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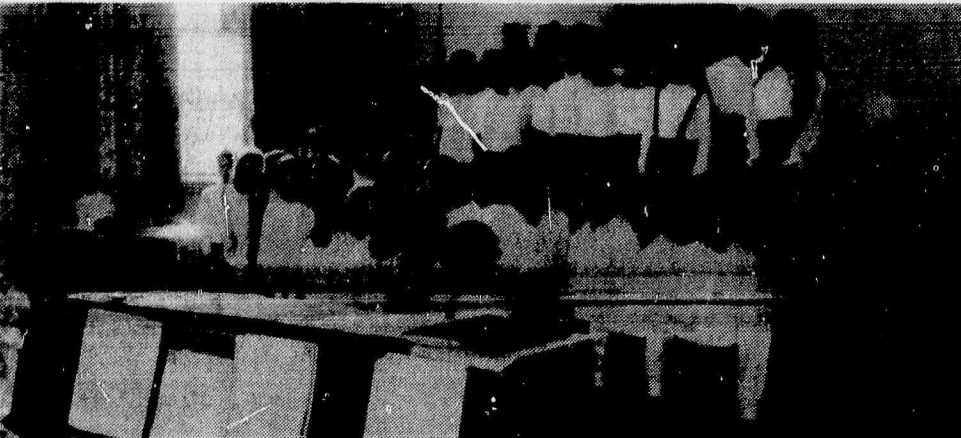
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AUREMIA'S CHRISTMASTOWN - Charles Auriemma of 90 Mt. Prospect invites boys and girls and children of all ages to see his spectacular Christmas display, put up every year. The 50-plus-year tradition begun his father includes a 14-foot animated shop with Santa's Elves that come to life, a life-size manger that comes to life with life-like animals, and a 10-foot star mounted on his roof. Santa will visit on Dec. 22, with a rain date on Dec. 23. For more information, see the advertisement on page 5.

For details on the Belleville Times holiday decorations contest, see page 3, page 2



GENERATIONS SHARE THE SEASON'S JOY - Senior citizens enjoy the Annual Christmas Concert of the Belleville A.A.R.P. Chapter #2051 which featured the School #10 School Choir. (Photo By Richard Dickon)

Cicalese pushes schools to stress abstinence; cites AIDS, pregnancy

By Richard Dickon

School Board Vice President Barbara Cicalese has called on the Board of Education to stress abstinence teaching in family life and sex education classes in district schools.

Cicalese recommended that the School Board support state Assembly Bill 81985, known as the AIDS Prevention Act of 1994, which has been passed by the Assembly and is currently in a Senate committee.

The bill, sponsored by Assemblywoman Marion Crecco (R-Dist. 34) is also known as the abstinence bill, according to Cicalese.

Cicalese said she has read the district's sex education curriculum and feels that abstinence is not being stressed.

"Is abstinence stressed? I don't think so," she said, "I want this to be the first board to come right up front and say that we agree, as parents, and as members of this community, that abstinence should be stressed."

She added that the failure rate of condoms, and the continued increase in teen pregnancy points up the need for teaching abstinence.

School Board President Gabe Nazzola said he wanted the board to have the information about what is and is not being taught in schools. "Let us look at what is being covered, so we can determine the advisability of supporting this bill," he said, adding that he would also like to know what the New Jersey School Boards Association's position is on abstinence teaching.

Board member Ralph Mazzuca said he agreed with Cicalese, and both board members said they would not support passing out con-

doms in schools.

The bill requires that all sex education, family life/AIDS instruction stress abstinence as the

best way to prevent the spread of AIDS and pregnancy. Also, the bill calls for the failure rates of birth control methods to be stressed.

Nonpayment tied to bankrupt business...

Tax collector answers query on unpaid taxes

By Richard Dickon

Township Tax Collector Steve Vogel has responded to questions about uncollected taxes by saying outstanding 1993 taxes will be collected and the remainder of dollars are linked to bankruptcy cases.

During the Township Council's discussion of the yearly budget audit on Nov. 29, questions were raised about some \$519,000 in uncollected municipal taxes.

Vogel said in a later interview, "Most of the uncollected taxes are relatively current. The 1993 taxes will be collected very soon, either through a tax sale, where people will pay for the taxes to be taken off, or the town will get a lien on them. That will take care of most it."

The remaining taxes come from businesses in bankruptcy, Vogel said, with some having a lien on them already, which means only part of the taxes are receivable.

A bankrupt company called Research Organic Inorganic "is by far the biggest outstanding uncollected tax," Vogel said. The company was on Main Street near Little Street before filing for bankruptcy.

Councilman Victor Canning had said he was "embarrassed" and "mortified" that \$519,000 in taxes remained uncollected. "We have \$519,000 in uncollected taxes in a

town that is so cash poor," Canning said, "This money is desperately needed. Shame on this town."

Deputy Mayor Thomas Spillane said "It is incumbent upon the Town Manager (Stephen Cuccio) and Chief Financial Officer (Art Minsky) to go through this and come back with answers."

Councilwoman Angie Paserchia (continued on page 7)

Workshops mulled for next school budget

By Richard Dickon

School Board members are talking about school budget workshops, citizen representation in the budget process and starting the budget process earlier.

At the Nov. 21 Board of Education meeting, School Board Vice President Barbara Cicalese once again questioned whether or not budget workshops with public input would be included in this year's budget process. She referred to a written proposal made by resident Philip San Filippo that called for a citizens advisory council to have input in the budget process.

Board member John Notari said (continued on page 3)

Stepfather, neighbor, help family out of 2nd story window...

Two citizens called heros in daring housefire rescue

By Richard Dickon

Two Belleville residents' heroism and bravery are being credited with saving the life of a mother and two daughters living on the second floor of a William Street home set ablaze by a chimney fire on Dec. 4th.

Fire officials said John Miller kicked out the upstairs front window of the house at 216 William St. and lowered his wife and two stepdaughters to neighbor Pat Zullo, who caught them on the concrete sidewalk below saving them from the fire's wrath.

The two-alarm house fire caused firefighters Joseph Troise and Dominick Scrimo to be treated and released from Clara Maass Medical Center for heat exhaustion and smoke inhalation. The two daughters, Lisa and Laura Foti, and their mother Claire Foti, were also treated and released for smoke inhalation.

Miller suffered a leg injury in his efforts to save his family.

Capt. George Pedalino said the two "were very heroic, and prevented any serious injuries."

The fire is being attributed to a deterioration in the condition of the house's chimney interior, which ignited a crawl space area after heat built up, according to Fire Investigator Thomas La Min and Fire Lt. Ken Spera.

Firefighters had the blaze under control after one half hour and the fire was extinguished within one hour. The two-story, wood frame

dwelling suffered heavy fire damage to the rear, with smoke and water damage throughout the house. An aggressive attack on the fire limited damage to the original structure, with minor scorching of an adjoining garage as the rear porch of the house collapsed onto the garage.

The working shift of 12 firefighters stretched hose-lines up the interior stairwell of the house, to stop the fire from advancing toward the front of the building,

while firefighters searched for any additional occupants still inside.

Several pets were killed in the fire, including birds and reptiles. The residents were relocated by the Welfare Department. Fire officials noted that the house did have several smoke detectors, but it appeared they work not working and did not activate at the time of the fire.

The Nutley Fire Department, First Aid Squad and EMS units were on hand to lend assistance.

Kiwanis police bullet proof vests fund raising advances

By Richard Dickon

The Kiwanis Club of Belleville is nearly halfway toward its \$30,000 fund raising efforts to buy new bullet-proof vests for Belleville Police Officers, with 30 vests ready to be donated.

A demonstration at the Bullet Hole firing range near Town Hall illustrated the effectiveness of the vests, with the vest taking more than 50 hits from a variety of 9 millimeter bullets, including multiple shots in one spot. The vests did not fail, shift or bunch, despite shots from different angles, and successfully sustained shots from black talon bullets, the hardest type of bullet.

The first fund raiser, a breakfast and raffle drawing at the

Chandelier Restaurant on Dec. 4th, was a success, according to Mario Drozd, Kiwanis president. "We're halfway there. We exceeded our goal at the breakfast," he said, "Every contribution, even \$1 for a raffle, has helped, along with the cooperation of the Police Department. The public's interest has helped make this a success so far."

The new vests will replace 15-year-old "safeguards" now being worn, and the vests will go from lower-ranking officers up to the higher ranks, with the six new recruits starting out their careers with vests. The goal is for every officer to be supplied with a vest,

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Failing Town Hall boiler addressed

By Richard Dickon

The Township Council and town officials continue to discuss how best to deal with a defective boiler in the old Town Hall building, while the boiler had been repaired enough at press time to heat the building.

Starting on November 23, Township Manager Stephen Cuccio said the boiler had begun breaking down, and the Charles Cerami, Department of Public Works director, said he put in a lot of time, but could not fix the boiler. Council members were considering whether or not to replace aging valves and pipes or possibly replacing the boiler.

Deputy Mayor Thomas Spillane said "If we had gone ahead with

the renovations, we might not have a problem. I'd hate to see a lot of money spent on this now, and then turn around and do something else. I'd like to see us spend as little as possible for a month or so, and then wait until the renovation committee is done to see where we're going."

Spillane was referring to the defeated \$2.4 million Town Hall renovation bond ordinance, and the \$1 million Town Hall bond ordinance still remaining.

Cerami said "We could spend \$25,000 easily just to revamp the radiators." He said it was his opinion that once the old pipes started to rot through, other holes would come soon after, and he estimated that the pipes could be 80 years old.

Cuccio said the boiler is undersized and that "sleeving" would work as "patchwork," for now.

Councilwoman Angie Paserchia said she favored spending \$25,000 rather than having to close Town Hall. "If we don't it, we may lose much more money with people out of work. I say we should spend a little money now," she said.

Councilman Joseph Scaperrotta said an emergency appropriation could be made at the Dec. 13 public meeting. Councilman Jerry Digori said "By Dec. 13 we should know what has to be done, and at what cost."

Employees were using electric heaters before heat was restored.

O.J. JOINS SUPER BOWL CHAMPS - Former Super Bowl Most Valuable Player O.J. Anderson quarterbacked the Junior Bucs Football Super Bowl Champion offense through a play that helped them win a championship. Look for a complete Junior Bucs awards wrap-up next week. (Photo By Richard Dickon)

Santa' mailboxes await letters from youngsters

Belleville boys and girls are encouraged to get out their pens, pencils, and crayons and start writing their lists to Santa Claus now, to be dropped in special mailboxes set up now until December 21st to accommodate the expected heavy mail.

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Belleville Senior News

By Joseph Restaino

Yesterday was sunlight,
Soft and warm -
Caressing a sweet blushing rose
In tender sighs,
Kissing the fragrant garden in
Rosy beauty.

Today is darkness,
Damp and cold -
Freezing the earth
Into a barren wasteland of
Empty silence and stale odors.

And there is no rose.
It tiptoed away
Sometime between
Yesterday and today to find
Brighter sunlight and
More fertile gardens.

Joseph T. Restaino

Sorry to hear of the passing away of Millie Genovese, a member of the Tues. and Friday Senior Clubs. She was an active member and will be missed by all. She leaves her sister Teresa, who is just out of the hospital herself. Also condolences to Jennie Farrel who lost her mother and to Sally Giangrosso who lost her daughter and Joe Feri who lost his brother.

Get well wishes to Bill Weilan, Teddy Paty, Marion Maggio and Patricia DeJackmo who are all in the hospital.

Sylvia Paganelli is home from the hospital and Helen Walker fell and broke her hip.

Welcome back to Jean Torremore and Tom Kearny.

Happy birthday to my son, Joseph and also have a good trip to Lourdes, France. Also, happy birthday to Elanore Hrasko and Fred DeMunno.

On Wed. afternoon, Nov. 30, the Tues. Senior Club held their holiday party at the Branch Brook Manor. My wife and I

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were seated with Dorothea and Fred Behan (who were celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary), Leah Swanhart, celebrating her 7 birthday, Fred Federico, Ed and Dot Barbic, Janet Daly and Tom and Carmel Palante. The food was excellent and we danced to the music of Tony Donato's Trio. The committee must be commended for a job well done.

On Saturday night, Dec. 3, the Concerned Citizens of Belleville held their annual Christmas party at the Branch Brook Manor. Well known town critic Joe Celfo was master of ceremonies. He introduced President Vincent Frantantoni. Frantantoni presented a plaque to Dan Ippolito who was chosen as the 1944 C.C.B. Man of the Year. He was chosen because of his untiring and unselfish dedication and distinguished service to the town of Belleville.

I have seen Dan in action at both the town meetings and the Board of Education meetings and I can truly say that Dan keeps digging for facts on behalf of the taxpayers. A well deserved tribute. We need more people like Dan! Members of the committee who coordinated this successful affair were: chairman Vincent Frantantoni and his wife Phyllis, Joe Celfo, Joan Current and Florence Penthol. Congratulations on a job well done.

Warning to seniors: Beware of the scams and con jobs that are being pulled on us seniors. Especially the contests where you are called and told you have won large prizes. Don't send money to receive a prize. If it is too good to be true, it's most likely a scam, so beware.

Tid Bit: If you want to be happy, begin where you are; Don't wait for some rapture, that's future and far. Start now to be joyous; resolve to be glad; and soon you'll forget that you ever were sad. Robert C. Savage

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Woman's Club honors Adrea G. Cohen

Adrea G. Cohen, a member of the Woman's Club of Belleville, was honored at a reception Nov. 1 in recognition of her appointment as director of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center. Dr. Elliot Engel presented a lecture on "Gone With the Wind" in her honor.

Cohen has been a member of the Woman's Club since 1980 and has served as chairperson of the Literature Department for many years. In this position, she has led discussion groups, arranged for programs at the library and won many state awards for her creative writing.

Barbara Spillane, president of the Woman's Club, presented Cohen with a gift in recognition of her contributions to the club.

Before her appointment as

director of the library, Cohen was assistant director, a position she held for 20 years. She has degrees from Boston University, Montclair State University and the Pratt School of Information and Library Science.

Active in Belleville, she is a board member of AARP and BASE and sits on the board of directors of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce.

Dignitaries were on hand to extend congratulations. A resolution from the Township Council was presented by Deputy Mayor Thomas Spillane and Councilpersons Victor Canning and Angie Paserchia. Also attending were John Notari, Board of Education trustee, Assemblyman Paul DiGaetano and Congressman Herb Klein.

Workshops mulled for next school budget

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"I would like to see workshops and see citizens sit on a the budget committee."

Board President Gabe Nazzola said he would like to see the budget process start "a lot earlier."

"Time lines can be discussed at the end of the year," Nazzola said, "We can get principals to give us their appropriation budgets. We can't deal with revenues until later."

Nazzola said that revenue numbers from the state are usually delayed until well into the new year, which holds up enacting the budget.

He also said budget workshops can be held on a school-by-school basis. "Let's talk with that particular schools about their own appropriations in workshops, so we do not boggle their minds with numbers. We have ample time," Nazzola said, adding that the board will still be dealing with

unknown federal figures.

San Filippo's proposal states that he would like the school board to "establish a linkage for communication between all segments of the population... as a means to provide input as to where taxpayer dollars are spent, in order to provide a thorough and efficient education for the children... and establish a means for passage of the school budgets (by) satisfying the general population by addressing their concerns."

He recommends six steps, including school board and Council representatives meeting with civic groups, the Chamber of Commerce, other Council members and Home and School Associations. A series of one-hour forums "to educate the public on the budgetary process" are suggested, and the citizen advisory board would give monthly reports and a final report of recommendations to the public 30 days before the budget is voted on by residents.

Christmas contest for prizes

This holiday season, the Belleville Times is introducing what we hope will be a traditional holiday favorite to the Belleville community.

This newspaper is conducting a contest searching for the best houses decorated in the spirit of the Christmas.

In the past, the display contest brought about some free-spirited and fierce competition amongst townspeople at Christmas time. Previous contests judged entrants in three categories: windows, doors and grounds.

The 1994 contest will have only two categories: "Best House" and

"Best Grounds," with a first, second, third place winner in each, and honorable mentions for other exceptional homes.

We are looking to promote community pride and spirit by recognizing those who take extra care to adorn their houses with lavish decorations as an expression of holiday cheer.

To enter the contest, please contact Editor Richard Dickon at 667-2100 by 5 p.m. on Dec. 16.

