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"State Park experts and professionals advocating for State Parks since 1964."

Hot Topics and Weather, Too!

Park Advocacy Day 2017

By Ann Meneguzzi

100°+ in Sacramento that day! But hot temperatures did not keep CSPRA volunteers from taking part in the 15th Park Advocacy Day (PAD) at the State Capitol on Tuesday June 20, 2017.

John Mott, Cindi Whitehead, and I were there on behalf of CSPRA to lobby for needed park support from California Senators and Members of the Assembly. Miles Standish and Heidi Doyle also came as representatives from their own park cooperating associations.

Talking points for the appointments with the lawmakers were improving access to parks, maintaining protection for national monuments in California (now on the hit list for privatization), and increasing support for affordable access to parks.

Legislators had scheduled appointments with PAD teams to discuss current legislation about these issues. That meant



New State Park Foundation Executive Director Rachel Norton addresses the group. Photo courtesy @CA_OUTDOORS

that folks met with both pro and con park support attitudes during the many lawmakers' office visits. Finding common ground about the benefit of parks for both visitors and surrounding businesses was a goal in building park championship.

This year was the 15th time that California State Park Foundation

has organized Park Advocacy Day. More than 100 volunteers came from all over California to show our elected officials in Sacramento that parks matter to their constituents. CSPRA members in attendance drew on their real knowledge and experience with State Parks to be valuable team members and help make the day successful.



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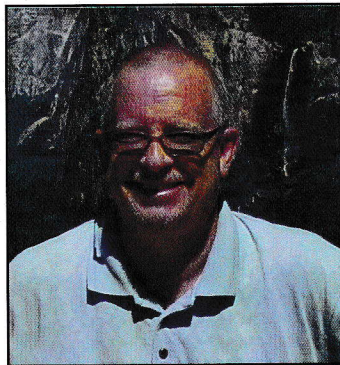
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President's Message



By Mike Lynch, President

Hello Everyone,

I'm happy to report that CSPRA has been active in many areas, including the following:

Parks Threats at Jack London and Sugarloaf Ridge. CSPRA is continuing to monitor for the results of the department's corrective letters to the operators of these two parks. In the near future, **Jeff Price**, chair of the Threats Committee, will be completing a report on the two year+ effort by CSPRA in this area.

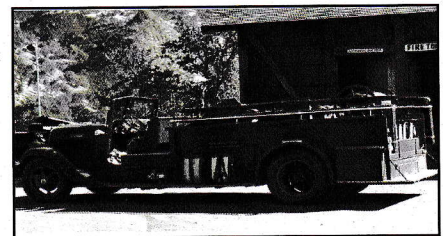
2017 Annual Meeting and Retiree's Rendezvous at Fort Tejon is shaping up nicely with a lot of great optional outings. See the CSPRA website for up-to-date info at www.cspira.com.

Ranger Foundation. As directed by the members at the last annual meeting in Morro Bay, a non-profit charitable Ranger Foundation has been established with the Secretary of State's Office. We are now working on the IRS designation for tax purposes.

Affiliation with the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR). The affiliation with ANPR has been approved by both groups and the details of the affiliation are being worked out.

Professional Development Grant Program. CSPRA is developing a professional development grant program to supply small grants for professional activities not covered under the current Training Scholarship Program.

Restoring CSP's First Fire Truck. The Board of Directors approved a motion to make the restoration of the fire truck an official CSPRA project, approved some initial funding for the project, and established a Friends of California State Parks First Fire Truck Committee of **Jim Davis, Frank Padilla, Mike Whitehead and Mike Lynch.**



Advocacy Efforts. CSPRA has supported the Clean Water and Parks Bond bill and the renewal of the OHV program. CSPRA members also participated in the annual Park Advocacy Day sponsored by the California State Parks Foundation.

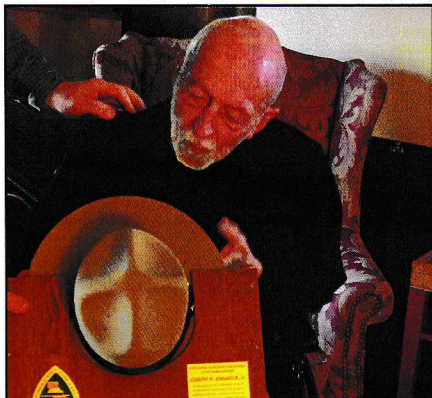
And More! See this newsletter and the website for all the latest!

