

RECYCLERS - Gate of Heaven students Alma DeRojas and Rebecca Hoffman recently won awards for their efforts to promote recycling.

Student recyclers win two awards

By GRACE R. DOVE

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Two Gate of Heaven students, Alma DeRojas and Rebecca Hoffman, recently won awards for their efforts to promote recycling.

Eighth-grader Alma DeRojas wrote the winning essay, in which she encouraged Pennsylvanians to buy recycled products, in Luzerne County's "Buy Recycled" contest.

"If more things made from recycled products are available, people will buy them and help save our non-renewable resources," she wrote.

Alma received a proclamation from the Luzerne County commissioners for her achievement. She will now participate in a statewide competition sponsored

by the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) and the Department of Education.

The winning statewide essayists will serve on a student advisory board, which will present their environmental solutions to government officials in Harrisburg next April, during Earth Month

Each statewide winner will win a \$100 savings bond and an overnight trip to Harrisburg with a

Rebecca Hoffman earned regional honors in a national "Best Paper recycling story" for a juice box recycling program which she initiated in the school's cafeteria.

Every day she collected juice boxes from lunch periods, rinsed them out and packed them to send to a recycler.

Rebecca said that she became

interested in juice box recycling after her mother read an article about it in a magazine.

"We talked about it and I decided that I should do something to help," she said. One of 19 winners, Rebecca

won \$500 for her acheievement. Contest winners were selected from five categories: individuals and families; schools; corporations and businesses; municipalities and charities, and service clubs operating paper collection

The contest was sponsored by the American Forest and Paper Association, which is working towards achieving 40 percent recovery of all paper produced in the country before its 1995 target date. Judges included celebrities Brooke Shields, Olivia Newton-John and Richie Havens.

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Valerie Prothero will march at Citrus Bowl

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When Dallas Township residents Jack and Carol Prothero watch the Citrus Bowl football game on New Year's Day, they'll be looking for a familiar face.

Their daughter, Valerie Prothero, a freshman majoring in chemical engineering, will be playing mellophone in the Penn State marching band during the nationally televised event.

A 1993 graduate of Dallas High School, Valerie studied with band director Todd Hunter and played trumpet in the jazz band, French horn in the concert band and mellophone in the marching band.

In addition to successfully auditioning for the Penn State marching band, Valerie also made the school's Pep Band, which plays for basketball games.

"For Valerie to make Penn State's band her first year speaks very well of the musical training that she received at Dallas," Carol Prothero said. "It's a nice reflection on the Dallas band program."

While at Dallas, Valerie also played basketball and soccer and was a member of the National Honor Society, of which she was vice-president during her senior

Valerie has a sister, Jacqui, a ninth-grader who plays saxophone in the Dallas band.



VALERIE PROTHERO

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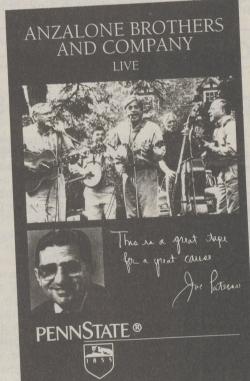
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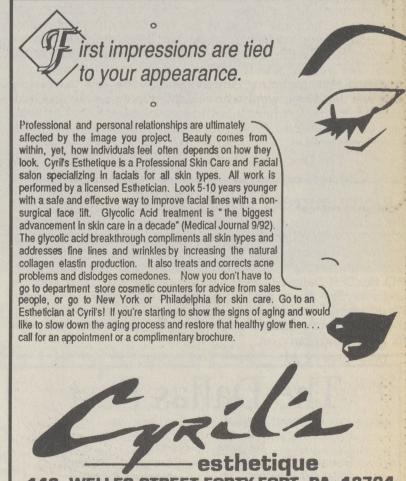
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