

STOP, WE NEED YOU—Officer Jack Trampler recruits two passing pupils, 9-year-old Kristin Franko, left, and Peter DeTone, 7, to help publicize the shortage of school crossing guards in Springfield. Police Chief George Parsell said the shortage means police officers must fill guard vacancies three times a day, while patrol cars stand idle. Parsell said a guard performs valuable public service and receives \$5.75 per hour. Both men and women may apply at the police station.

Honors go to trio

SPRINGFIELD—The following Springfield students were named to the honor roll at the Fringy School's Bernard Township campus for the first trimester. Those named were Ida Miguellino, Green Hill Road; Stephanie Rosebaum, South Derby Road and Ann Schwartz, Oak Ridge.

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Society plans a Colonial Christmas

SPRINGFIELD—A Colonial Christmas open house will be held by the Springfield Historical Society Sunday, 3 to 5 p.m., at the Historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave. The public is invited. Kenneth Hendrix, president of the society, said, "We are trying to create an authentic Christmas decor which was done around the time of the American Revolutionary War. Wreaths of evergreens and dried plants, nuts, and fruits were mainly used for decoration as the Christmas tree only became popular in Europe (actually in Germany) around the mid-1800s. Missing will be a burning Yule log, due to the fact that several chimneys of the fireplaces in the Historic Cannon Ball House have been blocked off by a modern heating system. However, candlelight will prevail." Some of the members of the Springfield Historical Society will be dressed in Colonial costumes and will be serving special punch taken from a recipe of that period. Homemade cookies, also based on Colonial recipes, will also be served. Guided tours will be available of this well preserved mansion, which was built approximately 1740. Those serving on the open house committee are Janice Bogiovanni, Eva Brown, June DeFino, Hazel Hardgrove, Dorothy Hendrix, Kenneth Hendrix, Madeline Lancaster, Mildred Lovell, Claire Mallik, Rose-Miller, Catherine Sless and Howard Wiseman.

Training finished

SPRINGFIELD—Army Privates Malcolm J. Rogers III, son of Anne Rogers of Persimmon Way and grandson of Ines Rogers of Forest Drive, both of Springfield, has completed on station unit training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. Rogers is a 1984 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield.

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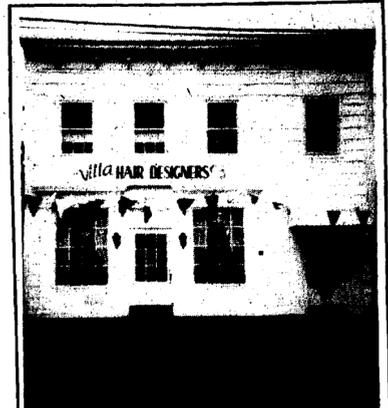
STARTING SUNDAY telephone customers in the Springfield area will be served by a computerized electronic switching system that speeds call handling and makes available optional calling services such as Call Waiting and Call Forwarding. New Jersey Bell technicians monitor the system's performance at a master control center such as the one shown here.

Awards go for glaucoma detection

SPRINGFIELD—At its annual meeting last week at the Baltusrol Golf Club, the New Jersey division of the National Society to Prevent Blindness presented awards to Commissioner George Albanese of New Jersey's Department of Human Services and to Roger Conover, president of the Telephone Pioneers' Frank B. Jewett Chapter. "These organizations played a key role in expanding the society's glaucoma detection program in New Jersey," said Frank Sullivan, society chairman and president of Mutual Benefit Life in Newark. "Their support and involvement helped many New Jersey residents discover their undetected glaucoma in time to receive effective treatment," he said. Glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness in the United States. The Department of Human Services played a key role in 1984's Eye Health Week by promoting free eye screenings through local health departments and social service agencies. As a result, approximately 7,000 New Jersey residents took advantage of free glaucoma screenings conducted by member ophthalmologists of the Medical Society of New Jersey at 80 hospitals throughout the state. Sixty members of the Telephone Pioneers' Bell Laboratories' retirees, conducted glaucoma screenings at senior centers, shopping malls and corporate offices. Their volunteer efforts extended the Prevent Blindness glaucoma detection program to more than 5,000 people in 1984. Established in 1908, the National Society to Prevent Blindness is the oldest voluntary health agency nationally engaged in preventing blindness through a comprehensive program of community services, public and professional education and research. The society's New Jersey affiliate, with headquarters in New Brunswick, was established in 1978.

New phone service to begin

SPRINGFIELD—Township residence and business customers are scheduled to have new electronic telephone service beginning Sunday when their phones will be served by computerized New Jersey Bell switching equipment. The equipment, serving some 15,000 telephone access lines with numbers that begin with 376 and 379, speeds calls to their destinations faster than ever before. Customers' first indication of the new service will be a distinctive dial tone, according to Bill McKinlay, New Jersey Bell's community relations manager. McKinlay said the computerized equipment establishes connections electronically, about 1,000 times faster than more conventional electromechanical systems. The equipment also monitors itself constantly, ensuring virtually trouble-free operations, he said. The system's electronic memory enables customers to program their telephones to provide optional Custom Calling Services. Call Waiting, for example, signals the customer talking on the phone when someone else is calling. The customer can either put the first call on hold and handle the second, or finish the first conversation and take the second call. With Call Forwarding, customers can instruct their telephones to transfer all their incoming calls to another number. The customer simply dials a code from his or her phone, followed by the number to which calls are to be directed. The calls then are transferred automatically. Three-Way Calling lets customers add a third caller to a conversation already under way. The customer puts the second party on hold, dials the third party's number and, by depressing the telephone switch hook, adds the second party to the conversation. With Speed Calling, customers can dial just a few digits to reach numbers they call frequently. The switching system's memory remembers the number and dials it automatically.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS—Nick Scarpa and Vivian Freeman, both of Saks Fifth Avenue Salon, have just opened up their own business, Villa Hair Designers, at 266 Morris Ave., Springfield.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ORDINANCE NO. 10 AMENDING TO REVISE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER X - FIRE PREVENTION... Section 1. The following amendments are made to Chapter X, Fire Prevention, Section 10, Establishment of Fire Zones and Fire Zones or Fire Zones Devised for Public Use... Section 2. The Police Department shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Fire Department in enforcing the provisions of Paragraph F of this Ordinance.

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Congratulations

The ever-present threat of a teachers' strike that exists when school is in session and teachers work without a contract has been dissolved in Springfield since the Board of Education and the Springfield Education Association agreed to final contract terms Dec. 4, after reaching a tentative settlement Oct. 1.

With the contract's expected ratification at last night's board meeting, we congratulate both sides for their apparent "good faith" negotiations and their concessions to each other.

It is recognized by the state Department of Education that teachers are underpaid professionals. Though they may be underpaid, the township's teachers are dedicated as shown by their continuing to work even without a contract.

Other school districts, such as the Roselle Education Association, were not able to avert a walkout. Those teachers were on strike for a total of six days in two separate strikes.

Educational issues have caused too much divisiveness in Springfield in the past. We are thankful that in this case both sides agreed that the schooling of our children would continue while an agreement was reached.

News tips: give us a call

Do you know of a news story that we, too, should know about? Has your club or organization undertaken a project that might be of interest to others? Would one of your friends or neighbors be a good subject for a feature? If so, be our eyes and ears — and tell us about it.

Call us at 686-7700 with a news tip and we, in turn, will offer a tip of the hat to you with special recognition on this page.

News releases may be dropped off at 2 New Providence Road, Mountainside, or mailed directly to our main office, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083.

Legislative addresses

The Senate

Bill Bradley, Democrat of Denville, 315 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (telephone: 202-224-3224); district office: 1609 Vauxhall Road, Union 07083 (Springphone: 686-0660).

In Springfield

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In Trenton

State Sen. C. Louis Bassano, Republican, 324 Chestnut St., Union 07083; Assemblyman—Charles Hardwick, Republican, 100 Quinby St., Westfield 07090; Assemblyman—Edward K. Gill, Republican, 23 North Ave., Cranford 07016.

The House

Matthew J. Rinaldi, Republican of Union, 2328 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Letters to the editor

'Marvelous' event

I should like to commend most highly the committee, the guest speakers and performers, and the various sponsoring groups for the marvelous Springfield Community Thanksgiving Celebration which took place on Sunday, Nov. 18, at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

It was patriotic, religious yet interdenominational, historical, musical (modern choral and operatic) with appropriate comic entertainers. The Springfield Thanksgiving Song and the entire script were most enjoyable and expertly written.

