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President's Beat

Yogi (Lawrence Peter) Berra is quoted as having said: "You can observe a lot by watching." Watching the machinations of the current policy makers in Washington can be an education in Orwellian manipulation. Big Brother would be proud.

On March 4, 2005, The Washington Post News Service reported that President Bush appointed Stephen Johnson, a career scientist, as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Johnson has worked for the EPA for 24 years; his education is in biology and pathology and he has had responsibilities involving the regulation of pesticides and toxic substances. If confirmed, he will be the first professional scientist to head this agency. The EPA is currently embroiled in controversies concerning Arctic drilling, air pollution, global warming and safe pesticide use as well as having to confront tough budget challenges and political pressures. This is the same agency that is being urged by lobbyists and political operatives to comply with industrial interests rather than scientific findings. (Remember that Christie Whitman resigned citing "interference" as one of her reasons for quitting.)

This announcement comes as an interesting juxtaposition to the February meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (as reported in The Associated Press). Various presenters expressed concern that scientists in key federal agencies are being ignored and/or pressured to change study conclusions that don't support policy positions. Rosina Bierbaum, dean of the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment said that the present administration has cut scientists out of the policy-making process. Professor Bierbaum stated: "In previous admini-

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Meeting Notice

When: April 13 at 7:30 PM
Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

April 13
Dwight landis
Fishing for Wild Trout in the For-
ested Streams of Pennsylvania

Mark Your Calendars!

May 11
Joe Petrella
Micro Nymphing

June 8
Jerry Stercho
Midge Fishing

Welcome to March's New EJTU Members

J. Amrhein	Closter
John O. Boag	Ridgewood
Thomas Gibson	Ridgewood
Michael Goosman	Bloomfield
Robert A. Hagerman	Summit
Robert Kazim	River Vale
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Paul Potoczak	Totowa
Robertson Rijo	North Bergen
Raymond Santhouse	Hawthorne
John J. Scelfo	Nutley
Alfred Segro	Paterson
David P. Steinberger	Ridgewood
Henry Velez	Wykoff
Richard Zingaro	Nutley

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President's Beat

strations, scientists were always at the table when regulations were being developed. Science never had the last voice, but it had a voice. Proven and widely accepted research is being ignored or disputed."

Kurt Gottfried of Cornell University and the Union of Concerned Scientists pointed to a survey of scientists in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that found that 42 percent said they felt pressured to not report publicly any findings that do not agree with Bush policies on endangered species. Another third stated that they were told not to express any views in conflict with Bush policies. Gottfried said: "This administration has distanced itself from scientific information, part of an effort to let politics dominate pure science."

He went on to state: "These actions make it more difficult for federal agencies to attract and retain top scientific talent." This will become a critical issue in the future since approximately 35 percent of EPA scientists will retire soon and the administration can then set the tenor of the staff through the hiring process.

On June 12, 1776 in article 1 of the *Virginia Bill of Rights*, George Mason wrote: "Government is, or ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection and security of the people, nation or community; of all the various modes and forms of government, that is best which is capable of producing the greatest degree of happiness and safety, and is most effectually secured against the danger of maladministration."

Perhaps our President should be reading the *Virginia Bill of Rights* rather than *The Hungry, Hungry Caterpillar*.

George Petersen

Fly of the Month

It's here - it's here. After a long snowy winter opening day has finally arrived. The first hatch of the year will usually be the early black stone fly. These tiny (size 18) stones can frequently be seen crawling out of the water onto a snow bank to hatch.

The first mayfly of the year will usually be the tiny (size 22 or 24) blue winged olives.

If you don't have both of these patterns in your fly box, and you plan on hitting the water soon, I would suggest you hit the vise first. While your at it, how about whipping up an extra dozen for the chapter.

