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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joan Butkereit

Volunteers Needed. From the beginning of June through the beginning of August, you can volunteer for Piping Plover and Tern nesting site monitoring and protecting from Jones Beach West End 2 to Gilgo Beach. You can volunteer for just one day out of the summer or for up to half a day each week. All that's needed is a desire to protect endangered species and the ability to carry your binoculars and some rope on sand. Call Elliott Kutner at 486-7667 or me at 593-4554.

No Loose Ends. I want to thank all SSAS members and their friends who participated in ongoing projects or who came forward in true grass roots style with new ideas for us to delve into.

Number 12 Lincoln Place. This is in fact a very real address not known to the local postmaster or processed by any tax assessor. It is a huge tree located between #10 & #14 Lincoln Place and is a high rise with a plethora of opportunities for supporting life as well as enhancing human experience. The tree is a 60 foot tall maple and well over 60 years old. It is isolated from any greenbelt and surrounded by industrial and commercial asphalt lots.

Each May 5th, for the four-year period between 1984 and 1988, a male Rose-breasted Grosbeak found his way to this address and sang his heart out as he negotiated his way north to add his efforts toward another generation of his species. I'm sure it was the same bird, although I have no scientific criteria for making such a claim. The tree serves as a landmark by which he and many others mark their route.

Besides the usual urban squirrels, Starlings, and House Sparrows, there's always a lot of activity even in the bleakest of winter's bare days. But my favorite sights are the remarkable feathery green color at the end of April and the golden russet of late fall. When work weary, my eyes settle on that tree, and I think of the generations of life it has known, the cleansing effect it

NEXT MEETING — OUR ANNUAL DINNER

Sandy Brenner

DATE:

PLACE:

Tuesday, June 11, 1991

TIME:

6:30 PM for Cocktails

7:30 PM for Dinner (see page 7)

Pompei Restaurant 401 Hempstead Avenue

West Hempstead, NY

SPEAKER: Mel Brenner

TOPIC:

Bicycling in Central France

provides, and the shelter and oxygen it offers.

There is, of course, scientific evidence that could be quoted by someone more knowledgeable than me concerning the amounts of oxygen produced and the amount of carbon reduced by such a large canopy; trees mitigate the greenhouse effect and global warming. SSAS is committed to a very important project, the planting of one million trees appropriate to the Long Island environment by the year 2000. We hope others will recognize the value of trees and spare those with large canopies from destruction.

Some Tree Trivia (Compiled by Conservation Committee Members Pat Davis and Porgy Smith). The average American uses the equivalent of seven trees per year. \diamondsuit It takes over 500,000 trees to supply Americans with one Sunday paper. \diamondsuit Making new paper from old paper uses 30 to 55% less energy than making paper from trees. \diamondsuit Between 1950 and 1980, the forested surface of the Earth was reduced by 25%. \diamondsuit The world loses 27 million acres of tropical rainforest (an area the size of Tennessee) every year. \diamondsuit One in four healing drugs comes from a plant in a tropical rainforest. \diamondsuit 1400 rainforest plants may offer cures for cancer.

Words of Wisdom from John Muir. The clearest way into the universe is through a forest wilderness.

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June 5 = Seed Dispersal

12 = Snakes

19 = They Called the Island Long

26 = Rocks and Minerals

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

June 1, 2 = Baby Rabbit

8, 9 = Let's Give Kitty a Bath

15, 16 = Curious George

22, 23 = Frog and Toad Are Friends

29, 20 = Frog Goes to Dinner

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

June 1, 2 = Ticks Slide Show

8, 9 = Beak, Feet, and Feathers

15, 16 = Giant Moths of Long Island

22, 23 = Animal Homes

29, 30 = The Eastern Chipmunk

Natural History Workshops will be held in July and August for children ages 9 to 12. Call for details.

New Admission Fees: Adults \$1; children ages 5 to 12, 50¢; children under 5 free when accompanied by parent.

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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MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1991

Michael Sperling

According to a letter that was sent to me in the hope that I would mail them some money, National Audubon Society supports the following measures as reasonable alternatives to destroying the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge coastal plain: tightening fuel efficiency standards for the nation's automobile fleet; improving energy efficiency in industries, offices, and homes; and developing renewable energy technologies, such as solar. The April 1991 Audubon Activist states that, unfortunately, the Bush Administration's proposed energy program calls for no least-cost energy planning, no automotive fuel efficiency standards, no building efficiency standards, and few incentives for converting to renewable resources.

