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Children's House Thanksgiving



Councilman Thomas L. Clark (second from right) recently attended the 1992 Children's House Thanksgiving Ball and presented citations to honorees John Buran, a Citibank Vice President and resident of Hicksville and Joan Cable, owner of Lemon Tree and a resident of Oyster Bay. The pair were recognized for their support of Children's House, a not-for-profit child care agency that has been serving homeless and abused children on Long Island for the past one hundred years.

Key Club Citation



Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Lewis J. Yevoli recently presented a citation to members of the Hicksville High School Key Club in recognition of their continuing contributions to the community. On hand for the occasion (left to right) were Secretary Sweetie Pendhl, President Sonia Enriquez, Treasurer Meena Suchdev and Faculty Advisor Terry Leahy.

New Vice President



Menetta Modica, center, newly elected Vice President of the Theodore Roosevelt Republican club of Bethpage, receives congratulations from L-R: Town of Oyster Bay Councilmen Tom Hogan and Leonard Kunsig, recent candidate for the New York State Assembly John Canning and Town of Oyster Bay Councilman Tom Clark. The Club's annual election of officers for 1993 was held just prior to their Annual Holiday Party last week.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Because of the early Christmas and New Year deadline some material has been omitted from this issue. Full editions will resume on January 8. The deadline for classified advertising is Monday at noon.

Hospital, Cubs Help Needy

Central General Hospital in Plainview, the Bethpage Rotary Club, and the Plainview-Old Bethpage Lions Club teamed up to make the holidays a memorable one for more than fifty families in the area. The Hospital donated turkeys with all the trimmings to local families in need and the Rotary and Lions Club helped distribute the dinners.

Robert Bornstein, Administrator of Central General Hospital said providing the holiday dinners to area families has become an annual event. Over the Thanksgiving holiday the Hospital also worked with the Lions Club to provide dinners for needy families.

Youth Council Resource Directory

The Hicksville Youth Council is now in the process of compiling a Hicksville Resource Directory for teenagers in the Hicksville area.

Pat Schussler, A.C.S.W., is coordinating the project for the Youth Council. She sent out over 45 questionnaires to various counseling agencies, churches, synagogues, clubs, organizations, schools and sporting groups in the Hicksville area. Unfortunately, she received only a 50% return on the questionnaires.

The completed questionnaires are now being reviewed and will be compiled into a Directory for distribution to Hicksville teens and their parents. The purpose of the Directory is to let families know what programs are available for teens in their own community.

Pat Schussler would like to thank those groups who took the time to complete the questionnaires that were mailed in October.

If anyone would like more information about this project, or would like to be included in the Directory, please call Pat at the Youth Council, 822-KIDS.

H.S. Social Problems Faced By School Board

By Maureen Traxler

Being pressed by parents and students alike to improve the overall student social behavior at the high school, the Hicksville Board of Education strongly acted at its December 16 meeting by setting in motion a three-part plan to address the potentially unsafe situation.

A recent number of incidents carrying racially-motivated overtones, initiating fights and disrupting the general order prompted several students to request a stronger adult presence in the building. The students requested this additional supervision to suppress actions by a relatively small, yet intimidating, group of youngsters presumably responsible for threatening, and in some cases, physically attacking other students.

The Board acted by unanimously approving a motion by Vice President Jim Black to direct Administration to hire an appropriate number of additional personnel for supervision at the high school effective January 4, 1993. Secondly, the Board approved the formulation of a high school task force, consisting of students, parents, teachers, administrators, Board members, community members without students in the school and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the Nassau County Police Department.

The task force is charged with presenting to the Board a more permanent security plan to be activated this school year. In addition, the task force will offer recommendations in the curriculum area designed to address such problems as interpersonal relationships, racism, and cultural sensitivity.

Several well-spoken students told the trustees that their education is being hampered by the situation. They added that in some instances they feel threatened just walking down the hallway.

High School PTSA president, Pat Love, questioned how the three school administrators could be held responsible for patrolling the halls, in addition to their official duties and if an additional social worker to be hired would be spending much time inside the building. Mrs. Love also called the removal of supervisors from the building during recent administrative restructuring.

Supt. Sal Mugavero remarked that during the past year the district has added an outside monitor in the back parking lot, has attempted to hire hall monitors, and has required teachers to monitor halls between classes and participate in work duty positions during the day. Although he resisted additional supervisory personnel at first, saying that he did not want to institute an "armed state," he agreed to consult BOCES for the extra staff on a temporary basis and stated that all security members would be interviewed before receiving the position. Mr. Mugavero seemed to feel that the high school situation reflected the changing population in Hicksville. Principal Richard Hogan reiterated his commitment to improving the situation at the high school and called for a "spirit of togetherness" in order to move forward.

Supt. Mugavero announced that the East Street Utilization Committee had its initial meeting, and selected Jeff Siegel as Chairman and Richard Evers as Vice Chairman. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Jan. 11 (at East Street School), Jan. 25, Feb. 8, and March 8.

Reporting on the meeting was Assistant Supt. Stuart Opdahl. He said that the committee reviewed the recommendations of the Willets Leasing Committee, but determined that due to the distinctly different building and surrounding area they would pursue their own course. Mr. Opdahl said that he would circulate a questionnaire to those parties who have shown interest in leasing to determine who they represent.

A preliminary report will be made to the Board on March 10, and the final report is expected on April 14.

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Mugavero informed the Board that he has instructed Director of P.E. Health and District Activities Robert Kenney to prepare a program incorporating a full time, year-round recreation program, in collaboration with the

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H.S. Art Students Recognition

Christine Doyle, a Senior at Hicksville High School, received two awards for her artwork at an exhibit sponsored by the Education and Cultural Fund of the Electrical Industry. Christine was awarded first place for her Black and White Photography entry and second place for a pencil drawing. In the recent Friends of the Arts Arbor Day photography contest, Christine received a second place award for her work. These honors are added to a long list of Christine's hard work which includes an Award of Excellence in Photography from the Long Island Art Teachers' Association Exhibit.

Christine's artwork, along with her peers Elaine Chow, Craig Mueller, Lu Chen, Mark Haddad, Jon Yee and Karen Romanelli was exhibited at the annual New York State Art Teachers' Association Conference.

Hicksville High School Seniors Karen Romanelli, Laura Manzo, Allison Rapoport and Elaine Chow have all been accepted into the St. John's University Advanced Placement Saturday Art Program. The students were selected by a panel from the University who reviewed the students' work and selected the best thirty students from the New York area.

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LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to law, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York, on Tuesday, January 5, 1993, at 8 o'clock p.m., prevailing time, in the Hearing Room, Town Hall, East Building, Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, New York, for the purpose of considering an application for a Special Use Permit pursuant to the Code of the Town of Oyster Bay, Chapter 246, Zoning, as follows: **PROPOSED SPECIAL USE PERMIT:** Petition of **SOUTH BROADWAY HICKSVILLE ASSOCIATES, INC.** for outdoor storage of construction equipment, including cranes and crane parts in a "H" Industrial District (Light Industry), on the following described premises: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being at Hicksville, town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, State of New York, which is bounded and described as a parcel of land with building thereon located at the intersection of the easterly side of Bloomingdale Road with the westerly side of Broadway in Hicksville, having a frontage of approximately 384 feet on Bloomingdale Road and a frontage of approximately 631 feet on Broadway with a total area of +/- 2.30 acres. Said premises are identified by a street address of 25 Bloomingdale Road, and further described as Section 46, Block 629, Lot 68 on the Land and Tax Map of Nassau County. The abovementioned petition and maps which accompany it are on file and may be viewed daily (except Saturday, Sunday and Holidays) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., prevailing time, at the Office of the Town Clerk at Oyster Bay and Massapequa. Any person interested in the subject matter of said hearing will be given an opportunity to be heard with reference thereto at the time and place above designated.

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LEWIS J. YEVOLI,
Supervisor
CARL L. MARCELLINO,
Town Clerk**

Dated:
December 1, 1992
Oyster Bay, New York
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Named Tech. Student Of Month



George Garczynski

George Garczynski and Jennifer Dayney, Hicksville High School students, were named Students of the Month at Nassau Technological Center. George received the honor for his performance in Carpentry 1.

and Jennifer for Large Animal Care class at Nassau Technological Center. These students surpassed their classmates in production, attitude, study and safety.

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Mid-Island 'Y' Breakfast



Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Lewis J. Yevoli (third from left) and Town Councillman Leonard B. Symons (third from right) recently attended a Legislative Breakfast at the Mid-Island "Y" and discussed local issues with the membership. On hand for the occasion (left to right) were Mark Hank, Executive Director Steve Rosenberg, President Lee Gordon, Steve Bzura and Michael Soroka.

Otto The Auto Visits Burns Ave.



The Automobile Association of America recently brought "Otto the Auto" to Burns Avenue School. Otto taught the children in grades K-2 how to read and use street signs safely. Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 learned about Bicycle Safety, including the proper use of helmets, hand signals and how to conduct a safety maintenance check of their bicycle. Mr. Al Telts from AAA gave this valuable presentation for the students.

In photo with "Otto the Auto" are Burns students Evan Butt, Joanna Bungaro, Christopher Kirchelm and Esther Tambe.

Spelling Winners In Semi-Finals



Burns Avenue School Spelling Bee Champions, Kimberlee Anthony, winner and Roy Jacob, alternate, pose with Mr. Michael Dunn, Principal.

Three students from the Hicksville Schools will go on to compete in the regional semi-finals of the National Spelling Bee Competition. Each of the students was the winner in their school competition. Kimberlee Anthony, grade 5, is the winner from Burns Avenue School, Timothy Kraemer, grade 5, from Dutch Lane and

Christine Rutsky, grade 6, from the Middle School. The runners-up in the schools' competition are Roy Jacob, Burns Avenue, Angela Bruno, Dutch Lane and John Szaklis and David Fabrizio, Middle School. The next round of the Newsday-sponsored competition will take place in January.

Students Host Scholarship Dinner

Representatives from the High School student body hosted an appreciation reception and dinner for those organizations and individuals who provided scholarships for graduating Seniors.

Student Government President Robbie Walker, as Master of Ceremonies, introduced the key speakers: Louis Zallo, Class of 1992, Mr. Salvatore Mugavero, Supt. of Schools, Mr. Richard Hogan, Principal and Joseph Flynn, 1993 Class President.

The honored guests were treated to entertainment by the High School String Quartet (Hubert Chu, Syeda Hossain, Brian Wong and Connie Young) during a buffet dinner provided by Whitson's Food Service. At their December meeting, the Board of Education praised the students, the dinner and the entire evening with such accolades as "outstanding," "stupendous," and "truly professional."

The guests of honor who attended included: Mary Beth Parker, Old Country Road PTA Scholarship; Dorrie Bennardo, East Street PTA Scholarship; William Bennett, VFW William M. Gouse, Jr., Scholarship; Dorothy and Elsworth Brill, Susan Brill Memorial Scholarship; Nancy Callari, Hicksville Council of PTA Units; Barbara DeStefano, Special Education PTA Annual Grant; Diana DiPalma, Band Parents Association; Marybeth Krummenacker, Woodland Avenue PTA Scholarship; Laurie Flash, Fork Lane PTA; Sue Galland, MADD Scholarship; Tina Inoco, Hicksville Scholarship Fund; Sandra Johnson, Burns Avenue PTA; Stephanie Kalos, Willet Avenue PTA John Maher Memorial Scholarship; Patricia Love, Hicksville H.S. PTSA Scholarships; Jan Manaskie, Hicksville H.S. Alumni Association Scholarships; Leslie Mann, Hicksville CAS Scholarship; Robert Mercer, Dryolin Corporation Scholarship; Terry Naylor, Hicksville Lions Club Scholarship; Peggy Parsekian, Dutch Lane PTA Scholarship; Commander John Rizzo, American Legion Charles Wagner Post #421 Scholarship; John Walker, Hicksville Athletic Booster Association Scholarships; Rosemary Walker, Middle School PTA Scholarship; Edwin and Madeline Wicksel, Madeline Wicksel Scholarship; and Robert Zaleski, Hicksville Congress of Teachers Elliot Paisner Memorial Scholarship.

