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President's Message



by **Victor Bjelajac** , CSPRA

CSPRA members played a significant role in the 8th International Ranger World Congress. (IRWC). Nice overviews by Bud and Pat in this issue. I look forward to the upcoming Annual Membership meeting in Morro Bay. Please plan on attending the October 6th events and meetings to learn of CSPRA efforts over the last year, witness the presentation of the Honorary Ranger Award and lend your voice to the direction of CSPRA.

The examination for the new District Superintendent 1 and 2 classifications is available and can be taken electronically at the CalHR website. The new classifications offer State Park staff from all programmatic areas, (visitor services, administration, interpretation, maintenance, cultural and natural resources) the opportunity to compete for District Superintendent roles. These new classifications are an integral part of the transformation process. This classification offers personnel with diverse training and backgrounds the opportunity to compete for field leadership positions that are so critical in developing and supporting field operations throughout State Parks.

I would like to thank **Director Mangat** and executive staff for their efforts for inclusion of all DPR classifications in leading State Parks forward. Transformation Team committees have been made up of staff from all program areas within Parks and have continually benefited from the diverse technical backgrounds and the perspectives of their members.

I have had the opportunity (thanks go out to my long tenured and enduring

wife **Sandra** for accompanying me) of late to travel to over 70 of our California State Parks. Not all visits were long in duration but each gave me a perspective and a sense of the thought and passion behind the development of our State Park System. I was drawn to seek out the 1928 "Report of State Parks Survey of California" and the "General Report on Potential State Park and Recreation Areas" from 1950 that **Frederick Law Olmstead** presented to the California State Park Commission and found sound scientific and collaborative reasoning and criteria ("A" and "B") for evaluation and inclusion of significant resources that the state, and not local municipalities, should include in a system and manage. I found a section that reflected what I had experienced by visiting a diverse array of units throughout the California "system", as well as my professional life.

Olmstead discusses parks in acreage, salable value and other tangible variables then adds this: "*But its value for park purposes cannot be thus definitely and mechanically measured, either in dollars or in any defined units of value, because the value depends on the subjective personal satisfactions obtained from the area by the individual people who use it – satisfactions which they cannot sell to anybody else and the value of which to them can never be measured more closely than by ascertaining, as is possible in some cases, that it is definitely greater than the value to them of certain alternative satisfactions (often including monetary savings) which they willingly forego in order to enjoy the park satisfactions in question.*" (Olmstead, 1950)

This still applies to not only our park visitors but most certainly to volunteers, CSPRA members and State Park staff who have dedicated their professional and often personal lives to the protection of natural and cultural resources based on "*subjective personal satisfactions*" because they feel "*that it is definitely greater than the value to them of certain alternative satisfactions*".

See you in Morro Bay.

CSPRA BOARD NOMINATIONS

by Jeff Price, CSPRA Secretary

We will be holding a Nomination Meeting as part of the upcoming October 2016 Board session in Morro Bay to set the final ballot for 2017 officers and directors. <http://tinyurl.com/z2fwk9j> Please consider attending this great 3-day event and annual membership meeting!

There are 6 expiring board position terms up for election. The vacancies filled in odd numbered year's elections are for President, Secretary and 4 Director positions. Each elected office

starts in March 2017, for a 2-year term.

If you would be interested in a position on the CSPRA Board of Directors, and agree to have your name on the 2017 ballot, let me know. We'll ask for an optional informative candidate statement later, to appear on the ballot as your introduction. Call 805-278-9201 or write me jeff@cspira.com if you have any questions on this decision.

The past year CSPRA has made significant impact in assuring park and resource protection, recognition of the

Ranger 150th Anniversary, taking action to save the state Junior Ranger program, sponsoring Park Rangers to visit CA parks (from our sister park, Ikh Nart in Mongolia), preserving park history, administering the Liz Burko memorial fundraiser, participating in the recent Cadet graduation and improving member services by providing receipts to claim professional dues reimbursements.

Here is your chance to make a difference and get involved in the future of California parks and your chosen profession.



150th Anniversary of the State Park Ranger: California Senate Resolution 138

The California State Senate passed a resolution in May celebrating and supporting 150 years of public service and protection of State Parks by State Park Rangers, starting in 1866 with Galen Clark's appointment as Guardian of Yosemite.

