

# The Meadowlark



The Newsletter of Genesee Valley Audubon Society, Vol. XXXI, No. 1  
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## President's Column

by June Summers

### Possibilities and Prospects

Genesee Valley Audubon Society has made great strides in the last year. We are continuing negotiations with the Army Corp of Engineers for the lease for the Genesee Valley Audubon Center in Mt. Morris. Programs and field trips are already being run out of the Dam Visitor Center. GVAS was a key partner in planning and preparing for the International Migratory Bird Day Festival at Braddock Bay. The First Sunday Hikes have been well attended; educating participants about the wealth of native wildlife and the reason Cobbs Hill is an Audubon Important Bird Area. GVAS sponsored 57 Audubon Adventures classrooms for the 2002/2003 school year. The Falcon Fledgling Watch had over 30 participants. One young falcon was killed at the airport and another was taken to the veterinarian by Rochester Animal Control, malnourished. It should be returned to downtown soon.

To continue our success we need your help. We need funding to start the Genesee Valley Nature Center. We need displays, desk, paint, computers, and eventually staff. We hope to fund a satellite transmitter for a young falcon, tracking time, and a web site. GVAS is currently negotiating with the Monroe County Parks and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service to include lands in Black Creek and Oatka Creek Park into the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). If land is included in WHIP the USDA-NRCS reimburses the land owner, Monroe County, ¾ of the cost of managing the land for wildlife. In this case it would mean mowing to benefit grassland birds. If the land is included in WHIP but Monroe County Parks does not accept incurring the ¼ cost of mowing 1/3 of the land each year, GVAS will pick it up. Over 200 acres could be dedicated to grassland birds for 10 years, thereby increasing the biodiversity of the region.

As you can see, all of the activities require money. We need your help running fundraisers and making contacts in the community. A birdseed sale might do well if we had someone to run it. Call me, we can talk: June Summers, 585-865-6047.

## Mayor Johnson to speak at the Federation of Monroe County Environmentalists

Genesee Valley Audubon Society is a member of the Federation whose purpose is "to ensure that future growth and development within Monroe County and the Genesee Valley region will not compromise full protection of our environment." FMCE provides a forum for the representatives from its 20-member organizations to discuss issues and prioritize actions. At present, the Federation is working to familiarize citizens and leaders with the principles of sustainable development.

Mayor Johnson has accepted the FMCE's invitation to speak on Regional Planning at their September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to be held at 7:30 at the First Baptist Church, 1862 Penfield Rd.

When asked if he proposed metro government for Monroe County, Mayor Johnson responded: For years, I have proposed a thorough examination of possible solutions to our community's economic decline, including government consolidation as a way to lower taxes. That proposal has steadily gained support – most recently, when the City and County joined with business leaders to fund a CGR study of these issues that is due out this summer. The community will decide what solutions to adopt. Many service sharing arrangements are in place, and some generate significant savings, but they don't address the big picture, With more than 600 governmental entities in Monroe County, and budget crises at all levels of government, a piecemeal "leave-it-alone" approach is not enough. We need to redefine the role of government in our community." {from Mayor Johnson's brief. "Exploring Regional Solutions: Bigger Bang from Less Government"}

Members of GVAS are urged to attend the meeting to hear Mayor Johnson's views of regional planning and to discuss with him their concerns and questions. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

For more information, please call Lois Jenkins, 342-3812 or Carol Hinkelman, 663-2981.

Check our web site for current information:  
[www.ggw.org/gvas](http://www.ggw.org/gvas)

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# ***SPONSORS NEEDED FOR AUDUBON ADVENTURES***

## ***Audubon's Award Winning Classroom Program for Grades 3-6***

Each year, Genesee Valley Audubon Society provides free *Audubon Adventures* programs to over 2000 students in the Rochester area. This is a newspaper for children that has four issues per year (32 copies of each issue per classroom). In addition, there is a Classroom Resource Guide for teachers and students complete with background information on each newspaper topic, detailed lesson plans, tips for outdoor study, hands-on-activities, duplicating masters, and research material, links to relevant websites, glossaries, and more.

The overall topic for 2003-2004 is People and Nature Sharing the Earth. The subtopics of the four issues are Grasslands, Nature in Your Neighborhood (Schoolyards, Backyards, Parks), Forests (coniferous), and Water, Wildlife and People.

In order for GVAS to continue supporting this fine program more outside sponsors are needed. Give it as a gift, promote your organization or business, help an inner city classroom.

To be a sponsor or donor, fill out this form and mail it with a check to the address below. If you have a business or organization, or if this is in honor of someone, you may have a credit line in our newsletter. Just fill in the appropriate lines.

