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Conservatives Meet



Mid-Island Conservatives keep in close contact with town of Oyster Bay officials: at their April meeting, the Mid-Island Conservatives heard updates on local political and civic matters from both Councilman Tom Clark and Receiver of Taxes John O'Leary, as well as a Town Hall update from Danny Donovan. Pictured here is Councilman Tom Clark with Mid-Island Conservatives President Ralph Groves.

Peter Rabbit Visits



Peter Rabbit visited Old Country Road School and had everyone hopping. Everyone in Ms. Musynske's and Ms. Cottrell's classes, that is. After learning the best techniques from Peter, the students continued to hop to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. After learning they raised \$719, the students relaxed and enjoyed a snack of juice, carrots and popcorn.

Fork Lane Family Skate



Marc Chiusano, Jill Levy, Gina Simonelli, Kristina Noce and Aly Hupfer roll along at the school's Annual Family Skate Night.

Have Your Car Washed

Hicksville High School Student Government is sponsoring a car wash on Sat., May 22. All proceeds will go to the Cytinosis Foundation. The car wash will take place in front of Hicksville High School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost for cars is \$3, and vans and trucks are \$4.

Author's Celebration

The students in JoAnn DiFranco's twelfth grade English classes at Bethpage High School, shared children's books that they had written and illustrated with the third grade students in Victoria Neenick's class at Central Boulevard Elementary School in Bethpage. What followed was months of communication between the students that involved the third graders critiquing the work of the older students. The six-month long project, which was initiated with the writing of the children's books, to the third graders writing letters and doing drawings about the books, culminated in an Author's Celebration party hosted by Mrs. Neenick's class. The high school students brought photographs of themselves with letters written to their third grade friends. Parents of the students in Mrs. Neenick's class provided the celebration refreshments.

Writer's Club To Meet

The Writer's Club will meet on Saturday, May 22, from 2-4 p.m., at the Hicksville Public Library, 169 Jerusalem Avenue.

Dorothy P. Freda, fellow writer, and editor/publisher of the small press, *The Pink Chameleon*, will coordinate the meeting.

Come and join this informal, free gathering of writers, both seasoned and aspiring (you need not be published). Bring your work and present it for constructive criticism, or simply come and listen and offer feedback. Learn or improve your writer's art through feedback. Many of our members, past and present, have gone from aspiring writers to prolific published authors. Learn about new markets and manuscript salability. Also, Mrs. Freda is presently considering submissions from subscribers to issue No. 8 of *The Pink Chameleon*.

Three Bd. Contests, Budget Vote May 19

Hicksville voters will go to the polls on Wednesday, May 19 to vote on a school budget for the next year, an appropriation for the Gregory Museum and three School Board members.

The School Budget approved by the School Board totals \$50,763,454, an increase of \$367,356, but it will bring a decrease in school taxes next year for the average homeowner. The decrease will be about \$1 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the homeowner. A small increase in assessed valuation in the district will bring about the estimated decrease in taxation. In addition to the School Budget, an appropriation of \$45,000 for the Gregory Museum will be on the ballot as Proposition Two.

In addition to the budget propositions races for three School Board seats are contested. The seat now held by Richard Pfaender is being sought by Gary Lewis. The seat now being held by Arlene Rudin who is not a contender is being contested by Nancy Callari and Mary Carton. Carole Wolf is running for her position against Raymond Manzo.

Voting is at each of the schools in the District with polls open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

National Library Read Aloud Week

The Fork Lane School celebrated National Library Week and the Great New York ReadAloud with a variety of exciting events. The week began with a school-wide pep rally celebrating books, literacy and libraries. It was followed with read-alouds by "district stars" Mr. Mugavero, Mrs. Pace, Mrs. Calder, Dr. Kremin, Mr. Staton, Mrs. Bernstein and Fork Lane alumni. Mrs. Scott's third grade class dramatized the book *The Great Kapok Tree*, by Lynne Cherry, to delighted audience of parents, students and teachers.

Wed. was designated "A Poem in Your Pocket Day," and each child kept a poem in their pocket and read it aloud upon request. The week culminated with a banquet of books as each class prepared food that related to a book they read. Among the foods served were pasta from Strega Nonna's pasta pot, chocolate from Willie Wonka's Chocolate Factory, salad and crudite from the three Billy Goats Gruff's Meadow, delicacies from Little Red Riding Hood's basket, and frecklejuice. All agreed it was a delicious ending to an eventful week.

Eagle Scout



Nassau County Executive Thomas S. Gulotta, second from right, congratulated Eagle Scout Francis J. LaBarbera, third from right, a Bethpage resident, on behalf of his Court of Honor from Troop #170. The ceremony was held at the St. Edward's School.

Looking on were: Jack Keernan; Frank and Marie LaBarbera, Grandparents; Thomas and Anne LaBarbera, Parents; Mike Nicoll, Scoutmaster.

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To the Editor:

On May 19 this district will be voting on a school budget and three seats on the school board. As there is no one controversial issue facing this district and the budget submitted is a no increase budget, it is likely that many eligible voters will feel that their vote is not important and they will not take the time to vote.

Voter apathy was responsible for the Hicksville School Board of years past - a board which was responsible for a huge tax increase and was so partisan that it was unable to act on the vital issues that faced this school district. In the last two elections, the voters of Hicksville have eliminated that stagnation and have building a school board that, for the most part, has been responsive to the needs and concerns of our parents, students and taxpayers. This year's election gives us the opportunity to replace the last vestiges of that old school board with trustees who will continue the recent progress that has been made and will meet the challenges ahead effectively.

Richard Pfaender, Nancy Callari and Raymond Manzo are all homeowners, taxpayers and parents of public school students. They are outstanding, involved, civic-minded members of the Hicksville community who, most importantly, have all volunteered many hours of their valuable time to serve the Hicksville School District. Their involvement has given each of them an intimate knowledge of school board function and the issues facing this district. They have proven, through their service to this community, that they can work effectively for the benefit of all the citizens of Hicksville.

Don't let apathy undermine the progress our school board has made - Vote on May 19. Give Hicksville an "A" in education by voting for the candidates on Row A - Richard Pfaender, Nancy Callari and Raymond Manzo for excellent education in Hicksville.

Carol Koegel

To the Editor:

I am extremely pleased to endorse Richard Pfaender, Nancy Callari and Raymond Manzo for the positions of Hicksville Board of Education Trustees in the upcoming May 19 election.

During his tenure on the Board of Education, Richard Pfaender has exhibited the ability, honesty and integrity to solve our districts problems fairly. Decisions were never rushed; they were thought out carefully and sometimes agonized over.

Raymond Manzo first came

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to my attention several years ago during public sessions of school board meetings. Ray has shown concern for the students and taxpayers of Hicksville, and as President of the Southwest Civic Association continually looks for ways to foster positive change in Hicksville.

I have personally known Nancy Callari for nine years. Nancy's service to the Hicksville Community is well documented. As a member of the Old Country Road PTA Executive Board she has chaired many committees and initiated a multitude of exciting new programs, all the while laboring for improvements of established programs for our students, faculty and parents. Nancy has also served as Treasurer of the PTA, PTA president, and is currently serving as President of Council (Council is the compilation of all the PTA units in our district). Nancy's service to the Hicksville Community is well documented; she has served on the Budget Advisory Committee, the East Street Utilization Committee and the Task Force for Harmony and Pride among many, many others. Nancy can usually be found at a school district or community meeting on any given night, sometimes attending as many as four meetings in one evening!

I believe these three candidates possess the ability, integrity, honesty and fairness to address the needs and concerns of every child, parent and taxpayer in this district, and I strongly urge that you join me in support of them.

Diana (D'Antuono) DePalma

To the Editor:

Mrs. Carole Wolf, candidate for reelection to the Hicksville Board of Education, deserves to hold her seat and to continue to serve our children and community for many reasons. Mrs. Wolf is a keen, educated business woman, an intelligent voice for educational progress, and she is consistently a trustee of principle and common sense.

She has served several terms with commitment and ability, fought hard to avoid closing any schools, if at all possible, and she is not afraid to hang in there with a board which reflects one school political powerhouse only.

Mrs. Wolf is a parent, long-time resident, and with her team-mates, Mrs. Mary Carton and Mr. Gary Lewis, offers Hicksville voters a last chance to avoid a Board of Education completely dominated by a community political machine.

Kathy Kelly

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To the Editor

The voting body of the Hicksville Council of PTAS supports the 1993-94 Hicksville School Budget and urges all residents to vote yes on Propositions 1 and 2 on May 19.

This budget offers taxpayers a savings by cutting the tax rate and provides children with a well-rounded quality education. No programs have been cut and educational improvements are

Central Park Hist. Society News

By Ann Albertson

The April 21 meeting of the society was both interesting and informative, it was our 2nd Annual Trivia Night. Our members shared their memories of Central Park and Bethpage. For example: We learned about the local smithy, Mr. George Baldwin, who had his Black Smith Shoppe on the corner of Stewart Ave. and Baldwin Place. We reminisced about the smells and tastes of the Cider Mill which stood south of the railroad tracks east of Stewart Ave. The pickle works north of the railroad tracks east of Broadway. The polo field which was on the Grumman property of today. We discussed the many streets in Bethpage which were named for our local heroes; Caffrey, Carriere, Robert Damm, Hasset-Dunn, Butchorn and citizens Ludwig, Seitz, Romscho, Thorne and I am sure I have left some out. Bethpage is a community to be proud of and the people, the merchants, schools and churches that make Bethpage the unique community it is.

The May 19 meeting we will be preparing for Memorial Day. The Central Park Historical Society is busy building a replica of the Beau Sejour which will be displayed in the Memorial Day Parade. At the May meeting we will relive the grand and glorious days of the Beau Sejour and the many people who worked and dined at this world famous restaurant.

The June 16 meeting we will shift our interest to gardening. To help keep Bethpage green and beautiful will be our own Frank Camerlengo of Emil's Nursery to answer your gardening questions. We all know, when we purchase a \$5 item from Frank we are sure to get \$25 of free advice. Come share your concerns and interest on landscaping your property.

Come and join the many interesting and interested people of the Central Park Historical Society. We meet in the Bethpage Public Library

In Service

Army Reserve Spec. Dean J. Lopardo has completed a U.S. Army primary leadership course here.

Students received training in supervisory skills, leadership principles, and small unit training techniques essential to a first-line supervisor in a technical or administrative environment.

Lopardo, a construction equipment mechanic, is the son of Lynn Yerks of Bridle Lane, Hicksville.

He graduated from Hicksville Senior High School in 1981.

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included in the budget. Modernization and renovation of the high school science labs, libraries better stocked, new mathematics texts for all elementary students, new mathematics and social studies texts for middle school and high school courses, full time social worker for high school and middle school, full time librarians in all schools, upgrading district

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audio visual equipment and more.

Capital improvements have been scheduled which will safeguard our investment in our school buildings.

Put our money on our kids. It's a sound investment. Our future depends on them... and their hopes and dreams.

Don't forget to vote Yes on May 19. Thank You.

Hicksville Council of PTAS

Jottings From Yesteryear

By Bill Clark

A beautiful Mother's Day. I enjoyed it like others for many years, seeing the large azaleas on Park Avenue, along with other areas, and the huge cherry blossom trees. Even the lilacs reminded me, and I guess many of us, when the young picked bunches of lilacs and violets for Mother and sometimes I set up a little stand at the roadside to sell them at 25 cents a bunch for lilacs and 10 cents for the violets. At the end of the day we would feel rich, when the weekend city drivers would stop. Do you recall when the Northern State Parkway would be lined with blossoming dog-



1970's Keller Farm Homestead. After fire - the farm long gone years ago for homes.



1993 - same area of Keller Farm House, from Newbridge Rd. Photos by Bill Clark

Students Solo

Students to Perform Solo: Dutch Lane students Leah Strugatz, Michael Funk and Allan Fong are all smiles as they prepare for the New York State School Music Association's Annual Solo Festival. The students performed for an independent judge who evaluated their skills and abilities, and offered constructive comments. The festival was held at Holy Trinity High School. Ms. Andrea Frisch is their string music teacher.

