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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joan Butkereiit

No, this is not about waterfowl, but rather a true story about a stark childhood memory, with a very current update (April 9, 1991). My sources are firsthand experience and direct quotes from the curator of the Ducktown Basin Museum, Mr. Ken Rush. The date is Spring 1952, when my dad took my mother and me for an exploration of the rural countryside along his business route between Pennsylvania and New Orleans. All of his business trips became excursions of discovery, which was probably why he was a better father than businessman. Our '49 Studebaker Champion wound its way up and down mountain roads through miles of beautiful forests, and into a basin he had previously visited and wanted us to see because it defied description.

Everything was orange. I mean everywhere there should have been green, there was orange. There were no trees. No shrubs. No grass. No flowers. No flies or mosquitos. No bees. No birds. No rabbits. No soil. For miles. There was, however, a town called Ducktown, Tennessee, whose major source of revenue had, since 1850, been copper mining. Because the rock also contained zinc, sulfur, and iron pyrite (fool's gold), and the technology of the day wasn't able to smelt ore that contained sulfur, a process called roasting, which released the sulfur into the air in the form of sulfur dioxide, was developed. Vast tracts of timber were cut down to make coke, and huge roasting yards were created by stamping out clay floors, piling the ore under timber sheds, igniting it, and slowly burning, or roasting, the rock. This deforestation, in the 13 years between 1865 and 1878, involved 30,000 acres. The entire forest, some 42,000 acres, was lost by 1890. Absolutely no new vegetation could grow due to the extreme sulfur dioxide emissions. The lack of vegetation created a massive soil loss. Approximately 12 feet of soil over the whole area was washed away into the Ocoee River. Technology advanced. In 1904, a process for pyritic smelting was de-

NEXT MEETING

Sandy Brenner

DATE: Tuesday, May. 14, 1991
TIME: 8:00 PM
PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library
Merrick Rd. & Ocean Ave.

SPEAKER: Jerry Bernstein

TOPIC: African Wildlife

Join us for a fabulous slide presentation of the wildlife reserves of Africa.

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veloped, and open roasting was discontinued. In 1910, a means of creating and collecting sulfuric acid from the emissions was developed, thus stopping the acid rain.

What my family was seeing in 1952 was 50 square miles of barren rock left from activity that had stopped 50 years earlier. This orange landscape, with less life than a desert, became notorious and could be seen by satellite. Land restoration efforts, begun in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Tennessee Valley Authority, had limited success, but the late 70's brought forestation and soil restoration techniques that have allowed revegetation of most of the area. These new techniques involve, among many things, the use of treated waste sludge from municipalities, reintroduction of microorganisms that are naturally found in soil that supports life, and the planting of pine forests.

Many of the old-time residents of Ducktown miss the mining, which ceased in 1987. Along with the loss of jobs from the mining activity, many now suffer from hay fever. Their ancestors, who mined the area at the height of its emissions problems, probably suffered from much worse, but we can't ask them – they are gone. They had

arrived on the heels of the Trail of Tears, occurring in 1838, in which the entire Cherokee Nation was forced to give up its territory in this mountainous corner of Tennessee and walk to Oklahoma as a result of the Treaty of Removal of 1835. By 1839, the Indian Territory had become Polk County and was open for settlement. Copper was discovered in 1843, the first mine was opened in 1850, and the end of the Civil War brought about an intensity of deforestation and mining which resulted in the landscape I saw as a child.

It's now 1991, and the birds, mammals, and bugs are back. Although the planted pines are not native, the hardwood forest will have its chance to return. What human activity took away, human intervention is helping to restore. Ducktown is ready to be rediscovered.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1991-1992 OFFICERS

At South Shore Audubon Society's general meeting on May 14th, officers will be elected for our next fiscal year. All members attending that meeting are invited to nominate candidates from the floor and vote. The SSAS Nominating Committee [Elliott Kutner (Chairman), William Hollweg, and Nora Lourenco] has recommended the following candidates:

President — Joan Butkerei
 Vice President — James Remsen, Jr.
 Treasurer — Lennox Gordon
 Recording Secretary — Louise Hillen
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 Director (to 6/94) — Richard Packert

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Marion Yavarkovsky

It is a pleasure to have so many new members this month. You are just in time to participate in some of the events planned for the rest of the spring. Attend bird walks, monthly meetings, and other events, or, if you have some spare time, volunteers are always needed. Welcome to SSAS.