This event brought many segments of the community together for a very pleasant afternoon for an advanced observance of this unique and meaningful American holiday.

HAZEL HARGROVE, Road Terrace

My husband is self-employed; we have three other children, financial problems, our means are very limited. My husband is active in the Knights of Columbus. His friends, in the Kenilworth Knights, decided to raise money by giving a dinner for our daughter's benefit this past September. They also ran a raffle to help with medical expenses.

A miracle happened: 200 persons bought tickets for the dance; thousands bought raffle tickets. Neighbors, friends and strangers they worked hard; they donated money, but most of all they gave their love and compassion. They cared and shared. We tried to thank those who were present, those we know about, but there are hundreds, maybe thousands, who are unknown to us who helped because they had love in their hearts and wanted to help a young girl. We want them to know that we are very grateful and we want everybody to know that people are good.

"Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made and the things which in common we share, we want to live on, not because of ourselves, but because of the people who care."

The best way I can express myself is to say to everybody: "God Bless You!" and I know his will.

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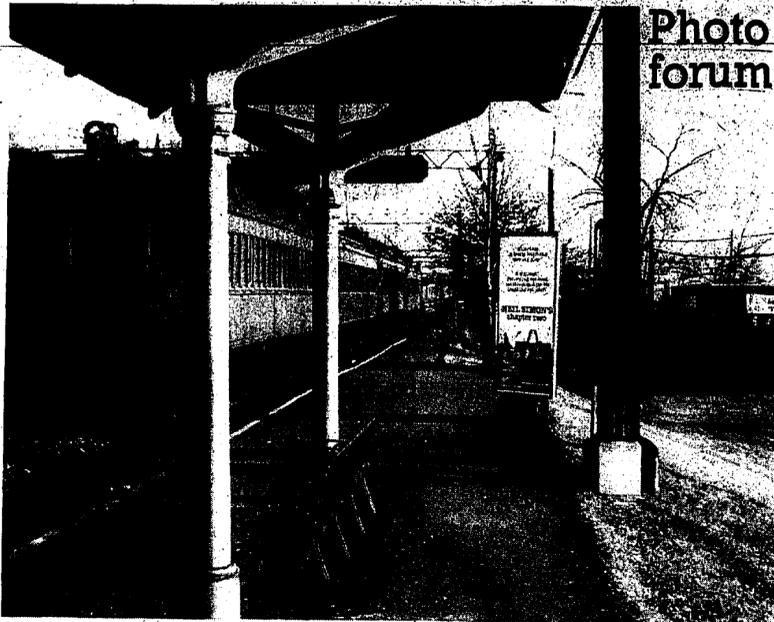


Photo forum



HAPPY 91st—William Garner celebrates his birthday at his Diven Street home last week.

Senior spotlight 'Cold,' hard facts come after age 91

SPRINGFIELD—Friday was more than an observance of Pearl Harbor Day for William Garner of Diven Street—it was his 91st birthday.

Although he lived a varied life and continues to work, Garner conceivably could have difficulty obtaining a senior citizen identification card, he barely looks 65. The secret of his deceiving appearance is cold cream.

Garner's advice to women who want to stay young looking is to stay away from excessive cosmetics and cleanse only with cold cream. "If you don't take care of yourself when you're young, don't try when you get older," he said with a glint of experience in his eyes.

He gets a kick out of his friends and family's jesting to find a girlfriend. His reply, "No dice, I keep out of trouble." Garner's wife Louise died several years ago.

Throughout his lifetime, Garner worked as a chauffeur, a butler and at a number of companies before he took a job with Schuible Oil, Mountain Avenue, where he still works a few days a week. "I keep my mind occupied," he explained.

As Garner proudly spoke of how his co-workers at Schuible throw an annual birthday celebration for him, the phone rang to tell him what time this year's party would begin.

He also fondly remembers his stint as grand marshal of the Springfield Bicentennial Parade.

"I've had a happy life. I have a home, and I don't have to worry about anything," he said.

DAYS GONE BY—Art Majewski of Union caught this scene at the Millburn train station prior to New Jersey Transit's modernization of its Morristown Line. If you have a favorite photo which you would like to submit for this page, send it to...

On the bright side A graveside trip need not be painful

By GERI DIGESU

My parents are buried in this cemetery and I have stopped to visit and seek help from them. To try to be as brave coping with life everyday as they were when they faced death — perhaps a selfish reason, I come not because they rest here, but because I need to try and draw upon their strength to help myself.

It was often difficult to approach them for support through the years because it seemed to disturb them when I was emotionally strong enough or able to understand and support me and my many needs. Then I watched as they faced death and discovered two people I had never known before. Never self-pitying or complaining, they had shown their true inner strength as they battled the ravages of the cancer which claimed both of them. Now I needed them to share their fortitude with me.

Standing over the double grave, I look at the ground but no picture forms in my mind. I don't think of them being here, don't feel sad. I know they're watching me, happy and content. It seems as if they left me yesterday and then again a countless number of years ago.

The maintenance workers have mistakenly placed the Christmas basket of balsam and fir on my grandmother's adjacent grave. They do not know it, but it is a precious memory to the ground and I can't budge it. "Heck," my dad would say, "I don't care about any decorations. Bring me a good healthy tomato plant in the spring instead."

This is the first time I notice the many elderly people visiting the graves of their loved ones for the holiday season. One woman supports an old man who shuffles along and clutches a handkerchief to his face. I ache for him. Strange, but I feel more sorrow and empathy for the visitors than I do for my parents or myself.

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I wipe my cheek and smell the balsam that clings to my glove, a gentle reminder that my parents and their strength will always be part of me.

'Photo Forum' at this newspaper, P.O. Box 3109, Union 07083, with complete identification of the subject. Stamped, self-addressed envelope must be enclosed if the picture is to be returned.

Butter distribution set today

SPRINGFIELD—Butter will be distributed today from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sarah Balley Center on Church Hill to persons who receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, food stamps or who participate in the Women, Infants and Children Program.

Senior citizens who participate in the Pharmaceutical Assistance Program for the Aged will not be automatically eligible for the federal commodities, but may qualify if they sign a self-certification form attesting to their income.

Under the 185 percent poverty guidelines, a single senior may have an annual income of up to \$9,215, a couple may have an income of \$12,432.

Persons living in the Senior Citizen Housing Complex on Independence Way, distribution will be made at that location.

Free movies set at library

SPRINGFIELD—The Children's Department of the Springfield Public Library has scheduled a free movie program on Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon.

The films to be presented are "Case of the Elevator Duck," about finding a home for an abandoned duck, "Dragon Sliver," the story of a stew cooked by a dragon; "Curious George Rides a Bike," an adventure of the troublesome but delightful monkey, and "Winnie the Pooh Discovers the Seasons," in which the old favorite observes the changes in nature.

The films are suitable for children ages 4 to 10. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.

Youth bureau to give party

The sixth annual Christmas party for underprivileged children, sponsored by the Union County Youth Service Bureau, will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Linden Police Athletic League building, 400 Maple Ave.

About 75 youngsters between the ages of 5 and 12 will be treated to an afternoon of refreshments, gifts and a professional magician, according to Geroge A. Schaefer, director of the county-funded bureau.

"Wrapping the hundreds of presents requires the cooperation of the entire staff and is cheerfully undertaken by staff members," Schaefer noted. This year, as in past years, the role of Santa Claus will be filled by Frank Pugliese, a long-term employee of the county Public Works Department.

State finds new use for those 'tired' tires

Recycling old tires for retreading is a good business. Unfortunately, new tire manufacturers spend millions to convince us to buy new tires, and their dealers stand to make higher profits selling new tires than recaps. It's true that recaps qualify in the past left something to be desired, which has reduced demand for them.

But now there's news regarding old tires. A valid use for them has been found which is good from the environmental standpoint and will even spare us the sight of tire carcasses across our landscapes.

Ocean County is putting old tires into the Atlantic Ocean. That's not just a sneaky way of getting rid of old tires. Those old tires are tough. They do not wear out underwater. If cut in half to avoid a tendency to float, and tied together so the halves will not flit, old tires make dandy artificial ocean reefs.

Not everyone has pondered the need for more ocean reefs, but just ask any fish, or better yet, any marine biologist. You will learn that a reef, real or artificial, is the

habitat for all manner of marine species. A reef is home to young fish which are too small to venture forth into ocean waters where they could become lunch for foraging larger species, for example.

And many other seagoing critters, including lobsters, can spend their lives in and around a reef. More reefs can speed a wider dispersion of important fish species and the other life forms which help balance out their ecosystems.