You could also purchase it for your own child's classroom. Kits for home-schooling are available, too.

If you have questions, call Jean Barlow, (585) 392-5432. Your donation is tax deductible.  
Thank you for your help!

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Number of Kits \_\_\_\_\_ X \$41.50 per kit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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Number of Kits \_\_\_\_\_ X \$24.50 per kit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation** for *AUDUBON ADVENTURES* subscriptions. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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**Mail checks to: Jean Barlow, 119 Brook Street, Hilton, NY 14468-1203**  
(checks payable to GENESEE VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY)

# Calendar of Events

## Friday and Saturday, September 5 & 6, 2003

### *Montezuma Muckrace '03*

The Friends of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex will hold its 7<sup>th</sup> annual birding competition to raise money for bird conservation efforts in the Montezuma Wetlands Complex. The competition starts at 9:00 PM Friday and ends at 9:00 PM Saturday. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jillian Liner via email [jl liner@audubon.org](mailto:jl liner@audubon.org) or by phone at 607-254-2437.

## Wednesday, September 24, 2003

### *A Birdseye View – The Life and Work of John James Audubon*

Ms. Lucy Winters Durkin, the great-great-great granddaughter of John James Audubon, will give a slide presentation about her famous ancestor for whom our society is named. The program begins at 7:30 PM in the Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue in Brighton.

## Saturday and Sunday, September 27 & 28, 2003

### *National Hunting and Fishing Days*

Hosted by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, 6247 East Avon-Lima Road. From 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM both days. Free Admission. For information, call the DEC Office in Avon at 585-226-2466.

## Wednesday, October 22, 2003

### *Botulism in the Lower Great Lakes*

Ms. Helen Domske, who is an Associate Director at Sea Grant Buffalo, will give a presentation about Type E avian botulism, which is causing fish and bird die-offs in the Lake Erie and Lake Ontario area. The program begins at 7:30 PM in the Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue in Brighton.

## Wednesday, November 19, 2003

### *Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument*

Bruce and Nancy Secker will give a slide presentation about their experience volunteering at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, which is located in the Sonora Desert where Arizona borders Mexico. The program begins at 7:30 PM in the Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue in Brighton.

## Wednesday, January 28, 2004

### *Members and Friends Night*

Bring a dish to pass and slides, pictures, a carving, or a special item to share. The evening begins at 6:30 PM in the Carmen Clark Lodge in Brighton Town Park, 777 Westfall Road in Brighton.

## Wednesday, February 25, 2004

### *Purple Martins*

Mr. Rick Marx who is an environmental engineer will give a presentation on purple martins, types of purple martin housing, and management of purple martin colonies. The program begins at 7:30 PM in the Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue in Brighton.

## Wednesday, March 24, 2004

### *All About Bluebirds, and More*

Mr. John Rogers, who is the co-founder of the New York State Bluebird Society, will give a presentation on the life history and ecology of the eastern bluebird and bluebird nest box management. The program begins at 7:30 PM in the Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue in Brighton.

## Wednesday, April 28, 2004

### *Restoration of the American Chestnut Tree*

Mr. Chip Leavy, a district director for the New York State Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation, will give a talk about the ongoing research and genetic breeding activities taking place in hopes of developing a blight-resistant American chestnut tree. The program begins at 7:30 PM in the Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue in Brighton.

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## Bluebird Society Fall Meeting

The New York State Bluebird Society cordially invites all birders to their Fall meeting in Ithaca, NY on October 4, 2003. Rick Marx will speak and give a Power-Point presentation on the Purple Martin, "How to attract and manage a colony." He will also speak on other cavity nesters.

There will be a tour of the new Lab of Ornithology at Cornell. Reservations required, and limited to 130. See the website for more detail: [www.nysbs.com](http://www.nysbs.com)

Genesee Valley Audubon Society would like to thank Sid Gear, Hans Strasse, Lisa McKown, and Rose and Vincent Maxwell for their generous donations for the new Audubon Center currently being developed next to the William B. Hoyt II Visitor Center at the Mt. Morris Dam.

# The Program Year for GVAS—Join us!

## SEPTEMBER

7:30 pm WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2003  
Brighton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room  
2300 Elmwood Avenue, Brighton

### **A BIRDSEYE VIEW – THE LIFE AND WORK OF JOHN JAMES AUDUBON**

Ms. Lucy Winters Durkin, the great-great-great granddaughter of John James Audubon, will give a slide presentation covering a sample of the thousand or more paintings of birds and mammals made by her famous ancestor for whom our society is named. Her talk will include interesting facts about this American naturalist/artist as well as a brief portfolio view of some of his paintings.