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Bethpage School Bd. Sets Tuition Rates

In personnel actions, the Board appointed Chris Schneider as a full-time Cleaner and Lawrence Mullaly as a Bus Driver, 2 1/4 hours per day. A tuition contract was approved for one student receiving special educational services at the Lowell School in Bayside for one year, at a cost of \$18,491.10.

Tuition rates for the 1992-93 school year, for non-resident children attending school in the Bethpage Public Schools, were approved as follows:

Half-Day Kindergarten - \$3,095
Full Day K-6 - 6,430
Grades 7-12 - 12,330
Special Education Pupils in District Programs:

Pupils spending 60% or more of the school day in a special class, services or program, or home or hospital instruction: \$18,777 plus a percentage of the time spent in a mainstream program.

Pupils spending 20% or more of the school week in a resource room, special services or program: \$9,941 plus a percentage of the time spent in a mainstream program.

Pupils receiving district consultant teachers services and spending 100% time in regular class: \$8,836.

Pupils spending two or more periods per week in special instruction or other special programs or services: \$1,436 plus a percentage of regular tuition charge.

The Board also approved a Health Service Contract with the South Huntington Union Free School District for 35 students receiving educational services at St. Anthony's High School for the 1992-93 school year, at a cost of \$310.48 per student, for a total of \$10,866.80.

The Board approved the District's participation in a cooperative bid coordinated by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County for the following items: All arts and craft supplies, art supplies for the gifted and talented, custodial supplies, general school and office supplies, interscholastic athletic supplies (varsity), medical supplies, microcomputer supplies, paper (fine printing, computer, xerographic), and physical education supplies (K-12).

The Board approved a revised policy pertaining to field trips. This policy is available for inspection by interested parties.

A letter was read from the Bethpage Chamber of Commerce which thanked the Board and the support personnel of the District for the use of school facilities and staff support for the Gary Bretton Charity Football Game.

Mr. Nydick made the following announcements:

A program has been instituted at the JFK Middle School called the Senior Resource Program. Seniors will participate in this program based on their skills and backgrounds.

Bethpage graduate Alexandra Grinspun has been named by President Bush as a National Science Scholar. This prestigious award carries with it a \$2,750 scholarship for the 1992-93 school year. Ms. Grinspun is attending Yale University.

Mr. Nydick then announced the number of students named to the Honor Roll at the High School. The totals for the Blue Honor Roll are as follows: 9th Grade - 32; 10th Grade - 31; 11th Grade - 39; 12th Grade - 38. The Gold Honor Roll totals are: 9th Grade - 30; 10th Grade - 31; 11th Grade - 42; 12th Grade - 43.

Forty-two students have been selected to participate in the All-County Music Festival.

Following these announcements, the Comprehensive Assessment Report was presented by Mr. George Mann, Dr. Paul Cooper, Dr. Regina Cohn, Mr. Bruce Jaeger and Dr. Antoinette MacLeod. This report indicates how Bethpage students performed on various standardized tests. In general, Bethpage students performed above the norms, and performed at or above the levels expected for their academic abilities.

A question was asked regarding whether a vendor would be brought into the cafeteria. Mr. Nydick replied that the District is discussing this with employees as well as with the vendor and that a final decision has not yet been made.

Mrs. Berkowitz asked if the District-wide planning committee meetings for the Compact for Learning would be open to the public. The Board responded that this has not yet been decided. Mrs. Berkowitz also asked if there will be a Budget Advisory Committee, and Mr. Cotton indicated that no conclusion has been reached as yet.

Mrs. Menzer asked what changes had been made to the field trip policy, and Mr. Nydick gave a brief explanation of the changes which had been approved, and also indicated that the policy is available for inspection.

The next Board meeting will be held on Jan. 26 at Central Blvd. School.

'Cousin Vinnie' At Library

As part of the "Movies on Friday Night" program the Bethpage Public Library will feature "My Cousin Vinnie" on January 8, at 8 p.m. The film stars Joe Pesci, Ralph Macchio, Marissa Tomei and Fred Gwynne. This appealing comedy of trial and error tells of two East Coast college students who

are framed for murder in a small Southern town. Their only hope is Cousin Vinnie, a Brooklyn lawyer who passed the bar exam a few weeks earlier after six years of trying. This is a hilarious courtroom comedy, rated "R" and it runs for 119 minutes.

All are welcome and the admission is free.

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Hicksville Youth Council. Mr. Mugavero wishes to see the program operate on summer evenings and weekends. The program will be run on an independent, self-sustaining basis, at no cost of the taxpayers.

The Board approved the appointment of Mrs. Marie Marshall as Principal of the Middle School, effective at the close of day Dec. 23, 1992. The trustees also approved the appointment of Steven Aronowitz (Supervisor of Liberal Arts) as Assistant Principal position, and Mr. Mugavero assigned Bruce Houston, a central office administrator, on a temporary basis while an advertising campaign proceeds.

Resident and former board member William Bennett charged the board with "restricting the free flow of information from the community" in that residents must fill out index cards indicating their question and may only address agenda items during the monthly meeting's first public session. He pointed out that Hicksville has a tradition of never restricting the public from speaking at its meetings.

The board defended its procedure, saying that this gives the public the opportunity to ask questions regarding the evening's action items, but Mr. Bennett replied, "The public doesn't ask those questions." Mr. Bennett felt that the public often has important questions which do not relate to agenda items and that they therefore should not have to wait for the second public session.

The next monthly meeting of the board will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 8 p.m. in the senior high school.

Reprint list of Community members
See Copy

East Street Utilization Committee

Name	Area of Representation
Larry Weintraub	Midland Civic Association
Joseph DePompa	North East Civic Association
Leonard Ober	Northwest Civic Association
John Moehninger	Hicksville Garden Civic Association
Joseph Polkory	Duffy Park Civic Association
Ellie Drayton	Hicksville Community Council -
Richard Koebhard	Southwest Civic Association
James Wisniewski	Hillside Terrace Civic Association
Nancy Callan	PTA Council
Bill Norton-Taylor	Dutch Lane PTA
James Marullo	East Street PTA
Jeffrey Siegel	East Street PTA
Darlene Skace	East Street PTA
Helen Judd	East Street Community
Joseph Manduca	East Street Community
Richard Evers	East Street Community
Joan Kani	Fork Lane School
John Beutelman	Lee Avenue School
Joseph Visconti	Woodland Avenue School
Rosemarie Walker	Middle School PTA
Marie McEneaney	High School PTA

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE ON PROPOSED CONTRACTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That a Public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Oyster Bay in the Hearing Room, Town Hall, East Building, Oyster Bay, New York, on Tuesday, January 5, 1993, at which hearing residents and parties interested will have an opportunity to be heard on the proposed contracts for fire protection, copies of which are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and may be viewed daily between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., prevailing time, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, and the contracts with the following Fire Companies shall provide in general for the furnishing of fire protection during Calendar Year 1993, to the listed Fire Protection Districts at the agreed per annum charge set forth, all subject to taxation in said Districts, as shown on the last completed Town Assessment Roll:

1. Fire Company - East Norwich Volunteer Fire Company No. 1. Fire Prot. District - East Norwich. Agreed Per Annum Charge - \$166,155.00.
2. Fire Company - Oyster Bay Fire Company No. 1 & Atlantic Steamer Company No. 1. Fire Prot. District -

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- Oyster Bay. Agreed Per Annum Charge - \$403,360.00.
3. Fire Company - Glenwood Hook & Ladder Engine & Hose Co. No. 1. Fire Prot. District - Glenwood-Glen Head. Agreed Per Annum Charge - \$409,380.00.
 4. Fire Company - Plainview Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. Fire Prot. District - Plainview. Agreed Per Annum Charge - \$1,712,500.00.
 5. Fire Company - Roslyn Fire Company. Fire Prot. District - Greenvale. Agreed Per Annum Charge - \$14,659.00.
 6. Fire Company - Bayville Fire Co. No. 1. Fire Prot. District - Bayville. Agreed Per Annum Charge - \$350.00.

The contracts with the following fire companies and fire districts shall provide in general for the furnishing of fire protection during Calendar Year 1993 for the listed areas at the agreed per annum charge set forth:

1. Bayville Fire Company No. 1 for the area shown on the Tax Map as Section 28, Block G, Lot 3, the agreed per annum charge of \$2,575.00.
2. Wantagh Fire District for the Town-owned property known as Tobay Beach, the agreed per

Firemen Help In Bayville

A week after many Hicksville firefighters waded through waist high water in Bayville helping stranded residents there get to dry land, they got to dry off this week in fires.

A car at Old Country Road and Jerusalem was destroyed by fire.

Minor Fire At Chemical Plant

On Sunday, December 20, a general alarm was transmitted for an oil fed fire in a small building on the property of Ruco Polymer Co., 125 New So. Road. 80 Firefighters, using every Hicksville Fire Unit responded under Chief Patric Scanlon. The fire was knocked down by automatic sprinklers and extinguished by firefighters. There was concern for some chemical containers damaged by the water. Hicksville Haz-Mat team members, in consulting plant managers, determined the containers to be safe. The County Fire Marshals Haz-Mat Unit also responded. There were no injuries, damage was slight and there was no significant pollution as a result of the fire. This very same situation occurred in November of 1986.

House Fire - No Smoke Detectors

Several days after a fire in Suffolk killed a baby - no smoke detectors present - an early morning fire at 20 Libby Avenue, Hicksville, in an attic crawl space, caused moderate damage. Four units and 35 members responded under Chief Scanlon.

A faulty flue pipe which separated, had for an undetermined period of time, been heating up and drying out wood beams. Finally on December 22, fire erupted. Upon arrival firefighters found the occupants still inside and no smoke detectors were present.

The incident was referred to the Town Building Dept. for investigation and correction of violations. In N.Y. State it is the law that at least one working smoke detector be in every building, that includes residential. Serious charges can be filed in if the lack of detectors result in serious injury or death - although State and Local officials seldom act.

Several years ago the Fire Department issued a public notice to residents in the area bounded by the LIRR - Bethpage Road, Willet Ave. and Boblee Lane. The notice pointed out that any homes in that area, the style with no basements, and those with oil burners installed in closets should have the entire heating system, in particular the flue and chimney checked. A serious hidden fire hazard could result from loose joints in the flue pipes above the ceiling. Fire officials warn that the danger still exists and to

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annum charge of \$2,700.00.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY

Lewis J. Yevoli,
Supervisor
Carl A. Marcellino
Town Clerk

Dated: December 15, 1992
Oyster Bay, N.Y.
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check flue pipes. This fire resulted when the flue pipe fell apart and went unnoticed. Fire

spread to wood beams in the immediate area. No injuries were reported.

Jottings From Yesteryear

By Bill Clark

The holidays are here and many things are the same. Last minute shopping for gifts & trees plus wrapping the gifts and cooking. I remember the aroma of the cookies and fruit cake as Mom worked hours preparing everything. Then the opening of the presents either after Christmas Eve church services or early Christmas morning. When you received a tie box it was certain to be a knit tie we all disliked and knew who the next year receiver of it would be. Wonder where it ended up years ago. The usual gifts were scarfs, ties and socks. I just checked my supply and surprised to find approximately 90 pair of socks all colors and

types. It is a good idea for me to donate some to the people who have lost so much in the storm.

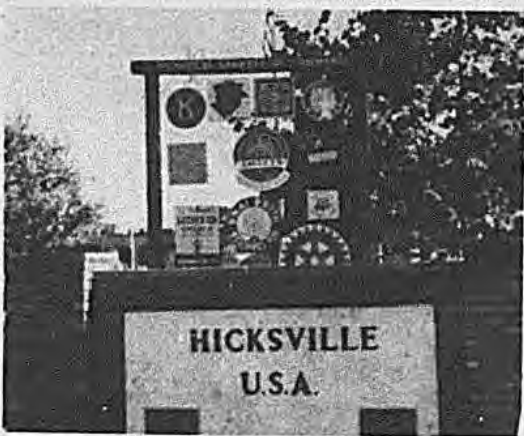
Now Billy, you must kiss your Auntie or I'll put you to bed. Where are my pajamas, Mom? How many bought Buster Brown shoes from Millevolte's Shoe Store with the Buster Brown trade mark sign in the window years ago?