This means that creating artificial reefs stands to improve commercial and sport fishing off New Jersey's shoreline. Together those pursuits make up an important part of the economy of this state we're in.

The State has selected a number of places suitable for reef construction. More than tires are useful this way. A number of worn-out ships have been sent down to their final resting places to serve as artificial reefs. Fish like old ships too.

Then again, demolition rubble, provided it's clean, can be used under water for the same reef-building purposes.

Money management

The income tax ABC's of AMT

Anyone fortunate enough to have a sizeable capital gain, accelerated depreciation, and oil depletion allowances. If the sum of these tax breaks exceeds your taxable income, you may have to pay the AMT.

Let's say you are single and have \$10,000 in wages and other income. In addition, you have a long-term capital gain of \$60,000 from a stock transaction. Since the \$38,000 you are entitled to exclude on a long-term capital gain (60 percent of \$60,000) is greater than your \$8,000 (taxable income: \$10,000 plus 40 percent of \$60,000), you will have to pay the AMT.

Suppose your wages will be \$10,000 plus a long-term capital gain of \$10,000. You will still have some years-end planning options to totally avoid it. You may, for instance, be able to sell off some capital losses to offset a huge gain.

But since so many different things can trigger the AMT, you may want to consult your tax adviser for a solution that fits your particular situation.

Taxpayers who pay their 1984 income taxes under the AMT must understand how the AMT affects deductions for casualty and theft losses, charitable contributions and interest payments. Basically, the AMT bars conventional year-end tax strategies on the head. AMT taxpayers may find it advantageous to defer deductions and accelerate income where possible. Why? Under the regular tax law, a person in the 50 percent tax bracket who pays \$15,000 in interest on loan payments would be entitled to a 7.5 percent credit.

Toy safety no game says consumerist

SPRINGFIELD—Picking out holiday toys for the children is no game — not where safety is concerned.

The warning comes from Ellen Bloom of Springfield, director of the Union County Division of Consumer Affairs, who pointed out that more than 700,000 children are treated in hospital emergency rooms each year for injuries resulting from toys, bicycles and other children's products.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Toy Manufacturers of America (TMA) have combined resources to provide the public with safer toys, she said. But the purchaser still must use "good, sound, old-fashioned judgement," Bloom cautioned.

Among the precautions is getting the right type of toy for children in various age groups.

A pamphlet from the TMA, "The ABC's of Toys and Play," underscores the point.

It emphasizes that safety-consciousness must start in the nursery: Cribs such as stuffed animals, rattles and beads, for example, should never be attached to a crib with elastic, string or ribbon in which baby could become entangled.

For babies under 18 months of age, playthings should be too big to swallow and lightweight enough to be grasped and handled. They should have no sharp points, the pamphlet adds, and they should be brightly-colored and non-toxic.

Soft dolls or stuffed animals should have seams strong enough so they cannot be easily torn or bitten; doll furniture, such as doll beds, should be secured firmly, so they cannot be pulled off.

A baby who sits up is ready for blocks, nesting cups or boxes, stacking toys, rings, and even a simple picture book showing familiar objects and made of material that cannot be torn. "ABC's" books point out. Push-pull toys, musical and chime toys, small wagons and doll carriages and take-apart and put-together toys are other suggestions.

For babies under 18 months to 3 years of age are ready for things to ride or climb on, for inflatable toys, and in the summer, for wading pools and sandboxes.

Among other suggestions from the TMA for this age group are more complicated take-apart toys, blocks of varying shapes and sizes, puzzles, games and simple musical instruments such as xylophones, gongs, horns and drums.

Pre-school children from 3 to 6 years old are "masters of make-believe," the pamphlet notes.

They like costumes and "pretend" toys that help them act out grown-up roles: puppets, play stores, play money, pretend food, toy telephone, doll furniture, circus, toy cars and boats. Construction sets, books and records are good indoor fun for children in this age group.

The pamphlet says, for outdoors, gym equipment, wheeled vehicles and two-wheel bikes with training wheels are appropriate.

Board games, table-top sports games and old-fashioned favorites such as marbles and kites appeal to the 3-to-6 age group, according to the pamphlet; so do printing sets, science and craft kits, electric trains, racing cars, construction sets, bikes, skates, pogo sticks, sleds and other sports equipment.

Though group play is important in this age group, these youngsters still play well by themselves, the pamphlet points out. Thus, books, paints, crayons, dollhouses, play villages and miniature vehicles are good selections.

For children from 9 to 12 years old, the pamphlet suggests hobbies and crafts, model kits, chemistry sets, jigsaw and other puzzles. Board and electronic games, video games, table tennis and billiards appeal to this group. "The ABC's" adds. Paintings, sculptures, books and records also continue to be of interest.

When they reach the teens, children begin to show interests that increasingly merge with those of adults. Computer-based toys and games which can be considered family items, board games and collections of items such as dolls, model cars or miniatures items are suggested.

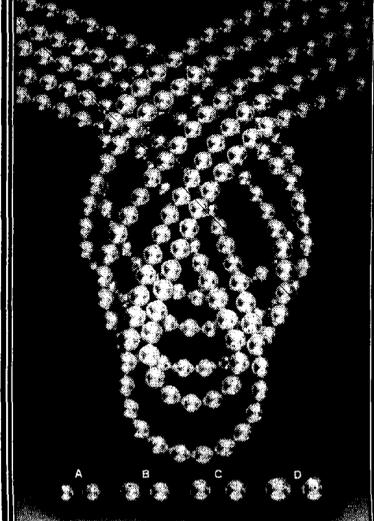
But these recommendations are simply "the first step in mastering the ABC's of toys and play," the pamphlet notes.

It urges those buying toys not only to select with care but also to "set good examples for proper use and maintenance of toys."

Bloom added: "Do not simply give a gift to a child — each gift should be explained and supervised to be sure the child will thoroughly enjoy and understand it... Remember, it's everyone's job to keep our holiday safe. The purchase of a toy for a child brings a special obligation."

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N.J. higher education

Lower enrollment total but not lower quality

(First of two parts)
The "long-anticipated" decline in total enrollment in New Jersey's institutions of higher education has arrived, a new state report points out.
Nevertheless, according to Chancellor T. Edward Hollander of the Department of Higher Education, the year 1983-84 "was a particularly successful one" for the state's colleges and universities.
"This was thanks in large part to the generosity of Gov. Thomas H. Kean, who designated higher education one of the highest priorities of his administration and who joined with the New Jersey State Legislature to increase support for higher education by the largest amount in New Jersey's history," the chancellor said.
Hollander made the comment in the introduction to the "Annual Report on Higher Education in New Jersey."
The report covers both independent colleges and public institutions such as Kean College of New Jersey, Union, and Union County College, Cranford.

FINANCING
The state's "commitment to higher education" is reflected in the annual appropriations, which in recent years have fluctuated between 12 and 13 percent of the state budget, the report notes.
However, in terms of "real dollars" — that is, fiscal year 1973 dollars — net state support for higher education is about 1 percent below that of 11 years ago.

Costs more than doubled between 1973 and 1984, according to the report. While state and county appropriations have gone up during this period, "for the most part, the effects of inflation have been compensated for largely by increased tuition and fees," the report says. "Thus," it adds, "students are bearing a growing proportion of the financial burden for their education."
New Jersey's system of higher education, including public and independent institutions, represented a \$1.7 billion enterprise in 1983, the report says.
The public institutions, including the state colleges, Rutgers University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), accounted for about half of this figure; the independent institutions, for more than a third; and the community colleges, for the remainder.

ENROLLMENT
The "long-expected decline in enrollment" began in 1983-84, the report says.
In the fall of 1983, it says, 314,000 students were enrolled in New Jersey colleges and universities, down about 8,000 from the previous year. Nearly 80 percent of all students — a total of 251,000 — were in public institutions.
Demographic compositions as well as total enrollments have changed, according to the report, which predicts that the patterns of change will continue "for the foreseeable future."
The number of blacks enrolled, for example, is expected to decline along with the total enrollment between now and 1990, while the number of Hispanics is expected to increase.

Band policies under review

Committees of the Union County Regional Board of Education are still reviewing guidelines for music department activities that came under fire by parents and students at a board meeting last month.
According to board member John Conlin, chairman of the Education Committee, various parts of the district's basic music education program, along with the extracurricular activities offered, are under study.
In the Student Activities Committee, Conlin said the specific guidelines are being reviewed.
According to Board President Joseph Vaughn, the guidelines were recently revised at the administration's request. Some of the changes that band members and their parents objected to limited the number of band competitions and events to seven events per school year and prohibited trips outside the continental United States or Canada.
Students and parents said that since no restrictions are placed on athletic events, the guidelines "discriminated" against band participants, and members of the band's sub-groups.
The board is also expected to adopt the tentative 1985-86 school budget Monday at a board meeting at the Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.
Board Secretary Harold Burdge said a public hearing on the budget will be held March 5 at the Governor Livingston Regional High School.