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OUR OPINION

Budget workshops can get budget passed, if public acts constructively

School Board members talk about school budget workshops, citizen representation in the budget process and starting the budget process earlier all are well-intentioned suggestions to try and help get a budget passed. All the suggestions made have merit, but they must be implemented in a way that keeps workshops from being a school board and administration bashing session that would slow the process down and accomplish little.

Requests have been made for budget workshops with public input, to be included in this year's budget process. Resident Philip San Filippo has called for a citizens advisory council to have input in the budget process, with citizens sitting on a the budget committee. Also being suggested is the budget process starting a lot earlier, with principals giving their appropriation budgets, and budget workshops being held on a school-by-school basis, with a focus on the specific school's budget.

San Filippo's proposes better communication with residents about where taxpayer dollars are spent to help pass the school budget by satisfying the general population by addressing their concerns. The advisory board would meet with civic groups and school groups and get the information about budget recommendations to the public at least

a month before the budget is voted on in town.

These proposals can help increase the odds of a budget passing in April, but a few safeguards are also needed. Some of the residents who attend virtually every school board meeting have stated, on the record, that they resent having to pay taxes to fund the school system and would prefer not to pay anything. Such a bias against the schools cannot be allowed to drag down the budget enactment process.

Those chosen to represent the citizenry must demonstrate a willingness to work with school officials, and not have an attitude that demands wholesale slashing of programs to lower the township's tax rate. Similarly, the residents chosen should not be "rubber stamps," blindly agreeing to anything put forth by school officials.

A great opportunity exists here for school officials to include the town in the budget process, and along the way convince them that the budget is thrifty and does not needlessly increase their tax rate. A balanced and fair-minded citizen advisory board, together with a series of budget hearings, can bring that to pass, but both sides must agree to fair and even-handed citizen representation.

Legislating morality by stressing abstinence justified by life vs. death

School Board Vice President Barbara Cicalese has called on the Board of Education to stress abstinence teaching in family life and sex education classes in district schools. She recommended that the School Board support state Assemblywoman Marion Crecco's Assembly Bill 81985, known as the AIDS Prevention Act of 1994, dealing with abstinence, which has been passed by the Assembly and is currently in a Senate committee.

The bill requires that all sex education, family life/AIDS instruction stress abstinence as the best way to prevent the spread of AIDS and pregnancy. Also, the bill calls for the failure rates of birth control methods to be stressed.

Cicalese said she has read the district's sex education curriculum and feels that abstinence is not being stressed and she wants the board to take a stand in favor of stressing the teaching of abstinence. She added that the failure rate of condoms, and the continued increase in teen pregnancy points up the need for teaching abstinence.

Sexual activity among teens has not been decreased by the threat of death from AIDS, or other sexually transmitted diseases. Teen pregnancy also continues to rise, and all birth control methods have failure rates for preventing pregnancy and the transmission of disease.

There is justification for stressing abstinence to teens, though some would call it legislating morality. While most teen age persons would argue otherwise, teens are not, in most cases, emotionally and mentally prepared for the obligations, responsibilities and, in 1994, the grave dangers of sexual intimacy.

Young persons must be taught the validity of abstinence, commitment and responsibility necessary for a mature, monogamous adult sexual relationship. Even those who disagree with the validity of monogamy must by now realize the potential consequences of sexual activity. So-called safe sex is, in a very real way, a lie. As long as birth control methods are less than 100 percent effective, real, life-threatening risks exist.

Perhaps teaching abstinence as the only true form of protection from disease and unwanted pregnancy can begin to educate youth about the risks they face. The moral questions about promiscuity versus monogamy aside, the quality of life and the very future of society are endangered by AIDS and unwanted pregnancy. Cicalese deserves credit for speaking her mind on a potentially controversial subject. The fact that all of us, and most acutely the young, are at grave risk should not be controversial. It should be dealt with in the only that can ever effectively bring about change, education and awareness.

Quotables

Laughing is the sensation of feeling good all over, and showing it principally in one spot. -- Josh Billings

When manners and customs are to be changed, it ought not to be done by laws. -- Montesquieu

No leader, however great a personality he may be, is as important to a people as their own intellectual development. -- G.W. Russell

We are often unable to tell people what they need to know, because they want to know something else. -- George Macdonald

YOUR OPINION

An open letter thanks football

To the editor:

As director of the Flag Football League in Belleville, I would like to take this opportunity to say a heart felt thank you to everyone involved with the league.

Starting with the men who saw an interest in the sport and organized it several years ago and continuing right through to this year.

To all the sponsors, volunteer coaches, referees, kids and parents who have participated in the past years and present I would like to say thanks for making my job as director this year an easy one.

I also would like to thank Bruce Morgan for all his help and guidance during the season and Gerry DiGori and the entire town council for all your assistance.

Nick Muscara

Clara Maass care lauded

To the editor:

My mother, Lillian Berkowitz, died in the Clara Maass Continuing Care nursing home in Belleville on Nov. 20. Throughout the difficult final days before her death, she received marvelous care from nurses and aides who were skillful and dedicated. I thank them all for their kindness.

As a volunteer in the emergency room, I hear many complaints about the quality and speed of care. These are often made by distraught persons, in haste, without enough consideration given to the pressure under which health-care personnel must function. Errors are occasionally made in hospitals -- but show me any area of human endeavor without imperfections.

So next time, when you are under stress and before you scream, thank the Almighty that we have the Clara Maass Medical Center, a quality care institution, at our doorstep.

Irving H. Berkowitz

Education goals are reexamined

The following letter is reprinted from earlier this year. With much discussion being made at School Board meetings about how to enact next year's school budget, we thought another look at the goals of education for the next century was needed.

To the editor:

With passage last spring of Goals 2000: Educate American Act (by a strong bipartisan vote in Congress), new opportunities have been created for schools and neighborhoods, themselves, to accelerate local and state improvement efforts. But these opportunities for educational excellence can only be taken advantage of through greater family involvement in children's education -- both at school and at home.

As I travel around the country, I meet many parents who are trying hard to do the right thing by their children. They are being responsible, juggling jobs, trying to squeeze more hours into the day. They are worrying about their children's safety and doing all they can to keep their families together.

Yet, statistics show some 40 percent of parents believe they are not devoting enough time to their children's education. Almost three quarters of students between the ages of 10 and 13 say they would like to talk to their parents more about schoolwork. A survey taken last year showed that teachers believe the most important issue in educational policy is strengthening the role of parents in children's schooling.

Data compiled shows that three factors over which parents exercise authority -- student absenteeism, variety of reading materials in the home, and excessive television watching -- explain nearly 90 percent of the variation in eighth grade mathematics test scores among 37 states.

Parents are children's first and most influential teachers and must sustain commitment to instill the habits of learning and set high expectations, making connections to teachers as part of the everyday process of children's learning. Reading to and having children read to parents, making sure homework is done, monitoring television viewing and knowing how children spend their time can all powerfully affect children's learning.

Parents can support local and state efforts to raise educational standards, urge schools to offer and enroll more students in challenging postsecondary education or promising educational occupations preparation classes. Communities can provide support services for parents, encouraging volunteers to serve as mentors, and businesses can adopt "family-friendly" policies for child care and flexible leaves, all as part of a network of support for families and students.

Working together, we can reinforce the central role of the family in education -- and bring out the best in every child. We need your help.

Richard W. Riley
U.S. Secretary of Education



Of All Things

By Frank Orechio
A feature of the Nutley Sun,
Bloomfield Life and
Belleville Times

• THE famed Lois Stevenson of the Star Ledger whose column on "Animals and People" warms the hearts of animal lovers, recently focused on hot-iron, face-branding of Mexican cattle (a red-hot iron in the shape of a large M) imported into the United States. The U. S. Department of Agriculture is considering a proposal to move the branding off the face. Ms. Stevenson suggests that a simple ear tag could replace painful hot-iron face-branding, and she's right. Face branding is a cruel method to I.D. cattle and should be stopped, and the sooner the better.



Elsie the Cow with ear tag ID.

• LIZ GAROFOLA is the newest member added to the Nutley Area League of Women Voters - an organization which is among the most active in the state, thanks to the leadership of President Margaret Farabaugh and Membership Chairwoman Paula Brill.

• CARPING critics to the contrary, the naming of the Nutley Town Hall in honor of

former Mayor Harry W. Chenoweth for decades of active service as a member of the Commission is a daily reminder that there are citizens among us who are willing to sacrifice personal lives for the public good. Harry Chenoweth is a shining example of the kind of public service that maintained Nutley's high quality of life which surrounding communities hurry to mimic. Of the three forms of government existing in Nutley, Belleville and Bloomfield, apparently, Nutley's five-member Commission which came into being in May 1932 - 62 years ago - is a tribute to the quality of the persons who are elected to the Commission as well as the type of government they presided over.

• TUESDAY, I was pleasantly surprised to receive a call from the Nutley Travel Service, and Vice President Lisa Andraka advising me that Kiwi International Airline representatives wanted to stop by for a pro-

motional visit. The Kiwi representatives who came to the Nutley Sun to visit were Charlene Duffy, Susan Mistretta, Bridget Beissel and Captain Cliff Crittenden.

Charlene Duffy and Susan Mistretta were Eastern Airline employees who recalled that I flew on a number of flights they were assigned to. It was a moment in my life when I could turn back the pages to a time when life was easier and the world out there was not so cruel.

The group popped in just to make a good will visit and left some material with me that indicated that Kiwi Airline was selected by the Condé Nast Traveler magazine as the number one airline in the United States. It goes on to say that Kiwi has the best rating for Baggage Handling and some of the least offensive airline food in America. Entrepreneur magazine also chose Kiwi as the Best Little Airline in the United States. And by the way, the fares are among the lowest in the industry. Kiwi is having a special for every flight from November 29th to December 15th. Free ticket award is based on fare paid and travel dates (one-way travel receives one-way award, round-trip travel receives two certificates and round-trip award). Kiwi also features a Commuter Book, a Bonus Pack and a Senior Pack.



Charlene Duffy, Susan Mistretta, Bridget Beissel, Captain Cliff Crittenden with Frank Orechio.

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Charles Auriemma electrical contractor by trade has taken over his fathers tradition that he started over 50 years ago, with over \$40,000 invested he plans on adding more to the display every year. He states that it takes about two weeks to complete.

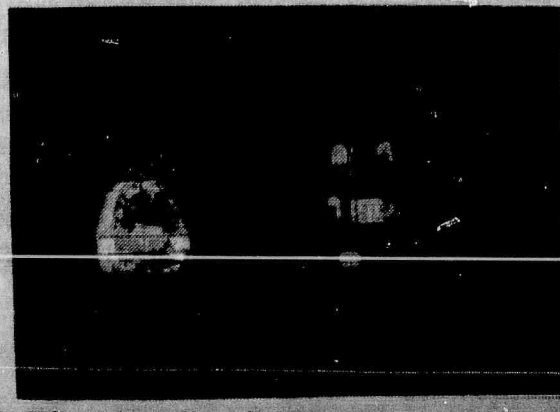
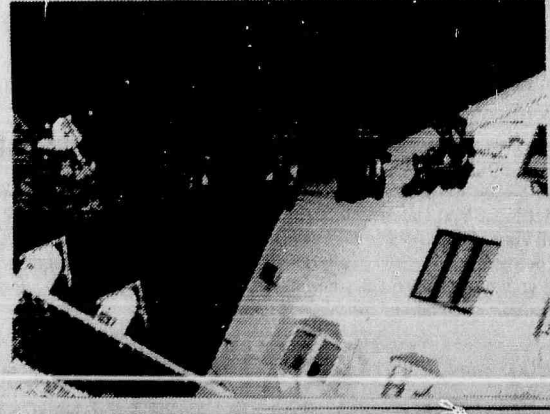
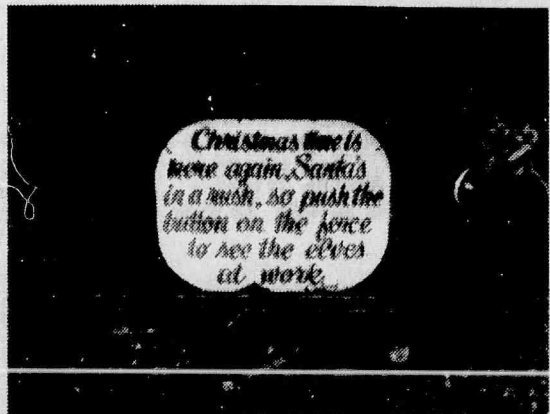
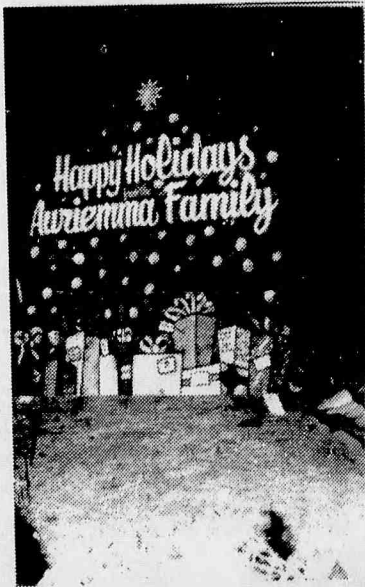
With animation that comes to life by a push of the button that is located on his front fence Charles says that the children love to start the animation themselves.

Located in his yard there is a life size manger set that comes to life with lifelike animals.

There is a 14 ft. santa's work shop that shows all the elf's hard at work Making toys for all the boys and girls.

Then there is Santa's 14ft. Barn where he keeps his sled, reindeer, and Mrs. Santa Claus prepping up for santa's departure with his elves hard at work loading his sled.

Mounted on the Auriemmas roof is a 10ft. star that can be seen 10 miles away.



Heros are showing up all over Belleville. Some heroic deeds jump out in headlines. Others are much more subtle, but no less effective.

Two Belleville residents' heroism and bravery saved the lives of a mother and two daughters living on the second floor of a William Street home set ablaze by a chimney fire on Dec. 4th.

Fire officials said John Miller kicked out the upstairs front window of the house at 216 William St. and lowered his wife and two stepdaughters to neighbor Pat Zullo, who caught

That's All in Belleville

By Richard Dickon

them on the concrete sidewalk below. Firefighters are looking for both men so they can be honored for their courageous, selfless actions. Please come forward and accept your just rewards!...

Then there is the fund raising efforts of the Kiwanis Club of Belleville, who are nearly halfway toward their \$30,000 goal to buy new bullet-proof vests for Belleville Police Officers, with 30 vests ready to be donated.

The first fund raiser, a breakfast and raffle drawing at the Chandelier Restaurant on Dec. 4th, was a success, according to Mario Drozd, Kiwanis president, exceeding the goal. As Mario put it, "every contribution, even \$1 for a raffle, has helped, along with the cooperation of the Police Department. The public's interest has helped make this a success so far." Everyone who has contributed is a hero. The local groups, each individual, each business has potentially helped the save the life of a police officer. Judging from the response so far, many more small heroic deeds are still to come...

Baseball, Belleville and America's national pastime, is being captured by former Mayor Mike Marotti and Ed O'Neil, President of the Belleville Historical Society. They are composing the history of the Belleville Little League. Heros of a different sort, those who hit the big home run, made the big pitch, and every crack of the bat and slap of the glove since 1947, when the league was started by Warren Knight, who got the ball rolling by forming a four-team league with 14 boys on each team. Teams increased along with the population, and the games graduated, from the first, played in Clearman Field, then a field constructed within Municipal Stadium, and finally to the beautiful Little League Family on Montgomery Place. O'Neil calls Marotti was the guiding light in seeing that this field is one of the best Little League fields in the state, if not the country. He and all the volunteers throughout the years have done a great job. We agree that Belleville is proud of them and the Little League Ball Park.

Anyone who has films or pictures taken throughout the years can leave them with Marotti or O'Neil. The films and pictures will be taken to Mrs. McCabe or Ken and Rocky Constantino in the High School. They will then be taped and played some time in the near future on cable channel 34, WBHS. For the full story, see page 9...

Finally, with holiday season upon us, it distresses me to have to relate the continuing saga of Michael Porcello and his

family. Michael is a disabled Vietnam War veteran; his son Dominick, is stricken with Cerebral Palsy. The Porcello's are looking for a more accommodating place to live, since their current house is not adequate for Dominick's needs. Now, conditions are such that the family needs not only a home with few, if any steps, they are sorely in need of the first month's rent and security to pay to move to a better location. Anyone who wishes to come to the aid of the Porcello's, for the Christmas season and beyond, can write to them, care of P.O. Box 193, Belleville, N.J. 07109-0193...