[For information on joining the South Shore Audubon Society, please call our Membership Chairperson, Marion Yavarkovsky, at 379-2090. The best time to call is after 4 PM, Monday through Friday.]

Baldwin	Peter Galletta, Mr. Timothy P. McCabe, Susan N. Reese
Bellmore	Mr. H. Brown
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Cedarhurst	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lapp, Jr.; Mrs. Sandy Pinz; Mrs. Harold M. Stauffer
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Lynbrook	John Barkaus, Catherine Basile, Mrs. Donna M. McGovern
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Uniondale	Ms. Lauren E. Miller
Valley Stream	Edward Burns, Vincent DeMeo, Ms. Donna M. Joy, Charles Kilzer
Wantagh	Eva Baron, Mr. & Mrs. Lazarus, Kenneth Schwartzman
West Hempstead	Arlene Palmeri
Woodmere	Ms. Helen Cytryn

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

John D. Zarudsky

Brookside Preserve. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Brookside Trail Committee to carry out on-site maintenance activities at the Brookside Preserve in Freeport. Please call John D. Zarudsky at 431-9200 (work) or 486-5272 (home).

Least Tern and Piping Plover Breeding Sites. Volunteers are once again needed to monitor the piping plover and least tern breeding sites at Lido Beach Town Park and at Nassau Beach areas within the Town of Hempstead. The time period, which includes weekends and holidays, extends from mid-May through July; particularly important are the Memorial Day and July 4th weekends.

A volunteer watches over the nesting site or colony to insure that no one disturbs the birds while nesting, or the chicks after hatching and during their growing period. Informative pamphlets describing the least tern and piping plover, and their need for protection, are distributed as public education handouts.

If interested in volunteering to be a monitor, please contact John D. Zarudsky at the Town of Hempstead Department of Conservation & Waterways (431-9200) or sign up with the Nature Conservancy. A list of volunteers must be made up and sent to the park directors of Lido Beach Town Park and Nassau Beach in order to arrange for parking.

BIRD WALKS

Elliott Kutner

All walks start at 9:30 AM; no walk if it rains. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

- May 5 Massapequa Preserve [Take Sunrise Highway to Broadway, Massapequa. Go north (under LIRR) to first traffic light (Veterans Blvd.). Turn right onto Veterans (which is surrounded by metered LIRR parking spaces – bear right); at end of Veterans turn right into the unmetered LIRR parking lot. Meet at the southeastern corner of this lot. As an alternative, take the Southern State Parkway to Exit 30 South (Broadway); go two miles and then turn left onto Veterans Blvd., etc.]
- May 12 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- May 19 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. Corner
- May 26 *Memorial Day Weekend – No Walk*
- June 2, 9 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Aug. 11 Massapequa Preserve
- Aug. 18, 25 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

SCHOLARSHIPS

Marion Yavarkovsky

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the 1991 summer camp scholarships. The adult scholarship, for the Audubon Ecology Workshop in Connecticut, was awarded to Tom Torma, and our youth scholarship winner, who will attend the Audubon Youth Camp in Maine, is Jeffrey Fleigner. Congratulations to our winners!

South Shore Audubon is seeking advertisements to help support the printing and mailing of the *Skimmer*, which currently has a circulation of over 2100 copies. Our smallest ad (one-eighth of a column) costs just \$20, and a quarter-page ad costs \$60. Other sizes are available. We reserve the right to review ads. For information, please call Elliott Kutner (486-7667) or Michael Sperling (541-0805).

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CONGRESSIONAL ANWR SCOREBOARD – THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UNCOMMITTED

Michael Sperling

Preservation of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge coastal plain is the goal of one of the National Audubon Society's four High-Priority Campaigns, and is supported by many other prominent environmental groups and the New York Times (in its 2/19/91 lead editorial, "Conserve Oil – and Wilderness"). Unfortunately, on March 12th Energy Secretary James D. Watkins announced at a Senate Energy Committee hearing that **President Bush would VETO any energy bill that does not include opening up the 1½ million acre coastal plain to oil drilling.**

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge comprises 19 million acres of northeastern Alaska. Of the original 8.9 million acre portion (then known as the Arctic National Wildlife Range) set aside by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1960, only the 1.5 million acre coastal plain has not yet been permanently protected by Congress as wilderness. In 1978 and 1979, the House of Representatives passed legislation to grant permanent wilderness status to the coastal plain, but the Senate decided to wait for studies of the potential oil and gas reserves.

