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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*by Pam Armas, CSPRA President*

As we approach the end of the calendar year, it's time to start thinking about the next Board and who is going to serve this great organization. I feel like the current Board has a great deal of momentum and we are a very smooth running machine. Several of our terms are up and some of us are planning to run for re-election to provide consistency in this most important time in CSPRA and the Department's history. The passing of Proposition 21 and a new Administration will bring new beginnings along with a lot of hard work to both organizations. If you would like to run for a Board position we welcome your nomination. Please send your interest to **Allison Pedley**, Executive Manager, CSPRA at [Allison@cspra.com](mailto:Allison@cspra.com).

**This year's Parks Conference will be at the Tenaya Lodge near Wawona in Yosemite. The dates are March 13-17, 2011. Hope you can make it! (See page 7).**

## COUNTDOWN TO PROPOSITION 21

Fall is in the air, visitors are finishing vacations and returning to work, kids are going back to school, election campaign ads are heavy on the air-waves..... and we are getting closer

to the possible passage of Proposition 21 – the State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act of 2010, which would provide State Parks substantial funding in perpetuity. I wanted to provide everyone with an update on the campaign strategy and where we stand with Prop 21.

The polling for Prop 21 continues to be favorable. There is minimal opposition and the opposition is not well-funded or well-organized. The opposition includes the Howard Jarvis Tax Group and the American Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers who are opposing Prop 21 because they believe any vehicle fee is a deterrent to people buying cars.

We are now entering into the portion of the campaign where we need to be in a state of action as opposed to a state of awareness. We need to set into motion a strategy to actually reach out to people and get them to vote!

The California State Parks Foundation is asking that we get back into our communities to continue to spread the word about Prop 21 and encourage people to vote on November 2nd or mail in their absentee ballots. Organizations are encouraged to go back out to the places they found to be successful for signature gathering or to identify new locations for voter contact.

The California State Park Foundation has Prop 21 campaign supplies available. Email me at [pam@cspra.com](mailto:pam@cspra.com) to request materials as I will have a supply on hand. As you know, CSPRA is a supporting organization. As CSPRA members, I encourage you to take the time to talk with your church group, local chamber of commerce, Kiwanis club, school groups, Sierra Club, etc. These groups are always looking for guest speakers and would love to hear about how they can help California State Parks. Eighteen dollars per vehicle would provide free day use to all California's State Parks and dedicate a source of revenue for funding the future.

# Prop 21 Needs You! Now!

*by John Mott, retired*

As President Pam Armas noted, we are in the final stretch for passing Proposition 21. The time for action is now. Pam noted several action steps we all can all take part in. I have a few more.

If you have not already done so, please:

**1. Register as an individual or an organizational supporter at [www.yes-forstateparks.com](http://www.yes-forstateparks.com).**

**2. Register with California State Parks Foundation as a grass roots volunteer.** If you have not done this or are not sure, no problem. Simply email your contact information to [advocacy@calparks.org](mailto:advocacy@calparks.org) or phone: 916-442-2119 fax 916-442-2809 [www.calparks.org](http://www.calparks.org)

Other supporting activities include:

**Publish an article** in your organization or neighborhood newsletter. A sample article is available on the web site.

**Purchase and display bumper stickers, T-shirts, tote bags, buttons** and more through the [www.yesforstateparks.com](http://www.yesforstateparks.com) on-line store if they are not available locally.

**Pass out our campaign postcards/ brochures** at high traffic areas such as special events, shopping malls, parking lots, and popular public areas. Contact the CSPRA President Pam

encourage people to vote "Yes." State employees may participate off-duty and out-of-uniform.



Armas at [pam@cspira.com](mailto:pam@cspira.com) to request election materials.

**Tell your friends** about the Prop 21 and ask them to endorse! Send an email to 10 of your friends and colleagues each week.

**Submit a letter to the editor** to your local newspaper if they publish an article about Prop 21.

**Post comments** in response to news articles on the State Parks Initiative – let everyone know why you support the measure!