Nominate Honorary Rangers

The CSPRA Awards Committee is accepting nominations for 2018. Nominations can be submitted between now and September 1, 2017. The criteria for the award are as follows:

The Award is bestowed on an individual who has provided extraordinary service supporting the goals of the California State Park Rangers Association, California State Parks, and/or the Ranger profession on a regional, statewide or national level. Recipient selection must recognize significant spans of years or include multiple achievements in direct support of CSPRA's mission.

You may submit your nomination with supporting documentation to either **Carl Chavez**, Director at P.O. Box 114, Graeagle, CA 96103 or mrc2@psln.com or **Sue Neary**, Vice President at sue@cspra.com / 831-928-1535



Joe Engbeck, 2017 winner

World Ranger Day

World Ranger Day is observed on the 31st of July each year. The first World Ranger Day was observed on May 21, 2006 to commemorate Galen Clark's appointment as the Yosemite Guardian and first modern-day ranger. The following year it was changed to July 31st for the anniversary of the founding of the International Ranger Federation (which is really on Aug. 1st). It was the idea of an American ranger after reading about Bolivia annually having a National Ranger Day.

The day holds two meanings. It is the day to pause and honor the many rangers killed on duty, many we know as friends. The International Ranger Federation produces an Honour Roll naming those rangers we have lost



in the previous year. It is also the day to celebrate rangers and the work we do to protect the world's natural and cultural treasures.

The day is now commemorated around the world from conservationists to royalty. Many agencies hold a public event. Facebook is populated with people holding signs sending well wishes to the rangers of the world. So, on July 31st, thank a Ranger and remember The Thin Green Line!

Dave Graham K9 Plaque



Dave Graham Memorial Plaque 2017 winner, Iain Beveridge and his canine partner Storm.

This year CSPRA had the opportunity to assist the department with the K9 program. The annual K9 competition awards plaque ran out of blank brass plates on the plaque and the 2016 winner, Chris Hendricks, was given the task of finding a sponsor for a new and expanded plaque.

The CSPRA Board of Directors approved the purchase and at this year's K9 competition at Ft. Hunter Liggett the new Dave Graham Memorial Plaque was presented to keep the annual presentation current.

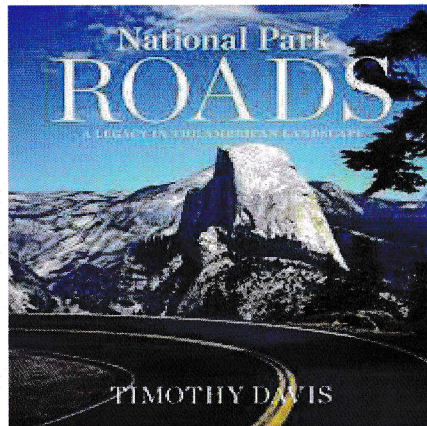
Book Review

National Park Roads: A Legacy in the American Landscape

by Timothy Davis, Charlottesville: The University of Virginia Press; 344 pages; 2016; cloth, \$49.95.

There's been a lot of talk in the news lately about infrastructure. It's an essential, yet often overlooked aspect of modern society. The water and sewer systems, roads, bridges, dikes and dams, electrical grid and gas systems, even parks, that enable just about everything that we enjoy and depend upon for our general health, welfare, livelihoods, and recreational outlets are included under the umbrella of infrastructure. It is vital, essential, and can be expensive. Witness the outcry over the recent tax increase in California to pay for transportation improvements. And yet, our society can (and, in the event of natural and human disasters such as earthquakes, storms, and accidents) does suffer when it's not functioning.

All of that is simply prologue to the fine volume on *National Park Roads*, written by Timothy Davis and published by the University of Virginia Press. The dust jacket features a stunning image of the Glacier Point Road in Yosemite, with the profile of Half Dome in the foreground and Tenaya Canyon, Cathedral Peak, and Clouds Rest as a dramatic backdrop.



The book is loaded with not only such iconic images but photos of road projects that, when constructed, took the landscape (if not always the resources) into account.

The author is the leading authority on the history of roads in the national parks. He starts with several European antecedents (carriage roads in Hyde Park, for example), and moves on to American sites (New York's Central Park and Boston's Emerald Necklace). Davis writes, "By the turn of the twentieth century, virtually every major American city either possessed an elaborate system of parks and parkways or was in the process of developing one" (p. 21).

