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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 3 Field Trip. Saturday, 8:00 AM, Marin Headlands. Meet in the parking area near the headquarters north of Rodeo Lagoon. From 101, take the Alexander Ave., Sausalito exit. Go downhill, then left through tunnel entrance to Port Cronkhite. At Rodeo Lagoon turn right across bridge between lagoon and pond. Vagrants, migrating hawks, including possibility of Broad-winged Hawk. Leader: Don Schmoltdt - 251-6133.
- Oct. 4 Boat Trip. Sunday, 7:45 AM, Monterey Bay. Depart from Fisherman's Wharf, return 3 PM. \$22 per person. Reserve with check payable to Debbi Shearwater, 362 Lee Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. (408) 425-8111. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope for confirmation. Leaders: Alan Baldrige and Howard Cogswell.
- Oct. 7 Field Trip South. Wednesday, 9:00 AM, Jetty Road, Moss Landing. Take U.S. Hwy. 1 south from Santa Cruz approximately 20 miles. Jetty Rd. is a right turn just north of the Elkhorn Slough bridge before the PG&E power plant. Good receding tide. Leader: Esther Ollis, 353-2271. Call Manette Wittgenstein, 354-9420 for rides and riders.
- Oct. 10 Boat Trip. Saturday. See Oct. 4 for details. Leaders: Ted Chandik and Jeri Langham.
- Oct. 11 Boat Trip. Sunday. See Oct. 4 for details. Leaders: Kimball Garrett and Don Roberson.
- Oct. 13 Bird Discussion Group. Tuesday, 9:30 AM, at the home of Eve Case. Topic: Fall Migration Experiences.
- Oct. 14 Field Trip. Wednesday, 9:00 AM, Palo Alto Baylands. Take 101 to Embarcadero Rd., east exit and follow it to the end. Meet at the parking lot in front of the duck pond. Leader: Kay McCann - 327-4138.

- Oct. 17 Boat Trip. Saturday, 7:45 AM, see Oct. 4 for details. Leaders: Steve Bailey and Jon Dunn.
- Oct. 17 Field Trip. Saturday, 9:00 AM, Sanborn Park. From Saratoga, west on Big Basin Way to Saratoga Springs, left on Sanborn Rd. one mile, right into parking lot. Leader: Frank Farran - 252-3874.
- Oct. 18 Boat Trip. Sunday, 7:45 AM, see Oct. 4 for details. Leaders: Allan Baldrige and Bruce Elliot.
- Oct. 18 Field Trip. Sunday, 8:30 AM, Alum Rock Park. From 680 take Alum Rock Ave. exit east. From entrance of park continue east until you get to the last parking lot. Meet in front of the Youth Science Institute sign. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Allen Royer - 251-6133.
- Oct. 21 Roger Tory Peterson. "Portraits of a Birdwatcher"--an exhibit of 22 original paintings, 14 color plates, and memorabilia of a true living legend. Includes historical notes, a film, and short AV program on the man, his painting, and the incredible task of putting together a Peterson Field Guide. Exhibit runs until March 1982. Cal. Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, S.F. 94118. For information call (415) 221-5100.
- Oct. 21 General Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, "Last Stronghold of the Bald Eagle," an Audubon film presented by Mr. Richard Martyr. Lucy Evans Baylands Interpretive Center, east end of Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto. Please see note in this AVOCET for more information.
- Oct. 23 Brown Bag Bird Bunch. (Formerly the No. County Bird Discussion Group.) Friday, 9 AM at Redwood Grove, Los Altos. Foothill Xway, right off at Main St. Immediate left on University. Past Shoup Park, look for Grove sign on right hand side. Questions: Eleanor - 968-9073.
- Oct. 24 Birdwalks for Beginners. Saturday, 8:30 AM, Palo Alto Baylands. Take Embarcadero exit east from Bayshore Freeway (101) to end and follow signs to the Baylands. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Palo Alto Duck Pond. Leader: Steve Lewis - 962-9763. Note: Trip will be cancelled if it is raining.
- Oct. 24 Wings: A One Day Symposium at the Cal. Academy. Includes Roger Tory Peterson and a host of other speakers for a one day symposium to explore the fascinating subject of birds. Call (415) 221-5100 for details. Members: \$7, non-members: \$15.
- Oct. 25 Roger Tory Peterson for Mono Lake! Sunday 1-4 PM. Needless to say, a fundraiser for Mono Lake. Mr. George Peyton Jr., of the National Audubon Board, has been one of the prime movers in the Mono Lake Movement; George will make a selection of wines available for tasting. Roger Tory Peterson will, of course, be on hand to autograph your Peterson Field Guides. The donation is \$25/person and you had better call for reservations. The place is Audubon's Western Education Center, 376 Greenwood Beach Rd., Tiburon, CA 94920 - (415) 388-2524. The group will be limited to about 100 people.
- Oct. 28 Field Trip North. Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Foothill Park. Meet in the commuters parking lot at the Page Mill-Arastadero Rd. intersection just off 280.