Tie up one of these, or any other pattern, and turn them in at the next meeting. You will receive 10 points and an entry into the monthly drawing for every dozen flies you turn in. More importantly, you will be helping your chapter raise funds for our various projects. The chapter's fly inventory got wiped clean during the Suffern show and Basil could have sold a lot more if we had them. Now is the time to start rebuilding our inventory for next year. If you can't make the meeting, mail your flies to the chapter P.O. Box or turn them in to any director.

Bruce Seiden

A Day With Lefty Kreh

Almost everyone who fishes for trout has heard of Lefty Kreh and read his works. Now you can meet him and spend some time with him

On Saturday, April 16th Lefty will be at the Ramsey Outdoor Store in Paramus from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM .

Plan to join Lefty for a day of slide programs, casting, knot tying and story telling.

John Roetman

Thank You for Another Successful Dinner

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire membership of East Jersey Trout Unlimited, I would like to extend to the Dinner Committee our thanks and congratulations for a job well done. Karen and Bill Canning, Barbara and David Wedlick have worked hard these past 11 ½ months in order to make the evening a success and their efforts paid off. Everyone had a wonderful time. I would urge all of our members to

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tu@cataloguepublishers.com or raycapp@optonline.net. Each piece of material that is published earns you 10 points towards your next goal in the points program.

Monthly General Member Meeting: The East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM. **Location:** The American Legion Hall, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ. 07662.

Monthly Board Meeting: The East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited Board Members meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30PM. **Location:** The Bergen County Community Center, 327 East Ridgewood Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652.

Be a Stream Monitor

On Saturday, April 30th from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM free stream monitoring training will be given at the Weis Ecology Center in Ringwood.

A member of the AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador Program will teach volunteers the basics of biological stream monitoring, a process of collecting and identifying macroinvertebrates living in a stream to determine water quality.

Environment organizations, municipal environmental commissions, school clubs, scout groups, watershed associations and others who are interested in learning more about watershed ecology and volunteer monitoring are encouraged to participate. Volunteer monitoring offers an opportunity to become more familiar with your local watershed while enjoying time outdoors in some of the most beautiful parts of New Jersey. The data you collect and submit to the DEP is used in various water quality studies and water protection projects.

The Weis Ecology Center is located at 150 Snake Den Road in Ringwood. Advanced registration is requested. To register and learn more about the program, please contact Julie Corson at (973) 616-1006, or julie_wma3@yahoo.com.

Ray Cappock

This Is Not Yogi

In past issues of Riffles we've tried to keep you aware of safety on and around the water. If you fish in northern New Jersey this year there is a relatively new but potentially fatal hazard that you should know of.

On March 16 this year a bear invaded a Sussex County farm, killed a 15-year-old, 250 pound miniature horse named Phantom and then dragged the body through two electrified fences. The owner of the farm found the partially eaten carcass near her farm the following morning.

I doubt if any of us could win a battle with a bear so until the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is managed by scientists and outdoorsmen rather than by politicians, we will all have to watch ourselves when we move away from heavily traveled areas.

Ray Cappock

Annual Dinner Highlights



LEFT: Dave Wedlik presents Jan & Neil DeMarino with the fly rod outfit that they won.

BELOW: Awards for points earned through volunteer work

LEFT: Bruce Seiden presents trout carving to Doug Penna

RIGHT: Ken Vander Pyl presents Bill Borowski with gift certificate



Above: Again, Again and Again! Linda Gherardi wins Derek Jeter for the 3rd year in a row.

Ramapo River Day 2005

This year's annual environmental day with Ramapo College is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2005.

For those of you who are not familiar with the event, it's a fast moving morning which usually draws over 100 students. The participants visit various stations where they do hands-on sampling and identification of macroinvertebrates, water chemistry experiments, a botany walk, non-point source pollution model, fly casting and fly tying.

We need lots of help to set up equipment at 8:00 AM and to help at the various stations during the morning. The day ends about 1:00 PM when we release fish into Henry Lake.

It is a fun day so please plan to lend a hand. Please see me at the next meeting to sign up.