Ms. Durkin has taught Art History at SUNY College at Brockport and currently teaches that same subject at the Memorial Art Gallery and at the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music. She is a highly recommended speaker and will captivate everyone's interest whether it is in art, history, wildlife, or general education. Please join us as we kick off the 2003-2004 program year.

## OCTOBER

7:30 PM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2003  
Brighton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room  
2300 Elmwood Avenue, Brighton

### **BOTULISM IN THE LOWER GREAT LAKES**

Type E botulism is adversely affecting fish and birds in the Lower Great Lakes region. Thousands of birds have died from the toxin produced by the botulism bacteria. Die-offs have occurred along the shores of Lake Erie in Ontario, Canada, Pennsylvania, and western New York State. Since the waters of Lake Erie feed the Niagara River, Lake Ontario, and the Barge Canal and intermix with the Finger Lakes, there is ample concern amongst environmental scientists that the problem will continue to expand in this geographic area. Waterfowl such as loons, gulls, mergansers, and cormorants are vulnerable due to their position at the top of the food chain, but fish such as rock bass, smallmouth bass, sheepshead, and even mud-puppies have become casualties of this devastating toxin.

For our October meeting, an overview of Type E botulism outbreaks and the recent fish and bird die-offs in Lake Erie and Lake Ontario will be presented by Ms. Helen Domske, who is the Associate Director of the Great

Lakes Program and a Senior Education Specialist for the New York State Sea Grant Office located on the campus of SUNY Buffalo. Ms. Domske serves as editor for the Great Lakes Research Review and other publications produced by the Great Lakes Program and Sea Grant Buffalo. She earned her master's degree from SUNY Buffalo and has carried out post-graduate studies at Ohio State University in aquatic sciences. She conducts educational and teacher training programs on topics such as exotic species, Great Lakes ecology, and botulism in the Lower Great Lakes. She has been involved with the botulism issue since the outbreak was first discovered in 1999.

Ms. Domske is uniquely gifted in explaining technical subjects in a way that is understandable to the general public. Please join us to learn about this important ecological topic.

## NOVEMBER

7:30 PM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2003  
Brighton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room  
2300 Elmwood Avenue, Brighton

### **ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT**

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, one of the largest U.S. national monuments at over 330,000 acres, is located about 100 miles southwest of Tucson, Arizona and borders the state of Sonora, Mexico on the south as well as the Cabeza Prieta (U.S.) National Wildlife Refuge on the west. It is home to organ-pipe cacti and other unusual desert plant and animal life found nowhere else in the United States. Having been established as a national monument in 1937, it has remained an unspoiled desert for tourists and environmentalists to savor and enjoy.

Bruce and Nancy Secker are Chili residents who served as volunteers during the summer of 2002 at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. They have graciously offered to give a slide presentation about their experience in this unusual habitat. They will compare and contrast the Sonora Desert with other deserts of the United States and illustrate how the Organ Pipe area is truly differentiated from the Mojave Desert, the Great Salt Lake Desert, and other deserts of the great southwest.

The Seckers have given this talk at public libraries and to various groups in the Rochester area and it has always been well received. Please join us for an interesting presentation on this truly unique eco-system.

## **DECEMBER** *No meeting in December.*

*Happy Holidays.*

## **JANUARY**

6:30 PM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2004  
Carmen Clark Lodge, Brighton Town Park  
777 Westfall Road, Brighton

### **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS NIGHT**

Please bring a dish to pass and slides, pictures, a carving, or a special item to share. If your last name begins with A through L, please bring a vegetable, beverage, or dessert. If your last name begins with M through Z, please bring a main dish.

## **FEBRUARY**

7:30 PM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2004  
Brighton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room  
2300 Elmwood Avenue, Brighton

### **PURPLE MARTINS**

Mr. Rick Marx, who is an environmental engineer with the law office of Nixon Peabody LLP in Rochester, is a purple martin enthusiast who has agreed to share his wealth of knowledge on this species at our February meeting. Rick has admired these acrobatic songsters since he was a small child and currently manages two purple martin colonies near his home a few miles southeast of Naples, New York.

The purple martin is one of the few species that prefer to nest in man-made colonial houses or in clusters of natural or artificial gourds. Mr. Marx will provide valuable advice about choosing the proper location for a purple martin colony nest house as well as useful tips for the successful management of it. Protecting the house from predators and best practices for controlling European Starlings and English Sparrows will also be discussed.