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Contest Winners

Yellow Book representative Debbie Johnson presents frisbees and gift certificates from local merchants to the winners in the Yellow Book map contest from Kramer Lane School, Plainview. The publishers of the local directory offer free maps and a map reading contest to all Nassau and Suffolk County School Districts as a creative tool for community education.

Opening Day

Nassau County Executive Thomas S. Gullotta, fifth from left, attended the Opening Day Ceremony of the Hicksville Baseball Association which was recently held. Joining the County Executive were: Greg Simonelli, Coach; Assemblyman Frederick Farola; Town Clerk Carl Marcelino; Councilman Lenny Symons; Jim Pino; Supervisor Lewis Yevoli; Councilwoman Ann Ocker; Receiver of Taxes Jack O'Leary; Councilman Tom Clark; Jerry Mana, Coach; Robert Fund; Brian Donlon.

Hicksville Council Of PTAs Voting Body Supports the 1993/94 HICKSVILLE SCHOOL BUDGET

Please, Vote **YES** On May 19th
For

Proposition 1- 1993-94 Budget

Proposition 2- Gregory Museum Support

Remember: *In order for Proposition 2 to be implemented, Proposition 1 must pass.*

**Vote At Your Local Election District
(10 a.m. - 10 p.m.)**

Hicksville Council of PTA's Membership:
Burns Avenue PTA, Dutch Lane PTA, East Street PTA, Fork Lane PTA, Lee Avenue PTA, Old Country Road PTA, Woodland PTA, Hicksville High School PTSA, Hicksville Middle School PTSA, SEPTA
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COMMON SENSE



GARY LEWIS

Gary is a life long resident of Hicksville, and a member of the Hicksville Athletic Booster Club, as well as past treasurer and active member of the Lions Club. He has served 10 years as manager/coach in the St. Ignatius CYO, and 9 years as president. In 1992, Ignatius received the "Gary R. Lewis Service Award" for dedication and devotion to children, and he was its first recipient.

Gary Lewis was instrumental in working with the Kiwanis to establish the yearly "Make A Wish" foundation Baseball Tournament. Hicksville needs Gary Lewis!



MARY CARTON

Mary has been a resident of Hicksville for 40 years. She is a Past PTA President of the Lee Avenue Elementary School. She also served as President for the St. Ignatius Rosary Society. Mary Carton served on the Board of Directors for the Hicksville Republican Club. She is currently a member of the Hicksville School Board Budget Advisory Committee, and has been so for the last three years. Mary has more insight into school district issues than some of the Board members.



CAROLE R. WOLF

Carole has lived in Hicksville for 26 years. This is her 6th year on the School Board, having served as President, Secretary, and district Treasurer. She is a member of the Nassau School Board Association President's Council 91-93, and was awarded the "Certificate of Recognition" for her dedicated service to school children by the National School Board Association. She has also received the "Certificate of Achievement" by the New York State School Board Association. Mrs. Wolf is a trustee in HBA, serving as Director of Player Personnel and Director of Tournaments. Carole Wolf is also a Past President of the Hicksville Community Council. We cannot afford to lose Carole Wolf.

For

**HICKSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
VOTE ROW B ON MAY 19TH**

Hicksville Baseball 1993 Season Opens

For the first time in more than seven years, Hicksville Baseball Assoc. season began its 41st year with the sun shining. It was a perfect day for a parade led by the Hicksville Fire Department and more than 700 players, managers and coaches following behind to Abe Levitt Complex for opening ceremonies. Hicksville Middle School Band played as the players marched into the complex. It is always exciting to see these children with smiling faces anxiously waiting to play ball. Chairperson of HBA, Jim Pino introduced our distinguished guest as they each expressed their good wishes for the children this season. Nassau County Supervisor, Tom Gulotta honored us with his presence which has become a tradition on opening day. Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor, Lewis Yevoli made his good wishes known to us and also caught the first pitch of the season. Merry Senn a longtime girls softball player with HBA, sang the Star Spangled Banner and did so beautifully. A special presentation was presented by Gil Lenio, Admin. of Little League for Long Island to the boys of the 1993 Boys Major Williamsport team who won their way to Albany for the New York State Championship. A Gold Plaque hangs in our shed for viewing. Then it was time to play ball. With the sun shining like a million dollars, our season officially opened and the fields filled up with players.

We are now a few weeks into the season and all is well. Here are some highlights of the past few weeks of games.

Girls Major Div.

The first game for the year for team #1, sponsored by Hamlet against team 2, sponsored by Goldman Bros. was played on April 20, on Ballpark Field. The girls were nervous giving up 18 runs in the first inning. Hamlets pitcher Jenny Zollo settled down and did not give up another run. Chiara Scheidet came in to pitch in the 4th inning, giving up no runs. The hits were provided by Barbie Broschart, Michele Digirolomo, Jenny and Rosie Zollo and Nicole Grazose. Great work in the field by Katie Wigand, Barbie Broschart, Rosie Zollo, Annette Gonzalez, Lisa Diaz, Kerri Ann Herbert, Gina Grippi. Keep up the good work girls.

After the first game of the season for team #4 sponsored by OSC Security, was rained out they rescheduled and played on Friday, April 23, under cold and windy conditions. Angela Manzo pitched the first three innings and allowed only 1 run on 1 hit by Gina Simonelli. A nine run third inning, where everyone contributed, gave team #4 a lead that was too big for team #3, sponsored by Old Colony Deli, to overcome. The final score was 14-8.

Game two was played on a sunny Saturday. Team #4 was ready to play team #1, sponsored by West Village Green Carvel. After being down 2 runs in the first inning, team #4 came back and scored 4 runs in the second to take the lead that they never relinquished.

Angela Manzo and Kristen Zeiders both pitched 3 innings. Excellent offense, especially by Theresa Lampert who is batting 1,000 and great defense kept

the game moving and exciting. The home run by Katie Wigand of team #1 was the best hit of the game. The final score was 11-8.

Girls Sr. Div.

Team #3, sponsored by Galileo Galilei Lodge 2253, came out swinging with their bats and played excellent defensive ball. Amber Volpe pitched a real strong game and was helped by some great plays by Marissa Toich at third and Katie Tower as catcher, who threw out base runners attempting to steal. Some big hits were made by Abby Toich, Genevieve Rickmeyer, Stephanie Grippi, Dana Patrowicz and Kelly McCarthy. All in all it was a terrific game. The final score was 18-2.

On May 8, Galileo Lodge 2253's girls softball team came up against team #2 sponsored by Aquacade Swimming Pools team. The weather was beautiful and so was the playing by team #3 in their 9 a.m. game. Both Abby Toich as starting pitcher and Genevieve Rickmeyer as relief, pitched a terrific game. Some great short stop plays by Amber Volpe. Hitting at its best by Danielle Degoiski who went 3/5, Beth Karmann was 3/4 with a walk, good job, Katie Tower went 4/5. Good game, girls with a final score of 22-17.

Boys Instructional Division

County Sports' team #8 Pirates and Posh Pillows team #2 Mets played their first game and got their first taste of the thrill of playing baseball. The game ended in a tie, after 6 hit filled innings by both teams. Some great catches were made by Dustin Hildebrandt, Ryan Worrell and Chris Kuacsik. Leading our hitting attack was Michael Dimaris, Robert Funk, Kevin Mucuska, James Robison and Joe Dantano. Also in the game were Greg Wargo, Brian Donlan, Thomas Gandalfo and George Koutsoubelis, playing well and helping to cheer on the Pirates in their initial HBA game.

Boys Farm Div.

This was the first game of the year for the Mets (team #9), sponsored by the Lions Club against the Yankees (team #8), whose sponsor is Parkway Farms. Although we didn't win, the team gave the fans some reasons to cheer. The pitching of Ricky Smith, Danny Brymer and Matt Doyle was fantastic. Doug Pinelli had a great play in short right field and then threw the runner out at first to end a rally. Chris Cockren fielded a ground ball off first base and flipped to the pitcher Danny Brymer covering 1st base for the out. This play looked like a major league play - way to go guys! Our offense was helped by the hitting of Jesse Roestenberg, Danny Brymer and Darin Dolezal. Darin was also great behind the plate, catching for the first time. The Mets show a lot of promise and will give us some exciting games this year. Final score was Yankees 13 - Mets 5.

Manager Jim Cockren and his team played next against the tough Royals (team #7) sponsored by Two Brothers Pizza. This time they managed to come out on top due to some great hitting. Danny Brymer started off a big rally with a

home run. He also had a single and pitched 3 solid innings. Keith Hoffer had the big hit of the night with a 3 run home run. Chris Cockren had a double and single with 2 RBI's. Matt Doyle, Matt Economou, Darin Dolezal, Thomas Bell, Jesse Roestenberg all had hits too. Thomas Bell and Ricky Smith finished up pitching and both did a great job. Anthony Minervini, Doug Pinelli and Mike Doerlein played great defense and helped keep the Royals from scoring more runs. Great game Mets!

We're into May already and the Lions Club Mets played another close game against a talented Rangers team #5, sponsored by United States Life. This game did not give the Lions Club Mets a victory, the team played a great game. We had great defense with Anthony Minervini and Thomas Bell, in the infield. Chris Cockren pitched for the first time, giving up no runs. Ricky Smith also pitched well. The big hitters were Darin Dolezal, Matt Doyle and Matt Economou with 2 hits each. Ryan White and Chris Cockren also had hits. The team continues to improve with each game and we look forward to more exciting games coming up this season.

Parkway Farms Yankees played the Pirates, sponsored by Tower Deli. This was their 3rd win of the season by a score of 11-9. Peter Noce led off with a home run, while Joseph Ahearn and Eric Dikeman had two hits each.

These Yankees are really hot winning again by 9-5 against the Royals (Two Brothers Pizza). Scott Mutch hit a grand slam to erase a 5-2 lead from the Royals. Mike Mutch pitched 3 scoreless innings and James Connally had a key hit in the victory. Greg Krayeski made two key defensive plays.

Scott Mutch came to the mound again and pitched 3 scoreless innings and added two hits helping the Yankees lead against the Mets (Lions Club). Joseph Diffendale homered and Kevin Fitzpatrick added two doubles. Final score was Parkway Farms Yankees 13 - Lions Club Mets 5.

Boys Major Div.

On April 24, the Yankees (team #2) sponsored by Dalton Funeral Homes met the Comets (team #3) sponsored by Pudgie's Famous Chicken at Major Field in what turned out to be a real pitchers duel. Dave Ruderfer went the distance for the Yankees allowing 4 runs and striking out 7 batters in a fine effort. Comet pitchers Joey Caruso and Sean Lyons shut out the Yankees with 0 runs and 9 strikeouts. Eric Vosper doubled and stole a base, Doug Ruderfer stroked a single for the Yankees. Comets came out on top 4-0.

Yankee team #2 played the Red Sox on 4/27 in another exciting game. Doug Ruderfer and Lenny DeStefano taking the mound for the Yanks this day with 3 K's each. Base hits were contributed by Voley Martin - double, triple, 2 RBI's and a run scored. Justin Roestenberg - double, triple and 1 RBI. Lenny DeStefano - single and stolen base, Eric Vosper - double, single and 1 RBI. Lou Pinto - double and scored a run, Doug Ruderfer - singled and scored.

The final score had the Yankees on the short end of a 9-4 ballgame that was closer than the numbers indicate. The Yankees continued their enthusiastic play throughout and showed good effort and great sportsmanship. That's what it's all about!

Boys Sr. Div.

The Royals of the Senior Division, sponsored by Solomon Insurance, gave up a win to Discount Wine & Liquors Orange Team on 4/24, by a score 8-3. Two doubles slammed by the Royals Tim Moffett, as well as a double play by Joey Demarest and singles by Matt Pinelli, Troy Cabrera-Giffin and Brian Tower, were not enough to stop Dave Mercado's Orange Team Kudos to Tom Wilson and Brian Tower for their important fielding plays. Keep your chins up Royals, you've got the right stuff!