We will be limited as to the number of people and cars we can take into the park, so please call the leader--Barbara Allen, 326-0521 or Dolores Norton 941-1666.

- Nov. 11 Field Trip South. Wednesday, 9 AM, Los Gatos Creek County Park (Campbell Perculation Ponds). Take Winchester to Hacienda (from Los Gatos - right turn, from Campbell left). Turn left on Dell and right at park entrance bordering large pond. Meet in small parking lot beside picnic tables. Excellent for ducks, grebes, herons, and last year on this walk, an osprey. Leader: Jo Pettit, 266-5118. Call Manette Wittgenstein for rides, 354-9420.
- Nov. 15 Boat Trip. Sunday, 7:45 AM, Monterey Bay. Depart from Fisherman's Wharf, return 3:00 PM. \$22.00 per person. Reserve with check payable to Debbi Love Shearwater, 362 Lee Street, Santa Cruz 95060, (408) 425-8111. Enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation. Leaders: Alan Baldrige, Jeri Langham.
- Nov. 18 Field Trip North. Wednesday, Coyote Hills Regional Park. Details later. Leader: Phil Hand - 851-2623.

#### LAST STRONGHOLD OF THE BALD EAGLE

This month's Audubon General Meeting will feature an Audubon film, "Last Stronghold of the Bald Eagle" presented by Mr. Richard Martyr, an Audubon Vice-President with our Western Regional Office in Sacramento. The film describes the concentrated population of wintering Bald Eagles in the Chilkat Valley of Alaska. We'll hear some of the natural history of this, our national symbol, and discuss the steps needed to insure the continued vitality of the Alaskan Bald Eagle populace. Remember: Audubon General Meetings are free and open to the public, so why not join on Oct. 21?!

#### NEST RECORD CARD PROGRAM

Gail Cheeseman would like participants in Cornell University Nest Record Program to send in their completed cards to her: 20800 Kittredge Rd., Saratoga, CA 95070.

#### SCVAS GRANTS PROGRAM

By Kep Stone

The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS) is continuing its program of providing grants to studies and projects that advance the knowledge, appreciation and protection of wildlife and its habitats. Proposals for grants will be accepted through October 21, 1981, for consideration in the fall funding cycle. Proposals approved by the SCVAS Grants Committee and Board of Directors will receive funding about December 1, 1981.

Applications for grants must be submitted on a "Grant Request Form," which may be obtained by writing to:

SCVAS Grant Committee  
c/o Keppler Stone  
2526 Amaryl Drive  
San Jose, CA 95132

Each completed request form must be accompanied by a proposed budget and schedule for the study or project. Recipients of grants will be asked to provide a program for a SCVAS general meeting or an article for the SCVAS "Avocet" after completion of the funded activity.

## FIELD NOTES - Bill Bousman

Last month I wrote about what I do with the observations people send in or tell me about on the phone. But what about the truly rare birds? What about a species that has never been recorded in the local area, or even in California? You have just seen the bird, and you are absolutely certain about its identification. You call me up and tell me what you have seen. Do I believe you? Absolutely. Do I pass your observation on? It depends upon your description. For a truly rare bird what is needed are photographs. If photos can't be obtained, then a detailed written description by two or more competent observers is needed. If only one person sees the bird, then a detailed description may suffice. What is a detailed description? First, it should describe the bird in as complete detail as possible. Start at the bill, describe feather color, markings and work your way to the tail. Don't leave any detail out, and preferably sketch the bird so as to identify coloring. Then comment on behavior, vocalization, size (compare to other birds if possible), and finally viewing conditions: light, sun angle, your equipment and so forth. Why bother? At one time, bird distribution was determined solely by specimens. We have made a transition to the use of photographs and detailed descriptions. But if these records are to constitute a scientific data base on the distribution of birds, then we must be very careful before accepting any report, and err on the side of caution. So don't be upset by skeptical examination of your observation or even rejection. The bird you saw will live out his whole life totally unconcerned by our debates. That's not a bad attitude.