If you know of someone, or are yourself responsible for some of the many big or small, important good deeds done everyday and worthy of recognition in this town, let me know, because, as the this column states,, when it comes to good people, doing good things, "That's All in Belleville."



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Life in Silver Lake

More neighborhood inspectors canvassing

Update...update... Silver Lake has two more Neighborhood Inspectors. Their territory spans from Bloomfield Avenue to Franklin Street. Neighborhood Inspector Grace Dondarski needed help so Katherine Bonavita and yours truly will help out. We'll all be canvassing the neighborhood looking for any violations that make our area look bad. Keep in mind, these are warnings and if they are not "tended to", the town will step in and summonses will be issued to the offenders. Believe me, this is not a "threat," it is a genuine promise. So neighbors, join in and help keep our area in good repair. By the way, Inspector Grace Dondarski is still on the job from Franklin Street to Newark Avenue. And you know, she does her job. So come on people let the Lake "shine."

I have to give credit where credit is due. So here I go. Silver Lake is looking better and better.

Through the efforts of Charles Cerami, Director of Public Works, Silver Lake is coming back. Mr. Cerami came up with the idea of issuing these warnings and let me tell you it's working. Residents are complying and I thank Charlie for



Marie Strumolo Burke

going above and beyond his job in helping us out. Keep up the good work...because it is showing all over our town.

Congratulations to Anthony and Terri Minichini of Lake Street on the birth of their baby girl Toni Ann Minichini. This makes number nine for the proud grandparents Rosemarie and Frank, also of Lake Street. The way things are going, they may be the grandparents of at least 12 more bundles of joy.

We sure are doing something right in Silver Lake. Do you believe that Jon Vincent Falivena, also of Lake Street, made the Dean's List at Sacred Heart College in Connecticut. It sure makes Silver Lake look good when we can boast of these fine young men and women.

Happy anniversary to Lydia and Ralph Salzano. I know Lydia you're going to say, "How did she know it was our anniversary. Well, your son Michael told this little bird and this little bird told me. I don't know how many years...nor do I know the exact date, but happy anniversary anyway. Ralph is a Township of Belleville employee who works for the Public Works Department...and he does a good job.

Only in Silver Lake could this happen. Neighbors helping neighbors. Michael Aversa of Belmont Avenue needed a ladder. Whenever he needed a ladder he would go to my father's house to borrow it. But now that my father Fiore has gone to Heaven, he comes to me. What a good feeling when you can help your neighbor. And what a site it is when you see Michael walking up the street with ladder in hand greeting his neighbors. Only in Silver Lake, guys. I guess some of you are saying, come on, enough already about Silver Lake... And all I can tell you is that I can never say enough about my favorite place... Silver Lake, USA.

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'TIS THE SEASON - It's that time again! Mike Chieffo of 269 New Street, has his Christmas display up in full regalia. It takes Mike three weeks to put the display together, but it's well worth it for the final product. Mike said he enjoys the holiday season, and decorating for his family and friends. Residents are welcomed to come by and see Santa Claus and his Elves. The Chieffos wish all Happy Holidays.

Uncollected taxes queried

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suggested that "We show that we've tried to collect these taxes, and then do a housecleaning. A half million dollars is a lot of money."

Spillane agreed that "We should give a good faith effort and then give it up."

Joseph Faccione, a tax auditor from Samuel Klein and Company, the Township's Tax Auditor, told the Council they could adopt resolutions imposing additional financial penalties for anyone with an outstanding balance of \$10,000 or more owed to the Township, "to entice payment."

Canning said the Township may not be charging the allowable percentage of increase for late payments.

Pascheria asked Faccione how long into the past the Township can go to seek collection of taxes. Faccione said "seven years seems to be a magic number," although no specific date exist under the law.

The Council is awaiting a corrective action plan from Minsky, expected by Dec. 15. Spillane said the plan "should cover everything" pertaining to tax collection and other areas, including providing more training for personnel, if necessary.

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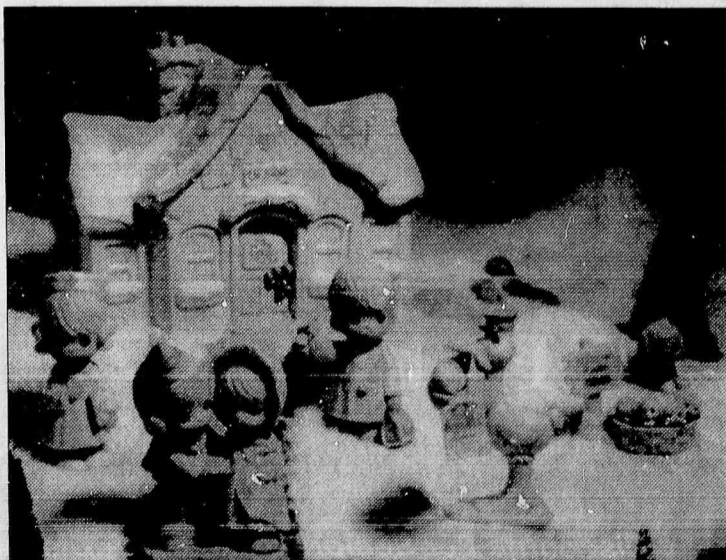
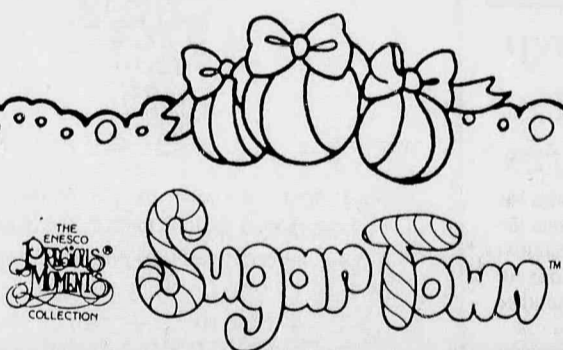
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Opera Film Class showings

The Opera Film Class will feature Handel's "Messiah" on Dec. 20, at 12:30 p.m. and "Live From the Met Highlights" on Dec. 27, also at 12:30 p.m. The class meets regularly on Tuesdays for the enjoyment of the opera. In 1995, special opera lectures are also planned.

Create a holiday card

On Dec. 16, at 3:45 p.m., participants in the James J. Cozzarelli Jr. Children's Room, will have the opportunity to paint a holiday card. Please remember to bring a friend to the program. Remember, however, children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult.

Belleville artist exhibiting

The oils of Michael Accunzo of Belleville are currently on exhibit at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

Accunzo is a talented realistic artist, who in 1987, painted eight historic paintings of Belleville that are on permanent display at the Shafter Branch Library.

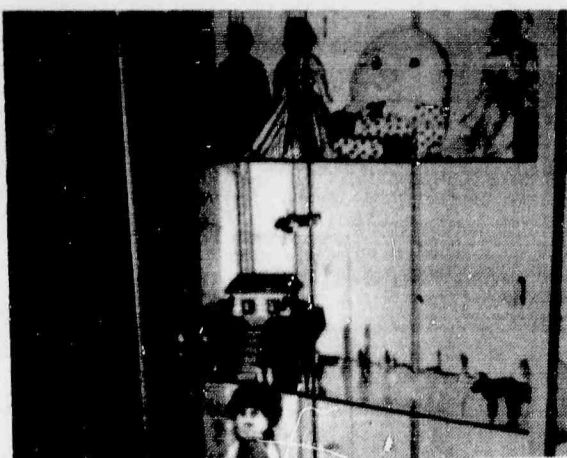
A staff member of the library, Accunzo also had his wood art on exhibit in the display cases of the library.

Holiday poetry

A Poetry Program, sponsored by the Literature Department, Woman's Club of Belleville, will take place on Dec. 21, at 1 p.m. Bring a short one minute holiday poem to read.

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

BOOK MARKS



Jean Tobia stands next to her display of Handmade Dolls and Noah's Ark, currently on exhibit at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

Calendar of Events

In the Trustees Gallery: An art exhibit by Michael Accunzo is currently on exhibit in the Trustees Gallery of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, 221 Washington Avenue.

Library Exhibits: Wood Art by Michael Accunzo is currently on exhibit in the library's display case.

Dec. 8 - The Thursday Film Class Series will see the film "Miracle of the Bells" at 1 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

Films of Old Belleville will be shown at 6:45 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

Dec. 9 - A Holiday Checker Tournament will take place at 3:15 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library, 30 Magnolia Street.

The Friday Musical Film Class Series will see the film "Holiday Inn" at 12:30 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

Dec. 10 - The Family Film Class Series will feature the film "Home Alone II" at 10:30 a.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

A Paper Mache Workshop will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the James J. Cozzarelli Jr. Children's Room.

Dec. 12 - The Friends of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center present the Hoffmann-LaRoche Choral Group at 7:30 p.m. at the library.

A Holiday Cookless Cooking Class will take place at 3:15 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library, 30 Magnolia Street.

Dec. 13 - The Opera Film Class Series will feature the film "Il Barbiere Di Siviglia" at 12:30 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

Dec. 14 - A Special Film Class showing of "The

Nutcracker" will take place at 1 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

Dec. 15 - The Thursday Film Class Series will feature the film "Miracle on 34th Street" at 1 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

Dec. 16 - "Paint a Holiday Card," a craft program for children, will take place at 3:45 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

Dec. 17 - A mini-booksale will be held at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center on Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and continue the week of Dec. 19-23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Book sale at library

Stock up on books for winter reading at the Belleville Public Library's Mini-Booksale. The sale begins on Dec. 17, from 10 to 4 p.m. and continues the week of Dec. 19-23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and also on Dec. 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hardcover books will be \$1 each and paperbacks 25 cents each. Please bring paper bags or shopping bags for your purchases.

For further information, call 450-3434.

Roche Choral Group

The Friends of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center will be presenting the Hoffmann-LaRoche Choral Group on Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. This is a special program for the holiday season.

Call the library at 450-3434 to reserve tickets.

Santa Claus decorations

Come to the Shafter Branch Library, 30 Magnolia Street, on Dec. 19, from 3:15-4 p.m. and participate in the making of a miniature Santa Claus decoration. Please register and join in the holiday festivities. Children under the age of eight must be assisted by an adult. Register by Dec. 15.

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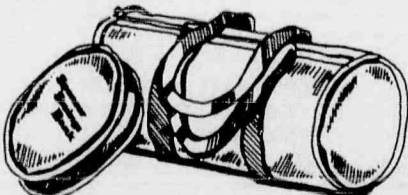
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NJ Transit rep addresses public concerns

A NJ Transit senior director has accepted an offer to meet with the members of Citizens Against Noisy Trains next Monday in Nutley, according to member Raymond Regalado.

Jerome Lutin of NJ Transit will meet with C.A.N.T. members to discuss opinions on the proposed train system which would run from Newark to Paterson, through Belleville, Clifton and Nutley. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Dec. 12 at the Amvets Civic Center, 184 Park Avenue in Nutley.



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Kiwanis advancing police vest fund raising

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Drozdz said.

The Kiwanis are looking for more businesses to purchase a vest to bring them to their goal quicker. Drozdz cited nearby Newark's designation as having the most murders in the country as an illustration of the importance of the vests.

He credited Police Officer Victor Mesce, as well as former Capt. Bill Escot and Officer Joe Tremlinger for bringing the fund raiser to the Kiwanis, as well as fellow Kiwanis member Nino Bucciarelli.

The list of individual vest donors includes the Belleville Little League; Twin Towing; Philmore Associates; Amvets American Veterans WWII; Clara Maass Foundation; J&P Cleaners; Kiwanis Club of Belleville; Kondreck Video Productions Inc.; Knights of Columbus Council #835; Nardachone and Colavito, attorneys; Optimist Club of Belleville; Orechio Publications & TV Inc.; PBA Local #28; Pressure Controls Inc.; Robert Giordano, Esq.; Samuel Klein and Company;

Silver Lake Civic Association; St. Anthony's Church; State Fair Halloween Outlet and Zarro's Memorial Home Inc.

Contributions have been made Dr. James M. Orsini, M.D.; Belleville Motor Lodge; Rossmore Pharmacy; First DeWitt Bank; Max Finklestein; Vac-U-Max; Riefali Construction Co.; Century 21; Homes Thru Us; Freeholder Louise Palagano and Bill and Mary Jo Herb. The Kiwanis, the Police and Fire Departments, the Woman's Club, The Crossing Inn, the SLCA, the K of C, Centeni's, Frade's, Pro Lumber and J&P Cleaners are some of those Drozdz should be thanked for helping with the raffle. Bullet Hole is thanked for allowing their range for the demonstration.

A special thanks to Fire Capt. Chris Kondreck for filming the entire demonstration.

Any individual or company who purchases a vest through Kiwanis will be publicly recognized and their name inscribed on a plaque and displayed in the public area of the Police Department, Drozdz said.

The Kiwanis is asking other organizations, individuals or businesses to make this a successful joint community effort by either purchasing drawing tickets or a vest.

Interested residents, businesses or any organization may contact Drozdz at 751-2277. The drawing will be held Dec. 4th at the Chandelier Restaurant on Franklin Ave. Breakfast tickets are \$20 per person.

The Kiwanis, after several months of gathering information, have chosen the Genesis Hi-Lite vest, manufactured by Point Blank Body Armor. The model is a lightweight vest with an independent suspension.

The Kiwanis is dedicating their most recent fund-raising drawing

for this project. The will also be soliciting donations from the private and public sector. The Genesis Hi-Lite retails for \$760, but are being purchased for less than half that cost, according to Drozdz.

Drozdz said the vests have a product liability of \$10 million per vest. The vests have five inches by eight inches the fibre 10 times stronger than steel, to minimize trauma, while the three-square-foot coverage now covers the rib cage area not previously protected by other vests.

The vests also resist bunching up on impact, shaking back to better withstand multiple hits and preventing additional trauma, he said. The vests are unaffected by moisture or chemicals, he added.

Belleville Little League history chronicled by Marotti, O'Neil for posterity to enjoy

Former Mayor Mike Marotti and Ed O'Neil, President of the Belleville Historical Society, have gotten together to compose the history of the Belleville Little League -- from the first cracks of the bats and slaps of the gloves in the late 1940s until today.

The league was started in 1947 by Warren Knight, who got the ball rolling by forming a four-team league with 14 boys on each team. The boys ranged from nine to 11 years. Knight called for volunteers to coach and manage the teams.

In 1948, the Little League offi-

cials in Williamsport, Pa., told Belleville that because of increased population, four more teams would have to be added. Thus, the American and National Leagues, was formed and remain that way to this day.

Games were first played in Clearman Field, then a field was constructed within the stadium, and finally they moved to the beautiful Little League Family on Montgomery Place. Mike Marotti was the guiding light in seeing that this field is one of the best Little League fields in the state, if not the

country. He and all the volunteers throughout the years have done a great job. Belleville is proud of them and the Little League Ball Park.

Anyone who has films or pictures taken throughout the years can leave them with Marotti or O'Neil. The films and pictures will be taken to Mrs. McCabe or Ken

and Rocky Constantino in the High School. They will then be taped and played some time in the near future on cable channel 34, WBHS.

All former Little Leaguers are invited to sit with Marotti and O'Neil to help in making this historic presentation a success. A meeting will be announced later at the Little League Field House.



COSTUME PARTY - Moantainside Hospital hosted a Halloween Party for "small wonders" at the hospital's child employee center. Pictured are Sharon Werner of the Medical Records Department, and her five-year-old daughter, Stephanie, of Belleville; and Joseph Capezio, vice president for Human Resources.

Local recruit finishes Marine basic training

Marine Pvt. Richard F. Powell, son of Lucille J. Powell of Belleville, recently completed recruit training.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine, and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized throughout the cycle.

He is a 1993 graduate of Belleville High School.

Local residents earn honors

Belleville resident Michael Sunga is among the 268 students at St. Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City, who have earned academic honors for the first marking period.

Michael, a freshman and a graduate of Good Shepherd Academy, received second honors.

The following Belleville students from Mount Saint Dominic Academy, have been named to the honor roll for the first marking period:

Senior Nyree Tedesco received first honors; junior Joanne Espina and freshmen Aileen Emralino, Jessica Schor and Nicole Timpanaro received second honors.

The following students at Lacordaire Academy in Montclair, residing in Belleville, have been

placed on the honor roll.

First honors, Lisa Ilaria, grade 11; Christine Policastro, grade 9. Second honors, Mary Ann Bravette, grade 9; Tricia Iannuzzi, grade 10; Kelly Policastro, grade 11.

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Support groups...