Last, but not least, **Participate in Statewide Action Days.** There will be two statewide action days to visibly demonstrate support for Prop 21. Thousands of supporters all over the state will be involved, including many of our cooperating associations and volunteers. Our goal is to raise visibility and awareness of 21 and to

**The statewide Action Days will be held on September 21st and October 21st** (note the connection to Prop 21). At other times supporters are encouraged to do whatever they can to raise the visibility of Prop 21. These local activities could include leafleting at shopping malls, parking lots or holding placards on street corners and other high traffic public areas urging shoppers or drivers to "Vote Yes on 21!"

The Prop 21 campaign, unlike some races, does not have scads of money. The campaign will be successful only because of the myriad efforts of thousands of volunteers like you. Please join me and thousands of others in doing whatever you can to ensure victory in November. Vote Yes on 21 and encourage all your friends, family and community members to VOTE ON NOV. 2!!!



# Dana Jones Wins Medals in Western States Police and Fire Games

by **Pam Armas**, CSPRA President

On Friday, August 30, I accompanied Dana Jones (past CSPRA President, 2002-2004) and her son Matt to watch Dana compete in the 2010 Western

organized in 1967. As the Games evolved, so has the name of the Games: California Police Olympics, 1967-1989; California Police Summer

agencies in the 200 free relay and the 200 medley relay. Dana won six of her events! She was able to achieve her goals in three of her individual



Police and Fire Games held at the University of Nevada in Reno. The Western States Police & Fire Games ((WSPFG) is a multi-sport Olympic-style athletic program, held annually, to promote physical and mental well-being of professionals in Police and Fire Services in the United States. The WSPFG provides a competitive and social environment to encourage and pay homage to the camaraderie among these men and women, through sports. The WSPFG was first

Games, 1990-1999; California Police and Fire Games, 2000-2003; Western States Police and Fire Games, 2004-present.

Dana starting swimming seriously about two years ago for exercise and to stay fit. She swims 5-6 days a week and has been working with a coach for over a year for this event. Dana swam in the 50 back, 50 breast, 100 back and 100 breast. She also joined a mixed relay team that was formed on deck and swam with three other male swimmers from other

events and is now the proud holder of the WSPFG record for the female Master B division (45-49).

Dana's 16 year old son Matt is also an accomplished swimmer at Carmel High School. Matt has the fastest butterfly stroke at Carmel High and recently competed in the sectionals and won an award.

Matt volunteered for the WSPFG event as a timekeeper. Congratulations to both Dana and Matt.

## *Day 69 and Counting...*

by **Monica Miller**, *CSPRA Lobbyist*

The 2009-2010 Legislative session came to a close on August 31, 2010 at 12:04 am. The last weeks of session were tough. There were many political battles over procedural matters and members that were just angry at the process. The last day of session brought a several hour debate on both the Republican version of the budget and the Democratic version of the budget, both without the necessary votes to pass. So, as of today, we are 69 days delayed in our budget which is the second latest it has ever been and we are still counting. The latest was in 2008, when the budget was signed on September 18.

The process moves forward. The members have been sent back to their Districts with an understanding that they must return if and when there is a budget deal. When that may happen no one is sure or willing to even take a guess. This is an election year and there is some discussion that they may wait until after the November elections and let the new Governor and legislature take over this budget discussion. However, a major problem is California's cash crisis. We have until early October, according to the State Controller, until we run out of reserves and will not be able to pay our bills as a state.

Listed below are the many details for State Parks in the current version of the budget being discussed (please remember that the Governor has veto authority over dollar amounts but not programs):

--The budget restores \$133 million in General Funds after the Governor abandoned his proposal to supplant the \$140 million in GF support with revenues from a new oil lease at Tranquillon Ridge.

--The budget conference committee approved \$4.1 million GF for ongoing evaluation, analysis, and implementa-

tion of remedial alternatives at Empire Mine State Park.

--The budget conference committee approved \$14.2 million (Proposition 84) for California Museum Collection Center infrastructure and tenant improvements upon approval of new facilities for the museum.

--The budget conference committee approved \$1.8 million (Proposition 84) for the Natural Heritage Stewardship program. Specifically, they approved \$1.6 million (Proposition 84) for the Interpretive Exhibit program; \$1.3 million (Proposition 84) for the Cultural Stewardship Program and \$1.4 million (Proposition 84) for the Large Natural Resources Program.

