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WILLIS F. SAVAGE, naturalist, was appointed by the Park District in 1968, making our organization the first major California park system providing naturalist-led programs, day programs are available for schools and organized groups by reservation. The Visitor Center is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

VOLUNTEERS The Visitor Center offers a wealth of information on nature and history, and volunteer opportunities to help visitors. For more information, please contact the East Bay Regional Park District at (510) 544-3220.

PHOTOS This issue is dedicated to the memory of jerry Ting, whose photos grace the front and back covers. Jerry’s numerous writings, and films. Jerry was a heart and a soul to the park. He is deeply loved and missed by all of us.

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