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1. FY 2005 Federal U&CF Budget Passes

Omnibus appropriations legislation has finally been signed for FY 2005. The Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry program will receive \$32.4 million, which includes earmarks for \$500,000 for the NE Pennsylvania community forestry program, \$350,000 for the Chicago Wilderness program, and \$150,000 for an urban watershed forestry collaborative in Baltimore. Factoring out earmarks, the result is a decrease of about \$411,000 to the general program compared with the previous year.

The conference report included strong language regarding allocations and performance measures: "The [House and Senate] managers have been addressing this issue for several years and are displeased with the slow rate of progress at implementing a better performance based allocation method which also includes a more fair assessment of State program needs and capability" The report directs the Forest Service to provide quarterly progress reports to the House and Senate and expects new allocation formulas to be fully implemented in FY 2006.

As part of the Forest Service Rangeland Research budget, urban forestry research projects in FY 2005 are drafted to receive about \$3.7 million in combined support, funding research centers in Syracuse, Davis and Chicago along with other selected research projects.

Looking Ahead to FY 2006

Looking forward to February's release of the President's FY 2006 budget, the Administration has again signaled that discretionary spending in FY 2006 will be sharply restrained. OMB Director Bolten indicated to reporters last week that domestic spending will be very tight. Noting that fiscal 2005 domestic discretionary spending increased less than 1 percent while defense and homeland security increased 7 percent and 9 percent, respectively, he said that "in times of war we must have priorities" and added that the administration will "be truly restrained in spending, especially outside the priority areas." Bush's fiscal 2005 budget proposal, submitted last February, called for major cuts, including program eliminations, in non-defense discretionary spending in fiscal 2006.

Advocates for a variety of programs will have to work especially hard in the coming year to prove the value of federal investment and justify a message of 'no cuts' to any program.

In January, powerful Appropriations chairs will both change due to GOP term limits. That

Cochran of Mississippi will chair the Senate Appropriations while the House will likely be chaired by one of three top contenders: Ralph Regula of Ohio, Jerry Lewis of California or Harold Rogers of Kentucky.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay is pushing for a reduction in the number of Appropriations sub-committees from 13 to 10, along with a re-juggling of what committees fund which spending programs. Under the proposal, for instance, State Department funding would move from the Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary subcommittees to the Foreign Operations panels. [The Forest Service is currently funded through the Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies.] According to Congressional Quarterly, DeLay wants to replace current subcommittees with others more thematically suited to GOP control. The proposal is unpopular with appropriators, particularly in the Senate, but some changes are thought likely because of the requirement to establish an intelligence subcommittee.

Want to track FY 2005 spending programs of interest? Start your search at:
<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/omni2005/index.htm>

2. Oak Becomes 'National Tree'

The FY 2005 omnibus also included legislation introduced by Congressman Bob Goodlatte that officially recognizes the oak tree as "America's National Tree." The legislation amends Chapter 3, title 36 to add "the tree genus *Quercus*, commonly known as the oak tree, is the national tree." The effort got its start through a popular on-line vote organized by National Arbor Day Foundation. Arbor Day's John Rosenow sees the designation as a tool we can all use for raising awareness, calling attention to the national stature and importance of trees. A copy of the exact language can be printed from:
<http://www.house.gov/goodlatte/pdf/goodla009.pdf>

3. Tree Planters in the News

Trees for Democracy

The New York Times featured Nobel Prize Winner Wangari Maathai's acceptance address about her work to plant trees throughout Kenya, spawning the Green Belt Movement. Maathai is an inspiration, and her work is a demonstration that trees are vital to the economy and social fabric. Maathai writes, "To celebrate this award, and the work it recognizes of those around the world, let me recall the words of Gandhi: My life is my message. Also, plant a tree."

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2004/12/10/opinion/10maathai.html>

How Dallas Turned a New Leaf

ACT Member Texas Tree Foundation and former ACT President Mike Bradshaw received great press this month. The Dallas News article features Texas urban forestry experts discussing the unexpected growth of Dallas' urban forest. "While everybody complains of urban sprawl and its conflict with the urban forest, we've actually got more of an urban forest because of our sprawl," said Mike Bradshaw.