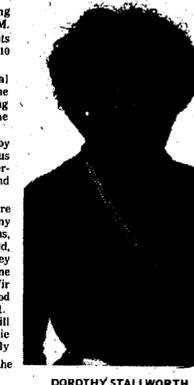
Health care at home has moved into the '80s

Bringing health care to the patient at home has a long legacy. Some communities have sponsored visiting nurse services since 1900, but today at Overlook Hospital in Summit, this service is being expanded even to patients dependent on highly sophisticated life support equipment.
Through the cooperative efforts of Overlook's health care professionals, home care today means not only skilled nursing, but a comprehensive package of services. Under the guidance of the patient's physician, a team of health care professionals visits the patient at home to bring him or her to the optimum level of function possible. The team includes: the visiting nurse; physical, occupational, respiratory and speech therapists; Overlook home health aides; dietitians, and medical social workers.
The patient — young or old — with a serious medical condition and a strong desire to be treated at home, in most cases shows great progress as he or she is reintegrated into the day-to-day life of the family.
All of Overlook's inpatients are screened for possible home care needs by one of the hospital's home care nurses.
"From newborn to the elderly and everyone in between, any patient needing follow-up care after leaving the hospital is identified through the screening process," explained Ruth Bataglia, R.N., discharge planning supervisor.
Patients do not have to be Overlook inpatients to benefit from this service. They can be referred to home care by physicians, other health care facilities and home care departments and welfare boards.
"We in the home care department feel a responsibility for our patients after they leave the hospital and to the community even though they may not be within our walls," said Elana Zucker, R.N., M.S.N., director of Community Health Services at Overlook. "This can be seen through the discharge planning process and the home care program, which strives to meet the changing needs of patients and their health status."
Explained Sharon Giucoti, R.N., B.S.N., discharge planner at Overlook: "We work closely with the family and the patient in planning an appropriate home care program."
This is especially true of the patient dependent on a life support system such as a respirator. The respirator-dependent patient is the most complex discharge handled by the discharge planners.
"Because of advances in medical systems, home care for the respirator patient is becoming a more viable alternative to long-term hospital care," Giucoti explained.
These patients include those suffering from ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease or spine injuries. Over the past five years, Overlook has sent home five patients on portable respirators, and it is becoming more frequent.
The discharge planning professionals coordinate all aspects of what will go on at home with the patient so that he or she can be safely and effectively treated with minimal disruption of normal family life. Giucoti said.
The family must learn total patient care. A caretaker is chosen and he or she spends several days at the hospital with the patient and the nursing staff learning the procedures involved in maintaining the patient and the equipment.
"We're not sending an Intensive Care Unit home, we're sending home a patient who happens to have a respirator," added Giucoti. "For the patient and his family, the focus of attention changes from the respirator to the person."
The discharge planner's work is complete when the patient is referred to the visiting nurse and the patient actually returns to his own home. "It is then the role of the visiting nurse to further evaluate that patient's continued needs at home. An individualized nursing care plan is developed with the patient and family. The visiting nurse provides nursing services as well as coordinating the other various health and community services necessary to maintain the patient at home," said Antoinette Fiore-McTigue, R.N., B.S.N., senior public health nurse.

"Although dependent on a respirator, the individual can once again be part of the family unit and partake in daily activities. The comfort of the familiar home environment with loved ones further enhances the quality of life," she explained.
Personalized nursing service in the home is provided much as it was by the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights for more than a decade into the '60s when it was merged into Overlook's home care services. The VNA is still involved through the department's home care committee and sponsorship of the Adele M. Lynch Allied Health and Nursing Scholarships.

String concert at Gaudineer

SPRINGFIELD—The String Orchestra of the Florence M. Gaudineer School will present its Winter Concert Wednesday at 10 a.m.
Dorothy Stallworth, musical director and arranger, said the orchestra has been rehearsing selections appropriate for the season.
Some of the songs are originals by Jeffrey Brooks and Stallworth, plus several water compositions, performed as solos, duets, quartets and group numbers.
Members of the orchestra are Joanna Labozzo, Curtis Feng, Amy Zoidel, Jason Yee, Steven Marcus, Denise Severini, Debbie Korfeld, Dawn Brady, Jodi Willis, Jeffrey Brooks, Libra DiGioralano, Severine Gauthier, Anthony DiNorscio, DeVir Shirley, Willie Lee, Mark Felsold and Kenneth Feng, a guest violinist. Stallworth, a jazz musician, will appear with her trio, "The Dottie Stallworth Trio," immediately following the performance of the orchestra.
The public is welcome.



DOROTHY STALLWORTH

Arguments in lawsuit heard

SPRINGFIELD—Legal arguments in the case involving a lawsuit by township resident Nikolas Fellet against the Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment were heard in Union County Superior Court Friday.
According to Yale Greenspoon, board attorney, it may be some time before Judge Milton Feller decides on the arguments that were presented. Feller could also be asked to hear testimony from the board members.
Seven present and former board members were subpoenaed over the Thanksgiving holiday. Greenspoon said a public hearing on the budget will be held March 5 at the Governor Livingston Regional High School.

Alcohol topic of TV program

SPRINGFIELD—Communities on Cable, TV-36, Springfield's local cable access station, will present "Drinking and Driving: What Happens If?" tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.
According to Marilyn Phalitz, co-executive director, a panel will discuss the ramifications of drinking and driving, as well as ideas on how to avoid the situation.
The executive director of the National Council on Alcoholism will moderate the group. Phalitz said. Guests will include a police chief, a representative from the Union County prosecutor's office and the executive vice president of the N.J. Restaurant Association.

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Orchestra leader remembered

It was a blue Christmas 40 years ago

By SAM ARENA

The announcement, released by the War Department on Dec. 24, 1944, was a terse one which diminished the joys of that Yuletide season for millions of Americans.

"Major Glenn Miller, director of the U.S. Army Air Force Band, is missing on a flight from England to Paris, it was announced today. No trace of the plane has been found."

"There was a sense of chilling finality in its concluding sentence. In actuality, the aircraft on which Miller was a passenger had disappeared 10 days earlier. Saturday will mark the end of four decades since Glenn Miller vanished into the murky skies over the fog-shrouded English Channel, yet his music continues to enjoy a remarkable popularity.

"Who and what was this man whose music so enchanted a generation of youth, and, in the process, succeeded also in being at least tolerated by their elders?"

Allen Glenn Miller was born on March 1, 1904 in the small community of Clarinda, Iowa. He was to become the leader of two of the most readily identifiable and acclaimed musical aggregations in the annals of American popular music.

His early years were migratory ones. In the course of his family's frequent relocations, he grew in adulthood in Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado, in North Platte, Great City, Fort Morgan and other small towns.

Miller evinced a profound love for music and this interest was encouraged and nurtured by his mother. A proficient trombonist, he was tendered an offer to join an orchestra in Laramie, Wyo., while still a high school student and was quick to accept. Young Glenn left home to join the group before his senior year ended and his mother accepted his diploma for him at the graduation exercises.

In 1925, Miller joined the Boyd Senter Orchestra and enrolled at the University of Colorado. He sustained himself by playing evenings and weekends while attending college. He also managed to hold down a spot on the varsity football squad.

While at the University of Colorado, he met and fell in love with Helen Briggs, whom he later married. If there is any credibility to be found in the story of his re-released motion picture, "The Glenn Miller Story," it is in its depiction of the devotion of Glenn and Helen Miller for one another. June Allyson, who played the role of Helen in the 1954 film, exuded the essence of Helen Miller.

"Thinking west to California, Miller became a member of the highly regarded Ben Pollack Orchestra in 1928, serving both as a trombonist and an arranger. During his years with Pollack, Miller met and became familiar with many musicians who would become headliners in their own right less than a decade later. There was a restiveness in Miller which compelled him to seek a quest for a distinguishing musical quality and character. In New York City, in the late '30s, he recorded extensively with Red Nichols and played in and did some arranging for theater pit orchestras. He developed a fondness for the New York scene and it was to become his permanent base of operations. His colleagues included many of the jazz greats of that era, such as Benny Goodman, Jack Teagarden, Jimmy MacPartland and Gene Krupa.

