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By Loretta Neumann

The Metropolitan New York City area has 16 million annual visitors, 12 million residents, 1 million students, 23,000 restaurants, 390 hotels and 8 national park sites.

If you think the most surprising figure is the last one, you are probably not alone.

Other than the Statue of Liberty (which is almost the city's trademark) and the General Grant National Memorial (more commonly known as Grant's Tomb), few people outside of New York have heard of Hamilton Grange or Castle Clinton or Federal Hall or Sagamore Hill or Fire Island or even the Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace. Yet these are all NPS areas, and combined they had 2.3 million visitors during 1971.

"Many of these parks were added to the System in the 1960's," says Dave Dame, superintendent of the Manhattan Group, which administers many of the parks. He says the emphasis until recently has been on rehabilitating the physical structures of the parks, bolstering staffs and setting up exhibits.

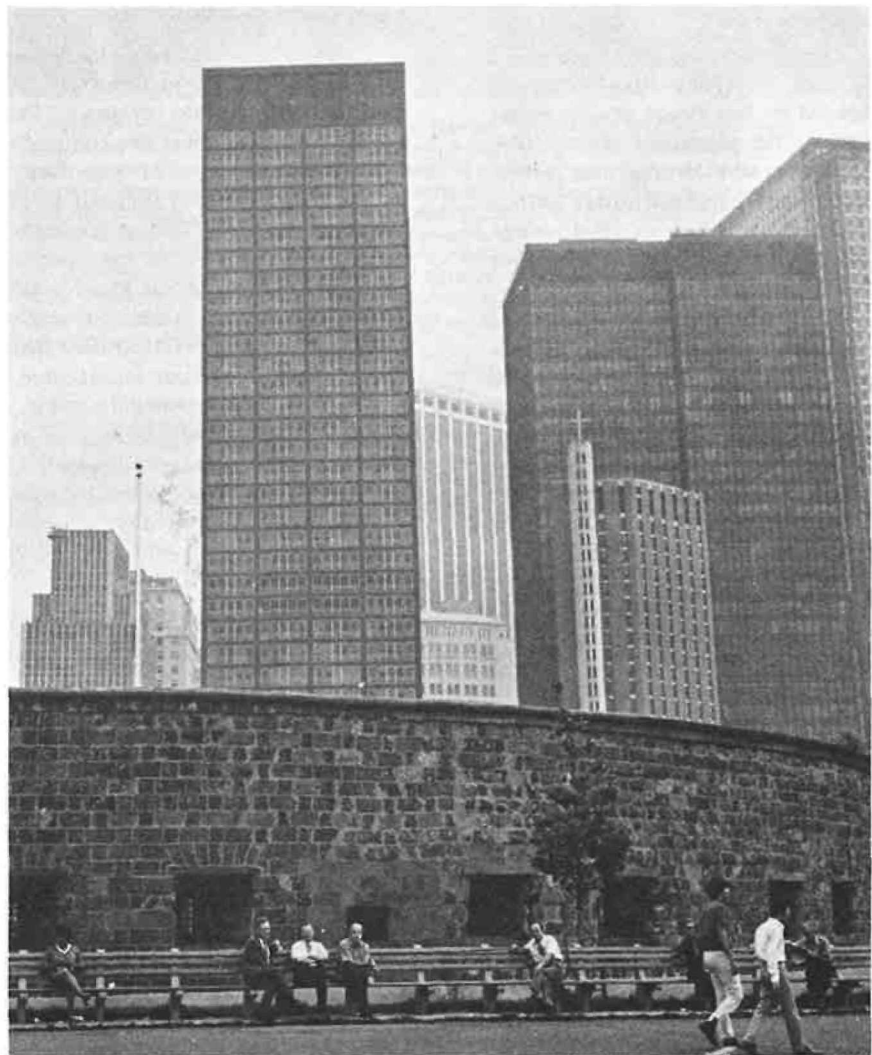
An example is Federal Hall National Memorial, where the Manhattan Group offices are located. The site of the Peter Zenger trial of 1735 (the first victory for freedom of the press), the meeting place of the second Continental Congress and the place where George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States, Federal Hall is now partially restored and has been re-opened to the public.

Federal Hall also represents another aspect of park activities.

