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## President's Beat

Last month I wrote regarding legislative attacks on endangered species and their habitats. Animal activists give emotional (and anthropomorphic) arguments for the protection of various species but wildlife biologists will tell you that the greatest danger to species' survival is loss of critical habitat. We normally think of this loss in terms of human dwellings. Have we ever considered how that growing population will be fed?

Recently I was privileged to be able to speak briefly with a friend and fellow E.J.T.U. member, Dick Despommier (a.k.a. Dr. Dickson Despommier, Ph.D. of Columbia University). Dick is presently working with a group of his graduate students at the University on exactly that concern. Arriving at a solution which is beautiful in its simplicity, they have aptly named their project "Vertical Farming". The project is called "The Vertical Farm Project: Agriculture for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Beyond".

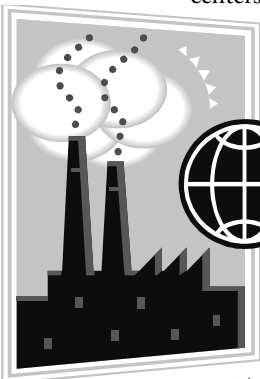
As they state in their website:  
**The Problem**

By the year 2050, nearly 80% of the earth's population will reside in urban centers. Applying the most conservative estimates to current demographic trends, the human population will increase by about 3 billion people during the interim.

An estimated 109 hectares of new land (about 20% more land than is represented by the country of

Brazil) will be needed to grow enough food to feed them, if traditional farming practices continue as they are practiced

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## Meeting Notice

**When:** November 9 at 7:30 PM

**Where:** American Legion Hall  
33 West Passaic Street  
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

**November 9**  
**Don Bastian**  
Guide, Author and  
Master Flytyer

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Future Guest Speakers

**December 14**  
**George Daniel**

**Seductive Streamer Strategies:  
An approach to imitating bait fish**

**George is an OLN FF Masters, won top honors; a member of the pro staff with St. Croix fly rods. In 2005 he earned a spot on Team USA Fly Fishing.**

**Most programs have a slide show.**

## Save The Date

2006 EJTU Annual Dinner/Fund Raiser  
Location: Wayne Manor  
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2006  
Time: Hospitality Hour, 6:30 PM  
Dinner, 7:30 PM

## Welcome to Our New EJTU Members in October

Jose Alejandro	Leonia
Daniel Baez	North Bergen
William Becker	Fort Lee
Howard Blankley	Rivervale
Neil Blaser	Harrington Park
Douglas Borkowski	Ringwood
Jonathan Campo	Ocean View
Christine Cancro	Ringwood
Angelo Casey	Little Falls
Steven Ciufo	Westwood
Donato Cuttone	Mahwah
Michael D'Anjelo	River Edge
Mr. Farias	Haskell
Scott Gibney	Glen Rock
Harold Grinnell	North Arlington
L.P. Hannan	Westwood
Carl Hansen	Park Ridge
Lucille Hertel	Little Ferry
Al Hriozov	Clifton
David Hudspeth	Washington TS
Gisela Ikuno	Jersey City
Kenneth Jennings	Paramus
Thomas Kaylor	Cedar Grove
Richard Kemp	North Bergen
William Lesko	Hoboken
Joe Maggio	Montvale
Ron Malefyt	Midland Park
Mr. Moller	Bogota
Greg Nunn	Hillsborough
Hugh Rocks	Hillsborough
Travis Rodgers	Ramsey
Bernhard Rohe	Dumont
Mr. Sasa	Hoboken
Eric Schenk	Hewlitt
Andrew Schulman	Fort Lee
Jose Sierra	Cliffside Park
Gerald Simmons	Hackensack
Cleve Speer	Passaic
Joe Tchorz	Hillsborough
David Tepper	Saddle River
Jason Tillery	Clifton
Mariano Vega	Jersey City
Raymond Ventura	Jersey City
Michael Watson	Ridgewood
Dan Whalen	West New York
Ralph Wrubel	Hillsborough
Matt Zebrowski	Verona

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**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.

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### President's Beat

today. At present, throughout the world, over 80% of the land that is suitable for raising crops is in use. Historically, some 15% of that has been laid waste by poor management practices. What can be done to avoid this impending disaster?

#### A Potential Solution: farm vertically

"The concept of indoor farming is not new, since hothouse production of tomatoes, a wide variety of herbs, and other produce has been in vogue for some time. What is new is the urgent need to scale up this technology to accommodate another 3 billion people. An entirely new approach to indoor farming must be invented, employing cutting edge technologies. The Vertical Farm must be efficient (cheap to construct and safe to operate). Vertical farms, many stories high, will be situated in the heart of the world's urban centers. If successfully implemented, they offer the promise of urban renewal, sustainable production of a safe and varied food supply (year-round crop production), and the eventual repair of ecosystems that have been sacrificed for horizontal farming.