I read somewhere in a 1953 paper that Spike Jones started a chain of markets. He explained that his wife had 11 brothers and sisters in that business and he aimed to go on buying markets until he runs out of in-laws to handle them.

Hoping your Holidays are Healthy & Happy.



South from John Street, Fleischbiens cottage, at triangle St. Ignatius, at left in distance and Reform Church at far right.



Same area, Fountain further down in park

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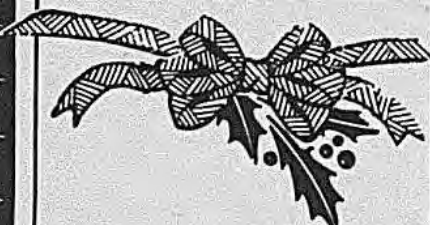
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American Legion Installs Officers

The 1992-93 slate of officers for the Charles Wagner Post 421, Hicksville American Legion, were installed officially this past weekend. Nassau County Commander Joseph Murtha and the County Color Guard officiated at the ceremonies in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Later, Commander John Rizos, his officers and guests enjoyed a buffet supper and dancing to the music of Joe Ratto.

Restaurant Kiddie Park Hearing

A request for a special use permit to operate a restaurant with a capacity exceeding 200 people has been scheduled for a Tuesday, February 23, public hearing by the Oyster Bay Town Board, according to Town Councilman Thomas L. Clark.

"The applicants, Showbiz Pizza Time, Inc. and Delco Development Company of Hicksville, are seeking a special use permit to operate a restaurant with a seating capacity exceeding 200 people along with a kiddie amusement center in a 'G' general business district," Councilman Clark stated. "The property is located at the intersection of the east side of Broadway and the south side of Old Country Road, Hicksville."

The meeting will be held in the hearing room of Town Hall East, Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, beginning at 7 p.m. The first hour of the meeting will be devoted to general public comment on any subject. Starting at 8 p.m., the regular Town calendar, including the above-mentioned hearing, will be called.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: NASSAU COUNTY. NEW YORK MORTGAGE SERVICING CORPORATION Pltf. vs.

WERNER HENRY BUSCH, et ano Defts.
Index #18211/90. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Feb. 11, 1991, I will sell at public auction at the north front steps of the Nassau County Courthouse, 262 Old country Rd., Mineola, NY on Jan. 27, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. prem. k/a 8 North Drive Hicksville, NY. Said property located on the southerly side of North Dr., 205.55 ft. from the easterly side of North Dr. as the same curves, 50 ft. wide, which is formed by the center line of Brewster Pl. prolonged easterly measured along the easterly and southerly side of North Dr., RUNNING THENCE SE along the southerly side of South Dr. 60 ft.; THENCE SW 125.44 ft.; THENCE SW 32.01 ft.; THENCE NW 43 ft.; THENCE NE 100 ft. to the southerly side of South Dr., to the point or place of beginning. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

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Advancing the County Colors at the installation of officers for the Charles Wagner Post American Legion are County Adjutant Harry Ranson and County Membership Officer Charles Mills.



Nassau County Commander Joseph Murtha of the American Legion, left, installing in office new commander John Rizos of Hicksville Post 421.



Commander John Rizos and new officers of Post 421 being installed in office.



Past-Commander Arthur Rutz (foreground) and new officers being congratulated by Charles Mills of the Nassau County American Legion staff.



Guests of honor with newly installed Post 421 Commander John Rizos, left to right: County Adjutant Harry Ranson, Past Commander Arlene Howard, County Commander Joseph and Mrs. Murtha, Mrs. H. Ranson, Joan and Commander John Rizos, and County Membership Officer, Charles Mills.



Post members on hand for American Legion Installation of Officers included Jim and Florence O'Neil and Joseph Kenyon, right.



Alma and Arthur Hirsch



At another good American Legion gathering, right to left, John and Mrs. Geier, Dorothy and Al Cinnotti and standing are Ralph and Mrs. H. Haebich.



Steve and Helen Wladyka



Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Spadero stepping lightly.



Commander John and Mrs. Joan Rizos enjoying music by talented Joe Ratto.



Nassau County American Legion Commander Joseph and Mrs. Murtha pause for cameraman Dick Evers.

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American Legion Installs Officers

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Past Commander Ray Gamble and Nassau County Legion notable lady, Shirley Gravens.



Hank and Dorothy Braemer. He is active with Child Welfare programs.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bova rarely sit once the band starts playing.



Frank and Maryann Ryback grace any dance floor.



Neil McInnis and lovely companion, a nice duo.



Enjoying the music at Hicksville American Legion Installation dinner.

Yevoli Commends Storm Efforts

Yevoli desired the following statement be read into the official record of the meeting of the Town Board on December 15, 1992:

"As Supervisor of this town I have had the opportunity to witness first hand the extraordinary efforts of our town workers during the crisis created by the crippling storm that ravaged our north and south shores this past weekend. From the time I declared a state of emergency in the town on Friday afternoon, until this evening, I have had the privilege of seeing some of the greatest volunteer work in the history of Long Island!

"From Bayville to Massapequa, our town employees have been magnificent, performing in a manner well-beyond the call of duty. The same is true for the Nassau County Police Department, our volunteer fire departments, Nassau County employees, the National Guard, the Red Cross and our indomitable town residents, all of whom united to combat what is now considered to be the worst storm to hit Long Island in the last 100 years.

"As I waded through water, my heart was touched with sorrow for the hundreds of town residents who suffered devastating losses as the winds and flooding raged, but I was also uplifted by the caring, the cooperation and the selflessness of neighbor assisting neighbor. From the person helping the mother of an infant at the school shelter in Bayville to the volunteer fireman and town employee in waist high water helping an elderly woman to evacuate her home in Massapequa.

To every employee of our town, to every police officer and volunteer fireman, to every officer and soldier of the national guard, to every nurse and resident, please accept a heartfelt thanks for a job well done and for a job that is continuing as I speak in what is the finest hour of public service in the history of Oyster Bay."

LEGAL NOTICE

Tor J. Worsoe, CAI Auctioneer as Agent sells January 13, 1993, 2 PM, at 23 Heitz Pl., Hicksville, NY. 1986 2 DSD Renault 1XMDM9333GK125665 Re: Angela M. Nelson, Norstar Bank. MIT 2645 2X 12/25, 1/01/93

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St. Ignatius Students Achieve Honors

Students in grades 4 to 8 at St. Ignatius Loyola School were named to the Principal's List and First Honors List in December. Students who achieved an average of 96 or above and displayed exemplary conduct are on the Principal's List. Students who achieved an average of 90 to 95 and displayed very good conduct are on the First Honors List.

Principal's List

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Michael Allen, Vincent Carroll, Alexandra Burt, Marisa Carrillo, Jennifer Manley, Maria Panarelli.

Grade 4-2

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Grade 5

Jamie Costello, Meghan Kenny, Michelle Maier, Danielle Rutherford, Lauren Sullivan.

Grade 6

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Grade 8

Omar Syed, Joanne Smith.

First Honors List

Grade 4-1

Lauren Adia, Caitlin Kenny, Judy Koh, Kathryn Sullivan.

Grade 4-2

Stephen Clark, Vincent Cona, Steven Hernandez, Jonathan Maier, Sean Quinn, Nancy McGovern.

Grade 5

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Grade 6

John Vaz, Patricia Montana.

LEGAL NOTICE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF NASSAU EUROPEAN AMERICAN BANK

Plaintiff against ALBINA J. REED et al Defendant (s).

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered herein and dated October 1, 1992. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the north front steps of the Nassau County Courthouse, 262 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY on the 20th day of January, 1993 at 9:30 AM premises BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of 11th Street (Nevada Street), distant 100 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of 11th Street with the easterly side of Myers Avenue, being a plot 100 feet by 50 feet by 100 feet by 50 feet, said premises known as 210 Nevada Street, Town of Oyster Bay, Hicksville, New York.

Approximate amount of loan \$51,697.23 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment, Index Number 4619/91.

Dated:

December 17, 1992.

Milton J. Beech,

Referee

Fink Weinberger P.C.

Attorney(s) for

Plaintiff

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Among Mrs. Schachter's many awards are First Prize in Oils at the Firehouse Gallery, Nassau Community College; First Prize and Honorable Mention at the Pen Women's show at C.W. Post College; and Honorable Mention at the Emily Lowe Gallery, Hofstra University. Her paintings were twice exhibited in Nassau Museum Shows, and her works have appeared in many other group and solo shows.

A student of H.W. Kurlander, Stanley Twardewitz, Stanley Kaplan and Robert Carter, holds a B.S. in Fine Arts from Hofstra University and has also studied at the Art Student's League.

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HICKSVILLE
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Dated: Dec. 22, 1992

Attest: John Knight

District Secretary

MIT 2647

1/12/25

Christmas Stars At St. Ignatius



Christmas Stars

The students in grades K to 8 at Saint Ignatius Loyola School entertained parents, grandparents, and other guests in the annual Christmas Show on December 11. Choir members from grades 4, 5, and 6

delighted the audience with a "Special Event" of drama and song. The school band performed a medley of holiday tunes. Children on each grade level sang a Christmas song. The kindergarten and first

grade presented the Nativity Tableau. The kindergarten children gathered around Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus while the first grade children paraded in by candlelight. For the finale, the entire student body gathered on the stage and sang "Joy to the World." Father Tarrant, the pastor, concluded the show by expressing his appreciation to all the groups who had worked to make the evening a success.

The Christmas Show was produced and directed by Mr. Crosio, the Music teacher. The school band was directed by Miss Mark, the band director. Scenery and props for the show were made by Mrs. Boettcher, the Art teacher, and Miss Caparella, the Physical Education teacher, with help from the seventh and eighth grade students. Refreshments for the students and guests were provided by the Parents' Association.

Congratulations to Mr. Crosio, Mrs. Boettcher, Miss Caparella, the faculty and all our "shining stars!"

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for Authority of FAKLER FAMILY PARTNERS III, LTD., a foreign limited partnership (LP). Appl. for Auth. filed with secy. of State of State of New York on 8/25/1992. LP organized under the laws of Colorado on 2/20/1992. NY office location: Nassau County. Secy. of State of NY is designated agent of the LP upon whom process against it may be

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Election Day At Central Blvd.



Mrs. Shinner's students at Central Boulevard Elementary School in Bethpage, presented a special Election Day program in Ms. Deasy's class.

The students dramatized the play "What Does It Take To Be President?" which included responsive reading with the audience. The students then displayed campaign slogans, famous sayings, and little-known facts about past presidents. The class then sang the song "This Land Is Your Land," and concluded with a secret ballot. To add to the festive atmosphere, the students wore Uncle Sam hats which were made under the direction of the art teacher, Mrs. Bohman.

In photo from left to right are: Ms. Deasy, Anthony Lawrence, Paul Bistany, Patrick Warner, Allan Berner, John Delaney, Christina Fahey, Mary Jo Mafrici and Mrs. Shlinners.

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If your S.O.R.T. recycling day is:	Your phone books and trees will be collected:
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WEDNESDAY	Monday, January 11th
THURSDAY	Sunday, January 10th
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New Principal, Asst. Appointed

At their December meeting, the Hicksville Public Schools' Board of Education appointed Mrs. Marie Marshall Principal of the Middle School, effective December 24. Mr. Stephen Aronowitz was appointed to the position of Asst. Principal, also effective December 24.

Mrs. Marshall is currently an Asst. Principal at the Middle School, a position she has held since 1987. Prior to her appointment as Asst. Principal, Mrs. Marshall served as Junior High School Science Chair since 1980. In addition, she has held the position of Supv. of Academic Programs. In announcing the appointment to the public, Supt. of Schools Salvatore Mugavero stated he was "most proud to announce Mrs. Marshall's appointment. She is an individual who truly cares for children. We look forward to her greatest success."

Mr. Stephen Aronowitz is currently district Supervisor of Liberal Arts and Director of Adult and Continuing Education. He came to the district in 1987 as Language Arts Chairperson for the secondary schools and also served as Director of the International Baccalaureate Program. Mr. Mugavero expressed his confidence in Mr. Aronowitz' abilities and concern for the children and wished him well in his new position.

Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Aronowitz will replace Mr. Gerald Klein, Principal, and Mr. Joseph Giambalvo, Asst. Principal, who announced their retirements earlier this month. Mr. Mugavero announced that Mr. Bruce Houston, Supervisor of Fine Arts will be Acting Assistant Principal in Mrs. Marshall's position.

Dutch Goes To Safety Town

The third grade students in Miss Masterson's and Mrs. Hoch's class from Dutch Lane Elementary School took a trip to Safety town in Eisenhower Park on November 5. Even though it was a wet and chilly day, the children had a wonderful time; it was a very educational experience.

The trip began with a lesson in a classroom where the students were asked all kinds of questions about bicycle and pedestrian safety. After the lesson everyone got a turn riding a bicycle safely while wearing a helmet and then a turn in one of the motorized cars. After traveling through a miniature town safely and stopping and following all signs and traffic lights, everyone received a "certificate for safe driving."



Christine Degennaro, Samantha Connelly, Matthew Doyle & Kelly Wigand are all buckled up and ready to ride in their motorized cars through Safety town.



It's time to try out those hand signals while riding bikes: Matthew Scally, Allisa Laderer, Michelle Magee, Chris Bretton, and Jesse Roestenberg, take their turn.



The officer helps Michael Triola, Diana Narton-Taylor, Keith Hoffer, Dana Kurfner and Carolyn Behr put on their safety helmets.



In the classroom the students from Miss Masterson and Mrs. Hoch's class learn all about safety signs.



Matthew Scally learns the proper way to get on and off a bicycle and how to cross at an intersection safely.

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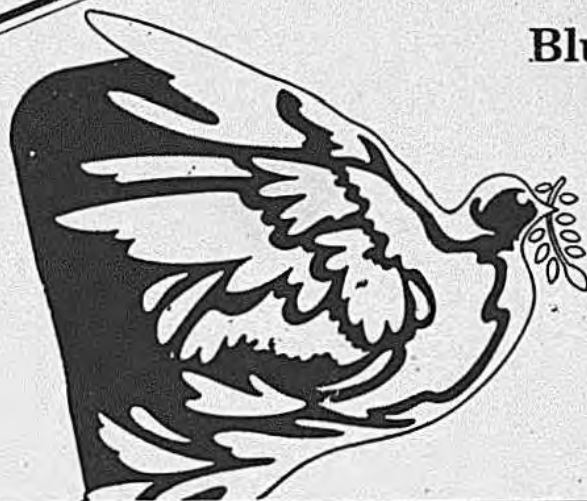
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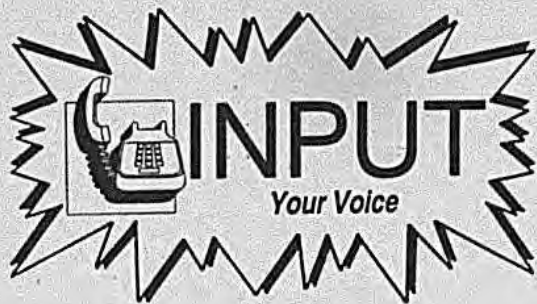


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Blueprint To Peace



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THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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Most Callers Think 'Angels' Still Good Organization

Most Input Callers think that Curtis Sliwa and the Guardian Angels have done enough good to ignore the fabricated stories of its founder in answer to his question: "Since Guardian Angel founder, Curtis Sliwa, has confessed that he made up many of his feats of bravery do you think the public still respects the Guardian Angels &?" Here are some of the answers:

FELT SAFER

Compared to the good that the Guardian Angels have accomplished I think the fact that Curtis Sliwa made up some feats is of no importance. When I had to ride the subways those red berets were a source of great comfort. Curtis has never been accused of any money scam which is more than some of our politicians claim. In addition Angels wear beepers and whenever informed of any emergency they never hesitate to give assistance.

L.J.P.

HELPED MANY

To some the admission of Curtis Sliwa will be a chance to say "I told you so." But to me it is just too bad that the Name of the Guardian Angels has to be besmirched. For the most part, so far as I have heard, the group does a great deal of good and does not accept money for its services. I think Curtis was over enthusiastic when he used the fake stories to gain recognition but no one was hurt and many were helped. I still like the idea of the Guardian Angels. K.H.

BETTER THAN POLITICIANS

Sure Curtis is a big shot and his wife is a pain in the neck the way she talks on their radio program. But discounting all of the unfavorable I still believe the Guardian Angels are doing a good job and his followers are to be commended for their community service. If Curtis were a politician the fakery would just be written off as campaign Rhetoric.

J.F.

AGAINST POLICE

I thought that many of the things Sliwa was saying he had done were just too much. He did all of that to make it look like he could do things better than the police. So while people will say that he and his Guardian Angels did much they were destructive and made the police look as though they were not out there doing a good job. The Guardian Angels should throw in the towel. Who will believe them in the future?

L.M.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The things Curtis Sliwa claimed were not aimed at anything except stirring up interest in doing community service. The Guardian Angels grew bigger and were better for the public. The fake stories don't mean that much in the whole scene. Sliwa and the red hats were a safe haven in a city of violence.

G.F.

SLIWA NO BETTER

Sliwa is little better than the people he said he was fighting. The main difference is that he did not use violence, but he certainly broke faith with the public. Many donated to the Angels thinking they were just modern times saints. Instead the entire idea was built on a fraud. You can find good things to say about the worst of people, so I am unimpressed that people point out the good things that Sliwa did. He was living a lie.

D.S.

JUDGE OTHERS

This is one of the questions again that call for a judgement of others. Sliwa confessed of his own accord. He wanted the public to know the truth. He has served the public well and not personally benefitted from the stories of heroism he made up. I would rather that the Angels had made it with full truth but no one can deny that the Angels have been there when they were needed in many cases. So let's not judge Curtis too harshly.

M.F.

SLIWA A FRAUD

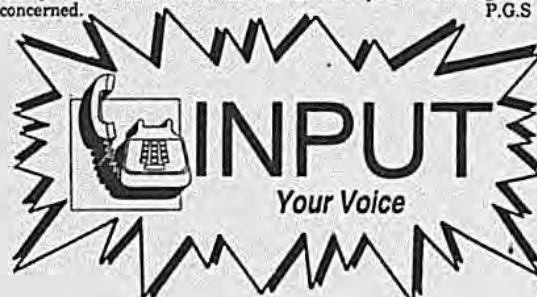
It looks as though you cannot believe anyone anymore. We blame our politicians for faking the public. But the public is filled with people who would fake the politicians. Sliwa is not a bad guy. He has done some good things. But he is still a fraud for taking honors that he did not deserve.

A.B.

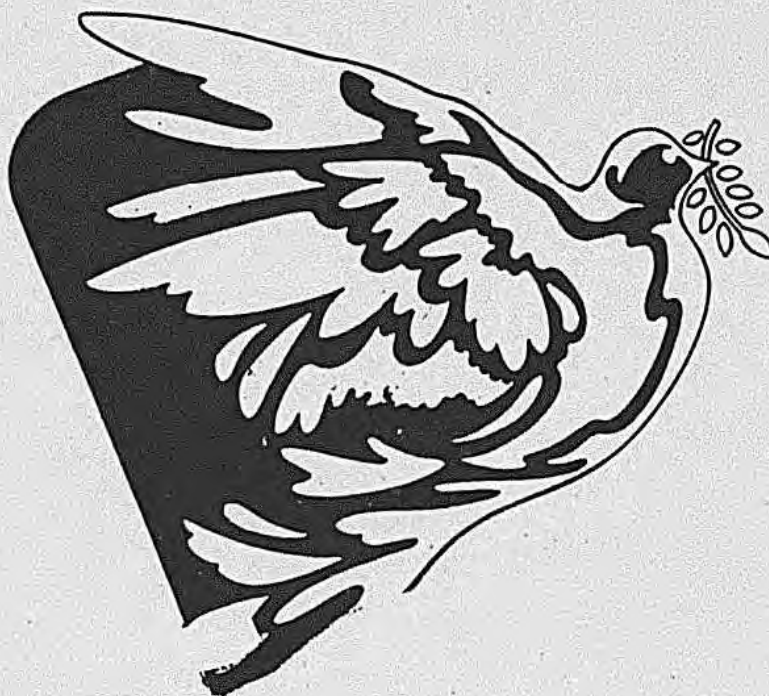
MAY BE NEAR END

Somehow, ever since the Guardian Angels came into the picture, I have never had a strong feeling that Sliwa and his bride could ever exert an important influence on our criminal picture. Their most recent effort to help solve the criminal problems in the subways seemed to be improving conditions. However, when Curtis was shot, the actual weakness of the Guardian Angels concept showed clear evidence of its inability to provide effective help. I also doubt whether the recent incident involving Sliwa in a criminal attack will insure closer cooperation from the regular police organization. It may be that they can still do some good in specific areas where the public is close to them after exposure over a long period of time but I can't help but feel that they have reached the point of no return as far as the public at large is concerned.

P.G.S.



Discovery!



What If? Blueprint To Peace

By Paula Freda

At no time better than the present, with the world struggling to find itself, is Christmas more needed. "Peace, Fulfillment, Self-worth" - wonder of wonders if there were a blueprint to these three. If we could find the common denominator, the single thread that weaves through each pattern of life, through each animate, as well as inanimate existence.

What if: One morning we woke to the knowledge that each individual is a part of the earth. We all breathe the same air, live under the same sky that covers the earth, have the same bodily functions, depend on the same main ingredients of life, though varied they be.

What If: One morning we woke to the knowledge that each beast, each insect, each blade of grass, is part of this earth we inhabit.

What If: One morning we woke to the knowledge that the earth along with the planets and the sun in our galaxy share the same star-studded space, the same universe.

What If: One morning we woke to the knowledge that the words "alien" and "specie" were no longer part of language, that each being, each creature, each grain of sand, each puff of smoke, each element, each molecule, each minutest amount of gaseous matter, was all a part of the universe, all sharing the same common denominator, the same thread of existence, would race bias stand a chance? Would war have meaning, if we declared war on ourselves?

What If: One morning we woke to the knowledge that each galaxy, each sun that comprises the universe, shares the same space, be it flat, a platform, or a cubicle, with finite borders, whether round like the planets, or infinite, without end.

The common denominator, the thread that weaves through each pattern of existence, whether animate or inanimate. Belonging - All belongs - is a part - is joined - is the same - the universal truth - we cannot harm another without harming ourselves.

What If: We woke to the realization that all desires, all needs, all intellect, palls before this simple truth - that we are all one.

What If: We woke on New Year's Day to the knowledge that Peace was at last ours, that war, mayhem and murder were obsolete, that all creation now knew its true purpose, to care for itself - all of itself, that each of us holds the Blueprint to Peace in our hearts, that the solution to universal harmony lay in these simple two words - What If?

For every word there is a counter-word, but what if every argument that could be posed against this simple truth were self-extinguished, with the words: Peace On Earth and Good Will.

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Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true."

"...Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws."

"...Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old..."

"...Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land..."

Alfred Lord Tennyson
(1809 - 1892)

Merry Christmas
A Happy Hanukkah
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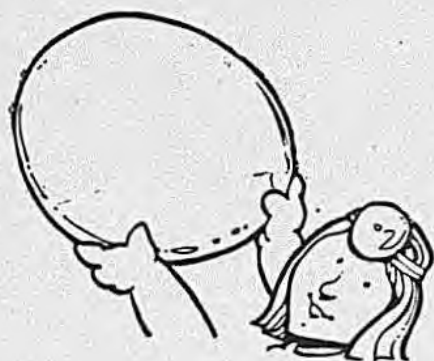


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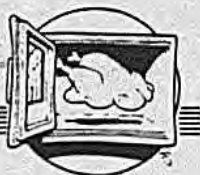
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Desiree Vivera

It might surprise you to learn that hominy grits, cornmeal and cornstarch are basically the same thing. All are ground from corn — the difference is in the fineness of the grind.