"When two veteran musicians from Pennsylvania began to command notice, Miller assisted them in recruiting musicians and writing arrangements for their band which was to find fame as The Dorsey Brothers Orchestra. He also arranged, played in and arranged for Ray Noble's Swing Band.

Miller studied music theory, composition and arranging under Dr. Joseph Schillinger. It was his more than any single other thing, which indirectly was to lead to the phenomenal success which Miller was to achieve as an orchestra leader. While studying with Schillinger, who required his students to compose musical exercises which incorporated theories of harmony, counterpoint and orchestration, Miller structured an exercise which used a clarinet, hence an exercise in which the remaining reeds played supportive harmony. It was one which eventually served a two-fold purpose: it would evolve into a complete musical sonnet which would become his famous theme song, "Moonlight Serenade," but of even greater significance, the unique instrumental voicing would lead "hold" to the electrifying quality for which he has sought, the immediately identifiable Miller sound.

Miller's first attempt to lead his own orchestra in 1937 was a commercial failure and he disbanded it. Within two months of his disassociation from the band-leading business, Miller felt the irreplaceable compulsion to form

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GLENN MILLER



MAJOR GLENN MILLER, in military photo, above, and at right, relaxing during a break in a performance by the Army Air Force Orchestra. The sound made popular by Miller, who vanished on a military flight between England and France 40 years ago this month, continues to find fans in today's music lovers.



Rac Hutton
Managing Editor

Music 'marches on'

(Continued from page 1)
another orchestra. This time, fate and the gods smiled down on him. Or Shrimpan, the generous and astute operator of Boston's Raynor Ballroom, pledged his financial aid and Miller pulled out the musical exercise he had written for Schillinger. He then decided to use his sound as his musical style. Calling upon two former sidemen — pianist Chummy MacGregor and saxist Hal Hestley — to serve as his nucleus, he brought Tex Beneke into the fold. Cognizant of his need for a lead clarinetist with brilliant tonal quality, he embarked on a scouting mission of the bands, one which ended in the most unlikely of places: in a small club in Union City, where the Julie Winitz crew held forth. When Miller heard the small band's Wilbur Schwartz play the clarinet, he knew at once that he had found the catalyst for the Miller Sound.

From Vince Lopez's Orchestra, Miller hired Marion Hutton, who had been singing with her sister, Betty, to become his vocalist. She was with Miller's band from nearly the beginning and during its last 13 months. He came upon Ray Eberle by chance through a conversation with Jimmy Dorsey's male vocalist, Bob Eberle, Ray's brother.

A shakedown tour of New England, a stage appearance at New York's Paramount Theater and a late spring engagement at the lavish Glen Island Casino were booked for the band, but it was an interim engagement which helped to launch the new orchestra to fame. Frank Dalrymple, owner of Meadowbrook, New Jersey's famous "Mecca of The Big Bands," booked Miller's orchestra into the roadhouse for a stand which included 10 broadcast weeks. It was a time when band remotes were popular late night listening fare for young people and the broadcasts conveyed the "new sound" to a large national audience. The broadcasts attracted many college students to the Cedar Grove club on the "old Newark-Pompton Turnpike," as the announcers pinpointed its location. Bill Flanagan's arrangement of "Little Brown Jug" and the acquisition of drummer Maurice "Moe" Purtill, who "sat in" for a night and remained with the band, catapulted the Miller crew to the heights. By the time it made its Glen Island Casino appearance on May 17, 1939, the Miller Sound had already begun to captivate the nation's youth.

Record-breaking theater and ballroom appearances nation-wide followed and these led to Miller's contract to broadcast his 15-minute "Moonlight Serenade" three times weekly for Chesterfield cigarettes. In July 1941, Miller added Bobby Hackett, the superbly lyrical trumpet player, to his orchestra and the Miller sound became even more appealing.

The attack on Pearl Harbor accelerated the draft of young men into the military services and, with each passing month in 1942, Miller grew ever more restless. The urge to him was strong to bring his music to the men and women who had followed him in the years before they answered the call of their country. This sincere desire led to his enlistment and, on Sept. 27, 1942, Glenn Miller's orchestra made its farewell appearance at the Central Theater in Passaic. It was a highly emotional experience for musicians and audience alike and there were few dry eyes in the theater that Sunday night. Marion Hutton broke up while singing "Kalamazoo" and ran offstage. No one had the slightest premonition that this would be the last time that Glenn Miller would ever front a civilian dance orchestra.

In October 1942, he was commissioned a captain in the Army's Specialist Corps and, a short time later, he was transferred to the Army Air Force and to the campus at Yale University, where he organized what has been acclaimed as one of the great musical organizations of all time.

Miller's conception of marching music differed greatly from that which had long been traditional in the military band repertoire. Although his convictions that marching bands should infuse swing in their music brought him into conflict with his superiors, Miller prevailed.

After a year of network radio broadcasts in the United States on behalf of Army Air Force recruitment, recording sessions and War Bond rallies, the band shipped to England in June 1944.

For the next six months, the AAF Orchestra and its component units played more than 500 radio broadcasts on the BBC's Allied Expeditionary Program and the Armed Forces Network and made hundreds of appearances before U.S. and British service personnel. The Miller brand of music won many of the hearts of the Britons, including Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose.

With the Allies entrenched on the continent, the band was alerted for transfer there in December and was scheduled for a Christmas Day broadcast to America, from Paris. Don Haynes, Miller's administrative officer, was slated to precede the band to Paris, to arrange for quarters, but at the last moment, Miller, now a major, decided to tend to these details himself.

On Dec. 15, 1944, the eve of the first attack of the Battle of the Bulge, weather conditions compelled the grounding of all scheduled military transport aircraft. Miller appeared at Twinwood Farm, an RAF airfield three miles from Bedford where the band was assigned, determined to fly to Paris. The major climbed into the cabin of a single-engine Norseman C 64 accompanied by another passenger, a colonel, with Flight Officer John R.S. Morgan at the controls. The small plane, without de-icing equipment, sped down the runway and lifted off into the fog until it was completely enshrouded by the low 200-foot clouds. The plane was never seen again.

Three days later, Haynes, who was also Miller's civilian band manager, led the band into Paris and it was only then that he began to realize that Miller never completed the journey. The world would not learn of Miller's fate until a week later. Chief arranger Jerry Gray conducted the band on its Christmas Day broadcast.

Forty years later, Miller's disappearance continues as one of the unsolved and unexplained mysteries of World War II. Recently, some members of the Royal Air Force have claimed that Miller's small plane may have been downed inadvertently by jettisoned bombs from an aborted RAF mission returning across the Channel. Whatever its fate, no trace of the aircraft has surfaced in the years since.

Many who were a part of the youth of this time met and fell in love under the spell of the music of Glenn Miller. It was almost inevitable on the dance floors of the softly lighted ballrooms, when couples danced closely embraced, cheek to cheek, dreaming the dreams induced by the haunting Miller Sound. It was truly a moonlight serenade.

On the job

Schools, businesses share jobs grant

Twenty-four Union County businesses, educational institutions and community and government agencies will benefit from \$4.5 million in federal funds granted to Union County through the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) for the time period July 1, 1984, through June 30, 1985.

The funds, which are jointly administered at the local level by the Union County Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Union County Department of Human Services, were distributed to the 24 "sub-grantees" in varying amounts, based on past performance, program effectiveness, budget and cost effectiveness in conducting such programs.

The largest portion of the funds, \$499,000, was awarded to the Union County College Skills Center to assist unemployed, disadvantaged and under-employed Union County residents. Training there will include clerical skills, bookkeeping, medical assistant training, vocational English, basic skills and job development.

The second largest amount, \$190,000, was granted to the Union County Chamber of Commerce for secretarial and word processing training. Other major sub-grantees

include: Elizabeth Development Corp., \$122,750; Applied Human Resources of Orange, \$95,000; and various separate projects through the Union County Vocational-Technical School in Scotch Plains, totalling \$214,880.

"Job programs in Union County have demonstrated a high degree of participation and success," said Louis J. Colitti, county manager. "Our federal allocations have either remained equal or been increased over the years, due to our past record of performance with such programs."

Nearly 100 businesses or agencies were considered as sub-grantees for this federal allocation, according to Gerald Green, Union County freholder liaison to the Private Industry Council, a public private partnership empowered to administer employment and training programs through JTPA.

"While we advertised for sub-grantees and actively solicited applications during April and May, potential participants for the future should know that we maintain a 'vendors' list which new businesses and agencies can be included in by calling the PIC offices at 527-4835," said William McKinlay, PIC chairman. He added that those

selected to share the 1984-85 allocation included some who participated previously, others who were continuing previous programs and those who were applying for the first time.