Pictured above at the signing ceremony in Sacramento, L to R:

Senator Monning, Senator McGuire, Senator Ben Allen, Senator Pan, CSPRA Treasurer Mike Lynch, Auburn Ranger Scott Liske, CSPRA Vice President Sue Neary, Maintenance Chief Karl Knapp, Senator Jim Nielson, Miles Standish as Galen Clark, CSPRA Board Member Ann Meneguzzi, Senator Vidak, Senator Moorlach.

The resolution was introduced by Senator Nielson.

8th WORLD CONGRESS

by **Pat Clark-Gray**
District Interpretive Specialist

I was blessed to be able to attend my second Annual World Ranger Congress. My first Congress was in Tanzania and I thought that conference was amazing. This Congress was inspiring and filled with speakers of national renown. It was also special because the National Park Service was celebrating their 100th Anniversary and was represented by the Association of National Park Rangers. We even got a birthday cake! Our professional organization (California State Park Rangers Association) led by **Mike Lynch** also worked hard to make this an outstanding conference. We had many Rangers, Interpreters and retired staff participating.

The Opening Ceremony was emotional for me, observing the flags of over 60 countries waving in the wind. National Park Ranger **Ravis**

Henry said a prayer in his Navajo national language welcoming the delegates to his tribe's lands. The International Ranger Federation (IRF) had a moment of silence for all the Rangers who have died in the line of duty and then raised the IRS flag.

The common thread that ran through all the speakers, sessions, and activities was that we are all "Rangers" of the world and that we need to work together to protect the world's special places and its natural and cultural heritage. All the speakers were inspirational, but my favorite was **Terry Tempest Williams**, author and conservationist. She is the author of my favorite book "Refuge". She writes about the stories of relationships of women and men to the land they inhabit. She had so many statements that I loved: "Possess a love that is wild", "Indigenous people are keepers of stories", "Re-imagine

National Parks as sanctuaries", and "We lose nothing by loving". Her talk weaved many different stories into a larger story that parks are public commons that we need to continue to protect and preserve. She ended her talk by playing *The Four Seasons* by Vivaldi which left many of us in the audience in tears.

I always come away from conferences recharged, but I came away from this International Ranger Congress with a commitment to help rangers around the world struggling with lack of staff and resources, climate change impacts, and human and wildlife conflict. I especially want the wildlife that I love (elephants, snow leopards, gorillas, lions, rhinos and other animals) in these other parks protected for future generations to enjoy. I will be donating money to several international organizations and keeping abreast of the good work of rangers everywhere.

CSPRA's delegation at the opening Flag Ceremony, held on a spectacular May day in the Rocky Mountains. CSPRA is a voting member organization of the International Ranger Federation.



CSPRA's **Mike Lynch** with **Galen Clark (Miles Standish)**



Interp. Specialist **Karen Barrett** with **Terry Tempest Williams**

8th WORLD CONGRESS

by **Bud Getty**, retired

Bud is one of eight people who have attended all 8 International Ranger World Congresses

The Eighth International Rangers Congress was held at the Estes Park YMCA camp, adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park, in May. The setting for the conference was superb. As we walked to conference sessions, meals, and early morning bird walks, we were always confronted by the deep snowclad mountains of the park. This setting was almost as inspiring as the 150th celebration we had in Yosemite National Park.

The congress was attended by delegates from 63 countries from all the continents except Antarctica. The flag ceremony where all flags were assembled in front of the administrative

building was a moving experience. The kids that were attending their YMCA summer camps must have been amazed at the color and variety of the flags of these nations.

The event was also the celebration of the U.S. National Park Service's 100th Birthday. The California State Park Rangers Association was a very prominent participant in all the proceedings. I think Mike Lynch was on a stage more than Donald Trump during this week!

One of the highlights of the conference was the induction of Mongolia as a member nation into the International Rangers Association. (It's interesting that the California State Park System also has nation status in the federation.)

One program that always occurs during the opening ceremony is the reading of the names of the park employees that lost their lives since the last conference. This year it seemed much longer than in previous years.

