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Auto Burglar Sentenced

by James A. Van Schmus

Auto burglar Mark Huddleston was active in California state parks from June, 1991, through May, 1994, when he was arrested in Oregon pursuant to a search warrant of his residence. This was the second time the California Park Service, the National Park Service and other agencies successfully investigated and arrested Huddleston for his notorious crimes. The following letter, along with one written by Ranger Jeff Bovee, urged that Huddleston receive the maximum sentence (12 years) for his recent crimes. He did. With time off for good behavior, Huddleston will be paroled in June, 2002. As a footnote, Huddleston began his park career stealing beer from ice chests in the late 1950s.

June 4, 1996

BRENNAN MITCHELL,
Deputy Probation Officer
County of Santa Barbara

Re: People vs. Harold Mark
HUDDLESTON - SBSC No. 210087

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I was instrumental in the
(Continued on page 5)

1997 Parks Conference Program Takes Shape

by Jeff Price, 1997 Planning
Committee

Your 1997 Parks Conference Planning Committee is excited to report new conference activities as well as several opportunities for members to get involved. Our 1997 theme is "Parks - Renewing The Human Spirit".



Final arrangements with two feature speakers are being made. The opening speaker is to be California Assembly member, Sheila Kuehl. (You may recognize her name—she played the nerdy girl who relentlessly pursued Dobie in the 1960s. (Continued on page 7)

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Presidents Message

by David A. Nelson

The fourth annual Retiree's Rendezvous was held this past weekend at McConnell SRA. Sponsored by CSPRA, it attracted many people this year who hadn't participated in the past. The most recent retiree's were Bill Beat and Jim Peat, with trainee Bud Getty also in attendance.

It is hard to mention everyone who helped make this another success. Virtually everyone who attends helps out with something. Doug starts out with organizing the preregistration, Kirk and Marie Wallace help with the planning and preparation, and Chuck Lyden organizes the golf tournament. Clyde and Rosemary Strickler couldn't make it this year (Rosemary, we hope you are feeling better), but they did manage to send along some "roadkill" rabbit, duck, and slow elk (beef) for the potluck. Thanks again to everyone, especially Joe Hardcastle and his staff. The park looks great, and it is good to see it open again. Next year it will be held on October 3, 4 and 5; so mark your calendar now and plan to attend. You don't have to be retired to participate.

In the last *Newsletter* you were asked for input on how far we should go in our lobbying effort. Some concerns were raised about how much lobbying we could do and not get in trouble with the IRS.* I assure you that we wouldn't do anything to jeopardize our non-profit status. In fact Jill Dampier is going to a seminar on Oct. 23 that will answer these types of questions. We will keep you informed.

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Finally, those of you who are not retired will be contacted soon concerning this year's statewide United Way campaign, Friends of California Parks, another advocacy group dedicated to state parks, can receive funds from United Way, I understand that you can specify them as a recipient of your contributions. Keep them in mind.

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STATE PARK TRIVIA QUIZ

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How much do you know about California State Parks? Test your knowledge in this short quiz.

25-32 points Get outta here! You've either spent too long in the Department or all day in the library!

17-24 points Very knowledgeable, We know where you've been going on vacation

9-16 points Not bad, but you'd better start reading those park brochures on the floor of your car!

0-9 points Either you just moved here from Belarus or you need to take a busman's holiday!

1. Which unit has a polo field? (1 Pt)
2. What is the highest waterfall in State Parks? (1 Pt)
3. Which unit allows spelunking by permit? (1 Pt)
4. List three state parks with an animal in their name. (3 pts)
5. Which unit is the home of California's last Mexican governor? (1 pt)
6. What exotic problem animal is found at Andrew Molera SP, Annadel SP, Mt. Tamalpais SP and ten other units? (1 Pt)
7. Hidden Lake Blue Curls is a sensitive plant species found only in what unit? (1 Pt)
8. List two units named for famous authors. (2 pts)
9. Name two State Parks (one in Northern California and one in Southern California) that have banana slug populations? (2 pts)
10. Which State Park has an 18-hole golf course? (1 Pt)

II. List three units named for women. (3 pts)

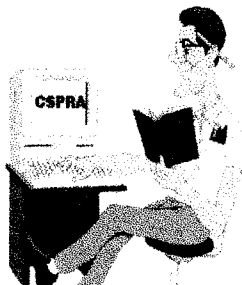
12. List three units with a flower in their name. (3 pts)
13. Which unit has more cultural preserves (four) than any other? (1 Pt)
14. Which unit has a waterslide concession? (1 Pt)
15. Which unit is the site of the oldest recorded town in Imperial County? (1 Pt)
16. List two units named for movie actors. (2 pts)
17. Which unit hosts the annual Dipsea foot race from Mill Valley to Stinson Beach? (1 Pt)
18. Which unit commemorates the only town in California established and governed by African-Americans? (1 Pt)
19. What large mammals can you see on a tour at Ano Nuevo State Reserve? (1 Pt)
20. What unit has a public rifle range? (1 Pt)
21. Which unit is the "lowest?" (1 Pt)
22. Which unit is the "highest?" (1 Pt)
23. Which unit is the "biggest?" (1 Pt)

BONUS: What religion was practiced in Weaverville Joss House?

