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## **PARK PATCHES FEATURING A RANGER HAT**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*by Pam Armas, CSPRA President*

### CSPRA'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Another year is coming to an end and as we take a look back, it has been an interesting year to say the least. People often ask me, as President of CSPRA – what exactly does the organization do? I thought it would be appropriate to re-cap some of our accomplishments over the last year. As you can see below, we have been very busy (and we all have day jobs!)

In March of 2010 we put on our annual Parks Conference with the Park Rangers Association of California in beautiful South San Francisco at the Embassy Suites hotel. We conducted informative educational sessions and went on very enjoyable field trips. We honored former State Assemblymember, Speaker Pro-Tem **Fred Keely** as our Honorary Ranger and he wore his Stetson proudly.

We provided five State Park employees with scholarships, developed a Strategic Plan, and negotiated new contracts with our webmaster, newsletter editor and executive manager. We revised our scholarship policy, revamped our website and conducted five Board meetings. CSPRA funds the Whitehead Award for the Highest Achieving Cadet upon graduation, the Director's Awards along and various other awards including the Universal Access Award.

One intense effort was to support the State Parks Foundation and other groups for the passage of Prop 21.

CSPRA received the Foundation's inaugural State Parks Grassroots Champion Award for our efforts to protect and advocate for California's State Parks in 2009. Although our fight for sustainable State Park funding is not over, we need to move on and be in the present moment to face our next set of challenges.

As President, I receive many requests to support and endorse causes throughout the year. Once I have received these requests they are brought to the Board for a vote. This year we have asked and responded to the following causes:

**January 2010** - We asked Assembly Member **Wes Chesbro** to oppose AB 2301 which would grant exemptions from the Forest Practices Act and CEQA for private parties to be able to clear land on State Park property that is next door to theirs. The bill was overly broad and would prevent State Parks from being able to professionally manage the property under their responsibility and control.

**March 11, 2010** - We thanked **Senator Ducheny** for introducing Senate Bill 1034 which follows Federal law, specifically the Archaeological Resources Protection Act which creates a higher level of protection for our cultural resources.

**March 11 2010** - We asked that **Senator Pavely** also support Senate Bill 1034.

**April 2, 2010** - We received an e-mail which from a gentleman who represented an organization who would like to see nudity legalized at San Onofre State Beach. He was asking for CSPRA's support. We responded by informing them that CSPRA fully supports the Rangers and Lifeguards who are upholding State Parks values to their highest level and hope their organization honors the court decision made in regards to San Onofre State Beach.

**May 7, 2010** - We asked Senators Feinstein and Boxer to support the

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long-term protection of the Bodie Hills, a unique and wild region in California's Eastern Sierra that is being threatened by mining development.

June 11, 2011 - We wrote to **Senator Ducheny** and **Assembly Member Blumenfield** asking them to support the Assembly Budget Committee recommendation to provide a General Fund allocation of at least \$140 million for California State Parks in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 State Budget.

July 4 - On behalf of CSPRA, Board Member **Lynn Rhodes** gave Director Coleman and State Park Commissioner **Caryl Hart** an update on our status with our Sister Park, Ikh Nart (Mongolia) as it has some of the same challenges as our parks in California, such as grazing, natural and cultural resource protection and ecosystem management.

October 24, 2010 - We joined 21 other organizations in urging **Senators Feinstein** and **Boxer** and **Representative McKeon** to oppose HR 6129 which would "release" the Bodie Wilderness Study Area in Mono County from the federal protection it is afforded by law.

November 2010 - We were asked by past Deputy Director of Park Operations, **Ted Jackson**, to endorse him for the position of Director, California State Parks. We found Ted to be a worthy candidate for this position and voted by a majority that CSPRA would endorse him.

As this year draws to a close, we are seeking nominations for the CSPRA Board. Here is your chance to make a difference as State Parks move into the future in a challenging time. Please contact Allison ASAP if you are interested. (allison@cspra.com) When you receive your ballots you may write-in additional candidates as well.