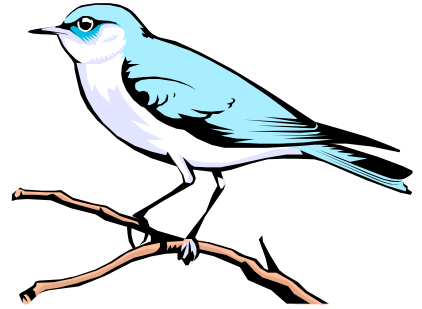
Purple martins are on the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology Birdhouse Network's "Most Wanted" list. The need to provide suitable housing for this species is of paramount importance for its resurgence in this geographic area. If anyone wishes to become a "purple martin landlord," or just learn more about this beautiful songbird, you won't want to miss this informative and educational PowerPoint presentation.

## **MARCH**

7:30 PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2004  
Brighton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room  
2300 Elmwood Avenue, Brighton

### **ALL ABOUT BLUEBIRDS, AND MORE**

Most birders know the eastern bluebird as a colorful, melodious harbinger of spring that experienced a population decline, but recently has begun increasing its numbers primarily due to the efforts humans have put forth in providing appropriate nesting boxes.



Mr. John Rogers, a member of the Onondaga Audubon Society in Syracuse, has been very involved in this rejuvenation effort for the past thirty years. In 1982 he co-founded the New York State Bluebird Society, which now has over 1000 members. He has been a board member of the North American Bluebird Society and has received various awards for his conservation work with bluebirds. He currently monitors a bluebird trail of 350 nesting boxes, mainly north of Oneida Lake, from which over 9,000 bluebirds have fledged.

Mr. Rogers has led field trips and presented slide programs to hundreds of groups and has graciously agreed to give a PowerPoint slide presentation at our March meeting. The program encompasses the life history and ecology of the eastern bluebird and bluebird nest box management. He'll explain the factors that led to the population decline with a focus on starlings, house sparrows, and habitat loss. He'll explain the nesting cycle, the lifestyle of bluebirds, and the challenges from predators and parasites. His presentation is interspersed with views of other bird species, wildflowers, and butterflies that make their home in upstate New York. He will provide useful hints on proper placement of nest boxes in the event that anyone is interested in helping provide housing for this species, which is the only North American thrush that nests in cavities.

This promises to be an exciting program to be enjoyed by anyone who appreciates nature. Please bring your family, neighbors, and friends to this informative lecture on our official state bird.

## APRIL

7:30 PM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2004  
Brighton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room  
2300 Elmwood Avenue, Brighton

### RESTORATION OF THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT TREE

The American chestnut was once one of the most important trees in our eastern forests. It ranged from Maine to Georgia and produced tasty nuts and valuable timber. Mature trees could reach 80 to 100 feet in height with trunks of 4 to 5 feet in diameter.



The largest trees were sometimes 8 to 10 feet in diameter. The wood was durable, straight-grained, and nearly rot-resistant, making it useful for telephone poles, railroad ties, furniture, and paneling. The tree also produced tannin, which was used by Native Americans and early settlers to tan leather.

In 1904, a fungus disease, which was later named chestnut blight, was discovered in New York City and quickly spread throughout the eastern forests. By 1950, an estimated nine million acres of trees were killed by the blight and the American chestnut was effectively eliminated as a forest tree. However, in 1983, a group of scientists established The American Chestnut Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission is to capitalize on advancements in genetics and plant pathology and develop a blight-resistant American chestnut tree.

Chip Leavy, who lives in Churchville, is a district director for the New York State Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation and has agreed to tell us about the Foundation's work in this restoration project. He'll talk about the Foundation's Research



Farm in southern Virginia and the progress that has been made to date. He'll also discuss the work being done here in New York State at the College of Forestry at SUNY Syracuse. Please join us for an interesting program about a species that once helped feed wild turkeys, deer, bear, and squirrels, and hopefully will do so again some day.

## First Sunday Hikes

We will continue the 2003 First Sunday Hike Series at Cobb's Hill and Highland Park. The hikes are slow-paced but moderately strenuous due to hills and will last about 2 hours. Wear boots and dress for the weather. For the Highland hikes, we will meet at the Conservatory by the reservoir. For the Cobb's Hill hikes, we will meet in the parking lot near the intersection of Culver Road and Norris Drive

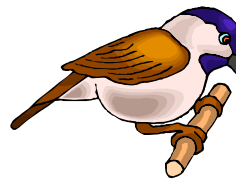
September 7	7 a.m. Highland
October 5	3 p.m. Cobb's Hill
November 2	3 p.m. Highland
December 7	3 p.m. Cobb's Hill

Next year GVAS will continue to hike in areas that are Audubon Important Bird Areas. We will select Braddock Bay/Badgerow Park or Durand-Eastman Park. Let us know which park you would like to hike in. Call June at 585-865-6047, and leave a message if I don't answer.

