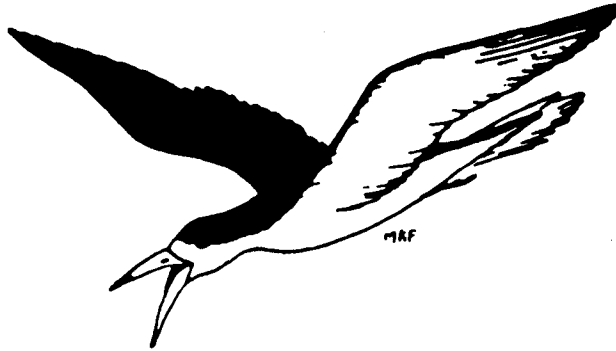


# SOUTH SHORE SKIMMER



## NEXT MEETING

*Enid Klein*

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 13, 2005  
**TIME:** 7:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Freeport Memorial Library  
 144 W. Merrick Rd. (at S. Ocean Ave.)  
**SPEAKERS:** Eco-Photo Explorers  
**TOPIC:** Heron Island: Island of the Turtles

Towards the southern part of Australia's Great Barrier Reef lies a tiny island called Heron Island. Seabirds abound and the nearby reefs teem with life. Huge manta rays sweep across shallow reef outcroppings while large schools of colorful fish dart by. However, the island is dominated by the nesting green sea turtle. Visitors can observe these majestic animals as they haul themselves up onto the beach at night to deposit eggs. The fierce struggle for existence is also evident as tiny hatchlings emerge from their nests and scamper towards the sea.

Eco-Photo Explorers (EPE) is an environmental organization formed to help promote public interest in protecting the underwater environment, using underwater photography. Christopher Weaver and Michael Salvatore of EPE have been scuba diving together since 1978. Their photography and writing have been featured in *National Geographic*, *Adventure*, *Immersed*, *Advanced Diver*, and other publications. You can learn more about EPE at [www.ecophotoexplorers.com](http://www.ecophotoexplorers.com). Join us!

**PLEASE NOTE: Go Downstairs, Not Up.** The Freeport Memorial Library's Director requested and received permission from SSAS to relocate our December meeting to Rooms 4 and 5, which are near the usual elevator and stairways, but below the main floor, in order to accommodate the library's holiday party the next day. One of these relatively small rooms will be used for the coffee break and 7 P.M. bird program; the other for our meeting.

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## NEXT MEETING AFTER NEXT MEETING


*Enid Klein*

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 10, 2006  
**TIME:** 7:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Freeport Memorial Library  
**TOPIC:** After-the-Holidays SSAS Party

Join us for the first SSAS social event of the New Year! Bring your family, friends, and significant others for an evening of games (such as "Name that Tune: Birders' Version" and "Birding Jeopardy"), food, and getting to know each other better. Members, if your talents lie in the culinary arts, please bring in a favorite dish or treat in the category of finger foods, appetizers, or desserts. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Pre-Meeting Program on Birds.** Starting at 7 P.M. each month, Scott Oglesby and perhaps new dad Jim Remsen discuss birds in the room beyond our coffee-break tables. Topic suggestions for future talks are welcome.

**Parking Lots.** In addition to the parking lot adjacent to the library, there's a lightly used, well-lit, and fairly close municipal lot on the east side of S. Ocean Ave., on the near (south) side of the Gulf station that borders Sunrise Highway. Also, SSAS has a verbal pledge from neighboring Citibank that cars will no longer be towed from their lot during our meetings, but we can't guarantee this.

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**BIRD WALKS**


*Elliott Kulner*

All walks start at 9:30 A.M. except for Pelham Bay; no walk if it rains or snows or temperature is below 25° F. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667. Directions and summaries may be found at [ssaudubon.org](http://ssaudubon.org).