The 125 mile long ANWR coastal plain is the only stretch of Alaska's 1100 mile long Arctic coastline not already open to oil and gas leasing. Over 600 square miles of the oil-rich Prudhoe Bay region is now industrialized and suffering from air pollution, water pollution, and hazardous waste problems. According to the U.S. Interior Department's 1987 report, there is only a 1-in-100 chance that there's a Prudhoe Bay size oil field in ANWR's coastal plain, and a less than 1-in-5 chance that there's any economically recoverable oil at all. If oil were found, it would take 10 years of further exploration and development before any oil could be recovered and used, and in 30 years even a Prudhoe Bay size find would be gone. If recoverable oil were found, the most likely yield would be equivalent to a 200 day supply at current rates of U.S. consumption.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge coastal plain is the home of more than 160 animal species (including wolves, grizzlies, arctic foxes, and more than 130 migratory bird species) and is, according to the U.S. Interior Department, "the most biologically productive part of the Arctic Refuge for wildlife and is the center of wildlife activity in the refuge." The 1987 Interior Department report, mentioned above, that recommended opening up the coastal plain to oil and gas leasing, was criticized by both the Environmental Protection Agency and the Congressional Research Service as insufficient to support the recommendation. That report predicted that oil development could result in a 40% decline in the 185,000 member Porcupine caribou herd (which sustains the native Gwich'in Indians), a 50% drop in

muskoxyen and lesser snow geese populations, and a decrease in habitat for denning polar bears.

The following is quoted from the Arctic Refuge Campaign brochure just published by the National Audubon Society: "When the first oil fields on Alaska's North Slope were built, the oil industry claimed it could drill without damaging the environment. The record says otherwise – spread across the North Slope landscape are drilling pads, airfields, housing, sewage treatment plants, landfills, and a spiderweb of roads and pipelines; 60 million tons of gravel have been gouged from riverbeds for this construction. The constant roar of trucks, jets, helicopters, pumps, and compressors pierces the Arctic silence. An average of 1000 oil and chemical spills are reported on the North Slope each year. Emissions of nitrogen oxides – a principal component of acid rain – are at least as high as in a city like Washington, D.C. Two-hundred fifty open, gravel-lined pits currently store 26 million barrels of toxic liquid drilling wastes, which are seeping into distant tundra ponds."

The Good News. The Senate bill to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge coastal plain as wilderness, S. 39, introduced by Delaware Republican William Roth, had 21 cosponsors as of March 12th, including New York's Daniel Patrick Moynihan. The House wilderness bill, H.R. 39, introduced by Arizona Democrat Morris Udall, had 80 cosponsors as of March 12th, including NY Representatives Robert Mrazek (who resides in Centerport), Floyd Flake (Queens), James Scheuer (Queens), Charles Schumer (Brooklyn), Major Owens (Brooklyn), William Green (Manhattan), Jose Serrano (Manhattan), and Louise Slaughter (Fairport).

The Bad News. Two bills have been introduced in the Senate that call for oil development. S. 109, the Arctic Coastal Plain Public Lands Leasing Act of 1991, introduced by Alaska Republican Frank Murkowski, would open the coastal plain to oil exploration and production, and had 6 cosponsors as of March 12th. S. 341, the Energy Security Act of 1991, introduced by Louisiana Democrat Bennett Johnston and Wyoming Republican Malcolm Wallop, has fifteen parts, one of which would open the coastal plain to phased oil and gas leasing. As of March 12th, S. 341 had 4 cosponsors (including Johnston and Wallop). H.R. 759, the Arctic Coastal Plain Domestic Energy Leasing Act of 1991, introduced by Alaska Republican Don Young, is similar to S. 109 and had 102 cosponsors as of March 12th, including New York Representatives Norman Lent (East Rockaway), Gerald Solomon (Glens Falls), David Martin (Canton), William Paxon (East Aurora), and Amory Houghton (Corning).

