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1995 California Parks Conference

Next years CSPRA — PRAC Workshop becomes the California Parks Conference with the addition of SPPOAC, California State Park Superintendent's Association, the State Park Maintenance Supervisors Association and the League of California Non-profit Associations.

The lovely California Wine Country will host the 1995 California Parks Conference, March 6-10, 1995. The location of this fun and informative gathering will be at the Santa Rosa Doubletree Hotel. The festivities will begin on Monday, March 6th with a golf tournament and tours. The information will start flowing on Tuesday morning, March 7th, with keynote speaker, sessions and workshops presented by experts in the fields of park operations, interpretation, resource management, and public safety. The theme of the conference is California Connections and the keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Carlos Schwantes from the University of Idaho. Dr. Schwantes will discuss cultural landscapes and the connections among and between culture, the land and parks. The wine should start flowing at the conclusion of each day's sessions, and at the banquet on Thursday evening, (Continued on page 3)

Mountain Lion Killed at Cuyamaca Rancho St Park

The following is excerpted from an article in the December 11, 1994 Sacramento Bee.

State Fish & Game wardens shot and killed a mountain lion suspected of fatally attacking a woman Saturday.

The body of the woman was found before noon. The body showed signs indicating a large animal had attacked her. When a cougar appeared at the scene, wardens shot and killed it. Another mountain lion (Continued on page 4)

National Interpreters' Workshop

Recently over one thousand of the nation's finest interpreters gathered on the shores of Lake Erie, just across the water from Canada. Where were you?

Cleveland is a long way from California, but the National Association of Interpretation annual workshop is always worth the trip. Where else can you swap ideas with a Nature Center Director from Detroit, a Naturalist from Kalamazoo or a Park Manager from Utah?

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President's Message

The Department needs a new position, and has needed it for years. It should be at a rather high level but one which anyone in the Department could compete for — Chief of the Rumor Office. I never have the time to track all of the rumors, it could be a full-time job just checking them out. A number of individuals seem to be doing this and there are also some who are full-time at starting rumors. It would save the Department a lot of staff time if there was a full-time rumor coordinator. And an 800 Dial-a-Rumor number! As an example of how wild rumors can get, I even heard one that said I was going to retire! What decade I wonder?

The rumors that I'm most concerned about are the ones that are starting up again about giving more of our units away. This always comes up when bad times start (do any of you remember good times?) and it becomes obvious that money is going to be even tighter. We need to be really vigilant in this regard and be certain that we don't lose those very units which contribute to the diversity, and excellence, of the system.

We need to get as much of the beach area at Fort Ord as we can, . . .

Another current rumor is that we aren't going to accept the 16,500 acre addition to Red Rock Canyon State Park that was called for in the Desert Bill. I checked this out quickly and it doesn't seem to be true. But its one we need to watch carefully. This addition would make this unit one of the great Desert Parks in the West.

It seems the best opportunities are always available when times are the toughest. The National Park Service also has budgetary problems but are accepting their new responsibilities at Death Valley National Park and Joshua Tree National Park as well as at the New Preserve in the East Mojave. And their greatest challenge is to operate the San Francisco Presideo two years earlier than expected now that the Army has announced their early withdrawal. (Aren't there penalties for early withdrawal?).

So even though times are really going to be even tougher we still need to think big. We need to get as much of the beach area at Fort Ord as we can, the long-term recreational benefits of this unit(s) will be phonominal. We need to take over the operation of the Los Angeles beaches if the county decides to give them up. A terrific budget and operational problem but an opportunity to serve a real big segment of the public. And, of course, we need to accept the land and the challenge at Red Rock Canyon.

All of these opportunities may not be available if we wait until times are good. What would our system be like if we didn't have people of vision, risk-takers, in the past. Like Newton Drury, Bill Mott and others.

And we can't give away parks because we'll also be giving away our dreams.

Parks Conference (Continued from page 1)

with speaker Bill Dempsey of the Nature Conservancy. His topic is "Making Friends with Old Adversaries." In addition to the numerous one hour sessions, there will be two panel discussions. One panel is considering predator/bear management and includes an archaeologist expert on prehistoric bear distribution in California. The other panel will discuss private land trusts and parks.

Come to Santa Rosa in March and remake friends with old acquaintances. Travel to the world famous wineries, redwood groves and rugged coastal seascapes, and join in with other park professionals to learn and share ideas.

Interpreters Workshop (Continued from page 1)

The workshop theme "Images and Perceptions: Interpretation Makes the Difference" left us with a kaleidoscope of images: in-depth sessions with the folks on the cutting edge of interpretation; a stroll through a remnant of prairie where the grass towers over your head; and hardwood forests bright with fall color.

The Cleveland Metroparks which surround the city, is a truly outstanding park system. We milked a cow at Lake Metroparks' Farm-park, swayed to tropical rhythms in the Rainforest Exhibit at Metroparks Zoo and took a behind the scenes tour of their state of the art graphics and exhibit shop.

I learned a wealth of clever ideas and useful tricks in the concurrent sessions. Faced with a choice

15 or more sessions each hour, it was difficult to decide which to attend. One of my favorites looked at applying ideas from Disneyland and the supermarket to enhance our visitor's experience. Another gave us the chance to get our hands into "muck" creating replica ant mounds and crayfish mounds with plaster. In others we examined computer publishing and the latest audio visual techniques. There was truly something for everyone!