- Nov. 27 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
- Dec. 4 Pelham Bay for Owls [pull over to street on extreme right after going through Throgs Neck Bridge toll (Pennyfield Ave.); meet at 9 A.M.; hiking shoes recommended]
- Dec. 11 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
- Dec. 18 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
- Dec. 25 *Season's Greetings — No Walk*
- Jan. 1 *Happy New Year — No Walk*
- Jan. 8 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
- Jan. 15 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Jan. 22 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
- Jan. 29 Point Lookout Town Park, S.E. corner
- Feb. 5 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
- Feb. 12 Pelham Bay for Owls (9 A.M.; see Dec. 4)
- Feb. 19 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
- Feb. 26 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Mar. 5 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)



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**NEW YEAR'S DAY BEACHWALKS.** Free. Meet 11 A.M. at: ① Ft. Tilden (visit hawk watch platform for great view of beach & bay with Don Riepe & Mickey Cohen). ② Jones Beach West End 2 (meet Jeff Gottlieb at blue bldg. in parking lot & hike to jetty). ③ Fire Island Lighthouse (see deer & birds; leader Steve Finn).

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**JAMAICA BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE** (Jan. 15). Meet 10 A.M. at the new visitor center for "Birds of Winter" slide show and hike with Don Riepe; call him to reserve.

**SOUTH FLORIDA** (Jan. 28 to Feb. 5). Visit the best birding & wildlife areas, incl. Everglades, Ding Darling, Loxahatchee, Corkscrew Swamp, Big Cypress Preserve, Wakodahatchee boardwalk, Okechee County Park. Two spaces left.

**ICELAND: LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN** (July 12–24). Puffins galore and lots of other bird species plus glaciers, volcanic formations, wildflower meadows, and waterfalls. Two spaces left. Leaders: Don Riepe & Rob Villani.

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For information and free field trip brochure, call/write Don Riepe, (718) 318-9344, [donriep@aol.com](mailto:donriep@aol.com), 28 West 9th Road, Broad Channel, NY 11693; [www.alsnyc.org](http://www.alsnyc.org).

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Our Web site, [ssaudubon.org](http://ssaudubon.org), contains a link to the Online Nature Mall, which is the much-expanded successor to Without Bricks and, similarly, automatically gives a percentage of your purchases (10%) to SSAS if you visit the site using our link.

The mall is a division of the Thayer Birding Software company. There are over 11,000 products available in the Birds Shop (containing books, songs, CD-ROMs, feeders, houses, and food), Binocular Shop, Nature Shop, Gardening Shop, Kids Shop, Gift Shop, @Home Shop, and Ecology Shop.

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**THE RAPTORS ARE FLYING IN FOR THE HOLIDAYS!**

*Therese Lucas*

That's right! They'll be at Tackapausha Museum & Preserve on **Saturday, December 10** for a demonstration by Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary at the annual SSAS Holiday Party for children, which will be from 1–3 P.M. The raptor demo begins at 2. Beforehand, there will be an opportunity to create give-a-gift-to-wildlife crafts for the birds. Simple directions and a low entry fee (the museum's usual \$2 for adults and \$1 for children ages 4 to 14; free for younger children) make it easy to attend — we hope to see you and your friends there.



*Directions:* The museum is located on Washington Avenue in Seaford and is about 1/2 mile south of Sunrise Highway, just north of Merrick Road. On Sunrise Highway, Washington Avenue is three traffic lights east of the Seaford–Oyster Bay Expressway.

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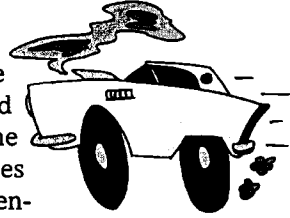
**WHAT WE FOUND AT BROOKSIDE PRESERVE'S  
FALL CLEANUP**

SSAS's fall cleanup at Brookside Preserve yielded a few interesting items, including a bicycle, fireworks, golf club head, insect repellent, paint thinner, pants, shirt, and toy bowling pin. We thank the members who invested their time and energy on that Sunday afternoon: Kolya Braun-Greiner (with daughter Sophia and her friend Luca Villanti), Betsy Gulotta, Therese Lucas, Wendy Murbach, Chris Schmitt, Jean Shaff, Michael Sperling, and John Zarudsky.

**REMEMBER NOT TO ATTEND!**

Are you thinking about seeing the Holiday Light Spectacular at Jones Beach? Before you drive past it at night, South Shore Audubon Society urges you to look at it in daylight and to think about its impact on the wildlife, plants, and natural beauty of Jones Beach's West End.

