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NEXT DOCENT MEETING Saturday, September 20

A RARE TREAT IN STORE FOR DOCENTS!

Bill Everett, Research Ornithologist at Hubb Research Institute, Sea World, will lead us on a field trip to Penasquitos Lagoon. Mid-late September is an excellent time to observe migrating birds- the shore birds and waders, at the lagoon. Wear old shoes or tennis shoes, it may be squishy walking in some places, and bring binoculars or spotting scopes if you have them.

Bill served two terms as President of the San Diego Audubon Society. We are delighted that he will share his expertise with us.

Meet at the Lodge at 9:00 A.M. Field trip around 10:15 A.M.

## NEW TAPE RECORDER

Torrey Pines Docent Society has recently purchased a new tape recorder, with the specific intent that the machine be available for use at Torrey Pines Reserve.

## DUTY COORDINATORS

Sept. Elizabeth Nicoloff	459 7608
Oct. Grace Claire	436 6869



Snowy Egret



Great Blue Heron

# Secretary's Notes

by Judy Schulman, Acting Sec'y.

The August 16, 1980 meeting began with the Treasurer's report. As of July 31, we have on deposit \$1193.30. Last month we sold \$267.20 worth of merchandise and paid \$118.18 in bills. More discussion was held over the purchase of a tape recorder. No decision was made. Our book store has been well stocked with new books and MAT cards and prints. A "GET WELL" card was signed by all members present and sent to MAT.

Ruth Hand announced that we have plans for a bookcase but that the Y.C.C. would not be able to build it for us this summer. The bookcase will be built instead by Ray Brenner, Maintenance Supervisor, after the summer season. We will pay for the supplies and he will provide the labor. THANK YOU, RAY!!! After noticing that some of our books have been checked out of the library for several years, Ruth outlined our procedure for checking out books. All we have to do is write the title, our name and the borrowing date on an index card that is to be placed in the index file on the bookcase. When we return the book, we throw out the card.

New member Thom Iverson was introduced. A note from Joyce Evans, who had a bad fall recently, reminded us to watch our steps.

John Magee will be the Supervising Ranger until September when Bob Wohl will return.

Discussion was also held over whether or not we should give an annual state parks' pass to a local artist who requested this as payment for a "donated" 20" by 24" photograph. Consensus was that he could be made an honorary supporting member with a pass to Torrey Pines State Reserve for one year. The board will deliberate on this further.

## Docent Doings

ATTENTION PETER ELIAS:

Please note that your dues are overdue. Thanks.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My dues are not overdue. I paid at the Xmas party.

X X O O

*Peter*

(Now if you crave more scintillating news, send in your tid-bits to the editor!)



"Peace and Harmony"- at the head of the Guy Fleming Trail, pencil by Mat.

## REPORT FROM THE RANGER

The San Diego Coast Area State Parks have been operated this summer by a very thin ranger staff (50% undermanned), and Torrey Pines is no exception. Rangers Lunday and Bernardo transferred before the summer began and then in July, Jeff Price moved out to Anza Borrego. In August, I ended up being the only Ranger at Torrey Pines except for periodic "Loan Ranger" help from Anza Borrego and, one day a week each, help from Rangers Kathy Franklin and Dick Goss. I found a good deal of my time tied up with scheduling, coordination, reports and other paperwork that was normally done by Jeff. My primary frustration has been the same as that expressed by the also undermanned campground rangers- not being able to cover all of the bases (especially patrol) as well as we would like.

However, it was a good learning experience and, fortunately, we had no major problems. In addition, a good, consistent, conscientious effort by the Park Aids, the staff members who operate the park on the "frontlines" at the kiosk, along with the help of the Docent Society, has kept our service to the Visitor at a respectable level.

The Ranger staffing will improve in Sept., when several Ranger Trainees will be hired. This will allow Bob Wohl to return to Torrey Pines as the Supervising Ranger, and Steve Woods will be assigned to Torrey Pines as a Ranger Trainee. My thanks to everyone for your help this summer.

*John Magee*

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## EDUCATIONAL YOUTH FAIR AT EXPO

The first annual Youth Fair will be held in the east wing of the Pat O'Brien Pavilion, Sept. 12-25. The Youth Fair is geared for a 2½ hr. educational field trip for children attending classes in Escondido, Encinitas and Chula Vista districts during the weekdays. It will be tailored for adults on weekends with the addition of an art show. There will be no admission charge.

Approximately 8,200 third through sixth graders will tour "Grandfather's Farm" and exhibits encompassing plant life, aquatic activity, hobbies, gems and minerals, space exploration and sports. In addition, Puppet Lady Marie Hitchcock and Entertainer Buffalo Bill Carson will put on shows for the young visitors.

Organizations preparing exhibits include the San Diego Zoo, Seaworld, Torrey Pines Assoc., Dep't. of Agriculture, Sunset Surfboards, Hall of Champions, Future Farmers of America, Hobby Show, Gems and Minerals, Border Patrol, March of Dimes, San Diego County Park and Recreation Dep't., Port Director's Office, Reuben H. Fleet Space Theater, San Diego Chargers and San Diego Sockers.