Narcotics Anonymous meeting list: **BELLEVILLE:** Monday, 8 p.m., Fewsmith Presbyterian Church, Union Ave. and Little St. Open/book/discussion meeting; Tuesday, 8 p.m., Clara Maass Medical Center, 1 Franklin Ave., Branch Brook Room, Education Center. Men's meeting. Open/discussion; Thursday, 8 p.m., Fewsmith Presbyterian Church, Union Ave. and Little St. Open/topic/discussion meeting; Friday, 8 p.m., St. Peter's Church, rear basement, Williams St. Open/discussion. **NUTLEY:** Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Franklin Reformed Church, Hillside Crescent. Open/meditation/discussion; Monday, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul's Congregational Church, Franklin Ave. and St. Paul's Place. Closed/speaker/discussion meeting. Open to addicts and those who think they have a problem with drugs; Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Lane. Women's meeting. Topic meeting/open discussion; Wednesday, 8 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church. Closed/speaker/discussion. Open to addicts and those who think they have a problem with drugs; Friday, 7:45 p.m., Franklin Reformed Church, Hillside Crescent. Women's meeting. Open/discussion.

Gamblers Anonymous, 8 p.m. Mondays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, St. Paul's Congregational Church, Franklin Ave. and St. Paul's Place, Nutley, 2nd floor. Meetings open to anyone with a gambling problem or those who think they might have a problem. Topic/therapy.

Gamanon, to offer hope and understanding to loved ones of compulsive gamblers, 8 p.m. Mondays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, St. Paul's Congregational Church, Franklin Ave. and St. Paul's Place, Nutley.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 2nd floor, St. Paul's Congregational Church, Franklin Ave. and St. Paul's Place, Nutley.

Recovery Inc., a community mental health self-help group for persons who suffer from nervous symptoms and fears, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Clarks Dept., 44 Park Ave., Nutley. For free literature, call (908) 766-2466.

New Jersey Chapter of NAAFA (National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance), social events, human rights information, monthly newsletter. For more information, call 927-3103.

Overeaters Anonymous, self-help group for compulsive overeaters or people with eating disorders, Tuesdays, Presbyterian Church on the Green Parish House, Broad St., Bloomfield (7:30 to 9 p.m.); Wednesdays, Christ Church, Park and Bloomfield avenues (opposite Grand Union), Bloomfield (8 p.m.). For more information, call 746-4658; Thursdays, Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Lane, Nutley (7 p.m.).

Living With Cancer, for cancer patients and their families, 7 to 8:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays, waiting area of Radiation Oncology Dept., Mountainside Hospital, Montclair. 429-6905 or 429-6128.

Make Today Count, a support group for patients and families dealing with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. second Tuesdays, first floor of Continuing Care Center building, Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. For more information, call 450-2210.

Parkinson Support Group, 10 a.m. third Saturdays, private dining room, Mountainside Hospital, Montclair. Exercise and speech therapy groups meet weekly as well as monthly meetings for caregivers. Call 256-1011 for information.

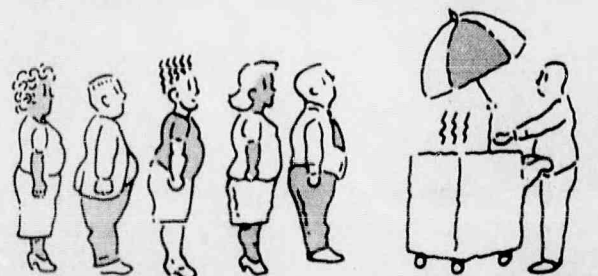
Arthritis Foundation Support Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Montclair Community Hospital, 120 Harrison St. For info, call 744-7300, ext. 4312.

Adult Bereavement Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. 10 Wednesdays, The Hospice Inc., 3 High St., Glen Ridge. On-going group for caregivers meets twice a month. No charge. For info or to register, call 429-0300.

PFLAG, Northern New Jersey Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 2:30 p.m. second Sundays, First Trinity and Presbyterian Church, corner of Irvington and South Orange avenues, South Orange. Newcomers: 1:30 p.m. Write: P.O. Box 244, Belleville 07109-0244 or call 267-8414.

Anorexia nervosa, bulimia, compulsive eating problems. For free information or referrals, call the New Jersey Eating Disorders Helpline, 1-800-624-2268.

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PDA (Parents for Deaf Awareness, Inc.), an affiliate of the American Society for Deaf Children, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12, Harvey Miller's residence, 194 Webster Drive, Wayne. For direction, call 696-9280. New members welcome.

Lupus Foundation, Essex County branch, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St.

For singles only...

Special Hearts, Catholic singles group, 30 to 50, pre-holiday social, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9, basement, St. Cecilia's Church, 120 Kearny Ave., Kearny. Refreshments. Casual dress. \$6 admission. For info, call Sue McCartney at 991-1847.

Meetings...

Nutley Irish-American Association, annual Christmas meeting, Dec. 8, Valley National Bank meeting room, Franklin Ave. St. Patrick's parade dignitaries will be announced. Open to the public.

Nutley AARP Chapter Christmas party, noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 8, Fairmont, Cedar Grove. Entertainment by Joe Sommer Duo. Next meeting: 1 p.m. Jan. 12.

Nutley Amvets Post 30 and Auxiliary, 50th Christmas party, 8 p.m. Dec. 9, 184 Park Ave. \$15 includes gourmet dinner, dancing, wine, soda, beer, cash bar. Reservations by Dec. 2.

Roche Retiree Club, annual Christmas party and 20th anniversary, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 10, Wayne Manor, Wayne. Guest: Star Ledger cartoonist Kay Kato.

Stuart E. Edgar Post 493, VFW ladies auxiliary, business meeting 8 p.m. Dec. 13, post home, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. Christmas party 7 p.m. Dec. 16, Ashley's Restaurant, Styertown Shopping Center, Clifton. Grab bag.

Bloomfield Columbiettes, 7 p.m. Dec. 14, K of C Council, 190 State St. Christmas party following regular meeting. Bring food or monetary donation for Christmas baskets for needy.

Nutley Historical Society general meeting, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15, Nutley Museum, 65 Church St. Speakers: Comm. Evelyn Pezzolla of Lyndhurst and Comm. Frank Cocchiola of Nutley. Call 667-1528 for info. Everyone welcome.

Bloomfield Knights of Columbus Christmas party, 7 p.m. to midnight Dec. 17. \$20. Live band, buffet. New Year's Eve party, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31. \$45 includes cocktail hour, dinner, continental breakfast, live band. For info and reservations, call Danny Strollo at 450-4902.

Tri-County Camera Club, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Nutley Historical Museum, 65 Church St. Anyone interested in photography welcome. For info, call 761-5591 or 667-0325. Dec. 13: nature competition and assigned subject (boats); Dec. 20: holiday party.

Belleville-Nutley Chapter of Hadassah, 10 a.m. to noon, Dec. 18, downstairs community room, Valley National Bank, Franklin Ave., Nutley.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Gratia, 8 p.m. first Monday, St. Mary's School Hall, Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley. Social third Monday.

Belleville Irish American Association, Belleville K of C Hall, 98 Bridge St. New members welcome. For info, call Pat at 751-5308.

Woman's Club of Belleville, 7:30 p.m. second Mondays, clubhouse, 51 Rossmore Place.

Essex County Federation of Sportsmen's Club, 8:30 p.m. first Tuesdays, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St.

Fairs, flea markets, rummage...

Radcliffe School PTA Santa Sale, 3:15 to 8 p.m. Dec. 8, Radcliffe School gym, 379 Bloomfield Ave., Nutley. Featuring homemade crafts.

Holiday boutique, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 10, noon to 2 p.m. Dec. 11, Montgomery Presbyterian Church, 638 Mill St., Belleville. Crafts, toy basement, food, bakery, Santa photos and more. For info, call 759-7414.

Christmas flea market and craft show weekend, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 10, 11, Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Ave. Fundraiser for BHS student government and SEPP0.

Christmas fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 10, Kingsland Manor, corner of Lakeside Drive and Kingsland St., Nutley. Handmade gifts, baked goods, jellies, wreaths and sprays, decorations, poinsettias and much more.

Annual holiday bazaar, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Church of the Advent, 498 Watchung Ave., corner of Williams St., Bloomfield. Sponsored by Episcopal Church Women.

Indoor flea market, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 11, Clifton Jewish Center, 18 Delaware St.

Fundraisers...

Brunch, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. first and third Sundays, American Legion Post 70, 45 Franklin Ave., Nutley. \$5 adults, \$2.50 kids under 10.

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Santa breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 10, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Huck Road, Bloomfield. Food, Santa, Christmas treat, magician. \$6.50. Reservations a must. Call 450-0377 or 450-8620. Sponsored by Home and School Association.

Lunch with Santa, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 10, Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Woodside and Montclair aves., Newark. Hot dogs, juice, potato chips, photos with Santa, coffee and cake for adults. \$5 per person. Reservations to 482-0619 by Dec. 7.

Book fair, 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 11, 18, St. Mary's Church hall. Pre-K through 8th grade. Bible selections for adults and children also available. For info, call 667-8239.

St. Mary's Hospital Guild fundraising sales: Dec. 8: Ted's sweaters; Dec. 16: Nut House; Dec. 22: B&B Brass; Dec. 23: Christmas plants. For info, call 470-3047.

Atlantic City Trump Castle, Dec. 12. 9 a.m. from St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic; 9:15 a.m. from Styertowne. Breakfast on bus, p.m. movie and snack. \$20 with return of \$12.50 plus \$5 deferred. Call 340-2975 or 470-3047.

"Murder at the Mansion," original dinner theater, Fridays and Saturdays through the holidays, Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave. Buffet dinner, dancing and "The Dying Vote." \$39.95. Reservations required. Call 429-0960.

Buccaneer license plate brackets, \$3, white with blue lettering: Belleville Buccaneers — Pride, Power and Prestige. Call Nina at 751-2688 or Debbie at 751-3987. Fundraiser for music program for K to 12.

Entertainment '95 books. \$40. Can be used now through Dec. 1995. Women's Auxiliary, Nutley Lions Club, Sonja at 235-1500; Sisterhood of Congregation Ahavath Achim, Belleville, 759-9394; St. Mary's Hospital Guild, 470-3047; Good Shepherd Academy, 667-2049 or 667-5081.

The Seeing Eye holiday cards, three panel, full color, unfolds lengthwise to show each of the three primary breeds The Seeing Eye trains as guides for blind people, German Shepherd, Labrador Retriever and Golden Retriever. "Peace on Earth/Good Will to All" \$12 for 20 cards and envelopes. For info on ordering, call 539-4425, ext. 751.

Other events...

Free health screenings, Montclair Community Hospital, 120 Harrison Ave. Appointments mandatory. Call 744-7300, ext. 4296, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Dec. 10: foot problems, colon cancer; Dec. 17: eye screening, skin cancer. Volunteers needed for Outreach program. Call Marie Oropollo at 746-4644 after 2:30 p.m.

Blood drive, noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 10, The Feedbag, 36 Broad St., Bloomfield. All participants will be given a \$5 gift certificate for their donation.

Mandolin Orchestra holiday concert, 3 p.m. Dec. 11, Bloomfield Public Library Theatre, 90 Broad St. Free admission. Public invited. Traditional Christmas and Hanukkah music plus more.

The Nutcracker, 8 p.m. Dec. 13; 11 a.m. Dec. 14, Montclair State University Memorial Auditorium. Sponsored by School of Fine & Performing Arts. \$25 adults; \$18 senior citizens; \$10 students and children. For info, call 655-5112.

3rd annual holiday concert, featuring New Jersey Children's Choir, 4 p.m. Dec. 18, Union Congregational Church, 176 Cooper Ave., Upper Montclair. \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and children under 12. No children under 4 please.

Walking and Fitness Club, 8 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, rain or shine, Nutley Chapter, American Red Cross. No cost. Call 667-3818.

Weekly bridge games, 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St.

Class reunions...

Belleville 1945, planning 50-year reunion. Viola Scribner Mueller, 2420 Hulick Place, Rahway 07065, (908) 382-0430; Pat Ford Paganelli, 45 Trafalgar Drive, Colonia 07067, (908) 381-2143; Alex Sullivan Mische, 106 Warren St., Nutley 07110; Frank Bemis, 455 Mt. Prospect Ave., Clifton, 07012.

James J. Shawger School, Belleville, 1959. Contact Angela Cuzzo-Zarro, 54 Salter Place, Belleville 07109.

Belleville 1985, planning reunion. For info, write Class of '85, c/o 15 Smallwood Ave., Belleville 07109.

Nutley 1935 planning 60th anniversary reunion, May 1995 in Nutley vicinity. Current addresses of members who have moved in the past 10 years to Fred Heidt, coordinator, 25 Holmes St., Nutley, 07110 or call 667-4249.

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Laura Zerbian bride of Edward Bogash

Laura Ann Zerbian, daughter of Annette Mellito of Nutley and Paul Zerbian of Parsippany, was married September 4 to Edward Richard Bogash, son of Marion Bogash of Carteret and the late Richard Bogash.

The Rev. William Sheridan performed the ceremony in Holy Family Church, Nutley. A reception followed at The Cameo, Garfield.

Escorted by her uncle, Larry Cervasio, the bride wore a satin gown accented with pearls and fashioned with a portrait neckline. A pearl headband held her veil and she carried white roses.

Lisa Zerbian of Nutley was maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Michelle Alfieri of Nutley, Arlene Szulimowski of Carteret, Nickie Norton of Newark, Patty Jurik of Hackensack and Karen Bogash of Carteret.

They were attired in black and purple cocktail dresses with purple capes and carried white antheriums.

Robert Bogash of Carteret

served as best man. Ushers were Glenn Gizzi of Carteret, John Cruz of Linden, Tim Dunn of Carteret, Mike Dulemba of Carteret, Ed Sadowski of Robbinsville, John Mellito of Nutley and John DeMara of Nutley.

The bride's mother chose a purple sequined tea length gown while the groom's mother was in a pink tea length gown. Wristlets were of white roses.

Mrs. Bogash, an alumna of Nutley High School and Upsala College, East Orange, is pursuing a master's degree in counseling at Montclair State University. She is a rehabilitation counselor/placement coordinator with West Essex Rehabilitation Center, Montclair.

Mr. Bogash, a graduate of Carteret High School and Upsala College, is a client service representative with Prudential Mutual Fund Services, Edison.

The couple honeymooned at Disney World, Orlando, Florida, and have made their home in Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ruggieri - nee Donna Shanko

Donna Shanko married to Robert Ruggieri

Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst, was the setting September 3 for the marriage of Donna Turi Shanko, daughter of Mr. and Walter Shanko of Belleville, to Robert Ruggieri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Ruggieri of Lyndhurst.

Mrs. Ruggieri, an alumna of

Belleville High School, is a payroll manager with Effective Security.

Mr. Ruggieri, a graduate of Bergen Tech, is with Benjamin Moore Paints.

The couple honeymooned in Bermuda and have made their home in Belleville.

Christmas fair Saturday at Kingsland Manor

The Kingsland Trust, the group responsible for the restoration of Kingsland Manor, will hold its annual Christmas fair and greens' sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 10 at the Manor, corner of Lakeside

Drive and Kingsland St., Nutley.

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Teen ballerina dances in Nutcracker

Amanda Marquez, daughter of Carol Greco Marquez of Belleville and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Greco of Nutley, has been selected to perform with the Garden State Ballet Youth Company in its special holiday production of Nutcracker "Sweets."

The eighth grade student at Belleville Middle School has belonged to the School of the Garden State Ballet for eight years, and a member of the Youth Company for the past four years. The 13-year-old will dance in several ballets, including the lead in the "Marzipan" dance.

The Garden State Ballet Youth Company will be performing throughout New Jersey during the months of November and December, dancing excerpts from the Nutcracker ballet. Among their performances will be a Dec. 17 production at the Taj Mahal Hotel/Casino in Atlantic City.

Christmas

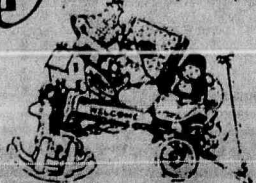
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Joseph Gianni Guerriero

A son, Joseph Gianni, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Guerriero of Sparta Nov. 10 at St. Clare's Riverside Medical Center, Denville.

Mrs. Guerriero is the former Diana Musco.

George Michael Balko

A third child, a son, George Michael, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael George Balko of Belleville Nov. 17 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 6 pounds, 14 ounces. He joins Michael Dominick, eight and Sadie Ann, five.

