



# The TELOS Times

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## Resident Earns Allstar Football Team Berth



Rogelio (El Dorado Cty) #38 stands with fellow Allstar Liberty team players while Dennis Parrish, a Hangtown Panthers coach

Weighing in at the minimum team weight of ninety pounds, Rogelio (El Dorado) played with so much heart and tenacity, that at season's end, he was one of three players chosen from his Hangtown Panthers football team to play on the northern California Allstar team. Joining other Allstar team mates from the Sacramento area, Rogelio had the unique post-season experience of being coached and practiced by coaches he had never known before, alongside very competent team mates whom he had never met before. But despite the anxieties of having to prove oneself to strangers, Rogelio held his own against similarly talented players, and earned a great deal of Allstar playing time.

Serving, believe it or not, as a defensive tackle, despite his light weight, Rogelio specialized at getting off the line fast, often penetrating the backfield in time to disrupt the play, make a tackle, or sack the quarterback. But admirably, if the play went the other way, Rogelio would roll off the defenders and sprint toward the runner often arriving in time to assist a tackle or recover a fumble. He also served on special teams, assigned the task of protecting the outside lane on kickoff return. Unfortunately, despite being a hard fought, evenly matched game, that kept the capacity crowd cheering from the edge of its seats, the tide changed in the last seconds, and the Liberty Allstar team lost to the Freedom Allstar team. Whatever the score, the honor of being chosen an Allstar, the challenge of proving oneself, and the satisfaction of playing one's best, taught Rogelio the real lesson of this experience: That one's esteem, confidence, and success are built upon hard won achievement. Rogelio, thank you for making yourself and Telos proud!

## Belated New Year Wishes!

The residents and staff of Telos Youth Outposts send you the best of wishes for a terrific New Year! Last October, Telos residents and a former resident, Martin (San Joaquin) who graduated to foster care a year ago, trekked into Shadow Lake, and then climbed to a high mountain lake, and beyond, to a high peak, from where they yelled "Happy New Year!" for the picture at right.



Planning ahead, Telos residents shout "Happy New Year!" to you from atop South Tells Peak on a trek to Shadow Lake last October.

## Former Wilderness Staff Rejoins Telos

Formerly a Telos supervisor and wilderness staff, who once served as a soldier in the 10th Mountain Army Division, Jerry Keene recently rejoined Telos as a wilderness staff. His first trek was into Shadow Lake, a trek that covered 13 miles in two days. Presently a junior high school teacher at a private school, and a pastor of a small country church, Jerry and his wife, Karen, reside in nearby Newcastle. With his children nearly grown, Jerry is finding time to return to his passion of outdoor pursuits. Well experienced before initially serving Telos, Jerry was an exceptional leader on Telos' 50 mile mountain and 70 mile canoe treks, among others. Its great to see Jerry back, and especially for this writer, his

return is a valued acquaintance renewed.!



Taking a break alongside Brian (Trinity), Jerry Keene, former Telos supervisor and wilderness staff extraordinaire, rejoins Telos for a hike into



Kevin (Humboldt) pauses briefly on a tough, boulder strewn climb from a gem of a high mountain lake to

## “Good-bye God, We’re Going to Bodie”

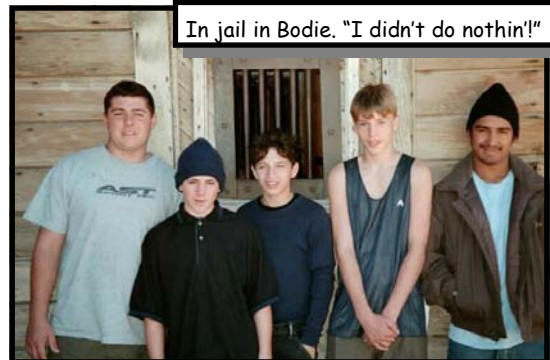
Following near exactly the wagon road which took the young lass who immortalized those words, when her family transferred to the wild and woolly gold mining town of Bodie in the 1860s, Telos residents did their own hands-on exploration of what the life and times were like in the early days of California’s history. First camping near, and soaking one late night in a wild hot spring, one which served the early westward settlers, and before them, the indigent Native Americans, Telos residents spent several hours savoring the relics of the past and pondering the hardships life then offered. From the sternly run school, to the hand pulled fire carts, the bank with the dynamited vault, the mortuary with its readied coffins, even for the very young, the church, the cemetery, the pool hall, store, blacksmith shop, jail, and much, much more, the



Hopefully making personal commitments to repent, Telos residents visit the 150 year old Methodist Church during their exploration of gold rush life in the ghost town of Bodie.



Telos residents pay their respects to the “Angel of Bodie,” a small girl whose tragic accidental death once affected the entire town of Bodie.



