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- Fresno County Sheriff Margaret MIMS will be speaking to students and faculty on 18 March 2013, 1730-1900 in the Peters 117 lecture hall/auditorium. The event was previously scheduled to held on 6 March.
- Downtown (Off Campus) Program Reception 27 April, from 1200-1500 in the Criminology Dept. Suite.

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FBI

Field Intelligence Group Internships

Due to the high cost of conducting national security background checks required for such internships, the internship program with the Field Intelligence Group is no longer active. Highly motivated students with equally high grades are encouraged to try out for various 2014 FBI summer internships at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Interns are paid at the GS-5 level during their internship. While the application period for summer 2013 is currently closed, the following internship opportunities may again be available next year:

- Cyber Internship Program
- FBI Honors Internship Program
- Volunteer Internship Program (unpaid)

The Sacramento FBI field office indicated during a phone call that they are hoping to resurrect the FGI internship program under a different funding scheme some time in the next few years.

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Park Police

Most major parks around the United States have their own law enforcement component. Sometimes this consists of a park specific police agency or it can be a state-wide agency providing law enforcement services for all state parks. There is, of course, also the U.S. National Park Service with its own federal law enforcement officers and which comes under the U.S. Department of Interior. In some of the states you may even find a municipal park police agency specific to the particular city.

In Africa, national parks are faced with crime just like here in the United States, but with the added element of poachers who seek out and kill endangered species for their ivory and even other body parts and pelts. Consequently, such parks have their own law enforcement branches, whose officers are typically called rangers.

Three examples are the rangers in the Uganda Wildlife Authority, the rangers of the Kruger National Park in South Africa, and the rangers of the Serengeti National Park (TANAPA-Tanzania National Park Authority).

Given the low pay and harsh working conditions, it is not uncommon for park rangers and others employed by the park authorities to work together with or assist poachers hunting elephants and rhinos. The South African Kruger National Park (KNP) rangers even went on strike early

2012 to protest salary disparities. For the first two months of 2012, 11 rhinos were killed in the Pretoriuskop section of the park and the strike brought fears that there would be yet an additional increase in rhinos being poached during their absence.

<http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/regions/africa/south-africa/120207/kruger-park-rangers-strike-rhino-poaching-south-africa>

An interesting aspect of the KNP Authority is that it utilizes high tech GPS tracking devices and electronic ranger diaries for illiterate employees to enter GPS and activity information through the use of symbols or pictures.

http://www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger/conservation/scientific/gis/CyberTracker_Article.pdf



Elephant in Kruger National Park. Photo taken during drive through the park. The elephant appeared very stressed.



Female leopard waiting to see what I was up to.

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK...

KNP is divided into 22 ranger sections, with one ranger in charge of each section, staffed by an additional 10 field rangers. South Africa recently increased its vigilance against poachers by announcing rewards for tips leading to the capture/arrest of rhino poachers.



<http://www.africanconservation.org/rhino-poaching/item/south-africa-major-boost-in-the-fight-against-rhino-poaching>

As an interesting side-note, there seemed to be cell phone reception everywhere in KNP.



TANZANIAN NATIONAL PARKS AUTHORITY

Tanzania has intensified its battle against poachers under the direction of TANAPA (Tanzanian National Parks Authority), and a report of 24 April 2012 indicates that this

may have resulted in over aggressive action on the part of their park rangers, who tortured local villagers in order to obtain information about persons responsible for elephant killings in the park.

Tanzania: Tanapa Rangers Accused of Torturing Villagers

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201204240154.html>

The Uganda Wildlife Authority



The UWA rangers, like their counterparts elsewhere, are heavily reliant on GPS tracking systems and use the equipment to identify areas with illegal activities, which includes poaching and other offenses. M.I.K.E. (Monitoring Illegal Killing of Elephants) a central African pilot project, has assisted the UWA by providing some of the needed GPS units, and it is not unusual for national parks to ask for public or corporate donations to fund their GPS cyber tracking programs. Read about MIKE at:

http://www.cites.org/eng/prog/mike/pilot/tech_rep3.shtm

In February of this year, UWA rangers made a seizure of 64Kilos of Ivory after the suitcases containing the contraband were already cleared by airport security for a flight to Lome, Togo.

<http://www.ugandawildlife.org/news-a-updates-2/uwa-news/item/192-uganda-wildlife-authority-confiscates-62kgs-of-ivory#sthash.tdPIQzmT.Rzznivit.dpuf>

Unfortunately, there are also cases of UWA rangers working with or for ivory poachers. M.I.K.E. points to research indicating that the incidence of illegal elephant killing is primarily impacted by the prices hunters can expect for the ivory and the relative effectiveness of protection efforts.