The development of access trails, wagon roads, and motorways in large national parks such as Yosemite, Yellowstone, and Glacier is well documented here. Davis includes ample

background on the history of the National Park Service, creating a base from which to build the modern transportation story. He includes interesting accounts of the major parkways, including Blue Ridge, Colonial, and Natchez Trace. Davis doesn't shy away from controversy or current environmental issues, including climate change, congestion relief, and noise and air pollution.

This is a must-read for a wide audience of park managers, visitors, and transportation experts, as well as park enthusiasts. There is much to be learned and to be gained from the beautifully produced pages of this book.

A note on the production: it is a credit to the University of Virginia Press and its designers and fabricators. The 11-inch by 12-inch volume unfolds to reveal beautiful artwork and photography throughout, surrounded by a readable layout. The cloth cover features an imprinted NPS arrowhead. It is a book truly worthy of its subject, and it is a celebration and a commemoration published in the Park Service's centennial year. It is a joy to own and to read.

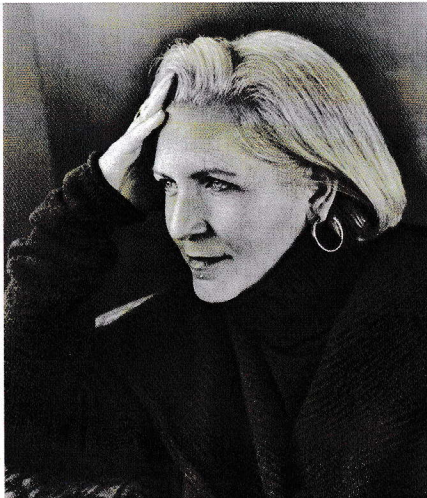
Review by Robert C. Pavlik

Book Review

The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America's National Parks

By Terry Tempest Williams, New York: Sara Crichton Books: Farrar, Straus Giroux 2016, paperback \$12.95

Terry Tempest Williams is a well known naturalist and author who shares some of her most personal experiences and ideas in her latest book, a contemplation of the importance of our national parks. That importance is discussed at both the national level, for their significance to our country's history, and the individual level, for what they have meant to her and her immediate family. It's not always a clear and easy journey at either level.

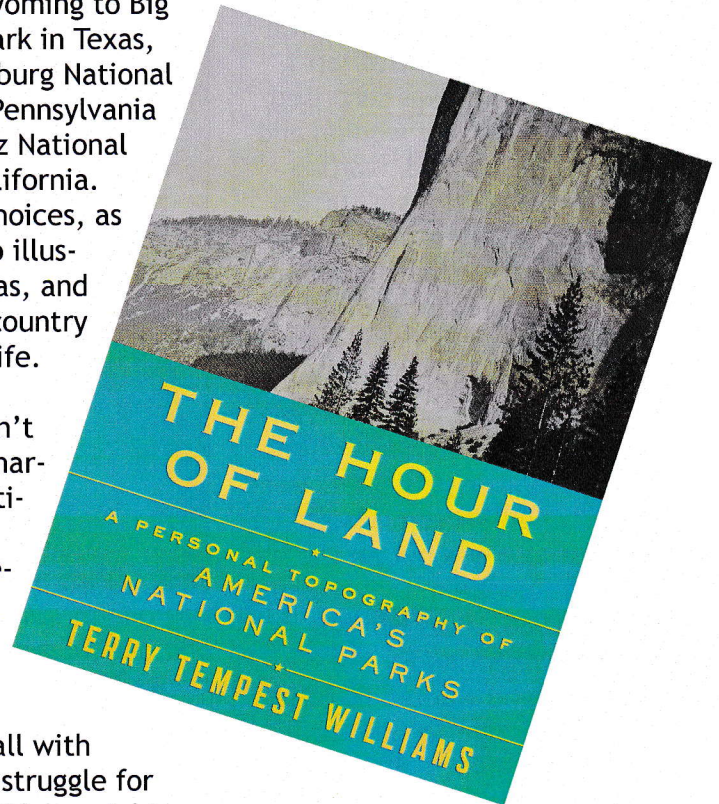


Williams chronicles her visits to several distinctive and dissimilar parks, from Grand Teton Na-

tional Park in Wyoming to Big Bend National Park in Texas, and from Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania to Cesar Chavez National Monument in California. They are good choices, as she uses them to illustrate issues, ideas, and divisions in our country and in her own life.