Just hearing the causes of their deaths was horrific – homicide, homicide, homicide, traffic accident, homicide, killed by rhino, homicide, killed by poachers, homicide, homicide, killed by tiger, homicide, homicide, killed by elephant.... Rangering is a very dangerous profession in many parts of the world. These employees did not lose their lives protecting the parks and the wildlife only for the residents of their own countries, as many of the people who live in third-world countries are not able to visit their own nation's parks for various reasons. These park employees gave their lives so that French, German, English, Japanese, American, and tourists from other developed countries could enjoy their parks. For you and me!

The next congress will be held in Nepal in 2019. I hope to be mobile enough to join a bunch of you at the 9th Congress.

*Retired Colorado Desert District Supt. **Mike Wells** with the Mongolian delegation whose travel expenses were financially supported by many CSPRA members. Mike was also involved in **Ranger Relief**, collecting and distributing much needed supplies, such as GPS, binoculars, uniforms, and camping gear to international rangers.*

*Below: CSPRA delegate **Brent Marshall** trades OHV pins with two rangers from Kenya.*

*Below right: **Shelton Johnson**, Yosemite Ranger, with delegates from around the world.*



8th WORLD CONGRESS



Director John Jarvis cuts the cake for the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.



Elk graze the baseball field!



Sue Neary & Ann Meneguzzi at the CSPRA table



CSPRA members stuff gift bags for all 300 international delegates.



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Back in the Day

From State Parks to Caltrans, and Back Again

by **Robert Pavlik**

I left State Parks to work for Caltrans District 5 Environmental Planning Branch in March 1993, and was pleasantly surprised to be able to continue working with California State Parks (as well as the National Park Service) throughout the rest of my career.

State highways (as well as local roads) serve state parks (as well as some national parks) throughout California, and have long enjoyed a symbiotic relationship. Some state workers (such as myself) have been fortunate to work for both agencies during the course of their careers.

At the San Luis Obispo office I worked for two outstanding Caltrans Senior Environmental Planners, **Aileen Loe** and **Gary Ruggerone**. Along with a friendly, supportive and experienced staff, they eased me into the complex world of environmental compliance that entails both state as well as federal environmental law and regulation.

One of my first projects was an erosion control and stabilization job on Gaviota Creek, adjacent to the southbound lanes of Highway 101 within the boundaries of Gaviota State Park. I met State Park Ranger **Mike Lunsford**, who recruited our assistance re-establishing a hiking and equestrian trail under a highway bridge that crossed the creek. I enjoyed his enthusiasm and his advocacy for the Gaviota coast, a spectacular stretch of coastline. We also worked closely with Channel Coast Resource Ecologist **Virginia Gardiner**, a terrific professional and a collaborative colleague.

In conjunction with my friend and fellow Caltrans environmental planner **Valerie Levulett**, a legendary archaeologist in her own right, we consulted and collaborated with both the Channel Coast district staff (including Superintendent **Steve Treanor**) and Southern Service Center archaeologists



Historic rock walls along Hwy. 1 near Big Sur, north of Julia Pfeiffer Burns SP

Herb Dallas and **Michael Sampson**, on a TEA (federal aid transportation enhancement activity) project for the Las Cruces Adobe. In the ensuing years there have been other projects in the area, including a curve correction on northbound 101 that have proceeded smoothly as a result of our good partnership and working relationship with State Parks.

Another TEA project involved Point Sur Lighthouse SHP, where I was reunited with my friends PMC **Steve Waggy** and Regional Historian **Bob Reese**.

Caltrans HQ was fortunate to have several State Park alums, including **Dorene Clement**, **Jim Fisher**, and **Frank Lortie**. **Annmarie Medin** has left Caltrans and now works at the Office of Historic Preservation. In the Central Valley, **Steve Ptomey** left Caltrans for a job as the chief interpreter at Colonel Allensworth SHP.

In 1997 I was able to attend a conference at California State University, Northridge, on Southern California History and the Environment, organized by Santa Monica Mountains Resource Ecologist **Suzanne Goode** and *City of Quartz* author **Mike Davis**. It was a terrific event, and brought together several outstanding speakers.

Many readers of the *Wave* may already be familiar with the term “Section 4(f),” which is shorthand for a portion of the federal Department of Transportation Act of 1966. The DOT Act includes a special provision - Section 4(f) - which stipulates that Federal Highway Administration and other state transportation agencies (like Caltrans) cannot approve the use of land from publicly owned parks, recreational areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, or public and private historical sites unless the following conditions apply:

There is no feasible and prudent avoidance alternative to the use of land; and the action includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the property resulting from such use;
OR

The Administration determines that the use of the property will have a de minimis impact.