Late last year, Senator Richard Bryan's Motor Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Act was just barely killed by the Bush Administration when several Republican senators were persuaded to change their minds and vote against a measure that would have ended a filibuster on the Senate floor. Senator Bryan, a Nevada Democrat, and Slade Gorton, a Washington Republican, reintroduced S. 279 this year; the bill calls for increasing the average new car's fuel economy from 27.5 mpg to 34 mpg in 1996, and to 40 mpg by the year 2001, which would save an estimated $2\frac{1}{2}$ million barrels of oil a day. The bill has been approved by the Senate Commerce Committee in a 14-5 vote and once again needs 60 votes on the Senate floor to invoke cloture and allow a final vote. Please urge your senators to support S. 279.

Senator Tim Wirth's energy bill, S. 741 (discussed further on page 5), incorporates S. 279's measures and is likewise supported by the National Audubon Society. We need to voice support for both bills, however, because S. 741 must clear the Senate Energy Committee before the full Senate can consider it, and the Democratic chairman (Sen. Johnston) and ranking Republican (Sen. Wallop) of that committee are sponsors of the competing anti-environment energy bill, S. 341. New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan is a member of the Energy Committee and should be contacted by all of us on behalf of S. 741.

BIRD WALKS

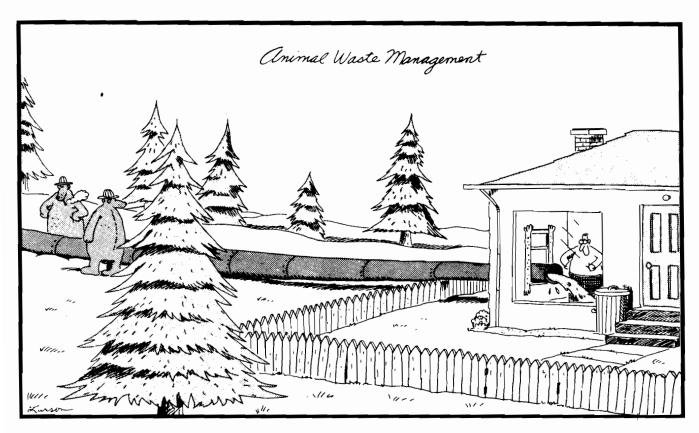
Elliott Kutner

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

June 2 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge June 9 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Aug. 11 Massapequa Preserve

Aug. 18, 25 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge



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1991 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Betsy Gulotta

South Shore Audubon Society is pleased to announce two winners of the SSAS College Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to students who express an interest and dedication to further their education in some area of environmental studies that will lead to the betterment of our natural resources. This year, the \$500 scholarship is being divided between two equally qualified candidates.

Alison Randolph Kelly, a resident of Franklin Square and a senior at Hofstra University, is a biology major studying molecular systematics (how animals are related by comparing them at the molecular level). In addition to her studies, she is also involved in genetic research. She is an active member of the New York Zoological Society, Adirondack Mountain Club, and the Rainforest Action Network. She hopes to continue her studies at the graduate level at SUNY Stony Brook.

Regina Parry Green, a resident of Glen Head, is a graduate student in the Environmental Studies program at Long Island University's C. W. Post campus. While working as a Graduate Assistant, she has taken courses in environmental science, marine biology, biochemistry, and groundwater geology. She is anticipating a future in forestry at one of New England's universities.

Congratulations and good luck to both of our scholarship winners!

ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT ACT

Michael Sperling

Thirty states, including Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Jersey, but not including New York, have passed legislation that allows citizens to take legal action in cases of illegal dumping and other violations of state environmental laws.

The Environmental Enforcement Act has been proposed for many years in New York and is supported by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Governor Mario Cuomo, Attorney General Robert Abrams, and the New York State Assembly, but has never been permitted to come to a vote in the New York State Senate. State Senate Majority Leader Ralph Marino and his fellow Nassau County Republican State Senators need to hear from South Shore Audubon Society's members regarding this issue.

The proposed act would complement the efforts of the understaffed DEC and Attorney General's office by allowing citizen suits only 60 days after the DEC and Attorney General's office have been notified of the citizen's intent to take the polluters to court. If the suit is successful, the violation would be rectified and the citizen or citizen group could recover the costs of the suit from the violator.