--They also approved \$2.4 million (Proposition 99, Public Resources Account) to supplant, on a one-time basis, \$2.4 million in State Parks and Recreation Fund support for the Resource Management Program.

--The budget conference committee approved \$880,000 (federal fund authority) to support eight existing positions (currently funded from other resources) to address increased workload in the Office of Historic Preservation associated with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

--They approved \$232,000 (reimbursement authority) and three positions to augment the Special Events Program in the Orange Coast District. Additionally, approved Supplemental Report Language requiring the Orange Coast District to report on revenues generated in its special events program.

--They approved \$303,000 (Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund), and \$750,000 ongoing, to continue the Quagga Mussel Prevention and Inspection Program at Lake Perris and Silverwood Lake.

--They approved \$9 million in Proposition 12 and \$4 million in Proposition 40 funds to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act bar-

rier-removal work mandated by the federal court in *Tucker v. California Department of Parks and Recreation*.

--They approved \$3.4 million (Proposition 84) to conduct the construction phase of an improvement project at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park.

--They approved approximately \$5 million (Proposition 84) for various park development projects (capital outlay).

--They approved Proposition 84 funding for various statewide minor capital outlay projects, including \$2.5 million for statewide park system projects, \$430,000 for the recreational trails program, and \$586,000 for the volunteer enhancement program.

--They approved \$48 million from special funds for capital outlay projects in the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program.

--They adopted Supplemental Report Language to approve a new concession for Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) Off-Highway Vehicle 9OHV) Rentals.

--Finally, they approved trailer bill language to divide the lands of the "Freeman Property" between Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area, should that property be acquired by the state (we have yet to see any of the Trailer bills and usually don't until after the budget bill is passed).



*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. Enjoy...*

## **CSPRA Chronicles...Ann Meneguzzi**

### **Where do you work and what is your job classification?**

Right now I work at Candlestick Point SRA as Supervising Ranger.

### **Tell us about your youth, the “formative” years.**

I was born and grew up in Stockton. My family lived in the country outside town. My parents had a small ranch - orchards of cherries and walnuts. Our house was (is) a small & plain 1899 farmhouse with a wonderful yard- grape arbor, towering persimmon tree, vegetable garden, chicken coop, figs, pomegranates, and of course, the acres of big walnut trees to climb.

Since my father was a farmer, his hours and days of work could be very long during the summer and harvest seasons. But in not-so-busy times my family would take Sunday drives. Occasionally we went for picnics to Big Trees, a popular spot for Stockton folks. Walking along the tops of fallen giants was fun. I remember with delight one visit we made to Big Basin. In those days, the concessionaire sold small bags of oatmeal so visitors could feed the deer. Now I know what an unhealthy & unnatural activity that was. But to have a beautiful deer eating out of the palm of my hand sure thrilled me then.

Stockton can be hot during the summer so I enjoyed any trip we made to the mountains. During my college years I worked at Tuolumne Meadows, an awesome granite-domed playground. I still love the granite peaks and open spaces of the highest Sierra and return often.

### **What is your educational background?**

After graduating from St. Mary's High School (now the top-ranked girl's basketball team in the nation!) I got a job in Yosemite Valley instead



of going to college. (To my parents' distress I admit.) That was such a wonderful experience for me. My interest in natural history took off so that by the time I got to UC Berkeley 3 years later, I had a course of study in mind. Conservation of Natural Resources became my major. Truly I majored in field trips because I took about every field course possible. If the course had field trips or met at a UC Field Station, I enrolled.

### **Do you have any hobbies? What do you like to do when you are off of work?**

When I'm not working I still like to spend time in the mountains. I enjoy reading all kinds of books, fine-dining, movies, concerts, and travel to beautiful places.

I'm fortunate to have old friends from school, Yosemite, and work who enjoy many of the things I do. I belong to the California Alpine Club which has a lodge on Mt. Tam and another overlooking Lake Tahoe.

There must be something about the "Ranger" persona that marks me as approachable and knowledgeable. When I am out of the US, I'm sometimes asked for directions by natives. Often I do know how to get to where they're going but can't always tell them in that

country's language.