You would see over a million light bulbs in over 250 displays along two miles of Ocean Drive. You'd see staked guy wires that prevent the 30-foot high, 150-foot wide displays from falling over. You'd see commercial advertising. You'd see power generators along the road. You'd see long power lines on the ground, connecting generators to displays. If you looked closely, you'd find broken light bulbs. You could find signs of the fluids spilled by the hundreds of thousands of slow-moving cars, vans, and buses that have crawled past the displays nightly for six straight weeks since the year 2000.



As you may know, seven Audubon chapters met with New York State Parks officials from Albany and Long Island in February 2003 and discussed our concerns about the Holiday Light Spectacular, which takes place within an Important Bird Area. Consequently, restrictions were imposed on how early in autumn the displays could be erected and where the contractor (Clear Channel Entertainment, which has kept almost 90% of the admission fees) could place them. Also, Park employees were instructed to regularly monitor the area for environmental damage. We hope that you'll tell a friend to skip this year's show.

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**SSAS BACKYARD BIRD SURVEY**

*Joe Grupp*

The Research Committee is conducting a study to document the bird species found in the SSAS geographical area and to make some estimates as to their numbers. We request input from anyone that feeds and/or observes birds in their yard or neighborhood. If you would like to participate, we would greatly appreciate it.

Simply record the birds that you see in your yard, neighborhood, or at your feeder; the date, time, and the number or approximate number of each species. At the end of each month, please mail or e-mail your record to me at the appropriate address listed here, or hand it to me at our monthly meeting. Survey sheets are available at SSAS events.

Please do not hesitate to submit your observations, even if you have been able to make only very few. **WE NEED YOUR INPUT!**

Please mail your data to Mr. J. Grupp, Research Chairperson, 660 Edgemere Ave., Uniondale NY 11553 or e-mail [Birdstudyjoeg02@aol.com](mailto:Birdstudyjoeg02@aol.com).

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT BROOKSIDE**

*George Peters*

Kyle Christensen, a senior at East Meadow High School and a member of East Meadow Scout Troop 362, was joined by approximately 60 relatives and friends on Saturday, September 24 to work on his Eagle Scout project.

The volunteers included Kyle's parents, Lili and Garth; sister, Kimberly; and brother, Travis. Fellow scouts of Troop 362, including Scoutmaster Thomas Cassino, were also on hand. The project, which Kyle began planning in April, involved removing unwanted invasive trees and plants from the five-acre meadow in Brookside Preserve. The Preserve is a Nassau County property managed by SSAS. Kyle's plan was developed in consultation with Betsy Gulotta, the chairperson of our Brookside Committee. Preparation of the plan was overseen by Scoutmaster Cassino to ensure that it met the requirements for an Eagle Scout merit badge project.

In addition to the removal of dozens of ailanthus and black locust saplings, several large clumps of Japanese knotweed and countless mugwort plants were cleared from the meadow. All of these were threatening SSAS's attempts to establish native wildflowers and grasses on the plot. Development of the meadow habitat with native plants is important to the survival of birds and other wildlife that inhabit the wooded section of the Preserve.

Following removal of the undesirable vegetation, several dozen wildflower plants and grasses were planted by the group.

Kyle and his team worked all day Saturday and returned on Sunday to finish the job. The work accomplished by them was a major step in the restoration of Brookside Preserve's native habitat.

The Preserve is open to the public daily during daylight hours. The entrance is located on Brookside Avenue in Freeport, just north of the LIRR tracks and the ruins of the Brooklyn Water Works building. Scanned versions of two booklets produced by SSAS may be downloaded from [ssaudubon.org](http://ssaudubon.org).

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**AUDUBON NEW YORK'S  
END-OF-SESSION REPORT**

*Editor's note:* Below is a summary of how Audubon New York's federal legislative priorities fared in 2005. The state priorities were covered in the September issue of the *Skimmer*, since NY's legislature adjourned early.

**Long Island Sound Restoration Act.** In 1994, a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) was created to ensure that the greatest level of protection of the Long Island Sound would be achieved. In subsequent agreements on this plan among the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the governors of New York and Connecticut, the need for habitat restoration and nitrogen reduction in the Sound was emphasized. The Long Island Sound Restoration Act (LISRA) provides the funding for these projects, which support the guidelines and recommendations of the CCMP, and seek to restore and maintain the environmental health of the Sound.