What We Can Do. If your Representative or Senators have cosponsored a development bill, please urge them to remove their names from those bills (two former

cosponsors of H.R. 759 withdrew their support recently due to protests from the citizens they're supposed to represent). If your Representative or Senators have co-sponsored a wilderness bill, please write a short letter of thanks. If your Representative or Senators are uncommitted and you didn't write them after reading last month's *Skimmer* (which urged letters in support of S. 39 and H.R. 39), please write them now.

If you don't live in NY state, you're welcome to call me at 516-541-0805 or write to me at 97 N. Pine St., N. Massapequa, NY 11758 to find out whether or not your Representative and Senators have cosponsored any of these bills. In New York, as of March 12th, the uncommitted Senator was Alfonse D'Amato; the uncommitted Representatives were George Hochbrueckner (Coram), Thomas Downey (Amityville), Raymond McGrath (Valley Stream — most SSAS members live in either his district or Norman Lent's), Gary Ackerman (Queens), Thomas Manton (Queens), Edolphus Towns (Brooklyn), Stephen Solarz (Brooklyn), Susan Molinari (Staten Island), Charles Rangel (Manhattan), Ted Weiss (Manhattan), Eliot Engel (Bronx), Nita Lowey (Harrison), Hamilton Fish, Jr. (Millbrook), Benjamin Gilman (Middletown), Michael McNulty (Green Island), Sherwood Boehlert (New Hartford), James Walsh (Syracuse), Matthew McHugh (Ithaca), Frank Horton (Rochester), John LaFalce (Buffalo), and Henry Nowak (Buffalo).

The U.S. Senate's address is Washington, D.C. 20510; the House of Representatives' address is Washington, D.C. 20515.

BIRD WALK REPORT

Betty Borowsky

March 17, 1991 was an example of the best early spring weather that New York can provide. It was perfectly clear and brightly sunny. At Jones Beach, the water in the inlet sparkled bright blue and the sand seemed white and clean. About 25 persons came on the bird walk that day. The group assembled at Parking Lot 2 at the West End and walked in a loop from the lot to the northern shore, turned west, then turned south at the jetty at the tip of the spit of land, and returned to the lot along the southern shore.

As we headed north from the parking lot, a kestrel posed for several minutes on an isolated tree, allowing us ample time to set up the spotting scopes to watch it. A plover flew past us overhead.

The northern migration was just beginning at this time of year, and most of the birds had not yet returned from the south, but some early migrants were seen today. A robin was on the lawn that edges the highway, and male red-winged blackbirds were calling in the reeds along the shore, establishing their territories in preparation for the appearance of the females from the south.

One of the appeals of the bird walks is that there is no prepared scenario and one can experience many happy surprises. On this day, one of our members found a sea horse, perfectly preserved, in the sand along a small inlet among the dunes. Another member found the dead body of a snowy owl, which provided the basis for an extemporaneous lecture on owl anatomy and life history from the most experienced birders. Paul Butkerei and Elliott Kutner pointed out the pin feathers under the main portions of the wings, diagnostic for this group of birds, which serve to muffle the sound of the birds' flight as they swoop down on their prey; and the arrangement of the owls' talons, which lock together when closed, making it almost impossible for captured prey to escape.

Perhaps the highlight of the trip was a glimpse of a seal floating in a raft of kelp within the inlet. We don't know what species it was for certain, but it was most likely a harbor seal, since the snout was fairly long and thick.

The last bird we identified as the walk came to a close was a marsh hawk skimming low among the dunes. It was an appropriate last sighting, since this raptor prefers beach habitats and can be seen at Jones Beach at any time of the year.

Editor's note: For those of you who haven't tried an SSAS bird walk, May is peak migration season and a time when even a fair-weather birder like me is willing to get out of bed on a Sunday morning and join the SSAS crowd. Try one!

SHOREBIRD VIDEO AVAILABLE

John D. Zarudsky

An interesting one-hour professional shorebird video by Geoff Skeete, titled "Wild Feathers on an Island Pond: A Study of the Atlantic Flyway Migratory Shorebirds," is available for \$34 from John D. Zarudsky. Proceeds will benefit the Environmental Centers of Setauket-Smithtown, Inc., located at Sweetbriar Farm on the 53 acre Vail Blydenburgh Nature Preserve in Smithtown, and providing exhibits and programs on the natural sciences for schools and the public. The following birds are depicted: whimbrel, Hudsonian godwit, willet, ruff and reeve, greater and lesser yellowlegs, dowitchers, stilt sandpiper, black-bellied plover, golden plover, semipalmated plover, and ruddy turnstone. See John at walks or meetings, or call him at 431-9200 (work) or 486-5272 (home).