Thank you for your support of this very hard working CSPRA Board. We wish you all a Happy New Year.

by **Monica Miller**, CSPRA Lobbyist

With the election behind us and the swearing-in of the new members of the legislature in front of us, we have a big year ahead. On Monday, December 6, 2010 the new members of the legislature were sworn-in. Their first order of business will be to deal with the special session on budget that **Governor Schwarzenegger** called in mid-November. Keep in mind, he will leave office on January 3, 2011 and Governor-Elect Jerry Brown will be sworn-in. While Governor-Elect **Jerry Brown** has worked closely as part of the transition with this current administration we do anticipate that the proposed cuts that would have been on the table will be different under a new administration. None the less, the discussions will begin in December upon the legislature's return.

Also, keep in mind that on January 10, 2011, Governor-Elect Brown is required to submit a Governor's budget to the legislature. This budget must be balanced and, as the Legislative Analyst's office has pointed out, we are already \$25.4 billion in the red with the current year budget and the 2011-12 budget year. Brown has already begun discussions with the legislative leaders and the current administration. In an effort to get everyone on the same page, he held a forum on December 8, 2010 in Sacramento to discuss the dire straits of our budget crisis. There are additional forums being discussed at this time, one with

education leaders and one with health and human service stakeholders.

On another note, the Assembly Republican Caucus has replaced their leader. **Assembly Member Martin Garrick** lost his post when he failed to pick up any new seats on behalf of the party and lost one that has long been held by a Republican. The new leader is **Assembly Member Connie Conway** as of their November meeting.

When the legislature officially returns on January 3, 2011 to start the business at hand,

we will also see a flurry of bills. The deadline for the Legislative Counsel is January 21, 2011 and the bill introduction deadline is February 18, 2011. Keep in mind, the Senate significantly reduced the number of bills that could be introduced in the last couple of years due to budget constraints, however the Assembly did not. At this time we are uncertain if either house will request the membership reduce these numbers. We will keep you posted on this issue.

After the Governor's budget is submitted to the legislature we anticipate an effort to reach an agreement on the special session issues. At the moment we are unclear on what will be part of the special session but have to assume that once again the entire budget will be up for discussion. This year may be similar to 2009 when they adopted a full budget in February and then spent the rest of the year tinkering with it as needed.

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## **CA Parks Conference at Yosemite**

We're headed to the Tenaya Lodge near Yosemite's Wawona area for the 2011 conference and we're looking for presenters. The conference will run from **Monday, March 14 through Wednesday, March 16**, with most sessions taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday. Registration packets will be sent out in mid-January.

If you have a great idea for a session now is the time to let us know. Sessions can be 1-2 hours in length,

and cover a range of tracks including Interpretation, Public Safety, Resource Management, Fire Science and Volunteers, to name a few. Your great idea could become a popular, informative session for fellow park professionals. Please contact **Don Schmidt** at don@cspra.org as soon as possible and we'll get you on the schedule.

See you at Tenaya Lodge!



*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. This issue highlights Chris Hendricks, the valedictorian of the recently graduated Cadet class. Enjoy ...*

## **CSPRA Chronicles...Chris Hendricks**

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

I currently work as a Ranger at Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreational Area. I have been working for California State Parks for 1 year and 1 month (including the Academy).

### **Tell us about your youth.**

I was born and raised in Texas and moved to California in 1998 (I was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside CA, with the Marine Corps) and have been here every since.

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

I have a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Outdoor Education from Texas A & M University.

### **Do you have any hobbies?**

My main hobbies are surfing, firearms practice at the local ranges, mountain biking and spending time with my wife and daughter.

### **Did you have other jobs before your State Parks career?**

Waiter, Lifeguard, U.S. Marine Corps machine gunner, U.S. Marine Corps Officer, River and Mountain Guide in Alaska, retail store manager, and carpenter.

### **What made you become a ranger?**

I have to give most of the credit for becoming a Ranger to **Chuck Jackson** in Morro Bay. He was the first Ranger I did a ride-along with. He planted the seed and here I am. **Rob Colligan** also played a large part in my desire to become a Ranger. Thank you Chuck and Rob!