At least 2 male Harlequin Ducks have been at Ano Nuevo this summer, 1 was well seen on the SCVAS trip there 23 Aug. Com. Gallinules have nested at Moffett Field this summer with 2 juveniles there 28 July, and an adult and juvenile there 12 Aug. Lesser Yellowlegs were found widely in August with reports from Pescadero Marsh, Shoreline Park and Moffett Field. Two Red Knots were at Ano Nuevo for the SCVAS trip there 23 Aug, one was still in partial breeding plumage. Baird's and Pectoral sandpipers were found along the San Mateo coast. High numbers reported were 7 Baird's at Pescadero Marsh 14 Aug. and 2 or 3 Pectoral there 23 Aug. for the SCVAS trip. Elegant Terns appear to be along the coast in large numbers than normal with 35 counted at Ano Nuevo and 30 at Pescadero on the 23 Aug. SCVAS trip. On exceptional flight years, they have come into the bay and down to Dumbarton, but they have not yet been recorded in Santa Clara Co. Least Terns have remained on Charleston Slough through August with 6 still there on 1 Sept. (Charleston Slough Project). Marbled Murrelets were off Ano Nuevo in large numbers on 14 Aug., but only 2 were found on the SCVAS trip a week later. A Pygmy Owl in Foothill Park in mid-August is unusual (Ed Schaefer-ES). Male and female Allen's Hummingbirds in Palo Alto 4 Sept. are late migrants (ES). A Pileated Woodpecker was seen in Portola Park 23 Aug. The Santa Cruz Mountains are the southernmost extension of this rare woodpecker's breeding range. One or two Purple Martins were at Pescadero Marsh 23 Aug. A Cedar Waxwing at Los Trancos OSP was seen 4 Sept. which is an early return (ES). A juvenile Yellow-rumped Warbler in Menlo Park 15 Aug. is also an early return unless it is from a Santa Cruz Mountain breeding population.

If you see an "uncommon to rare" please drop me a note or call: Bill Bousman, 321 Arlington Way, Menlo Park, CA 94035 (322-5282).

## AUDUBON FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society is available if somebody would like one; just drop a note to our treasurer, Sue Liskovec (see back of AVOCET for her address).

## PALO ALTO BREEDING BIRD COUNT

Back in late summer, David Houle, who did a fabulous job with the field trips program last year, sent a copy of the first Palo Alto Breeding Bird Christmas Count ("Yes, Virginia--that's what Dave Houle said!") conducted May 31, 1981. The document is more than six pages long and follows generally the procedure for Christmas Counts. I wish we could run it all in THE AVOCET. I have abstracted and reduced at least the "count" portion below, plus other pertinent information. By the way, the center of the Count is at the intersection of Peter Couetts Rd. and Page Mill Rd. Here goes:

