

# Get Set Gazette

News for Get Set, Inc. Customers



Intelligent Pest Management®



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**Not Nice to Lice®** is now available at Walgreens, Rite Aid, Albertson's, KMart and many independent drug stores, including some Meijers.

**Steve will be in New York** this Month doing some public television programs with Bill Murawski.

**The Bug Stops Here®** will be available for review this Month at <http://www.thebestcontrol.com> and elsewhere. The Bug Stops Here® is a brief summary of The Best Control II®, which will be out shortly as a CD-ROM.

☐ **The new enzyme cleaner from Safe Solutions, Inc.** is getting great reviews from schools, veterinarians, cleaning companies and the general public. The Safe Solutions, Inc. web site with the MSDS and lab sensitivity results is located at <http://www.safesolutionsinc.com>.

**Steve has been asked to come to India and Cuba to give a series of IPM lectures.**

☐ **We are currently working on a dry enzyme formula** that requires only 1 oz. per 5 gallons to clean and wash away pest problems. If any of you would like to test it for efficacy, let us know.

**This has been an extremely warm Winter** and we were already seeing spring birds (mallards, red wing blackbirds, etc.) in February. You need to watch for damage to your plants and for a larger-than-normal surge in exterior pest problems.

**MOUSE CONTROL -** Preventing and controlling mice in schools.

**Prevention:** Full grown mice can enter buildings through a hole the size of a dime or be carried in to buildings.

➡ Stuff holes in/around buildings

with steel wool or copper mesh, or fill with caulk or plaster and cover with sheet metal. Pay particular attention to the foundation.

➡ Seal gaps around doors.

Replace worn thresholds and weather-stripping and install door sweeps. Mice will not normally chew through duct tape.

➡ Caulk openings around water pipes, electric wires, cables and vents.

➡ Use hardware cloth to screen vents, floor drains and any other openings.

➡ Cut tall grass, weeds and brush from around the foundation and dispose of clippings and garbage.

➡ Discard/recycle unused clutter and debris around buildings that provide a home for mice.

➡ Store trash, indoors and out, in metal containers with tight-fitting lids.

➡ Don't leave food or garbage on counters or improperly stored.

➡ Don't leave dirty dishes in the sink.

➡ Keep the entire area clean.

➡ Store snacks, pet food, grains, cereals and nuts in sealed plastic, metal or glass containers, or keep them in the refrigerator. Rodents can chew through plastic bags and boxes.

**Monitoring:** Identifying a mouse problem may be as easy as seeing a mouse or finding droppings on the counter. If not, ➡ Sprinkle surfaces with a light coating of talcum powder. If you have mice, you'll find footprints in the dust and tracks from the powder, hopefully to their point of entrance or home.

➡ Be more aware of possible mouse activity in the fall when the cold weather hits and mice head indoors for warmth. Pay particular

attention to areas where food and garbage is stored and areas adjacent to buildings.

**Nontoxic controls:** Sanitation, live traps, snap traps, glue traps, repellent sound devices, biological (cats), Walk-the-Plant™, peppermint repels them, etc.

**The following letter came from Beyond Pesticides/ National Coalition against the Misuse of Pesticides (NCAMP):**

From: "Kagan Owens"  
kowens@beyondpesticides.org  
Subject: Pesticide, Alts & Enviro  
Photos Wanted  
Date: Friday, February 22, 2002  
1:31 PM

#### PHOTOS WANTED

You know the expression "a picture's worth a thousand words." Send your best pesticide, alternative to pesticides and environmental photographs to Beyond Pesticides and have them featured on the hottest, most-clicked on pesticide reform advocacy web site in the world!

Here's how it works. You send us (by e-mail or snail mail) a photograph (yes it can be from your point and click camera) that captures a positive situation (like an organic farm or a pesticide-free school) or negative situation that needs public attention (like the most toxic looking utility pole, crop dusters flying over people's homes, etc.) and we will post it on our web site, <http://www.beyondpesticides.org>. Provide us with a short description of the photograph, identify where it was taken, and provide a photo credit. Expose the problems you are trying to overcome, or depict the successes you have accomplished or seen. Share the information with us and we'll send your message across the world.