Mrs. Balko is the former LynnMarie Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunn of Port Jervis, New York. Mr. Balko is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Balko of Belleville.

Andrew Stephen Roberts

A third child, a son, Andrew Stephen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Roberts of Belleville Nov. 22 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 8 pounds, 4 ounces. He joins Timothy John and James Theodore, six.

Mrs. Roberts is the former Teodora Toledo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus B. Toledo of Belleville. She is a unit clerk at Clara Maass. Mr. Roberts, son of Patricia A. Hughes of Belleville and the late Ronald Roberts, Sr., is a pharmacy technician at Clara Maass.

Desiree Elizabeth Santiago

A second child, a daughter, Desiree Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Santiago of Belleville Nov. 14 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 6 pounds, 14 ounces. She joins Vanessa, five.

Mrs. Santiago is the former Lisa Cameron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cameron of Belleville. She is a teacher at Little Scholar Nursery School, Belleville. Mr. Santiago is a driver with Rent-A-Center and a handler with Federal Express.

Olivia Mary Russell

A second child, a daughter, Olivia Mary, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James P. Russell of Nutley Nov. 23 at Mountainside Hospital, Montclair. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 5 ounces. She joins Andrew James, three and a half.

Mrs. Russell is the former Gina Marie Stoia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry A. Stoia of Belleville. Mr. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Russell of Denville, is a systems analyst with Reich & Tang, Hackensack.

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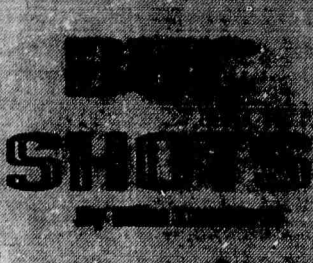
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20 years later, Abdel Anderson is still "The Man"

If you grew up during the mid to late 1970's, then you had a certain regard for the music of that era. You either loved it or hated it. Somehow, you developed an appreciation for polyester and understood its meaning, or you wore the huck-a-poo shirts, or were a fan of the John Travolta look.

Whatever your fascination, one thing is understood. The clothes worn during the "disco days" will probably never make a comeback. But the music is hotter now than it was when it originally hit close to two decades ago. It was the era of "one hit wonders" and while the music didn't have a lot of hidden meaning in it, it was somewhat enjoyable and great to dance to.

On Saturday evenings, **Al Bandiero** has a show on WPLJ-FM called Saturday Night 70's. And while listening to it last week, Al played the top five songs from this date in 1974. The songs were "Cats in the Hat", "Do it 'till you're Satisfied", "When Will I See You Again", "I Can Help" and **Carl Douglas'** "Kung-Fu Fighting".

There's a lot of memories for me with those songs. 20 years ago, I was a junior at Belleville High School and a member of the Belleville High School boys' basketball team. (I was the manager)

Every year around this time, as a new basketball season is about to commence, I like to look back at the '74-75 basketball team, because it was a special season on the hardwood at Belleville High School. In January and February of this year, I did a rather extensive series on that team, so I'm not going to do that again this time around.

But I did want to remember a specific night, because in a few days, it will be 20 years since that evening.

On December 13, 1974, while Carl Douglas was Kung-Fu fighting and the B.T. Express was doing it till you're satisfied, the Belleville boys' basketball team opened its season at Belleville High School against the Garfield Boilermakers.

Danny Grasso was the Belleville coach, and there was a level of excitement on the team because a winning season was possible, despite the competition in the Big 10 Conference.

The reason for the optimism was simple. He stood 6'7" tall, walked the halls with a certain level of confidence and was respected by every member of the student body.

His name was **Abdel Anderson**, and anyone who knew basketball then knew that "Ab" was big time, a sure fire All American, the go-to guy on the '74-75 team, the guy who would break all the records at Belleville High School.

He was, in essence, **THE MAN**. "We all looked up to him, in more ways than one," said **Don Roll**, a freshman at Belleville High School in '74-75 and today, the head boys' varsity basketball coach at BHS.

"There was something about him," Roll continued. "He would take that crazy jump shot from the top of the key and never miss it. If the 3-point shot were in back then, he would have scored a lot more points. He could dominate the boards, and you have to remember the level of competition he was facing each and every game."

"There were two games each against East Orange, Bloomfield, Irvington, Orange and Montclair. Those teams had All Americans, too. Bloomfield was so good that year that (**Kelly Tripucka**) wasn't even starting. And it was no secret that Abdel was going to be the go-to guy. He would be double teamed and still do the job."

"But he carried himself with so much class and professionalism. He was 17 years old, but everyone looked up to him."

So, let's get back to December 13, 1974. It was opening night, a sell-out crowd filled the BHS gym, and the Bellboys went on to dominate the Boilermakers, winning 68-44.

Abdel was dominant in every sense of the word. He scored 36 points. He shot an absolutely incredible 16 for 19 from the field. He was a perfect 4 for 4 from the foul line.

And that was the start of a marvelous campaign, a season in which Belleville would finish 13-10, including an 8-8 mark in the Big 10 Conference. The Bellboys would qualify for the Essex County tournament for the first time in 15 years and would beat Orange for the first time in 12 years. It was the first winning season at BHS in 15 years.

When it was all said and done, Abdel finished with over 1,300 points. He held the all time scoring record for boys' basketball from 1975 until January of 1988, when **Ted Sochaski** broke the mark.

Ab was the first player in BHS history to eclipse 1,000 career points. And he did it in just 2 1/2 varsity seasons. Back then, freshmen weren't eligible to play on the varsity and an injury curtailed Anderson's sophomore campaign.

Ab went on to play at Rutgers University for four seasons. He played on some great Rutgers teams, including the one which made it to the Final Four in 1976, losing in the national semis to Michigan. That Rutgers team won its first 31 games that year.

Abdel is ninth on the all time Rutgers scoring list. Today, he is a successful man working in the field of law enforcement in Central New Jersey. He also does some basketball coaching.

There were some fine players on the '74-75 team. **Michael Meagher, Alan Amiano, John Megna, Pat Hogan, Bob Tosi, Joe Dunn, Doug Jackson, Ron Krych** and **Wayne Richie** were all excellent talents.

But Anderson was the best. And, 20 years after a marvelous performance, it seemed fitting to say it again.

GETTING READY FOR THE SALAD BOWL

You're probably familiar with the major college football bowl games that are played during the Christmas and New Years' holidays.

The Rose, Cotton, Orange and Sugar Bowls are the most common bowl games, but here in Belleville, there is a "Bowl" game played that is just as important.

The annual "Salad Bowl" will be played at Doc Ellis Field. The

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A.C., Acuna among returnees

Lady Bucs start season next Friday

By Mike Lamberti

When the 1993-94 girls' basketball season ended last February, head coach Cheryl Marion noted her teams progress, but also felt consistency was needed for a more successful campaign next season.

Welcome to next season.

A young, but somewhat seasoned Lady Buc team will open the '94-95 campaign next Friday evening with a game, at home, against Passaic. Tip off time is 4 p.m.

Beginning her third season at the helm, Marion is cautiously optimistic about her team.

"Our main problem now is illness," the coach said. "We've had kids miss practice because of bronchitis and the flu. Right now, I would just like to get everyone in at the same time."

One of the early season casualties is senior Andrea Curran.

A.C. has been hampered by bronchitis and had not practiced heading into the beginning of this week.

"I'm hoping she'll be back in practice this week," Marion said. "But it takes a while with bronchitis to gain back your strength and endurance."

Curran, the only senior on the team, is expected to play forward and can also be used in the two guard position if needed. She came on strong in the latter portion of last season. This will be her fourth year of varsity action.

Junior point guard Marie Acuna has also been hampered by illness. Once again, Marion is hopeful she'll back in practice this week.

Acuna showed great potential in running the offense last season. Coming off a very good volleyball season, Acuna will be key toward

the teams success this winter.

"We're a young team," Marion said. "One senior, one junior and a lot of freshman and sophomores. The good part is the kids will continue to get better. We've also got some sophomores who have a full year of varsity experience behind them."

Sophomores Chrissie Scassera and Deanna Addis had good seasons last year. They played AAU basketball last summer and also took part in basketball camp.

Scassera should be the starting center while Addis is expected to start the season at power forward. Both women are about the same height, which means Marion can use some versatility in positioning the two players.

Another sophomore, Kim Mahoney, could fill the final starting position. Mahoney also saw considerable time on the varsity level last winter and could be the answer at the two or three position.

"If Kimmy is ready, she'll be the starter," Marion said. "She has the potential."

Other players Marion is pleased with include Dilma Hernandez, Addriady Parra and Joell DellaVolpe.

"We have some talented freshman who could also see time as the year goes on," Marion said. "There's some good potential."

Belleville will take on Verona this afternoon at home in a scrimmage. Next Monday, it's off to Cedar Grove and next Tuesday, North Brunswick comes to town for the final pre season game. The North Brunswick game starts at 5 p.m. while the Cedar Grove contest commences at 4 p.m.

"The scrimmages will be a good indicator for us," Marion said. "The

Girls' basketball

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Dec. 16	Passaic	7:30 p.m.	Home
Dec. 19	Columbia	5:30 p.m.	Away
Dec. 20	Paramus	4 p.m.	Away
Dec. 23	Hackensack	4 p.m.	Home
Dec. 27	Plainfield X-Mas	2 p.m.	Away
Dec. 29	Plainfield X-Mas	TBA	Away
Jan. 6	I.H.A.	7:30 p.m.	Away
Jan. 10	Nutley	4 p.m.	Away
Jan. 13	Paramus Cath.	7:30 p.m.	Home
Jan. 17	Teaneck	4 p.m.	Away
Jan. 20	Clifton	4 p.m.	Away
Jan. 24	Paramus	4 p.m.	Home
Jan. 27	Hackensack	4 p.m.	Away
Jan. 31	I.H.A.	4 p.m.	Home
Feb. 2	Nutley	4 p.m.	Home
Feb. 7	Paramus Cath.	4 p.m.	Away
Feb. 9	Teaneck	4 p.m.	Home
Feb. 10	Montclair	4 p.m.	Home
Feb. 14	Barringer	4 p.m.	Away
Feb. 16	Eastside	4 p.m.	Away
Feb. 21	Montclair	4 p.m.	Home

kids are psyched, they're ready to play."

NOTES: The coaching staff has a new, but very familiar face. Simone Edwards, a 1989 BHS grad, will be the freshman coach. Edwards, who starred for the Lady Bucs from 1985-89, is the second leading scorer in Lady Buc history, with over 1400 points. She trails only Jennifer Apicella and Ted Sochaski on the all time BHS scoring list.

We'll have a feature on Edwards

in next weeks issue.

Sheri Jamison will be the JV coach this year. Karen Portuese, who coached at Belleville for the past decade, has stepped down.

Marion expects a tough league race, with Immaculate Heart, Nutley and Paramus Catholic among the elite in the NNJL Pacific Division.

Belleville was 8-12 last season, but the team slumped down the stretch, losing six of its last eight.

Boys' basketball begins slow process

By Mike Lamberti

Don Roll has memories of the final week of the '93-94 season.

Those memories will never be confused with the day he proposed to his future wife.

"We didn't play very well down the stretch last season," Roll said. "We lost a lot of games last year that were within our grasp. Hopefully, the kids that are back this season have learned from that."

"The '93-94 Bucs were 6-14. The team lost six games by five points or less."

This year, Roll sees a great deal of potential, but feels it will develop as the year progresses.

"I'm not going to color coat it," Roll said. "We're very young, we have some ability, but it will take some time. It's a tough conference and the kids will learn as the year goes on."

The Bucs open the regular season next Friday, with a game at Paterson Kennedy.

Seniors Kevin Davies and Michael Molina should provide

some necessary leadership this winter. Molina, the starting point guard this year, could move to the starting two-guard this winter.

"Michael has a lot of ability," Roll said. "I'm thinking about moving him to the two, and trying Danny (Montalvo) at the point. I think Michael could benefit the backcourt even more in that position and could become a more dominant scorer there."

There were games last year where Molina showed signs of being one of the best guards in the league. He can shoot the ball effectively and his speed gives the Bucs a strong defensive weapon.

Davies saw extended varsity action last year and should be a starting forward this fall.

Nick Iannitelli returns from a broken ankle last season and will be the center. Dennis Capriglione will also add experience to the roster at forward.

The juniors are paced by Montalvo, who as mentioned, will probably be the starting point

guard. Ram Parekh and Rob Sansone are guard candidates while Michael Loney is developing into a talented forward/power forward.

Sophomores Tyree Huffin, Donnell Graham, Tom Dyer and Brian McIntosh come to the basketball team from the gridiron and will provide speed and strength on the boards.

Belleville will take on Lincoln High School at home next Monday in a scrimmage and next Wednesday, Montclair comes to town for the final pre season tune up. Both of those contests commence at 5 p.m.

"We have some tough assignments at the start of the regular season," Roll said. "Kennedy should be real tough and we have an early season game with Hackensack that will be a big test."

"These kids are really working hard. They are a pleasure to coach and I really feel they will get better as the year progresses. But it will take time and will require patience. As long as the kids give the effort,

I'll have no problem with the results in the games."

NOTES: Buc coaching staff consists of Mike Einicker, John Crown, Chuck Martin and volunteer assistants Rich Baker and John Fortunato.

Baker, a 1977 graduate of Belleville High School and former standout player for BHS, has been serving as a volunteer assistant for the past five seasons. Fortunato, an '85 BHS grad, has also been serving as an assistant for five years.

Martin, the varsity baseball coach at BHS, is working with the the younger players. Einicker is the new JV coach.

Bucs will once again compete in the Tri County Holiday tournament this year. The tourney will be held at Hudson Catholic High School during the upcoming holidays.

Belleville last won this tourney in 1991, beating Hudson Catholic in the finals. Hudson Catholic returned the favor, beating the Bucs in the '92 finals. Last year,

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Keeping the beat...one of Belleville's drummers plays at intermission during the Bucs' Thanksgiving clash with Nutley.



Tooting his own horn...A Belleville trumpet player entertains the crowd during intermission at the Thanksgiving Day game.

Bucs open season at Kennedy

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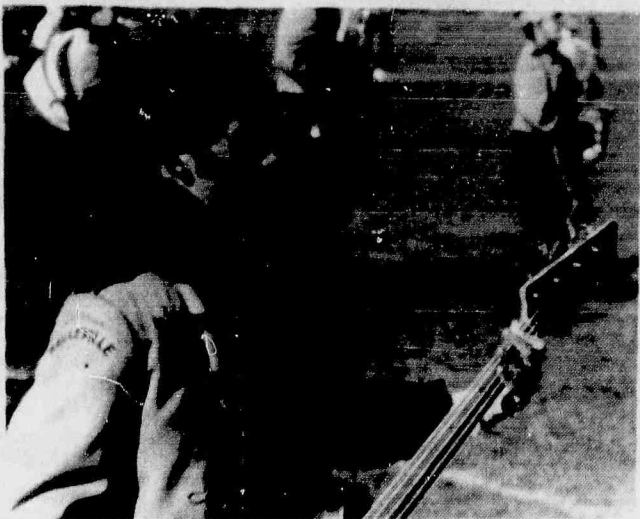
Belleville lost to Clifton in the first round and then were bounced in the consolation game by Kearny.

Last years tourney was played in Belleville, which only upset Roll more because his team did not play well on its home court.

Belleville, Kearny, Hudson Catholic and Clifton once again make up the Tri County tourney.

Boys' basketball

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Dec. 16	Kennedy	4 p.m.	Away
Dec. 20	Paramus	4 p.m.	Home
Dec. 23	Hackensack	4 p.m.	Away
Dec. 27	Hudson Cath.	6 p.m.	Away
Dec. 28	Hudson Cath.	6 p.m.	Away
Jan. 6	Don Bosco	7:30 p.m.	Home
Jan. 10	Nutley	4 p.m.	Home
Jan. 12	Kearny	4 p.m.	Home
Jan. 13	Paramus Cath.	4 p.m.	Away
Jan. 17	Teaneck	4 p.m.	Home
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Feb. 9	Teaneck	4 p.m.	Away
Feb. 14	St. Joe's	4 p.m.	Home
Feb. 16	Eastside	4 p.m.	Home



A Belleville bass player performs for the crowd during the Thanksgiving Day festivities.



Members of the marching band's woodwind section are hard at work during a halftime song.

JV soccer team finishes season with 8-5-1 mark

By Rocco Constantino

Aside from battling perennial NNJIL powerhouses this season, the JV boys' soccer team had to fight hard against another nagging foe: inconsistency.

