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"Nature is a part of our humanity, and without some awareness and experience of that divine mystery man ceases to be man. When the Pleiades and the wind in the grass are no longer a part of the human spirit, a part of very flesh and bone, man becomes, as it were, a kind of cosmic outlaw, having neither the completeness and integrity of the animal nor the birthright of a true humanity."

Henry Beston, 1949

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

July 27-28
Sat-Sun

SALTON SEA: A weekend trip that promises to be an excellent birding adventure. Jim and Marylou Hand will lead this overnight trip to this unique land-locked sea. Although the temperature will be hot, the birding will be too. Probable species to be seen include Fulvous Tree Ducks, Cull-billed Terns, Black Terns, Wood Storks, and Lesser Nighthawks. For more information call the Hands at 966-2896.

As you know, the regular monthly meetings will not resume until September and planned Field Trips are few and far between. However, the need for strong conservation awareness never takes a vacation and neither do those organizations and individuals whose way of life seems to be environmental destruction. We all must remain aware of environmental threats both on the local (airport expansion, blind growth & development, Mesa hotel complexes, etc.) and national levels. Don't fail to continue to press for rigid environmental safeguards, regardless of the particular situation.

TOMI'S MESSAGE

Annual meeting-- Once again our thanks to Joy Parkinson for the outstanding dinner served at the annual picnic. Joy and I thank the volunteers, Doris Vichanoff who helped us prepare on Friday afternoon and all those who helped on Saturday. Special thanks to Ed Parkinson.

It was good to see Hobe Holbrook and his bride Betty, Richard Webster and parents, Fifi and Preston.

Norm Sanders and his family joined us for dinner. Our gift, a bright orange floating binocular, was presented to him by Joy Parkinson who was president of the society during the period of Saving Goleta Slough.

Also the new board members were elected.

The following board decisions were made:

Conservation Award to Industry-- Recommendations will be sent to National Audubon for MISSION LAUNDRY for the methods used in recycling water at their plants.

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Tomi's Message continued...

Zaca Lake-- Mike Fishbein attended the committee meeting in May. The Planning Commission voted 8-1 to deny conditional-use permit for the proposed 320-site campground project. The developer plans to appeal the decision to the Board of Supervisors on July 1 at 2pm. (Have you seen the recent ads describing the contest being held by the Zaca Lake people? You can win a prize for writing the best letter telling why camping should be allowed at the lake. Why don't you write one to the Supervisors telling why camping SHOULD NOT be allowed at the Lake...the prize will be an unspoiled natural lake, and it will be an extremely hard won prize that future generations of Auduboners and others can cherish.)

Conservation Workshop Scholarship-- Roberta Naus was selected for this scholarship. The course under UC ~~Extension~~ July 28-August 5 is "The Sea and Shore, Recording Nature Through the Eye of the Camera."

Board member Elizabeth Russell tendered her resignation which the board regretfully accepted.

My thanks to the board members for their cooperation and active participation during this last year. Our increased membership has added to the burden of membership chairperson, Minna Smith, the mimeographer, Mabel Rett, and the mailing committee under Doris Hughes...to you a special thanks.

The second year increased my contacts with groups concerned about our environment. It indicated the need for increased awareness in our environmental problems. We must continue to be vigilant. The programs and field trips were great. Getting to know you has been fun. Let's do more.

Officer's elected:

<u>President</u>	Virginia Puddicombe	969-1702
<u>Vice-president</u>	Michael Goodwin	966-5012 (office)
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	John Arnold	685-1629
<u>Corresponding Secretary</u>	Shirley Clark	684-2324
<u>Treasurer</u>	Timothy Whitehouse	967-2636 962-0011 (office)

The committee chairpersons will be listed in the Aug-Sept issue.

The board will continue meeting this summer. Next meeting is July 3, Jr. Library, Museum Nat History. All members are always welcome.

The board has proposed field trips and a member meeting night during the summer. Notices of any such meeting will be in the News-Press.

A creative exhibit requires creative minds and talented fingers. The bird exhibit committee welcomes members to their work sessions which are held every Thursday at 1:30 at the Exhibit Laboratory at the Nat History Museum. Drop in and see what you can do and learn.

Congratulations to the new board. We will look forward to an active period with times for good birding and times for lively exchanges of ideas on conservation issues.

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And a special thanks to you Tomi for giving so much of your time and energy to the Audubon Society. You have served with dignity and vigor and we can all give our thanks to you for your truly admirable efforts.

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FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Refugio Road&Pass-- Twelve persons enjoyed a warm, sunny day in the valley and through the pass. Sixty-one species were seen, highlighted by these sightings: A Pygmy Owl, with 2 others calling; Sharp-shinned hawk; Lazuli Bunting; Chipping Sparrows, and a Lawrence's Goldfinch.

MaryLou Hand

La Purisima Mission-Vandenberg AFB-- On Saturday May 4, members and guests met at the Mission grounds near Lompoc. Good birding at the mission ranged from hummers to hawks. Quite a few persons got their first look, and it was a good one, at the California Thrasher and the Common Flicker.