"We are now trying to make our areas more relevant and useful," Dave Dame continues. "For too many years we treated our urban sites as islands for tourists. Now we're trying to develop programs for people who live within easy walking distance of them."

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK!



Nestled beneath the 20th century skyscrapers of New York City, the 19th century sandstone fort, Castle Clinton, is a charming link between the past and the present. Built in 1811, it was used as a fort during the War of 1812, and, from 1824 to 1855, as an entertainment showplace (Jenny Lind made her American debut there). Later it was used as an immigrant landing depot until 1890 and finally, until 1941, was the city's aquarium. Authorized as a national monument in 1946, Castle Clinton is now being restored to reflect its varied history.

So, when Federal Hall re-opened in September, it was not surprising to find a theater group there to help open it. The Four Winds Theater presented "The Raree Show," dealing with attitudes and events before, during and after the American Revolution. The words and music are authentic for the time.

"New York is a theater city," Dave explains. We're using the theater to give urban people information in a medium they are familiar with. Repertory theater can interpret what doesn't exist, and can make history come alive. You come out of it not just with facts, but with a gut level reaction."

The performing arts were also a part of the "Park Fling" programs headed by Jane Henzi, project manager for the proposed Gateway NRA. She began with 35 programs in 1971, which were expanded to over 100 this summer (including six ethnic mini-festivals) and were attended by some 50,000 people.

The daily programs included chamber music at Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace, a steel band at Grant Memorial and modern dance on the steps of Federal Hall. Over 20,000 attended the July 4th program sponsored by NPS and N.Y. City.



Weaving cockroaches and witches into a fanciful ecological story, members of "Theater in a Trunk" perform for young visitors at a summer "Park Fling" program at Fire Island National Seashore.

Jane says that despite the many activities offered in New York by public and private groups, "The areas near our sites are culturally deprived and do need activities."

New York District Director Jerry Wagers agrees. "Two of our parks sit in the middle of city parks. People continue to use these parks after hours. We want community attitudes working with us rather than against us. One of our initial interests is to build community spirit.

"Our first priority, of course, is to serve the purpose for which an area is established," he emphasizes. "We're not eroding that purpose but enriching it. More than one

activity can go on at a time at most of these places."

Jerry, former superintendent for Fire Island National Seashore, is now director of all the NPS areas in New York State and New Jersey. Also he is key man on the proposed Connecticut River NRA. He spends much of his time visiting the parks, meeting with advisory commissions and State agencies.

"My concern is with park development and operation, but not the day-to-day decisions in each park," he explains. "The function of a district office is to provide closer liaison with areas than is possible with the regional office." (The Northeast Region administers parks in 18 states and the New York District has NPS areas in 6 states.)

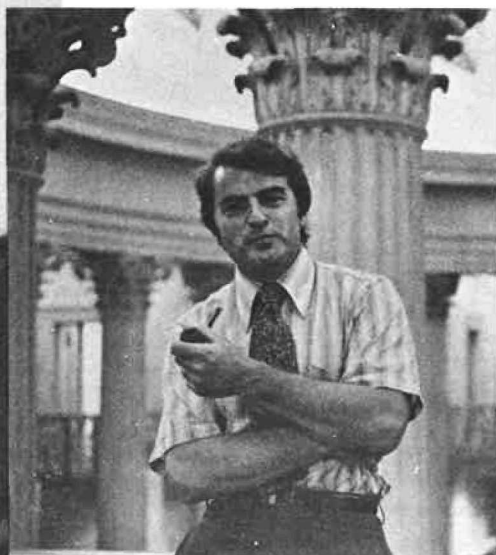
"We're the largest District office in terms of staff, so we perform more services for our areas. We have engineers, administrative staff, historians and a law enforcement officer. This doesn't mean we don't have to rely on the region, but we try to handle many things first before calling for their help."

Jerry is especially enthusiastic about the proposed Gateway National Recreation Area around the harbor of New York City, which would consist of five units totaling more than 25,000 acres of land and water.

"It would be a completely flexible kind of recreation area, useable year-round and offering beaches, free-form play areas, theaters, excellent fishing, campgrounds, picnic areas and large, natural open spaces," he concludes.



Jerry Wagers, director of the New York District.



Dave Dame, superintendent, Manhattan Group, in front of the newly restored rotunda in Federal Hall NM.