Pied-billed Grebe 40; Brown Pelican 5\*; Double-crested Cormorant 85\*; Great Blue Heron 73N; Great Egret 21A; Snowy Egret 388A; Black-crowned Night Heron 198A; Am. Bittern 2; Mallard 214; Gadwall 65; Pintail 33; Blue-winged Teal 2P (RF); Cinammon Teal 40; Am. Wigeon 3\*; N. Shoveler 43; Wood Duck 7; Canvasback 2\* (MRi); Lesser Scaup 4\*; scaup, sp. 1\*; Com. Goldeneye 5\*; Ruddy Duck 61; Turkey Vulture 32P; White-tailed Kite 19N; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2\* (CH, PL, AW); Cooper's Hawk 5; Accipiter, sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 41; Red-shouldered Hawk 3N; Marsh Hawk 13P; Am. Kestrel 9; California Quail 290; Ring-necked Pheasant 35; Clapper Rail 6; Com. Gallinule 4; Am. Coot 203; Snowy Plover 14Y; Killdeer 58; Black-bellied Plover 4\*; Long-billed Curlew 15\*; Willet 41\*; Dunlin 5\* (RF); Spotted Sandpiper 2\*; Short-billed Dowitcher 2\*; Long-billed Dowitcher 5\*; Marbled Godwit 13\*; Am. Avocet 400; Black-necked Stilt 354; W. Gull 1500\*; California Gull 198E (PW, MRi); Ring-billed Gull 198\*; Bonaparte's Gull 5\*; Forster's Tern 728; Caspian Tern 91A; Band-tailed Pigeon 162; Rock Dove 189; Mourning Dove 207; Barn Owl 2; Screech Owl 4; Great Horned Owl 21; Pygmy Owl 1P; Burrowing Owl 1; Foor-will 1P (DH party-MRe, RP, FR); Vaux's Swift 2P (DH party); Black Swift 13\* (DH party, DM, VS); White-throated Swift 40; Anna's Hummingbird 57; Allen's Hummingbird 40; Selasphorus, sp. 7; Com. (Red-sh.) Flicker 24; Acorn Woodpecker 74; Hairy Woodpecker 9; Downy Woodpecker 5; Nuttall's Woodpecker 25; W. Kingbird 1P (DH party); Ash-throated Flycatcher 35; Black Phoebe 23; W. Flycatcher 43; W. Wood Pewee 41; Olive-sided Flycatcher 33; Horned Lark 2; Violet-green Swallow 211; Tree Swallow 24; Rough-winged Swallow 7; Barn Swallow 341; Cliff Swallow 457; Steller's Jay 165; Scrub Jay 244; Com. Raven 2P; Com. Crow 5P; Chestnut-backed Chickadee 380; Plain Titmouse 114; Bushtit 467; White-breasted Nuthatch 26; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1P (DH party); Brown Creeper 18; Wren 118; Winter Wren 2P (DH party); Bewick's Wren 101; Long-billed Marsh Wren 22; Mockingbird 37; California Thrasher 49; Am. Robin 90; Swainson's Thrush 13; W. Bluebird 16; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 27; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5P (DH party); Water Pipit 1\* (MRi); Loggerhead Shrike 1; Starling 165; Hutton's Vireo 83; Solitary Vireo 21; Warbling Vireo 129; Orange-crowned Warbler 132; Yellow Warbler 7; Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler 1P (DH party); Black-throated Gray Warbler 9; MacGillivray's Warbler 4P (DM, VS, DH party); Com. Yellowthroat 5; Wilson's Warbler 27; House Sparrow 61; W. Meadowlark 49; Red-winged Blackbird 288; Hooded Oriole 2; N. (Bullock's) Oriole 12; Oriole, sp 4; Brewer's Blackbird 235; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; W. Tanager 14BB; Black-headed Grosbeak 91; Lazuli Bunting 20; Purple Finch 54; House Finch 167; Pine Siskin 12BB; Am. Goldfinch 6; Lesser Goldfinch 182; Lawrence's Goldfinch 33EE; Rufous-sided Towhee 198; Brown Towhee 164; Savannah Sparrow 47; Lark Sparrow 10; Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco 267; Chipping Sparrow 16; Lincoln's Sparrow 1\* (MRi, TR); Song Sparrow 207.

Total, 140 species; about 12,318 individuals. (In count area count period (3 weeks) but not seen count day: W. Grebe\*; Eared Grebe\*; White Pelican\*; Redhead\* (BE); Ring-necked Duck\* (BC, JC); Greater Scaup\*; Surf Scoter\*; Peregrine Falcon\* (MRi); Virginia Rail P; Semipalmated Plover\*; Western Sandpiper\*; Northern Phalarope\*; Glaucous-winged Gull\*; Belted Kingfisher P; Purple Martin A (PR); Pygmy Nuthatch P; House Wren YF; Cedar Waxwing\*.) - Lynne Aldrich, Aileen Brodsky, Ferol and Glenn Burris, Bill and Jean Clark, Emelie Curtis, Thomas Dargan, Courtenay R. Dawson, Alan Eisner, Peter Folan, Sue Formenti, Marilyn and Russ Fowler, Roy Glass, Mary Lou Grunigen, Chip and Jane Haven, David Houle (compiler -- 836 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94303, after Sept. 1, 1981, Department of Ecology and Evolution, State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook NY 11794), Elsie Karlin, Peter LaTourrette, Jim and Sue Liskovec, Marge Lutzker, David Moore, Bob and Dolores Norton, Rick Palmer, Jack and Marjorie Power, Mary-Lyle Rempel, Michael and Theresa Rigney, Philip Rostron, Allen Royer, Vicki Silvas-Young, Phyllis Swanson, Anne I. Wilson, Joe Wissel, Peg Woodin. Also, count period -- Bill Bousman.