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<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/stories/121204dnmettrees.7f0c7.html>

NFL to make Super Bowl XXXIX a "carbon-neutral" event

ACT Board Member and Greenscape of Jacksonville executive director, Anna Dooley, is thrilled to share the news that Jacksonville and the NFL are partnering to plant trees, in an effort to offset carbon emissions related to Super Bowl XXVII. Is your city scheduled to host a major sports event? Trees Atlanta, Trees for Houston, and Greenscape of Jacksonville can tell you what they learned, and how trees played a role in the host city's activities. <http://jacksonville.bizjournals.com/jacksonville/stories/2004/11/29/story4.html>

4. Model Solutions

According to Trust for Public Land, 77% of state and local conservation ballot measures are successful, revealing overwhelming bi-partisan support for protecting our parks and natural areas. Here are some models and success stories to inspire your community.

Metro-Atlanta County gets creative to develop new parks

Since 2001, the DeKalb County Parks Bond and Greenspace Office has increased county parkland by more than 57 percent by acquiring 2,100 acres in all commission districts. The national average for parkland is 18 acres per 1,000 residents. In 2000, DeKalb County's average was 6.3 acres. This average is now 8.5 acres — a significant accomplishment in a county already 80 percent developed and one of the fastest growing in the state. Read more at:

<http://www.ajc.com/opinion/content/opinion/1204/13green.html>

California Rewards Landowners for Leaving Forests Standing to Help Control Global Warming

California has become the first U.S. state to reward landowners for leaving forests standing to help control global warming, under a program adopted recently. The voluntary program by the California Climate Action Registry promotes conservation, improved timber management, and reforestation to keep carbon dioxide in trees and out of the atmosphere, where it is the most abundant greenhouse gas. California loses about 60,000 acres of forest to development annually. Read more at:

<http://www.enn.com/today.html?id=244>

Voters Approve \$3.25 Billion in Open Space Funding

Despite a presidential election that revealed broad political polarization, voters in state and local elections came together to dedicate new public funds for conservation. In November's elections, 120 of 161 local and state measures nationwide were successful - a rate of passage of 75 percent. Since 1997, 1,000 out of 1,301 conservation ballot measures have passed in 44 states, raising over \$25 billion in funding for land conservation—a passage rate of 77 percent. "American voters are remarkably consistent in approving three out of every four funding measures for land conservation, both before 9/11 and after, whether in recession or recovery," said Will Rogers, TPL president. Read more at:

http://www.tpl.org/tier3_cd.cfm?content_item_id=17295&folder_id=186

HOW TO: Organizing a Successful Ballot Initiative

A great step-by-step summary on how to organize a successful ballot initiative was presented by Jacksonville attorney and Greenscape of Jacksonville member Bill Brinton a couple of years ago at the National Urban Forest Conference. Bill is a dynamo and knows his stuff, having organized several state and local ballot initiatives in Florida. His document is attached as a resource for fellow tree activists.

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TRAINING: Lobbying & Advocacy Training

A well respected authority on non-profit advocacy, the Alliance for Justice is offering trainings throughout the country, covering rules for 501(c)(3) lobbying activity, including lobbying limits, definitions of lobbying, and some notable lobbying exceptions. Periodically, the organization also offers online training for \$30. The website has several free publications for non-profits. For more information, see http://www.afj.org/nonprofit/workshops_events

5. News Round Up

Here's the latest round up of news you can use in your newsletters, case statements, and justifications for how urban forests, natural areas, and environmental design address key social issues.