Rich Malizia

Ramapo Ramblin'

Remember the old World War 2 war movies? There was always one character who could be depended upon to complain that "It's the waiting that gets to you". Well, here we are waiting again. New Jersey's streams have been closed since March 21st and most of us are waiting for the April 9th opening day to pass so the bait fishing crowds can go home and leave the water a little less congested. Then, look out trout! EJTU will be on the march and we're ready to fire salvos of wooly buggers and hare's ears.

When I say that most of us are waiting until we get a chance to get back on the water I have to omit Herman Drenth, the usual writer of this column. Herm had to bring in the "B" team this month because he's too busy with one of his

other sidelines - chess. But no, he's not organizing another tournament or running the New Jersey Chess Federation this month. He's delivering chess sets to service people who are confined to veteran's hospitals. This project seems to have "just grown" like many volunteer activities tend to do. He started by having some items sent to our forces in Afghanistan and then he added those in Iraq. Now, after delivering a few chess sets to veteran's hospitals, he's spending most of his time distributing sets to veterans at 67 hospitals. I'm sure that most people will never hear of what Herm is doing but I'm also sure that the veterans and active service people who get the sets will never forget. If any of our members would like to contact an organization that assists wounded veterans, Herm says to try the Helping Our Heroes Foundation at www.hohf.org

As I said, the trout season opened on April 9th. However, EJTU will not help the State's stocking program until Thursday, April 14th because the State likes to put all of the trout near bridges and easy access points up until opening day. That makes it easier for the press photographers to take that same picture every year; you know - forty opening-day enthusiasts in a line doing the Hokey Pokey (You put your left foot in, you take your left foot out.....).

After the crowds thin out we will begin our float and bucket stocking. The first date will be Thursday, April 14th, at 9 AM at Britts Tackle Shop in Oakland and then 9:30 at Glen Gray Road on the Oakland/Mahwah border. Then we will continue to help the State stock every Thursday morning during April and May. We may have to bucket stock upstream at Glen Gray so please bring boots or waders. If you haven't helped with past stockings you should come out. It's fun, there's good coffee and donuts, and it's a chance to tell a lot of lies about those huge fish that you caught last year. Our members who check the area say that there is a lot of trash and debris in the area around the Ramapo at Halifax Road so we are planning on meeting on Saturday April 23rd for a clean-up party. I'm sure that Herm will give us all of the details at the April 13th general membership meeting, and he will also circulate information via his Email list. As Herm always reminds us, "Remember, we all live downstream". *Ray Cappock*

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Successful Dinner

patronize the stores and manufacturers who were gracious enough to contribute to this fund raising event (please see Bill Canning's article for a complete list of these). Again, thank you.

George Petersen

Frank Hall Memorial Fly-Tying Contest

The pattern for this year's Frank Hall Memorial Fly Tying Award is the Yellow Humpy in size 14.

Tyers may submit as many entries as they wish but you must get them to us by April 23rd. Please bring the flies to the April 13th General Chapter Meeting or drop them off at the Ramsey Outdoor Store in Paramus marked 'Attention George'.

Be sure to include your name with your entries.

The winner will be announced at the May 18th General Chapter Meeting.

The recipe is:

Yellow Humpy, size 14

Hook:	Mustad 94840
Tail:	Natural brown/gray deer hair or moose body fibers
Underbody:	Yellow Floss
Body:	Natural deer hair (pulled forward to form hump)
Wing:	Formed from pulled forward deer hair fibers
Hackle:	Brown and grizzly mixed
Thread:	Yellow

Good Luck to all entrants and remember the deadline for entries is April 23rd.

George Petersen

Where Are We?

TU changed its mailing address for membership last fall but some old applications are still floating around. TU's new address is P.O. Box 910, Oxon Hill, MD 20750-0910.

If you have any applications with a Merrifield, Virginia address they are the old ones.

Please destroy any old applications that you have. Basil Santamaria or Ed Sikorski have the new versions and will be happy to give you some.

Bruce Seiden



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