"The logistics of doing maintenance work in New York City are extremely difficult," says Frank Furdyna, chief of maintenance for the Manhattan properties. "You can't just grab your tools to go and fix something—you have to catch a subway or get a truck. You really have to be mobile. There's no such thing as being assigned to just one area."



"Our programs would never have gotten off the ground without the trainees," says Jane Henzi, left, head of the "Park Fling" programs. Shown are intake ranger trainees Janice Wobbenhorst and Bryan Swift, who helped Jane with her programs last summer as part of their nine-month urban park experience. They also had assignments with other city and state parks and government offices. "When we see what urban people put up with, maybe we can understand those who spray graffiti on rocks," says Bryan, who left in Sept. for duty at Grand Canyon NP. (Janice also departed for Chalmette NHP, near New Orleans, La.) Other trainees in New York this summer were Carroll Schell and Betty Knight. Carroll is now at Glen Canyon and Betty is awaiting assignment to her permanent duty station.



"We have a unique operation," says District Administrative Officer Chuck Arnold who, as usual, is busy talking on the telephone to one of his parks. "Besides doing the administrative work for the Manhattan areas and the Statue of Liberty, we do paperwork for some of the District areas and provide advisory services for others farther away." Shown clockwise from Chuck are: Liz Todd; Debbie Carlo; Edna Schwartzberg; Joan Babbion; Charlie Barenthaler. Not shown are: Jessie Nearn; Rita Abramowitz; Lorine Hall; Judy Brown.



"When people ask how old I am, I say I started working when I was ten," laughs Ann DeLuca, showing off her 20-year Civil Service pin. A native of Brooklyn, Ann is secretary to New York Director Jerry Wagers and "the kind of person who always gets her work done and still has time for a friend," according to one co-worker. "The office runs because she's here," says another. "I like people and I enjoy my job," says Ann.

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N.Y. PARKS...

"This house has seen many changes," says Helen MacLachlan, curator of the Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace NHS, shown here in the bedroom where the 26th President was born in 1858. Located in a residential area of the city, the house was bought by the President's father in 1854 and the family lived there for 20 years. Later the neighborhood—and the house—changed to commercial uses. Restored by the Theodore Roosevelt Association, and donated to NPS in 1963, the house now sits comfortably—if somewhat incongruously—amidst the shops and warehouses of industrial Manhattan. The unused third floor is being prepared as an environmental education center for fifth and sixth grade students. "It's especially appropri-

T.R. Birthplace



ate here," says Sandy Walters, environmental education specialist who is working on the project. "Teddy Roosevelt was so interested

in conservation and so fond of children. Also, the students will be the same age as he was when he lived here."

American Museum of Immigration



"The museum shows that everyone in America is or was an immigrant, beginning with the Indians who came thousands of years ago," says Ed Kallop, left, curator of the American Museum of Immigration. Opened Sept. 26, the museum winds snake-like around the base of the Statue of Liberty, unfolding its story chronologically and thematically—from the Indians to the different ethnic groups, through the various wars to the present day. Among the 200 exhibits and dioramas, many of them with special voice and sound

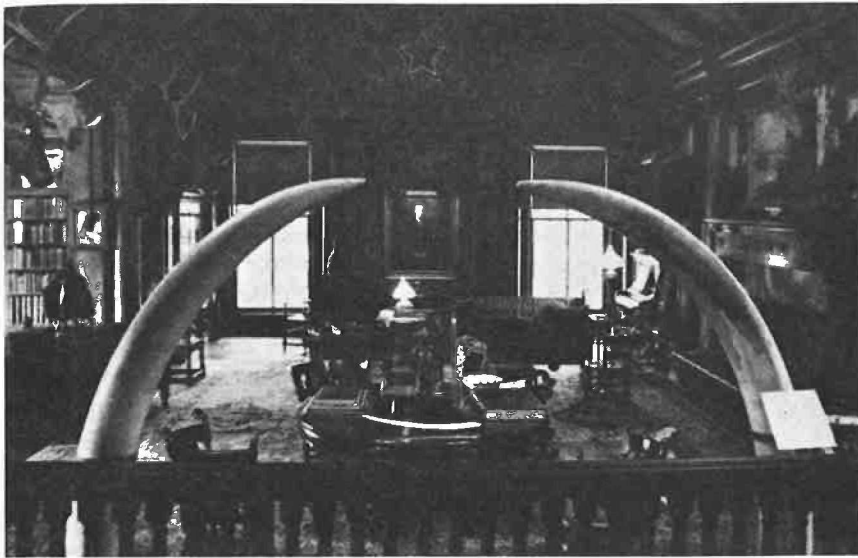
effects, are unusual displays such as parts of trousseaus ("The men often arrived first and the women followed to marry them," says Ed) and a cut-away model of an old ship ("Many came packed like cattle in the steerage of ocean liners.") Most dramatic are the clusters of old photographs, some wall-sized, which capture the teeming diversity of the 34 million immigrants who came to America in the past century. Shown with Ed is Andrew Vernon who helps run the museum's sophisticated audio-visual equipment.