Don't miss the magic next year. Join Charles Kuralt, Stuart Udall and the polar bears of Sea World for the 1995 workshop. Pack your swimsuit and plan to be in Orlando November 27-30, 1995. I'll see you there!

By Brian Cahill
Colorado Desert
Interpretive Specialist

A Day In The Life of Jack London SHP

On Thursday, March 7th, at 0800, a group will leave the Doubletree Hotel in Santa Rosa on a short, yet scenic drive to Glen Ellen, in the Valley of the Moon. At Jack London State Park, you will meet local park staff members Greg Hayes, Carol Dodge and Marla Hastings, to see and discuss, "A Day in the Life of a Park." The first part of the morning session will focus on challenges and accomplishments in this historic unit. Later in the morning, coordinator Dorene Clement and representative from National Parks will discuss issues of "cultural landscapes," and the National Registry program. This will be a fine opportunity to get out and about in the lovely Sonoma County countryside and visit this unique historic district. (Continued)

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**"Making Friends
with Old Adver-
saries."**

Day in The Life (Continued from page 3)

In fact Sonoma county has numerous historic sites from the old Russian settlement at Fort Ross on the coast to the Mission, Mexican garrison and Vallejo's home in Sonoma.

Mountain Lion (Continued from page 1)

was killed a few weeks ago when it threatened a hiker. These latest killings bring to five the number of cougars killed in the park.

New Members

We are happy to introduce these new members to our organization. CSPRA offers a forum for sharing ideas and concerns and a means for making an impact in the field of the park professional. There is a place for each of you here, and your commitment to CSPRA requires a commitment to you from this organization. Each of us by getting involved can help the other. Again, welcome to CSPRA. Ranger Cadet's:

Tameka McCray

Kelly McCague

Steve Hawkins

Kevin W. Buchanan

Dan Stefanisko

Jenny Donovan

Lynn Holland

Shelley Guaid

Is The California Parks Conference For Me

Regardless of your particular interest in parks, there will be sessions of interest to you. Resource topics include: the need for cooperation and coordination among parks, the academic community, and the public with regard to archaeological resources; discussion of Native California fisheries; and a contrast between Native Californian and modern fire management techniques. In the Operations sessions, topics include facility photography, volunteer recruitment, and trail building. Sessions on Interpretation include one which can bring us into the new world of audio-visual techniques. This is a two-hour session on state-of-the-art multimedia for interpretation. Another unique and unusual session examines bats as an interpretive resource. Public Safety sessions include O.C. spray, mountain bike patrol, and the fatal mountain lion incident at Auburn.

There will certainly be many sessions that you will wish to attend. Peruse the schedule in the "Reg Packet" (to be mailed soon) and choose the sessions in your areas of interest. We hope you will attend this cordial professional gathering.

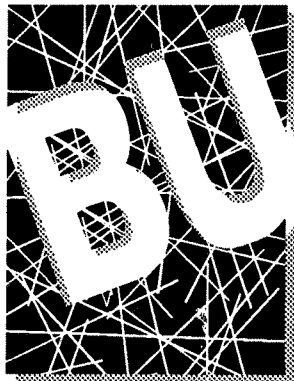
The California Park's Conference was created with you in mind!

Election Results

Dave Nelson was elected President Elect, Adrian Itaya was elected Secretary-Treasurer, and Jill Dampier and Steve Hill were elected Directors. Their terms of office will begin immediately after the March GEC. Ballot results were as follows.

Dave Nelson	219*
Five write candidates	7
Adrian Itaya	213*
Write in	0
Jim Serpa	64
Linda Rath	74
Jill Dampier	97*
Steve Hill	102*
Joanne Kerbavaz	67
Marla Hastings	48

Of 568 ballots mailed 219 (39%) were returned.



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Correction

Last month's article entitled TPL Report Confirms Link Between Parks and Crime Reduction should have had the following credit:

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Letter

November 30, 1994

Maurice Getty, President
CSPRA

Dear Mr. Getty:

I am pleased to let you know that California State Parks was honored with a Bronze award for Quality and Service Excellence in the 1994 Eureka Awards. The competition was administered by the California Council for Quality and Service (CCQS), a nonprofit organization with membership representing all sectors of the California business community, state and local governments, academia and nonprofit organizations. The enclosed press release about the awards was issued by CCQS.

California State Parks was recognized for improvements in resource preservation, customer service, financial responsibility and organizational efficiency.

It is gratifying to receive this recognition. We appreciate your support as we continue our mission to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources.

Sincerely,
Donald W. Murphy
Director

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Bay Area-Coastal & San Joaquin Districts
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California Park Conference (CSPRA-PRAC Conference)

March 6-10, 1995

Doubletree Inn

Santa Rosa, California

We will be joined by the:

**State Park Peace Officers Association of California
State Park Maintenance Supervisors Association
California State Park Superintendents Association
League of California Non-Profit Associations**

RETIRED MEMBER INFORMATION

(Please save until needed)

INSTRUCTIONS: Please return completed sheet to Joe McCall at least four (4) weeks prior to retirement date to ensure prompt arrival of CSPRA retirement plaque.

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Notable accomplishments during career: _____

The retiree is best remembered by co-workers for being: _____

Name of spouse: _____

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**California Park
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(CSPRA) annual
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3/6-10, 1995

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