Bill Griffith's Royals all come together on Friday, April 30, for a win against the Pirates, sponsored by Meenan Oil. Along string of singles in both the second and the fifth innings provided most of the scoring runs. Tom Wilson and Tim Moffett each let go with strong doubles and there was some nice pitching effort shared by Tom Wilson, Greg Parmiter and Matt Pinelli. A final score and victory for the Royals was 15-12. O.K. Royals!

Boys Major Div.

Red Sox
Manager: Jim Larkin
#26 - Edward Adolphus
#20 - Robert Becker
#27 - John Larkin
#06 - David Rudin
#23 - Michael Theis
#05 - Michael Trongrone
#17 - Amar Agha
#20 - Ryan Coyle
#25 - Andrew Hamlin
#24 - Bret Langlois
#17 - Robert LiCalsi
#33 - Bryan Sanandrea
#11 - Bryan Walsh
#22 - James Williams
vs.
Comets

Manager: Joe Caruso
#1 - Louis Bivona
#7 - Joe Caruso
#9 - John Doyle
#12 - Shauna Dwivedi
#11 - Shaun Glover
#12 - Carl Johnson
#13 - Sean Lyons
#13 - Eric Mockler
#14 - Mike Murphy
#14 - Joseph Mianulli
#2 - Matthew Pascucci
#15 - Mike Savarese
#8 - Anthony Scoco
#1 - Chris Sullivan

Game of the Week Sponsors:
Goldman Brothers, Pudgie's Famous Chicken, VFW Post 3211, Dalton Funeral Home, Malvaise, Ridgewood Savings, Bagel Boss and Hicksville Kiwanis.

Hicksville Clinches Double Header

On Saturday, May 1, the Hicksville Athletics came up against a tough Kings Park team for a double header.

The first game both teams battled right down to the last inning. Kevin Soper was called into pitch and did fine job only giving up 4 walks and keeping some hard hitting batters in check. The infield was strong with some nice plays by Tommy Kessler at short, Matt McLoughlin at 2nd and Brian Boyle at 1st. The outfield was great with several impressive catches by George Niesuchouski. The batting was strong with George Niesuchouski going 1-1, Josh Strugatz 1-1, Keith Engelhard 2-3 with 2 RBI's, Kyle Rybak 2-3, and Peter Martin with a hard-hit triple, driving in a RBI.

Hicksville prevailed 8-7.

The second game Tommy Kessler came into pitch and pitch he did striking out 8 and only allowing 1 walk. The infield was adept with some impressive plays by Josh Strugatz at 3rd, Chris Swier at 2nd and Adam Geslak at 1st. George Niesuchouski was strong in right field making some exciting plays.

The bats came alive with Keith Engelhardt going 3-3 with an RBI, Nick Schmidt 2-2 with 2 RBI's, Matt McLoughlin 2-3, Tommy Kessler 1-2 with an RBI, Chris Swier 1-2 with 2 RBI's and Josh Strugatz with 2 RBI's.

Final score Hicksville 12, Kings Park 2.

Saturday, May 8, the A's found themselves pitted against an excellent Brentwood team for what turned out to be a very exciting game. Tommy Kessler did a superb job as pitcher striking out 8, only allowing 4 hits and giving up no walks. Keith Engelhardt was commanding as catcher.

The entire team rallied to keep this hard hitting team in check. The outfield was impressive with several nice plays by Matt McLoughlin, Chris Swier, George Niesuchouski, and Craig Delia.

The infield was fine tuned with some nice plays by Brian Boyle at 1st and Adam Geslak at 3rd. Josh Strugatz at 2nd shut Brentwood down with a game saving play in the last inning with bases loaded.

Batting was strong with Tommy Kessler going 2-3 with a double, Adam Geslak 2-2 with a double, Peter Martin, Kevin Soper and Chris Swier with a RBI each.

Hicksville won 3-2.

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There is limited seating. Call Lore, 935-1604, or Lillian & Anne, 681-8466.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Pursuant to article 8 of the Partnership Laws of the State of New York

PETERNICK REALTY COMPANY, L.P.

Notice is hereby given that the persons herein named have formed a limited partnership for the transaction of business in Plainview, New York and elsewhere and have filed a certificate in the Clerk's office of Nassau County of which the substance is as follows:

The name of the limited partnership is **Peternick Realty Company, L.P.**

The character of the business is real estate holdings.

The location of the principal place of business is 497 South Oyster Bay Road, Plainview, County of Nassau, New York 11803.

The name and place of residence of each member is as follows: Peternick Inc., which is a general partner, 497 South Oyster Bay Road, Plainview, New York 11803, Nicholas J. Damadeo, who is a limited partner, 14 Loft Road, Smithtown, NY 11787, and Peter F. Heaney, who is a limited partner, 93 Wolver Hollow Road, Upper Brookville, NY.

The term for which the partnership is to exist is from the 6th day of April, 1993 until terminated by a notice in writing from one partner to the others or by the death or incompetency of a partner.

The amount of cash contributed by each limited partner is \$33,000. No other property is contributed, and no additional contributions are agreed to be made by the limited partners.

The contributions of the limited partners are to be returned upon dissolution of the partnership.

Each limited partner shall receive annually a 4% share of the profits.

No partner has a right to substitute an assignee as contributor in his place, nor may the general partner have admit additional limited partners.

The certificate referred to above has been acknowledged by the general and limited partners.

Dated:
April 6, 1993

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By:

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NASSAU COUNTY NEW YORK

JUNE 8, 1993

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of Bethpage Union Free School District, County of Nassau, State of New York, qualified to vote at School Meetings in said District, will be held in the auditorium of the Bethpage Senior High School, Cherry Avenue and Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, New York, in said District on June 8, 1993 at 8:00 p.m. (D.S.T.) for the purpose of discussion and furnishing information only on the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of the School District and appropriations for the Public Library during the ensuing year; and for the discussion and/or transaction of such other business as is authorized by the Education Law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the conclusion of the meeting on June 8, 1993, the same will be recessed until 12:00 o'clock noon, June 9, 1993 at the Auditorium, Bethpage Senior High School, for the purpose of voting between the hours of 12 noon to 10:00 p.m. (D.S.T.) on the following separate matters:

1. The estimated expenditures (school budget) for the ensuing school year (1993/94) and authorizing the levy and collection of necessary taxes therefor; (Proposition 1)

2. The public Library appropriations for the ensuing school year and authorizing the levy and collection of necessary taxes therefor; (Proposition 2)

3. Any other questions or propositions as to matters or expenditures or authority to levy taxes that may be presented for a vote under the Education Law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the said vote and election to be conducted on June 9, 1993, two (2) members are to be elected to the Board of Education as follows:

ONE (1) member is to be elected for a full three (3) year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of ANTHONY D. COTTON, which term expires June 30, 1993.

ONE (1) member is to be elected for a full three (3) year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of RICHARD PESANTE, which term expires June 30, 1993.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT ONE (1) Trustee is to be elected to the Board of Trustees of the Bethpage Public Library at said vote and elections to be conducted on June 9, 1993 for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 1993.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all nominating petitions of candidates for the office of mem-

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ber of the Board of Education and candidates for the office of member of the Board of Trustees of Bethpage Public Library, shall be filed with the Clerk of the DISTRICT not later than May 10, 1993, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (D.S.T.). A separate petition, duly signed by at least 37 qualified voters of the district, said number constituting 2% of the total number of voters who voted at the Annual Meeting of June 10, 1992 stating the residence of each signer, shall be required to nominate a candidate to each separate office. Petitions for school board members shall describe the specific vacancy on the Board of Education for which the candidate is nominated; said description shall include at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent, if any. Library Board Trustee petitions shall state the name and residence of the candidate and the date upon which the term begins, but shall not recite either the name of any last incumbent or any length of office.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the order in which the names of candidates shall appear on the voting machine for each separate office shall be determined by a drawing by lot to be held on May 11, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. in the office of the District Clerk at the Administration Building, Cherry and Stewart Avenues, Bethpage, New York.

Unless a candidate appears personally, or by a person holding a signed written proxy, at the office of the District Clerk at the appointed time and date, the District Clerk shall draw a lot for such absent and unrepresented candidate.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that each person entitled to vote must register. Registration dates and hours are as follows:

SATURDAY, May 29, 1993 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. (D.S.T.)

WEDNESDAY, June 2, 1993 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (D.S.T.)

Said registration will be held at the Bethpage Senior High School Auditorium, Cherry and Stewart Avenues, Bethpage, New York.

All persons who shall have previously registered for, and shall have voted at, any Annual or Special Meeting or any Election held or conducted during the four (4) calendar years prior to the year for which such register is being prepared, will not be required to register to vote at the Annual Meeting Vote and Elections to be held in said District on June 9, 1993, or any adjourned date thereof.

NOTE: Any person who was not registered with the School District Board of Registration and did not vote at any Annual or Special School District Meeting

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within the past four (4) calendar years based on such registration with the School District Board of Registration, but who nevertheless voted at any Annual or Special School District Meeting or Election within such four (4) year period based solely on registration with the Nassau County Board of Elections as is permitted by law, such persons will not appear as a registered voter on the School District's register of voters eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting and Election on June 9, 1993. Such person shall not be eligible to vote on June 9, 1993 unless (s)he (1) registers with the School District Board of Registration on May 29, 1993 or on June 2, 1993 at the time(s) and place stated above, or (2) (s)he registered at the annual Meeting and Election on June 10, 1992 or (3) (s)he is registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections as stated below.

Any qualified voter of the District who is in doubt as to whether (s)he is registered to vote at the June 9, 1993 Annual Meeting Vote and Election should contact the District Clerk of the Bethpage Union Free School District.

All persons who registered at the Annual Meeting and Election held on June 10, 1992, will not be required to re-register for the purpose of voting on June 9, 1993.

Persons whose names appear as eligible voters as of June 9, 1993 on the Voter Registration Books issued and maintained by the Nassau County Board of Elections, shall be eligible to vote at the Annual School District Meeting Vote and Elections to be conducted on June 9, 1993. (Exception to the School District Registration requirement.)

The Board of Registration will meet during the election held in the District on June 9, 1993, at the place where the Annual Meeting and Election is held for the purpose of preparing a register for meetings and elections held subsequent to such Annual Meeting or Elections.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the register will be open for inspection by a qualified voter of the School District from June 3, 1993 up to and including the day of the election, June 9, 1993, Sunday excepted, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with the exception of Saturday, June 5, 1993 when the hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing school year 1993/94 for school purposes (budget) and a statement of any expenditure and estimated tax levy for the ensuing year that may be required to fund the school budget and library appropriation which may be separately presented at the above stated Annual Meeting shall be prepared and made available to any qualified voter at the office of

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the District Clerk, Administration Building, Cherry and Stewart Avenues, Bethpage, New York, and the offices of the principals of all the schools in the District therein during the period of seven (7) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (D.S.T.) Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays excepted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the vote on all propositions and the election of candidates at the aforesaid Annual Meeting Vote and Elections, on June 9, 1993, will be conducted by ballot on voting machines.