Please write to your state senator at the NYS Senate, Albany, NY 12247.

BIRD WALK REPORT

Betty Borowsky

The weather was beautiful when about 45 persons assembled for a bird walk at Zach's Bay on the morning of April 28th. The temperature was about 55°, and the day was clear and bright, but there was a brisk wind blowing and this bird walk provided a lesson in how different birds deal with relatively strong winds.

Zach's Bay has many habitats: the beach; up shore, marsh grasses typical of saltwater wetlands; and, even farther up shore, small stands of oak and pine trees, interspersed with patches of grassy lawn. Each of these habitat types attracts different species of birds. On the shore and in the water were geese (Canada geese and brant), a sandpiper (willet), double-crested cormorants, a great egret, and, of course, sea gulls (herring and great black-backed). In the marsh grasses were red-winged blackbirds; overhead a belted kingfisher made its crackling sound as it flew about 15 feet over the water, looking for fish. In the trees we saw a rufous-sided towhee and sparrows (both song and white-throated). On the lawn that borders the parkway was a pair of indigo buntings.

Many of the birds we saw modified their usual behaviors to allow for the wind. For example, the cormorants were perched on the tops of pilings as they usually are when not in the water, but while they typically extend their wings and neck out to allow their feathers to dry between bouts of fishing, today they were all facing into the wind and holding their wings close to their bodies. Several glossy ibis flew overhead; they are instantaneously recognizable by their hump-backed profile in flight and their needlelike downwardly curved beaks. These and the geese seemed able to negotiate the wind, but we only saw them fly short distances.

In contrast, the sea gulls were not only unfazed by the wind, but exploited it. They oriented their wings to obtain maximum lift, remaining aloft with barely a wing flap.

The barn swallows we saw also seemed unfazed by the wind. Although only about 7 inches long, they are strong flyers, and they careered about as they collected insects on the wing.

Several birders had seen warblers in their backyards in the morning (the warblers had recently arrived from the south), but, although the tree-stand habitat at Zach's Bay would normally have attracted them, none were seen. Although warblers are not too much smaller than swallows, they have more difficulty with the wind. For example, they are often blown off course during their migrations, and some are forced to land on ships a hundred miles or more out at sea in order to rest.

Thus, while the warblers appeared to be grounded this day, other birds that make their living while flying either were not inhibited by the wind (the kingfisher, which locates fish by flying over the water and then dives in to catch them; and the swallows, which capture their food in flight) or appeared to benefit by it (the sea gulls, which locate their food by air surveys).

SAVE EARTH AWARDS

Betsy Gulotta

Twenty Girl Scouts in two troops have completed the requirements necessary to receive Save Earth Awards from South Shore Audubon Society. The award is part of a new instructional/service program initiated by SSAS this year to encourage community groups such as Girl Scout troops to learn about the environment and become environmental activists. Participants in the program receive at least three periods of instruction about the environment in exchange for at least three sessions of service at a local preserve or other environmental activity.

The Girl Scouts participated in the Cow Meadow Preserve cleanup this spring, two cleanups at Brookside Preserve, and the Cow Meadow Family Nature Festival. They were also scheduled to work at Earth Day and the Twin Lakes cleanup, both of which were canceled due to rain. They are completing their service requirements by participating in the Piping Plover Project this summer. The scouts received instruction from SSAS member-volunteers Elliott Kutner, Kaye Tracy, and Joan Simmonds. Joan also helped to establish and coordinate the program with the Girl Scouts.

At the May meeting of SSAS, the girls received a letter of recognition of their participation in the program and a Save Earth Award patch. The patch also signifies a scouting achievement in environmental community service.

This year's award recipients are from two troops:

Troop 803, Rockville Centre – leaders Christine Bozek and Helyn Jewell, and scouts Meghan Bozek, Heather Cox, Caitlin Della Valle, Mary Alice Jewell, and Barbara Quinterno.

Troop 2012, Baldwin — leaders Helen Rucell and Dolores Annarella, and scouts Heather Annarella, Dominique Baptista, Heather Best, Kristen Cattrano, Beth Daly, Elizabeth Deumig, Jennifer Dohn, Siobhan Gaskin, Frances Gonzalez, Melissa Henley, Sydney Klopfer, Kristen Koehler, Alvirita Romero, Jessica Rucell, and Nidui Sood.

NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

Michael Sperling

Democratic Senator Tim Wirth of Colorado has introduced S. 741, the National Energy Efficiency and Development Act. Unlike President Bush's proposal and S. 341 (the Johnston-Wallop bill mentioned in last month's Skimmer), Senator Wirth's bill emphasizes energy conservation over increased oil production and has gained the support (instead of the wrath) of the National Audubon Society and other environmental groups. The May issue of Audubon Activist says that S. 741 would "foster the use of alternative fuels, provide incentives for conservation, increase fuel economy for cars and trucks, and increase domestic oil drilling," but (unlike the other proposals) would not open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil development.

According to an article in the Sierra Club's April 12th National News Report, "the energy efficiency measures contained in the Wirth package would save 20 times more energy than those outlined in the Johnston-Wallop energy plan." The article states that S. 741 includes provisions to increase residential and commercial building efficiency standards and to establish minimum efficiency standards for electrical appliances and lighting, and would increase funding for research, development, and promotion of commercial solar energy use.

Please write to Senator Moynihan to urge support for S. 741. The Senate Energy Committee (of which he is a member) must pass this bill (and not S. 341) before the rest of the Senate can get a chance to approve the legislation.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Marion Yavarkovsky

Spring has brought us another crop of new members. We hope you will all grow into active participants in our organization.

[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.]

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WETLANDS UPDATE

The Conservation Report in last month's Skimmer contained late-breaking news of anti-wetlands legislation that had just been introduced as H.R. 1330 in the U.S. House of Representatives. The front page article by Allen St. John in the May issue of Audubon Activist provides details on this and other government threats to wetlands and is excerpted below. Wetlands protection is one of National Audubon Society's four High-Priority Campaigns. Audubon Activist is available free to any Audubon member who pledges to write two letters and make two phone calls per year to his/her elected officials. Write to Audubon Activist, 950 Third Ave., New York, NY 10022.

Wetlands Now Imperiled by Industry-backed Bills

Calling itself the "National Wetlands Coalition," an industry-led lobbying consortium is working overtime to remove the chief legislative barriers to unchecked development on the nation's wetlands.

The coalition, which includes real-estate developers, oil and gas industry representatives, dam builders, and farmers, is gaining the attention of a growing number of congressional members and administration policy-makers. Two bills pending in the House and another that was expected to be introduced in the Senate would severely limit the jurisdiction of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the federal law primarily responsible for regulating wetlands filling and development.

In addition, a controversial new edition of the federal wetlands field manual — used by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to implement the guidelines of Section 404 — is scheduled to be released later this year, which may result in the removal of millions of acres from the law's protection.

Tiered Systems Proposed. Both bills now before the House would classify wetlands according to their supposed value. Wetlands deemed "less valuable" would receive little or no protection under Section 404 and be opened to development.

At one extreme, H.R. 1330, introduced by Rep. Jimmy Hayes (D-La.) with 53 cosponsors, proposes a three-tiered ranking system for wetlands. (Louisiana Democrat John Breaux is expected to introduce a companion bill in the Senate.) Low-quality "Type C" wetlands would be entirely deleted from 404 protection. The filling of medium-quality "Type B" lands could be permitted as long as the developer minimizes the damage or compensates for the lost acreage. Even "Type A" wetlands, those of the highest quality, could be developed if the Corps determines a project serves an "overriding public interest."

A caveat in the bill would probably restrict the number of wetlands qualifying for the highest protection. If private property were designated Type A wetland, it would be considered a "taking" by the government and require compensation to the landowner. The government would have to come up with at least \$5 to \$10 billion to "qualify" these lands.

As an added measure, H.R. 1330 would eliminate entirely the EPA's role in the 404 process — including its authority to veto permits issued by the Corps for filling wetlands. That veto power, while rarely used, is a crucial safeguard against the destruction of vital fish and wildlife habitat.

But perhaps the most insidious way the bill threatens wetlands is by drastically narrowing their legal definition. To be covered by Section 404, wetlands would have to be inundated by water for 21 consecutive days — wiping out with one stroke thousands of critically important seasonal and transitional wetlands.

Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt (R-Ark.) has proposed a "compromise" bill, H.R. 404, but environmentalists say it is little better than the Hayes bill. The measure has a two-tiered classification system and retains a limited role for the EPA in 404 proceedings. It also would restrict the definition of wetlands by adopting the 21-day "splash test."