### **How was Basic Visitor Services Training?**



My overall experience with BVST 34 was great. The Academy was challenging in many different ways. But the

overall experience was very good. The instructors were outstanding (especially firearms!). The cadets in my class were outstanding. They were all motivated and following their dream of someday becoming a State Park Ranger or State Park Lifeguard. BVST 34 was full of very talented and professional cadets. We had some really good times and I will enjoy hearing about my classmates' experiences over the course of our careers. GO DUCKS!!!

### **Do you have any advice for future cadet applicants?**

The only advice I have for future applicants is to be patient in the application process. Be patient during the Academy and pace yourself. It is challenging for each person in different ways. Work hard, stay focused, learn from your mistakes but don't forget to put it all aside and go have fun from time to time. Remember, that when you think it is almost over, it isn't... pace yourself...good luck!!!

### **How has it been going out in the field at Oceano Dunes?**

As a recent graduate and new Ranger, Field Training is very demanding and stressful but it is a lot of fun. I can honestly say I love my job! I have already seen things I never thought I would. Some things will be hard and more will be funny and crazy. You will find yourself saying in your head or out loud..."Did that really just happen?" It really is a great career and I work with some really great people.

### **Any favorite parks?**

Some of the parks I have looked at for the future are Big Basin Redwoods SP, Morro Bay SP, Tomales Bay SP, and Sonoma Coast SB. But I may just stay right here at Oceano Dunes. I am pretty happy here.

### **What do you hope to accomplish in your State Park career?**

Some of the things I would like to do in my career include becoming a firearms instructor, a firearms inspector and an armorer. I also aspire to become an Aquatic Ranger. I would enjoy working with the cadets as an instructor or a CTO. (cadet training officer). There are too many things I would like to do during my career to mention. Most importantly, I just want to enjoy my career and have fun while doing my job well.

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

To have a budget that would help keep all the state parks open and well maintained for generations to come.

## An Oak for All Seasons



by **Bill Krumbein**, retired

*Gone is the Steller's jay  
its forgotten buried morsel  
a valley oak thrives*

If trees could gaze, then this stately California Valley Oak, *Quercus lobata*, anchored atop a dome-shaped hill, is gazing down upon NE Santa Rosa, Rincon Valley, and across other valleys to Bennett Peak and Sonoma Mountain.

If trees had memories, this heritage tree candidate, whose trunk's circumference is almost 13 feet, reminisces

over what has taken place below its canopy –Pomo women telling stories while collecting acorns or vaqueros from Rancho los Guilicos rounding up stray cattle, or Calistoga Road when it was but a rutted dirt wagon track. Today there's Maria Carillo High School below and on the adjacent hill students have etched the numbers 2-0-1-1 into the dirt.

A sylvan sentry watching over my neighborhood, I greet this oak kindly each morning on my walk. When hiking in Annadel State Park I look across several miles for the rounded hill and single tree. I'd have to say

this is one of my favorite trees.

Could this be how our parks and protected open space lands come into being? Beginning with a favorite tree comes a favorite hillside; then a favorite creek, and ultimately a favorite watershed (or mountain). Our "favorites" become so important to us that we tell others, we rally the troops to hopefully do the things to bring about saving our favored landscapes for future generations to enjoy. I've just made an inquiry to the county of Sonoma on how to nominate this tree for heritage/landmark status. Do you have a favorite tree?

# Working on the Railroad Museum

by **Kim Baker**, Supt. Railtown 1897

The funny thing about working for California State Parks is that you never quite know where you'll end up. Each new park throughout my career has provided a new educational challenge for me and keeps the job interesting!

Two years ago I accepted the position as State Park Superintendent I at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park. The rungs of my career ladder have not prepared me for the challenge of operating an historic railroad and I've had to depend upon the kindness of staff, and a lot of self-study to understand the peculiarities of this museum niche.

Thanks to CSPRA members and board, I was able to attend the annual Association of Railway Museums (ARM) conference in Maryland in October. ARM is an organization that promotes professional standards in the railway museum world. In many areas, railway museums aren't that different than other museums, but in one very important way, they are; most railway museums operate their equipment. This calls for a fundamentally different approach to preservation, restoration and conservation.

As I looked around for opportunities to network outside of California State Parks, The Association of Railway Museums seemed like a good one. Since I've visited many California railway museums, I also relished the idea of seeing how it's done on the other side of the country. Given the restrictions for out-of-state travel, and the high cost of travelling to the DC area, I turned to CSPRA for a scholarship.