AUDUBON HOTLINE (202) 547-9017

RARE BIRD ALERT (212) 832-6523

WILDLIFE POISONING HOTLINE (800) 356-0560

1991 SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON BIRDATHONS

Doreen Remsen and James Remsen, Jr.

On MAY 11, 1991 (RAINDATE MAY 18th), the South Shore Audubon Society will take part in the 1991 Audubon Birdathon, organized by the National Audubon Society. Our members will use their birding skills to raise funds for Audubon's local programs here in Nassau as well as national environmental research, education, and action programs by getting sponsors who will pledge a certain amount for each species they see on Birdathon day.

South Shore Birdathons will be held on May 11th, starting at the following locations:

Team 1. Leader: Elliott Kutner (486-7667). Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. Start time: 8:00 AM.

Team 2. Leader: Paul Butkerei (623-0843). Start time: 5:00 AM at Hempstead Lake State Park (Peninsula Blvd.). From there, this team will leave for Central Park for a 6:00 AM start.

Team 3. Leaders: James Remsen, Jr. (764-5168) and Joe Grupp (481-4208). Participants may join this group at either of two times: at sunrise (5:45 AM) at Mill Pond in Wantagh, or later at Muttontown Preserve (time to be announced; probably approx. 8:00 AM).

FOR BEGINNERS OR THOSE INTIMIDATED BY THE "BIG DAY": James and Doreen Remsen will lead a "non-birder's" Birdathon on May 4, 1991 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at Brookside Preserve, Brookside Avenue, Freeport. All that is required are the will to have a good time and two sponsors, one of which can be yourself. For more on this, see us at chapter events or call us (phone numbers are below).

People wishing to participate should notify either the leader of their chosen team or the Birdathon chairpersons in advance of the event. The teams will move, at their discretion, from location to location throughout the day. Participants may leave at will. Members unable to attend on Birdathon day should feel free to seek pledges and count whatever birds they see, wherever they happen to be that day, and forward their pledges and bird lists to the Birdathon chairpersons.

We would like each member to be an active Birdathoner, a sponsor in his/her own right, and a recruiter of additional sponsors from both *within and without* the South Shore Audubon Society.

Sponsors will be expected to pledge the amount of their choice (suggestions 25¢, \$1, or other amount) per species identified by the Birdathoner and his/her team. A preselected sum, pledged regardless of the number of species seen, is also acceptable.

Birdathoners will be responsible for notifying sponsors after the Birdathon, collecting their checks (made payable to the South Shore Audubon Society), and forwarding them with their sponsor pledge form(s) to the Birdathon Chairpersons by May 31, 1991.

Additional sponsor pledge forms and information will be available at meetings and bird walks, or by contacting either of the following: Doreen Remsen, 865 1-2B Broadway Avenue, Holbrook, NY 11741 (phone 472-6830), or James Remsen, Jr., 3264 Park Avenue, Ocean-side, NY 11572 (phone 764-5168 evenings).

TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM AND PRESERVE

Nassau County Dept. of Recreation and Parks
Washington Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
(516) 785-2802

Mid-Week Movie: Wed., 4:00 PM

- May 1 = Life in the Woodlot
- 8 = Living Soil
- 15 = Plant and Animal Communities
- 22 = Red-Winged Blackbird
- 29 = Seashore Life

Natural History Cinema: Sat. & Sun., 11:30 AM, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 PM

- May 4, 5 = Flipper the Seal
- 11, 12 = Five Colorful Birds
- 18, 19 = The Small One
- 25, 26 = The Raccoons

Tackapausha Presents: Sat. & Sun., 2:00 and 3:00 PM

- May 4, 5 = The Glass Lizard
- 11, 12 = Turtles of Long Island
- 18, 19 = The Conch Shell
- 25, 26 = You and Your Bones

THANK YOU

Brigitte Braff

I would like to thank all the members who helped with the cleanup at Silver Point Park. As of April 1st there were 8 piping plover at Silver Point.

