical Services). I like the division name change as now when I go to meetings with non-departmental folks they don't get all excited to have a computer person in their midst. I also feel this title is a better reflection of what all of the maintenance chiefs/managers is all about.

*Where were you born and where did you grow up?*

I was born in Ohio but the family moved to the greater Sacramento area when I was one. My childhood was spent in Rancho Cordova. I remember one store, barley and wheat fields, and only Folsom Blvd to get downtown. I went to three elementary schools without ever moving as the area was a boomtown due to the growth of the Aerospace industry, in particular Aerojet General where both my father and grandfather worked. The earlier space launches were very important to our family as Aerojet played a crucial part in making components of the rockets and engines for the lunar trips.

*Tell us a little about your family.*

I am the youngest of three with one brother and one sister. My mother's family is very small and lives in the Bay Area while my father's family is from Tennessee and Ohio where I have numerous relatives -- and yes, it appears that **Terry Bradshaw** is a very distant cousin of mine.

*Tell us about your "formative" years.*



*Val and Ken Armstrong in Old Sac*

Despite a lack of girls athletic programs when I was growing up, I managed to play a lot of softball and was a field eventer in Track and Field participating in all of the throwing events of the time. I was very active in student government in high school and have always felt the necessity to be involved in what you believe in to foster support and growth in those things.

*Did you visit any parks while you were growing up? Do you have any park-related stories from your youth you would like to share?*

Like so many baby boomers, about all we could afford was visiting parks. I have very many wonderful memories of camping at Prairie Creek Redwoods, Richardson Grove, and Lassen Volcanic National Park. Marshall Gold, which we called Coloma, was

a favorite destination for day trips with many hikes up and down to/from the monument (the flume used to be a great place to cool off - if you didn't mind getting poison oak).

*Where did you go to school? Do you have any academic degrees?*

I graduated from CSU Chico with a BA and Teaching Credential in Physical Education

*What do you like to do in your spare time?*

I enjoy cooking and try my hand at several crafts. I also love to travel, but love to come home just as much. I also love working with my Labrador Retrievers who are now retired show dogs with some obedience titles. One is a certified Therapy Dog.

*What were the jobs you held before joining California State Parks?*

My first paid job was with the Cordova Parks and Recreation Department while in high school. During college I started a career that spanned over twenty years as a sports official for college and high school volleyball, basketball and softball. My first full-time job out of college was with the California Conservation Corps as a Conservationist / Training Supervisor

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## Valerie Bradshaw

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at their Academy in Calaveras County.

*When did you get the idea that you would like to work for California State Parks?*

I am example of how you plant the seed for future staff in our youth -- I liked what I saw in the people I interacted with as a youth enjoying the parks. The many campfire programs reached into the soul -- who remembers singing "My Hat It Has Three Corners"?

*Tell us about your State Park career.*

I came to Parks as a Park Maintenance Worker I at Hearst Castle as a lateral transfer from the CCC. After four years at the Castle, I promoted to a Park Maintenance Supervisor in Old Sacramento SHP. From Old Sac, I promoted to Park Maintenance Chief II in what was then the Field Services Division. In 2000 I became the Technical Services Chief which eventually morphed into the position I currently have. To date I have been in Headquarters for 16 years, 2 months and 10 days, but no one is counting.

*What have been some of the more interesting things you have done in your State Park career?*

I would have to go with working at Hearst Castle where I was blessed to be able to learn so much about caring for collections and be exposed to a lot of techniques for proper maintenance and repair of historical items. Working in Headquarters has also been an extremely interesting experience which has allowed me to learn a lot

more about the inner workings of government.

*Over the years you have seen quite a change in how the Department keeps track of the facility infrastructure workload in State Parks. Do you have any vision of how we will be keeping track of what needs to be done in the future?*

I think the foundation of how we use computers has been laid and that it will only become more refined as newer technologies/programs come along. The development of PID back in 1998 set us up for where we are in terms of identifying both short term



and long term needs for maintenance and capital outlay. I am hopeful that as we recover from the current downturn in funding, that we will be able to begin to fully implement the CAMP program and that managers will finally be able to use it as the management/planning tool it is and not just see it as a necessary evil that just won't go away.

*What one wish would you like to see come true for the Facilities Management Program in the Department?*

This is an easy one which goes way beyond the Facilities Management Program - a stable funding source that allows our preventative maintenance

program to actually be implemented and reduce our deferred maintenance backlog to a manageable level.

*How long have you been a CSPRA member and what inspired you to become a member?*

I joined CSPRA in 2000 after our Park Maintenance Supervisors Association disbanded. It was an important time for all professions to come together and work as one for the benefit of all. After all, no one profession within parks can be successful without all of the other disciplines.

*What was it like to be the President of CSPRA in 2004-05?*

It would be an understatement to just say it was a pleasure, but rest assured it was. I think the opportunity allowed me to witness first hand the level of respect the "Rangers" receive when working with other organizations and even the Legislature. The experience confirmed in my mind that the term "Ranger" is a loving and respected term that is applied by "outsiders" to any employee who works for California State Parks.

*What is your favorite California State Park?*

This will typically depend on my mood and what activity I want to do on any given day - and if out of the office for a work assignment, wherever I am that day is my favorite! I will fall back to two parks that will always be special to me from my youth - Prairie Creek Redwoods SP and Marshall Gold Discovery SHP.

*Is there message you would like to share with CSPRA members?*

GET INVOLVED!!!! A professional association only works if its members



**CATHERINE STONE**

Catherine passed away in September at the age of 94. She and her late husband Joe were long-time volunteers, curators, researchers and camp hosts at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Together they wrote articles, worked the front desk and archived the library files. Joe and Catherine were the CSPRA Honorary Rangers of 1984.