Hominy is very coarsely ground, cornmeal much finer (it's rather like coarse sand), and cornstarch is ground to the consistency of powder (it's mostly used as a thickening agent in sauces and gravies).

Cornmeal traditionally comes in two colors: yellow and white (although blue corn has recently been all the rage among certain yuppie connoisseurs).

Both are made from ground corn kernels, and you'll find little difference in flavor, nutritional content or cooking properties. Today's recipes call for yellow cornmeal simply because the color is more appealing.

It's a good idea to keep your kitchen stocked with a box of cornmeal since there are so many ways to use it. Here are some ideas:

Polenta (which is simply cornmeal cooked with water and stirred until it forms a thick porridge) is a staple in certain regions of the Mediterranean.

To make a microwaved version of polenta, combine 1½ cups hot tap water, ½ cup yellow cornmeal, and ¼ teaspoon salt in a 2-quart microwave-safe casserole. Microwave, uncovered, at HIGH (100 percent power) setting 2 to 4 minutes, stirring every minute, until mixture thickens and bubbles. Let stand several minutes before serving. Yields 2 servings.

Corn bread is basic down-home fare. Smother it with tender black-eyed peas, like the folks in the Deep South, or serve with your favorite chili, like they do in the Southwest.

Piping hot from the oven and slathered with honey butter, it's one of the best accompaniments to barbecued ribs or fried chicken.

Corn bread was one of the first foods introduced to European settlers by Native Americans, who ground dried corn into meal between stones, mixed it with water and cooked the dough in patties over an open fire. (These were known variously as corn pone, Johnny cakes, or "journey cakes" — because they were so easy to prepare over a campfire and kept well on long journeys.)

Today's corn bread is much lighter in texture than these early versions — and microwaved corn bread rises the highest and lightest of all.

You'll find that microwaved corn bread is generally moister than its conventionally baked cousin, too — but be careful to check after the minimum time specified in your recipe, and don't overcook, or you may end up with a yellow rocklike substance instead of corn bread.

Some like their corn bread sweet and served dripping with

melted butter, while others prefer theirs spiked with chilies or savory with melted cheese.

Today's recipes include Sweet Texas Corn Bread Ring and Savory Salsa Corn bread — to satisfy both cravings.

Leftover corn bread? If it's a bit past its prime, don't throw it out. Instead, crumble, mix with sautéed onions and celery, and use as a stuffing for poultry or pork chops.

Other popular uses for cornmeal include stirred sweet puddings (a New England tradition) and tamales, a regional specialty of parts of Mexico and the American Southwest.

Cheesy Tamale Pie makes a hot, hearty, rib-sticking meal that's easy to microwave and perfect as a winter supper.

SWEET TEXAS CORN BREAD RING

- ¼ cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- ¾ cup buttermilk
- ½ cup honey

Yields: 1 corn bread ring (6 to 8 servings).

Preparation time: 10 to 15 minutes.

Cooking time: 9 to 13 minutes (plus 5 minutes standing time).

Oven setting: HIGH (100 percent power).

Lightly grease 8-cup ring mold (or spray with vegetable shortening).

Place butter or margarine in glass custard cup; microwave about 1 minute, to melt. Set aside.

Combine cornmeal, flour, baking powder and salt in medium mixing bowl; toss with fork to combine.

In small mixing bowl beat eggs until frothy. Beat in buttermilk, then add to cornmeal mixture with honey and melted butter or margarine.

Turn mixture into prepared ring mold; spread evenly with spatula. Microwave 8 to 12 minutes, or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean, rotating ¼ turn every 3 minutes.

Let stand on heat-proof surface 5 minutes, then loosen ring by running butter knife around inner and outer edges. Turn out onto serving plate and serve immediately.

MICRO-TIP OF THE WEEK

To make a sweet and creamy spread for corn bread, combine ½ cup butter or margarine with 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons honey and ¼ teaspoon almond extract in a small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at LOW-DEFROST (30 percent power) setting one-half to 1½ minutes, or until softened but not melted. Beat well until creamy, then spread over warm corn bread. (Store remainder in refrigerator.)

By Willard Abraham, Ph.D.

Dr. Abraham: I never thought I'd have to write a letter like this because it all seems so dumb. Can you imagine a kid 16 years old riding with his buddy in the back of an open pickup truck?

My smart-alecky cousin is that 16-year-old. I sure like him, but he thinks he knows everything.

The third buddy was driving, he swerved to avoid hitting a car, my cousin and the other guy flew out, and now they are both in the hospital and will be there for a long time.

The good news is that they are alive and have learned a lesson (I hope). The bad news is that all three of them are stupid, and two are in sad shape. Of course, the brains of all three are in sad shape, if you can see what I mean.

I'm writing to tell other smart alecks to get with it and don't stand up, don't sit on movable objects, belt yourselves in, or better yet, sit on the wind in your hair. It's not worth it.

Wake up, wise guys. — More Mature

More Mature: What can I add? You've said it all, and so well, with anger, frustration and affection, too.

Dr. Abraham: My boyfriend is such a lovable guy that I hate to see him unhappy so much of the time. The problem seems to be that he gets moody, clams up and looks sad, but he doesn't even know why he does all that. Or at least he tells me that he doesn't know why.

Because he likes to read, I wonder whether you can suggest something that might help him.

I told him to go see his school counselor, whom he likes quite a bit, and he told me that he will. But he hasn't yet.

I want to be helpful. Am I doing right? — Eager Helper

Eager Helper: Without more details than you have provided, it is hard to tell, but you seem to be on the right track.

I hope you will continue to encourage him to see his school counselor. That individual may help him recognize why he feels as he does and also help him overcome those feelings.

You might want to check through a new book that may perhaps be useful for him to read. (It could already be at a local bookstore or library.) It is titled "Happiness Is a Choice" by Barry Neil Kaufman (Ballantine Books). He also wrote a popular book called "Son-Rise" about his once-autistic son.

The author states that

the potential for happiness is inside each of us, and it is a gift we can give to ourselves.

When you see the book you can decide whether you think it might be of value to him.

Competent psychologists often say that all behavior is caused. Even though he may not be aware of what is creating his problem, his counselor (or another professional to whom he or she refers him) might be able to help him begin to handle his feelings more healthfully.

Dr. Abraham: I have such mixed feelings about my mother, and wish you would try to help me. A friend of mine says that I have a love-hate relationship with my mom. She seems to know what she is talking about because she feels the same way about her mother.

I won't be able to tell you about all the problems and disagreements we have, as well as the nice times when we can talk and laugh together. It all just seems so strange.

Do you think this is normal? Or is there something wrong with me (I'm 15 years old) or with her? — Anxious

Anxious: From what I've read about mother-daughter relationships, it may be that you are within the normal range of adolescent girls and their mothers.

I have two suggestions that you might want to consider. The first is to look up a new book whose title indicates how close it may be to the issue you brought up — "Altered Loves," with this subtitle, "Mothers and Daughters During Adolescence." It was written by Terri Apter, the mother of two teen-age girls (Ballantine Books), and may already be in a library or bookstore near you.

It asks and answers many questions, including these: Why is adolescence a time of conflict for teen-age girls and their mothers? (Would any of you teen girls have preferred that question if it were limited to "some" teen-age girls and their mothers?) Are teen-age girls separating from their mothers? Does adolescence end the mother/daughter "bonding?" Is adolescent anger natural and perhaps even healthy?

The second suggestion is that you discuss your relationship with your school counselor. People with counseling skills often can provide comfort when a teen feels there is family conflict.

Cooking Corner



Popularity rises for machine-made bread

By Linda Susan Dudley

Doesn't this sound like a dream come true? One of the food world's most intimidating tasks — baking bread from scratch — can now be done as easily as whipping up a batch of Hamburger Helper.

Simply dump the ingredients into a container and have a machine do the work. That's the way thousands of home cooks are making bread today. According to *Home-World Business Magazine*, about 600,000 bread machines were sold last year.

The most important thing the cook does is measure the ingredients and then let one of more than 10 machines on the market take over.

The automatic bakery mixes the dough, lets it rise, kneads it, lets it rise again, kneads it a second time and then bakes it. In just a few hours the finished loaf is ready for tasting. The machine also has a timer, to let the cook awake in the morning to the enticing aroma of fresh bread.

The bread machine's appeal is its simplicity. Instructions for a typical recipe are: "Put all ingredients in the machine in the order listed, select white bread and push start."

That's why the machine is appealing to a lot of consumers who normally don't do much in the kitchen, including a lot of men.

A woman in Mount Pleasant, S.C., publishes a bimonthly *Bread Machine Newsletter* to help bread machine "bakers" nationwide keep up.

The problem for some of these cooks has been a lack of reliable recipes for the machines. After you've made all the breads listed in the printed material that comes with the machine, what then? It's not possible to easily convert recipes for conventional bread baking into a useful guide for the bread machine.

That's where businesswoman Lois Conway and teacher Linda Rehberg became interested when bread machines were in their infancy and priced at about \$400. (Today, machines range from \$99 to about \$500.)

The two friends tested and perfected machine-baked bread for two years until they had 139 socko recipes. Then the pair — with no

publishing experience — set about getting their book in print.

They took an adult education class in how to get published and read everything they could in the library.

The novices had the right book at the right time, apparently. Without an agent, they sold the idea to the well-established St. Martin's Press, which published their "Bread Machine Magic" in March. Since then, the book has sold more than 101,000 copies.

"Bread-Machine Magic" isn't the only book on the subject — it's one of five out now — but it is one of the most popular.

"Everyone says bread machines are the Crock-Pots of the '90s," said Conway, referring to the slow cookers that became so popular in the '70s.

"We used five different brands of machines to test recipes because often a bread will come out great in one machine and not in another," said Conway. "No recipe was considered good enough until it worked in all five machines."

Each of their recipes includes variations for different brands of machines, such as increasing yeast or water.

"A tablespoon or two of water can make the difference between success or failure," said Conway.

Conway is proud of the section in the book that includes recipes you start in the machine and finish off in the oven, such as sweet rolls, coffee cake, pita bread, bread sticks, today's very popular focaccia and hamburger buns.

"The best part of making bread at home is you can control what's in it and there are no preservatives," Conway remarked. (The bread will last a week in the refrigerator, or loaves can be frozen.)

The two say they're still learning and refining and a second cookbook is in the works.

There's no knead to fuss over bread anymore. Just ask Conway and Rehberg.

Here's a selection of some of the authors' favorite recipes from "Bread Machine Magic."

SAN DIEGO SUNSHINE

1 cup water (for Welbilt/Dak machines add 1 tablespoon

more water)
2 cups bread flour (see note)
1 cup whole-wheat flour
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons honey
Grated rind of 1½ oranges
1½ teaspoons Red Star brand active dry yeast, for all machines except 1½-pound Panasonic/National machines (use 3 teaspoons yeast) and 1½-pound Welbilt/Dak machines (use 2 teaspoons yeast)
Yields one 1½-pound loaf.

Place all ingredients in bread pan. Select Light Crust setting, and press start.

After baking cycle ends, remove from pan, place on cake rack and allow to cool 1 hour before slicing.

Note: Bread flour is milled from hard wheats, making it a stronger-structured flour. It's a good choice for making most yeast bread doughs. All-purpose flour, on the other hand, is made from soft and hard wheats, minus the bran and germ.

ANNE AND BILL'S APPLE OATMEAL BREAD WITH RAISINS

½ cup old-fashioned rolled oats
¾ cup water (for Welbilt/Dak machines, add 1 tablespoon more water)
½ cup unsweetened applesauce
2½ cups bread flour
1½ teaspoons salt
1½ tablespoons butter or margarine
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1½ tablespoons non-fat dry milk powder
½ cup raisins
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1½ teaspoons Red Star brand active dry yeast, for all machines except 1½-pound Panasonic/National machines

(use 3 teaspoons yeast) and 1½-pound Welbilt/Dak machines (use 2 teaspoons yeast)
Yields one 1½-pound loaf.
Place all ingredients in bread pan. Select Light Crust setting, and press start.
After baking cycle ends, remove from pan, place on cake rack and allow to cool 1 hour before slicing.