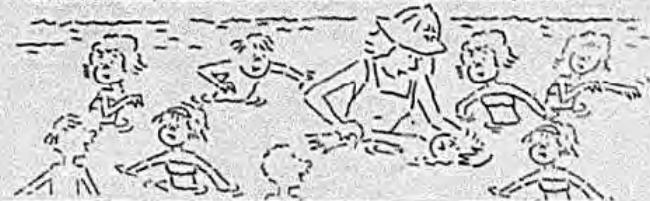
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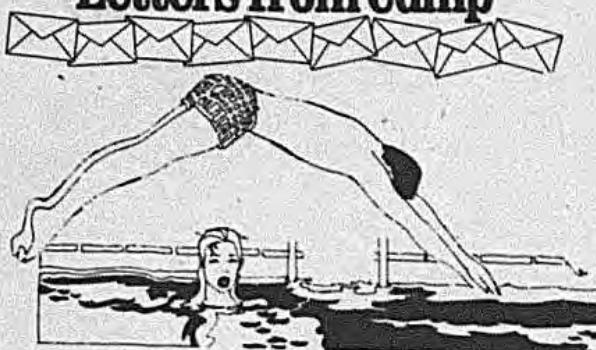
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Coached by physics teacher Mr. Gregory Guido and led by returning senior Mark Young, the team captured an individual first place trophy in the Mystery Event. Their challenge, unknown until the mo-

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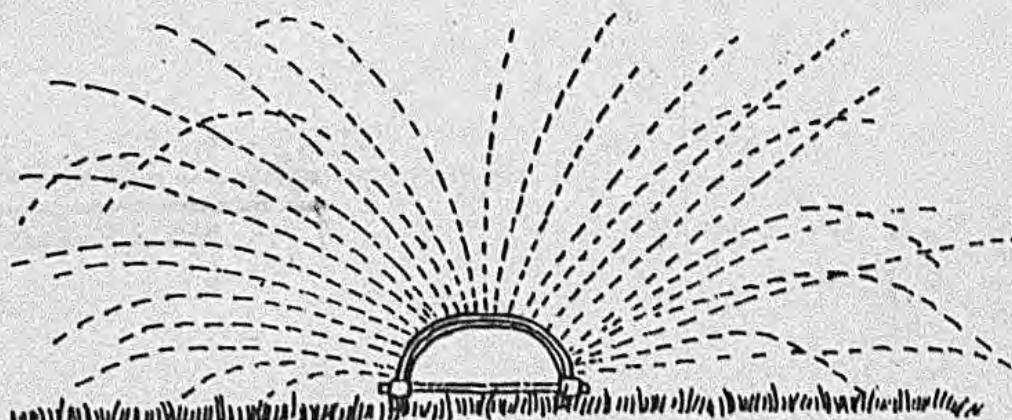


Nassau County Executive Thomas S. Gulotta, right, commended Carolyn C. Cobb, a Hicksville resident, on behalf of her participation in the Nassau County Employees' Savings Bond Program. Carolyn, an employee at the Probation Department, is a Bond Coordinator. Looking on was Greg Gangemi.

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Students at Dutch Lane jumped rope to demonstrate the effectiveness of the activity as a cardiovascular exercise. Their participation will however, keep many hearts healthy as the proceeds of the event were donated to the American Heart Association. The association uses the

proceeds for research, education and community programs. The event was coordinated by physical education and community programs. The event was coordinated by physical education teachers Phyllis Rubin and Lee Anne Abriano. Over \$2,500 was raised by the energetic students.



Taking a break during Dutch Jump-A-Thon are fourth graders Tori Schack, Samra Khenzri, Alyssa Provenzano, Nicole Dillard, Eileen Perchinski, Michelle Lovastick.



Jump-A-Thon coordinators Phyllis Rubin and Lee Anne Abriano are all smiles upon hearing that the Dutch students raised over \$2,500 for the American Heart Association.



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The Bill if passed would require commercial tree sprayers only to notify any neighbor 24 hours prior to the spray application within 100 feet of the site. The Nassau-Suffolk Neighborhood Network urges residents to call their elected state officials to lobby for passage of the Bill.

The Hicksville F.D. Haz-Mat Unit has been called out on pesticide spills and just last year was involved with a case concerning the illegal dumping by a commercial firm of pesticides. Hicksville Fire Chief Patrick Scanlon and Haz-Mat Coordinator Owen Magee both caution homeowners not to be misled by claims that the spray is harmless. If they, the sprayers, are wearing masks you know it's not completely harmless.

The Coordinator urges residents to be aware of illegal dumping of chemicals in the storm drains or the possible illegal use of fire hydrants. If you see it - call 911 or the local fire department working for a safe environment is everyone's responsibility.



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Woodwell Named Supplier Of Month

The recipient of the Long Island Water Conference's Supplier of the Month Award has always realized the importance of precision, whether he was directing cannon fire or running a water district.

Richard E. Woodwell, Superintendent of the Hicksville Water District, received the award for the month of May at a recent meeting of the Water Conference, where he was honored for his 43 years of fine work in the public water supply industry.

"Woody's qualities, including dependability and dedication, make him an asset to our industry," said Conference Chairman John Tame. "He is a prime example of what a water supplier should be."

Mr. Woodwell began his career with Hicksville Water District as a laborer in 1949. He was promoted to foreman in 1956, and continued to move up the ranks, becoming supervisor in 1975 and superintendent in 1983.

As superintendent, he oversees all plant operations, such as maintenance, repair and water treatment. He ensures that everyone on the staff is doing his part to guarantee a safe and clean water supply for the 15,646 homes and commercial buildings that are served by Hicksville Water District.

While he was stationed with the Army's 43rd Division in Germany from 1951 to 1953, Mr. Woodwell, then Sergeant Woodwell, directed the fire of heavy guns, a job that requires coolness under pressure and fast thinking.

These traits come in handy at the water district, which has a storage capacity of 7.5 million gallons and a pumping capacity of 34 million gallons per day.

A member of the Long Island Water Conference for more

than 20 years, Mr. Woodwell also belongs to the Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars. He received his Grade 1 Plant Operators designation in 1978 from the New York State Department of Health.

Mr. Woodwell and his wife, Judith, have lived in Syosset for 21 years. They have a son, Justin.

In his spare time, Mr. Woodwell enjoys collecting stamps and building model ships.

Hogan Will Not Be Renominated

In a meeting held today, the Town of Oyster Bay Republican Executive Committee voted to recommend to the full town committee that Oyster Bay Councilman Howard T. Hogan not be nominated for reelection at the Oyster Bay Republican designating convention which will be held later this month.

The Executive Committee cited questions over Councilman Hogan's "residency and the potential conflict of interest and appearance of impropriety stemming from Councilman Hogan's private land development business within the Town of Oyster Bay" as the factors that went into their unanimous decision to recommend that Hogan not be renominated.

"Clearly, Tom Hogan's candidacy would bring a number of liabilities to the 1993 Republican ticket here in Oyster Bay," Town Chairman James E. Picken said. "The Democrats are eagerly awaiting a chance to exploit the issue of Councilman Hogan's admitted residence in Cold Spring Harbor in Suffolk county, and the continuing ethical questions concerning his (Hogan's) involvement as a private developer doing business within the township."

Seventh Grader Honored For Writing

Ian Serotkin, a seventh grader in Linda Donovan's English class at Jericho Middle School, was selected as one of the top winners in a statewide creative writing contest. Competing against hundreds of entries from across New York State, Ian received an Honorable Mention in the 1992-93 Imagination Celebration writing contest sponsored by the Kennedy Center and the New York State Museum.

His writing will be included in a publication that features the best 18 selections submitted by New York students. The booklet will be published in early June.

According to Diane Cooney, head of the English program at the Middle School, "We're proud of both Ian and Ms. Donovan. One of the primary goals of the Creative Writing Opportunity is to offer motivation for both teachers and students."

"It gives me great satisfaction to be honored by such a group of respected professionals," he said. "I have a spot picked out on my wall for the plaque."

The Long Island Water Conference, established in 1951, consists of water supply professionals dedicated to providing and maintaining an adequate and safe water supply system. Conference members include the Island's major purveyors of public drinking water; consulting engineers; attorneys; manufacturers and contractors related to water supply; and officials of governmental regulatory agencies.

VFW Community Service Awards

The Hicksville VFW Post 3211 was proud to present two Community Service Awards at their last regular meeting. The two recipients were:

Carmela Vitiello for her outstanding work throughout the years on the VFW Voice of Democracy Program.

Leonard B. Austin, P.C. for his many contributions on behalf of veteran groups.

Mrs. Vitiello is Past President of the VFW Post 3211 Auxiliary and Past President of Nassau County VFW Auxiliary.

She is currently Chaplain of VFW District #1. Carmela is a tireless worker and is involved in many other VFW activities.

Mr. Austin, an attorney at law who has an office at Mitchel Field has been extremely helpful in representing veterans groups in many ways.

VFW Post 3211 Commander Dennis Ladislaw, thanked both recipients for their contributions to our community, and they both received a standing ovation from the VFW membership.



Leonard B. Austin thanked the V.F.W. Commander and the members for the honor they had bestowed on him.



Mrs. Judy Austin, Leonard B. Austin, V.F.W. Commander Dennis Ladislaw presenting the plaque to Mr. Austin.

SLEEP: TOO MUCH OR TOO LITTLE?

A free community education program about common sleep problems, presented by the Winthrop-University Hospital Sleep Disorders Center.

• Dr. Steven Feinsilver, Director of the Sleep Disorders Center, will present an overview of sleep related disorders, including their effects on daytime functioning and treatment options.

• Gila Hertz, PhD, Psychologist and Associate Director, will discuss difficulties in initiating and maintaining sleep, sleep problems in children, and some tips on how to achieve a good night's sleep.

• Claude Albertario, Technical Director of the Sleep Laboratory, will demonstrate sleep related devices and equipment to treat breathing disorders.

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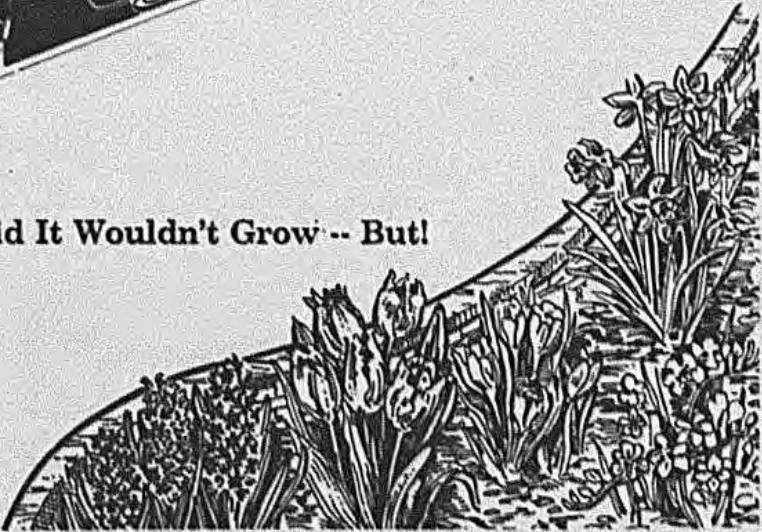
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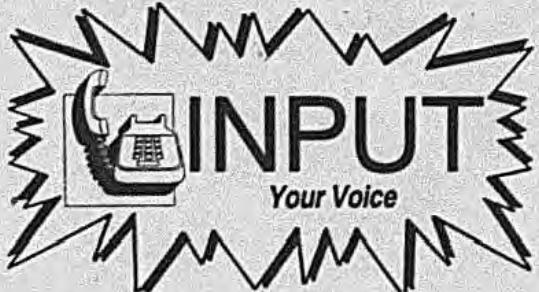


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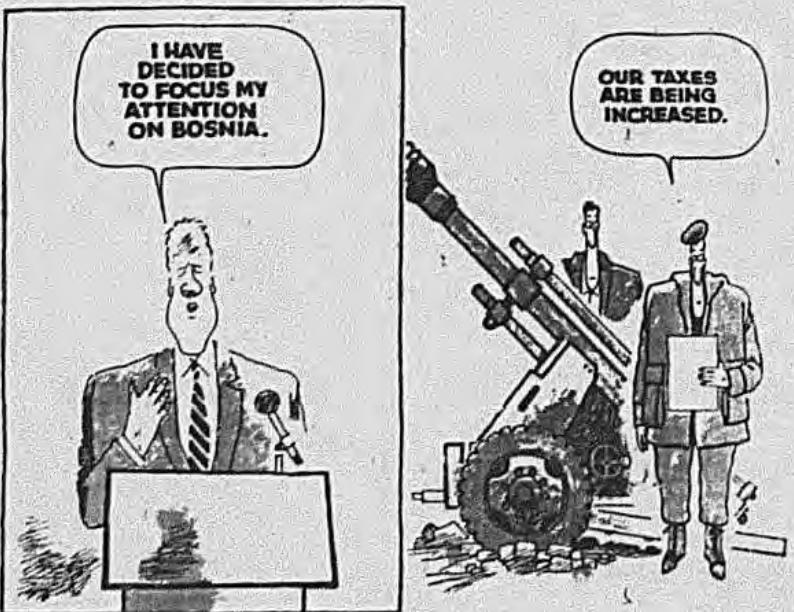


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Most Callers Say 100 Days Not Enough

Input callers generally were not enthusiastic about President Clinton's accomplishments in the first 100 days, but many said that it was not time enough to evaluate his work in answer to this question: "Do you think assessing the President on his first 100 days in office gives a true image?" Here are some of the answers: **MORE TIME**

We have to give the President a little more time. But whether it is Democrats or Republicans I have never seen any dramatic change in this country. The Democrats have their donkey and that's how they think. The Republicans have their elephant and they think they are big and powerful. But it's possible sometime we might get a President like Roosevelt who can make changes. **K.K. SAME OLD CLINTON**

The first one hundred days are merely a continuation of Clinton's lifelong patterns of deception, distortion and dishonor. What is new.