With its creation in October 2000, the LISRA was to provide up to \$200 million over five years to help restore and maintain the health of the Sound, which meant that New York and Connecticut would share up to \$40 million annually for projects throughout the Sound. This year, Congress appropriated \$1.8 million for the Restoration Act. As this act will sunset in 2005, we are urging your representatives to reauthorize it and to fully fund it at the \$40 million annual level. You can help now by contacting your lawmakers and urging them to reauthorize this critically important act.

**Long Island Sound Stewardship Act.** With 10% of the United States population living within 50 miles of the Long Island Sound, and with it contributing more than \$6 billion annually to the regional economy, protecting this nationally significant estuary, home to 125 species of birds including the endangered Piping Plover, is of high importance. In 2004, Congressional representatives from New York and Connecticut introduced legislation to establish a Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative, to identify, protect, and enhance sites within the Long Island Sound ecosystem. Last year, this legislation passed the Senate, but was stalled in the House of Representatives. In 2005, the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act was reintroduced and gained strong bipartisan support. This historic legislation will protect open space, restore wildlife habitats, and provide for public access to the Sound. The bill authorizes \$25 million annually on a 75%-25% federal-to-local share for the acquisition of land and conservation easements, and the enhancement and improve-

ment of important ecological sites. It will also reauthorize the Long Island Sound Restoration Act.

On June 27, a Congressional hearing on the bill by the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans was held by Chairman Wayne Gilchrest (R-Maryland) and Representative Robert Simmons (R-Conn.) in Connecticut. Audubon New York and Connecticut Executive Directors David J. Miller and Tom Baptist provided testimony in strong support of the act. Copies of the comments are available at [ny.audubon.org](http://ny.audubon.org). On July 20, the act was passed by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, moving it one step closer to passage in the Senate. The bill is currently being amended based on the input from hearings. In August, Audubon staff met with House and Senate representatives to discuss these amendments, in an effort to get passage this fall. In the coming months, we will be pushing hard for this legislation, and will be looking to the chapters of Audubon New York to call and petition federal legislators to help advance this important measure.



**Forest Legacy.** The federal Forest Legacy Program was created to aid states in protecting environmentally sensitive forest lands, through directly purchasing property or through the purchase of conservation easements. It is a voluntary program that works with private landowners who want to protect their land. In the FY05 Omnibus Appropriations bill, the Forest Legacy Program was funded at \$60 million, with \$1.7 million for the purchase of the Tahawus property (in the Adirondacks). This year (FY06), Forest Legacy received \$57.3 million, with \$1 million for a working forest easement in the Adirondack Park, a slight decrease from last year.

**Land and Water Conservation Fund.** Created by Congress in 1964, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provides 50% matching grants to state and local governments to acquire, develop, or improve parkland. This fund helps to provide increased recreational opportunities, and protect and preserve wildlife habitat, drinking water, and historic sites. This year, LWCF received \$135 million with \$30 million for the stateside matching grants program; this is down from \$258 million last year.

**State Wildlife Grants.** Created in 2001, the State Wildlife Grants (SWG) Program provides federal dollars to every state and territory to support cost-effective conservation aimed at preventing wildlife from becoming endangered. These grants support a wide array of projects to restore degraded habitat, reintroduce native wildlife, develop partnerships with private landowners, educate the public, and collect data to find out more about declining species. To ensure that the funds are spent wisely, each state must develop statewide strategic plans by October 1, 2005. This year, SWG received \$68.5 million, a slight decrease over last year's funding of \$69 million.

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**NATURE TALES FROM A WANDERER**  
**Hawks and More at Cape May**

*Joe Grupp*

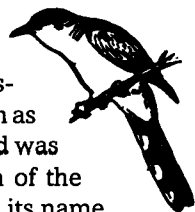
Leaning on the railing of the Hawk Watch platform at Cape May, NJ earlier this fall, I looked up into the blue that existed between the local fair-weather clouds, searching for raptors. At times the raptors were there, but they were high, very high. Most were found by looking through binoculars; few were naked-eye birds. They were found by scanning the sky through the binoculars or pointing them in the direction indicated by other hawk watchers that had found birds. It was not the most dramatic of hawk-watching days, even as the mind began to grasp the significance of the number of birds that were passing way overhead.