Audubon Blames Habitat Losses for Drop in Bird Populations

Almost 30 percent of bird populations on the continent are facing a "significant decline," the National Audubon Society said in its first "The State of the Birds" report. The group studied data from 1966 to 2003 for 654 bird species who live in grasslands, shrublands, forests, waterways, and urban settings. Among forests, 25 percent of bird species are declining; for urban areas, 23 percent; wetlands, 13 percent. The group called for more protections for those habitats and increased conservation efforts by private landowners and homeowners. Read more at: <http://www.enn.com/today.html?id=227>

Nature Helps Fight ADHD

Activities in "green" spaces such as farms, parks and even backyards often seemed to temporarily quell children's symptoms of Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). "A Potential Natural Treatment for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder: Evidence from a National Study" by Frances Kuo, PhD, and Andrea Faber Taylor, PhD, of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign shows that hands-on structured outdoor activities improve behavior and produces positive results for students with ADHD. The complete report is available in the American Journal of Public Health, September 2004, vol 94, No. 9. Two general interest articles provide summaries:

Nature Helps Fight ADHD - WebMD article

<http://my.webmd.com/content/article/93/102307.htm>

Great Outdoors May Ease ADHD Symptoms - Reuters article

<http://www.healthypages.net/newspage.asp?newsid=4527>

Hispanics Are More Exposed to Environmental Health Risks, Says Report

Hispanics are exposed to more environmental health threats on average than the rest of the population. About two-thirds of U.S. Hispanics, roughly 25.6 million people, live in areas that fall below the federal government's air quality standards, where polluted air may increase the risk of cancer and asthma, according to the report. Read more at: <http://www.enn.com/today.html?id=234>

Sprawl May Harm Health, Study Finds

People who live in sprawling communities tend to suffer more health problems. The new study, published in the journal *Public Health*, is the first to directly examine the relationship between sprawl and a wide spectrum of chronic illnesses. The study found that rates of arthritis, asthma, headaches and other complaints increased with the degree of sprawl. Living in areas with the least amount of sprawl, compared with living in areas with the most, was like adding about four years to people's lives in terms of their health, the study found. "This really seems to be due mainly to air pollution and physical activity," Sturm said. Though some researchers had posited that sprawl promotes depression, Sturm said, "We find a strong association on the physical health side, but surprisingly not on the mental

health side."

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A52470-2004Sep26.html>

Forest Service faulted for lack of outreach programs

LA Advocates are concerned that the Angeles National Forest is underutilized by people of color. While the 2000 Census found that fewer than half of Los Angeles County residents are non-Hispanic whites, whites made up 79 percent of visitors to the Angeles National Forest that same year. Robert Garcia at the Center for Law in the Public Interest wants that number to change. Forest Service social scientists have found significant differences in how ethnic groups use the outdoor space. Tracking these kinds of differences and then adapting to them can make the forest more welcoming to people of all ethnicities, said James Gramann, a professor at Texas A&M University who studies racial-ethnic patterns of recreation.

<http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/Stories/0,1413,206%257E22097%257E2578652,00.html>

White House to Push 'Clear Skies' Legislation

Bolstered by a larger Senate GOP majority, the administration is hoping it can pass legislation to establish a nationwide cap-and-trade system that would allow companies to buy and sell pollution credits. Clear Skies would represent the most sweeping changes in the Clean Air Act since 1990. The bill, which is planned for a committee vote in February, would postpone deadlines for meeting public health standards on smog and fine-particle soot from 2009 to 2015 and would exempt affected smokestacks from "new source review." Read more at: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A62025-2004Dec13.html?referrer=email>

German Study Links Traffic Jams and Heart Attacks

In a study that gives new meaning to the concept of a "killer commute," researchers have concluded that people caught in traffic are three times more likely to suffer a heart attack within the hour than those who aren't tied up on the road. A study of hundreds of heart attacks in southern Germany published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* found nearly one in 12 attacks was linked to traffic. Read more at:

<http://www.enn.com/today.html?id=220>

6. BUSINESS PLANNING: Rates and Values for 2005

Employee Salaries: The federal government is awarding employees a 3.5% cost-of-living pay raise for 2005. The national average pay increase for salaried exempt workers is 3.6%, with some regional variation. For more, see:

http://money.cnn.com/2004/09/20/pf/raises_2005/

Employee Training: According to the American Society of Training and Development, US organizations annually dedicate 30 hours of learning per employee and expend \$800 a year per employee on learning. Budgeting for employee training is the first step to ensuring that your workers are skilled.

