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NELSON LANDING TO CLOSE

WASHINGTON--Congressman David Towell has called on the National Park Service to justify completely its reported plans to close down Nelson's Landing, a resort area at Eldorado Canyon on Lake Mojave.

In a letter to Ronald Walker, Director of the NPS, the Nevada legislator stated that many constituents had contacted him to protest the action and "they appear to have a legitimate complaint."

Towell said that "Closing the site does not seem to be a very sound decision at a time when more and more people are using the river for recreation. The Park Service should be expanding its services rather than closing existing facilities."

The owners of the concession at Nelson's Landing - Jim Wiggins and Pat Rynde - told Towell that the Park Service offered them a choice of selling out immediately for \$86,000 or moving out at their own expense after their lease expires in three years. They said the NPS refused to consider their offer to expand the facilities, so they saw no alternative but to sign over the concession.

The NPS subsequently announced that the concession would be phased out by next October 1 and the area would be put on a "day use" basis. A spokesman cited several reasons for the action: little potential for expansion, the danger of flash floods and the high expenses involved in building a required new sewer system.

Nelson's Landing has long been a popular recreation site for boaters and fishermen from Nevada, Arizona and California. The more than 100 persons living in the vicinity fear eviction once the concession is closed.



BETSY TERRY SPEAKS

Las Vegas has a young man, namely, Gerome Free (the son of Mrs. Eva McGough) that claims he has been called to preach. This young man preached his trial sermon, Sunday July 15, at the Bethel Baptist Church. (Rev. I.W. Wilson, Pastor). According to Pastor Wilson Gerome will be admitted to the pulpit in short order.

The Christian Fellowship met Sunday July 15, at the Tri-Stone Baptist Church, Rev. C.C. Smith, Pastor. It seems if I don't write about the Fellowship some of our men of the cloth don't show. You (the men of the cloth) are my leaders and I will be following you to the St. James Baptist Church the third Sunday in August. Rev. J.L. Simmons, Pastor.

The Federation of Choirs was held Sunday July 22 at the Morning Star Baptist Church, Rev. A.B. Carr, Pastor. The Ship is chugging along without a full crew. Let's hope that the fourth Sunday in August All Captains and the full crew will be aboard and we will sail along full speed ahead.

The First Community Religious Center in Nevada will have open house Sunday July 28, 1973 at one thousand Jefferson Ave. This is an absolute Community Project, all religions and children are welcome. Many Groups and Choirs have been invited and refreshments will be free. Come one, Come all and enjoy yourself.

On Saturday July 28, a banquet will be given at the Pan Afro Auditorium, honoring Attorney Robert Reid, our first black Justice of the Peace. Robert Reid is now and always have been a friend to man, and out of friendship help us show Robert we care.

The NOW Singers wish to thank all "choirs" and "Groups" for their help in making their first program a success. Saturday July 28 the Nows will appear in concert along with the Desert Soul Gospel Singers at Ridge Crest, California. Charles English, Director. The Singers are asking for your prayers, that they have a safe journey.

TO THE ONES THAT ASKED ME TO HELP WITH THEIR CHILDREN, "God" is the answer, you are responsible.

The Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Wilfong of 2204 Matheson North Las Vegas, Nevada thank everyone for their offering and prayers while they were both confined in Valley Hospital. They are asking that you all will continue to pray that they both get well soon.

Rev. I.W. Wilson, Shelia Brandy, Delores Goldman, Fay D. Wilson and Gerome Free have returned from Oakland California, where they attended the State Sunday BTU Congress of Christian Education. These educated young people brought back a wonderful report, let's work a little harder next time to finance their trip.

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