Once this year's sub-grantees implement their programs, the county's PIC staff, operating under the Department of Human Services,

will visit and monitor the sub-grantees on a monthly basis and conduct internal statistical reviews, Green explained.

JTPA replaces the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act. Its emphasis is on private sector participation and involvement.

Two job programs for needy

Two job training programs designed to develop entry level skills in seven trade areas for underprivileged youths are being developed by the Union County Private Industry Council and the Union County Vocational-Technical School in cooperation with Union County government.

As part of the overall program, McDonald's is beginning a pilot program of hiring and training youths who will be assured placement with the firm upon completing the program.

The Job Connection will serve 42 youths between 17 and 21, including 12 handicapped and 30 disadvantaged youths who meet federal

income criteria. The Senior Achievement Program will serve 25 high school seniors.

Job Connection will run from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Scotch Plains campus of the Union County Vocational-Technical School. Transportation to the campus will be provided. The shops being offered through Job Connection are: auto mechanics, food service, computer photo typesetting and maintenance training at McDonald's.

"The McDonald's program is especially important," said Henry C. Kila, director of the Union County Private Industry Council, a public-private partnership working to

promote training and placement for the county's unemployed residents.

The Senior Achievement program is directed toward high school seniors who do not plan to continue their education and who have minimal job prospects," said Gerald B. Green, a Union County freholder who acts as liaison to the Council.

"The 25 high school students selected to participate in Senior Achievement will be trained in small engine repair, graphics/printing and vending machine repair, with the goal being placement of the student upon graduation from high school."

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Eye on education

UCC to offer class in ultrasonography

New UCC course
A certificate program in ultrasonography has been authorized by the Board of Trustees of Union County College. The new program will be conducted jointly by the college and the Schools of Radiography of Elizabeth General Medical Center and Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield.

The three institutions currently conduct the Amplified Program in Radiography leading to an associate in science degree conferred by the college and a diploma awarded by the Schools of Radiography.

The three-semester, 36-credit certificate program will also enable graduates to be eligible for the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers.

The college also has submitted preliminary applications to the state Department of Higher Education for an Emergency Medical Services Paramedic program leading to an associate in applied science degree.

Leiwant receives an award

Bruce Leiwant of Springfield, president of Security Alliance of South Orange, received a special achievement award as the most professional member of Security Alliance Corp. in 1984 at the company's biannual convention in Chicago, Ill.

Leiwant spoke at several convention sessions attended by franchise owners from across the country. His wife, Joan, a former employee of this newspaper and now vice president and director of the Recruitment Advertising Division of David H. Block Advertising Inc. of

Medical Services, and has since then enrolled 246 students in a 220-hour program.

Scholarship tests
The Cornellian scholarship qualifying test will be administered at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, Summit, on Saturday at 9 a.m. Girls entering ninth grade in the fall of 1985 are eligible to compete for these academic awards.

Two half-tuition grants are offered to freshmen annually, and 13 Cornellian scholars have been supported during their four high school years at Oak Knoll.

'Phobia' fighters
The Phobia Release Education Program PREP, is accepting applications for the winter sessions to be held in Cranford.

PREP is open to anyone suffering from panic disorder or phobia. Screening of all participants for the group will be done in December and January with classes beginning February 4, 1985 and meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Further information is available by calling 272-6303.

Montclair, also spoke, discussing the use of print media in recruitment.

Both Leiwants received certificates of appreciation from Ron Davis, president of the Security Alliance Corp., for their contributions to the security industry. Steven S. Zogas, sales manager of the South Orange firm, also was present.

Leiwant has held the Security Alliance franchise at 106 Valley St., South Orange (763-9129), for a little more than a year. Security Alliance sells, installs and services burglar, fire and medical emergency systems.

Lottery winners

Following are the winning New Jersey Lottery numbers for the weeks of Nov. 12, Nov. 19 and Nov. 26 and Dec. 3:

- PICK-IT AND PICK-4**
- Nov. 12—121, 9955.
 - Nov. 13—268, 2789.
 - Nov. 14—808, 6428.
 - Nov. 15—090, 0687.
 - Nov. 16—306, 3021.
 - Nov. 17—712, 4740.
 - Nov. 19—400, 8718.
 - Nov. 20—447, 5578.
 - Nov. 21—669, 2911.
 - Nov. 22—978, 6556.
 - Nov. 23—486, 0226.
 - Nov. 24—304, 9130.
 - Nov. 26—470, 1321.
 - Nov. 27—093, 5773.
 - Nov. 28—255, 1418.
 - Nov. 29—159, 0001.
 - Nov. 30—987, 7018.
 - Dec. 1—948, 6196.
 - Dec. 3—315, 1975.
 - Dec. 4—097, 9821.
 - Dec. 5—432, 7416.
 - Dec. 6—253, 4941.
 - Dec. 7—151, 8301.
 - Dec. 8—660, 0429.

- PICK 6**
- Nov. 15—3, 11, 22, 23, 34, 39; bonus—11461.
 - Nov. 22—8, 14, 20, 21, 30, 35; bonus—13196.
 - Nov. 29—7, 12, 17, 18, 19, 35; bonus—21894.
 - Dec. 6—5, 8, 10, 14, 32, 37; bonus—11426.

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Rebecca's forecast

Dec. 13 - Dec. 20
ARIES (3/21-4/20) Plan to be on the go during this week, attend to obligations early in the period to take full advantage of social doings. Be flexible to last minute changes. Later in the week, think twice before engaging in financial discussions. Friends provoke irritation and careful shopping is favored.

TAURUS (4/21-5/21) There may be some dissonance on the home front early in this week. Conflicting schedules are likely to be the culprit. Joint financial agreements are contemplated and career recognition could catch you off guard. Later the pace slows down. Relax and catch up on leisure or recreational activities.

GEMINI (5/22-6/21) Health or work concerns dominate the early part of this week. Dependents may raise your ire and a change of scenery could lift your spirits. Later in the week, distant people or places assume importance. You may hear from someone from your past and your financial picture begins to look promising.

CANCER (6/22-7/23) Communications, correspondence and dealings with those in your everyday environment are highlighted early in the week. Unexpected errands make your schedule hectic. Later in the week, spend money on fix-ups. Distic rifts smooth over and make social plans to include longtime or special friends.

LEO (7/24-8/23) Home, family or property matters are a source of conflict for many and easy solutions may evade you for the moment. Changing your course of action is out of the question right now. Later in the week, another's moodiness is contagious. Obligations become burdensome and the need for freedom mounts.

VIRGO (8/24-9/23) Take care of lingering matters early in the week. Catching up with job obligations and allow for more rest during the early part of the week. Later, new

meetings are likely to generate excitement. Curb your temper on the work front and keep things on the up and up for your own best interests.

LIBRA (9/24-10/23) Social and romantic themes are intensified. Look your best. Don't let an opportunity catch you off guard. Later, enjoy a personal success. Put family responsibilities aside. Discretion is an important byword this week and behind the scenes activities flourish.

SCORPIO (10/24-11/23) You may be visiting or entertaining early in the week. Keep plans flexible and be a sport if the schedule changes at the last minute. The domestic scene is touchy. Others may balk at additional expenditures. Guard against mental and physical fatigue.

SAGITTARIUS (11/23-12/21) News from a distance is likely early in the week. Steer clear of controversial subjects. A surprising overture could catch you off guard. Friendships support your success. Accept invitations. Unusual information could provoke discord or resentment.

CAPRICORN (12/22-1/20) You may want to keep personal plans under wraps for the time being. Drop-in visitors are likely and travel could be in the offing for some in the weeks ahead. You may reap the rewards of career efforts. Don't give ultimatums now. Attend to legal or financial papers.

AQUARIUS (1/21-2/19) Matters related to special and recreational pursuits intensify. Review friendships and schedule important meetings or appointments. Travel may come up unexpectedly. Calls from a distance lift your spirits. Avoid all or nothing attitudes with another.

PISCES (12/20-3/20) Sorting through obligations is likely to leave someone in need. Keeping a low profile may be your best bet. People or issues from the past could provoke some personal trouble.

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Reunion round-up

East Orange HS
The reunion committee of the East Orange High School class of 1965 is looking for classmates.

Those willing to help plan activities should meet at 4 p.m., Dec. 16, at La Sala's, 21-23 South Harrison St., East Orange. There is no cover charge.