"It took humans 10,000 years to learn how to grow most of the crops we now take for granted. Along the way, we despoiled most of the land we worked, often turning verdant, natural ecozones into semi-arid deserts. Over 60% of the human population now lives vertically in cities. The time has arrived for us to learn how to grow our food that way, too. If we do not, then in just another 50 years, 3 billion people will surely go hungry, and the world will be a very unpleasant place in which to live."

What a wonderful solution to the problem. Dick intimated that the ancillary problems (e.g. how to recycle wastewater) are only temporary setbacks. The only

## Fly of the Month

**November** – Everything is winding down after a busy year. The hatches of summer are behind us. The last of the caddis flies for the year will soon be gone.

Last call for Mayflies, the tiny blue wing olives of the fall can continue well into November, and on most rivers are the last of the Mayfly hatches for the year.

So break out your finest tread and those size 22 and 24 hooks. November's *Fly of the Month* is **Olives**. If you don't have the patience or the eyesight to tie these tiny olives, feel free to tie the larger variety. Olives from size 14 down to the 22s are found on most of the local and Catskill streams.

Tie up a dozen 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 is still quite lean, and we need your help in getting it rebuilt. The Suffern show is just around the corner and Basil needs all the flies he can get for the show. 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*

aspect he cannot foreseeably fix is how to place a trout stream in the environment.

This project ranks along with topics such as alternative sources to fossil fuels.

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Please visit their website:

[www.verticalfarm.com](http://www.verticalfarm.com)

*George Petersen*

## Joan Wulff Fly Fishers

The Joan Wulff Fly Fishers (JWFF) meets in Ridgewood on the first Thursday of every month. The meetings begin at 7 PM in the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church on Dayton Avenue (Go past the church and turn right into the parking lot).

## Stripers in The Suds



For those trout fishermen who would like to try their luck at saltwater fishing for stripers the fall season is the best time to try.

As the water gets colder stripers and bait fish leave their spawning estuaries and start moving south. Because they are both shallow water feeders and prefer the easy feeding along the beaches rather than the open water they tend to stay close to shore as they move to their winter quarters.

Before you go, check the tide charts because it's a good idea to start fishing two hours before high tide and continue until two hours after a high tide.

If you want to take a picture of your catch use the light at dawn or dusk for best results. A brightly colored shirt will also provide contrast in your photo. And playing and landing a fish adds a nice finishing touch.

*John Roetman*

## Museums

If you enjoy delving into the history of fly fishing or reveling in the artistry of past rod builders and fly tyers you might enjoy a visit to these museums: American Museum of Fly Fishing (Vermont) and the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum (New York).

The American Museum of Fly Fishing claims that its collection of 1,200 rods, 400 reels and 22,000 flies is the world's largest collection of "fly angling art and artifacts", while the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum accentuates education and ecology rather than the number of items in its collection.

Both museums have web sites on which you can find their histories, schedules of coming events, hours of operation, etc. Portions of the American Museum's web pages were under construction recently, so you may have to be patient.

### American Museum of Fly Fishing

4104 Main Street  
Manchester, VT 05254  
Tel: 802-362-3300

Web: [www.amff.com](http://www.amff.com)  
Email: [amff@together.net](mailto:amff@together.net)

### Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum

1031 Old Route 17  
Livingston Manor, NY 12758  
Tel: 845-439-4810

Web: [www.cffcm.org](http://www.cffcm.org)  
Email: [flyfish@catskill.net](mailto:flyfish@catskill.net)

## Financial Safety

Do you know what's in your credit report? Every credit card company, department store, oil company and bank from which you use credit services does, so you should too.

A new law will enable everyone in the country to obtain free copies of their credit reports but citizens of New Jersey and a few other states have had the right to get one free report a year for a number of years. However, few people take the time to check whether the information in their reports is correct.

There are three major credit bureaus and the information in each can vary so you should get copies of all three reports. But, since you are only allowed one free report a year, financial counsellors suggest that you get a report from one bureau, wait four months and get one from a second bureau, four months later get one from the last bureau, then in four months start with the first bureau again. In that way you are checking your credit history throughout the year.

Last month my wife and I each got our reports from one of the credit bureaus, Equifax, and finding no unusual entries, relaxed a bit and filed them. In January we'll get reports from the next bureau.

Here are the credit bureaus and their contact information:

Equifax: 1-800-685-1111, or  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

Experian: 1-888-397-3742, or  
[www.experian.com/freestate](http://www.experian.com/freestate)

TransUnion: 1800-888-4213, or  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

I called Equifax. It seemed that they wanted to charge me for the report. But, one entry is your zip code and when this is entered they determine that you are a resident of a free state and the credit report is free. If you also want your credit score - the number that lenders use to rate your credit - then you will have to pay about \$7 for this added information.

*U. Heep*

## Trivia

Did you ever wonder why a fishing vest has rod holders?