Statue of Liberty



"We probably have more international visitors than any other area," says Jim Batman, superintendent of the Statue of Liberty NM. His island has over 1,100,000 visitors annually and is open seven days a week, 365 days a year. A gift of the French people, the statue was dedicated in 1886 and commemorates the alliance of the two nations in the American Revolution. It was declared a national monument in 1924, and includes nearby Ellis Island (added in 1965 but not open to the public) and the new American Museum of Immigration at the base of the statue.

Sagamore Hill



"You really feel his presence when you come here," exclaims Jessica Kraft, curator at Sagamore Hill NHS, President Theodore Roosevelt's summer White House and home until his death there in 1919. Shown is the North Room, flanked by 9-foot high elephant trunks which weigh 120 pounds each. Located 30 miles from New York City on Long Island's graceful and elegant Oyster Bay, the house was given to NPS by the Theodore Roosevelt Association in 1963. "Ninety percent of our visitors are from metropolitan New York," says Management Assistant Betty Gentry, who also coordinates an environmental study area at the park.

Grant's Memorial & Hamilton Grange



As Unit Manager of two park sites, Al James faces two different sets of problems. The General Grant National Memorial (Grant's Tomb, it became a national memorial in 1958) is located on Riverside Drive in an area which has one of the highest crime rates in the country. There, faced with difficult problems with vandalism and graffiti, Al is working on projects that will serve—and involve—the community. For instance, children are helping build a "Centennial Plaza" with mosaic covered benches they have designed.

"They'll be less likely to spread graffiti on their own work," he explains.

At Hamilton Grange in Harlem (home of Alexander Hamilton and a national memorial since 1962), Al hopes "to make it more resourceful to the community and to enhance its visitation. Last year we had 6,000 visitors, up from 500 three years ago." Many programs are planned for the Grange, including a crafts project in which children will help make a film on Alexander Hamilton.

Fire Island



"I thought the only thing I'd see near New York City would be smog and people, but here you can get away from the sounds and sight of man," says Bob Dunnagan who came from Yosemite NP last year to become East Unit Manager of Fire Island National Seashore. (West Unit Manager is Ray Martinez; Superintendent is Jim Godbolt.) Established in 1965, the seashore is 75 miles from Manhattan, off the south shore of Long Island, and has miles of beaches (some guarded for swimming), a hidden hardwood forest and a small campground, one of the few in the metropoli-

tan area. Activities include hiking, boating, surf fishing and hunting in season for rabbits and water fowl. Bob says that transportation to the park, mainly by boat, is expensive and that one of their main problems is to make the parks accessible to the average family. (It costs a family of four about \$8.00 to make a one day trip there.) The annual visitation is 500,000 people. Each day during the summer a bus load of inner city children is brought to the island for a few hours at the beach. "It's the first time some have seen the ocean," Bob says.

Ronnie Lee Memorial Fund Is Established

Director Hartzog has announced that a memorial fund in honor of Ronald F. Lee, former Northeast Regional Director who died last August, has been established by the NPS Employees and Alumni Association. Contributions will benefit the E&AA Educational Aid Fund. Checks made out to E&AA should be sent to Ray O'Dell, Exec. Sec., Employees & Alumni, Assn., National Park Service ASG, Washington D.C. 20240. Mrs. Lee will be notified of all contributions.