It’s just one of many federal environmental laws that Caltrans, as the recipient of federal transportation dollars, must comply with. CT works closely with its counterparts in local, state, and national parks, in order to avoid, and where avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate potential project impacts. There is also a provision for parks and highway agencies to engage in “joint planning,” for the purposes of acquiring, preserving, and protecting public parkland while providing for needed transportation facilities. That was the case in northern San Luis Obispo County, where Caltrans Deputy District Director **Steve Price** and staff worked closely with the Hearst Corporation, the Resources Agency and DPR SLO Coast staff, including **Nick Franco** and Resource Ecologist **Vince Cicero**, on the realignment of Highway 1 near Piedras Blancas. An earlier alignment project, just north of San Simeon Point, called for close cooperation with Superintendents **Deborah Weldon** and later, **Kirk Sturm**, as well as Resource Ecologist **Greg Smith** (a former CT

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biologist). In the Morro Bay area we enjoyed a close working relationship with Superintendent **Dave Sears**.

One of the most important pieces of historic preservation legislation was passed in 1966, when the National Historic Preservation Act was signed into law. The Act's purpose was to give the states and the federal government expanded roles in preserving historic buildings, structures and sites of local and regional importance. The Act created the National Register of Historic Places, recognizing "districts, sites, buildings,

structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture." The creation of both the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the state Office of Historic Preservation were outgrowths of this bill. Some of the SHPOs and Deputy SHPOs that we worked with over the years included **Dr. Knox Mellon, Kathryn Gaultieri, Daniel Abeyta, Marion Mitchell-Wilson, Steade Craigo, Dr. Hans Kruetzberg, Stephen Mikesell, Milford Wayne Donaldson, Jenan**

Saunders, and **Dr. Carol Roland-Nawi**. The current SHPO is **Julianne Polanco**.

Thanks to my longtime friend, OHMVR Environmental Manager **Rick LeFlore**, I will be returning to State Parks on July 1 as a State Park Historian—Retired Annuitant for the Off Highway Vehicle Division. I hope to bring some of my experience working with Caltrans to the off highway vehicle environmental program. See you in the parks!

CSPRA FUNDS RECRUITMENT POSTERS FOR NEW CADETS

CSPRA recently stepped up to fund recruitment posters for the new cadet class. Our organization was able to commercially produce the posters quickly and at a considerable savings to the Department over using the normally required State Printing Office when using State funds.



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My 2 Cents

Genetic Vulnerability, Crop Diversity and the Park Ranger

by Jeff Price

Chief Ranger, retired

Recently on the bargaining unit's *Reflector* list server, a post lamented the loss of Ranger positions and respect, and fear that his "breed was dying." NEWS FLASH: The Ranger breed died some time ago, likely due to unhealthy inbreeding and ill-advised reduction of diversity.

The former Park Ranger class became so homogeneous in pursuit of benefits that it was susceptible to a disease called "irrelevancy." A classification or position, as in any genetic breed when at its extreme of narrowed adaptation, quickly becomes superfluous and/or prone to significant disease.

Over the ages in agriculture, the tendency of crop improvement efforts has been to select varieties with traits that give the highest return, largely by concentrating on genetic strains that combine the most desirable traits. The resulting homogeneity and uniformity can offer substantial advantages in both the quantity and quality of crop harvested, but this same genetic homogeneity can also reflect greater susceptibility to pathogens.

Such unnatural selection disturbs the natural balance in favor of diversity or adaptability or just plain usefulness, and therefore becomes more vulnerable to loss from epidemics. The increased risks presented by narrow genetic selection increases crop vulnerability. That same natural force, creating vulnerability, is only one of several problems affecting the former Park Ranger class.

Ranger representatives sought to remove the name Park Ranger from the SPB classification and replace it with the appellation "peace officer." Shortly after, the term "Ranger" was removed from every supervisory and management classification, creating the equally homogenous superintendent series.