RIDICULOUS PRACTICE

Assessing a President after 100 days in office is a ridiculous practice, especially when a party is regaining control after 12 years of absence in the White House. People speak of the first 100 days of President FDR, they do not know that Roosevelt had months to prepare and Congress worked and went along with him willingly. A President should be given about one year before assessment. Even then it is difficult to judge. As an example look at George Bush. After the Persian Gulf war he was basking in the highest approval rating of any President. He left office after four years with very low approval rating. Politics is a tricky game and one minute you are loved and the next are hated.

D.H.

100 DAYS ENOUGH

I think 100 days gives a good assessment of the President and we surely need help now.

J.C.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

The reason President Clinton is sliding in the ratings is because he raised expectations beyond what was possible. Unfortunately he was not an honest campaigner. He knew that he had not real plans for making the economics of the country better and he used rhetoric to beat down Bush. When you are out of power it is easy to criticize. When you are in power you have to be realistic. Clinton and his followers were never realistic. In addition they had ideas of taking the country far to the left when they knew the majority of voters were not asking for that approach. If Clinton had come out for all of the things he and Hillary really believe in, he would have gone the way of McGovern. Instead he fooled the voters and now they are showing signs of being discontent.

N.F.

100 NOT ENOUGH

I think the 100 days idea of assessing a President is unreal. With luck he might have struck a home run in his first 100 days. But that is not really the way the ills of the country can be cured. We need some long term programs and they will take time to bear fruit. Let's not judge Clinton yet.

V.S.

WANTED CHANGE

I suspect that most people, including myself, voted for Bill Clinton looking for a change after 12 years of Reagan and Bush. Considering all the change that is obviously needed, it's going to take a lot more than 100 days to make any impact on the needs of our country. With all the foreign distractions that keep coming up, I would say that it will take at least 2 years before we can assess our President's true image. And, if after 4 years in office he does not fulfill our expectations, then like George Bush, he undoubtedly will be voted out of office.

C.K.

GIVE HIM A CHANCE

The answer is "NO" - the first 100 days as President of the United States cannot give a true image of his performance in that brief period of time. Clearly, foreign potentates who had been wrestling with their very serious problems for quite a long period of time with little success had seriously expected Clinton to provide immediate answers to many of their internal and external frustrations. In all fairness, it was all that our new President could do to bow out of his previous responsibilities gracefully while simultaneously acquainting himself with the cast of domestic and foreign characters he had to face in the ensuing three years in office. And plainly, in my opinion, having at the same time to accommodate the pent-up aspirations and talents of his beloved wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton. I'm a Republican, but think it is only fair to give our newly elected President a fair opportunity to get his feet on the ground.

P.G.S.

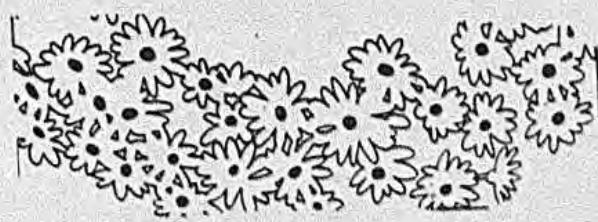
PAST ISSUES

KORESH PROBLEM

Few of us were on the spot in Waco, Texas to have observed events first hand as they developed at the Koresh compound. In general we know what we read and what we saw on TV. Yes, this horror was precipitated by the acts of David Koresh and there are those people who say he and his followers got what they deserved. If you look back prior to the first assault on the compound you will understand this problem could have been handled in a more intelligent manner. Why was it necessary to twice attack the compound? Surely the Koresh followers were surrounded and could not leave. Why not sit tight and wait them out? Reno has admitted mistakes and Clinton finally accepted responsibility, but he knows that acceptance means nothing. Just a way to bury the matter. Remember Reagan accepted responsibility for the bombing of the Marine barracks? So what. So to save the children, we burned them. A general who is not a general ordered a frontal assault after a 15 minute conversation with a President who is not a commander. We have witnessed a horrible abuse of government power.

E.J.H.

Discovery!



They Said It Wouldn't Grow -- But!

By Daniel L. Lionel

When we moved into our new home 37 years ago our landscaping featured, mud, wild radishes, tufts of crab grass and more mud. Our house was built on a former potato farm and outside of a few desultory evergreens around the front of the house provided by the builder our fairly large backyard appeared ready to revert to its former status.

Fortunately a good friend was the garden editor of the New York Herald Tribune. Every Sunday he presented a landscape design as part of his page. He offered to use our plot for his subject in an upcoming issue. Accordingly I gave him the map of our plot and subsequently the landscape plan appeared. It was complete with details of each type shrub and tree to be planted and where it was to be placed. My wife and I were so delighted with it that we turned it over to a local contractor with instructions to follow it to the letter.

As soon as Spring rolled around the plan was implemented and we were on our way to having a dream of a back yard. Our 8 year old son, however, had his own ideas.

One day he brought back from the nearby woods, and there were plenty of undeveloped areas around Syosset in those days, a maple tree sapling. It was about five feet high and one could encircle the trunk with one's fingers. He proceeded to plant his tree in the middle of the yard which our architect friend had purposely left as an open area for esthetic reasons. We did not notice the tree until late in the day and in answer to our surprised question, "Where did that come from?" our son proudly told us he had come upon the tree while frog hunting in the woods and thought it would be just the thing for the vacant area in the middle of our backyard.

Naturally we didn't want to hurt his feelings although the presence of a maple tree in the spot he planted it negated the concept of our landscape plan. Each morning, our son went out with a pitcher and watered his tree. He even found a bag of fertilizer in the garage and scattered some around the trunk.

When we expressed our misgivings about the tree to our neighbor whose gardening expertise stemmed from occasional visits to Central Park near his former apartment he assured us, "Don't worry," he said, "it'll never grow." Sure enough, the green leaves on the tiny tree soon shriveled up and dropped off. It only remained to dig it up and discard it.

With plenty of other things to do in our new home we didn't get around to uprooting the sapling for some weeks when we suddenly noticed that tiny green leaves had sprouted all over the tree! By the following Spring the tree grew over a foot and had a beautiful shape. At that point we decided to transplant it to a spot close to our pation where it still stands. Now its trunk is too thick to enable one's arms to encircle it and it towers thirty feet above our house.

In the sunny days of summer as we bask in its shade and in the fall when it puts all the other trees to shame with its almost vulgar display of color we are grateful for the persistence of our young son who didn't know his tree was supposed to die.

About the Author

Dan. Lionel lives in Syosset. He has been on the staff of several metropolitan newspapers and is nationally known for his writing on phases of newspapering. This is his seventh contribution to Discovery.



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Q. While visiting France last year my friend and I ate in an elegant restaurant. We noticed that forks and spoons were facing downward on the tablecloth. Do you know why this was done?

A. This is an old French custom which is gradually giving way to the English and American way of facing forks and spoons upward.

Q. Recently I came across a menu expression that was new to me. Can you explain what "A la burgundienne" means?

A. Translated from the French it would mean "in the Burgundy style" and it refers to any dish served with small onions, spices, bacon, mushrooms and, of course, Burgundy wine.

Q. I often eat with friends at a local restaurant known for its beautiful decor and excellent food. However, for some reason the waiters and waitresses seem to wear grim expressions on their faces. They are not actually rude, but their manner is somewhat evr. Would it be a good idea to say something to the owner?

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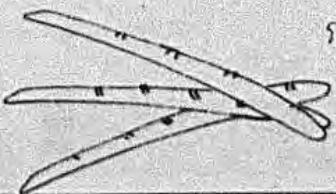
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Making bread sticks.

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5. Bake at 450 F for 8 to 10 minutes. Allow to air dry overnight.



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Q. When dining out I often like to begin my meal with a delicious shrimp cocktail. But the shrimp are usually quite large - too big to swallow in one bite. What is the proper way to eat them?

A. Impale the shrimp with your seafood fork and dip in the cocktail sauce. Take a manageable bite. Consume the remaining piece, dipping again into the sauce if desired.

In eating a shrimp cocktail it is never correct to cut the shrimp with a knife.

Q. Whenever I eat lunch with a certain friend, I notice that he takes a few mouthfuls of food then swallows and touches his lips with his napkin before sipping his beverage. Is he correct?

A. Yes, your friend is obeying the law of etiquette which says that a person does not drink liquids until his mouth is empty and his lips are clean. The purpose of this rule is to keep the rim of one's glass or cup free from unsightly food stains.

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Home entertaining

By Carol Cutler

Remember old Prune Face? He was a character in the "Dick Tracy" comic strip, a sourpuss or a sunbather who overdid it. Well, those clichés are out and prunes are in.

The fruit's homely image is being superseded by our concern with fat in our diet. Prunes are notoriously nutritious. Three ounces contain 239 calories, about 7 grams of fiber, 745 milligrams of potassium and a lot of iron and beta carotene. The impressive level of fiber accounts for its reputation as a natural laxative.

Cooks have been experimenting with substituting prune puree for fat in baking. Especially successful have been fruit breads, puddings and cookies.

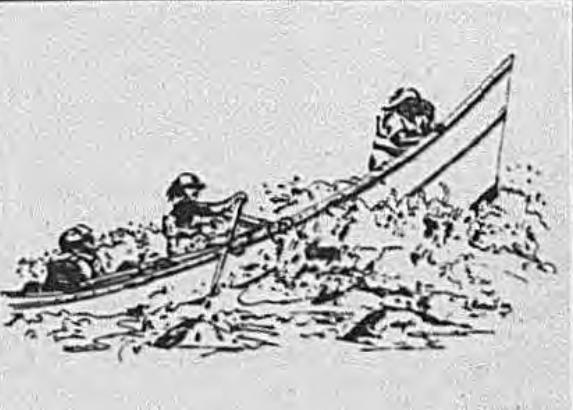
These substitutions are based on prune puree that you can make right in your own kitchen. Simply combine 4 ounces ($\frac{1}{2}$ cup) pitted prunes and 3 tablespoons water in the container of a food processor. Pulse on and off until the prunes are finely chopped. Yields $\frac{1}{2}$ cup.

These baked goods are just fine, but they are hardly the sort of dessert you serve when there is company for dinner. How about a Cold Prune Souffle? Now there is a finale that commands attention. Whether a souffle is served at the beginning of a meal or the end, guests know that they are being very well treated.

COLD PRUNE SOUFFLE WITH HOT SAUCE

2 tablespoons gelatin
1 tablespoon white liqueur (Cointreau, kirsch, framboise, etc.)
2 teaspoons plus 2 tablespoons water
1 pound prune paste (lekvar)
6 egg whites

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Hot Sauce:
1/2 pound prune paste
1/4 cup water

2 tablespoons white liqueur (same as in souffle)
Yields 8 servings.

Soften gelatin with white liqueur and 2 teaspoons of water. Meanwhile, slowly heat prune paste with 2 tablespoons of water so that it is boiling when you finish beating egg whites. While paste is heating, it will begin to liquefy. Once it is really hot, add softened gelatin.

