



Bountiful harvest

A chapter of Old Testament history was re-enacted by Ontario County gleaners as they shared in the bountiful harvest of the George Mueller family. See Page 5.



Nurturing notes

Pastoral musicians celebrated their craft with a lively mix of jam sessions and seminars at the regional convention of National Pastoral Musicians. See Page 7.

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World

Iranian to attend Peace Day

Rome (NC) — The departing Iranian ambassador to the Holy See said a representative of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini will be among the religious leaders attending a day of prayer for peace this October. "We have accepted the invitation" of Pope John Paul II, said Ambassador Sayyed Hadi Khosrowshahi, "even if no one will be permitted to make a speech or transmit his own message of peace." Sheik Salman Ghaffari, the new Iranian ambassador to the Vatican, will attend the October meeting, Khosrowshahi said. The October gathering of world religious leaders to pray for peace was announced Jan. 25 by Pope John Paul.

Exiled bishop denies charges

Milan, Italy (NC) — Exiled Nicaraguan Bishop Pablo Antonio Vega has denied Sandinista accusations that he asked the U.S. government to provide arms and money to Nicaraguan guerrillas. "The exact opposite is true," he said at a July 25 news conference in Milan. The bishop also defended his meetings with the contras as part of an effort to bring peace to the country. The Nicaraguan government expelled Bishop Vega July 4, accusing him of violating the law by supporting the guerrillas. "Yes, I have had meetings with the 'contras,' just as I had meetings with the Sandinistas during the Somoza regime. I've had meetings with Fidel Castro. Why shouldn't I have them with the right?" he said.

Nation

Nuns decry pressure tactics

Washington (NC) — Eleven of the nuns threatened with dismissal for signing a controversial 1984 newspaper ad on Catholic views on abortion have "categorically" denied that they declared their adherence to church teaching on abortion in order to be cleared by the Vatican. In a statement July 24, the nuns also objected to what they said were Vatican efforts to "isolate and pressure" the only two nuns who have not been cleared in the case. The two are Notre Dame de Namur Sisters Barbara Ferraro and Patricia Hussey, who are co-directors of a day shelter for the homeless in Charleston, W. Va. A July 21 Vatican press release claimed that the two are alone among 27 priests and nuns who signed the ad, placed in The New York Times.

Anti-porn campaign launched

New York (NC) — An interfaith campaign against pornography was launched July 25 by a group of U.S. religious leaders. The group of more than 24 clerics, which met in the residence of Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York, said it proposes to recruit religious leaders nationwide to fight "hard-core and child pornography." In a post-meeting statement, the clerics credited the recently released report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography with spurring their New York conference.



Coasting along

Kelly Mitchell, left, and Seaneen Carlisle of Belfast, Northern Ireland, enjoy a ride on Sea Breeze Park's Jack Rabbit. The Irish children are in the United States for a summer vacation as participants in the Irish Children's Program. They visited Sea Breeze on Tuesday, July 22.

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St. Theodore's revisited by misfortune

By Teresa A. Parsons

Lightning may not strike the same spot twice, but misfortune has returned to St. Theodore's Parish, Gates.

Vandals smashed at least six windows, spray painted walls and burned a coat tree at the parish school, 170 Spencerport Road, sometime during the night Thursday, July 24.

Meanwhile, parishioners are still recovering from an electrical fire that caused heavy damage to the church on Sunday, July 20. Last weekend's fire and the subsequent vandalism do not appear to have been related. A county investigator ruled the July 20 fire accidental last week, after tracing it to a faulty cable in the church's attic.

Father Joseph W. Dailey, associate pastor, discovered the latest damage Friday morning after he celebrated the 6:45 a.m. Mass in the school gym. "He saw smoke in the gym and went in to investigate," said Father Gerald Dunn, pastor. "It could have been a real tragedy."

Gates police responded to a call from the church at 7:15 a.m. Chief Thomas J. Roche said vandals apparently entered the school sometime after 8 p.m. Thursday by breaking windows in a classroom on the building's south side.

"They burned a coat tree and did some ransacking in the principal's office," he said. The fire burned itself out.

As of Monday, Chief Roche said, the investigation was still in progress. "Several people have been interviewed, but no arrests have been made," he said.

Father Dunn said he believed the vandals

were youths, but declined to comment on whether he thought they were students at the school. "They were good spellers," he said, referring to the graffiti sprayed on the building's walls with gold paint.

Because the damage was centered around her office, Sister Mary Clouser, SSJ, the school principal, said "it could possibly have been students upset with me for some reason." As far as she has determined, the only articles missing from her office are an electronic keyboard

and an adding machine. Although no money was kept in the office, vandals left behind a typewriter, record player and a radio.

In her five years as principal of the school, Sister Mary said the school has not been troubled by break-ins. During the summer she works in the building almost every day. Last Thursday, she left about 3 p.m. Neither she nor the building custodian, who made rounds of the building later, noticed anything unusual.

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In aftermath of boy's death,

Health department finds Camp SSJ in violation of licensing regulations

By Karen M. Franz

The death of a young boy two weeks ago drew public attention to Camp SSJ, the summer day camp run by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester at the congregation's East Avenue motherhouse.

And with this attention came the realization that the camp — which had been in operation for nearly 15 years — has never been licensed by the Monroe County Health Department.

Adam Worboys, 10, died Friday, July 18, at Strong Memorial Hospital. Worboys, who had suffered from heart diseases since birth, collapsed at the camp after participating in activities.

According to John Van Buren, public information officer for the county health department, neither the camp nor the am-

balance company that transported Worboys to Strong are in any way responsible for the boy's death.

As health department investigators looked into the circumstances of Worboys' collapse, however, they discovered that the camp is not licensed by Monroe County, as is required by New York state health regulations.

Van Buren stated that the state created the regulations more than two decades ago to ensure the safety of children in various camping programs. "We, as the Monroe County Health Department, have responsibility within our jurisdiction to enforce all state health regulations," he said.

"Dr. Nitzkin (Dr. Joel Nitzkin, director of the county health department) was absolutely

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