The conference was based in Rockville, but each day we boarded a bus and were delivered to various Railway Museum sites for work-



shops and networking. I attended sessions on new Federal Railroad Administration equipment rules, and got the skinny on a "Dog's Lunch" of miscellaneous new rules that pertain to historic railroads. At the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Museum, I also attended sessions on planning cosmetic restorations (expect to pay upwards of \$250,000 for a cosmetic restoration of a steam locomotive, even when done in-house!), and a great session called "A Reality Check on your Collections" presented by the chief curator of the B&O, **David Shackelford**. The B&O is one of the top railway museums in the country, and is housed in a beautifully restored indoor roundhouse. About 8 years ago, they suffered a major setback when the roof caved in as a result of a heavy snow load, and falling structural beams flattened some of their most important artifacts. Shackelford shared their comeback story, but also detailed how they prioritize their restoration and preservation efforts with limited resources, and the challenges faced in de-accessioning very large objects. Even though it is usually easy to find new homes for deaccessions, when they weigh 50 tons, it can be a challenge for the receivers to actually get them off your property! Lesson? Be picky about what you accept into your collection in the first place. Follow your collection policies. One good thing about railroad collections?

Its rare to receive one of those annoying "drop-offs" at the museum counter, like so many other museums have to deal with!

The Baltimore Trolley Museum was my favorite stop on the tour. This little trolley museum specializes in restoration and operation of historic Baltimore trolleys. The collection is extremely pure because Baltimore's system was a wider gauge than other trolleys, meaning that they weren't tempted to accept cars from other railroads. It appeared to me that the folks operating the trolleys were also the folks who restored them, and they were passionate. There were at least dozen different trolleys available to ride, spanning about 70 years of Baltimore trolley history. It was obvious that each trolley had its own "feel" depending upon the number of trucks, materials, and age of the equipment, something that visitors wouldn't notice from a static exhibit. This site had a lot of heart, and I'd highly recommend a visit if you are in the Baltimore area. Sometimes it's the little places that are the most effective!

While I was one of very few women in attendance at the conference, there were participants from all over the world, including Japan, Nairobi Kenya, and Canada. California was very well represented by State Parks, Orange Empire Railway Museum the Western Railway Museum, and even San Francisco Muni! I have already planned a visit with my staff to the SF Muni restoration shops, to compare notes, so the networking component of the conference has been fulfilled.

I'm grateful for this opportunity, particularly at a time when I needed to gain a wider view of this new field. Thank you to CSPRA members, board, and scholarship committee for your support.



# The Ranger Hat on Park Patches

By M.G. "Mike" Lynch

The park ranger hat has become an almost universally recognized symbol in the United States. The hat is variously known in park circles as the flat hat, the Stetson



(named after the original maker), the campaign hat or the Smokey Bear hat. The modern park ranger hat is a stiff-brim version of the campaign hat that was standardized in the 1930's by the Stetson Company. It was at this time that the hat was adopted for ranger uniform wear by the National Park Service and California State Parks. For all its clear and ready recognition, the park ranger hat has been very rarely used on official uniform patches and then only recently.

On a similar note, the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) also produced a patch of their logo which prominently featured the ranger hat. The ANPR was formed in 1977 and their association patch probably dates from the early 1980's.



*Patch of the Association of National Park Rangers was produced in the 1980's.*

I can find only one official state park agency patch containing a ranger hat and that is from the South Carolina State Park Service. This patch features a stylized park ranger pointing out some important feature. The reason we know it is a ranger is because of the hat he/she is wearing! This is the current style patch worn by SC park personnel today.



*This is the current SC state park patch with a ranger hat.*

The park ranger hat had its beginnings in national and state parks in the west. However, as a symbol, it has migrated back to the east coast and even into urban cities.

Examples of this are New York City and Philadelphia, both of which have had patches featuring the ranger hat.

A few local park agencies have also adopted uniform patches with a ranger hat as an element of the patch. These include the Orange County CA Park Ranger Academy patch, City of Moreno Valley CA Park Ranger patch, Riverside County CA Park Ranger patch and Hennepin County Parks MN Ranger patch.