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nurses and other health care specialists discuss topics related to their areas of expertise. More than 70 topics are available, including subjects of general interest such as first aid skills, poison awareness and prevention, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), weight control, dealing with anger, maintaining a healthy heart and controlling hospital costs. For business organizations, the SEH Speakers' Bureau offers topics

such as stress control for the executive, alcohol abuse, hypertension, and physical fitness and exercise. Senior citizens organizations may select speakers on nutrition for the senior adult, developing an appropriate exercise program, proper use of medication and general medical and health topics of special interest to those over middle age.

Members of the SEH Speakers' Bureau are also available to visit area schools and speak to students on appropriate topics, including health education and careers in the health care field. Parent organizations may select presentations on family planning, SEH obstetrical services including midwifery, care for the young child, family communication skills, and other topics which are family related. In addition to health education available through the Speakers' Bureau, St. Elizabeth Hospital offers a 10-page health handbook known as "On the Healthbeat". This booklet provides health information on topics such as hypertension, exercise, nutrition, diabetes and

New starting date for nurses

Union County College's cooperative program in professional nursing, conducted jointly with Elizabeth General Medical Center, Elizabeth, and Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, will accept freshmen in January. "This is the first time we will be accepting new students in both September and January," Dr. Theodore Auslin, dean of instruction

for nursing and allied health, said. "This way students can begin the full-time program when it's best for them. With the new January starting date, the program is much more flexible. More sections are being created to accommodate 150 students who are expected to begin in January." Upon completing the cooperative program in professional nursing,

students earn the associate in science degree from UCC and a diploma in nursing from one of the schools of nursing. Graduates of the schools of nursing are eligible to write the state board test pool examination for nurses' licensing. Students in the program earn college credits in English, psychology, sociology, biology, and chemistry in classes and laboratories at the college. Nursing courses are the primary responsibility of the respective schools of nursing and are conducted at the two hospitals. Each nursing school offers an evening division course of study that has the same theoretical component and similar clinical laboratory experience as the day division. Registration for the spring semester is open at both Elizabeth General Medical Center's School of Nursing, 558-8082, and the School of Nursing at Muhlenberg Hospital, 688-2405.

Additional information is available from Marilyn Fleming Zanzalari, executive director, Elizabeth General Medical Center Foundation, 558-8478.

Salvation Army will collect

President Reagan has proclaimed Saturday "National Care and Share Day" as a salute to America's volunteers and has called upon all Americans to assist their neighbors in need this holiday season. As a participating agency, The Salvation Army is asking its friends and supporters to join with the other civic and religious groups to assure that all Americans have a joyful holiday.

Dealers of America in a special event to celebrate "National Care and Share Day." Participating service stations will have a Salvation Army container at their pumps to collect contributions from motorists. All monies donated will be used in the local Salvation Army holiday assistance campaign to provide food and toys to underprivileged youngsters and their families. About 60,000 service stations across the country will participate in "National Care and Share Day".

On Saturday, The Salvation Army will work with the Service Station

Agent Orange forms offered

Clark Post 328 and other American Legion posts in Union County have Agent Orange claim forms for all Vietnam veterans who believe they have adverse health effects related to Agent Orange. These veterans should contact the nearest American Legion Post in their community to obtain a form, which must be returned by Jan. 2, 1985. The Legion continues to monitor the Agent Orange Examination Program at Veterans Administration facilities to make sure that the examinations are performed thoroughly. The Legion has concluded that existing medical evidence is now sufficient to warrant government disability compensation payments to exposed Vietnam Veterans.

Further information or claim forms are available by contacting Clark Post 328 Service Officer Mike Mikus at 276-8345. Auditions planned for 'Music Sunday' The Parish Players of Plainfield will hold open auditions for "The Sound of Music" at the theater at the Plainfield YWCA at 232 East Front St. The first audition date will be held Sunday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for casting of children's parts. Additional audition dates for all parts will be held on Tuesday and Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Further information can be obtained by calling 469-9497.

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Keaton's 'Still Life' has special appeal

By BEASMITT
Movie buffs may be taking great delight in giving the Diane Keaton-Marvin Hefner book, "Still Life," as a Christmas gift to other movie buffs. But it appears that the beautifully compiled 63-color photo tome of Hollywood studio stills and pictures of the family life of the stars taken from the 1930s to the 1970s has a fascinating appeal to all of us who grew up with the movies, in the movies, and vicariously, in the "perfect" lives of the movie stars. "The large, lavishly-bound coffee-table illustrated publication by Callaway Editions," was put together by the actress and the photography dealer-art consultant, after a thorough search and research for the photographs and accompanying material. "What makes 'Still Life' so unique and intriguing are the surrealistic movie stills and "family life portraits," which we, as incessant movie-goers, relentlessly sought in movie magazines and in the lobby of motion picture theaters in the neighborhood with an insatiable appetite.

Now, however, looking at them through the eyes of Keaton and Hefner, and seeing such stilted photos from "South Pacific," "Evidence and the Pill" and "The Misfits," for example, and the pretentious family pictures of Betty Hutton and her (then) husband, Ted Biskin, and even Ronald Reagan, our President, and his (then) wife, Jane Wyman, nervously relaxing in bathing suits, we become embarrassed to admit how much influence Hollywood had on such movies as we, the movie fans, "Still Life," unlike other Hollywood coffee table picture books which continually glamorize the unreal world of the stars, gives an historical account in pictures and text of what we, in our private, dreamily accepted as "real life."

Oscar Torres is cast in play

Oscar Torres of Roselle will play one of Joseph's brothers in the Plays-in-the Park stage musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Dec. 28 through Dec. 30 at the Middlesex County Vocational School, Rues Lane, East Brunswick. Ernest Albrecht will direct the Tim Rice-Andrew Lloyd Weber musical. Kevin Haver will play the title role. A 20-member children's choir will be heard throughout the production. Additional information can be obtained by calling 548-2884.

A benefit concert scheduled Sunday
Pianist Andre-Michel Schub and violinist Cho-Liang Lin will perform together for the first time in a concert in the theater at Union County College, Cranford, Sunday. It will be presented by Mostly Music to benefit the new Cultural Arts Festival. Additional information can be obtained by calling 684-3228.

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Bundy magic is scheduled this Saturday

The Kaleidoscope Series of Entertainment for Young People will present the magical illusions of John Bundy Saturday at the Whole Theater, 544 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair.

The series is presented by the Arts Council of North-West Essex (incorporating the Arts Council of Suburban Essex) and the Whole Theater School, Upper Montclair.

Jean-Paul, the One-Man Circus, will appear on Jan. 26, 1985. The Peko Puppets, giant puppets, will present their act through the use of ultra-violet lights and fluorescent colors and music Feb. 9. The series will conclude on March 16 with the Showstopping Players in "Folktales From Around the World," an illusory stage production.

Additional information can be obtained by calling 744-1717 or 744-2289.

Open audition set

The New Jersey Public Theater, Cranford, will hold open auditions Saturday at 1 p.m. for both Henley's "Crimes of the Heart." The Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy will be directed by Robert Vasco.

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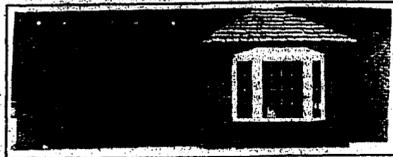
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by Teddi Russo

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The atmosphere is romantic and comfortable. There is entertainment every night. Emergo entertained the evening I was there. His expert piano playing and softly crooning voice are totally relaxing and the perfect accompaniment to a remarkable meal. He performs Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. On Thursday Jimmy Nuzzo plays the piano and sings in the style of Billy Joel. Much of his material is original. On Friday and Saturday Rich Knight performs on guitar and synthesizer and sings songs of the 60's, also, Johnny Mathis and Willie Nelson standards. All entertainers appear in Poet's Lounge. The main dining room, which is separate from the bar, seats about 40 diners which makes for pleasant, unrushed dining.

We began our feast with stuffed mushrooms and Clams Casino. The 7 mushrooms were large and generously stuffed with breadcrumbs, garlic, cheese and parsley. The 5 large clams were prepared to perfection. Both were served piping hot and were beyond compare.

The salad presented next was the best I have ever eaten in a restaurant. To begin with the lettuce was not iceberg but a mixture of bibb, romaine and Boston Lettuce. Added to this were fresh mushrooms, chickpeas, hearts of artichoke, bits of red pimento and scallions. Served with a creamy Italian dressing and warm bread and butter, this was an unbeatable combination.

