

NYPIRG Results Released: Returnable Bottles Cost Less

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) released results of a price survey of beverages in New York State and Connecticut which strongly contradicts arguments that returnable bottles will raise the cost of soft drinks to the consumers.

The price survey, conducted at supermarkets in Suffolk County and Connecticut between Jan. 31, 1981 and Feb. 13, 1981, revealed that consumers in Suffolk County pay, on the average, 21 percent more for soft drinks than consumers in Connecticut, where a returnable beverage container law is in effect.

The results of the survey were released one week prior to a public hearing last Tuesday on the proposed law to require 5-cent deposits on beverage containers. Because so many people turned out for the hearing, it was adjourned to March 24 in Riverhead. The bill is being supported by environmentalists.

The disparity in prices are even larger for glass bottle beverages. The survey showed that Suffolk county residents are paying 41 percent

more for RC Cola, 50 percent more for Coke and Tab, and a staggering 59 percent more for Pepsi, when compared on a cost per ounce basis in glass bottles.

Clark Jablon, who conducted the price survey, said, "It is highly unlikely that these differences could be attributed to regional factors since the observable data does not show such enormous variations for other container types." Jablon also remarked, "Clearly, a returnable beverage container law on Long Island will reintroduce recyclable beverage containers to their former, almost forgotten prominence."

NYPIRG Project Coordinator James Leotta, who had previously testified in support of this bill commented, "The survey was undertaken to dispel fears that returnable containers would raise the cost of beverages to consumers."

Seventy-six sponsors have signed their names to a similar bill introduced in the State Legislature this year, Assembly #3692, Senate #2831. NYPIRG and the League of Women Voters will be supporting the statewide passage of these bills.

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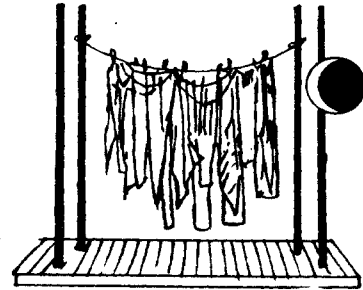
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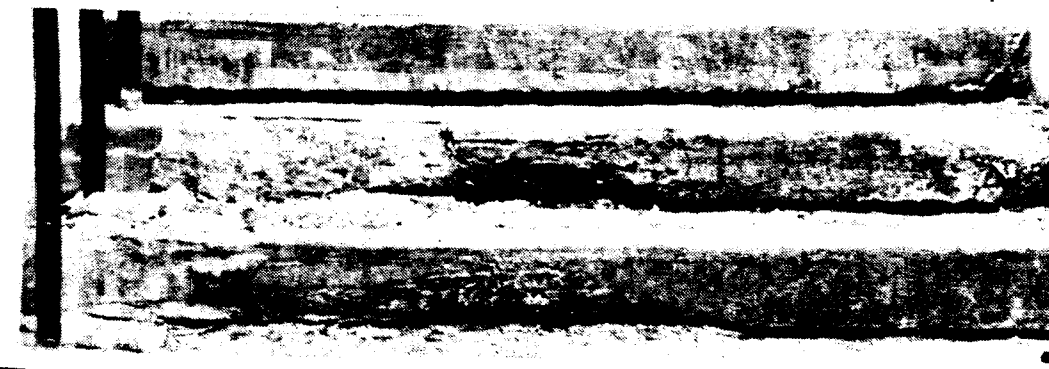
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Women Wary of Sexual Molestor

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involved with the numerous burglaries and trespassing that was going on. "We worked on overtime to patrol Stage XII," she said. Public Safety officers hoped that since there had not been any reported sexual assaults since last semester that the person committing them had graduated and that there was no longer any need for patrolling officers. Hotmer said that the situation is again under investigation. She added that if the residents notice anyone suspicious that they should call Public Safety.

Hotmer said that the Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) will be working with uniform Public Safety officers. "The CPU has been primarily concerned with the anti-crime instead of crime prevention. They will be trying

harder as far as crime prevention is concerned," Hotmer said.

Stage XII D Residence Hall Director Om Agrawal assigned two men to live in a predominately female hall for added protection. "The women are

really insecure right now," he said.

"We should do something more about security of this building," said the woman who was assaulted. "It's not a safe place. It's just terrible to be living in terror."

Forkin Named to University Affairs

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ing procedure manual. After her discharge from the Navy, Forkin was organizer and chairman of the Nursing Fundamentals Department at Beth Israel School of Nursing in New York City.

Before coming to Stony Brook in 1978 as assistant to the chairman in the Department of

Economics, Forkin worked in France as a staff interviewer for the American Aid Society at the American Embassy in Paris. Upon her return to the United States, Ms. Forkin worked as an assistant to the probate department chairman in the Surrogate's Court in the County Center in Riverhead.

Forkin is a resident of Miller Place.

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