*First known patch with a ranger hat was produced by the California State Park Rangers Association in the early 1970's.*

The earliest example that I could find of a patch featuring a ranger hat was a patch produced by the California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) in the early 1970's. CSPRA was formed in 1964 and adopted the ranger hat as part of their official logo. This design was made into a patch for members in the early 1970's or earlier.



The largest group of patches incorporating the ranger hat are those for junior ranger programs in the National Park Service (NPS). There are at least 10 of these patches. The 2007 Junior Ranger Day patch probably has the best depiction of a ranger hat on a patch. The Bryce Canyon Junior Ranger patch is the most unique with a funny little stickman wearing only a ranger hat.



For pure humor, the Alaska State Parks Haines District patch wins the prize. It shows a mean-looking bear with its arm around a sweating ranger, complete with his hat. And finally on the humorous side, there is the Ranger Smith patch from Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park. "Hey Boo Boo, look at the hat".



I have only covered park patches in this article and thus have left out the many Smokey Bear patches, except one. Smokey is the most famous forest wildfire prevention symbol around. There are a large number of Smokey patches, more than enough to fill a book let alone an article. The one patch I've including here is a Smokey Bear patch which jointly promotes forest protection in the National Park Service (NPS) and the US Forest Service.



For a look at all the known patches with a ranger hat see: <http://www.parkanniversary.org/hatpatches/>  
If you have or know of other examples of park patches with a ranger hat, I would appreciate hearing from you. I can be contacted at: [mike@parkanniversary.org](mailto:mike@parkanniversary.org)

## More Park Patches Featuring a Ranger Hat



*Thanks to NPS Ranger Jeff Ohlfs for providing many of the NPS junior ranger patch pictures.*



## A WAVE Goodbye



### RONALD SCHAFER

1957 -- 2010

Ron passed away unexpectedly from a stroke in mid-Sept. at the age of 53. A competitive swimmer in college, he began his State Park career as a Seasonal Lifeguard in southern California. Ron eventually oversaw the entire state park lifeguard program, was superintendent of Chino Hills and Lake Perris, and District Superintendent in the Bay Area. Since 2002, Ron had overseen the 18 park units of the Angeles District. Ron worked closely with other agencies in the Santa Monica Mountains area, and was very involved in increasing urban park opportunities. Ron's enthusiasm, energy and pursuit of excellence have left an indelible mark on the public lands of southern California.

### TIM LOWE

1960 -- 2010

Tim began his State Park career at Lake Elsinore in 1982. In 1985, he transferred to Channel Coast District as a Maintenance Worker I. In 1990, Tim promoted to Maintenance Supervisor at Carpinteria State Beach.

### BILL NORTON

1925 -- 2010

Bill worked as a Ranger at Will Rogers and Huntington Beach from the late 1950s to mid 1960s.

He went on to become a Hollywood screenwriter, writing over 20 action movies, including *The Scalphunters*, *Gator*, and *White Lightning*.

### JIM DUNN

1944 -- 2010

Jim began his State Park career as Property Clerk in the old District 1 office in Eureka. His ranger assignments included Lake Oroville SRA, Huntington SB, and , starting in 1977, McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial SP, where Jim remained until his retirement in 1997. Jim also spent many years in the U. S. Navy Reserves, which included multiple assignments to the Korean peninsula. While at Burney Falls, Jim had a knack of soliciting dedicated volunteers for many Park functions and projects, especially from the ranks of Burney's regular summer campers. He was also the founding Cooperating Association Liaison for the "Friends of the Falls". His influence and friendships with Burney's visitors and volunteers was so strong that people were still asking about him more than a decade after he retired. Jim worked as a seasonal ranger for the Forest Service in retirement, and always enjoyed a fishing trip.



### JACK HESEMEYER

1920 -- 2010

Originally trained as a plumber, Jack began his State Park career in 1954 at Humboldt Redwoods. He also worked at the Historic Ships, Anza-Borrego, Millerton Lake, and Stinson Beach. He retired after 27 years as Superintendent of the Marin District. Jack and his first wife Elaine were an integral part of the park family and he inspired many young park professionals. Jack had recently completed a life long dream of cruising the Panama Canal.