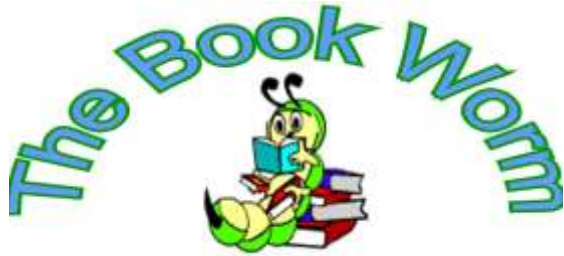
UGANDA WILDLIFE AUTHORITY...

Looking at a job description of the UWA rangers, it is clear that it is not for the weak and fearful, and rangers face not only armed and dangerous poachers, but also weather extremes, their territory covers inhospitable areas, and parks can be used by any of the many rebel and criminal groups in the central region of Africa. One such group, for example, is Joseph Kony's Lord Resistance Army (LRA) which was discussed in the March 2012 newsletter.

A job announcement can be found at:

http://ugandawildlife.org/news-a-updates-2/uwa-news/item/download/1_88be173c070f484f2743376402aed2ec

If you cannot open it, I can email a copy to anyone interested in the announcement.



FAST & FURIOUS **(Barack Obama's Bloodiest Scandal** **and Its Shamless Cover-up)** **By** **Katie Pavlich**

The above book was given to me as a gift, and I would highly recommend it to anyone interested in the activities of our national government (good or bad) and to read it from cover to cover. The book is replete with references and information can easily be verified by independent research.

Fast and Furious basically involves a program that became controversial after it was already under way, and which is associated with the killing of Brian Terry, a

US Border Patrol Agent, who was slain by Mexican drug traffickers, using weapons the US justice department (ATF) allowed to be sold to straw gun buyers and then trafficked into Mexico.

Some of the ATF agents who became aware of the program, saw it as not only illegal, but also a violation of everything their agency stood for. Due to "whistleblowing" congress became aware of the program, and after numerous congressional hearings (after the book was published), Congress criminally impeached US Attorney General Eric Holder, who holds overall responsibility for agencies under the justice department. His testimony before Congress can be found and followed on Youtube.

It is estimated that more than 2,000 weapons were trafficked into Mexico as part of this program, with the intent to track the weapons to their ultimate recipient in Mexico. The problem, however, was that the weapons apparently were not tracked, no one followed them after crossing the Mexican border, and neither the Mexican government or U.S. state department appeared to have been notified of this operation. Some of the weapons allowed to be taken to Mexico included high powered sniper rifles, one of which was used to shoot down a Mexican government helicopter, AK-47s, and other guns the media typically refers to as assault weapons. Some of these weapons have since been found at crime scenes in Mexico and hundreds of people have already died from bullets fired by these weapons.

On 30 January 2010, just over three years ago, Mexican gang members attacked a birthday party of 60 teenagers in Villas de Salvarcar, Ciudad Juarez. Seventeen teens

Massacre at Villas de Salvarcar...

were killed and many others wounded. Investigative reporting by Univision later found that at least three of the weapons used in this massacre came from "Fast & Furious." There is no indication that the U.S. Justice Department expressed its sorrow after this tragedy.

Univisión: Armas de 'Rápido y furioso', empleadas en masacre

<http://www.adnpolitico.com/gobierno/2012/10/01/univision-armas-de-rapido-y-furioso-empleadas-en-masacre>

The Mexican government, i.e. attorney general (<http://www.pgr.gob.mx/>), has since asked for "unnamed" US justice officials to come to Mexico to answer questions about Fast & Furious, but there is no evidence that the US government complied with this request.

Another border patrol agent was slain in October of last year and the question that has not been answered publicly, is whether the weapon responsible for his murder also came from Fast & Furious, just as with Agent Brian Terry.

Tiroteo en Arizona deja un agente fronterizo muerto

http://www.diariolibre.com/internacionales/2012/10/02/i354162_tiroteo-arizona-deja-agente-fronterizo-muerto.html

CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWS

The department is sponsoring a presentation by Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims on Monday 18 March, from 1730-1900 in Peter's #191.

15 February: Dr. Schweizer gave a presentation on the "Evolution of a Criminology Department Newsletter" at the

annual meeting of the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences (AABSS) in Las Vegas, NV. Attendees were visibly impressed.



Dr. Schweizer giving his presentation

The annual meeting was held at Harrah's Hotel and Casino, in the most lively area of the strip, and also only a short distance away from the area where four days later an Oakland rap artist was shot to death during a dispute, followed by a major car crash with several deaths and serious injuries. News reports indicated that two security officers in yellow shirts from a nearby Casino assisted the injured. Harrah's security staff wears such yellow shirts and below are two Harrah security officers.



Huh? Is that a gang sign?

Interesting Photos

...or what's wrong with this picture?