Torrey Pines Docent Society will participate in the Torrey Pines Association's booth. The Youth Fair will operate from 9:00A.M. to 1:00 P.M. each day. If you have any suggestions, or can give a few hours to "booth sit", please contact Bob Hopper at 453 2422.

SCHOOL DAYS AGAIN!

From my own childhood I vividly recall my mother, on the first day of school each Fall, standing on the front porch and gleefully warbling the Doxology, as she waved goodbye to my sister and me! Some reminiscing about the current crop of school kids follows:

M. H.

THE WHAL AND THE DOLPHINE by Hank Nicol

I've been searching for the lost Flapdoodle mine for 14 years. I only took time out to climb Mt. Soledad, swim the San Diego River, and take 6th place in the Jim Cobb County Invitational Tobacco Spitting Contest. Busy, busy, busy. I just don't have time to write my usual deep, philosophical essay. I'll try to get by with printing some letters from my fans. I got these after trying to pass myself off as a whale expert at some of the local schools last winter.

Dear Ranger Nicol

Thak you for comeing to school and shoing the move  
Love Judy

Dear Mister Nicol

I didn't know whales had barnicles until now  
Your friend Kathleen

Dear Mr. Nicol

My mother and I went to the beech we saw a seaweed ship.  
Sincerely yours, Anne

Dear Ranger Nicol

you are a good Story teller and I like wales from tim

Dear Ranger Nicoln

Thank you for bringing the bayline and krill. I'm interested in whales. But I wasn't here when you came.  
From Yolanda

Dear Ranjor Nicole

I like you you are nice I saw a whal be for he was a nice whal I saw the whal from far away it was neet  
From Leslie

Dear Ranger

I liked the Ballen  
Jerry

Daer Nicol

thak you for comeing over. I liked the balleen it did not smell too well.  
from Holly

Dear Ranger

Thanky for coming to our school to learn about whals. Now I know about whals.

Bob

Dear Mr. Nicol,

Thank you for the demonstration on whales, although I already know plenty on whales. The skulls smelt awful, but I like the film. Your Fellow Student, Gina

Dear Nicol

I wish you can take the time of doing it again. I learned alot that I didn't know befor, about sea creatures. I hope it wasan't too much for you.