Every time coach Turturiello's team seemed to turn the corner with a big win, they followed with a sub-par outing. The team's overall record was a very respectable 8-5-1, good enough for third place in the division, but coach Turturiello felt the record could have been better.

"Losing to teams like Nutley and Teaneck really hurt us. We finished higher than them in the division, but played poorly in the games," said the coach. "If we won those two games we would be 10-3 and had another outstanding season, but it didn't happen."

The JV Bucs season was highlighted by a win in the quarterfinals of the Essex County Tournament and a scoreless tie against Hackensack, providing the Comets with their only blemish on an otherwise unbeaten, untied season. Coach Turturiello pointed to the West Essex game as the greatest game of the season.

"I would say our biggest win came against West Essex," Turturiello said. "It was in the E.C.T. and Danny (Bartosiewicz) scored a big comeback goal for us. Then we beat them in the shootout which is always an exciting way to win."

Coach Turturiello also credited his team in tough losses against strong Don Bosco and Seton Hall Prep squads. They lost to D.B. 1-0, and Seton Hall Prep in a shoot-out, which showed that they could play on the same level as some of the premier competition around.

Belleville's strength this season was its defense. They held Hackensack scoreless and gave the offense an opportunity to win the game against Seton Hall Prep, Don Bosco and West Essex. The Belleville offense, however, was a different story.

"We had a lot of trouble scoring this season," said coach Turturiello. "We brought some freshmen up when we could and they helped us a lot. But when you don't score goals, you don't win."

Specifically, coach Turturiello is referring to freshmen Danny Almedia and Lawrence Martin. That combination combined for 13 goals (Almedia 7, Martin 6) and both tallied goals in the West Essex game. The two both show great field awareness and the buzz around the Belleville soccer program is that one of these names will soon be mentioned in the same breath as Frank Crocco, Greg Groeling, and present day stars Frank Tafur and the Colucci brothers.

The team scoring leader was Hamilton Reyes. He put away eight goals for the season, with two of them coming in a 3-2 win over Nutley. Junior Mike Brown was next on the team with seven goals. Coach Turturiello also enjoyed production from Ricky Racines (three goals), Nick Thatcher (three goals), and Dan Bartosiewicz (two goals).

Paul Rodriguez' lone score of the year was a clutch goal against Teaneck in the Bucs' 1-0 win. Nick Andertolla was a rock on defense, and although he didn't score this year, he let the opposition know that they weren't going to be able to do much on offense with his aggressive play.

Remo Iannitelli was in goal for the Bucs the entire season and proved to be a big asset to the team.

"Remo was outstanding for us this year," said Turturiello. "He came up big for us against West Essex and played well in every game."

Iannitelli was the team ironman, playing every minute of every game. He came up with a game-saving win in the E.C.T. shootout and was credited with a shutout against Hackensack and two others against St. Joe's.

Another winning season is in the books for coach Turturiello and he perceives next season as a challenge.

"Next year we'll have to work extra hard and the kids are going to have to take advantage of some year-round soccer programs if they want to be successful next year."

Judging by the past few seasons and the prosperity of the freshman team, the JV team appears to be on the verge of another good season.

Buc Shots

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game is tentatively set for Monday, December 26, probably around noon time.

I was the official for last years game, which was played in frigid weather at Doc Ellis Field during the Christmas Holidays.

The game features former Belleville High School football players against former Belleville High School graduates that did not play varsity football.

While it's a good time, the players take the event pretty seriously. The rules of the game are detailed and the game is videotaped for posterity.

I don't know if I'm going to be the official for this years game, but I'll be there anyway to take pictures.

I'll have more on the official date and time for this game in an upcoming issue.

Belleville recreation

Men's Open Basketball:

The Belleville Recreation Department will offer a Men's Open Basketball program on Saturday afternoons at the Middle School girls' gym from 1-4 p.m., beginning December 3.

Belleville resident men, over 18, can participate by showing the gym supervisor a Recreation Department Photo I.D. card. I.D. cards may be obtained from the Recreation Office. Non-residents

will not be allowed in the gym. Proof of residency and a \$2 fee are required.

The Rec Office will be open on Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m. for I.D. cards, through December 21.

Photo I.D. cards are required for all children and adults participating in the Open Basketball and Open Volleyball programs in the schools and at the Friendly House.

Girls' varsity soccer team receives \$2,500 grant

The Belleville High School girls' soccer team recently received a \$2,500 runner-up award as part of the New Jersey Team Dream Grant Program.

The Team Dream grant funds will be used by the team to build and improve their athletic program in a number of ways, including the purchase of new equipment and uniforms, scholarships, and sports clinics.

The Team Dream program,

administered by the Women's Sports Foundation of East Meadow, New York, was designed to promote excellence, participation, competition, skill building, and community service in girls' athletics.

In order to be eligible for a share of the grant money, teams submitted a 250-word essay that told what they would do with the money if they won.

Sound Bites

"We ain't gonna have no sport where you sit down and go backwards." - Frank Howard, athletic director, refusing to adopt crew in Clemson's athletic program.

"A successful coach is one who is still coaching." - Ben Schwartzwalder.

"Waiting for the Rams to win a Super Bowl is like leaving the porch light on for Jimmy Hoffa." - Milton Berle.

"Hockey players are like mules. They have no fear of punishment and no hope of reward." - Emory Jones, general manager of St. Louis Arena.

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9:00pm Zorel Spanish Live
9:30pm Film Flicks & Video Pix
10:00pm Jersey Music & Video Spotlight

Wednesday

7:00pm The Mark Dacey Show
7:30pm Ambassador of Grace
8:00pm Mondo Italiano
9:00pm Bringing Italy To You
10:00pm Lamplight
11:00pm Music Machine

Friday

5:00pm It's In The Stars (R)
6:00pm Sudzin Country Videos
7:00pm Film Flicks & Video Pix
7:30pm Special Program
8:00pm The Final Score
8:30pm Jersey Music & Video Spotlight
9:00pm Zorel (r)

Sunday

8:00am Lamplight
9:00am Ambassador of Grace Ministry
9:30am Lamplight
10:30am Essex Digest
11:00am The Final Score
11:30am Health Issues
12Nnoon The Final Score
12:30pm The Bubbie Break
4:00pm After Hours
5:00pm Bringing Italy To You
6:00pm Vincent Methodist Church
6:30pm Jersey Music & Video Spotlight
7:00pm Zorel (R)
8:00pm Mondo Italiano
9:00pm Bringing Italy To You
10:00pm Spotlight on Rock & Roll
10:30pm It's In The Stars(r)

Tuesday

6:30pm Video Fashion
7:00pm Inside Education
7:30pm SPECIAL PROGRAM
8:30pm Spotlight on Rock & Roll
9:00pm It's In The Stars Live
10:00pm SPECIAL

Thursday

6:00pm The Theresa Nance Show
6:30pm Essex Digest
7:00pm Spotlight on Rock & Roll
7:30pm Caring & Sharing
8:00pm Film Flicks & Video Pix
8:30pm Middle Eastern TV
10:00pm Zorel Spanish (r)
11:00pm Carol & Carol Psychic Talk Show

Saturday

10:00am Zorel Spanish(r)
10:30am The Final Score
11:00am The Theresa Nance Show
11:30am Inside Education
12Noon Video Fashion

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Mary Spagnoli, 79

A Mass for Mary Spagnoli, 79, of Allendale, S.C., a former Belleville resident, was offered Dec. 3 in St. Anthony's Church, Belleville, following the funeral from the Spatola Funeral Home, Newark.

Mrs. Spagnoli died Nov. 29 in the Richland Memorial Hospital in

Columbia, S.C.

Born in Massachusetts, she lived in Belleville before moving to South Carolina 20 years ago.

Surviving are two sisters, Esther Gazerro and Frances Ingino, and four brothers, Sam, Donald, Luke and Louis Yezzi.

Laurence O'Rourke

Laurence E. O'Rourke, 86, of Verona died Nov. 30 in his home.

A Mass was offered Dec. 3 in St. Aloysius Church, Caldwell. Arrangements were by the Prout Funeral Home, Verona.

Mr. O'Rourke was plant maintenance supervisor with the Interpace

Corp., Long Island, N.Y., before retiring in 1972.

Born in Arlington, he lived in Belleville before moving to Verona in 1942.

Mr. O'Rourke leaves his wife, Anne.

Nicholas Trabucco, 74

A Mass for Nicholas A. Trabucco, 74, of Cape Coral, Fla., formerly of Belleville, was offered yesterday in St. Andrew Church, Cape Coral.

Mr. Trabucco died Dec. 3 in his home. He had been a supervisor with the Diamond Shamrock Corp., Jersey City, before retiring in 1984.

He served in the Marines during

World War II.

Born in Belleville, Mr. Trabucco lived in West Orange before moving to Cape Coral 10 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Rose; two sons, Nicholas and Robert; a daughter, Bonnie Prosperi; two brothers, Gerald and Albert; a sister, Louise Bambo, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Joseph DiRuggiero, 89

A Mass for Joseph DiRuggiero, 89, of Belleville was offered Monday in St. Peter's Church, Belleville. The funeral was from the Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home, Belleville.

Mr. DiRuggiero, who died Dec. 2 in the Orange Memorial Hospital, was the owner of the Modern

Barber Shop, Belleville, for 60 years retiring in 1984.

Born in Naples, Italy, he lived in Belleville for many years.

Surviving are a son, James; two daughters, Marie Slater and Angela Csaszar, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Marie LaRossa, 76

Marie LaRossa, 76, of Belleville died Dec. 5 in the Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

A Mass will be offered at 10:30 a.m. in Holy Family Church, Nutley. The funeral will be from the Megaro Memorial Home, Belleville.

Mrs. LaRossa was a waitress for many years at the San Carlo

Restaurant, Lyndhurst, before retiring 11 years ago.

Mrs. LaRossa was a member of the Belleville Senior Citizens.

Born in Booneville, Miss., she lived in Newark before moving to Belleville 11 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Diana Ianuzeli, and a grandchild.

New food labels can guide you toward a healthier diet

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Packaged foods containing health claims like these have appealed to us for the past several years, but they didn't always do much for our diets. The food labels often contained incomplete nutritional information that applied to unrealistically small portions. Now new food labels are required; they're more accurate, easier to understand and more useful in planning a healthful diet. And the

"low fat"-type claims have been standardized across product lines.

For years, food labels were printed on packages as a way to help consumers prevent malnutrition, especially vitamin deficiencies. However, an increase in ready-prepared foods has caused many of us to suffer from "overnutrition" — dietary excesses of fats, cholesterol and sodium. As a result, an increasing number of people are at high risk for cancer and heart disease.

Obituaries

Anthony DiDomenico

Anthony F. DiDomenico, 71, of Belleville died Dec. 1 in Columbus Hospital, Newark.

A Mass was offered Saturday in St. Peter's Church, Belleville, following the funeral from the O'Boyle Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

Mr. DiDomenico was a machinist with the Wilcoator Co., Elizabeth, for many years, retiring

20 years ago. He served in the Army during World War II.

Born in Newark, he lived in Belleville for 35 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Denise and Doreen; five sisters, Agnes Casper, Anna Rosamilia, Geraldine Briante, Philomena Marino and Dolores DePersio, and two brothers, Thomas and Salvatore.

Mildred Genovese, 82

Mildred Genovese, 82, of Belleville died Dec. 2 in her home.

A Mass was offered Monday in Holy Family Church, Nutley. The funeral was from the Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home, Belleville.

Miss Genovese worked for 30 years as a secretary with the

American Federation of Labor-National, Newark, retiring 12 years ago.

She was a member of the Belleville Senior Citizens.

Born in Newark, she moved to Belleville 10 years ago.

She leaves a sister, Theresa.

Leonard Hicken, 90

Leonard Hicken, 90, of Belleville died Dec. 2 in the Clara Maass Continuing Care Center, Belleville.

Services were held Monday in Christ Episcopal Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mr. Hicken worked for

Continental Electric Co., Newark, for 35 years before retiring 27 years ago.

Born in Birmingham, England, he lived in Newark before moving to Belleville 70 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Johanna, a daughter, Mary Beck, and five grandchildren.

Mildred Carr, 95

Services for Mildred M. Carr, 95, of Ocean Grove were held Monday in Grace Episcopal Church, Nutley. Arrangements were by the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Carr, who died Dec. 1 in the Cadbury Nursing Home, Cherry Hill, was a registered nurse at the Belleville Rest Home, Belleville, which she founded in 1940, until 1980.

She was a member of the Altar Guild at Grace Episcopal Church and the Nutley Chapter 121 Order of the Eastern Star, Nutley.

Born in Rotterdam Junction, N.Y., she lived in Belleville before moving to Ocean Grove in 1980.

Surviving are two sons, William and Thomas; a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth Pinola; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.

St. Mary's offers help for holidays to the grieving

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m., the presentation entitled "Help With the Holidays," will be held in the St. Mary's School Hall, 17 Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley. It is intended for grieving people, their families and friends. It is free and open to the public.

Grief does not "Take a Holiday" during the holiday season! In fact, the holidays usually prove to be the most challenging time for bereaved people. Holiday grief is not only uniquely lonely and painful for the individual, but also poses special challenges to family systems as well. Strategies will be presented to manage these unique holiday encounters with grief.

St. Mary's to hold Book fair

St. Mary's Church, 17 Msgr. Owens Pl., Nutley, is holding a Scholastic Book Fair on Dec. 11 and Dec. 18 after all Sunday Masses, from 7:30 a.m. through noon, in the Church hall.

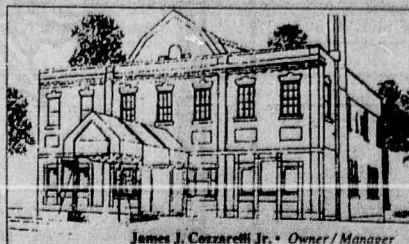
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Nunzio Cernero, 71

Services for Nunzio Cernero, 71, of Toms River were held Dec. 2 in the First Assembly of God Church of Toms River. Arrangements were by the Carmona-Bolen Home for Funerals, Toms River.

Mr. Cernero, who died Nov. 29 in his home, was a carpenter and builder in Nutley for 42 years before retiring six years ago.

He was a Navy veteran of World

War II. Mr. Cernero was a member of the American Legion Post 502 in Whiting and the Carpenters Union Local 1107, Kenilworth.

Born in Belleville, he lived in Nutley before moving to Toms River 15 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Rachel; four sons, Thomas, Rev. Mark, Rev. John and Rev. James; a brother, Joseph, and six grandchildren.

Denise Middleton, 67

Mrs. Denise Middleton, 67, of Newark died Dec. 4 in the Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. today (Dec. 8) in the Berardinelli Forest Hill Memorial, Newark.

Mrs. Middleton had been supervisor of keypunch operators for Dresser Industries, Harrison, for 20 years before retiring 10 years ago.

She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Lodge 236,

Loyal Order of Moose, of Newark, where she had been senior regent.

Born in France, Mrs. Middleton lived in Belleville and Nutley before moving to Newark 43 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas S.; three sons, James and John Cuomo and Thomas W.; three daughters, Mrs. Denise Fisher, Mrs. Jacqueline Cillo and Mrs. Corinne Baez, and 12 grandchildren.

Rendel Hagopian, 88

Services for Rendel A. Hagopian, 88, of Belleville were held yesterday in the VanTassel Chickene Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

Mr. Hagopian died Dec. 2 in his home.

He had been a purchasing agent with the Westinghouse Electric Co., Bloomfield, for 33 years before retiring in 1970. He also owned and operated the Suburban Sports Center Store, Bloomfield, for 25

years before selling the business in 1972.

Born in New York, Mr. Hagopian lived in Bloomfield for 70 years before moving to Belleville last year. He also maintained a summer residence in Willsboro, N.Y., for 22 years.

Surviving are a son, Rendel H.; a daughter, Frances Grube; two brothers, Walter and Edmund, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Ex-prosecutor to join county administration

At a recent press conference in the mayor's office at Verona Town Hall, Essex County executive-elect James Treffinger and former U.S. Attorney for New Jersey Michael Chertoff announced plans for Chertoff to serve as special counsel to the county executive after Treffinger takes office on Jan. 1.

Treffinger, himself a lawyer, said he was delighted with Chertoff's acceptance of his offer to play a major role in his new administration.

"This is the beginning of a new era in Essex County," said Treffinger, "an era dedicated to reform, good government, and integrity, an end to corruption and the clubhouse politics-as-usual that have strangled Essex public life for so long.

