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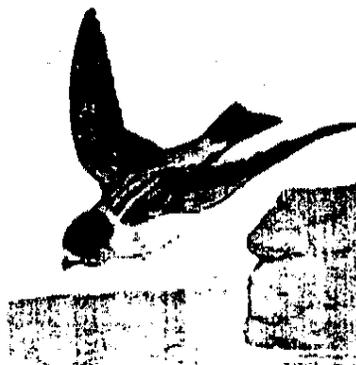
## *Next Docent Society Meeting*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 9 A.M. AT THE LODGE

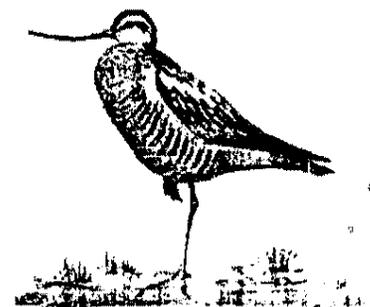
At our first meeting of the New Year, David King, graduate student at Scripps Institution of Oceanography and avid bird watcher, will lecture on the birds of San Diego County, after which there will be a walk along Penasquitos Lagoon. David has written a paper on the birds of San Elijo Lagoon and has organized a group of volunteers to do a monthly bird count at Penasquitos Lagoon. Judy Carlstrom reports that she knows from personal experience that David King has a wealth of knowledge to share with us.



Killdeer



Cliff Swallow



Marbled Godwit

"Somehow not only at Christmas,  
But all the whole year through,  
The joy that you give to others  
Is the joy that comes back to you."

Whittier

## Days and Notes

### Docent's Notes by Glenn Dunham

My thanks to the new docent group for the planning and work on the Christmas party. It was a great success and shows that they work well together.

February is the end of our year and at the February meeting we will elect officers for the coming years. A nominating committee of three full docents is needed to coordinate the list of names for election. Please call me to volunteer for this important committee. We need your help.

Docent Appreciation Days, scheduled for February 3 through 14, are coming up fast. Free admission to many museums and special programs will be offered to docents. I will have more information at the January meeting. The kickoff reception will be at the Aerospace Museum on February 4 at 9:30 A.M. There will be refreshments, a special program, and tours of the museum. We must let them know how many of our docents are going to attend, so mark your calendar and let me know by our next meeting. The Docent League, which sponsors the event, will also need to know if we are going to have any special programs for docents. Please contact me if you would like to help with something during that time.

I have a new number at work, 573-5265; my home phone is 298-9128. Call me or leave a note for me at the Lodge.

Dues for 1986 are due this month: \$7 for regular members (full and associate), \$15 for supporting members. Checks should be sent to me or left at the Lodge for Rowdy James. Please indicate on your check that it is for dues. I will be updating our paid membership list in February.

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### Secretary's Notes by Jeanne Dunham (substituting for Betty Andrews)

On December 21, 1985, the Torrey Pines Docent Society celebrated Christmas with a holiday brunch at the Lodge. The party food was coordinated by the 1985 Docent class, who also supplied the tree and all other decorations.

After brunch was served, President Glenn Dunham presented certificates to docents for outstanding duty. These were awarded to Elizabeth Nicoloff, Judy Schulman, and Bob and Marge Amann (none of whom were able to attend the meeting). Marion Dixon and Grace Martin received certificates for their work as members of the new class.

Glenn presented the Docent of the Year Award to Vice President Judy Carlstrom. During the past year Judy has been responsible for obtaining guest speakers and planning and coordinating outings. After the presentations, we observed a moment of silence for Jim Whitehead, who passed away last month.

Judy Carlstrom entertained by playing Christmas songs on the hammer dulcimer to complete the celebration.

## *Notes from the Naturalist* by Hank Nicol

### LANCE, SABER, AND THOM McAN

San Pasqual would not make anyone's list of decisive battles. It decided nothing.

In 1846 the United States was at war with Mexico. The Army of the West was marching toward California. Near Santa Fe, General Stephen Kearny met Kit Carson going east. Carson told the General that there were no problems in California. Kearny left most of his troops at Santa Fe. He headed for California with just over 100 men, mostly of the First Mississippi Dragoons. He was a general commanding an understrength company.



Col. Stephen Watts Kearny

It's hard to imagine a marine's being a New England puritan. Lieutenant Archibald Gillespie was a puritan. He was also the military commander at Los Angeles. He stopped the bullfights and the fiestas. This made the locals mad. REAL MAD! They ran Gillespie out of town.

Now that the Californians had started a rebellion they had to fight. They had nothing to fight with. Each took anything sharp, or that could be sharpened, and tied it to a long stick. Now they were "lancers" like their Leather Jacket Soldier ancestors.

American volunteers gathered around Gillespie and Navy Lieutenant Edward Beale (yes, he of the camels). They joined up with Kearny at Warner's Ranch. On December 5, 1846 the force had increased to 153 men. The men camped in the rain in the San Pasqual Valley. A patrol was sent out to find the Californians.

The Dragoons' horses were worn out from the long ride across the continent. Their powder was wet. Their guns were not reloaded. They had to fight men who were not soldiers, but who were among the finest horsemen in the world. The Dragoons would have to advance over two miles to make contact. They attacked.

The Californians had no guns worth the name. The American guns mostly mis-fired. It was saber against lance. There was a short, sharp fight in the dark. The Californians retreated. There were more skirmishes down the valley. Kearny claimed a victory. He had the field, but several Americans had been killed. More had been wounded. Only one Californian died. The Americans holed up on "Mule Hill" and sent to San Diego for help. The modern non-chauvinistic view is that the Californians beat the hell out of the Army of the West.