Meanwhile, beat egg whites until very firm — about 5 or 6 minutes of strong beating. Keep an eye on hot prune paste; you must be able to pour it. If it looks too thick, add a bit more water.

Once paste is boiling, pour it slowly over egg whites while continuing to beat. Lacking a standing electric mixer, it is best to have someone help at this point to pour jelly while you continue beating whites. Heat of jelly will poach egg whites a bit, giving them a better flavor and glossier appearance. Once all jelly has been incorporated into whites, continue beating for 1 more minute.

Place moistened round of wax paper in bottom of 2-quart charlotte mold or souffle dish. Pour souffle mixture into mold, then tap mold firmly to settle souffle well into container. Smooth top of souffle and place in refrigerator for at least 2 hours.

At serving time loosen souffle from the sides of mold by sliding a knife all around.

In small pot, heat prune paste for sauce with water and liqueur. Bring to boiling point, then pour a little over top of souffle and pass rest in a sauce boat.

After Work Gourmet



Perfect pasta dishes for stressed chefs

By Sharon Achatz

Pasta is practically the perfect food for stressed chefs. It cooks quickly with little kitchen mess, is versatile and inexpensive. Since dried pasta stores well on the shelf, it's always at hand for making last-minute meals.

Crucial to the success of such high-speed cuisine, however, is pairing the pasta with a sauce that's just as convenient.

Here are some favorite pantry pasta sauces — toppings made almost entirely from refrigerator staples, such as milk, and ingredients easy to keep on the pantry's shelves or in the freezer.

A can of tomato puree added to a can of sliced mushrooms becomes the sauce for Simple Spaghetti. To create Broccoli and Tomato Fettuccine, a can of stewed tomatoes is seasoned, simmered and then paired with frozen broccoli that has been sautéed in bottled salad dressing.

Pasta Florentine blends together milk, margarine and frozen chopped spinach to create a creamy pasta topper. Tuna Lemon Pasta relies on fresh lemon juice and olive oil to dress canned tuna, canned chopped olives and small pasta shells.

SIMPLE SPAGHETTINI

1 (16-ounce) can tomato puree
1 (4-ounce) can sliced mushrooms, drained
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon dried basil
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
12 ounces spaghetti
Yields 4 servings.

Preparation time: 15 minutes.
In saucepan, combine tomato puree, mushrooms, oregano, basil, garlic and Parmesan; cover and simmer over medium heat, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, cook spaghetti according to package directions until *al dente*; drain.

To serve, spoon sauce over spaghetti.

BROCCOLI AND

TOMATO FETTUCCINE

8 ounces fettuccine
1 (16-ounce) can stewed tomatoes
1 teaspoon dried basil
1 teaspoon dried oregano
2 cups frozen broccoli florets, thawed
1/4 cup Italian dressing
Yields 4 servings.

Preparation time: 15 minutes.

Cook fettuccine according to package directions.

Meanwhile, in small saucepan, break up tomatoes with back of large spoon. Add basil and oregano; cook over low heat 5 minutes. In large skillet over medium-high heat, stir-fry broccoli in Italian dressing for 2 minutes.

When fettuccine is *al dente*, drain. Place equally divided portions of pasta on individual dinner plates; top with equal portions of tomatoes and then broccoli.

PASTA FLORENTINE

8 ounces linguine
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup chicken broth
1 (10-ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed
1 teaspoon minced dried onion
1 teaspoon minced garlic
2 tablespoons margarine
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Yields 4 servings.

Preparation time: 15 minutes.
Cook linguine according to package directions.

Meanwhile, place milk, broth, spinach, onion and garlic in blender; blend until smooth, about 5 minutes.

In saucepan, cook together spinach mixture and margarine over low heat 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add Parmesan, stirring 1 minute or until slightly thickened.

When linguine is *al dente*, drain and place in serving dish. Pour spinach mixture over linguine, stir gently to mix.

TUNA-LEMON PASTA

12 ounces little pasta shells
1 (4-ounce) can chopped olives
3 tablespoons chopped pecans or sunflower kernels
1/4 teaspoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon parsley flakes
1 teaspoon dried basil
2 (6 1/4-ounce) cans tuna, drained
Juice of one lemon
6 tablespoons olive oil
Yields 4 servings.

Preparation time: 15 minutes.
Cook pasta according to package directions.

Meanwhile, in large serving bowl, combine olives, nuts, garlic, parsley, basil and tuna. Mix gently, breaking up tuna slightly.

When pasta is *al dente*, drain and add to serving bowl. Pour on lemon juice and olive oil; mix well.

Sharon Achatz is a free-lance writer.

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DISCOVERY

What the heck is a half-life?

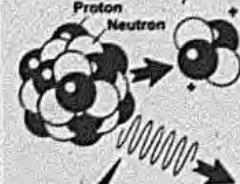
During radioactive decay, energy is given off at a certain rate. A half-life is the time it takes for half of the atoms in a given sample to decay.

Radioactivity

Some elements have unstable nuclei that "decay." This decay permanently changes the element, often into a different element.

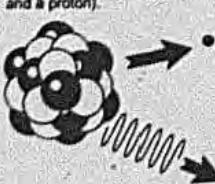
Alpha decay

An alpha particle is a helium nucleus — two neutrons and two protons.



Beta decay

A beta particle is an electron originating from a neutron (which is made of an electron and a proton).



Gamma decay

Release of high-energy gamma rays is usually present. Radiation disrupts large, living molecules such as DNA, causing illness or death.

Half-life

	First half-life	Second half-life	Third half-life
Element Potassium-40	1.26 million years	1.26 million years	1.26 million years
Element Uranium-238	4.47 billion years	4.47 billion years	4.47 billion years
Element Thorium-232	14.0 billion years	14.0 billion years	14.0 billion years
Element Radium-226	1.62 million years	1.62 million years	1.62 million years
Element Cobalt-60	5.27 years	5.27 years	5.27 years
Element Americium-243	7.4 hours	7.4 hours	7.4 hours
Element Plutonium-239	24,100 years	24,100 years	24,100 years
Element Uranium-235	704 million years	704 million years	704 million years
Element Thorium-232	14.0 billion years	14.0 billion years	14.0 billion years

SOURCE: Physical Science, Prentice Hall

KITCHEN KIDS



Homespun desserts

By Rena Coyle

Homespun desserts ought to be warm, flavorful and eaten with a spoon. Enjoyed while your family is relaxing, these desserts give a satisfying touch to the end of the day.

The Pear Clafoutis is one of my favorite desserts. It is quick and simple to make. Your children, including your youngest, will find every step one they can easily master. Because of the easy steps to preparing the clafoutis, as well as its quick baking time, it can be made at the last minute. The ingredients are very basic and ones that are probably already in your cupboard. Though this recipe calls for pears, apples, any kind of berry, banana or plums also can be successfully substituted.

A bowl of warm Rice Pudding will put a smile on any kid's face. Preparing the pudding is just a simple combination of a few easy steps. The hard part of making this recipe is waiting. Baked puddings are cooked in a low-temperature oven, taking the pudding about one and a half hours to set.

When making this recipe with your youngsters, do it either in midmorning or midafternoon. Once it is in the oven, the kids can head right back into their normal play or activities. They'll forget about the pudding, and then all of a sudden, it is ready. They get to enjoy this recipe twice, once making it and once again when eating it.

PEAR CLAFOUTIS

1 teaspoon butter
6 pears, peeled and cut into large chunks OR 1 large can pear halves, drained
6 eggs
½ cup sugar
½ cup flour
½ teaspoon ground cloves
½ cup pear nectar
½ cup milk
Ice cream (optional)

Yields 8 servings.

Preparation time: 30 minutes.
Baking time: 25 minutes.

Utensils: 10-inch glass baking pan, mixing bowl, measuring cups and spoon, electric mixer, paper towel, oven mitts.

Preheat oven to 400 F. Rub butter evenly around bottom and sides of baking pan. Set aside.

Scatter pears around bottom of pan.

Combine eggs and sugar in mixing bowl. Beat with electric mixer until it is light and frothy. Add flour and cloves, blend smooth. Add pear nectar and milk and blend.

Scrape batter into baking pan, covering all pears. Put your oven mitts on and carefully place baking pan in oven. Bake for 25 minutes.

Once baked, turn off oven. With mitts hands, carefully remove

baking pan and cool before serving.

Spoon into serving bowls with a scoop of ice cream.

WARM RICE PUDDING

½ cup white rice
3 cups milk
½ teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ cup sugar
Yields 6 servings.
Preparation time: 15 minutes.
Baking time: 1 ½ hours.
Utensils: 2 large saucepans, measuring cups and spoons, kitchen spoon, strainer, 1-quart baking pan, foil, oven mitts.

Rinse rice under cool water. Put it in saucepan and cover with water. Bring it to boil over medium-high heat and let it cook for 5 minutes. Turn off heat and set aside.

In the meantime, bring milk, vanilla and cinnamon to a simmer over medium-low heat. Turn off heat and set on cool burner. Add sugar, stir and then set aside.

Preheat oven to 325 F.

Drain rice in strainer, over sink. Add it to milk mixture. Pour it into baking pan and cover with sheet of aluminum foil. Put on oven mitts and carefully place pan in oven to bake for 1 ½ hours.

When baked, turn off oven and, with mitts hands, carefully remove pan from oven. Serve pudding either warm or cold.

Rena Coyle is a mother and professional chef. Her cookbooks include: "My First Cookbook," "Baby, Let's Eat" and "My First Baking Book," published by Workman.

KITCHEN KIDS



Garden Talk

By C.Z. Guest

The exterior of a home gives an immediate impression about the people who live there. And like it or not, the lawn is an important part of that impression.

An attractive, well-maintained one shows that the owners take pride in their property and themselves. Also, a healthy lawn replenishes the atmosphere with oxygen and raises the property's value.

What do you do then if you've bought an older house whose lawn is run-down, purchased a new house with a low-quality yard, or let yours run down?

You might call a landscaper. But if you want to be frugal and save money — and fertilize the natural way — you could do it yourself in one day. It's a cinch! All you need are the proper tools, grass seed and a good organic fertilizer.

PREPARING THE SOIL

The first step in planting a lawn is to prepare the soil. Rent a rototiller to loosen soil to a depth of 2 to 3 inches. To lighten heavy clay soil or sandy soil, mix in peat moss using the rototiller.

Then rake the soil smooth to remove old grass and weeds as well as stones and debris. To achieve good drainage, grade the soil so that it slopes slightly away from the house.

Fertilizing is crucial for nourishing newly planted seeds, which contain only enough nutrients to create their first burst of growth. Additional nourishment is necessary for further plant development.

When selecting a fertilizer, look for one that is rich in nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium.

Planting a new lawn

- Use a rototiller to loosen soil to a depth of 2 to 3 inches.
- Rake soil to remove old grass, leaves, stones and debris.
- Use a fertilizer rich in nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium.
- Plant a grass variety suitable to your garden. Kentucky and Merion bluegrasses stand up to heavy traffic; fescues are ideal in dry climates.



Before you begin planting, consider how much traffic your lawn gets as well as which type of lawn seed flourishes best in your area.

Kentucky bluegrass or Merion bluegrass are sturdy enough for heavy traffic and hardy enough for the tough climate conditions of the North and Midwest.

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Though amounts vary from mixture to mixture, a general rule of thumb is to use 3 pounds of seed for every 1,000 square feet of lawn.

Use a lawn spreader to distribute the seeds evenly, making sure not to seed any particular area too quickly. Young plants need room to grow leaves and, if they are planted too close together, may fade quickly.

After spreading the seeds, rake them gently with the back of a bamboo rake to lightly cover the soil. Go over once with an empty roller to gently press the seeds into contact with the soil.

It is important not to cover the seeds completely; they must have light to sprout, as well as moisture and warmth.

After you've seeded and rolled the lawn, apply fertilizer. Check the fertilizer bag for recommended amount.



By Willard Abraham

Our Children

Safety savvy for smart parents

Kovak-Thomas, 1674 Broadway
New York, NY 10019.

Another sensible contact, of course, could be your own pediatrician or family physician.