This message from Mrs. Lee came to the NEWSLETTER:

"I want to tell you how deeply I appreciate this fine review of Ronnie's Family Tree in the Newsletter of September 18, his birthday. He had the colorful chart on the wall of his hospital room, and the doctors and nurses learned alot about the Park Service. He had so many plans and projects for the future. I try to keep remembering the good things that happened and be grateful the book was finished and he could hold it in his hands.

Thank you for this fine description and understanding of the book. Sincerely, Jean P. Lee"

Under our hat

PRESIDENT AND MRS. NIXON were greeted by some 6,000 persons, hundreds of them in the colorful costumes of their ancestral countries at the dedication of the American Museum of Immigration in the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor September 26.

Speaking with the President was Rogers C.B. Morton, Secretary of the Interior, introduced by Deputy Director Thomas F. Flynn, master of ceremonies at this major event in the Centennial Year.

Jerry T. Wagers, director of the New York District, escorted the Presidential party through the Museum's 200 plus exhibits and dioramas commemorating the history of immigration to these shores. (See story page 4.)

Pierre S. duPont, president of the AMI, Inc., received honors from the Government of France for the many years' work of that non-profit group which first suggested the museum to President Eisenhower in 1954.

DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS for the Administration of National Parks and Equivalent Reserves will be Robert C. Milne. He will hold a faculty position in the School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan which will be home base for the field-oriented course which travels to parks in Canada and U.S. The International Seminar, popularly known as "The International Short Course," is held annually for park professionals from around the world. It evolved over the past seven years as a joint Canada-US program. Rob is now in the Office of Environmental Interpretation as coordinator of the National Environmental Education Development (NEED) program and NPS-Peace Corps programs. Rob is co-author of the book, "Consider the Process of Living," and field advisor for the film "Earthbound," both of which were featured at the Second World Conference on National Parks.

A JOINT PEACE CORPS-NPS PROGRAM to provide people for overseas assignments in the developing countries in the fields of park planning, management, and environmental interpretation was announced at the Second World Conference on National Parks at Grand Teton National Park in September by Director Hartzog. NPS will help with certain aspects of training volunteers and will take part in recruitment and selection of highly qualified people. The Service also will encourage NPS career employees to participate in the program both as technical advisors and as two-year volunteers. Robert K. Poole, former Director of Environmental Programs for the Peace Corps, now with the Office of Ecology, Smithsonian Institution, is helping set up the cooperative effort by Peace Corps and NPS. For further information contact Rob Milne, Office of Environmental Interpretation, (202) 386-6271.



At Mather Training Center, Sept. 6-8, NPS' mid-level managerial development trainees take a breather from their 3-day preparation for the 2-year program. The lab program, sponsored by NPS in cooperation with Leadership Services, Inc. of Silver Spring, Md., implements future mid-level managers by adding to their outstanding insight and leadership in dealing with managerial challenges. Recordings and video-taped live situations is an example of media in which trainees are educated in managerial problems.

FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Robert Dunnagan, Fire Island NS; Donald Weir, Biscayne Bay; David McAllister, U.S. Park Police; Laurretta Mintzmyer, MWRO; Russell Berry, Manassas; and Dennis Huffman, Fredericksburg

REAR ROW: (Left to Right): George Strock, Gettysburg; Roger Giddings, Park Operations WASO; Don R. Thompson, Pipestone NERO; Kenneth Sims, Harpers Ferry JCCC; Edward Brodie, U.S. Park Police; Ray Martinez, Fire Island NS; Mohammed A. Kahn, NCP East; Robert Armstrong, Great Onyx JCCC and George Mahaffey, NCP West.

TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S ADVISORY BOARD were appointed in September by Secretary Morton. They are Dr. A. Starker Leopold, Professor of Zoology and Forestry at the University of California who is author of several books, has conducted wildlife research in many nations and who helped formulate the policy guidelines for management of wildlife for NPS; and Dr. Douglas W. Schwartz, Director of the School of American Research at Santa Fe, an author who is noted for his wide ranging field research on American Indian archeology and anthropology and for his contributions to archeological techniques and analysis.

NEW NPS CHIEF ARCHEOLOGIST is Dr. Robert H. Lister, Chief, New Mexico Archeological Center, who will serve for 18 months while Rex Wilson, who was Acting Chief Archeologist, is on a special training assignment at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Lister will divide his time between Washington and Albuquerque and will also serve as the Departmental Consulting Archeologist.