The varied habitats of Vandenberg AFB were explored with the elusive Marsh Wren being called into plain view. Even more elusive was the Sora that was heard but not seen.

An excellent selection of terns, grebes, ducks and shore birds was seen at the old bridge area. An immature Golden Eagle, seen on the wing, highlighted the day. Bonaparts Gulls and various scoters were also seen.

The middle Pine Canyon Lake and its overflow area was explored but it offered no new species. Total count for the day was 70 species.

Russ Spowart

SPRING MIGRATION BIRD NOTES

The following sightings were made in and around the Santa Barbara area this spring:

WHITE PELICAN, Goleta, April 10. BRANT (not Black Brant) Devereux Slough
BLUE-WINGED TEAL, a pair, Devereux Slough WOOD DUCK, female, Goleta Sewage
plant. BLACK SCOTER, check with Waldo Abbott, who saw an unusually large number.
PEREGRINE FALCON, stooping to take a swallow, Goleta, April 1. TURKEY, 2 along
Zaca Creek (below the lake), May 18. LAUGHING GULL, early May, Devereux Slough.
VAUX'S SWIFT, a large flight through the area, April 26. TROPICAL KINGBIRD, 2 on
April 6. DUSKY FLYCATCHER, near Zaca Lake, May 18. ORCHARD ORIOLE, one returned
to George Robinson's home on the Mesa April 12. Call to see if it is still there.
SUMMER TANAGER, one male at Davy Brown Campground May 12. POORWILL, Montecito,
late May.

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WHERE'S POPPA?

A Lesser Canada Goose and her two young may still be seen at the Bird Refuge. Don't miss seeing these young geese while you still have the chance.

SUMMER FILM SERIES

This summer the SB Museum of Natural History will present a series of five films that are unsurpassed in documenting animal behavior. These are some of the most important nature films ever made. They come at a time when animal behaviorists are finding increasing numbers of links in behavior between humans and more advanced members of the animal kingdom.

Each hour-long color film will be shown one time only at 7:30 pm in Fleischmann Auditorium; maximum capacity for seating is 500. All are free to the public.

First in the series is "Wolves and the Wolf Men" to be shown on Thursday, June 27. This 1972 release has won four international awards for its presentation of wolf social behavior. On July 11, a National Geographic Society film, "The Winged World" investigates instinct and intelligence in birds. Others on the schedule are "Miss Goodall and the Wild Dogs of Africa" on July 25, "The Hidden World" on August 1, and "The Mystery of Animal Behavior" on August 15.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Museum at 963-7821.

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LEND A HAND

Would you like to help us occasionally assemble El Tecolote for mailing? It only takes about 1½ hours, and it usually is the second Thursday of the month, at 9am. If you can help sometimes please contact me so your name can be put on the list.

Doris Hughes, 965-8386.

HAVE AN EMPTY SEAT?

I am new to Santa Barbara and to Audubon, having retired here from New Jersey. I would like to attend some of your events; however, I do not have a car. If there are participants with cars in the vicinity of Victoria and Olive Streets, I would like to arrange for transportation to and from meeting places on a Driver Donation basis.

Sophie Holprin 965-2910.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ventura--Mrs FK Copeland

Ojai--Mrs H Herrick

Santa Barbara

Maxine Tinney AA Atuel Mr&Mrs Thornton Howell Earl&Roselma Close James R Ross
Mrs Pamela Sneddon Nephtali B Solis BA Meek Mr&Mrs Todd Straka DR Gillies
Nancy E Roome Arthur&Patricia Carlson FB McCoilom Mr&Mrs BJ Terry Mrs Edward
L Bayly Dorothy M Watt

We are very pleased to welcome all our new members and hope you will participate in our many activities. If you move please notify membership chairperson of address change. Also, if for some other reason you are not receiving El Tecolote, call her. Minna E. Smith, 1600 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, 966-7971.

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LETTERS

If you are considering a letter to a state, local, or federal representative, or to other individuals in a position to hand down environmental decisions (such as committees, commissions, etc.) but you're not exactly sure how to go about it, don't despair. No secret code for writing letters exists. The main thing to remember when writing is to get to the point of the subject; tell in your own words why you support or are against certain actions, plans, ideas, legislation, etc.

Direct correspondence from one's constituents or from individuals affected by one's actions are the best indications to persons of power as to how well or ill their actions are being received. Don't ever think that your opinion doesn't matter; it does and will continue to matter as long as diligent observation of public official's actions or inaction continues.

Many times too, ideas that you have may not have occurred to the persons to whom you write; thus, a direct letter giving your opinion is extremely important and you should never hesitate to give your opinion on environmental, or any other matters.

One other point to remember is to write as a private citizen, not as a member of Audubon.

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The next issue of El Tecolote will be the combined August-September issue. Deadline for the next issue is August 10. Mail or bring contributions to: John Arnold, 431 Elwood Beach Drive #1, Goleta, CA 93017.

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