Jeff Price in 1974

Rangers started wearing ball caps, jeans or military style cargo pants when away from supervisor's watchful eye, citing officer safety and other lame excuses to ditch the signature Stetson flat hat, and ignore once crisp uniform standards. Then as those same people promoted, we saw supervisors and managers begin wearing ball caps and unkempt, sloppy uniforms. So sad!

It seemed few cared any longer about the vital importance of maintaining the Park Ranger image.

The signature Ranger trademark uniform item, the Stetson, was then co-opted by CHP in the 1990s. It is now rare to see a Ranger under 30 years old in proper uniform wearing a flat hat on a public contact! In fact, just before I retired in 2002, while hiking a trail at Mt. Tamalpais, a park visitor saw me and asked, "When did you guys start wearing the CHP hat?" That really sunk in. We had already begun to lose our Ranger image and identity.

When decisions were made by rank and file over the last several decades to no longer be a park generalist, but rather focus on law enforcement, they began to lose the good will of the public and the administration. It seemed the trend was to become as police-like as possible and as a result the classification lost that special universal

functionality that made a Park Ranger indispensable and irreplaceable. Was that just to gain a few extra benefits? The motivation to separate other duties from the classification created an easily replaceable classification.

By making the former Park Ranger, now Park Peace Officer, classification much more homogeneous, a basic law of Nature was violated and it became susceptible to genetic vulnerability through lack of diversity. The formerly generalist class became a single issue and a one-purpose tool, only able or willing to be used for limited tasks. When the Park Ranger generalist became almost 100% law enforcement, and would no longer do interpretation, resource management, administration, or maintenance, state park managers began to turn to other specialist classes with those needed skills. If you used to need four Park Rangers to run a sector but now many jobs were not being done, why not convert two of them to "specialist" positions, as it only took one badge per shift to cover most park law enforcement needs. Dangerous decision, but foreseeable.

When Rangers "did it all" they were essential and matchless. I love the quote from a friend during the Huntington Beach turmoil of the early 1970s, "One Riot = One Stetson." Back in the day, you could not cut a generalist Ranger position, because if you did, you lost interpretation, resource management, enforcement and park administration. Now, the perceived number of "Rangers" needed to do just enforcement seems to be shrinking.

So, I had to do a little introspection after re-reading my own stated opinions. Was I suddenly that old man living on the corner yelling at the kids, "Get off my lawn?" Or, was I the sage, elder park veteran, lamenting the destruction of something he once cherished -- the Park Ranger image? Just my 2¢.

What is a Park?

by **Dan Winkelmann**
Retired Ranger

A few months ago, I heard a radio talk show host say that the most successful park in California is Disneyland. My lifetime of sensibilities towards parks felt shredded by the remark. How could anyone confuse an amusement park with the concepts that gave us our treasured public parks? As I listened to the show it became clear that the commentator had gathered park concessionaires for a look at their wares. They had a financial objectivity deemed necessary to save parks from financial ruin caused by government bureaucracy. There was no concern for the concepts of preservation and protection that justified the creation of our magnificent parks over the past 150 years.

How do we make a distinction between an amusement or theme park and what we have traditionally known as parks? Land for parks is chosen based on the assessment of qualities that represent cultural or natural history worthy of preservation. Once preserved, park land and structures are protected from abuse and decay for the enjoyment of generations of visitors. Park staff has the objective of helping visitors find a sense of the real that has been lost in the everyday detached reality of life.

Theme parks in contrast focus on presenting a fantasy that takes us away from reality without considering the need to touch the whole person. No relatable identity is present; it is merely an escape for people who are willing to pay a large sum to have a moment's pleasure. Nothing wrong with that, but it is not worthy of support from our tax dollars nor should it be allowed in our parks.

Let's be suspect of those who offer to save parks by offering amusement activities for financial gain. The money sphere often is a distortion of park values. Those who drink from the money sphere will tell you of the



Frank Balthis photo

pleasure received while insisting that it isn't being too mischievous.

Beware of all attempts to turn our eyes away from what is our California State Parks heritage. Demand action to stop special events that are an inappropriate use, recreation facilities that overwhelm natural park features,

recreation activities that provide mainly amusement and are a distraction from what the park offers, and agreements that benefit concessionaires but detract from the real purpose of the park. Let's all be good stewards of our State Parks. CSPRA is here to help you achieve this goal.