(Answers on page 7)

HUMOR IN UNICORN

by Jeff Price



Thomas Bros. First Law of Travel

"It seems that those who came from the greatest distance had further to get to this meeting than those who work nearby."

Picture that!

"OK, I agree we need something to follow, so why don't you pull it all together into a phototype."

A black budget day

"It seems like our money was sunk into a blank hole."

A lot of corporate muscle

"Hey Dick Troy is leading that group, but look at who's pulling up the train."

Dumb and dumber, and older and older

"...she's a has-been of the past."

What, no floorboards on that jalopy

"TQM works from the bottom, down."

No TRO on Prop 187?

"The accident was terrible, a car was crushed with the people trapped

inside and it became a full-on expedition."

Some we can't explain . . .

"I" pushed until Garth told me to sit down, and hey, he's calling the balls on Dispatch."

. . . this one as well

"... that idea will sink like a floater."

Letter

Mr. Dave Nelson
California State Park Rangers Association

Dear Mr. Nelson:

I'm writing in follow-up to our conversation of a few weeks ago to thank the California Park Rangers Association for their position against Proposition 197, the March 1996 ballot measure Proposition 197 which would have opened the sport hunting on the California Cougar.

Californians and our wildlife are so fortunate to have a Park Rangers Association that cares about and for the wildlife inhabitants of our parks. Thank you for being stewards of our wildlife heritage. Our local park rangers work hard to instill in/educate our populace that while we recreate in our wilderness parks, it is critical to understand that these areas are also the "home" to wildlife.

I hope the integrity shown by Park Rangers Association in this matter is recognized and honored. This letter can't thank you enough.

Sincerely,

Carrol McDonald
4070 Avenida Verano
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Auto Burglar (Continued from page 1)

investigation of Mr. Huddleston from 1978 through 1982. Please refer to the enclosed documents describing the scope of Mr. Huddleston's crimes, the summary of the investigation, and parole reports from 1969 through 1980.

It is entirely possible that Mr. Huddleston has committed more larcenies than any criminal in recent history. His prolific crimes can only be measured in the tens of thousands, and millions of dollars. Mr. Huddleston is intelligent, able bodied, and dedicated to his work. If given the chance, I have no doubt that he will resume his criminal pursuits with every last breath. The only question is when.

Huddleston exploits the unsuspecting trust of persons in one of our most cherished institutions — our state and national parks. In the late 1960s, he was a celebrated hot-prowl burglar in Oregon and Washington. He still is. Each campsite he has burglarized has been occupied by persons sleeping in nearby tents. Such crime is inherently dangerous, and strikes fear into the hearts and minds of victims.

The people who visit our state and national parks are a voiceless constituency. Crime rates are escalating in tourist areas, and now exceed rates in many major cities. We cannot say the problem will go away, because Huddleston or his kind will be there when we get there.

I urge you to recommend the maximum possible sentence for Mr. Huddleston. California has been his bread and butter for too many years. He is a confirmed career criminal. We need to send the message, to his fellow inmates if nothing else, that this type of crime will not be tolerated in California's communities and tourist areas.

Sincerely,

James A. Van Schmus, Chief Ranger
San Simeon District

Celebrate Parks 96

Sunday, October 20th
11:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m..

Celebrate the value of parks and recreation to the quality of life in the Sacramento Region.

Free Activities & Admission into the Park

No Preregistration is Necessary!

It's A Family Affair . . .

Go directly to the Capitol or meet at Discovery Park: shuttles will operate between the two sites throughout the day. Shuttles from Discovery Park will begin at 10:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Gathering at Capitol
Interpretive activities by California State Parks, distribution of noisemakers, guest speakers.

- °°Make & bring your own noisemaker.
- °°Wear your uniform (team sports or youth organizations)
- °°Carry a sign in support of parks.

12:00 p.m. March to Discovery Park

1.5 miles, easy, flat walk. Volunteers will be on hand to assist walkers, give directions & staff water stations.

12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Entertainment & Activities at Discovery Park including: music, face painters, clowns, booths, demonstrations, exhibits and much more!

Featuring performances by:
Gato Beat Louisiana Sue
April & The Texas Rangers
Touch

Bring: Sun hat, water, sunscreen & comfortable shoes.

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Name	District	Work Phone	Home Phone
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Nielson, C.	Bay Area-Inland	510 673-2891	
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Vacant	Channel Coast		
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Redoble, J	Los Lagos	909 657-0676	909 943-5119
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Vacant	OHV		
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Vacant	Pismo Dunes	805 473-7230	
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If your District
doesn't have a
Rep give us a
call and volun-
teer.

The District Reps are your best connection with the board. Give them your ideas, suggestions, questions and complaints.