Because it's impossible for two fishermen to carry on a conversation without using both hands.

*John Roetman*

## Rah Rah - Football and Trout in January

The annual Superbowl Sunday EJTU trip to the Connetquot will be held on Sunday, 29 January 2006.

The cost of the trip will be \$45.00.

If you would like to reserve a place on the trip please see Karen Canning at the Chapter General Meeting.

Please keep in mind that fees are not refundable.

*John Roetman*

## Sounds Right to Me

"I fish because I love to; because I love the environs where trout are found, which are invariably beautiful... and, finally, not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important, but because I suspect so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant—and not nearly so much fun."

*-John Voelker, a.k.a. Robert Traver, author of Anatomy of a Murder*

## A Woman Who Reads

A husband and wife are in their boat on a lake; he is fishing while she reads a book. After a few hours the husband decides to return to their cabin and take a nap.

Although not familiar with the lake the wife decides to take their boat out again. She motors out a short distance, anchors, and continues to read her book.

Along comes a game warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "Good morning Ma'am. What are you doing?"

"Reading a book," she replies, (thinking, "Isn't that obvious?").

"You're in a restricted fishing area," he informs her.

"Yes, officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading."

"I see, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't touched you," says the game warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am", and he left. Moral: Never Argue With A Woman Who Reads; It's Likely She Can Also Think.

## Ramapo Ramblin'

Just a few weeks ago we wondered if the state could stock as scheduled because the Ramapo River was so low. However, to our surprise they went ahead and delivered the trout on Friday October 7. The water was so low that we could not float the boat so Bob Schneider single-handedly walked downstream from Cindy's pool to the Patriots Way Bridge, dragging the stock box full of trout behind him. Upstream from the Glen Gray Bridge, Ed Sikorski and the bucket brigade stocked up and down stream from the dirt road at the end of Drenth Drive.

And a team led by Walter Nahadil also bucket stocked upstream from The Halifax Road bridge.

The river was so low that the volunteers who were distributing the fish had to find pools and deeper spots to place the trout. But, within 24 hours it began to

rain and how it rained. By Sunday the river was out of the banks and rising fast. Glen Gray Road had thigh-deep water up to Drenth's Drive and Britt's had water near their parking lot. This should remind us of the old saying that we should be careful what we ask for as we might just get it.

By the time you read this article, we will have stocked another 300 rainbows at Glen Gray and Halifax Road, provided



that hurricane Wilma doesn't flood the river again. This year we will have tagged twenty-four of the trout. They will be spread out at the stocking sites with numbers one to eight going downstream from Glen Gray Bridge, nine to sixteen upstream from the bridge, and seventeen to twenty-four at Halifax Road. If you catch a tagged trout please note the tag number and when and where you caught it - before you release it - then let us know this information. We hope to get some idea of where the trout travel after we stock them and we have to rely on your reports. We promise to keep the location of your honey holes a secret.

We understand that bulldozers and backhoes were seen removing trees and clearing brush all the way to the river's edge in the area across the river from the end of the dirt road upstream from Glen Gray

Road. We have not been able to investigate this due to the flooding in the area.

I would like to caution everyone to be extra careful when wading the river and walking its banks. Whenever there is flooding and high water, the river bed changes, digging out holes and moving debris and rocks to different locations. The riverbanks become undercut and are hazardous to anyone who makes a

misstep. Of course, trees and tree limbs are always a hazard. A fully charged cell phone and a good police type whistle are probably the most important items that you can carry with you when you are out of sight of populated areas.

Over the last ten years EJTU's Conservation Committee has been hard at work trying to improve the Ramapo River. It is always gratifying when someone tells us that they are now enjoying the greatest fishing ever. I wish to thank Rich Malizia, Ed Sikorski, Ray Cappock, Ken Vander Pyl, Bruce Seiden, John Grisoni and George Petersen for their help and contributions during the past year. All EJTU members are invited to join us in the coming year as we continue our work, so if you would like to join the committee contact me at [hermaril@aol.com](mailto:hermaril@aol.com).

It looks like the clock on the wall is telling me it is time to get out the white flag to contact Mother Nature and negotiate surrender terms!

Until next time, let's meet down river where we all live.

God Bless our Veterans and America

Herman Drenth

### Quote of the Month

*"The man who coined the phrase "Money can't buy happiness", never bought himself a good fly rod!"*

*- Reg Baird, from his video Labrador Trout*

## November 22 Connetquot Trip

The trip to the Connetquot on Tuesday, November 22, 2005 is still on the schedule but, there has been one change. Originally the trip was to cost \$70 if you chose to ride on the bus that was to be chartered by the EJTU or \$45 if you chose not to utilize the bus. Not enough people wanted to take the bus, so it has been cancelled. The "one fee fits all" is \$45.

If you would like to reserve a place on the trip please see Karen Canning at the Chapter General Meeting.

Please keep in mind that fees are not refundable.



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