A small number of Red-shouldered Hawks were scattered among the soaring birds and reminded me that it was also far from the worst hawk-watching day. They are chunky birds and that is what first drew my attention to them. Their translucent windows, the light-colored slashes just before the wing tips that allow the sunlight to pass through as if through a piece of wax paper, were exceptionally evident and added beauty to the birds as they glided and circled below the blue sky.

While most of the migrating raptors were small dots high in the sky, Osprey put on a show of their own. All day long they came from who knows where and glided, hovered, fished, and caught fish in the pond before the platform. These birds were low and close, and you did not need binoculars to see them unless you were looking for avian details or just the beauty of the markings on the birds. An observer counted fourteen over the pond at one time. I counted nine another time and most of the time there were some in the air. Over and over, all afternoon, they caught fish and flew on. It was not a good day to be a fish in that pond.

The high-flying birds made finding them tiring at times, especially when there were lulls in the number that were passing over and the views were not the greatest when they were. Then the songbirds that would come and go to feed on the edge of the shrub-bordered lawn right in front of the platform demanded my attention. Movement of a small flock of feeding House Sparrows caused me to glance in their direction just as the flock exploded, birds flying off in all directions, most into the cover of the shrubs. In the next instant, a Sharp-shinned Hawk was standing on the ground where the sparrows were. For just a second or two, it stood absolutely still as if bewildered and wondering how it could have missed a meal.

A Yellow-billed Cuckoo (pictured) perched in plain view in the shrubs a number of times and was not even disturbed by the movement on the platform as people moved about to view it. The bird was so close that the yellow lower portion of the curved bill from which the species gets its name



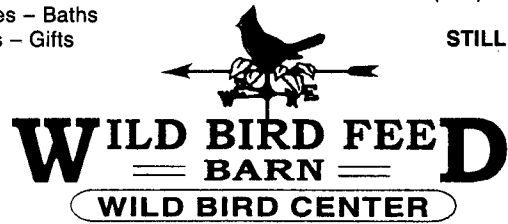
could be seen without binoculars and provided a fantastic view through them. That is pretty good for a bird that is usually secretive and heard more often than seen.

Other birds, some of them the "usual" species such as Song Sparrows and White-throated Sparrows, fed frequently at the lawn's edge, as did the "less-usual species" such as White-crowned Sparrows and Palm Warblers. At one point, a mature and an immature White-crowned Sparrow could be studied in the same field of view through the binoculars for a good period of time and they were even joined at times by a Swamp Sparrow. It was a day to study detail on those birds.

It was also a day to continue to observe the flocks of House Sparrows for the other birds that were mixed in with them. Late in the day, I did that when I learned that a life bird for me was among them. Studying individual birds, especially the females, I found a bird that looked very much like a female House Sparrow until the yellow wash on its breast could be seen as the bird faced me and I had my first Dickcissel. I would have preferred a male with black bib and yellow breast, but this one gave me a new species and another bird to look forward to seeing at another time.

There was more to see than migrating raptors at the Cape May Hawk Watch that day and I did not even have to leave the platform to see it.

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SSAS would like to thank Seymour Faust for his recent generous donation in response to the annual fund-raising letter we sent out last April.

We also want to recognize the SSAS members who helped out at our Halloween Party and/or birdseed sale at Tackapausha: Kathy Asmus, Gloria Berkowitz, Alice Blaustein, Helen Buckley, the Butkereit family, Mary Jane Conlon, Bill Eichholz, Dolores & Joe Grupp, Bill Hollweg, Sheila Kiefer, Joe Landesberg, Therese Lucas, Wendy Murbach, Steve Schellenger, Chris Schmitt, Michael Sperling, Joanne Tow, and John Zarudsky.

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**IN MEMORY OF DORIS PIRODSKY**

*Michael Sperling*

On November 4, SSAS lost a much-valued member whose name appeared on the back page of the *Skimmer* for a period spanning 25 years and who could be counted on to volunteer to help in all sorts of ways. Doris became a member of our chapter in 1975 and was elected as a director in 1979. She served as membership chairperson, historian, and corresponding secretary; regularly helped out at our Tackapausha parties for children; and was active in our Brookside Preserve committee.