The author doesn't shy away from sharing her own political and personal viewpoints, especially in relation to the history of the Civil War, the debate over a border wall with Mexico, and the struggle for human, civil, and labor rights in California's agricultural fields. The effect is to stimulate one's interest in these disparate places, linked by a national system that is currently undergoing stress and scrutiny for its management practices. Rather than decreasing the importance of these parks, it highlights the need for continued advocacy and protection.

There are times when the personal becomes painful, and possibly a distraction. It also shows how we can be visitors to parks but cannot always leave our lives behind. We bring the



world, and our personal woes, with us, wherever we go.

I found the cover photo of particular interest. It's a fine photo of El Capitan, in Yosemite National Park, which is not a subject of discussion in the book. But it is eye catching!

Overall, it's a compelling read, both instructional and inspirational, thoughtful and thought provoking.

Review by Robert C. Pavlik

Back in the Day:

San Simeon Region, 1986-1993

by Robert Pavlik

In the spring of 1984, I showed up at Camarillo State Hospital to take the State Historian 1 written exam. I was surprised to see hundreds of women and men milling around, waiting to take the test! As it turned out, most of them were there to take the Psychiatric Technician exam; only a handful of us were there for the historian test. Whew! Later that summer I completed the oral interview portion with Historian III **Gene Itogawa** and Deputy SHPO **Marion Mitchell-Wilson**. I passed the test and was put on the list, where I remained until the summer of 1986. I was working as a seasonal historian for the NPS in Yosemite and wanted to return to state service (and secure full-time employment). At San Simeon I was met by Guide II **Ann Danko**, and interviewed by Chief Ranger **John Horn**, Curator **Sandra Barghini**, and RAO III **Gerry Norgaard**.

I started on September 8, 1986. **Deborah Weldon** was the Regional Director, and along with **Bill Kramer** as Visitor Services Manager and **Dave Donahue** as Technical Services Manager, worked from an office on the south side of the hilltop. **Sally Scott** was the Regional Interpretive Specialist, assisted by **Luan Aubin** and **Ric Johnson**. **Fred Mamerow** was a Restoration Architect assigned to the Castle, and **Woody Elliott** later



Regional Historians Glenn Farris, Frank Lortie, Alexa Luberski, and Bob Reese were joined by HQ historians Kathleen Davis and Carol Roland-Nawi

joined as the Region's first Resource Ecologist. Admin staff included **Chris Robinson** and **Giz Bueno**, and later, **Linda Fletcher** as RAO III.

My office was in the service wing, along with Registrar **Natalie Sylvester**. Dispatch was in the service wing up the opposite stairway, and the Curatorial staff, led by **Hoyt Fields**, was in the staff kitchen off the main kitchen. **Frank Young**, **Joe Argentine**, **Dorothy Collins**, **Matt McGurkin** and many others took impeccable care of the collections, rooms, and outdoor statuary.

SPR 1 **Bill Payne** provided oversight for the Day Security staff.

SPR II **Bob Turner** would check on both Hilltop Security and Dispatch. At the Visitor Center SPR IIs **John Melvin** and **Bill Miller** oversaw the busy operations, where **Linda Payne** ran an efficient ticket office. Some of the Rangers included **Gail Berry**, **Dave Graham**, **Roxann Jacobus**, **Suzanne Knapp**, **Terri Osborn**, **Don Schmidt**, and **Leslie Taylor-Snow**. Maintenance was the purview of **Richard Pohl**, **John Zillig**, and **Steve Waggy**, and the OSA crew was led by **Randy Harris**, and later, **Marty Zillig** and **Bob Soto**. **Norman Rotanzi** was the legendary groundskeeper who was there for more than 50 years, ably assisted by **Robert Conlen** and others.

The guide staff is legendary, and at the time they were at their peak strength, numbering almost 120 people (both permanent and seasonal). **Julie Payne** was the Guide III, and the Guide IIs included **Karen Beery, Bruce Brown, Morris Cecil, Metta Hake, Shannon Harmon, and Joe King**. I was lucky to work with many of them: **Bob Doyle** (who started in 1958), **Shawn and Penny Harris, Dennis Judd, Vicki Kastner** (the current State Historian II), **Larry and Janet Newland, Wayne and Tarika Ryburn, Terri Reeves,** and many others.