### **Tell us about your State Park career.**

During my career I've been to a "Big" Time (Indian Grinding Rock), "Big" places (Big Sur, Big Trees, & Big Basin) and a "Great" one (Great Valley Grasslands). I've been at a "Gem" of the Southern Mines (Columbia) and heard the whistle blow at Railtown 1897. I've been up "Lazy Rivers" (Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, and Tuolumne) and explored many fine places in our State both on and off duty.

I met Clint Eastwood when he made *Pale Rider* in Columbia. I was very impressed by the courtesy his crew showed to park visitors who watched the movie action.

### **Working at Candlestick Point SRA must be interesting. Tell us a little about the park and describe a typical day for the staff at the park, including the 49er game days.**

Candlestick Point is a wonderful spot of open space in densely crowded San Francisco. This park's bayside trails offer grand vistas of mountains on two sides of San Francisco Bay, white-capped waters and the arcing San Mateo Bridge to the south. Visitors love being here because of the great views and wildlife. Many devoted windsurfers appreciate that rough water. This park really fulfills the part of Our Mission of "...creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation". It's a free day use park located across the street from the SF 49er's football stadium.

On 49er home game days football fans pay a special event fee to park in our day use lot instead of in the many other lots surrounding the 49'er stadium. These fans particularly enjoy using our lot because of the park setting and amenities. Those game days



**CHRONICLES, from page 6**

are very busy. At times there are six lanes of one way traffic trying to get parking for the game. We fill up and disappoint many who come too late for one of our premium spots.

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

I've been a CSPRA member for more than 25 years. I always enjoy going to the annual gatherings and meeting State Park members of many different job classifications and work locations. It's a great chance to learn, meet colleagues, and share stories.

**What is your favorite California State Park?**

I usually love where I'm at.

**If you could have one wish come true for California State Parks, what would it be?**

Realization by Californians of how special and valuable our parks are. And by State Park workers that we are all necessary to making "Our Mission" happen.

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

Parks offer opportunities to explore, see, and enjoy California for all of us.

## Yosemite Here We Come!

by **Don Schmidt, CPC Committee**

We're off to Yosemite with PRAC for the **2011 California Parks Conference** at Tenaya Lodge near Wawona from Sunday, March 13 through Thursday, March 17. Field trips, courses, and speakers will include Interpretation, Public Safety, Resource Management, and Park Management tracks (and possibly a Gray Bears track). If you can assist, have an idea for a session, or want to be a presenter, contact **Don Schmidt** at [don@cspra.com](mailto:don@cspra.com). See you in March!

## Certified Interpretive Trainer Class

by **Jeff Miller**  
*Guide I, Hearst Castle*

I recently attended a week-long certification class at the National Association for Interpretation (NAI) offices in Fort Collins, CO. The class included 26 participants from across the US and Puerto Rico and was taught by two of the NAI senior staff members, Executive Director Tim Merriman, and Associate Director Lisa Brochu. The training class is intended for those who wish to become a Certified Interpretive Trainer (CIT) to teach the NAI Certified Interpretive Guide (CIG) curriculum to future students.

The week was first spent learning the curriculum of the CIG class, then learning the requirements for teaching the CIG class, and finally some of the administrative duties associated with both. The CIG curriculum covers a variety of subjects from the basic definitions of interpretation and interpretive guides, to exploring interpretation principles developed by folks like Freeman Tilden, Ted Cable and Larry Beck. Most importantly,

ways audiences may process information and different learning styles they may have. We studied how we can use tangibles and intangibles and different questioning strategies to enhance the visitors' experience and also about human behavior and needs by looking at Maslow's Hierarchy theory. We tied it all together by learning how to develop thematic programs and tours, organizing our thoughts and interpretive ideas into the goals and objectives that support our agency's mission. Finally, we learned about ourselves, the "you" factor and, at least for me, putting my passion into what I do.

I was able to gain valuable information to enhance my skills as a Tour Guide and Interpreter at Hearst Castle. I am always striving to make my interpretive product a better one. The training will help me be a better representative of California State Parks. I will be better prepared to enhance the visitors' experience and to inspire, inform and educate them, too. Hopefully, this will lead to stewardship of our parks and resources by the visitors. I look forward to taking

what I learned back to my workplace and sharing this experience and knowledge with others.



we learned how to know our audiences and our resources. This builds a great foundation for presenting meaningful programs and tours and creating great visitor experiences.