In jail in Bodie. “I didn’t do nothin!”



residents experienced the simpler underpinnings of today's complex society. Joined by Telos alumni Martin (San Joaquin) and Steve (Yolo) —flanking those in jail (page 2) to the left and right respectively— Telos residents also got to spend time with two young men who successfully graduated the Telos program well over a year ago, and who successfully transitioned back to a more normalized life. They were themselves good friends who had come back to visit! All in all, Bodie was an experienced-packed trip that helped Telos residents connect with the past, and



Its wheels rusted solid, and its track mostly gone, Rogelio (El Dorado), Mike (Stanislaus), and Jesse (Shasta) imagine what it was like to ride an ore cart in and out of the mines, as the old miners, and no doubt their children on occasion, once did.

Mike and Jesse adorn the door frame of a long abandoned and unknown Bodie business, as many a store-keep once

## Telos' Sammy, a Boy's Dog



Given to the boys as a pup one year ago by a neighbor, Sammy has become a beloved pet who knows her duty is to protect residents from harm. Though too skittish of strangers to bite, Sammy barks anytime someone unfamiliar comes on the premises. Last summer, she raised such a ruckus near two boys building roads and tunnels in the sand pile, that staff attention revealed a large rattlesnake coiled not 10 feet away! Sammy has started accompanying residents on many wilderness trips, and when she sees the boys put on their backpacks, she proudly carries her own, loaded with her food and dish. She is especially adept at picking out the trail, even at night, or when it is poorly traveled and thus faint. Rogelio is her favorite resident, and the two are inseparable. Sammy whines anytime Rogelio is on a home visit, and patiently waits daily at the head of the drive for him to return from school. Giving unconditional love to all, Sammy is probably the perfect dog for a wilderness oriented boys home!

Water time for Sammy, on a hot, high, and hard climb and rappel of Devil's Peak.

Bagging another peak toward their Telos Peak Awards, Telos residents celebrate their success atop Devil's

## Congratulations To...

- ...2001 graduates: Jimmy and Greg (Sacramento), Dorian (El Dorado), Jason (Placer), and Ray (Shasta),
- ...2002 graduate: Deven (El Dorado)
- ...Gold Peak earners Jimmy (Sacramento) and Rogelio (El Dorado)
- ...Diamond Peak earner Martin (San Joaquin) who continued work toward his Diamond after graduating from Telos by returning on trips and taking leadership responsibilities.
- ...Telos staffpersons Annie Winters, Allen Rivers, and Charlene Johnston, for passing the Telos Staff Certification Program.
- ...1992 graduate Mike W. (Placer) for enlisting in the U.S. Navy.





Alex (Shasta), David (Sacramento), Mike (Yolo), and Jesse (Shasta) prepare to back off the edge on a 165 foot rope length rappel on Devil's Peak, high above Devil's Lake, in the background, where Telos was camped.

## A Challenging Week-end at Devil's Lake

In October, Telos residents night hiked two miles into Devil's Lake over a steep trail under a full moon to a favorite camp. After a quick morning breakfast, a tough climb was made to the summit of Devil's Peak,



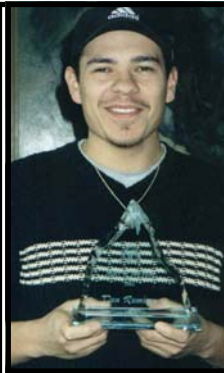
the approach to which required some tricky maneuvering amongst house size boulders. A rope length rappel was then set up on a high cliff back toward the base of the peak. Back at camp in early evening, residents enjoyed a swim, dinner, and a debrief around a roaring fire. Early, everyone was into their bedrolls for some sorely needed sleep. The next morning, after catching two nice size trout, it was off to explore some secret caves, before leaving at lunchtime, for the hike out to the trailhead and a return to Telos. Challenging, yes, but for Telos residents, it was just another typical weekend afield.



The early worm catches the fish! Wilderness staff Mitch Foster's son Zack drug him out of bed early on the Devil's Lake trip, and landed an 18 inch, 2 1/2 lb.



## Dan Rameriz Elected 2001 Staff of the Year



Born and raised a local boy, Dan migrated to Montana after earning his A.A. Degree. There he discovered he enjoyed working with youth while serving as a counselor at Aspen Youth Services. Returning after marriage to California, Dan began working at Telos, both in residential care as well as in the wilderness program. He left for better pay on two occasions, once to work in a juvenile hall, and another for a management position in a girl's facility. But each time, Dan returned to Telos,

where he now serves as supervisor. Dan says that he has learned that his calling is residential care and treatment of youth. In his spare time, Dan enjoys refereeing wrestling, a sport at which he excelled in high school. Dan lives in Cameron Park, where he is a single dad to his two children. Congratulations Dan!



### Our Mission...

**...is to provide well organized and structured homes in which residents can live safely, in pleasant surroundings, as friends, while receiving professional services aimed at encouraging their healthy growth: Physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually.**

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