Once in a while, she hinted that she was older than any of us would have guessed, but it's only now that we know that she was still doing preserve cleanups while in her mid-80s! She was soft-spoken, preferred to work behind the scenes, and was reluctant to take credit for what she did, so even our most-active members may not have known her by name — but those of us who volunteered alongside her will long remember Doris Pirodsky.

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**OUR CROWN JEWEL - SAVE IT!**

*Elliott R. Kulner*

The reality of the proposition of Compassionate Conservatism, offered to the citizens of our country, started to play a significant role in the life of every citizen in every corner of our country. They began to sense a Renaissance in their daily activities. Every area of endeavor revealed the benefits gained out of this turn to a new direction.

Congress, at the behest of the Administration, passed a new comprehensive tax law. It reduced estate taxes to a flat 5%, no matter what the size and value of the net worth of the deceased. Taxes on corporate profits were reduced from 30% to 10%, with an ongoing depreciation allowance for all oil companies based on the loss of an irreplaceable asset.

In our state there was whispering, then the breathtaking announcement of a new and better time. In the tradition of Robert Moses, the State Park Commission was eliminated. In its place, the government created the Recreational Environment Council. It was chaired by the REC czar, Ms. Castro. She had a board of governors appointed by the governor, the chairperson, and the leaders of the State Senate and Assembly. The goal of the Council was to move all state parks in a direction that would offer the greatest possible service and enjoyment to the citizens and/or visitors to the parks.

The ultimate statement for a better tomorrow was made in the renovation and rebirth of Jones Beach.

The overall plan described the entire property as a "gated community." Meadowbrook Toll, Wantagh Entry, and the Tobay Entry to the east would have guards manning locked iron gates. Entry into the park could only be given on the basis of a visitor's permit granted by a resident of the park.

*Lanai Gate.* There was a Geographic and Demographic Philosophy for park living. The entire West End was bulldozed flat, and one-half acre to one acre subdivisions were plotted. In order to be eligible for purchase of a subdivision, you had to show a net worth of \$15,000,000 and you had to submit to a security check designed under the guidelines of the Patriot Act. The entire Jones Beach property was protected from the natural elements by a Teflon sea wall that began at Jones Inlet and ran east to the Tobay border. It would stand 30 feet high and guarantee no debilitation of property from natural causes.

The Coast Guard Station was moved out and became the Jones Beach Police Complex. It was at the center of affordable housing and offered hands-on protection to the owners of these multiple-dwelling units. Prospective owners had to show a net worth of \$5,000,000 and submit to the same security check as other owners in the park.

The neck of Zach's Bay was filled in. Water was drained out of the bay adjacent to the amphitheater. Liquor licenses were sold by the state to all vendors at the Amphitheater Delicacy Stands. There was an 8% surtax on all purchases for the salaries of security guards stationed at the amphitheater to control rowdiness and fights that should occur with the introduction of liquor. All guards carried stun guns and the senior officers carried lethal weapons. Riot squads were on regular shifts at the Police Complex in Lanai Key.

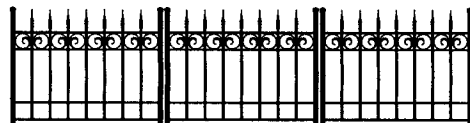
When Zach's Bay dried out, a multiplex complex was built. There are PG, PG-13, R, and NC-17 subdivisions at the theaters. Your word is good enough as proof of age. On the same property, computer arcades operate on a 24-hour schedule. This includes "Adult Clubs," with catering offered at the arcades and clubs.

The boardwalk has a variety of restaurants, with gaming clubs in the mix. Poker contests are held and there are interclub challenges. There is no betting limit. Billiard clubs add to the mix, and the same betting and interclub competition exists as in the poker games.

The Water Tower is gone. In its place, there is a Trump Tower. It is a complex of upscale stores, arcades, a nightclub, three restaurants, apartments in the lower five stories, and condominiums in the upper ten stories. It has a flashing beacon in the tower and on a clear night you can see the field of windmills out at sea that supply power to the entire beach complex.

Cars are not allowed. There are convenient railcars, computer-operated, that run day and night with a guarantee of just eight minutes between rides. They cover the "Beach" from the Inlet to every facility and living area, all the way to Tobay Entry.

This is the legacy of Compassionate Conservatism. So much for Jones Beach, so little for our tomorrows.



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