**BILL MILLER**

Bill passed away in late August at the age of 62. He had a long State Park Ranger career, working at Lake Oroville, Channel Coast, Orange Coast and most recently at Hearst Castle in the Central Coast area. He also loved fishing, woodworking, music and travel. Bill was a long-time Armorer and Firearms Instructor for State Parks.

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canine handlers and ask them about the dog and tell them stories about their favorite dog. Unfortunately, the Canine Program has suffered as a result of hard times and limited resources. This reunion and celebration helped remind us all why it is so important to support this program and to keep it strong, so that ten years from now, we will celebrate State Parks K-9 Program's 50th Year Anniversary.

## Keeping the Doors Open

by *Monica Miller, CSPRA Lobbyist*

In the wee hours of September 12, 2009, the legislature wrapped up the first year of the 2009-10 session. Unfortunately, it was very uneventful given that the Senate Republicans were unhappy with the Senate Democratic leader, **Senator Steinberg**. As a result of this infighting many critical bills did not have the necessary votes to move off the Senate Floor and to the Governor's desk.

Additionally, in the last days of the session the Legislature attempted to put together a water deal. There was a water conference committee convened, they came up with a compromise, which was heard the last night of session in SB 68 by Senator Steinberg. It did get out of the Assembly committee, however it was ultimately decided not to hear the measure on the Assembly floor. The Democratic leadership had requested that the Governor call a special session specifically on water. Keep in mind that this will be our 7th special session this year, with three running concurrently as we speak. On October 11, 2009, the Governor did call a special session on water. When the Senate returned on October 14, they opened the session. The Assembly did the same on October 26. As of the writing of this article, the Senate did manage to pass a water bond on November 2, which now sits on the Assembly Floor awaiting a vote.

Technically this session is over. However, the Senate returned on October 14, 2009 to once again vote on many key bills. There have been three special sessions called for this fall: one on education and drawing down federal dollars, the second on the proposed tax commission's findings and the third on the water crisis in California. There are no dates set as of yet to deal with any of these ses-

sions. We also understand that they may not be called back to deal with the budget this year, which is the first time in the last few years. According to the Director of the Department of Finance, California's economy continues to improve, allowing this current budget to last until January. Not great, but it is an improvement. With the Parks on life support, we anticipate next year to be much like this year. We need to be prepared to fight for our State Parks and keeping the doors open. The Governor is expected to release his budget in January. This will give us a snapshot of where things stand in the general fund and allow us to prepare our next steps. We are told that the anticipated budget deficit is \$20 billion, but have yet to confirm an exact number.

We will continue to work closely with the California State Parks Foundation as well as our other partners in the fight to keep parks open. We will also keep the Board apprised of any new details relating to parks and the General Fund. The fight is not over yet, we have a long way to go, but people need to continue to stand up for parks!

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work at it. Everyone is busy, but there are always a few minutes that can be carved out to pass on messages, to write letters, to vote, to go over ideas for the conference. It takes everyone and the benefits that CSPRA can provide are immeasurable and sometimes not visible -- but trust me, the Legislature in particular knows what CSPRA is and what it can do, but it only works because of our members.

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## EXECUTIVE MANAGER



by **Allison Pedley**, Executive Manager

December 2009 marks the end of my third year with CSPRA, and I must say, it's been a quite a ride so far. First off, I've experienced the joy of working with the CSPRA board, which, although members rotate in and out annually, has been a pleasure without exception. Getting to know members -- incoming, long-standing, retiring -- has also been truly enjoyable. The flip side, of course, has been the budget rollercoaster ride of the past two years, that has been

just plain brutal. While not affecting my own day-to-day tasks too heavily, the weight I've felt from those of you shouldering the full force of its effects has been huge. I continue to be inspired by you all, who continue to plow forward with steadfast belief in this wonderful park system, even as it seems certain entities out there are determined to take the park system, and everyone in it, down. I've heard from a lot of GrayBears telling me "it's been bad before, but never this bad," but still holding strong that if everyone holds on, it will also get better again. I seem to say this a lot, but hang in there!!!

I have one new member to report, Ranger **Brett King**, working with the Hearst Castle K9 unit. Welcome Brett!

Finally, please be on the lookout for CSPRA Board ballots which should be in the mail by the end of November. Thanks everyone!



**Wayne Harrison's** retirement plaque was presented by CSPRA board member Pat Clark-Gray.

**Do you know someone who is retiring?** CSPRA provides a plaque for members when they retire. Contact Allison at: (530) 550-1268 or [allison@CSPRA.com](mailto:allison@CSPRA.com).

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their efforts to make their home a better place.

Our last stop was Pioche, Nevada. Las Vegas is planning to export groundwater from several eastern Nevada valleys. There are so many parallels to the Owens Valley/Mono Lake/Los Angeles Aqueduct history in this current water grab--family ranches being bought up for their water rights, local people overwhelmed by the big city movers-and-shakers, water to be moved hundreds of miles to fuel development and growth in a sprawling metropolis. We had come full circle.

Our first view of Mono Lake was a thrill--back home after a month exploring communities and landscapes along the 38th parallel. The angle of light and the evening sky are the same along that latitude, but there's no place like home.

Check out our blog at <http://paralleluniverse38n.blogspot.com> for more detail on the trip, and stay tuned as we continue our exploration across Europe and Asia next year.

## humor in unicorn



### Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

*by Jeff Price, retired*

Mixed Metaphor definition:  
an odd mixture of metaphors  
and misquoted clichés that  
produce a mildly humorous  
or bewildering effect. Feel  
free to send along any over-  
heard slips of the tongue to  
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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.*

Easy to say, tough to do.

*If you will be traveling over the  
holidays, be sure to give your-  
self more time than allowed.*

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