I'd been hearing about the development of a visitor center at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park. I had a day off and nothing much to do. I went to see this wonderful construction. I expected to see something that gave me the feel of early California, the feel of a fight in the rain, the feel of desperate men. What I found was a shoe store; a shoe store with some wheel houses from a coal mine stuck on the ends. Some architect had designed a monument to himself.

We have a building here at Torrey Pines. It's called "The Lodge." It has never been a lodge, an inn, a hotel, or a motel. Originally it was a restaurant. It may have been a good set-up for a cafe, but it was never built for the purpose to which we have put it. As a museum it leaves something to be desired. The builders made a couple of major screw-ups. The roof drains were built to fail. They have failed. Several times. Simple scuppers would have worked better. The adobe blocks are mortared with concrete. The difference in the expansion of concrete and adobe would have brought the place down years ago in a more extreme climate like that of New Mexico. Then there is the guy who decided to fix the roof in November. Come to think of it, I shouldn't blame "a guy." It sounds like a decision made by a committee. You all know what happened. The rains came... But give some marks to that guy or that committee. Somebody is, at least, trying to save the Lodge. Even if you're someone who's not exactly in love with the Lodge, or with fake Zuni architecture, you should fight for its preservation. Think what would happen if it weren't here. The sign in front could say "Boots Ahoy!"

*Hank*

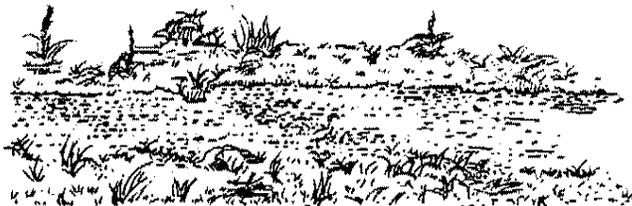
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#### TRIBUTE TO JIM WHITEHEAD

From Jessie LaGrange came the following for publication in the Torreyana--

"Considering our loss of Jim Whitehead, I offer an anonymous tribute that somehow fits him in memory:

'Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
of quiet birds in circled flight,  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there. I did not die.'"



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LOS PEÑASQUITOS LAGOON FOUNDATION REPORT by Jessie LaGrange

On November 14, members of the Foundation Board attended the State Park and Recreation Department Hearing regarding the acquisition of wetlands areas owned by San Diego Gas and Electric Co. The proposal was supported by Board Director Joan Jackson, as well as by Jim Whitehead, who eloquently described the legal restrictions to any planned development in wetland areas.

At the regular Board Meeting on November 21, Lee LaGrange reported on the lagoon opening of November 15. The opening was accomplished by use of machines from the Pardee Construction Company. Board member Steve Zimmer was thanked for providing machines at short notice, which allowed the optimum advantage for success by coordinating weather, tide, and surf conditions with machine use. At the time of this writing, tidal action proceeds with favorable surf and, as yet, no large influx of cobble. The large spoil piles of cobble and debris that had remained east of the bridge for approximately a year were pushed to the sea in the turbulence of the opening action, which has allowed for good tidal exchange.

Further business was a presentation by John Rigger and Judy Heyer for CAL-TRANS of planned expansion of Interstate 5 at Carmel Valley Road which eliminates encroachment into wetlands, except for enlargement of the existing drain under the freeway. This plan is a two-tier approach which would be fifty feet in height with two levels of traffic. The plan has since drawn criticism from residents of Pointe Del Mar.

Bob Conway reported on the "Wyer" property with a finding that \$250,000 has been paid into escrow for development of 28 units which have been approved. Adjacent to the Park, a 1.9-acre parcel has been designated as open space.

On December 17, the Lagoon Enhancement Plan was considered and approved at the Coastal Commission Hearing. This action permits full implementation of procedures agreed upon by all agencies involved.

The December meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting is scheduled for the fourth Wednesday in January 1986 (January 22, McDonald's Public Meeting Room, 7 P.M.).

*Jessie LaGrange*

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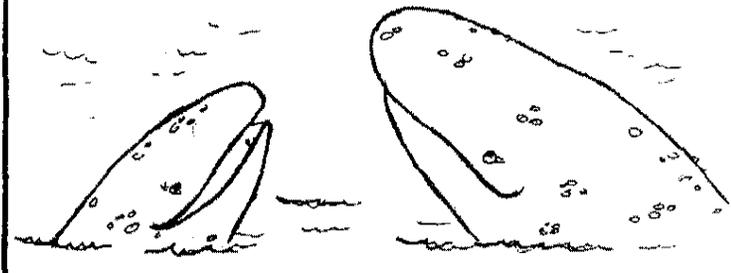
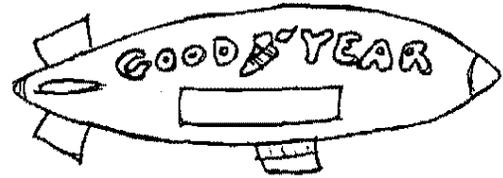
TO DOCENTS, TPA, AND STAFF

The start of a new year seems an appropriate time to remind everyone that the Torreyana welcomes your contributions and fresh ideas. Your articles (original or otherwise), i.e., book reviews, news items, trip reports, poems, bibliographies, park information, or whatever, help keep the Torreyana lively and informative. Send contributions to me at the address above.

HAPPY 1986 TO ALL!

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# Torrey Titters



That's what I'm going to be when I grow up!!

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