NPS STATE COORDINATOR FOR MISSISSIPPI is Jack Ogle, superintendent of Natchez Trace Parkway. Jack will continue as superintendent but will devote considerable time to coordinating duties with external programs and NPS affairs in Mississippi. This will include the four other NPS areas in the state: Gulf Islands National Seashore, Tupelo National Battlefield; Vicksburg National Military Park and Cemetery; and Brice's Cross Roads National Battlefield Site.

OCT. 20 ON NBC-TV Chet Huntley & Walter Brennan will host and star in "The Fabulous Country," the premiere program in "The American Experience," a series of ten shows keyed to the American Revolution Bicentennial. Scenes of Independence Hall will appear in the first show and many of the forthcoming ones will deal with NPS areas.



Surprise Award

By Don Pledger

Rita Montoya, clerk-steno in Operations Evaluations, SWRO, isn't fooled often. But Division Chief Luis Gastellum caught her completely off guard recently when he called her forward at a coffee break to receive a special achievement award.

A Santa Fe native, Rita started with NPS in 1968 as a clerk-typist in Resource Management and later moved to the Finance Division.

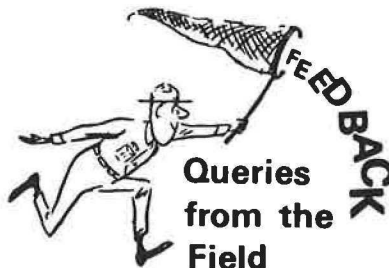
In 1970, she transferred for a year to Bandelier NM, after which she returned to SWRO.

"The field assignment at Bandelier was a real experience for me—I left there with a much better understanding of what NPS is all about."

Rita owns up to being a "sports nut," going along with husband Frank both as spectator and participant. She is also an avid reader and horseback rider.



Rita Montoya and Luis Gastellum.



Q. In your NEWSLETTER of Aug. 7, you answered a question in regards to premium pay for Sunday work. You said only full-time employees were eligible. As a 37-hour, part-time temporary employee, can I collect differential for night and holiday work?

A. Yes. Part-time, general schedule employees are entitled to both night-time and holiday differential. (Federal Personnel Manual, chapter 550-S1). All wage-grade employees are entitled to night shift and holiday differential except those who have appointments of 90 days or less.

Q. Can an employee who has a subject-to-furlough appointment receive unemployment compensation benefits during the period he is furloughed?

A. Yes. However, state employment security agencies are responsible for determining entitlement to compensation and the amount of benefits payable to unemployed Federal civilian personnel under the provisions of the applicable state unemployment insurance law. To be entitled to compensation an individual must have performed Federal service within his base period as determined under the applicable State law. When an employee is furloughed he should receive standard form 8 (notice to Federal employee about unemployment compensation) which explains the employee's possible entitlement to unemployment compensation and provides general information on how to file a claim.



People On The Move New Faces

ALDERSON, Russell C., to Foreman, Grand Teton NP
BLANCO, Margaret C., to Pk Ranger, Chamizal NM
COOK, Elizabeth C., to Pk Aid, Stones River Natl. Btld
COUSINS, Robert S., to Realty Clk, Assist Dir Oper, WRO
CRAMER, Robert D., to Engineer Draftsman (Electronic), Div of Audiovisual Arts
CRUM, Bobbie J., to Sec (Steno), Div of Safety, WASO
FLOOD, Tyese T., to Clk-Typist, Assist Dir Coop Act, NERO
GRANITO, Francis A., to Realty Spec, Assist Dir Coop Act, NERO
HASTY, Joanne, to Sec (Steno), Off of Fin & Control, WRO
HUTCHINSON, Louise D., to Education Spec, Frederic Douglass Home
JANES, Eric B., to Forester, Research & Consult Serv, Den.
LEAGAN, Esther M., to Clk-Steno, Indian Dunes Lands Off
LEBOVITZ, Leonard M., to Supply Tech, Off of Fin & Control, WRO
McKINNEY, Charles M., to Archeologist, Div of Archeology Anthropology, WASO
PATTEE, Roger A., to Pk Tech, Petrified Forest NP
PRICE, Joyce M., to Admin Off, Ocmulgee NM
RICHTER, Janice M., to Clk-Typist, Minute Man NHP
ROBINSON, Debra Lou, to Pk Aid, Kings Mountain NMP
TOLLE, Patricia H., to Clk-Typist, Everglades NP
VAN WAGTENDONK, Jan W., to Research Biologist, Yosemite NP
WEAVER, Ruthie F., to Sec (Steno), PNRO
WRIGHT, R., Gerald Jr., to Ecologist, Research & Control Serv, Denver