Christmas count procedures have been followed in this count with the following exceptions. Birds on the list have been placed in one of three categories: (1) Those assumed to breed within the count circle. These birds have no symbol immediately following the number of individuals. (2) Those assumed not to breed in the count circle or surrounding areas (such as late migrants, or non-breeding summering birds), which are marked with an asterisk (\*). (3) Those which are (or were) doubtful breeders in the count circle. For these birds the level of evicence of breeding observed is represented by a series of "Breeding evidence letters: Y=young located (unable to fly); YF=young (can fly); E=eggs found; N=nest found; BB=breeding behavior (e. g., nest building, territorial defense); P=possible to probable breeding, but no evidence; A=known to nest locally outside the count circle, but not yet within it.

If someone would like a copy of the whole document, just drop the editor a note and I'll mail one out.



### HELP!

For a long time a very delightful lady named Marguerite Nash has supplied cookies, cakes, beverages, and general good will to Audubon General Meetings. Thanks to Marguerite and her friends, General Meetings have been more than just slides, films, who saw what, where, and when, plus the exciting ride back and forth over the Baylands road! Now Marguerite wants to make her mark in other ways, and we need someone to take over the social chair. Don't send resume or vitae--and cookie monsters may apply. And Marguerite, thank you again!

### MONO LAKE BUCKET BRIGADE

The 3rd bucket walk, annual meeting, picnic, and communal cry for Mono Lake was held on Sept. 6, 1981. From 9:00 AM till after 11:00 AM a steady flow of people from all over the West filled their water containers above the diversion on Lee Vining Creek, marched down the Tioga Road thru Lee Vining to the shores of Mono Lake and poured desperately needed water to the lake, symbolizing their commitment to its preservation. As marchers arrived at the lake, they were met by eleven Mono Lake Bikeathoners, including SCVASer Terry Hart, who had bicycled 350 miles with containers of water scooped from the reflecting pool of the Dept. of Water and Power in down town Los Angeles. Other local Monophiles who participated were Courtney Dawson-Roberts, Jr., Roy Glass, Allen Roger, and Susie Osaki. The march was followed by swimming in the lake, an informative annual meeting, an informal picnic, and concluded with an incredible dramatic presentation of Indian legends on the lawn at Mono Co. Park. During the week-end a sculptural replica of a portion of the Roman Aqueduct was erected near the lake with the inscription: "Los Angeles Aqueduct: A Monument (to reassert the memory is to court danger).

During the summer of 1981, over 95% of the 25,000-30,000 Calif. gull chicks which hatched, died before or soon after fledging. MLC staffers walking near the Negit Peninsula counted over 1000 dead chicks on small islets in less than an hour. Because of a very poor hatching of brine shrimp from overwintering brine shrimp eggs--the food needed to feed the young gull chicks--was not available. Adult gulls live from ten to fifteen years and it is supposed that they will give up nesting in an area where they experience a few years of nesting failure. This year's migration of Wilson's Phalaropes fed on brine shrimp whereas in previous years the Phalaropes fed on brine flies or a brine fly, shrimp combination. In previous years where 200,000-500,000 Eared Grebes had visited the lake in early Sept., this year there were only 15,000-20,000 individuals.

As of early September there were only informed suspicions as to the cause of the low shrimp hatch and low numbers of migrating birds. Perhaps the viability of overwintering brine shrimp eggs, or immature brine shrimp were affected by high salinity, low oxygen or other unknown factors. It may not be until March, 1982, that more answers are known. Meanwhile the level of the lake continues to drop. It is projected that at present diversion rates, the lake will drop another 50 feet before it stabilizes at less than one-fifth its natural volume.