One of the great ongoing programs at San Simeon was the Oral History project, which numbers over 150 tape recorded interviews with movie stars, visiting dignitaries, former employees and local residents. Guide II **Metta Hake** oversaw the program for several years and conducted the bulk of the interviews, along with guides **Jim Fajardo, Janet Horton-Payne, Ted Moreno, Rayena Martin, Gerry Reynolds,** and **Tom Scott**. We endeavored to transcribe and edit the collection (now housed at the Staff Library and at the Kennedy Library, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo)

and **Bob Reese** were joined by HQ historians **Kathleen Davis** and **Carol Roland-Nawi** (who went on to become the SHPO).

In the early 1990s we expanded our interpretation of San Simeon State Park and W.R. Hearst SB to include shore whaling, maritime history, and ranching and mining. When **Piedras Blancas Lighthouse** was transferred to BLM ownership, State Parks was ready to provide interpretive staff for guided tours of the historic aide to navigation. The National Geographic Movie Theater was later added to the visitor center complex, expanding on the opportunities for interpretation. Guide I **Louie Coleman** became the manager for the theater while her husband **Bill** continued to guide tours.

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It was an exciting time to be at San Simeon. The new Visitor Center was under construction, and it would include a permanent exhibit on "William Randolph Hearst at San Simeon." The plan was written by SP Interpreters **Eileen Hook** and **Mary Helmich**. The Curatorial staff worked hard to create an impressive installation that is still on display. When it opened on April 29, 1988 I remember Deputy Director **Ken Jones** and his wife attended the opening, and I was thrilled to see my old Area Manager once again. The following year the staff put on, for the first time, the Living History pilot program, a series of evening tours featuring costumed guests and workers. That popular program also continues to this day.

and expand the scope to include the history of State Park ownership and management.

My friend and colleague, **Alexa Luberski** interviewed Regional Director **Ron McCullough** about his days at San Simeon, which included the infamous bombing of "C" House in 1976. I interviewed **Charles Lyden** about the early years, when he helped prepare the Castle for its public debut in June 1958. We also have interviews with **Richard Pohl** (Maintenance), **Ann Miller** (Household), and **Norman Rotanzi** (Grounds).

In the spring of 1990 we hosted a meeting of State Historians at San Simeon (see photo). Regional Historians **Glenn Farris, Frank Lortie, Alexa Luberski,**

In 1999 a local history group, **Heritage Shared**, organized a two-day conference in response to the then-ongoing controversy surrounding the proposed **Hearst Ranch** development. Entitled "What's the Point? Historical Perspectives on San Simeon," former DPR Director **Donald Murphy** came to San Simeon to deliver the keynote address to a capacity audience at the National Geographic Theater.

I had left State Parks for Caltrans in 1993, and later that year, married **Rayena Martin**. We are both retired now, but we share a pride in our association with State Parks and the San Simeon Region, and still enjoy visiting the San Simeon area state parks and some of the friends we made there.

Not Just for Retirees

Rendezvous Coming Soon

There is still time to join us at the CSPRA Annual Membership Meeting & 25th Annual Retirees Rendezvous. This year we will gather September 25 to 28, at Fort Tejon & Hungry Valley.

You can look forward to Frank's fabulous tri-tip dinner and a tasty pancake breakfast. There will be tours and field trips to surrounding destinations and natural areas. Learn the fascinating history of Fort Tejon including a live cannon firing; explore Hungry Valley, hike Mt. Pinos and take a guided drive up the historic "ridge route" hosted by the Ridge Route Museum and much more.

On the membership meeting Agenda, we will be reviewing CSPRA's goals for 2018 and discussing updates on the Department Transformation. Enjoy



Director Mangat addresses the 2016 Rendezvous

the camaraderie of old and new friends both active and retired employees, family and friends.

This event includes both the annual membership meeting and a quarterly CSPRA Board meeting. The Fort Tejon Group area will accommodate our self-contained RVers and tents. The Holiday Inn Express Lebec/

Frazier Park is not far from Fort Tejon. A block of rooms is being held for attendees at the discounted rate of \$91/night for up to 4 in room. (King or 2 Dbl)

To get this special rate call the hotel directly and request the 'CSPRA-Tejon' group rate. HolidayInn Express-Lebec / Frazier Park (661) 248-1600.

All this for the bargain price of \$25. Register here http://www.cspra.com/wsp_images/2017regform.pdf



Frank Padilla, Jr. carves his famous smoked tri-tip dinner, assisted by Robin Ishimatsu.