New Places

ABRELL, Robert Joseph, from Pk Ranger, Cabrillo NM, to Supv Pk Ranger, Yosemite NP
ARMSTRONG, Robert S., from Guidance Counselor, Mammoth Cave NP, to Employee Devel Spec, Off of Organiz Devel & Manpower, SERO
BOLTON, William C., from Pk Tech, Death Valley NM, to same, Point Reyes NS



BOND, John W., from Pk Ranger, New York District, to same, Assist Dir Coop Act, NERO
BORGMAN, Ernest J., from Pk Mngr, Alaska State Dir, to same, Klamath Falls Gp
BRADY, James M., from Supv Pk Ranger, Yellowstone NP, to same, Yosemite NP
BRAZILL, George M., from Admin Clk (Typing), Organ Pipe Cactus NM, to Procure & Prop Mgmt Asst, Lassen Volcanic NP
GJESSING, Frederik C., from Architect, Assoc Dir Prof Support, SERO, to same, Virgin Islands NP
GRANT, Juanita, from Mail & File Clk, Off of Fin & Control, to Clk Typist, Assist Dir Oper, PNRO
GUSE, Neal G., Jr., from Biologist, Grand Canyon NP to same, Dir Off of Natural Science, WASO
HASEN, Christopher S., from Admin Off, Prince William Forest Pk, to same, Whiskeytown NRA
HERRMAN, John W., from Heavy Duty Mechanic, Sequoia NP, to Building and Utilities Maint Leader, Joshua Tree NM
KOMARINSKI, Patricia A., from Clk-Steno, NCP Central to, same, NCP
MOSELEY, Mark A., from Pk Ranger, Hot Springs NP, to same, Gila Cliff Dwellings NM
MURPHY, Robert J., from Pk Mngr, Death Valley NM, to same, Lassen Volcanic NP
PATRICK, Kenneth C., from Engineer Equip Oper, Organ Pipe Cactus NM, to Pk Tech, Point Reyes NS
REIN, Mildred J., from Sec (Steno), Off of Fin & Control, to same, Assoc Dir Mgmt
ROWE, Gerald A., from Supv Civil Engineer, Great Smoky Mountains NP, to Pk Mgr, Blue Ridge Parkway

SULLIVAN, James R., from Pk Mgr, Independence NHP, to same, Colonial NHP
THOMPSON, James B., from Pk Mgr, Theodore Roosevelt N Mem Pk, to same, Death Valley NM
WYLIE, Thomas C., from Supv Pk Ranger, Yosemite NP, to same, Canyonlands NP

Out Of The Traces

BACHLER, Joan L., from Sec (Steno), Off of Oper Evaluation, WRO
BAJART, John J., from Personnel Off, Blue Ridge Parkway
BAKER, Alma C., from Sec (Typing), Minute Man NHP
COX, James H., from Pk Ranger, Yellowstone NP
CRUZ, S. Paige, from Supv Pk Ranger, Fort Point NHS
ELY, Ambrose C., from Procure & Prop Mgmt Assist, Lassen Volcanic NP
FLICKINGER, Margaret E., from Personnel Clk (Typing), Big Bend NP
GREENBERG, William A., from Legal Assist, Assoc Dir Prof Support, WASO
HOLSINGER, Lina M., from Pk Aid, Muir Woods NM
JENSEN, Judy K., from Personnel Clk (Dictating Machine Transcriber), Off of Organiz Devel & Manpower, MWRO
KEE, Henry C., from Mobile Equipmt Serviceman, Capital Area Maint (Brentwood)
PANTON, Robert J., from Realty Off, Assoc Dir Prof Support SERO
RUSSO, Andrew C., from Laborer, Minute Man NHP
TUNAC, Ester, from Pk Tech, Sequoia NP
WILDS, Olethia, from Engineer Draftsman, Graphic Serv, Denver



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