"Mike Chertoff as U.S. Attorney was the scourge of corruption. His appointment not only will bring to Essex County a superior legal mind but also will send a loud message that real change has finally come, that the corrupt practices and abuse of taxpayers money will not be tolerated, and that a dedication to excellence and professionalism will replace mediocrity and abuse of the public trust," he said.

Chertoff, 41, was United States attorney for New Jersey from 1990 to 1994. Some of the notable cases prosecuted by Chertoff include the convictions of the Republican mayor of Parsippany, Frank Priore, and Democratic County Executive Thomas D'Alessio.

Chertoff, now a partner in the Newark offices of the national law firm of Latham and Watkins, is a graduate from Harvard University (1975) and Harvard Law School (1978).

After a judicial clerkship with the Second Circuit for the federal Court of Appeals, Chertoff clerked for William Brennan, an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, from 1979 to 1980.

From 1980 to 1983, Chertoff

was an associate in the Latham & Watkins firm until he left to serve as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York in 1983-1987 under then-U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani.

In 1987, he was named first assistant U.S. attorney for New Jersey, and three years later was elevated to the top spot in New Jersey as U.S. attorney.

Chertoff already serves as a volunteer advisor to Treffinger on governmental reform and ethics and accepted Treffinger's invitation to serve on the transition team as a co-chairperson of the Legal Committee.

Chertoff said he volunteered his services to Treffinger as an unofficial advisor, but Treffinger persuaded him to join the new administration as special counsel to the county executive.

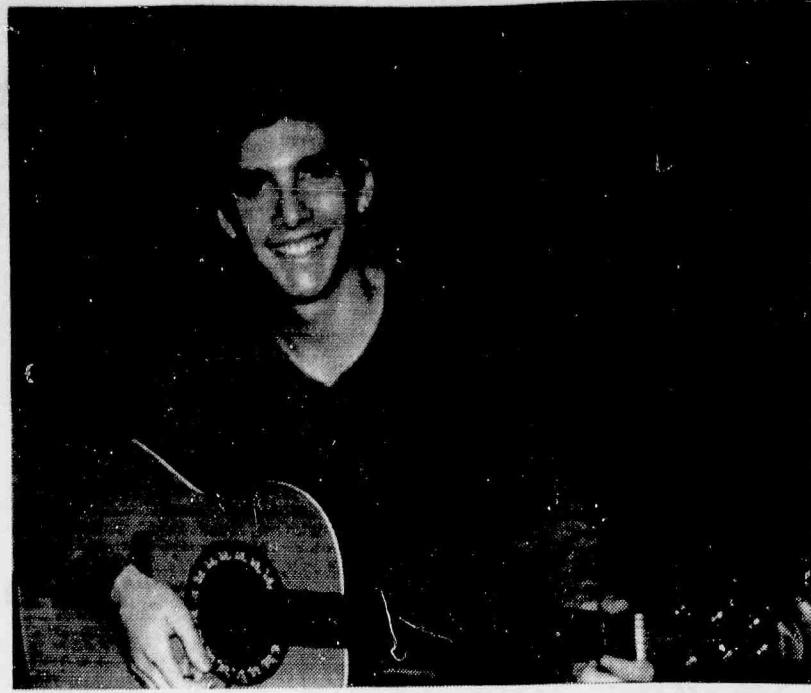
Chertoff stated he was proud to be part of Treffinger's team. "Jim Treffinger is dedicated to comprehensive reform of this County and I believe his administration will be a breath of fresh air. I hope to contribute to that reform and I will assist Jim on whatever matters where he feels I can be of help," he said.

Treffinger said: "Knowing that Mike Chertoff will be there as a legal advisor is a great comfort considering the current crisis in Essex government. We're lucky to have him. Our citizens will be extremely well-served." (Treffinger added that he plans to accompany Chertoff on courtesy calls to all members of the freeholder board before Jan. 1.

"I am committed," said Treffinger, "to working closely with the legislative branch for the public good and I intend to reach out to all freeholders in a spirit of cooperation so that the hard work facing this county will be undertaken in a public, open, and inclusive manner, one that involves all elected officials."



LOCAL "SUPERSTARS" - Janice Dolson of Belleville (left) (above) recently appeared at Mount Hebron School Theatre in the Rock Musical "Jesus Christ Superstar." Mark Tonelli, (right) (above), also of Belleville, played guitar in the orchestra. The Montclair Operetta Club, winner of the 1994 Bigbee Award for outstanding presentation of a musical in Regional Theatre, presented the Rock Opera from Nov. 11 through Nov. 20.



Arts block grant sessions set

The Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs will sponsor an open house for current recipients and prospective applicants of New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Essex County block grants on Monday, Dec. 12, and Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, 160 Fairview Ave., Cedar Grove.

Block grant applications for fiscal year 1995-96 will be available for non-profit community-based arts organizations and other non-profit groups with a viable arts pro-

gram. This program is administered by the county Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs. The division has lowered the match requirement and made other notable changes to the grant program which will facilitate the application process.

The open house will provide an opportunity for prospective applicants to meet with county representatives to discuss their program proposal.

The filing deadline for applications is Feb. 13, 1995, at 5 p.m. For more information, contact the grants administrator at 857-8530.

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'Holiday Whodunnit' at Little Theatre

Hey kids! What happened to the missing fruitcake?

Nutley Little Theatre the next two weekends is presenting an interactive children's mystery, "Holiday Whodunnit."

"The young audience members will help Lady Remington, her butler Jeppers and their guests solve a most unusual holiday mystery," notes Maryellen Maloney of Belleville, who wrote the play and will join the cast of 11 on the stage of the Nutley Little Theatre on Erie Place.

Performances run just under a half-hour and youngsters will be invited to meet the cast afterwards and also take home special holiday souvenirs. Time will be provided for parents with cameras to take pictures.

"The play is written for children between the ages of 3 and 10," Maloney says, "and is especially

suitable for small groups of elementary youngsters, scouts and neighborhood friends."

Tickets are \$5 and can be reserved by calling (201) 667-0374. Performances are scheduled for 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on this Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 10-11) and again next weekend at the same times on Dec. 17-18.

Besides the author, the cast includes Maria Zingaro, Kate Daly, Gary Martins and Rick Hathaway, all of Bloomfield; Clair Carman of Hoboken, Mary Welzmuller and Angela Trilivas of Nutley, Jay Montgomery of Oak Ridge and Ken Moore of Glen Ridge.

Nutley Little Theatre, a non-profit all-volunteer organization, is located at 47 Erie Place. Parking is available near Yantacaw School in the lot facing Brookfield Avenue, which runs between Franklin and Passaic avenues.

Light a tree for a friend

The American Cancer Society is conducting its Love Lights-a-Tree Program in the month of December.

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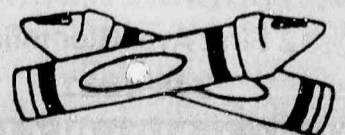
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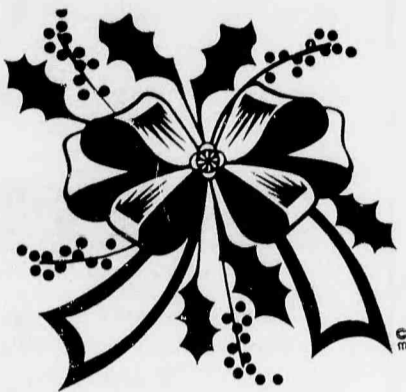
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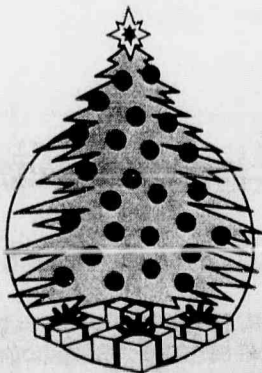


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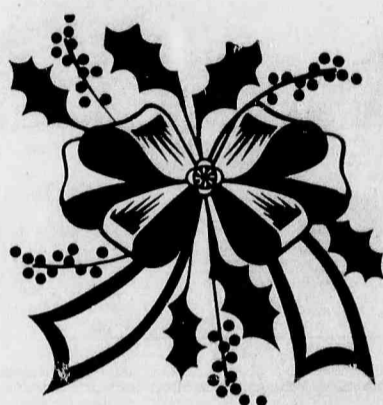


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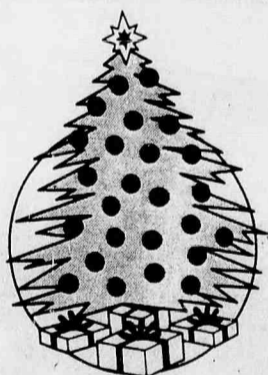
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The fact of the matter is that a townhouse like this is not uncommon. What is uncommon is a starting price of \$123,900 for a two-bedroom, two-bath with-garage this close to where you work and play, along with a lot lot. Chris Coccia, sales associate from Coccia Realty will welcome your visit and inspection any day between 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Arlington Ridge sales office, 20 S. Midland Ave., Kearny.

Upgrade your old appliances

As fall nears and temperatures cool down, appetites return and families come together for holidays to visit and to feast. But all is not necessarily rosy for those who have the job of preparing special culinary treats. On Thanksgiving, from kitchens across the United States will come the cry, "I hate this kitchen!" as people struggle to prepare a meal for 12 in a kitchen barely equipped to serve a family of four.

One way to give the cook in your family a real reason to give thanks this Thanksgiving is to upgrade your appliances.

For example, you could install double ovens so you don't have to keep one dish warm while waiting for another to heat up. Or replace your old stove with a new smoothtop range. Not only will it modernize the look of your kitchen, it will give you fast heat-up and excellent cooking performance. It's also a snap to clean. And when it's not in use, it provides extra counter space.

Smoothtop ranges and cooktops are the fastest-growing phenomenon in U.S. kitchens today because of their good looks, high performance and easy cleanability. The black Ceran glass-ceramic panel gives the smoothtop its unique features. The translucent panel promotes efficient heat transfer by moving heat directly upwards into the pot or pan, not sideways. Even when a cooking area is hot, the rest of the panel remains relatively cool under normal cooking conditions.

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To learn more about smoothtop ranges and cooktops, write for a copy of "Your pocket guide to Ceran glass-ceramic rangetops," c/o Schott Corporation, Technical Glass Division, 3 Odell Plaza, Yonkers, NY 10701.



THE SIDING used on this Victorian-style home is remarkably faithful to the texture and dimensionality of hand-split cedar shingles. CertainTeed Corporation's Cedar Impressions™ is manufactured in molds patterned after real cedar shingles.

Capture the look of wood

When vinyl siding was introduced 30 years ago, there was some reluctance among both industry professionals and homeowners to accept this new building material. Today, however, continuing advances in vinyl formulations, manufacturing techniques and product designs have helped vinyl siding capture more than 40 percent of the market for all exterior siding materials used in residential buildings — and has become the dominant choice among materials used for re-siding.

Most homeowners are already aware of the practical benefits of vinyl siding: It never needs painting and requires very little maintenance, is relatively easy to install, and is both durable and affordable. Add to that the wide variety of vinyl siding colors, styles and accessories now available, and you've got one building material that's earned its popularity.

Perhaps what surprises homeowners most about vinyl siding is its ability to replicate the look of natural wood. Even those homeowners who in the past have used only cedar or redwood siding have responded favorably to vinyl's newest generation of wood-like panel designs.

Many vinyl siding manufacturers have tried to duplicate the look of wood by embossing panels with wood-like patterns based on artist renderings and photographs. While this marked a significant early step in the replication of wood patterns, further advances have even more closely reproduced the authentic texture and dimensionality of real wood. Today, in fact, homeowners no longer have to compromise the natural look of wood for the performance benefits of vinyl. Grades of siding have been produced that are hard to distinguish from real wood, even upon close examination.

At the forefront of these developments is CertainTeed Corporation, the

first vinyl siding manufacturer to use real wood in developing a pattern for its siding panels. In creating Monogram™, a siding line with an authentic woodgrain texture, CertainTeed design and marketing specialists went right to the source — Mother Nature. They searched lumberyards for cedar panels with distinctive patterns (minus the knots and other imperfections). Then, using rubber molds and a unique transfer process, engravers created master tooling that duplicated the texture of the original cedar boards — on both the rough-sawn and smooth sides. Embossing rolls were etched with these finely detailed grains, and the resulting finishes helped usher in a new generation of wood-like vinyl siding products.

CertainTeed has also replicated the craftsmanship of split cedar shakes in its newest siding line, Cedar Impressions™. As its name suggests, this 7-inch exposure siding panel is manufactured in molds patterned after real cedar shingles, offering surface detail that is remarkably faithful to the texture and dimensionality of cedar. Panels are constructed with durable polypropylene, providing both protection and durability comparable to vinyl.

With its durability, low-maintenance requirements and long-lasting beauty, the advantages of vinyl siding have always been apparent to cost-conscious homeowners. And now, with continuing developments in the recreation of authentic woodgrain finishes and textures, vinyl siding has an aesthetic appeal to match.

For more information on Monogram, Cedar Impressions and the complete line of CertainTeed siding products, please write to CertainTeed Corporation, VBP, Siding Division, P.O. Box 860, Valley Forge, PA, 19482.

Creative uses of gypsum board

Ask homeowners their most arduous home improvement projects they want to tackle this fall, and they'll most likely tell you refurbishing the basement or remodeling the garage. Improved aesthetics is the most obvious benefit to putting a final finish on your garage or basement, and secondly, enhancing your living environment with a new work space, new family room or laundry facility.

A key factor in the evolution of drywall, from a better way to build homes to a fantastic way to finish off a basement or garage, is appearance. Finishing the garage, especially, means the likelihood of keeping this area a handy work space or storage space that's cleaner and more organized.

Upgrading from the bare rafters and exposed insulation to walls and ceilings covered with gypsum board in your next renovation or remodeling project provides a host of added benefits, says the Gypsum Association, representing drywall manufacturers in the United States and Canada for more than 60 years. Consider the benefits:

• **Added family security and safety through increased fire resistance** — Several thousand fires causing millions of dollars in damage, hundreds of injuries and many deaths each year occur in garage and basement areas. Fire-resistant, noncombustible gypsum board is recommended to conceal and protect combustible framing and insulation frequently left exposed in these areas. The added safety and security afforded to homeowners who install gypsum drywall more than offset the minor increase in investment.

• **More flexibility in decorating through flatter, smoother wall and ceiling surfaces** — To say that exposed paper-faced insulation in walls and ceilings is unsightly is an understatement. When you cover these exposed

areas, you virtually eliminate the buildup of dust and dirt, or a habitat for bugs. Drywall affords a superior surface that can be easily decorated — even painted or wallpapered — to look upbeat and cheerful.

• **Improved occupant comfort through a lifetime of privacy, increased noise control and reduced sound transmission** — Gypsum board systems provide effective barriers to bothersome noise pollution, helping to block out unwanted noise from lawnmowers, traffic and aircraft, when used on exterior walls and top-floor ceilings, and from TVs, radios and distracting conversation, when used on interior partitions and ceilings.

• **Long-term durability through increased impact resistance** — Besides the security of increased fire resistance, gypsum drywall protects insulation by reducing the possibility of damage and holes from bicycles, lawnmowers and other items stored in garages and basements. And if accidentally damaged, gypsum board is easily repaired and redecorated.

• **Low cost** — As a quality upgrade wall surfacing material, gypsum drywall is the best value in any economy and one of the best bargains in the construction business. Not only can it save you thousands of dollars in fire damage, but it's economical enough that if the inexperienced do-it-yourselfer makes a mistake, then at least that mistake doesn't equal a costly one.

If you'd like more information on how to tap into the full potential of gypsum board, why it has achieved preferred status among building materials, and why you should add it to garages, basements and roofs to enhance and preserve the value of your home, call the Gypsum Association at 202-289-5440.

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To judge the energy-efficiency and performance of any glass system, consider these questions:

• **Will it reduce your heating and cooling bills?** Your climate has a lot to do with how much you spend to stay comfortable, but so does the glass in your windows.

• **Will it help you manage the amount of heat that enters your house?** If you've ever left your car out to bake in the summer sun, you understand the principle of heat gain.

During the summer, heat gain can make a room with a lot of windows feel uncomfortably warm — even with air-conditioning. A double low-emissivity (or low-E) coating can block more than half of the sun's heat before it has a chance to heat up your home.

If you live in a colder climate, taking advantage of free heat from the sun during the winter is probably more important to you. In that case, a single-coated low-E system will allow more winter heat gain, keeping you cozier.