To help us in creating tours and programs we learned the different

*Class group photo is courtesy of Phil Sexton and Tim Merriman. Jeff is in the middle of the back row wearing a California State Parks cap.*

## A WAVE Goodbye

### **BILL LANE, JR.**

1919- August, 2010

Bill Lane Jr. ,who recently passed away at age 90, began his working life at age 16 as a mule packer at Yosemite. He went on to become a pioneering environmentalist and philanthropist, and the co-owner and publisher of *Sunset* magazine, one of the most successful regional magazines in the USA. Lane was also a US Ambassador to Australia and Nauru, an avid photographer and horseman, and a former pilot interested in aviation history.

His love of parks and nature was life-long, ever since his first glimpse of Yosemite Valley as a boy in 1929. "From then on I made up my mind I was going to do everything I could to help places like that" Lane told the *San Jose Mercury News* in 2004.

A long-time friend and avid supporter of **William Penn Mott, Jr.**, founder of the California State Parks Foundation, Bill served as a member of the Advisory Council and Board for many years. He was named an Honorary State Park Ranger by CSPRA in 1997 and Honorary National Park Ranger in 1999. Bill is one of very few citizens to become both an Honorary



National and California State Park Ranger.

Bill and his wife, Jean, gave generously to park causes, including the Peninsula Open Space Trust and the Yosemite Fund . The Glacier Park Amphitheater in Yosemite is named for Bill. He also started the campaign to restore the Stanford Mansion in Sacramento, now a state park unit.

In 2008, Bill and Jean gave a generous donation to CSPRA through the California State Parks Foundation, to help ease the effects of cuts in funding on State Park personnel. Bill attended the California Parks Conference in Lake Tahoe in 2008 and many CSPRA members had the pleasure of meeting him.

*Among Bill Lane's many contributions to State Parks, it is his extremely generous contributions to CSPRA that resonates regularly within the CSPRA office. Mr. Lane was deeply concerned not only about the threatened State Park closures of past years, but also the effect those (and other) threats had on park employees. In response, Mr. Lane was responsible for \$25,000 in donations to CSPRA – funds to be designated specifically to our members for improved educational opportunities and overall morale. With these funds, CSPRA was able to increase the annual scholarship amount for members to \$500. As well, this money has been used to send members to Park Advocacy Day, the California Parks Conference, and funding the new Professional Development Training module. Mr. Lane's memory will live on in many ways, greater educational opportunities for park employees among them.*

By **Allison Pedley**, CSPRA Executive Manager

### **ROMA PHILBROOK RENZ**

December, 1909-May, 2010



Roma was the long-time manager of the Asilomar Conference Grounds, and oversaw its transfer to California State Parks. She was also involved with the creation of the Mott Training Center. After her retirement from the business world, she was active in the Anza-Borrego Foundation, working diligently to acquire inholdings in the park. She was named CSPRA's Honorary Ranger in 1996.

### **RICHARD BROCK**

1916-July, 2010

Dick began his long State Park career at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park in 1947. He worked in several Humboldt County parks until 1955, when he became Chief Ranger at Mount Tamalpais. He worked at Calaveras Big Trees, Fol-



som Lake and Santa Rosa District Headquarters, before finishing his career in 1978 as the supervisor of the Manpower Utilization Unit. Dick served in the 172nd Combat Engineer Battalion in Europe during WWII.



## News From Far Afield

by **Steve Bier**, Ranger  
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

The summer of 2010 has come to a close, and with it another successful year at the Ikh Nart Nature Reserve in Mongolia, sister park to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Our traveling team of State Park representatives included Retired Superintendents **Mark Jorgensen** and **Mike Wells**, Retired Public Safety and Law Enforcement Superintendent **Lynn Rhodes**, Anza-Borrego State Park Archeologist **Joan Schneider** and Archeology volunteer **Roger Riolo**. Joan and Roger were joined by a Mongolian archeologist and ten Earthwatch archeology students in the first-ever documentation of cultural resources within the reserve. They located and GPS'd over 40 significant sites including former Buddhist temples and ancient Turkic burial mounds near the core of the reserve, and were oriented to several more locations in the outlying areas.