DEDE'S BUTTERMILK BREAD

1½ cups buttermilk (or 4 tablespoons dry buttermilk powder and 1½ cups water). For Welbilt/Dak machines, add 2 tablespoons more buttermilk.
3 cups bread flour
1½ teaspoons salt
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
3 tablespoons honey
¼ teaspoon baking soda
1½ teaspoons Red Star brand active dry yeast, for all machines except 1½-pound Panasonic/National machines (use 3 teaspoons yeast) and 1½-pound Welbilt/Dak machines (use 2 teaspoons yeast).
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Ripening fruit.

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Garden Talk

By C.Z. Guest

Q. How often should houseplants be misted, syringed or washed under a spigot?

A. Keep in mind that hairy-leaved or fuzzy-leaved plants, such as gloxinias, African violets and streptocarpus (cape primrose), are prone to getting ugly water marks on their leaves if you mist or syringe them with cold water. So use lukewarm water at all times.

Glossy-leaved plants, however, do splendidly with a monthly sponging or syringing, but washing leaves under a spigot can drown any plant!

Q. How can I prevent pests from getting a start on my houseplants?

A. Make it a habit to inspect all plants weekly. Plants that are infested with bugs must be segregated.

Pick off all dead flowers and leaves — these are great hiding places for pests. Sponge with soap and lukewarm water at monthly intervals to check for such deadly pests as red spider, mealybugs and scale.

Segregate any new plants initially and promptly throw out all plants that simply cannot be saved.

Q. How does one go about getting the tiny, sticky, hairlike seeds of the African violets or calceolarias from their packets into the dirt of started pots? I'm all thumbs.

A. Tear open the packet and use a pair of tweezers to pull out the seeds gently. This is the surest way not to lose any.

Q. Are there any houseplants a beginning gardener can raise from seed?

A. Raising houseplants from seed is a rewarding hobby. With very little expense and a small amount of time, you can have all sorts of delightful varieties of plants in every size (standards, miniatures), shape, color and fragrance.

African violets, aloe (mixed species), cactus, cineraria, fuchsias, geraniums, gerbera, gloxinias, impatiens, kalanchoe, primula, wax begonias and other flowering plants can all be started from seed. Be sure to use plant markers to keep the names straight.

Q. When and how often should I feed my plants?

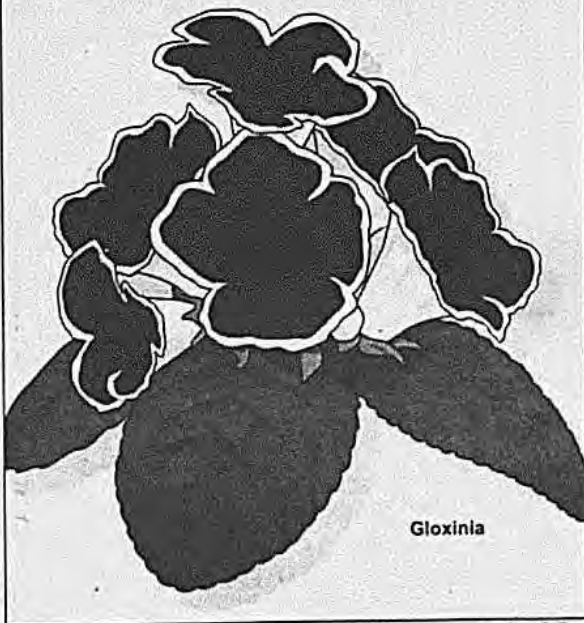
A. Most plants need additional food in periods of major growth as well as feeding every three or four weeks in periods when growth slows down.

Fertilize with an all-purpose plant food that contains equal quantities of three nutrients most needed: nitrogen (to prevent stunted growth and yellowing of leaves), phosphates (to develop a root system and promote luxurious flowers) and potash (to strengthen stems and promote bloom; vital in making plants resistant to diseases).

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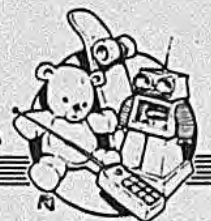
- Mist fuzzy-leaved plants such as African violets, cape primrose and gloxinias with lukewarm water. Use a sponge on glossy-leaved plants once a month.
- Inspect plants for pests once a week. Pick off dead flowers and leaves; segregate bug-infested plants from healthy plants.
- Fertilize plants regularly with an all-purpose plant food.
- For best results, keep room temperatures moderate with fair humidity; hot, dry rooms will kill almost any plant.



Gloxinia

Our Children

By Willard Abraham



Sexual abuse usually occurs close to home

Q. We have our 3-year-old in what we feel is a fine preschool. We have visited it a number of times, talked to her teacher even more than that, and feel that the personnel, program and physical setting are all excellent.

So we have no worries about that environment, and our little girl is happy to be there, looking forward to it every day.

My request to you for your suggestions isn't based on any concern we have right now, but we want to be prepared if a sexually abusive situation should occur. We read about such child abuse so much, so we want to be alert to that possibility if even a hint of it should ever come to our attention.

Thank you for whatever you share with us.

A. Your concern now on a "back burner" is well worth bringing up, even though it's not pertinent for you. It might be a serious issue for other parents who read this column.

Research on this subject indicates that child abuse is far more frequent within families and neighborhoods than in preschools. Preschools should be of much less worry than what can occur closer to home and in one's community.

From a competent source, I've obtained a series of suggestions that might be of value to parents who may possibly be encountering this kind of a situation. They were provided by Officer Tony George of the Paradise Valley, Ariz., Police Department and published in the *Town of Paradise Valley Independent*.

- Believe the child. Children rarely lie about sexual abuse.

- Commend the child for telling you about the experience.

- Convey your support for the child. A child's greatest fear is that he or she is at fault or is responsible for the incident. Alleviating this self-blame is of paramount importance.

- Temper your own reaction, recognizing that your perspective and acceptance are critical sig-

nals to the child. Your greatest challenge may be to not convey your own horror about the abuse.

- Do not go to the school or program and talk about your concern. Instead, report the suspected molestation to a social services agency or the police.

- Find a specialized agency that evaluates sexual abuse victims — a hospital or child welfare agency or a community mental health therapy group. Keep asking until you find a group or an individual with appropriate expertise.

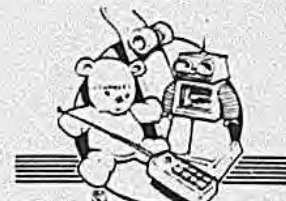
- Search for a physician with the experience and training to detect and recognize sexual abuse when you seek a special medical examination for your child. Community sexual abuse treatment programs, children's hospitals and medical societies may be sources for referrals.

- Talk with other parents to ascertain whether there are unusual behavior or physical symptoms in their children.

- Educate your child. Make sure that your child knows that if someone does something confusing to him or her, like touching or taking naked pictures or giving gifts, that you want to be told about it. Reassure the child and explain that he or she will not be blamed for whatever an adult does with the child.

- Remember that taking action is critical because if nothing is done, other children will continue to be at risk. Child sexual abuse is a community interest and concern.

- Do not blame yourself. Sexual abuse is a fact in our society. Many individuals who molest children find work through employment and community activities that give them access to children. The vast majority of abuse occurs in situations where the child knows and trusts the adult.



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Fitness Forum

Non-alcoholic beer ... Well, let's get terminology right at the start. If it doesn't have alcohol, you can't legally label it beer. So these products go by circumlocutions: non-alcoholic brew or non-alcoholic malt beverage.

As long as we're being picky, these beverages are not precisely non-alcoholic. They contain something under 0.5 percent alcohol, which means that you would have to drink more than a six-pack before you would get the buzz of a single bottle of real beer. Legally, the law places them in the no-kick category.

Nor are these brews entirely new. They hark back to the near-beer of Prohibition days (the Goetz brewery gutsily uses this low-status term as its brand name), and Heileman's Kingsbury has been on the market for some 30 years. What has changed is that growing sales have pulled in the big players, and their hefty advertising budgets are attracting more customers.

In 1989, Heileman sold 3,225,000 cases of Kingsbury, and that accounted for about a third of all non-alcoholic brew consumed in the country. In 1991, the Miller Brewing unit of Phillip Morris shipped 7,750,000 cases of its Sharp's brand, a label that had scarcely appeared in 1989.

Anheuser-Busch, Miller's arch-rival and the biggest brewer in the country, brought out its O'Doul's about the same time. Last year, it sold 6,850,000 cases for a solid second place in the standings. Kingsbury fell back somewhat, but retained third place.

Coors has brought out its Cutter entry, and Stroh's introduced a non-alcoholic version of Old Milwaukee. Imports have a share, too; Kaliber from Guinness of Ireland has declined in the face of the onslaught by American brewers, but last year, it managed to hold on to seventh place among all brands sold here.

Today you can find a dozen labels of non-alcoholic brew in markets without half trying, more if you search around.

Altogether, all brands of non-alcoholic brews sold 24,150,000 cases in the United States last year, a 32 percent jump over the previous year. That accounts for barely 1 percent of the total beer market, but many analysts think that the proportion will grow to around 5 percent in the next few years.

That's not a particularly adventurous prediction, because that's about the share in Europe, where non-alcoholic brews have had a following for a long time.

The new-found acceptance of non-alcoholic malt beverages in this country is clearly attributable to two factors: new strictures against the effects of alcohol and the fact that the non-alcoholic brands have 60 to 80 calories per bottle, compared to perhaps 100

for "light" beer and as much as 200 for regular.

All beer is made from a mixture of water and grain that has been malted (that is, germinated). Yeast consumes the natural sugars in the malt and produces alcohol and carbon dioxide. Hops, an herb, give beer its characteristic bitter edge, and other flavoring agents can be used.

Brewers employ either of two methods to achieve a non-alcoholic product. The older technique takes beer that has been made in the usual way and evaporates the alcohol by heating the brew in a vacuum chamber, which allows a low boiling point. Kingsbury and Kaliber are made this way. The principal problem here is to avoid changing the taste of the brew by cooking it.

A more modern method, used by most of the German brewers, uses in tense cold and rapid extraction of the yeast to arrest the brewing process before too much alcohol forms. This technique seems to leave a lot of the sugar in the brew and therefore gives it a sweet taste.

With either method, brewing companies think that non-alcoholic brews have found a permanent place in the American market. According to the beverage trade journal *Market Watch*, non-alcoholic brews are finding acceptance on occasions when regular beer would be inappropriate — at a business lunch, for example, or before driving.

As one industry executive told the publication: "Now non-alcoholic brews are looked at as another type of beer. You have regular beer, light beer and non-alcoholic beer."

Non-alcoholic brews are finding growing acceptance in the marketplace, but how do they fare on the palates of beer drinkers?

To find out, we bought widely available brands and assembled an informal panel of beer drinkers. We sought out those who frequently enjoy beer without necessarily counting themselves as connoisseurs; some said that they frequently drank non-alcoholic brews.

In general, our panelists were not bowled over. We served 13 non-alcoholic brews, and on a scale of 0 (worst) to 10 (best), no entry received more than a 6. In general, imports fared better than domestics.

Gerstel Brau from Germany and Kaliber from Ireland tied for first place. The panelists also voted on which brand struck them as the most like regular beer; the votes were fairly evenly divided among Clausthaler, Gerstel Brau and Kaliber.

Fitness Forum

THE HEALTHY GOURMET

By Kit Snedaker

Easy orzo is recipe substitute

For all its popularity, pasta is not as well known as it might be. There are thousands of varieties in Italy alone that have never made it big on this side of the pond.

One of the most neglected is orzo, the tiny, ricelike pasta usually found in soup. Never mind the soup. It has a life of its own. Best of all, it's on the shelf of every supermarket.

Use this orphan in place of rice in most recipes or try it in these special dishes where it is better and more authentic than rice. Orzo also is easier to cook and cooks more quickly than rice.

Handy, easy and fast are the watchwords.

Yields 2 servings.

Each serving has about 150 calories, 6 grams fat, 109 milligrams cholesterol and 340 milligrams sodium.

Heat oil in large skillet and add mushrooms and garlic. Saute over medium heat until mushrooms are soft, a couple of minutes.