Sincerely yours Patrick

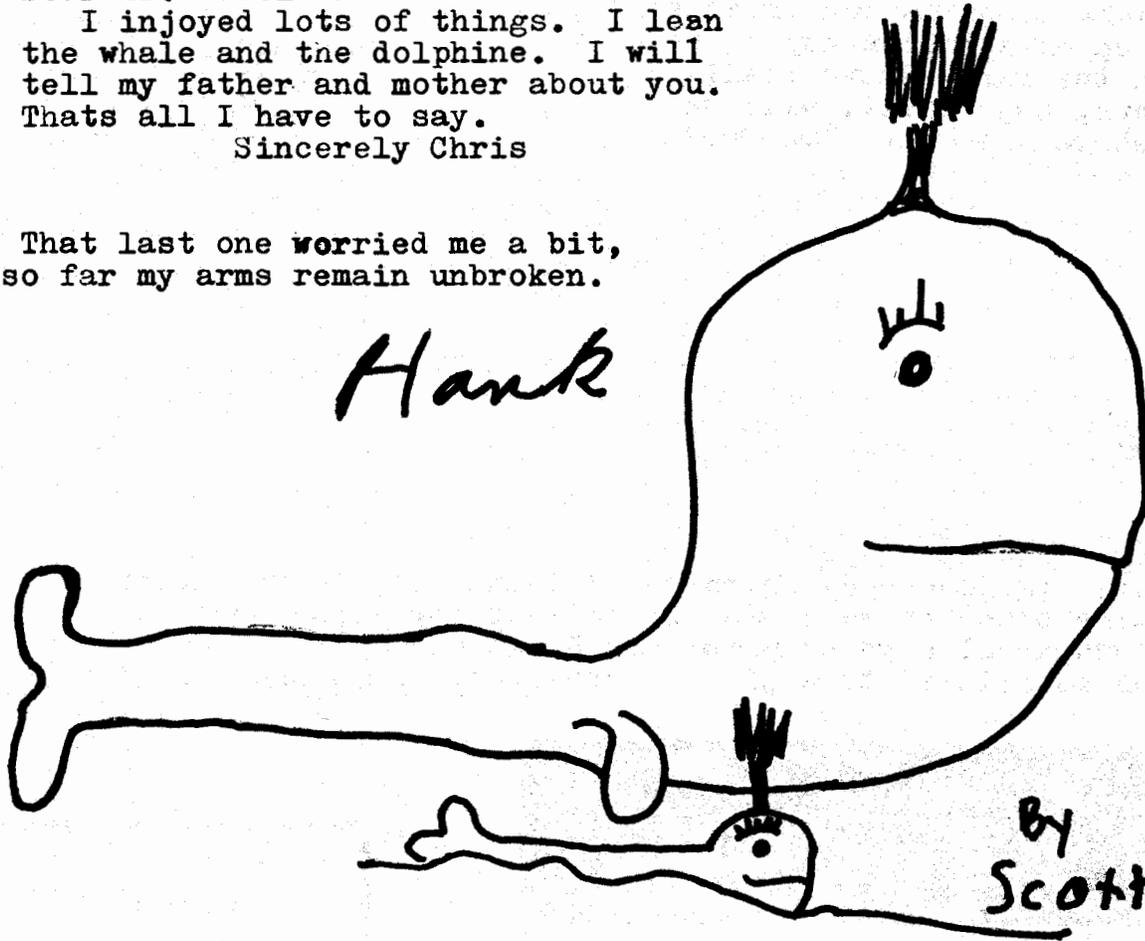
Dear Mr. Nicol

I injoyed lots of things. I lean the whale and the dolphine. I will tell my father and mother about you. Thats all I have to say.

Sincerely Chris

That last one worried me a bit, but so far my arms remain unbroken.

Hank



By  
Scott

(Ed. Note: My favorite letter from a 5th grader to me read: "What I remember most about Torrey Pines Reserve is the broken rocking chair in the Lodge." Chair since replaced!)

# Along Our Bloomin' Trails

Take a spoon on your next walk and dig up an ant lion under the bench on the Parry Grove Trail. Youngsters, especially, will be delighted to discover "Mr. Doodle-bug".



## Quiz

- 1- Chamise (greasewood) is rare and found only in the Reserve.
- 2- Chamise branches were used by Indians for arrow shafts.
- 3- The chaparral covers 25% of San Diego County.
- 4- Toyon is related to apples, peaches, cherries and blackberries.



According to our naturalist, plant recovery in these areas has been painfully slow.  
(Photo by Marc Cimolino)

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PLATE C

**WILD MORNING-GLORY. HEDGE BINDWEED.**

*Convolvulus Americanus.* Convolvulus Family.

*Stem.*—Twining or trailing. *Leaves.*—Somewhat arrow-shaped. *Flowers.*—Pink. *Calyx.*—Of five sepals enclosed in two broad leafy bracts. *Corolla.*—Five-lobed; bell-shaped. *Stamens.*—Five. *Pistil.*—One, with two stigmas.

Many an unsightly heap of rubbish left by the roadside is hidden by the delicate pink bells of the hedge bindweed, which again will clamber over the thickets that line the streams and about the tumbled stone-wall that marks the limit of the pasture. The pretty flowers at once suggest the morning-glory, to which they are closely allied.

The common European bindweed, *C. arvensis*, has white or pinkish flowers, without bracts beneath the calyx, and a low procumbent or twining stem. It has taken possession of many of our old fields where it spreads extensively and proves troublesome to farmers.



WILD MORNING GLORY.—*Convolvulus Americanus.*

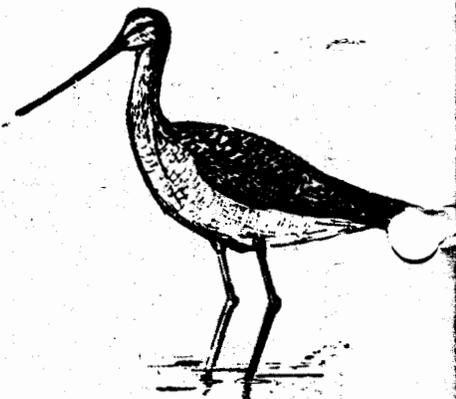
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From: "How to Know the Wild Flowers", by Mrs. W'm. Starr Dana, Illustrated by Marion Satterlee, Published in 1893!

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Marbled Godwit

**SAND SCRIBBLINGS** by Carl Sandburg

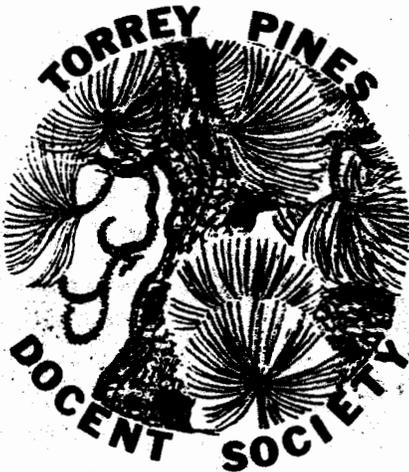
The wind stops, the wind begins. The wind says stop, begin.  
A sea shovel scrapes the sand floor. The shovel changes, the floor  
changes.  
The sandpipers, maybe they know. Maybe a three-pointed foot can tell.  
Maybe the fog moon they fly to, guesses.  
The sandpipers cheep "Here" and get away. Five of them fly and keep  
together flying.  
Night hair of some sea woman curls on the sand when the sea leaves  
the salt tide without a good-by.  
Boxes on the beach are empty. Shake 'em and the nails loosen. They  
have been somewhere.

From "Smoke and Steel"

Answers to Quiz:

- 1- False. It is the most numerous plant in So. California.
- 2- True
- 3- False. The chaparral (elfin forest) covers 41% of the county.
- 4- True. It is in the Rose family.

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