While the archeologists were hard at work, Mike, Mark and Lynn were



Meeting with UNDP reps in Mongolia:  
L to R:  
Lynn Rhodes, .  
Mike Wells,  
Rep. Ono (UNDP) Dr. Rich Reading (Denver Zoo), Mark Jorgensen

surveying the boundary signage from last years work party. Of the 19 signs placed, one was badly damaged by the elements, and two could not be found. The crew, along with the Ikh Nart Rangers and staff, replaced the three missing signs and placed a few more along new roads leading into the reserve. Nineteen additional signs were delivered to the Reserve Staff, as well as 20 donated uniforms, 2

laptop computers, 2 GPS units, 3 spotting scopes, and 12 pairs of binoculars. The Rangers reported that since starting regular patrols they have had zero poaching within the reserve boundaries. With the help of Earthwatch volunteers, under the guidance of the Denver Zoo Foundation and Doctor **Rich Reading**, wildlife studies continue. To date over 150 Cinereous Vultures have been tagged and some fitted with GIS packs.

Reports have come in from as far away as Korea, Russia and China of Ikh Nart Birds being located. Argali Sheep and Ibex research continues, as does small mammal and reptile surveys throughout the reserve.

Lynn met with local members of the women's collective. The collective is going very well, with many of the hand made items being offered for sale through Ger Camp concessionaire **Jan Wigsten's** Nomadic Journeys.

Before departing Mongolia the crew met with several Soum (District) Governors, the Parliamentary Minister of Nature, Environment and Tourism, and representatives of the World Wildlife Fund and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Ikh Nart Nature Reserve was recently chosen by the UNDP as one of only two projects in Mongolia to receive UN funding for further development. A mid-winter meeting is being set to finalize the project. If you would like to learn more about the Ikh Nart/State Park connection, please visit the CSPRA website, and click on the sister park link under the Ibex. Volunteer Crew members are always welcome. You can e-mail me at [sbier@parks.ca.gov](mailto:sbier@parks.ca.gov) for more information.



^Another boundary sign installed! L-R Reserve Manager **Amgaa Ulaanbatar**, **Lynn Rhodes**, **Mark Jorgensen**, and **Mike Wells**

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## EXECUTIVE MANAGER



by **Allison Pedley**, Executive Manager

I'm pleased to say we have quite a few new members to report! **Maria Avelino**, Administrative Officer in Monterey has joined us along with **Wesley Gray** (Environmental Scientist and son of our own **Pat Clark-Gray**), and **Kim Snyder**,

from Acquisitions and Real Property Services. As well, a good percentage of the Department's recently graduated cadet class have signed up. New SPPO members include: **Vince Burke, Chris Hendricks, Joel Memmer, Jackson Mende, Jed Reghanti, Francis Schaefer, Jake Slonski, Stephen Stults, and Brandon Wainwright.** Welcome new members!

On the flip side of the CSPRA spectrum, the 18th Annual Retiree Rendezvous is rapidly approaching. So far, 26 folks have registered for this weekend gathering on October 1, 2, and 3rd. It sounds like a great bunch of retirees, friends and family, so get your registrations in soon to join them!



**CADET GRADUATION:** L to R: Department Training Officer **Tina Williams**, CTO **Dan Kraft**, Basic Visitor Services Training Group 34 Lifeguard **Ennio Rocca**, and Director of Park Operations **Tony Perez**.



Valedictorian **Christopher Hendricks** receives the James Whitehead award from CSPRA Historian and Board Member **Pat Clark-Gray**

## humor in unicorn



### Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops *by Jeff Price, retired*

Here is another mixed up batch of overheard slips of the tongue and misfires of the brain. Sometimes people get so excited they mix comparisons and come up with some very funny concoctions. Feel free to send along any you hear - [webmaster@cspra.com](mailto:webmaster@cspra.com)

Shaken by a temblor, but not stirred  
*Eureka is an area prone to tremblers.*

Headlights off please  
*He just stood there like a deer in the gunsights.*

25-point word!  
*The registration packet is still being written, and we are way behind, but everyone is scrabbling to get it done.*

Weather Lobotomy?  
*The rain is not heavy yet, but we are having prefrontal showers.*

Big incoming diptera composition!  
*My gosh, more e-mail -- they are mounting like flies.*

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