## Fall/Winter Field Trips

### Save the Dates

Walk a trail and feed the chickadees & nuthatches at Mendon Ponds Park. The entire family is welcome to participate in this outdoor adventure.



We will meet at 9 am in the Nature Center Parking lot on Pond Rd off of Clover St (the southernmost of the 3 park entrances off Clover).

Bring sunflower seeds and dress for the weather (wear boots, warm clothes, etc.) Joni Van Delinder will lead the hikes, which will last about 2 hours.

Saturday, October 18, 2003  
Saturday, November 15, 2003  
Saturday, December 27, 2003

## Bird Feeder Wash

On September 27 bring your tube feeder to the BIRD HOUSE at 3016 Monroe Avenue to have it washed for a small donation of \$3.00 to GVAS. Tube feeders only, please. The feeder wash will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. so come early. We get busy quickly and you might have to wait.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FEEDER WASH! PLEASE CALL 585-865-6047 TO VOLUNTEER.

# **Genesee Valley Audubon Center**

## **Fall 2003 Programs**

*All Programs meet at the William B. Hoyt II Visitor Center at the Mt Morris Dam*

**From the North:** Take 390 to Exit 7 Mt. Morris and Letchworth Park. Turn left onto 408S. In town 408S will turn left followed by a very quick right. Follow 408S for 1.9 miles. Turn right at the William B Hoyt II, Mt Morris Dam Entrance. Drive up to the visitor parking lot (1.7 miles) to meet walk leader.

**From the South:** Take 390N to Exit 6 Sonyea. Take Route 36 North for seven miles. Turn Left onto Route 408S and travel for 1.9 miles. Turn right at the William B. Hoyt II, Mt Morris Dam Entrance. Drive up to the visitor parking lot (1.7 miles) to meet walk leader.

For further information regarding events contact Loretta Morrell at (585) 338-3683.

For further directions contact the William B. Hoyt II Visitor Center at (585) 658-4790

### **September 20 – Public Lands Day – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

GVAS will be assisting with Public Lands Day. We will have representatives to assist the scouting groups and displays set up in the visitor center. Displays will cover creating a backyard habitat for birds as well as why it is important to provide birds with man-made nest boxes and nesting platforms.

### **September 27 – Bird Walks - 7:00 am and 9:30 am**

Fall migration is here. We will see what birds we can find, and determine whether they are residents or migrants.

### **October 4 – Bird Walk – 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**

The woods begin to get even more silent as the last of the migrants leave for their southern homes. We will walk in the woods and make discoveries along the way.

**October 25 – Bats – 9:30 am – 10:30 am** – Slide show presentation with guest Martha Zettel on the amazing world of bats. A very popular event. Free and open to all ages, but reservations are required. To reserve your space call (585) 338-3683 or email [lorettamorrell@earthlink.net](mailto:lorettamorrell@earthlink.net).

### **November 8 – Great Backyard Bird Count 2004 - 9:30 am- 10:30 am**

June Summers, President of Genesee Valley Audubon Society. February 13- 16<sup>th</sup> are the dates for next year's Great Backyard Bird Count. This is a joint venture between Natural Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Each year GVAS appears at several venues throughout Monroe County rounding up citizen scientist to help us in this venture. We have chosen to do it at Mt Morris before Christmas to give folks suggestions for possible Christmas presents. Again, backyard winter habitat will be our focus.

### **November 22 – Nature Walk- 9:30 am-10:45 am**

Only the winter resident birds are left in the woods now. We will try to find as many of these birds as possible as well as look for evidence of the past season of bird activity such as nest cavities and nests.

**December** - no programs

### Board of Directors

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## Wish List

### Genesee Valley Audubon Center

Picture Window  
Front Door no less than 36" wide  
Wood for ramp, and puppet theatre  
Cement for ramp  
Large Refrigerator for basement or garage  
Bar-size Refrigerator for Retail Space  
Bookcases for Resource Library and retail space  
Displays for nature center and retail space  
Cash Register  
Safe  
Computer Desk (receptionist/upstairs office)  
Computer with Word Processing Capabilities (Laptop  
a dream come true)

Keep up-to-date with our web site, [www.ggw.org/gvas](http://www.ggw.org/gvas).

## The Meadowlark

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GVAS: A Chapter of the National Audubon Society

### Mission Statement:

The mission of Genesee Valley Audubon Society (GVAS) is to promote conservation of the environment through education and to advocate for its protection, focusing on birds and other wildlife in Western New York.

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