I'll be happy to send you a copy of an article I've written on this subject, titled "Accidents, Safety and Young Children" if you enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request. There is no cost for it.

Included among other aspects of newborn to 4-year-old children and their parents is a weekly television offering presented on cable TV's "Family Channel." It is a combination of two programs, "Healthy Kids" and "American Baby." The health hints provided go into subjects like immunizations, teething, sibling rivalry, rashes and many other parental concerns.

If you have a local cable station, they might be able to tell you the time and day these programs appear.

They have been recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Q. Our infant has already shown a preference for using his left hand. It is very obvious that it is his favorite hand, and it is also obvious that my husband feels strongly that we should do something about it.

B. What? That is what I wish you would help us with.

A. I really thought that this parental concern had long ago gone the way of the extinct dodo bird. That's sad because the prevalent attitude toward lefthandedness seems to have been well accepted for a long time.

It is based on recognizing a child's preference and the fact that it can't totally be changed anyway.

Some parents are worried because they think it may mean lower intelligence and perhaps even lower skills in reading and other academic areas. There are plenty of parental concerns to worry about rather than a make-believe one based on which hand a child should use.

The answer should be pretty simple. Let him use the one that he wants to use.

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Fitness Forum

From walking to nutrition, what's new

By Jack Williams

First there were the hand-held weights to make the simple act of walking a real, heavy-duty exercise. Then came the specialized, high-tech shoes to quicken the step by lightening the load and cushioning the road.

And now?

If you've joined the estimated 90 million Americans who walk at least twice a week for exercise, more power to you, suggests the fitness industry. It wants to equip you with adjustable lightweight poles to push into the ground as you walk, the better to tone the upper body while you're hoofing and huffing.

Welcome to power-pole walking.

According to NordicTrack, whose collapsible Power Poles are about to hit the national marketplace, pushing off on two lightweight poles as you would in cross-country skiing burns up to 40 percent more calories than walking without such devices.

Says Gary Yanker of New York City, whose eight books on walking threaten to turn the simplest of exercises into a science: "Pole walking combines aerobics and body building. It allows you to pump a weight (the pole), place it on the ground and push against resistance."

"When you push through as you walk, you feel it all the way to the buttocks."

The poles also can serve as support for those with injuries and in rehabilitation. And Rollerbladers may find them useful in adding an upper-body dimension to their workout.

"You have to develop a rhythm," says Yanker. "The first 15 minutes feel awkward. But after you master the basics — which we call the handshake pump — you can do the torso twist, arm presses and shift into a longer stride."

The idea of simply walking to achieve a prescribed pulse rate is on its last legs, contends Yanker.

"The new trend is pumping your arms and engaging more muscles as you walk."

TRACKING TRENDS

While the exercise-walking movement makes steady strides,

the national commitment to fitness in general seems to be going in reverse.

The number of people who participated 100 times or more last year in at least one fitness activity has declined for the second straight year, down 7.5 percent from 1990.

The figures, based on a nationwide study conducted by American Sports Analysis, show that health club memberships have remained stable and that consumers are more apt to spend their calories — and dollars — on step and ski machines these days than on exercise bikes and rowing machines.

Meanwhile, in-line skating jumped 51 percent in popularity last year, and mountain biking advanced 16 percent.

But an aging population continues to gravitate to more joint-friendly activities than jogging. There was an 8 percent decline in the running population last year — the first significant downturn since the jogging boom of the late 70s.

FUEL TESTING

For all their energy-giving advantages, carbohydrates won't necessarily increase your endurance and strength.

In a U.S. Department of Agriculture research study, 18 men in their 20s and 30s were divided into three groups: runners, weight lifters and non-exercisers.

Although the runners and lifters burned considerably more calories than their sedentary counterparts, tests indicated no increase in strength or endurance whether they consumed 62 percent or 42 percent of their calories from carbohydrates.



THE HEALTHY GOURMET

By Kit Saedaker



Tofu makes healthy addition

At least once or twice a year I do a little dance for tofu. I know it isn't universally accepted yet, but more and more cooks are at least looking and cooking with it.

It's important not to try to eat tofu as it comes from the carton. This soybean derivative is so bland it doesn't taste like much until processed with other ingredients. Toss tofu in soup, in stir-fries and use it in the recipes below.

As you do, know that tofu, loaded with protein, also has a surprising amount of fat, no saturated fat, but plain fat. Take that into account when you use it.

Below, three examples of dishes that are the better for added tofu.

CREOLE TOFU

1 cup chopped green pepper
1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon dried basil
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
12 ounces firm tofu cut into 1/2-inch cubes, drained well
1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese

Yields 4 servings.

Each serving has about 150 calories, 9 grams fat, 1 milligram cholesterol and 380 milligrams sodium.

Combine green pepper, tomato sauce, oregano, basil and garlic powder in large skillet sprayed with non-stick spray. Cover and cook over medium heat until green peppers are tender, about 12 minutes.

Reduce heat to low and stir in tofu. Heat through. Transfer mixture to serving bowl and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

TOFU RICE PATTIES

6 ounces tofu, sliced, drained well
2 eggs, beaten
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 tablespoons sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1/4 teaspoon lemon extract
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 cup raisins
1 cup cooked brown rice
Sauce:
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/2 cup water
2 tablespoons low-calorie peach or apricot preserve
1 tablespoon sugar
Yields 4 servings of 3 patties for each serving.

Each serving has about 230 calories, 5 grams fat, 137 milligrams cholesterol and 145 milligrams sodium.

Combine all ingredients except raisins and rice in large bowl. Mash with fork or potato masher until blended. Stir in raisins and rice. Drop mixture onto non-stick skillet or griddle preheated and sprayed with non-stick coating. When edges of patties are dry, turn and brown other side.

For sauce, dissolve cornstarch and water in saucepan. Add rest of sauce ingredients and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil for a minute, stirring.

TOFU CINNAMON PUDDING

6 ounces tofu sliced, drained well
2 eggs
1/2 cup low-fat cottage cheese
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 cup sugar
Yields 4 servings.

Each serving has about 160 calories, 5 grams fat, 140 milligrams cholesterol and 190 milligrams sodium.

Preheat oven to 350 F. In blender or food processor combine tofu with rest of ingredients and blend until smooth. Pour mixture into 4x8-inch non-stick loaf pan or one that has been sprayed with non-stick coating. Bake 35 to 40 minutes until set. Cool and then chill. Cut into squares to serve.

HEALTH WATCH

Make and carry a family medical record card

Be ready for emergency calls with a family medical record card that you can keep in your purse or wallet. While you are at it, make a floppy disk record of family medical records and keep one at home and one at work.

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Here's How

By Gene Gary



Repairing dry rot areas

Q. We have small areas of dry rot on several windowsills and the front doorjamb of our home. Is it possible to correct this problem without replacing the wood?

What recommendations do you have concerning treatments for dry rot?

A. The term "dry rot" is a misnomer because the fungus that gives this crumbly, dry appearance to wood actually requires moisture to survive. Fortunately, today there's a new class of epoxy fillers that can renew rotted wood much like body putty on a rusted fender.

But first you should identify the source of moisture and do some preliminary repairs to keep it out. Check gutters and downspouts to

assure that they are not leaking, and rainwater is directed away from exterior walls and the foundation of your home.

Doors typically fall victim to rot if the sill isn't properly sloped away from the door. The end grain of the door soaks up water and eventually rots.

The first thing to do in such a case is to make sure the doorsill is shedding water. It may need to be repositioned or shimmed to slope away from the house.

Problems occur with windows when the glazing compound and caulk are faulty or the condition of the paint is poor. If the glazing compound is starting to crack, you can knock it out with a chisel.

Loose compound will lift out; if it's cracked but still intact, you can tap the compound lightly with a chisel placed halfway through the bead of the compound.

This will break the compound loose from the window and allow you to knock it out. If removal is stubborn, use a heat gun to soften the compound. But be careful to shield the window from excess heat, which will break the glass. Use a wide putty knife or piece of sheet metal.

To install new glazing compound, roll it into a bead about the size of your little finger, place it in front of the glass and form the bead into a 45-degree angle with a putty knife. If the wood in the window has a few rotten spots, it's not necessary to rip it out and install a new window.

Areas of rot usually can be repaired by using an epoxy filler, providing the area is small enough that a whole member of the window (such as the whole bottom sill) doesn't need replacing.

To repair the dry rot areas, use a two-step repair system.

After clearing away any loose material, the first step is to treat the wood with a liquid epoxy con-

solidant that impregnates and reinforces the wood fibers.

The second step builds up and fills in the decayed area. Once it has dried, it can be cut, planed or sanded to match the area surrounding the repair.

After sanding patches to conform to the shape of the original part, it's time to paint. For best protection, first coat troublesome areas with a good water-repellent preservative. Then prime and paint with a good-quality paint compatible with the existing paint.

Epoxy consolidants and wood fillers are available at home centers and building supply outlets.

Product manufacturers include Allied Resin Corp. (Weymouth Industrial Park, East Weymouth, MA 02189); Minwax Co. (P.O. Box 426, Little Falls, NJ 07424); Abatrot Inc. (141 Center Drive, Gilberts, IL 60136); and Dymark Co. (111F Creek Ridge Road, Greensboro, NC 27406).

When working with any chemicals as potent as these resins and hardeners, certain safety measures should be taken. Use eye, skin and respiratory protection. Work in a well-ventilated area. Follow manufacturer's directions to the letter.

Decor Score

By Rose Bennett Gilbert



Middle-of-the-road decorating

Q. Save our relationship! My significant other and I have finally decided to buy a house together after living in an apartment for six years.

The moment we started making decorating decisions, the trouble began! He hates flowers, I love flowers. He likes black and white, I love color, etc. About the only thing we agree on is antiques: Both of us like them, and we've accumulated a few nice pieces.

The fight of the moment is over the dining room. I want to wallpaper; he wants plain paint and no flowers! Although he will consider "something masculine." Advice, please! — C.C.

A. My advice: Stay in the middle of the road and you may find decorating happiness. Most women complain that their "significant other" says little about such decisions except, "Do what makes you happy." And then they might complain!

Perhaps the room we show here will help point the way to a compromise: It offers both flowers — teeny-weeny ones on the wallpaper — and what your friend should agree are "masculine" stripes and checks covering the dramatic window cornices and a free-standing screen.

To satisfy your longings, there are sheer curtains and an understated floral border wrapping the

ceiling and topping the screen (both wall coverings and fabrics are from Wall-Tex). In combination, there should be enough "yin and yang" to foster happiness around the dining table, at least.

Q. Our bedroom is small, but it has a lovely cove ceiling. I keep thinking I should do something that takes advantage of it — it is just painted to match the rest of the ceiling (the walls have a soft-blue damask pattern wallpaper). Any suggestions? — M.R.

A. You're right to accentuate the positive. By emphasizing the cove, you can also "push up" the ceiling and make your bedroom feel loftier and larger. Stripes are a surefire way to work such visual magic. Chances are you can find a striped wall covering in the same blue as the damask pattern on your walls.

Start at the molding (if there is one) and run the stripes up the curve of the cove to where it flattens to meet the ceiling. (If there's no molding, add one. It can be bought by the running foot at any lumberyard. Or create the effect of molding with glued-on braid or grosgrain ribbon.)

Q. How do you make round tablecloths? I have a small round table in my living room and would like a wardrobe of covers, but I

can't afford the ones I see in the stores.

They don't look hard to sew (but I'm just a beginner). — J.M.H.

A. If you can sew a reasonably straight line, you can whip up a whole batch of table rounds. The trick is to find fabric wide enough to cut out a full circle (equal to the measurement from the floor across the tabletop and to the floor again, plus hem).

Since most fabric comes too nar-

row, you sew pieces to the sides of a full width (this way the seam won't show across the top of the table).

Then you tie a piece of chalk to a string equal to half your table measurement and hold the string in the center of the fabric square while you draw a circle.

Hem, and voilà! Or, for a really big finish, edge the cover all around with fat welting or fringe.