Retirement Benefits:

Most companies provide matching contributions to employee retirement accounts. The most commonly used formula is to match 1/2 of the employee's contribution, maxing out at no more than 6% of the worker's annual pay, according to Hewitt Associates. Non-profit employers tend to provide above-average retirement and health benefits to employees. Your state non-profit association can tell you what the industry standard is for your area; for a directory, see: <http://www.ncna.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageID=342>

Healthcare Benefits:

A national survey found that the average total cost of health benefits (medical and dental) for active employees rose from \$6,215 per employee in 2003 to \$6,679 in 2004. Small employers experienced an increase of just 5.5%. Employers projected that, without making any changes, medical plan costs in 2005 would rise by an average of 10%. However, they project an increase of 6.6% after making plan changes and negotiating with or changing plan vendors. Consumer choice is expected to take a bigger role in the marketplace in 2005 as more companies implement Health Care Savings Accounts (HSA's) to achieve cost savings.

<http://www.mercerhr.com/knowledgecenter/reportssummary.jhtml?idContent=1051300>

Standard Mileage: 2005 Standard Mileage Rates are 40.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven. Your volunteers can deduct 14 cents a mile from their individual tax returns for travel associated with giving services to a charitable organization.

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=131232,00.html>

Dollar Value of Volunteers: Independent Sector provides an annual estimate for the dollar value of volunteer service. The most recent published data is for 2003, with an average national value of \$17.19 hour. Professionals who donate their services may value volunteer time at their professional rate. Documenting the total value of volunteer service contributed to your organization in 2004 can help you illustrate the value of your work to funders, partners, and government agencies.

http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html#value

7. Funding Announcements

National Vacant Properties Campaign Invites Proposals for Technical Assistance Program

Deadline: January 14, 2005

The National Vacant Properties Campaign (<http://vacantproperties.org/>), a partnership of Smart Growth America, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, and the International City/County Management Association, is offering a new service to localities to assist in defining practices, policies, and legislation that can help them address problems associated with vacant, blighted, and abandoned properties. The National Vacant Properties Campaign was founded in 2002 to create a national movement to support the reclamation of vacant and abandoned properties across the United States.

With funding from the New York City-based Surdna Foundation, the program will provide four to six selected communities with significant technical assistance from an experienced team of policy, legal, planning, and development professionals. Communities will be selected to receive technical assistance based on criteria such as the existence of a serious vacant properties problem and the presence of a local partnership of key stakeholders with significant financial and human resources who are committed to tackling the problem. The value of the program's assistance in each selected city will range from about \$30,000 to \$70,000.

Applicants can include a partnership of one or more of the following: local governments, nonprofit organizations, foundations, corporations, and intermediaries.

For complete program information, eligibility requirements, and application procedures, see the LISC Web site. <http://lisc.org/>

Conservation Security Program

A self-assessment workbook is available for potential participants in the Dept of Agriculture's Conservation Security Program (CSP). CSP is a voluntary program that supports ongoing conservation stewardship of agricultural working lands and enhances the condition of America's natural resources.

The CSP provides financial and technical assistance to promote the conservation and improvement of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life, and other conservation purposes on Tribal and private working lands. Working lands include cropland, grassland, prairie land, improved pasture, and rangeland, as well as forested land that is an incidental part of an agriculture operation. The program is available in all 50 States, the Caribbean Area and the Pacific Basin area.

To apply for the program, NRCS asks potential participants to complete the self-assessment to determine if their operations meet the requirements of the program and qualify for program participation. The self-assessment process is completed using a self-screening questionnaire for each land use to be enrolled.

The CSP self-assessment workbook is available in hardcopy or compact disk (CD) from local NRCS offices and online at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp>.

Young People Invited to Apply for Do Something Spring 2005 Grants

Each fall and spring, Do Something (<http://dosomething.org/>) provides grants of \$500 each to ten young people who submit creative proposals for solving local problems in their communities. Members of Do Something's Youth Advisory Council evaluate the proposals and award grants to the most deserving projects in three areas: community building, health, and the environment.