TRIP TO BRIGANTINE

Diane Singer

Our trip to Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge (which may be history by the time some of you receive this update) is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th, leaving at 7:00 AM from the Merrick Road Park Golf Club (on Merrick Road, just east of the Meadowbrook State Parkway) and returning from the southern New Jersey shore at about 9:00 PM. As of mid-April there were still seats available for \$35, which includes dinner and coach fare. Call Diane Singer at 561-6118 if you're interested in joining us.

CONSERVATION REPORT

Annie McIntyre

Conservation Committee Meetings

The Conservation Committee meets every month at my house. Any and all are welcome and needed. It'll change only if we make it happen. Meetings are scheduled for 7 PM on Mondays: May 6th and June 3rd. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 379-2206.

No Net Loss of Wetlands

Does that sound familiar? It came along with the same rhetoric as "no new taxes." Now is it familiar? This is a campaign promise that environmentalists the country over were thrilled to hear carried over in Mr. Bush's first address to the nation as President.

Well, here's the reality of our "Environmental" President's promise: There is now a bill in the House, H.R. 1330, that would destroy wetlands protection as we know it. Among other things, it will redefine wetlands. It will also remove the EPA's veto on the Army Corps of Engineers' Section 404 permits — which is what stopped the Two Forks Dam project.

This is a reality. This nightmare of gutting the Clean Water Act *CAN* happen. You & I have to *STOP* it. We have to write or call our Congressmen. Tell them in no uncertain terms that you oppose H.R. 1330 and what will soon be its sister bill in the Senate, to be introduced by Louisiana Senator John Breaux.

Please. With the current laws we already lose 300,000 to 400,000 acres of wetlands per year. It is up to us.

Environmental Trust Fund

The Environmental Quality Bond Act is long dead, but the Adirondacks and conservation programs still need funding. Dave Miller, Audubon Northeast Regional Vice President, has asked that we each write to our State Senator and Assemblyman and ask them to support an Environmental Trust Fund. Three versions of this trust fund are being discussed; we want a trust fund that would generate a minimum of \$250 million a year, with the money to be spent on land protection, water, recycling, and parks, starting this year.

Please send letters to the New York State Senate, Room —, Albany, NY 12247, and the New York State Assembly, Room —, Albany, NY 12248. If you can't write, call! The State Senate switchboard number is 518-455-2800; for the Assembly it's 518-455-4100.

Room numbers for Senatorial and Assembly Districts in southern Nassau County are at the top of the next column.

S.D. #5 (Ralph J. Marino)	330C
S.D. #6 (Kemp Hannon)	812
S.D. #7 (Michael J. Tully, Jr.)	707
S.D. #8 (Norman J. Levy)	811
S.D. #9 (Dean G. Skelos)	903
A.D. #12 (Philip B. Healey)	329
A.D. #13 (Lewis J. Yevoli)	824
A.D. #14 (Frederick E. Parola)	318
A.D. #15 (Daniel Frisa)	545
A.D. #16 (Thomas P. DiNapoli)	501
A.D. #17 (Michael Balboni)	937
A.D. #18 (Earline Hill)	744
A.D. #19 (Charles J. O'Shea)	633
A.D. #20 (Harvey Weisenberg)	428
A.D. #21 (Gregory R. Becker)	718
A.D. #22 (George H. Madison)	439

IT'S DINNER TIME AT SOUTH SHORE

Diane Singer

EARLY RESERVATIONS HELP! Please complete the form below and send it, along with your check payable to *South Shore Audubon Society*, to: Diane Singer, 118 Kent Road, Valley Stream, NY 11580.

You will walk into the World of the Caesars, Capri is your home, and the Bay of Naples is at your feet, Blue Grotto et al. Your chairpersons are Shirley Kutner & Diane Singer.

Place: POMPEI RESTAURANT
401 Hempstead Avenue, West Hempstead, NY
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 1991
Time: 6:30 PM — Cocktail Hour
7:30 PM — Dinner
Cost: \$18.50 per person

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT OF CHECK: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: _____

NUMBER OF EACH MENU CHOICE:

Chicken Parmigiana _____

Filet of Sole Dijon _____

Eggplant Rollatini _____

or, if you prefer:

Broiled Chicken _____

Broiled Sole _____

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