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SATURDAY, MAY 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 105 Rockaway Ave., Garden City. goJnl

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Vegetarian View



Smoothies are a cool treat on the go

By Robin Kleven

Smoothies aren't just for vegetarians any more.

Parents value these thick, fruit-based beverages as a way to get kids to eat fruit and dairy products. Kids love smoothies because they taste good and they can slurp them with a straw.

Dieters like smoothies because they provide low-calorie, low-fat nutrition in a glass.

The smoothie is the ideal meal for the health-conscious, on-the-go '90s.

"The great thing about smoothies is that they're fast; you can take them with you," said Betsy Horton, a registered dietitian.

She said the versatile drink can be varied according to your nutritional needs and personal taste.

"Depending on what you put in, it could make a complete breakfast," she said, adding that a breakfast smoothie should be based on yogurt or milk for a boost of protein and calcium.

Dieters will want to use low- or non-fat dairy products, she added. Strict vegetarians can omit the milk or yogurt altogether, using a combination of fruit and fruit juices, perhaps with a spoonful of protein powder.

One essential ingredient is frozen fruit, such as bananas or cantaloupe, to make it smooth and cold and slushy.

Smoothies take just minutes to prepare. The basic recipe entails tossing your preferred combination of ingredients into the blender and pureeing until smooth. Leftovers may be frozen, then re-blended later, perhaps with a bit of liquid added for smoother texture.

While smoothies made with ripe

fruit or berries generally are sweet enough on their own, honey or maple syrup can be used for additional sweetening. Diet-conscious folk may want to use artificial sweeteners instead.

The following recipes offer an easy way to add great flavor and good nutrition to your diet — the smoothie way.

STRAWBERRY-BANANA SMOOTHIE

5 frozen strawberries
1/2 frozen banana, cut up
1 cup milk
Dash honey

Yields 1 large serving.
Combine all ingredients in blender and process until smooth.

TROPICAL SMOOTHIE

1/2 cup pineapple
2 tablespoons chopped coconut, fresh or packaged
1/2 frozen banana, cut up
1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice

Yields 1 large serving.
Combine all ingredients in blender and process until smooth.

FRUIT SMOOTHIE

1 cup non-fat or low-fat vanilla yogurt
1 ripe banana
1 cup fresh fruit such as strawberries, peaches, etc. (if using canned fruit, pick the kind packed in pear concentrate instead of heavy syrup)
1/2 cup orange or apple juice

Yields 2 to 3 servings.
Combine all ingredients in blender and whirl until smooth. Add more juice if a thinner smoothie is desired.

KITCHEN HINTS

Buttermilk dressing.

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1. Use buttermilk in place of salad oil in an oil-and-vinegar dressing.
2. Add salt, pepper and other spices to taste.
3. Toss with salads and coleslaw.



Kids Home Newspaper

Games, rhymes, and riddles for children and their parents, too!



By J.R. Rose -

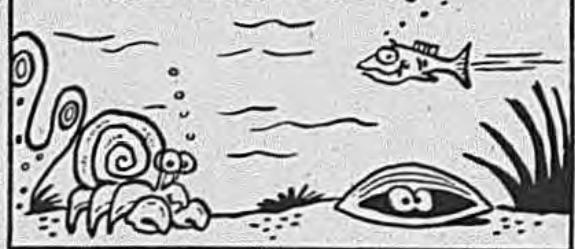
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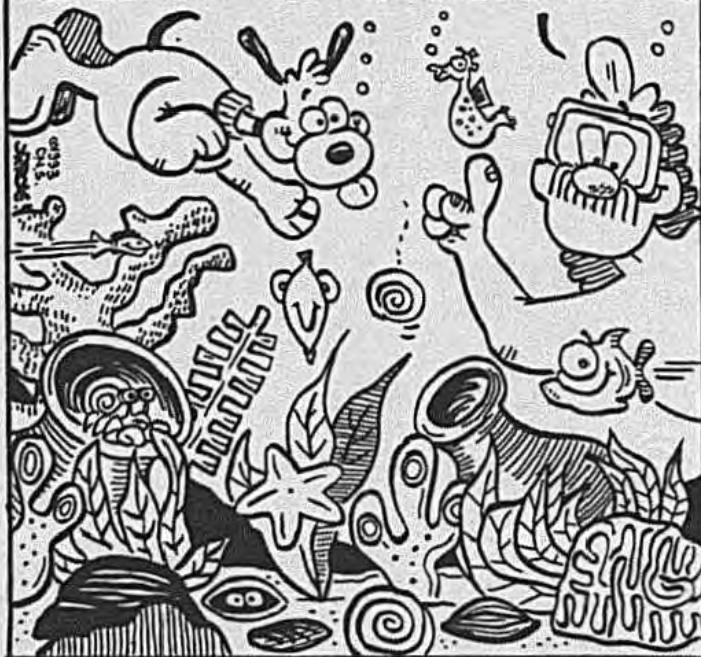
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ANTIQUE OR JUNQUE

By James G. McCollam



Louis XV Revival armchair

Q. This Victorian armchair has been in our family for generations. It is solid walnut with green velvet upholstery.

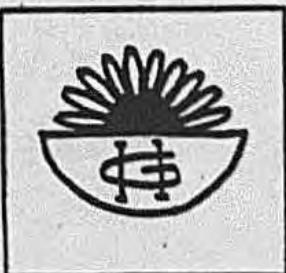
Can you tell me when it was made and its current value?



A. Your chair is an excellent example of Victorian Louis XV Revival furniture. It was made in the third quarter of the 19th century and would probably sell for about \$500 to \$600 in good condition.

Q. The attached mark is on the bottom of a bisque figurine of a little girl dressed in grown-up clothes. She is 10 inches tall and wears a shawl and a plumed hat.

What can you tell me about its origin and value?



A. Your figurine was made by Gebruder Heubach (Heubach Brothers) in Lichte, Germany, during the late 1800s. It would probably sell for about \$400 to \$500.

Q. I have a teapot that belonged to my grandmother and then to my mother. It has a separate insert for tea bags and is marked "McCormick Tea, Baltimore, MD — Made in the U.S.A."

What can you tell me about it?

A. McCormick & Co. marketed tea, spices, etc., and gave teapots as premiums. Yours was probably produced about 1940. It would sell for about \$35 to \$45 in good condition.

McCormick was the first company to use tea bags (1910).

Q. I have an original Currier & Ives print titled "Maiden's Rock — Mississippi River" with the address 152 Nassau St., New York.

I acquired this print in the mid-1940s. I was told that the boats are the Natchez and the Robert E. Lee. What year was it printed and what is its value?

A. This print was issued about 1870 and would sell for \$200 to \$300 if authentic.

Take it to a museum where they can actually examine and possibly authenticate it.

Q. I have a copy of the first issue of *Life* magazine dated Nov. 23, 1936. I would like to know what this item would be valued at by collectors, and how they could be found.

If this inquiry is not within the purview of your column, any suggestion as to where I should look will be very much appreciated.

A. The following is listed as a collector of *Life* magazines published before 1970: Gary Olsen, 505 S. Royal Ave., Front Royal, VA 22630.

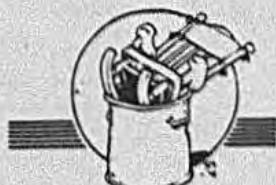
Dealers are selling the first issue of *Life* for about \$100 in good condition.

Q. I have a cast-iron Easter lamb cake mold. It was made by Griswold of Erie, Pa. It is in perfect condition.

A local collector offered me \$100 for it. Is that a fair value?

A. It is a fair value, but not a good value. Dealers are selling these for about \$100 to \$125.

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Points on Pets

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

Q. Where do ear mites come from? We are having difficulty treating them in our cat. She runs loose outside most of the time. Is it possible that she is getting them from other animals in the neighborhood?

A. Ear mites are a common cause for ear infections in dogs and cats. Ear mites live in the ear canals of dogs and cats and feed on skin debris. The eight-legged ear mites usually can be seen crawling among the dark, foul smelling debris. Live ear mites appear as moving specks approximately the size of the point of a dressmaker's pin.

Veterinarians usually use a magnified otoscope to examine the ears directly for mites or examine some dark debris with a microscope for the mites. If mites are present, your veterinarian will probably dispense an insecticide or an oily preparation for you to place in the ears.

Ear mites are contagious among pets. Therefore, if mites are diagnosed in one pet, all of the household pets should be examined. Animals with ear mites should be iso-

lated from animals without ear mites.

Q. Is it safe to feed dogs bones from the table? Our 3-year-old boxer loves them and protects them for days. I worry constantly that the dog will choke on one of these bones.

A. Large beef bones generally are safe for dogs. However, if the bone has a hollow center that might hook over the large incisor teeth of the dog, it should not be given to him.

Chicken bones or bones that splinter easily should never be given to dogs. Bones that splinter may injure the dog's mouth as he chews on them or may cause severe internal injuries if swallowed.

Small bones of all kinds that can be swallowed should be avoided. It is not unusual for swallowed bones to get lodged in the esophagus and subsequently choke the dog.

There are many safe artificial chew toys manufactured for dogs. Most dogs naturally love to chew and should be given the opportunity to safely indulge in this activity.

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3. Paint, watercolors and crayons must be used on the above.
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Mail your entry (just clip our cartoon) to this newspaper at:
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Williston Park, N.Y. 11596

Aunt Tilly's Corner

This weekend I planted some annuals in my garden. Annuals are plants that only come up once a year. I like to plant them because they grow quickly and give lots of color to my yard.

I planted marigolds near my vegetables because they are supposed to keep the bugs away. I planted impatiens because they bloom in the shade. Snap dragons always appeal to my children. Their flowers are shaped very much like mouths. If you squeeze them gently in the right spot, their jaws will open and shut. They resemble a dragon snapping. My pansies have interesting little faces that look up at me. Sometimes I think they are trying to tell me something. Balsam is another favorite of mine. At the end of the season they have fat seed pods. If you press them gently they will pop open like a jack in the box and all the seeds will tumble out.

I put some fire feather in the corner to brighten it up. It looks just as its name describes in red, yellow and orange. I can't wait to look outside in the morning to see all the pretty colors.

Your friend,
Aunt Tilly

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Change in household may change SSI rate

By William M. Acosta

Q. My husband is permanently disabled and receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Recently, our daughter separated from her husband and she and our 3-year-old grandchild came to live with us. Our daughter works and is paying expenses for herself and our grandchild.

Will my husband's SSI payment change? — P.R.

A. It might. Anytime there is a change in your household, such as someone moving in or out, the SSI rate may have to be adjusted.

Call the toll-free number, (800) 772-1213, or visit your local Social Security office and explain your particular situation.

Q. I just called my doctor and was told that she wouldn't accept assignment of a Medicare claim. What does this mean? — H.P.

A. Physicians who don't accept assignment of Medicare claims may charge more (but not more than 115 percent more) than the Medicare-approved amount, and collect full payment directly from you.

Medicare then pays you 80 percent of the approved amount for the covered service, minus any unmet portion of the annual deductible.

You are liable for all permissible charges in excess of Medicare's approved amount.

Q. What will membership in a health maintenance organization (HMO) cost a Medicare beneficiary? — T.J.

A. The total cost of HMO membership will vary by HMO. Depending on the HMO, you may have to pay a premium to the HMO, copayments or coinsurance for certain services, or a deductible.

HMOs may also offer two or more coverage options, one or more with expanded coverage at a higher premium.

For Medicare-covered services, an HMO is prohibited by law from charging a Medicare beneficiary more than an amount specified by Medicare.

Remember that separate from your payment to the HMO, you are also responsible for payment of your Medicare Part B premium.

If you receive a monthly Social Security check, this is the premium that is withheld from your check.

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The World's Most Beautiful Grandchildren



Alexis Leigh Berglund will be one year old on May 13. She is the daughter of Dr. Don Berglund and Celine Berglund of Stamford, Connecticut. Alexis is very special to her grandparents, Bob and Marilyn Berglund of Syosset. Alexis will have a little brother or sister who will arrive in December '93.

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