Stir in broth and parsley and cook, stirring once or twice until liquid is reduced by half. Add orzo, salt and pepper and cook, stirring frequently until all ingredients are heated through. Add cheese and stir to combine. Serve at once.

ORZO WITH SPINACH

½ pound fresh spinach
1½ tablespoons olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
½ pound fresh tomatoes, peeled and sliced
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

4 ounces orzo cooked in a lot of boiling water and drained
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese for garnish

Yields 2 servings.

Each serving has about 300 calories, 12 grams fat, no cholesterol and 370 milligrams sodium.

Wash spinach, but do not pat dry. Remove stems. Heat oil in pot big enough to hold spinach. Add garlic and saute until golden. Put in spinach, cover and cook briefly until wilted.

Stir once during cooking. Add tomatoes and cook until soft. Stir in salt and pepper and add cooked pasta. Garnish with cheese. Serve at once.

Kit Snedaker is author of "The Great Convertibles." Her food stories have appeared in *Bon Appetit* and *Harper's Bazaar*.

ORZO MIDDLE-EASTERN STYLE

1 teaspoon olive oil
½ ounce pine nuts
¼ cup chicken broth, canned is fine
2 tablespoons dried currants or raisins
1½ ounces orzo (ricelike pasta) cooked in a lot of boiling water and drained
1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint
¼ teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper

Yields 2 servings.
Each serving has about 160 calories, 6 grams fat, no cholesterol and 420 milligrams sodium.

Put olive oil in large skillet over medium flame and add nuts. Stir until lightly brown. Add broth and currants or raisins and cook until liquid is reduced by half and currants or raisins are plump, a minute or two. Add rest of ingredients and stir. Cook, continuing to stir until orzo is heated through and flavors blend, a couple of minutes. Serve at once.

ORZO PILAF

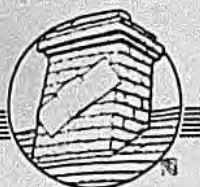
2 tablespoons olive oil
¼ cup mushrooms, diced
1 clove garlic, minced
¼ cup chicken broth, canned is fine
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1½ ounces raw orzo cooked in a lot of boiling water until just done and drained
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese

HEALTHY GOURMET



Here's How

By Gene Gary



Q. I have a pink-and-gray marble bathroom counter. There are several stains that I have been unable to remove. Some of the stains have left etched markings. Other than having the surface professionally buffed, is there any way to successfully remove stains from marble?

A. The first step is to give the surface a thorough cleaning. Flood with hot water, then scrub with a hot, sudsy, non-abrasive detergent, using a soft-fiber brush or nylon scrubbing pad. Rinse well and buff dry with a soft, clean rag.

Removal of stains imbedded in the surface will require a poultice. A poultice can be made of white blotting paper, white paper napkins, white cleansing tissue, com-

mercial whitening or powdered household cleanser.

The poultice is a thick paste soaked in the proper solution (depending on the type of stain), and kept from drying out while it is on the marble. It can be covered with a piece of glass or a sheet of plastic, which will keep the moisture from evaporating while the stain is being drawn out of the marble. This process may take from one to 48 hours, depending upon the stain.

Some substances will both etch and stain the marble, while others will etch the finish but not leave a stain. Different types of stains require a different formula for the poultice.

Organic stains are caused by such substances as tea, coffee, wet

bark, flowers and leached colors from paper or textiles. These usually take the shape of the staining object and will often disappear without treatment after the staining substance has been removed.

To remove organic stains, wash the surface with clean water and apply a poultice soaked with hydrogen peroxide (20 volume) or household ammonia (full commercial strength). For oil stains, those caused by butter, milk, salad oils, peanut butter, mustard, hand cream, etc., use a poultice soaked in amyl acetate or acetone.

Rust stains are orange to brown in color and follow the shape of the staining object. These are caused by steel wool, flowerpots, some soils, nails, cans, etc. Use a poultice soaked in a commercial iron rust remove.

Once the stains have been removed, wet the surface with clear water and sprinkle on polishing powder (tin oxide, available from hardware stores or local marble shops).

Wet the surface and polish briskly with the tin oxide powder on a pad or soft cloth. Or you can

use a buffing pad with a power drill. Keep the marble wet and the pad moving.

Apply water as often as needed to maintain a wet surface. Continue buffing until etch marks disappear and the marble surface shines. When complete, dry with a soft cloth. You can apply a protective coating of a non-yellowing wax that will help maintain the sheen.

If the etch marks persist, you will need to consult your local marble dealer.

Instead of making your own poultice, you may want to try one of the commercial products available through your marble dealer. Multi Seal (Pacific Corp., 616 S. Marengo Ave., Alhambra, CA 91803), and Aqua Mix Inc. (12940 Sunnyside Place, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670), are two firms that produce a complete line of marble cleaners, including a standard poultice, a cleaner and a sealer.

A word of caution: These cleaning methods are for marble, not synthetic imitations.

Decor Score

By Rose Bennett Gilbert



Q. My husband's 14-year-old son is coming to live with us, and I'd like to redecorate his room as a surprise. He has been living in California with his mother, so we haven't seen much of him in two years.

Until we get to know each other, I'm hesitant to set a definite "theme" — like cars, cowboys, airplanes — the way my brothers always did their rooms. Should I just wait? — G.Z.

A. Yes, and no. If you make the effort to freshen up his room, he'll get the right message. Go too far, however, and he may feel it's your space, not his. I'd suggest that you go ahead and choose his furniture in advance but don't make any decorating statements until he arrives.

If you set a fairly neutral color scheme, say, beige, taupe or a gentle blue, you'll have a flexible background to work against once you and he can discuss his tastes.

The room in the photo we show here is built around such a chameleonlike color scheme of neutrals. The walls are warm beige, the floor covered with a heftily textured tweedy beige carpet, the furniture (all from Ethan Allen) well chosen to meet a teen's needs for storage of clothes and entertainment gear.

Its lively personality comes from the accessories: plaid curtains made to match the dust ruffle, a vigorously spotted comforter, a chair covered in herringbone

fabric and the inevitable wall posters no teen should be forced to live without.

Q. I've put a vivid green-and-white striped wallpaper in my dining room and am thinking about using the leftovers in the foyer, a tiny little room with a big ceiling. Is this a good idea, or will it be boring to have so much of the same design? — A.A.R.

A. Boredom is not your problem since the foyer is just a step-through. What could be a problem

is using a wall covering with a vertical stripe where space is tall and narrow. Stripes tend to push the ceiling up, visually speaking, not the effect you're after in such a small room. Better ideas:

- An open trellis-work design.
- An overscaled dramatic motif that would make that little room really count.
- Mirrors, wall-to-wall, always the best trick when space is tight (peel-and-stick mirror tiles are also kind to your budget).

Rose Bennett Gilbert is the co-author of "Manhattan Style" and associate editor of *Country Decorating Ideas*.



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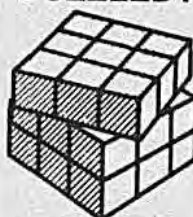
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A sunny New Year's Eve

By Carol Cutler

In France, there is much less celebrating of New Year's Eve in a crowd than in other parts of the world. For the most part, the merrymaking is an affair of family and friends. And, of course, the centerpiece of the party is the table.

Champagne corks pop all night, but at the stroke of midnight every glass must be filled and ready for toasting. Both celebrations, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, are called *veillées*.

The root of the word is *veiller*, to awaken. Given the fact that these are late-night, early-morning festivities (the Christmas supper is served after midnight Mass), I suppose the challenge really is staying awake.

Traditions die hard, even for uprooted Frenchmen. Such is the case with Henri Knafo, chef-owner of the newly opened restaurant Chez Henri in Del Mar, Calif. So despite the fact that his obligations will keep him at the restaurant Dec. 31, his real celebration will be with the family on New Year's Day.

Despite the fact that Knafo's restaurant is on the outskirts of Paris, he is a man of the sun. For this reason he became enamored of sunny Provence in southeastern France. It reminded him of his native Morocco.

Southern California, in turn, attracted him with its brilliant sunshine and unbeatable seaside vistas. Diners at Chez Henri will find that the herb-infused cuisine of Provence is right at home in Del Mar.

So while restaurant revelers will be nibbling on lobster Parisien, mushrooms in puff-pastry, and fillet with a truffle sauce, the Knafo family will be dining much more simply on New Year's Day.

Dinner at home for family and friends will begin with a platter of oysters on the half-shell and cold poached prawns. The prawns will get a Provencal punch via the mayonnaise that comes with a strong hint of garlic.

For the main course each celebrant will have his own little squab, super-thin string beans and sautéed mushrooms, probably including some wild ones. The mixed salad will be embellished with walnuts and the vinaigrette made with walnut oil, another Provencal touch. A slightly chilled Beaujolais will be the wine on the table.

Since almost every street corner in France has at least one pastry shop, rarely are dessert pastries made at home. Why compete with the experts? In France, and in many shops here, the famous rolled cake *Bûche de Noël* (Christmas Log) is sold right

through New Year's. That traditional sweet will finish the holiday meal at the Knafo home.

It should be noted that nothing on this menu is complicated to prepare. Chef Henri's roasted chicken is a graphic example of how simple, well-selected food can be memorable. Complexity does not guarantee great eating.

For each person select a small 1-pound chicken. Chop some parsley, garlic and onion, and mix with ground coriander, olive oil, salt and pepper. Rub this marinade all over the bird. Cut a lemon into very fine slices and place in the cavity of the squab; truss. Refrigerate overnight, then roast in a hot, 475 F oven for 25 minutes.

Poisson au Sel is nothing more than a whole fish baked in a bed of sea salt. The flesh of the fish retains all its moisture and is imbued with flavors of the sea. You'll need plenty of salt, but the cost is far less than ingredients for some rich sauce that a less succulent fish would require.

POISSON AU SEL (Fish Baked in Salt)

- 1 (2-pound) whole fish, red snapper, salmon or sea bass
- Olive oil
- 3 to 5 pounds sea salt (kosher salt may be substituted)

Sauce:

- Olive oil
- Lemon
- Basil
- Garlic

Yields 2 servings.

Preheat oven to 400 F. Clean fish and brush lightly with olive oil. Select heavy pan that will hold fish without too much extra space or salt will be wasted. Pour salt into pan to a level of 1 inch. Place fish in pan and add enough sea salt to completely cover fish. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes.

Remove pan from oven and push salt to one side of pan. Lift off skin of fish and remove bone. Serve fillets with olive oil sauce. Proportions for the sauce are variable, depending on your preferences.

Note: A 3- to 4-pound fish would require 45 minutes of baking.

Carol Cutler is the award-winning author of eight cookbooks, including "Catch of the Day."



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Vegetarian View

By Margaret Wing-Peterson



Resolutions for healthy new year

We ready ourselves for the end of another year and look to begin a new adventure for 1993. If you're like most people, you want to get healthier, whether by losing weight, giving up smoking, starting to exercise or eating the right foods.

In this age of sushi-on-the-run and limited time, we offer several ready-to-use resolutions for a healthful start on the new year.

Choose whichever resolution(s) you like, but be advised, don't take on more than three for the new year. Realistic goal-setting will enable you to achieve what you intend. Dividing your energy in too many directions, expecting to change lifetime habits overnight, will set you up for real disappointment.

Resolve:

- To exercise aerobically and regularly, a minimum of four times weekly for 30 minutes each time.

Long-term research has shown sedentary people die the soonest. In fact, only small increases in physical activity such as brisk walking might add years to your life.

One recent investigation found people who exercised moderately — only walking briskly 30 to 60 minutes every day — suffered less than half the death rate of the most inactive persons in the study.

The researchers also found the three fittest groups, which included those who jogged up to 40 miles a week, did not increase their longevity significantly with their intense exercise.

The bottom line? Being physically fit lowers your likelihood for developing heart disease and possibly cancer and many major causes of premature death.

- To quit smoking altogether, or at least to cut down by half. Every puff not taken lessens your load of nicotine, carbon monoxide, cadmium, arsenic and the dozens of other noxious chemicals wafting in tobacco smoke.

Smoking kills more Americans each year than died in combat in World War II and Vietnam together.