Bill Lindemann Retires From Sierra District



Long-time Sierra District Interpretive Specialist **Bill Lindemann** retired recently. A celebration was held in June at Sugar Pine Point to honor his long State Park career.

*Right: Sierra District Superintendents **John Knott**, **Marilyn Linkem** (current Supt.) and **Bob Macomber**.*



Never Too Early - Honorary Ranger

by Steve Treanor, Chairman, 2017 Honorary Ranger Selection Committee

Each year the members of CSPRA recognize an individual as an Honorary Ranger. The Honorary Ranger Award has been in existence since 1965 and there have been 59 honorees over the years, including such notables as Ansel Adams, Walt Disney, Vern Whitaker, David Brower, Huell Howser, Donna Pozzi, Pearl Chase and Michael Mantell. Each of these individuals made unique contributions to the park preservation, education and access goals that our organization strives to advance.

The objective is to select an individual with a long history of personal commitment to the mission and ethics of the California State Park System. Nominees should be individuals who

have provided extraordinary service, on a large geographic scale, with a long record of contribution or multiple significant achievements. The commitments of recipients extends beyond the requirements of employment into areas such as advocacy, activism and altruism.

The 2015 recipient was Dr. Jarrell Jackman, a three decade friend of and advocate for California State Parks, CALPA leader and Cooperative Manager of State Park Lands. He was the 2005 recipient of the Department Director's Dewitt Partnership Award for his work at El Presidio and in the Santa Barbara community. Dr. Jackman also holds the unique distinction

of having visited every unit of the State Park System.

The deadline for our next nominee is December 1, 2016. Yes, the year is just half way through but such a recognition deserves time for full consideration. All members are encouraged to reflect on those who they feel meet the criteria and share who they believe should be the next to be considered for the honor. Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting either **Steve Treanor** at stevetrea@sbcglobal.net or **Mary Stokes** at mary.d.stokes@gmail.com. Submissions will be accepted starting in October and sent to either Steve or Mary.

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A WAVE Goodbye

Alex Peabody

1961 - 2016

Alex passed away in May at age 55 from Lou Gehrig's disease. Alex was known for his leadership and high standards for ocean safety during his 31 year career as a State Park Lifeguard. From 2003 to 2011, Alex was the Aquatic Specialist, the highest ranking lifeguard position in State Parks. He saved hundreds of lives in his long career. One of his lasting legacies is working to convince state legislators to bring lifeguard staff to Monterey and Sonoma counties in the 1980s. Alex started his career as a seasonal lifeguard in 1980, becoming a permanent guard three years later and working in Huntington Beach and Crystal Cove State Parks. He returned to Santa Cruz in the late '80s but spent months in Orange County each year while in charge of training recruits. Alex was an adventurer, loving surfing, spearfishing and diving. He also trained and mentored many younger lifeguards over the years. He leaves behind his wife



Debbie and children Ryan and Clare. The lifeguard community gathered at Huntington Beach in June to honor Alex with a buoy swim and celebration of life on a day of big surf and challenging currents, just the way Alex liked it.



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Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops



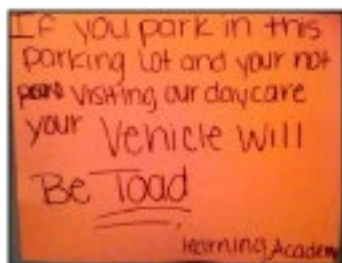
by Jeff Price, retired

Mixed Metaphor: A combination of thoughts that when strung together produce a ridiculously funny effect of melded clichés. Gosh, how I miss park staff meetings!

Using old fashioned words maybe?

Sorry I was speaking in anachronisms, so let me tell you what all those those letters stand for.

Actual handmade sign in front of the "Learning Academy" daycare center.



(John Kolb photo)

Avoiding the real truth?

Would love to hear the rest of the story you eluded to in your e-mail.

Thinking maybe?

Oh, nothing, I was just talking out loud.

Duh!

Remember, our 48-hour sale will last only 2 days.

Vaulting invectives?

...and as Rubio said, "Trump can't get away with hurdling insults at me."

Glittery data?

I will do all I can to gleam more info from the materials I get next week.

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by Jeff Price, Membership Secretary

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