• **How well does it insulate (the R-value)?** Heat is always on the move to a colder place. In summer, heat tries to move through the windows in your house toward cooler inside air. In the winter, the reverse is true: Heat inside your home tries to move toward the cold outside air.

The R-value is a measure of how well any material (such as glass or air) can stop that movement of heat. In general, the higher a window's R-value, the better its insulating value. But comparing R-values is tricky. Not all window manufacturers use the same measurement methods. Some manufacturers measure the total-window R-values, which take into account the entire window's energy-efficiency. And some window manufacturers use only center-glass R-values, which measure the insulating value of the glass only, ignoring the importance of the window frame.

• **Will it help prevent costly fading?** If you've ever watched a favorite piece of furniture fade away, you know what sunlight can do to your decor. You could keep your curtains closed all the time, decorate only in white or solve the problem with low-E coated glass. It helps block the sun's fading rays to protect your decor.

• **And finally, how much natural**

light will it let into your home? Be alert for low-E coatings that can tint glass — and your view — gray or brown.

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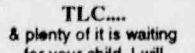
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Such is the significance of *The Christmas Box* (Steinway; \$4.95), a heart-warming tale that was first introduced to Salt Lake City last holiday season and exploded into a best seller.

It is a poignant story of love in which readers are reminded of the smells, sounds, sights and feelings that fabricate this most meaningful and magical of seasons. It's a story that bridges the generation gap of both young and old, guaranteed to instill in all a renewed appreciation and understanding of Christmas.

Author Richard Paul Evans, an advertising executive who lives in Salt Lake City, wrote *The Christmas Box* for his daughters, then printed 24 copies as gifts to family and friends. Although he never intended for the book to be published, word of mouth was such that local bookstores began receiving orders for the unpublished book, prompting Evans' decision to take the book public.

"There are times in your life when the clouds part and inspiration streams in like the sunlight," Evans says. "For me, the writing of *The Christmas Box* was one of those times.

"The story came to me like pieces of a puzzle and at odd times," Evans contin-



RICHARD PAUL EVANS

ues. "Over time, this beautiful story unfolded itself, effortlessly — as if it had already been written and I was merely the instrument to put it to paper."

Then, "One morning at 4...I understood. It came from my sister who had died in infancy. I knew the story was my connection with her and, at that point, I felt she was there with me," he says.

Thus, a touching story of a family discovering the first gift of Christmas — and learning what Christmas is all about — has arrived.

Evans has just signed a contract with a major film company to produce a movie for 1995. *The Christmas Box* will be available in bookstores across the country for the holiday season.

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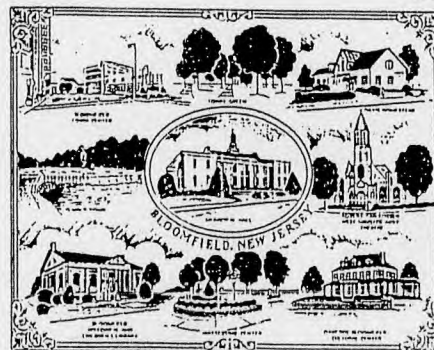


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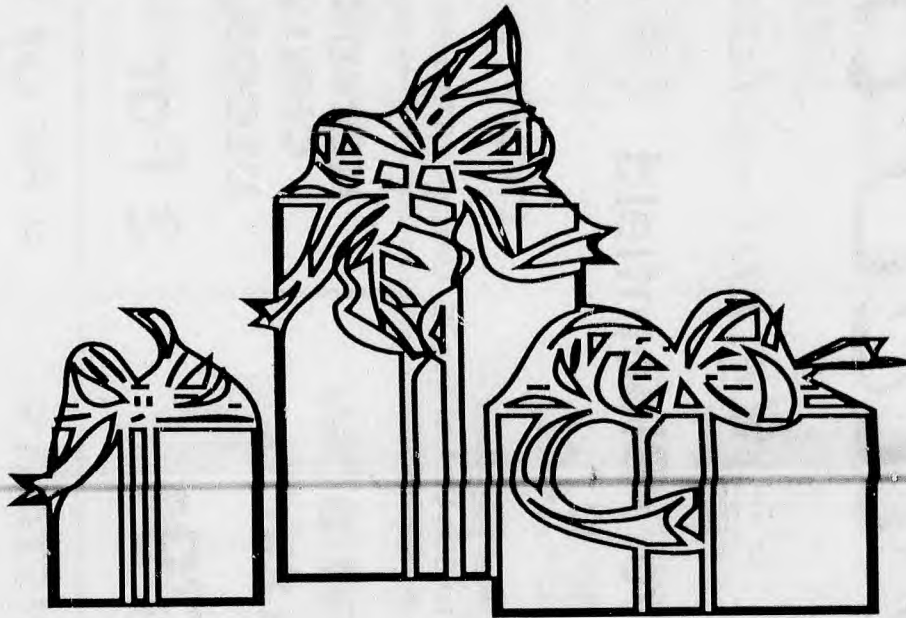
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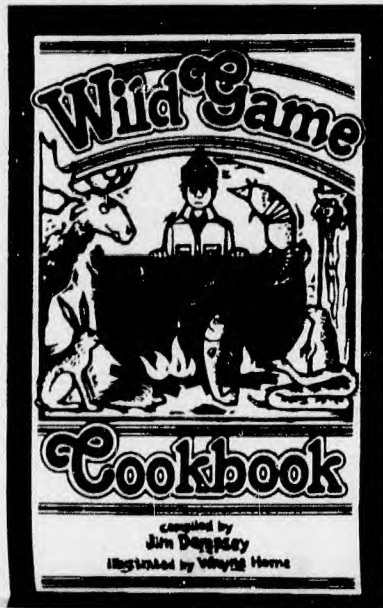
land, water and air.

In addition to dozens of tasty recipes, this unique book has 65 humorous illustrations from the pen of talented cartoonist Horne, whose drawings are sure to bring a smile.

Wild Game Cookbook is divided into 16 recipe sections: Big Game Delights; Small Game Tummy Fillers; Winged Creatures; Fish and Other Water Critters; Liquid Concoctions; Vegetable Treats; Nuts, Seeds, Blossoms; Fruits and Berries; Breads, Butters, Sauces, Puddings, Too; and Hodgepodge.

Dempsey, a lifelong outdoorsman and adventurer to whose memory *Wild Game Cookbook* is dedicated, did not live long enough to see this edition in print. He gathered the recipes for more than 40 years. His "Secrets of Hunters and Trappers" are shared in *Wild Game Cookbook*, along with tips on tanning, making soap and preparing game for various forms of cooking.

To order *Wild Game Cookbook*, send a \$12 check or money order (cost of shipping included) to UCS PRESS, 3531 W. Glendale Ave., Suite 202, Phoenix, AZ 85051. Send \$11 for each additional book ordered.



Enjoy a Holiday Gathering From Start to Finish

From shopping to wrapping gifts to baking cookies and pastries, the holidays are hectic enough. Who needs the added pressure of worrying about a dinner party? With help from *The Complete Party Book: How to Plan, Host, and Enjoy Your Party From Conception to Conclusion* (Viking Studio Books), by party-planner extraordinaire Don Erstein, no one has to have this problem again. The host can have just as much fun as the guests.

Erstein, who has produced thousands of parties for clients and himself, tackles every conceivable party basic from the obvious — food, drink and invitations — to lighting, music, entertainment, photography and even host and guest etiquette. From a formal black-tie affair to a casual holiday gathering, Erstein shares his wise and creative expertise. He offers tips, hints and shortcuts to make everything from the initial planning stages to the post-party cleanup easier and more enjoyable.

The book also includes delicious menus for breakfast, brunch, lunch, tea, cocktails, dinner, late-supper and dessert parties. With Erstein's guidance, a party can be planned for any time of the day or evening, and almost everything can be prepared in advance. Best of all, the recipes have been tested and served by Erstein at his parties.

Every successful event, whether it's a relaxing dinner for four or a wedding party for hundreds, begins with careful planning. Erstein recommends that people follow the basic rule of journalism and start with a simple list of questions:

why, who, where, when, what and how much?

"Why" — the fundamental question to address when planning a party — will determine the reason for hosting the event; the answer will shape the plans. There are as many different types of parties as there are events in everyday life, and each has its own character.

"Who" will assemble the guest list. Erstein reminds people that the smaller the party, the more intimate it is. Because there's less margin for error, people should select their guests for smaller parties carefully. Larger parties allow for greater diversity in the guest list.

"Where" is usually determined by the host's personality and lifestyle. There are many party locations, both indoors and out, at home or away. Some of the most creative parties can take place in some very unusual locations. Erstein says people should let their imaginations run wild.

People should also consider their schedules, as well as those of their guests, when deciding "when" to have a party. The answer can help determine the type of food to be served.

"How much?" A gathering doesn't have to cost a lot to be wonderful. The most important aspect of creating a party budget is to set — and stick to — a realistic limit. However, Erstein advises people to "pad" a budget, because emergencies can pop up.

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Memorable Holiday Gifts Are Easy to Make

Few things make more personal gifts than photos. A framed enlargement of a special memory shared with a loved one is always appreciated, and a photographic card is truly worth "a thousand words" when it's sent to far-away friends and family during the holiday season. What's more, creative photographic gifts are as much fun to make as they are to receive.

For those who want to get creative this holiday season — without spending a bundle — Eastman Kodak Company offers 10 great ways to turn traditional photos into extra-special gifts.

1. Instead of writing a recipient's name on packages, create photo cards. Cut photos into fun, holiday-oriented shapes, like stars, trees or snowmen, and paste on a slightly larger piece of colored paper cut into the same shape.

2. Photos make terrific bookmarks. Simply cut people or interesting objects out of a photo, paste on cardboard, then laminate. (When pasted on popsicle sticks, the photo cutouts also make great "puppets" for kids.)

3. Holiday greeting cards mean so much more when they feature a photo on the front cover. In fact, according to a recent poll conducted on behalf of Kodak, 77 percent of families include photos with their holiday greeting cards.

4. Have each family member create a keepsake ornament with a photo of themselves. Simply place a photo into a miniature picture frame (available at

most hardware stores for less than \$2), add colored ribbons, and hang.

5. What could be cuter than a personalized hair ribbon or barrette made especially for a favorite little girl? Simply cut a photo to fit inside a round frame, or paste directly onto a piece of cardboard. Laminate, then add colored ribbons, beads or elastics.

6. A simple enlargement with a custom border, presented in a beautiful Kodak frame, will provide wonderful memories for a lifetime to come.

7. What child wouldn't love a T-shirt, sweatshirt or key chain with a photo of himself on it? All can be easily made with photo transfers available at photofinishers and even mall kiosks.

8. Create a special wreath with a photo of the entire family. Take a favorite photo, enlarge it, and mount it inside a store-bought wreath.

9. Keep in touch with an old friend by designing a personal scrapbook of photos and mementos from good times the two of you had together.

10. Photo key chains make great stocking stuffers for everyone on the list. Cut a favorite photo into a rectangular shape, and insert in a lucite key chain holder.

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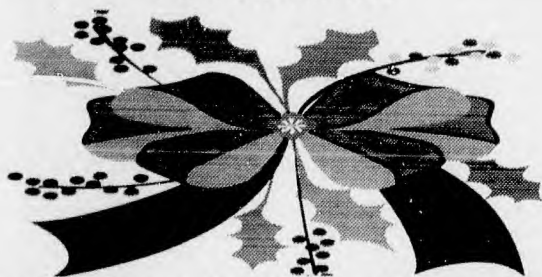
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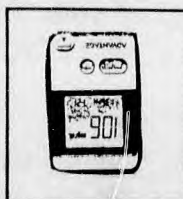


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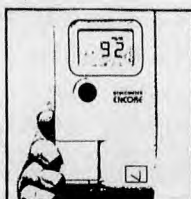
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10 Secrets to Make Your Holidays In the Kitchen Easier and Less Stressful

When time is at a premium during the holidays, here is some advice from Dr. Myles H. Bader, author of the best-selling book, *4001 Food Facts and Chef's Secrets* (Mylin Publishing), that will make your life in the kitchen easier, more productive and possibly fun!

1. Store cottage cheese upside down in your refrigerator, and it will stay fresh seven to 10 days beyond the expiration date.

2. Save money by buying a non-Butterball turkey and cooking it upside down for the first hour. It will come out moist and juicy like a Butterball.

3. To make sure the fresh fish you buy is really fresh, check to see that the eyes are bulging; this indicates a fresh fish. No head on the fish? Press one finger lightly on the fish. If the depression comes back out, it is fresh; if it stays in, the fish is old.

4. You can tell if a cranberry is fresh by bouncing one. If it bounces, it's fresh.

5. Stop leaking ice cream cones by placing a marshmallow in the bottom of the cone.

6. To eliminate crawling insects from your home without using pesticides, simply place bay leaves in your cupboards, drawers, and flour and sugar containers. It really works.

7. That left-over Coca Cola that has lost its fizz makes a great toilet-bowl

cleaner. Just pour it into the toilet, and let it stand for an hour or so. It cleans better than any chemical cleaner, and it's safe for the environment.

8. To prevent soggy salads, place an inverted saucer in the bottom of the salad bowl. The excess liquid drains off under the saucer, and the salad stays fresh and crisp.

9. Keep a small, plastic sandwich bag handy when cooking. Then, should the phone ring while your hands are messy, you can simply place your hand in the bag and answer the phone.

10. Celery juice may be used as an effective stress reliever — not that anyone gets stressed out during the holidays!

The book also reveals dozens of ways to repair burned, scorched or over-seasoned foods.

Robin Leach, of TV's "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," says this book is "a fun and useful book that should be on every kitchen counter in America."

This ultimate kitchen reference is not a cookbook, but contains more than 4,500 hints, tips, current health information and chef's secrets for making life a little easier. It makes a great holiday gift for anyone. With more than 280 pages and 41 chapters, the book is available for only \$14.95 by calling 1-800-497-6646, or check with your local bookstore.

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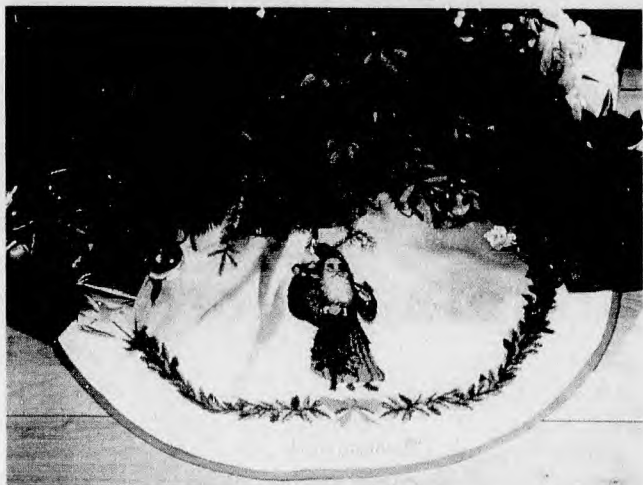
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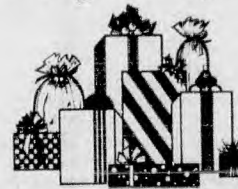
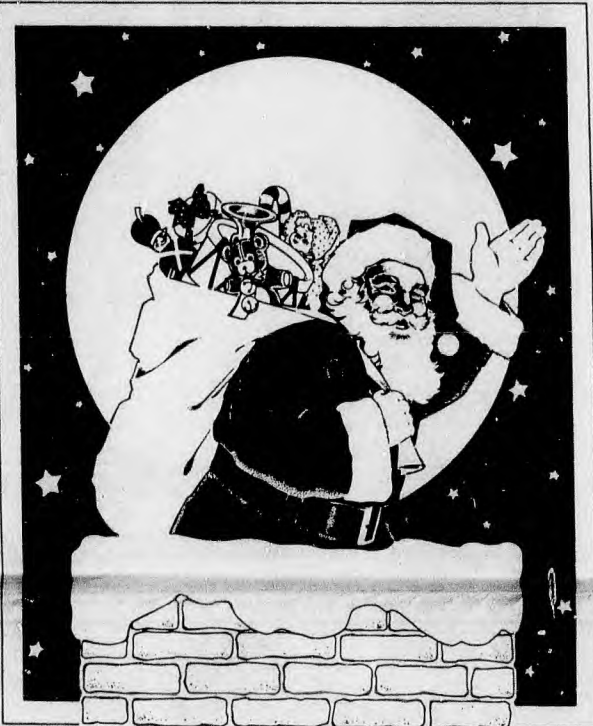
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