### BOB DEERING

1920-2010

Bob worked as a Sr. Landscape Architect in the Acquisition & Development Division for 17 yrs., beginning in 1960.



### IRVING "MILO" SHEPARD

1925 -- 2010

Milo was the great nephew of Jack London. He grew up and lived on the Beauty Ranch. After working as a ranger at Sugarloaf Ridge and Anadel from 1965-72, Milo left State Parks to manage the Jack London Ranch and develop the vineyards. Milo's knowledge was invaluable through the years in establishing accurate accounts of Jack London's history and the story of his Beauty Ranch for park interpretation. Milo also donated countless Jack London documents and artifacts to the park and to universities and libraries for the study of Jack London's life. The perfect neighbor, he routinely assisted park staff in preservation, interpretation, facility maintenance and operational matters.

### GEORGE 'SKIP' SHELTON

1949 -- 2010

Skip passed away in November at age 61. He worked as a PI Ranger and Maintenance Worker in Old Shasta, Santa Cruz, Pismo Beach and Torrey Pines. He loved golf and baseball, and had lived in Chico since 2004. His father, George Shelton Sr., was also a State Park Ranger.



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## EXECUTIVE MANAGER



by **Allison Pedley**, Executive Manager

It's been extremely quiet in the CSPRA office, where I am mostly busying myself with retirement plaque orders, so for those of you who know

of members retiring, please remember to contact me with plaque requests! This time of year we hold our CSPRA Board elections. We have sent out two requests for nominations, and none have been received. **Please contact me ASAP if you would be interested in serving on the CSPRA Board as we move into the future.** My contact information is on the inside cover. Please be on the look-out for your ballots in the mail. The ballots will include the option of writing in candidates. Happy Holidays!

## Retiree's Rendezvous 2010

by **Kirk Wallace** >>

The 18th Annual Retirees' Rendezvous is now history and planning for the 19th Annual is now hitting the road, so to speak.

A new team will be moving the "Rendezvous" ahead, with **Pat Clark- Gray** leading the charge, challenging all of us with her enthusiasm. The "Rendezvous" will remain at McConnell SRA, as this Park meets the general criteria that has been set for previous programs. Mark your

2011 calendar for September 30 to October 2. Sector Superintendent

**Greg Mar-**

**tin** was pleased that we enjoyed this year's event and is looking forward to our continued use of the Park.

At the high point of the 18th Annual "Rendezvous" we had 40 participants. The **Clyde Strickler** Road Kill Grille on Friday night and the Saturday evening meal were wonderful feasts, and everyone enjoyed visiting with old



and new friends.

THANKS need to go out to all that participated and particularly to the **Neals**, the **Peats**, the **Barrows**, and the **Smiths**. Thanks also to contributors of prizes for the raffle, particularly **Ray Westberg**, **Zell Freeman**, **Billy Clary**, **Pat Clark-Gray** and **Kathy Peat**.

Pat Clark Gray is going to need your help and participation. Be prepared to say yes, as I don't think she

will take any other answer. The big part

of that yes will be that you have put the date on your calendar and are prepared to attend the 19th Annual Retirees' Rendezvous.

Any proceeds from the Rendezvous benefit the James Whitehead Scholarship fund. Thanks also to **Peggy Whitehead** for her recent contribution of \$1000 to this fund.



^^CSPRA past presidents (L to R): **Ron McCall, Jeff Price, John Mott, Bud Getty**

## humor in unicorn



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

Malaprop; A wrong word that renders a statement ridiculous. Usually the mistake occurs when the speaker attempts a vocabulary much beyond their learning. Feel free to send along any you hear - [webmaster@cspira.com](mailto:webmaster@cspira.com)

#### Golden moment.

*If he were worth his weight in salt, he would have done something.*

**Pick anything from Column A.**  
*She approached the bear with wonton disregard for the child's safety.*

#### What a drag.

*That man is a drudge on society.*

**Criminals, but apparently scholarly ones.**

*Those guys are a regular rhodes gallery of crooks.*

#### Old "Bullet Leg."

*He'll definitely be having surgery since the MRI showed cartridge problems in his knee.*

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