To be eligible to receive a Spring 2005 Do Something grant, an applicant must be eighteen years of age or younger on February 25, 2005, and have a mentor who is willing to help with his or her project. Young people may apply for a grant either individually or on behalf of a group.

A proposed project can be a one-time event or an ongoing program. See the Do Something Web site for complete guidelines and examples of past awards: <http://dosomething.org/awards/grants/application.php>

Youth Service America Announces Grant Programs Supporting National Youth Service Day

Deadline: December 31, 2004

Youth Service America (<http://ysa.org/>) has announced the availability of a variety of grants to implement community service projects surrounding National Youth Service Day (NYSD), April 15-17, 2005.

The National Youth Court Center at the America Probation and Parole Association will award up to sixty mini-grants of \$250 each for the purpose of providing youth court programs with funds to conduct a service project in support of NYSD. Fifteen of the mini-grants have been designated to fund projects that are related to traffic safety issues (including underage drinking). The remaining grants will be awarded for any project that meets a community need. The application form can be downloaded at:

http://www.youthcourt.net/NYSD/2005_NYSD_info.htm

For further information on NYSD and other event grant opportunities, see the YSA Web site.
http://ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm

Nominations Invited for National Family Volunteer Award

Deadline: March 4, 2005

Family Matters is a national program of the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network (<http://pointsoflight.org/>) that promotes family volunteering across America. The National Family Volunteer Awards are presented by Family Matters to recognize outstanding family volunteering activities performed at any time throughout the past year.

Families, business/corporations, nonprofit agencies, and volunteer centers are all eligible to apply for the awards. National Family Volunteer Award honorees are selected based on project or program achievement, innovation, mobilization, ongoing involvement, and ability to meet community needs.

See the Points of Light Foundation Web site for complete program information and nomination guidelines. <http://pointsoflight.org/awards/nfva/nominate.cfm>

Adobe Action Grants Program

Deadlines: December 31, 2004; March 31, 2005; June 30, 2005; and September 30, 2005

The Adobe Action Grant program provides one-time cash- only grants for general operating and program support through a competitive, quarterly online application process. Grant amounts range from \$5,000-\$20,000 and are for one year only.

Focus areas for the company's giving include:

Creativity in Education -- Adobe supports schools and community-based organizations with programs that enable and inspire K-12 students to think creatively, communicate effectively, and work collaboratively, using digital technology and communication tools.

Commitment to Community -- Adobe also supports nonprofit organizations and programs located in Adobe communities that address community-specific needs, with an emphasis on the following criteria: promoting and providing cultural awareness and arts education programs for the broader community; providing services for low-income families - - specifically, reducing hunger and homelessness and providing affordable housing; protecting the natural environment and improving public spaces for the enjoyment of the community; and improving access to electronic information for people with disabilities.

To be eligible for support, nonprofit organizations and schools must be located in one of the following areas: San Jose/Silicon Valley, California (southern San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, southern Alameda County); Seattle/King County, Washington; and Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Complete program information, eligibility criteria, and an online application form are available at the Adobe Web site.

<http://adobe.com/aboutadobe/philanthropy/commgivingprgrm.html>

Grant Applications Invited for Banrock Station Wines Wetlands Conservation Program

Deadline: January 15, 2005

The Banrock Station Wetlands Conservation Program, a partnership project of Banrock Station Wines and the Conservation Fund (<http://www.conservationfund.org/>), provides grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 to nonprofit groups that are planning and implementing wetlands conservation and/or restoration projects at the local level.

The goals of the program are to educate key audiences about the importance of wetlands; support action-oriented wetlands conservation projects across America; create partnerships between public, private, and nonprofit organizations to leverage resources for wetlands protection; showcase Banrock Station-supported success stories, bringing visibility to effective conservation; and link Banrock Station's resources with wetland projects that address critical community issues.

Grants will be awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies that focus on action-oriented work such as wetland acquisition, restoration, habitat improvement, environmental assessments, education, ecotourism, etc.