All that, and a commemorative patch too! Plan to join us in September

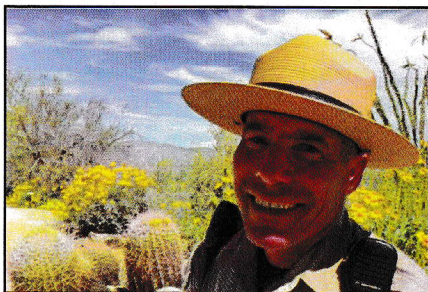
A Wave Goodbye

Steve Bier

Ranger Steve Bier, of the Colorado Desert District, passed away unexpectedly in late March. Steve was a fifteen year veteran of the Department and a true "Generalist" in every sense of the word, spending an entire career in vigilant protection of one of the world's most significant parklands.

Steve shared his skills and enthusiasm with countless BVST cadets and other interpretive training programs. He had a passion for teaching about our parks and all that is precious within. A consummate photographer, he has provided thousands of depictions of the world in which he lived.

Steve was well known and respected throughout the Borrego Springs community. You could find him at almost anything happening inside or outside of parks, including community events, school programs, and just providing his firm hand shake and the smile only Steve was able to produce. Steve leaves behind his wife and parks partner, Heidi Addison Bier and their eleven year old son Lorne.



Marsha Henderson

Long time Parks Family member Marsha Henderson succumbed after a short bout of cancer. Marsha grew up in the Central Valley, spending most of her time in the south valley as a young woman and again once she retired.

In May of 1988, Marsha began her Parks career at San Luis Obispo as an Office Assistant-II. The department quickly realized they had a great one in the works and promoted Marsha to Office Technician in September of 1989, and again in 1990 to the position of Administrative Officer-I. Marsha continued her march to the top by transferring to San Diego in 1993, promoting to Administrative Officer-II and again in 2000 to Administrative Officer-III at Colorado Desert District. Marsha took her knowledge and feisty wit to the Central Valley District in 2003 where she would spend the remainder of her full time career, retiring in June of 2010.



CSPRA is affiliated with other non-profit organizations that share our goals.

The Park Rangers Association of California is a professional organization for park Rangers and other uniformed park employees of municipal, county, special district, state and federal agencies.



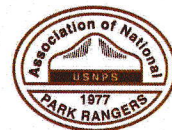
The International Ranger Federation is a non-profit organization established to raise awareness of and support the critical work that the world's park rangers do in conserving our natural and cultural heritage.



Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs was established in 1932 for Mutual Service and for the Promotion of the Proper Use, Enjoyment and Protection of America's Scenic Wilderness and Outdoor Recreation Resources.



Association of National Park Rangers is an organization created to communicate for, about and with National Park Service employees of all disciplines and to provide a forum for professional enrichment.



Are you Moving?
Please let us know.
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Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

by Jeff Price,
Seriously 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 to <malaprops@cspira.com>.

Plan ahead, prevent accidents!

You can't just shoot off your hip when things go bad.

News from the Outhouse?



The issues won't be fully addressed and we won't have privy to the meeting.

Toe the line . . .

We must be on our Ps and Qs.

Department of Redundancy Department.

That is definitely too much TMI!

Dueling writing implements.

Before he talks to the press, he should take time to put pencil to pen.

I can only guess at the meaning sometimes . . .

He's no politician, but he needs to relearn the wheel again.

Briny statement.

Trump's policy is not worth the salt it is printed on!

Cadet Graduation

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) recently graduated 20 cadets after they completed a nearly eight-month long training program. An audience of family members, friends and DPR staff applauded as the class of cadets received their badges to officially make them rangers and lifeguards. The department employs over 600 peace officers to ensure public safety and protection of park resources. Rangers and lifeguards provide not only law enforcement and emergency medical response, they also provide public education, interpretation and program management.

Graduates of this class will be stationed at 15 park units



throughout the state. Their training included lessons in making physical arrests, conducting investigations, performing search and rescue activities, defensive tactics and firearms use. Cadets were also trained in visitor assistance, public education and interpretation, and

park resource protection and management. Academy instruction prepares the students mentally, morally, emotionally, and physically to enter and successfully complete the Field Training Officer's Program, which is comprised of 13 more weeks of on-the-job training.



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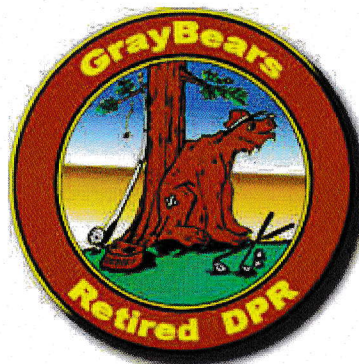
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Date _____

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