

Jon Beaver, Megan Frederic, and Bryan Hoover of New Holland are greeted in Washington, D.C., by conference director Shane Black, rith, of Athens, Ala.

Attends Washington Leadership Conference Jon Beaver, Megan Frederick, and Bryan Hoover of the Grassland FFA Chapter of New Holland attended the 1994 Washington Leadership Conference in the nation's capitol. The conference is an activity of the National FFA Or-

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ganization in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education.

The week-long program helps FFA members improve their leadership skills, develop an understanding of the nation's heritage and prepare for leadership roles in their chapters and communities. Sessions on self-confidence, goal

## Hang Up On Telemarketing Fraud

The next time you get a sales call, you may think you've won a big prize or made a smart investment but more often than not, if the offer sounds "too good to be true" — it probably is.

Enterprising swindlers may phone you at all hours with the deal or appeal of a lifetime — free trips or bargain travel packages, great magazine offers or unbeatable investment opportunities. They may also send you postcards promising fabulous "guaranteed"

setting, and team building were combined with discussions on personal development, motivation, and citizenship to help members become effective leaders in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

Visits to Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, the Jefferson Memorial and other historic sights in Washington were included in the conference.

A highlight of the week was a visit made to the office of Congressman/Senator Arlen Specter, of Pennsylvania, Harris Wofford of Pennsylvania. prizes, or ask you for money on behalf of a bogus charity.

"Dishonest telemarketers use high-pressured sales tactics on the telephone to cheat consumers out of \$40 billion a year," said John Barker, director of the National Fraud Information Center (NFIC) in Washington, D.C. "However, there are many legitimate companies that conduct business over the phone, so it's extremely important to distinguish an honest telemarketing call from a scam."

To help you avoid becoming an unwitting victim of telemarketing fraud, the NFIC and MasterCard International have, created a national public awareness campaign: "Know the difference. Hang up on Fraud." The campaign includes a free consumer's guide that provides extensive information and tips for avoiding telemarketing fraud, such as:

• Ask lots of questions and listen carefully to the telemarketer's answers.

• Refuse to be pressured into sending cash or checks or providing your credit card account number.

• Never provide your bank's name, your checking account number or a copy of your signature.

• Don't be embarrassed to report telemarketing fraud to the NFIC hotline: 1-800-876-7060.

"A reputable telemarketer will answer your questions and be willing to send you written information," said Charlotte Rush, vice president of public affairs for MasterCard International. "And always be absolutely certain the call is legitimate before you provide your credit card account number and its expiration date."

For a copy of "Schemes, Scams and Flim-Flams: A Consumer's Guide to Phone Fraud," call the NFIC toll-free hotline, 1-800-876-7060, or MasterCard International at 1-800-999-5136.



This column is for readers who have questions but don't know whom to ask for the answers.

"You Ask — You Answer" is for non-cooking questions. When a reader sends in a question, it will be printed in the paper. Readers who know the answer are asked to respond by mailing the answer, which will then be printed in the paper.

Questions and answers to this column should be addressed to You Ask — You Answer, Lou Ann Good, P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522.

**QUESTION** — Stanley Siedlecki, Jarrettsville, Md., writes that his woodburning stove emits a strong wood burning smell during humid days and nights. The flue has been cleaned. Is there something that can be done to prevent this odor or condition?

**QUESTION** — C. Van Horn, Mt. Pleasant Mills, would like to know what works and is safe to remove yellow and grease stains from old china dishes, especially ironstone. She would like something that makes the dishes white again.

QUESTION — E. Otis Dyer, Rehoboth, Mass., would like to know the name of the company in Pennsylvania, the address, and if the company is still in business — the one that makes a farm fence kit consisting of two channel irons and hinges. The farmer supplies the wooden cross piece measuring 2x8-inches and barbwire strands.

**QUESTION** — Nancy Cummings, Bolivar, would like to know why celery plants go to seed. She has grown celery all her life and the last two years, some of the plants go to seed instead of developing a nice stalk.

QUESTION — M. Carver writes: What a surprise in our garden when we discovered the local nursery supplied us with cabbage plants instead of brussels sprouts. We would like to know how they are handled while fresh.

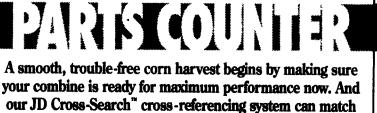
**QUESTION** — Shirley Baer, New Freedom, would like handmade aluminum made during the late 1930s and 1940s, especially those with designs of animals, flowers, and fowl.



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QUESTION — A Birdsboro reader would like to know how to remove underarm odor from laundered work clothing. Even after several washings, the smell still clings to the clothing.

**QUESTION** — A reader would like to know how to remove cloudiness from clear crystal.

ANSWER — Peg Koser of Lancaster wanted to know how to remove odors from plastic containers. Thanks to Sarah Beth Spade, Richfield, who said any brand of toothpaste is good for removing odors from hands after cleaning fish, poultry, and other meats. Then wash with regular dish or hand soap. She suggests trying it on plastic.

**ANSWER** — D. Newsom, Cooperstown, N.Y., wanted to buy an Aladdin Lamp that is either electric or oil or kerosene, but not the Aladdin mantel type. He wanted the shape, the kind rubbed for a wish in the story of the Magic Lamp. Thanks to a reader who suggests he writes to the L.L. Bean Co., Freeport, Maine.