Program guidelines and an online application form are available at the Conservation Fund Web site. <http://www.conservationfund.org/?article=2831>

Applications Invited for Five-Star Restoration Matching Grants Program

Deadline: March 1, 2005

The National Association of Counties, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Wildlife Habitat Council, in cooperation with other sponsors, seek applications for the Five-Star Restoration Matching Grants Program.

The program, which is open to any public or private entity, provides modest financial assistance on a competitive basis to support community-based wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach, and training activities.

The "stars" in "Five-Star" are the partners, funders, and/or participants necessary to complete the project, including schools or youth organizations; local or tribal governments; local businesses or corporations; conservation organizations or local citizens groups; state and federal resource management agencies; and foundations or other funders.

Projects must therefore involve diverse partnerships of ideally five organizations that contribute funding, land, technical assistance, workforce support, and/or other in-kind services.

Award amounts range between \$5,000 and \$20,000, with the average grant amount roughly \$10,000.

See the NFWF Web site for program guidelines, application procedures, and an FAQ. <http://nfwf.org/programs/5star-rfp.htm>

EPA Updates Funding Directory for Environmental Projects

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) State and Local Capacity Building Branch has updated its funding opportunities directory. It is designed to help identify financial and technical assistance opportunities for efforts that reduce energy costs, improve air quality and public health, and enhance opportunities for economic

development. "Funding Opportunities: A Directory of Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Environmental Protection Assistance Programs" provides an extensive list of grants available from EPA, other federal agencies, state governments, and private foundations. For more information, click on the following URL:
<http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=811>

8. Vacation Book List

Several readers enjoyed last month's "Language of Conservation" article about how to communicate conservation themes to voters. Here are a few publications on effective communication, plus a book from Yale about environmental trends for the next 25 years.

Public Relations and Communications for Natural Resource Managers

James R. Fazio and Douglas L. Gilbert, 3rd Edition

This classic text is required reading in university programs across the country. Directed at the needs of natural resource managers, its nine-step approach is written in an easy-to-read style for self-study, or it can be used as a technical reference when planning information campaigns, preparing articles, or working with the broadcast media. 420 pages; softcover. Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, 2000.

Communication Skills for Conservation Professionals

Susan Kay Jacobson

Jacobson offers practical guidance for achieving conservation goals through effective communication. Discussion includes gathering background information and targeting audiences, developing a communications campaign, using mass media, developing interpretive media, establishing long-term conservation education strategies, and evaluating programs. Call number: QH75 .J335 1999

Online Selection: Chapter 5-The Simple Act of Planting a Tree

Taking it to the Streets: The Million Tree Story

This urban forestry classic is a great primer on leading local action projects; this chapter discusses getting press coverage for your work.

<http://www.treelink.org/books/simpleact/chapter5.htm>

Thinking Ecologically: the Next Generation of Environmental Policy

Edited by Marian R. Chertow and Daniel C. Esty

Federal legislation over the last twenty-five years has improved air and water quality, but America now confronts environmental problems that are less visible and more subtle. The innovative thinkers of the Next Generation Project of the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy offer new ideas and tools for creating sound environmental policy for the future. Call number: HC79 .E5 T476 1997

Collaboration: A Guide for Environmental Advocates

Frank Dukes and Karen Firehock

The title says it all. Published by the Institute for Environmental Negotiation at the University of Virginia, in partnership with the National Audubon Society and The Wilderness Society, 2001.

Or Browse the TreeLink.org Bookstore

<http://www.treelink.org/linx/index.phtml?navTypeRef=1>

Call for Articles:

National Association for Interpretation's "Legacy" magazine will publish a special July/August issue themed around the connection between interpretation and environmental education, recreation and health. (Interpretation is the term used to describe communication activities designed to improve understanding at parks, zoos, museums, nature centers, historic sites, etc.) To propose a story idea, contact Paul Caputo at design@interpnet.com as soon as possible. Solicited articles will be due May 2, 2005. Writers guidelines are posted at <http://www.interpnet.com/interpnet/miscpages/publication.htm>

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