On Aug. 17, 1981, a crucial hearing was held at the State Court in Markleeville, Alpine Co. to decide a point of law which drastically affects Mono's future. Judge Cook has 90 days to reach a decision. The complex issue involves an appropriate water rights theory between the Beneficial Use Doctrine and Public Trust Doctrine. Beneficial Use Doctrine says that if you live by a stream, you take as much as you can put to beneficial use. In the Depression of the 1930's, Los Angeles acquired the Mono Lake watershed lands by purchase or condemnation. Public Trust Doctrine established that all waterways, especially navigable ones, belong to the public to enjoy, preserve, recreate on, camp on, etc. The possible path of the lawsuit is then--the 90-day decision period, possibly an appealed decision--and finally a position established by the State Supreme Court. Perhaps the issue may even be decided by the State Water Resources Control Board and then go back to the courts. The Mono Lake Committee feels that there would be a good chance for diversion reductions under a State Supreme Court decision. A major San Francisco law firm which donated a huge amount of free legal time is now working on a half-fee basis.

If more water were allowed into Mono Lake--Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power (L. A. D. W. P.) might take water from the Metropolitan Water District which would in turn affect water supplies to Agribusiness in Kern Co. Also the LA aqueduct from Mono Lake watershed generates electricity on its way south where as other state aqueducts consume electricity, which makes the aqueduct even more valuable to L. A. D. W. P. On the legislative future of Mono Lake, MLC staffer, Tom Cassidy reported on State and Federal developments. A bill to provide State Reserve Status (like Pt. Lobos) for Mono Lake passed the State Senate unanimously as well as St. Assembly committees to be held up by the Republican boycott because of redistricting disgruntlement. This bill was designed to provide Rangers, inclusion in the Park System, and Reserve status on the map for the area surrounding Mono Lake.

Mono's Congressman Norman Shumway (R-Stockton) is pushing for a Mono Lake National Monument. This would transfer public lands along the lakeshore, islands, Black Point and the Mono Craters to the National Park System. There will probably be federal hearings on this later this year. Inclusion in the Park Service would also provide much needed research and possibly a better standing for a reduction in diversions.

L. A. D. W. P. has also applied to the Secretary of the Interior for purchase of approximately 23,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service land in Mono Co., most of it around Mono Lake. A law passed in the 1930's would allow DWP to purchase this land at \$1.25 an acre. A national park or monument would thus be out. To look forward--the next issue of National Geographic will feature Mono Lake. A beautiful, informative, and comprehensive Mono Lake Guidebook has been published by the Mono Lake Committee and should be available for sale (\$4.95 + tax and any donations) at future SCVAS General Meetings (hopefully this month). Full color and black and white (new) posters will also be offered as well as the great children's holiday item, the Mono Lake Color and Learn Book. While you're in the mood, write to "60 Minutes" and "20/20" to encourage them to include the Mono Lake issue on their show. Ask out-of-state friends to push for this also. Mono Lake belongs to us all.

SFBNWR TO HOLD WATERFOWL WORKSHOPS

San Francisco Bay NWR will hold two free "Waterfowl Workshops" this October. Novice and experienced birders alike can sharpen their identification skills. "Ducks on the Wing," a one-hour film depicting fleeting glimpses of waterfowl under natural conditions should prove challenging. All who attend will receive a free copy of "Ducks at a Distance," Fish and Wildlife Services \$2 publication featuring 30 color plates of waterfowl.

The workshops will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, at 1:30 PM in the Refuge Headquarters (located at the east end of the Dumbarton Bridge next to the Toll Booth) and also on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7:30 PM at the Environmental Education Center in Alviso. Phone reservations are required so: for Saturday session call (415) 792-0222 or for Tuesday's session try (408) 262-5513. The refuge is hoping for a good turn-out, with hopes of making it an annual event. Questions? Call Mike Boylan at 262-5513.

**FRIENDS OF THE SEA OTTER BENEFIT**

An exclusive limited edition lithograph print of a California Sea Otter and its pup by noted wildlife artist, Ray Harm, will be made available in early December to the general public. A limited number (300) of prints will have the proceeds of their sale going to Friends of the Sea Otter. This organization, dedicated to the protection and preservation of the sea otter, is up against many powerful commercial interests and any financial help is greatly appreciated. So if you would like to have a beautiful print of a sea otter and help an organization preserve a sea otter, well--here's your chance. In addition to the color print, a black and white ink drawing also comes with your payment of \$75.00. For more information contact the Leedo Gallery at 7529 Monterey St., between 4th and 5th St. in Gilroy, CA 95020. The phone number is (408) 842-8118. They will go very quickly!

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