A Risky Proposition. The most immediate threat posed by the proposed legislation, as well as by the possible changes in the federal wetlands field manual, would be the removal of smaller seasonal and transitional wetlands from the protective umbrella of Section 404. Ecologists are increasingly finding that these small wetlands are important for recharging groundwater, filtering out pollutants, and providing wildlife habitat. The "prairie potholes" in the Plains states, for example, are the breeding grounds for a large proportion of North American waterfowl.

But the spate of attacks emanating from the capital has placed all wetlands in jeopardy, say environmentalists. According to Ed Pembleton, director of Audubon's Water Resources Program, we simply don't know enough about the functions of wetlands to risk destroying them by excluding whole categories. Frank Dunstan, director of Audubon's high-priority wetlands campaign, adds that the incredible diversity of wetlands and their functions make classifying them difficult. "Making distinctions among this swamp or that riparian area is a risky proposition to begin with," he says.

Under the best of circumstances, each year hundreds of thousands of acres of wetlands are converted for shopping malls, golf courses, condominiums, drilling pads, and croplands. All told, greater than half of the original wetland acreage in the lower 48 states has been lost in little more than two centuries.

Conservationists do not plan to stand still while the rest is destroyed. "Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is not perfect, but it's the best we have for protecting wetlands," says Audubon's Babcock. "It should be left alone."

What Audubon Activist Encourages You to Do

Write your senators and representative and ask them to oppose any bills that would weaken Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. In the House, ask your representative to reject the Hayes bill (H.R. 1330) and the Hammerschmidt bill (H.R. 404). Ask your senator to oppose the Breaux bill (no number at press time). Write to President Bush and ask him to renew his pledge to ensure "no net loss" of wetlands.

Addresses are as follows: The Honorable ..., U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510; The Honorable ..., U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515; and The Honorable George Bush, The White House, Washington, DC 20500.

IT'S DINNER TIME AT SOUTH SHORE

Diane Singer

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: POMPEL RESTAURANT

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THANKS AND OOPS

Michael Sperling

First, the Oops. For those of you who wondered why last month's President's Message started with an improbable "No, this is not about waterfowl," I'd like to confess that Joan's title, "Ducktown," mysteriously vanished when I was arranging the material for the first page. Fortunately, Ducktown was mentioned in the second sentence of her story, so I've been forgiven. Sorry, Joan!

Next, the Thanks. As my first year as editor comes to a close, I'd like to thank all the people who helped make the 1990–1991 issues possible. South Shore Audubon Society is an organization composed solely of volunteers, many of whom managed to find time to contribute to the Skimmer this year.

Thanks to the following for preventing the Skimmer from being mostly blank pages: Evelyn & Fred Blume, Betty Borowsky, Brigitte Braff, Sandy Brenner, Joan & Paul Butkereit, Naomi Epstein & Harriet Shapiro, Rose Ermidis, Lennox Gordon, Betsy Gulotta, Bill Herzog, Elliott Kutner, Joann & Stephen Lee, Frieda Malament, Annie McIntyre, Doris Pirodsky, Doreen & James Remsen, Jr., Dolores Rogers, Carole & Richard Ryder, Carl Safina, Chris Schlamp, Lois Schlegel, Diane Singer, Porgy Smith, Gayle Wertz, Max Wheat, Marion Yavarkovsky, Chris Zacher, and John Zarudsky. Thanks to our advertisers for contributing material and financial aid: Feed & Seed Barn, Poodles in Blue, The Waldorf School of Garden City, and several familiar faces.

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Thanks to those of you who volunteered to help with labels or transportation but haven't been drafted yet. I still have your names and numbers!

Thanks to the Sperling labeling team: Mom, Dad, Grandma, Linda, and Vicki (with early help from Sally & George Popkin).

Thanks to Marion & David Yavarkovsky for punctually providing 20,000 labels per year and for cheerfully juggling National Audubon's membership data and my compulsive cross-examinations of that data.

Thanks to Ken Lowe for bringing most of the mailings to the post office, and to Alan Bromberg, Bob Epstein, and George Popkin for each taking a turn.

Finally, thanks to Jenny Krivanek for all the trips to the printer and post office, and for inconspicuously adding a last-minute President's Message to one issue (for those of you who are kind enough to keep back issues, this is a quiz — which issue?).

Enjoy the summertime, everybody. For anyone inclined to do some writing, the deadline for submitting September *Skimmer* articles to me will probably be August 8th.

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