California State Park Rangers Association

Who we are . . .

The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) has been dedicated to protecting and preserving features of the California State Park System for more than three decades.

CSPRA actively promotes advancement of the ideals and philosophy for which state parks were founded.

What we do . . .

*Provide professional exchange of thought

*Defend State Park System integrity

*Support quality Department efforts

*Comment on proposed park uses

The Professional organization
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State Park System.

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\$6,603.08

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\$1,268.20

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\$13,253.79

1997 Conference (Continued from page 1)

TV sitcom, "Dobie Gillis.") The keynote speaker will be Peter Douglas, currently on the California Coastal Commission.

We are announcing a call for your park videos. The Sheraton Concord Hotel has an internal television channel which is capable of sending taped video to every room. You will be receiving detailed information later about where to send your video. The maximum length of your video is 10 minutes. The videos will be spliced together into running continuously throughout the conference. Be thinking about putting together a short video segment to feature your park, an activity or other presentation. Remember, parts of your best slide programs, photos and music can be transferred to video and prefaced with a taped introduction, so don't overlook other source media.

Our four presentation tracks are being filled with the brightest and best from the park protection and preservation community. Program topics will vary from Operations Track programs such as "Cyberspace Frizbees - Biophilic Software", "Rangers to Cops", to Resources Track topics of "Artifacts in Your Basement" and "Resource Management and the Media". The public Safety Track has topics ranging from "Bomb ID" to "POST Training Credits", and a wide range of presenters will fill out the Interpretive Track. Sandy Ferreira, Fremont City Parks, is coordinating "Park Vendor Show", which will feature commercial contacts for services and products.

Artist Matt Richie has developed our conference logo. The primary artwork will show an outline of a human figure, filled with intricate drawings of native animals. The clarity is breathtaking! A similar T-shirt graphic will feature an outline of the state, filled with drawings of native insects. We'll give you a preview soon.

A featured corporate sponsorship for the 1997 Parks Conference will be the California State Park Foundation. Their Executive Director Susan Smart has agreed to fund several components of the program, as well as host a social the first evening.

The '97 Parks Conference Silent Auction will feature one or two large corporate-sponsor items (one of which is rumored to be a trip to Hawaii) as well as many locally generated bid items. Please begin gathering donated items from around your District that can be used in next year's auction. For example, you might know and be able to contact a park-friendly local business, vendor, concession, cooperating association, corporation or other source, for donated auction items. Past year's auction items have included boat trips, train rides, cases of a bottled beverage, member-created crafts and art work, clothing, recreational equipment, travel opportunities. You get the idea! When you get an item confirmed, please let Joe Mette, our Silent Auctioneer, know about it (he's at State Capitol Sector/Gold Rush District).

Make a calendar note: 1997 Parks Conference will be held Thursday, March 13, 1997 through Sunday, March 16, 1997 at the Sheraton Concord Hotel and Conference Center on John Glenn Drive in Concord, California. The conference room rates are \$70 single and \$80 double.

The planning team is ably chaired by Larry Ferri (Diablo), with assistance from Dave Nelson (Delta), Sandy Ferreira (Fremont), Carol Nelson (Bay Area) and Jeff Price (Marin). Please feel free to contact any of those listed or Larry at Mt. Diablo State Park, (510) 673-2891 with ideas, suggestions and offers to help. Your help, participation and personal attendance are needed and will be valued greatly. Give a little back. Get involved in your profession!

Remember to submit that Out-Service Training Request today, to receive 50% state time and 50% of your conference registration costs. See you in Concord—March 1997.

Answers to Trivia Quiz.

1. Will Rogers SHP
 2. Burney Falls in McArthur-Burney Falls SP (129 feet)
 3. Providence Mountains SRA (Mitchell's Caverns)
 4. Tule Elk SR, Pelican SB, Anza-Borrego Desert SP (we didn't say the animal's name had to be in English!)
 5. Pio Pico SHP
 6. Feral pigs
 7. Mt. San Jacinto SP
 8. Robert Louis Stevenson SP, Jack London SHP
 9. Prairie Creek Redwoods SP (or other units in North Coast Redwoods District), Palomar Mountain SP
 10. Morro Bay SP
 11. The Forest of Nisene Marks SP, Julia Pfeiffer Burns SP, Emma Wood State Park
 12. Azalea SR, Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve, Kruse Rhododendron SR, Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area
 13. Cuyamaca Rancho SP
 14. Lake Perris SRA
 15. Picacho SRA
 16. Will Rogers SHP, Leo Carrillo SB
 17. Mt. Tamalpais SP
 18. Colonel Allensworth SRA
 19. Northern Elephant Seal
 20. Clay Pit SVRA
 21. Salton Sea State Recreation Area (-230 feet)
 22. Mt. San Jacinto SP (10,804 feet)
 23. Anza Borrego Desert State Park (600,000 acres)
- Bonus. Taoism. (There may be additional correct answers)

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