You would be furious if a factory were spewing these toxic ingredients from its smokestack, and smoking tobacco eventually kills the smoker and risks the lives of the second-hand smokers, whether they are spouses, co-workers, children or pets.

- To use more often the food preparation techniques that minimize added fat, such as steaming, poaching, grilling, roasting and broiling.

Rely on less fat at the dining table, such as creamy salad dressings and gravies. For any fat that is consumed, choose more vegetable oils such as canola and olive and less saturated items like butter, shortening, margarine whose first ingredient is not liquid oil, and lard.

- To depend more on fish main dishes, whether they be cooked dried beans and peas (how about lentil soup, red beans and rice, or Cuban-style black beans con arroz?), pasta or potatoes with low-fat cheese, or whole grains with low-fat dairy products.

- To be suspicious of food packages and to read labels more carefully before spending your hard-earned money. Ask yourself, "What isn't the manufacturer telling me?"

- To use salt only once, either at the stove or at the dining table.

- To eat more whole grains, whole fruits and whole vegetables. These are great choices, whether your concern is enough insoluble fiber to minimize risks for colon cancer or soluble fiber to help reduce cholesterol on a low-fat diet. When it's grains, select a variety, not just the hyped-out oat bran. Fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables will have a minimum of added sodium and sugar and a maximum of nutrients.

- To limit cholesterol-rich egg yolks to four a week (the whites are virtually cholesterol-free.)

- To choose health — for living better, not just longer. Here's a recipe adapted from "The Best 125 Meatless Main Dishes" by Mindy Toomay and Susann Geiskopf-Hadler (Prima) to help you get started.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER STIR-FRY

- 2 cups cooked black beans
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon crushed cumin seeds
- 1 medium red bell pepper, chopped

- 2 cups broccoli, chopped
- ¼ cup fresh-squeezed orange juice
- 1½ cups corn kernels, fresh or frozen

- 1 (4-ounce) can diced green chilies, drained
- 1 (3.8-ounce) can olive wedges, drained

- 1 cup fresh cilantro, minced and loosely packed
- 2 tablespoons tequila
- Yields 4 servings.

Cover black beans with boiling water and leave them to soak for a few hours. Drain off starchy soaking liquid. Cover beans with fresh water and boil until tender.

Heat oil in wok or heavy skillet. Add onion, garlic and cumin seeds. Sauté for 5 minutes. Stir in bell pepper, broccoli and orange juice and cook 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, cut corn off cobs (if fresh) and set it aside. Add chilies, olives, corn and cilantro to skillet. Sauté 5 more minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in black beans and tequila. Toss to combine and heat through. Serve immediately.

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By J.R. Rose -

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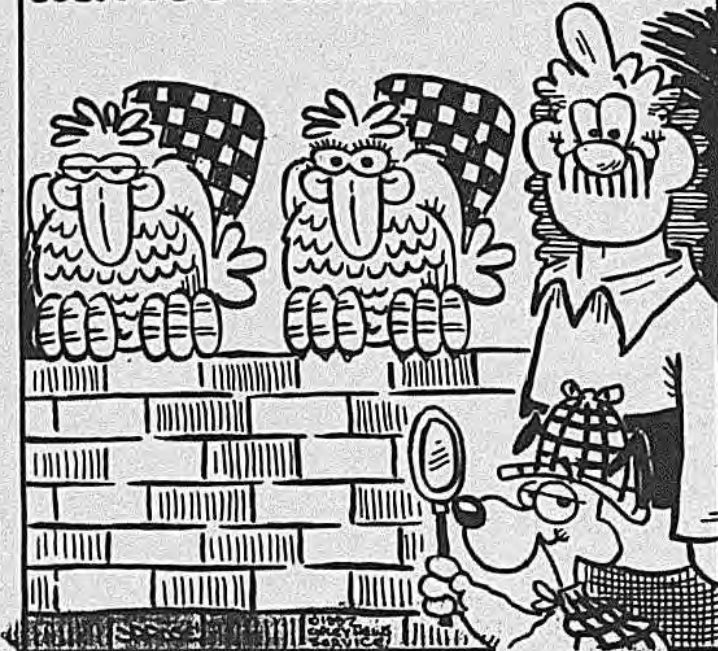


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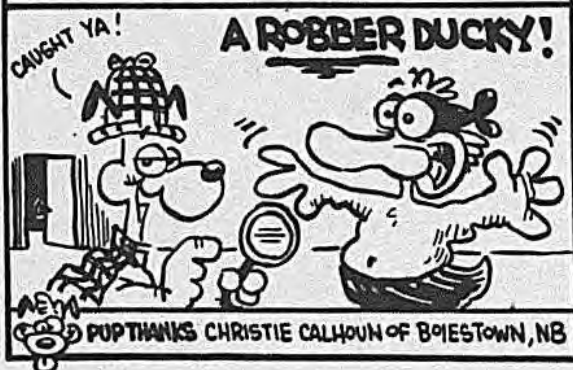
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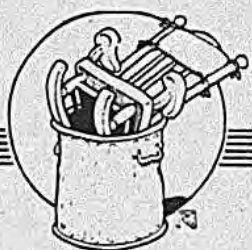


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ANTIQUE OR JUNQUE

By James G. McCollam



Bookcase is popular with collectors

Q. Enclosed is a picture of a very old bookcase. I imagine it is 75 years or older. The glass doors tilt up and slide in above the books.

When I moved, one of the movers wanted to buy it and now I am ready to give it up, but I don't know what to ask for it.

I would so much appreciate any help you can give me regarding this old piece.

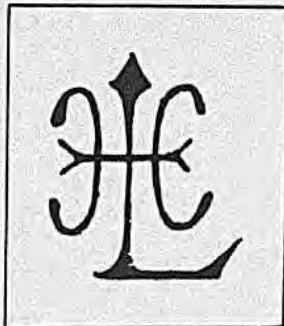


A. This type bookcase is very popular with collectors and would probably sell for \$500 to \$600 in good condition.

This style bookcase has been made from about 1900 to the present. Your estimate of 75-plus years is about right.

Q. The attached mark is on the bottom of a 45-piece china service for eight. Each piece is decorated with tiny roses on a winding vine.

Can you tell me anything about its origin and value?



A. Your china was made by the Homer Laughlin Co. during the early 1900s in East Liverpool, Ohio. It would sell for about \$225 to \$235, complete with no pieces missing.

Q. I have been reading your interesting column in the newspaper and wonder if you can evaluate a set of dishes that I inherited. It originally was a service for 12, but I can only make up a 65-piece service for eight, complete with 17 serving pieces.

On the back of each piece is "Theodore Haviland, Limoges, France."

A. Your china was made in the early 20th century and would probably sell for about \$500 to \$600.

You are right to discount the pieces that would make up a service for 12.

Q. I have a New Companion sewing machine, copyrighted in 1899 by Perry Mason & Co., Boston.

I would like your opinion on the value of this machine.

A. Your sewing machine might sell for \$125 to \$135 in good condition.

You have to realize that there were more than a million sewing machines made in 1899.

Q. I have an iridescent blue glass vase with an overall diamond-quilted pattern. On the bottom is an underlined "N" in a circle; the vase is 10 1/4 inches high.

I would like to know its origin and value.

A. Your description suggests Carnival Glass made in the early 20th century. The mark is that of the Northwood Glass Co. in Wheeling, W.Va. It would probably sell for about \$125 to \$135.

Q. I would like an idea as to the value of my cedar chest. It was built by the Standard Red Cedar Chest Co. of Altavista, Va. It is put together with dowels and is in excellent condition.

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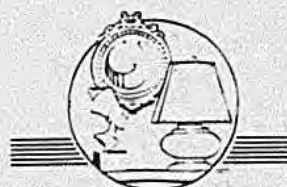
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Points on Pets

By R.G. Elmore, D.V.M.

Q. How much does the length of pregnancy vary among cats? Is it possible for a cat to be pregnant for 70 days and have normal kittens? I thought we knew when our cat was bred! Is there anything special that we should know about queening?

A. For most cats, the length of pregnancy is between 63 and 65 days. However, cats have been known to deliver and raise healthy kittens when giving birth as early as 59 days and as late as 71 days. Variations in length of pregnancy may be related to breed differences and the number and sizes of the kittens.

Most cats search for a secluded spot where they can queen without human interference. If your cat has her own bed in a private area, she will probably give birth there.

If your cat does not have her own bed, a maternity box can be made quite simply. The simplest kind is a large cardboard box with an opening on the side approximately 4 or 5 inches from the bottom. This design provides a convenient entrance and exit for the

queen while keeping the kittens from falling onto the floor.

The maternity box should be made at least one week prior to the expected delivery date and the cat should be encouraged to sleep in it during the night. The inside should be lined with warm towels.

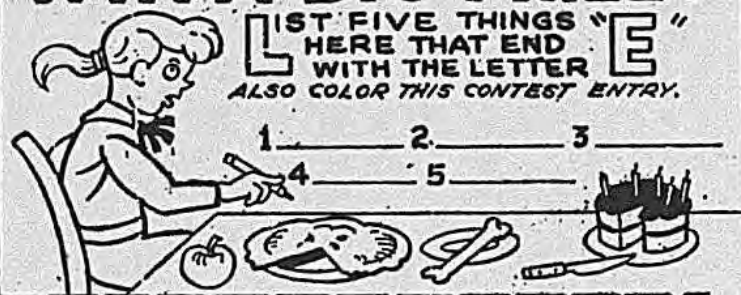
If your cat prefers a closet or some other area, you may need to place the maternity box there to encourage her to use it. Training your cat to use a maternity box may prevent her from having kittens in the middle of your bed or on your couch.

Most kittens are born head first enclosed in a sack followed by afterbirth. Most queens will open the sack, clean the kitten, bite through the navel cord if necessary and eat the afterbirth. Usually human interference in this process only leads to delays and complications.

The rest period between kittens varies from 10 to 15 minutes to an hour. Most deliveries take two to six hours. The average litter for most cats is three to five kittens.

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Aunt Tilly's Corner

Within the past week we have had two lovely holidays to celebrate. Hannukah was last Sunday and Christmas is on Friday of the same week. I know you have all had lots of fun planning and preparing for them. By the time you read this, they will be happy memories incorporated into traditions and expectations for the following year.

Aunt Tilly wishes you all visions of sugar plums and a very happy holiday.

Your friend,
Aunt Tilly

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YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

What Social Security numbers mean

By William M. Acosta

Q. My sister and I had our first children only 10 days apart. When we received Social Security numbers for the kids, we found that the numbers they were given were very different. Shouldn't the numbers be similar since the kids are so close in age? — G.B.

A. Not necessarily. The first three digits of a Social Security number currently indicate the state in which the person lives when the number is assigned. The next two digits are an indicator of the issuance. The remaining numbers have no special meaning.

Q. When a Social Security beneficiary dies, does the funeral home notify Social Security or is notification up to the family? — T.H.

A. Many funeral directors voluntarily provide death information directly to Social Security. But family members of a deceased beneficiary still have the legal responsibility to notify Social Security.

Q. My dad, who receives Supplemental Security Income payments, had a stroke and is hospitalized. The doctor says he should go to a rehabilitation center for a few weeks before he returns home. Will his SSI payments continue while he is away from home? — G.W.

A. If your dad's stay in the facility will be temporary (90 days or less), he may be able to continue receiving SSI payments to pay the expenses of his permanent residence while he is recuperating. His doctor must certify that his stay in the facility will not exceed 90 days and Social Security must receive the notification promptly.

The facility must be a public medical institution or a medical treatment facility that can receive Medicaid payments on his behalf. Call (800) 772-1213 for more details.

Q. I adopted a child who was receiving Social Security benefits on his deceased mother's account. Will his benefits continue? — J.B.

A. Yes. When a child who is receiving benefits is adopted, let us know his or her new name, the date of the adoption decree and the adopting parent's name and address. The adoption will not cause benefits to end.

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The World's Most Beautiful Grandchildren



Our lovely granddaughter is Jeanine Hubert, born February 1st. Her proud parents are Lauri and Frank Hubert. Grandparents are Charlotte and Frank Hubert, Sr., of Queens Village, N.Y., and Laura and Dominic Pedullo of New Hyde Park.