And, from time to time, we will also post your work just for the sheer beauty of it, so feel free to share your talents.

We are accepting both hard copies and electronic versions. E-mail electronic copies to [info@beyondpesticides.org](mailto:info@beyondpesticides.org), attention Photo Stories, in jpg, gif, or bmp format. If you send us a hard copy, we will be happy to return it upon request. Mail your photographs to:

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If you have any questions, please contact Meghan at 1-202-543-5450 or at [mtaylor@beyondpesticides.org](mailto:mtaylor@beyondpesticides.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

#### **HOW ABOUT SHOWING THE WORLD OUR WONDERFUL MICHIGAN AND OHIO NONTOXIC CONTROL SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT WORK?!**

##### **Remember:**

1. Good teachers never die; they just lose their principals.
2. Good principals never die; they just lose their faculties.
3. Good doctors never die; they just lose their patients.
4. Good lawyers never die; they just lose their appeal.
5. Good speakers never die/ they just go on and on and on.

**Bill was telling his friend, Sam,** "We had an amazing act at the club last week...a man who did farm yard impressions." "What was so wonderful about it?" asked Sam. "He didn't do sounds. He did the smells..."

☘ HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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## HAPPY EASTER!



"I won't say ours was a tough school, but we had our own coroner. We used to write essays like 'What I'm Going to be If I Grow Up.'" - *Lenny Bruce*

### I wonder:

?Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

?If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy all of her friends?

?Is there another word for synonym?

?Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"

?Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?

?Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?

?Have you ever imagined a world without any hypothetical situations?

**There's so much comedy on television. Does that cause comedy in the streets?**

"When I told the people of Northern Ireland that I was an atheist, a woman in the audience stood up and said, 'Yes, but is it the God of the Catholics or the God of the Protestants in whom you don't believe?' - *Quentin Crisp*

**Some Actual Rules for Teachers from the Early 1900s in the U.S.:**

To keep the school room neat and clean, you must:

↘ Sweep the floor at least once daily.

↘ Scrub the floor at least once a week with hot, soapy water.

↘ Clean the blackboards at least once a day.

↘ Start the fire at 7 a.m. so the room will be warm by 8 a.m.

↘ You will not marry during the term of your contract.

↘ You are not to keep company with men.

↘ You must be home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless attending a school function.

↘ You may not loiter downtown in the ice cream stores.

↘ You may not travel beyond city limits unless you have the permission of the chairman of the board.

↘ You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.

↘ You may not smoke cigarettes.

↘ You may not dress in bright colors.

↘ You may under no circumstances dye your hair.

↘ You must wear at least two petticoats.

↘ Your dresses must not be any shorter than two inches about the ankle.

**When I got up this morning**, I took two Ex-Lax in addition to my Prozac. I can't get off the john, but I feel good about it.

**Deep Thoughts:** Whoever said that there's a fine line between genius and insanity truly must have been a genius. Or maybe an insane person.

### Hmmm.....

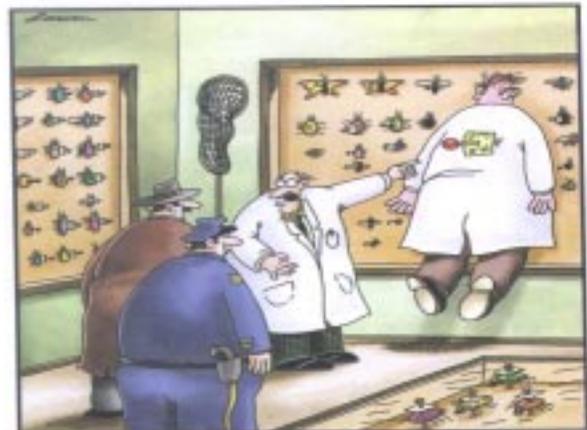
"How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on." - *Unknown*

"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value." - *Marshal Ferdinand Foch, Professor of Strategy, 1910*

## HAPPY PESACH!



Have a great Month!



"Professor LaVonne had many enemies in the entomological world, detective, but if you examine that data label, you'll find exactly when and where he was—shall we say—collected."