My entree, King Neptune Platter was a medley of shrimp, scallops, flounder and stuffed clams perfectly broiled and served with baked potato and at \$12.95, quite reasonable. My friend had Shrimp Scampi which included jumbo shrimp, baked in a garlic and butter, white wine, sauce and served over a bed of hot linguini. He reported his selection to be scrumptious. The Raven's Nest is under the new ownership of Greg Marsico, a charming man of quality, a connoisseur of impeccable taste and a gourmet cook in his own right. Many of the new pasta entrees are his own creation. You must check out the pasta side of the menu. He offers Fettucini or Spaghetti Bolognese, with shrimp sauce, Linguini Al Vongole (clam sauce, red or white) or Fettucini Alfredo, all priced moderately between \$5.65 to \$7.45.

The new chef, Mueller, offers such pasta treats as Linguini or Fettucini Primavera at \$7.65 and made of the freshest of garden vegetables, sauteed with imported olive oil, white wine and garlic. Or how about Linguini con Filetto de Pomodoro at \$7.95 which is a mixture of garlic, onion, Escapilato, sauteed with Italian peeled tomatoes in imported olive oil, red wine and seasoning. A real treat for the palate. Finally, why not try Fettucini Natasha at \$8.25, sauteed chunks of fresh salmon in bitter wine, heavy cream and the finest imported cheeses with whole baby peas and a dash of vodka for an exquisite taste. I regret not trying one of these magnificent pastas, however, this gives me a fine excuse to go back and try them, not that any excuse is needed to return to the Raven's Nest. After you've eaten there once you will want to return again and again.

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Disc 'n' Data

BY MILT HAMMER

Pick of the LPs, "I Appreciate," by Alicia Myers (MCA Records).

Alicia's fourth LP on the MCA label, signals her long overdue ascendance as one of contemporary music's most adventurous and powerful song stylists. Produced by One Way's Kevin McCord, Al Hudson, Irene Perkins and Dave Roberson and arranged by McCord, "I Appreciate" perfectly matches Myers' mercurial alto vocalizations with the quicksilver moods found in the lyrics and music of the album's seven songs written and composed by McCord and Perkins.

The album, recorded over a four-month period at the Detroit-based Peck's Music Inc., Studios, is a magnificent showcase for Myers' voice revealing just how advanced and all-encompassing her singing style is.

The LP's title cuts teams Myers' enigmatic style with an unobtrusive, yet totally complementary, instrumental arrangement that is interwoven with the crisp background vocals of the Ridgeway Sisters. "Can't Stay Away," a remake of a ballad previously recorded by Natalie Cole, demonstrates Myers' superb story-telling



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From a sound that digs deep into the core of the styles of the legendary female vocalists who have inspired her, Alicia Myers is able to transform the very best techniques of artists like Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight and Nancy Wilson into fresh, original musical statements.

In fact, as a child, Alicia Myers taught herself how to sing by listening to the radio and imitating popular female singers.

"I've been influenced by just about everybody, because I try to learn something from everyone," says the 26-year-old native of Detroit.

When she was 10 years old, she and her brother, Jack, who is her band's manager, won a talent contest for a duet they sang at a local high school, and Alicia has been working at her vocal skills ever since.

In 1977, Myers became lead singer in the popular Detroit recording group, One Way, and the co-wrote two of the six-member band's bigger hits, "You Can Do It" and "Do Your Thing."

In 1980, MCA Records released her debut solo album, "Alicia," which was immediately acclaimed as a "classical," "monumental" first endeavor.

"I thought it was just beginner's luck," laughs Myers.

Play, reading set by theater

"A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, preceded by a reading of "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas, will open at the Actors Cafe Theater, in residence at Bloomfield College, Franklin and Fremont Streets, Bloomfield, tomorrow, and will then be presented Saturday, Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 and 29.

David G. Kennedy, producer-director, again will portray Scrooge. He also will read the Thomas piece.

Reservations can be made by calling the box office at 429-7952.

The next production will be Beth Henley's "Crimes of the Heart," Jan. 4, 1984, through Feb. 9.

'Messiah' set by Cantorum in Plainfield

The New Jersey Schola Cantorum will present "Messiah" Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in North Plainfield High School auditorium, Wilson Avenue, Louis Hooker will conduct the complete performance of Handel's masterpiece that will feature the NJSC Concert Choir, professional orchestra and soloists.

Conductor Hooker is chairman of the music division of the fine arts department at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Rutherford campus and is the director of choral activities. His concept of the Schola Cantorum, or "school of singing" has included the establishment of children's choirs during the Schola Cantorum's history.

Additional information can be obtained by calling 756-7311.

Original art on exhibition

International and local artists will be presented in an exhibition of original works in the Renee Foesaner Art Gallery at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, from Dec. 29 through 30.

The exhibit will display the style and technique from local artists and from artists from as far away as England.

Viewing may take place one hour before performances and during intermissions of the New Jersey Ballet's "Nutcracker."

Yule music for holiday

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Tips for consumers

Precautions in mailing can save time

"Take simple precautions when ordering through the mail — and you may be able to save time and energy," advises Ellen Bloom, director of the Union County Division of Consumer Affairs.

"Each month, mail order is among the top three categories of complaints received at our division headquarters in Westfield," said Bloom, "and with the holiday season approaching, these numbers will increase."

Consumers have protection under federal and state laws when ordering merchandise through the

mail or responding to a telephone solicitation with a mailed payment, Bloom said. She gave some suggestions for avoiding problems:

• Check on the reputation of the firm.

• Order early to allow plenty of time for delivery before holidays.

• Find out about the firm's return policy. If it is not stated, ask before you order.

• Complete the order form as directed. If you leave out needed information, your order may be delayed.

• Keep a copy of the advertisement

and order form, along with the company's name and address, and telephone number. Your records should also show the price, description, and item numbers of the merchandise you ordered, the total cost of the order and whether you chose to pay by check, credit card, or money order. These will be helpful if you have a problem later. If you order by phone, it is especially important to keep accurate records. Never send cash in the mail and take care to whom you give your credit card identification number and personal information. If you have

agreed to a phone solicitation and then receive a contract in the mail to sign, read it first to be sure you are in agreement with the terms.

Here are some questions and answers on shopping by mail or phone:

Q. What can I do if my order is not sent when promised?
A. You can cancel your order for a complete refund. The rule requires that the seller mail you an "option notice" if the promised shipping date cannot be met. This notice gives you the new shipping date and includes a postage-free way for you either to cancel your order or agree to the new date. If the company cannot ship by the new date, it must send you a second option notice. Your order will be cancelled automatically unless you sign the second notice, agreeing to the delay, and return it to the seller.

Q. What if I am notified of an unfamiliar C.O.D. delivery?
A. The postal inspectors warn us that postal customers continue to be victimized by fraudulent schemes involving C.O.D. mail. A consumer

may be asked to pay for an unordered C.O.D. package awaiting pick up at the post office. In other instances, the victim receives a telephone call advising that he or she has won a large sum of money, a trip, a color TV, or some other gift of value. The victim is told to expect a letter or C.O.D. package which will contain details about the prize. A few days later, he receives a C.O.D. parcel for which he pays. When the C.O.D. packet is opened, the recipient finds cheap ballpoint pens, clips, coupons of little value, or letters requesting more money. A review of the mailings indicate most of the C.O.D. mail originates out of state.

Consumers are advised to exercise caution before accepting unexpected or unsolicited C.O.D. mail. Postal regulations prohibit opening mail before it is delivered, and once it is delivered and opened, it cannot be returned to the post office. Consumers are requested to notify the postal inspector at P.O. Box 508, Newark, 07101, if they think they are victims of mail fraud.

Senior citizen events

Alcohol program for seniors

Gladys Kearns, executive director of the Union County Council on Alcoholism, a non-profit agency serving Union County, has launched a public information and awareness program for Union County seniors citizens.

According to Kearns, "the elderly problem drinker or alcoholic is less likely to be identified and receive available information or services because senior citizens are often excluded from the 'mainstream' of society."

"Although a majority of America's 35.6 million senior citizens are leading active productive lives, a significant minority of elderly persons experience anxiety, loneliness and isolation. In addition, senior citizens

receive 25 percent of all prescription drugs and an even larger percentage of over-the-counter drugs. In fact, over-medication is one of the great risks that exists today. Because of this, problems related to alcohol and alcoholism affect a significant minority of senior citizens," she said.

UCCA volunteers will present films, provide information and lead discussion to interested Union County senior citizen groups on the nature, use and misuse of alcohol and alcoholism and alert senior citizens to the consequences of mixing alcohol with prescription drugs.

The Council will present this program to any organization that

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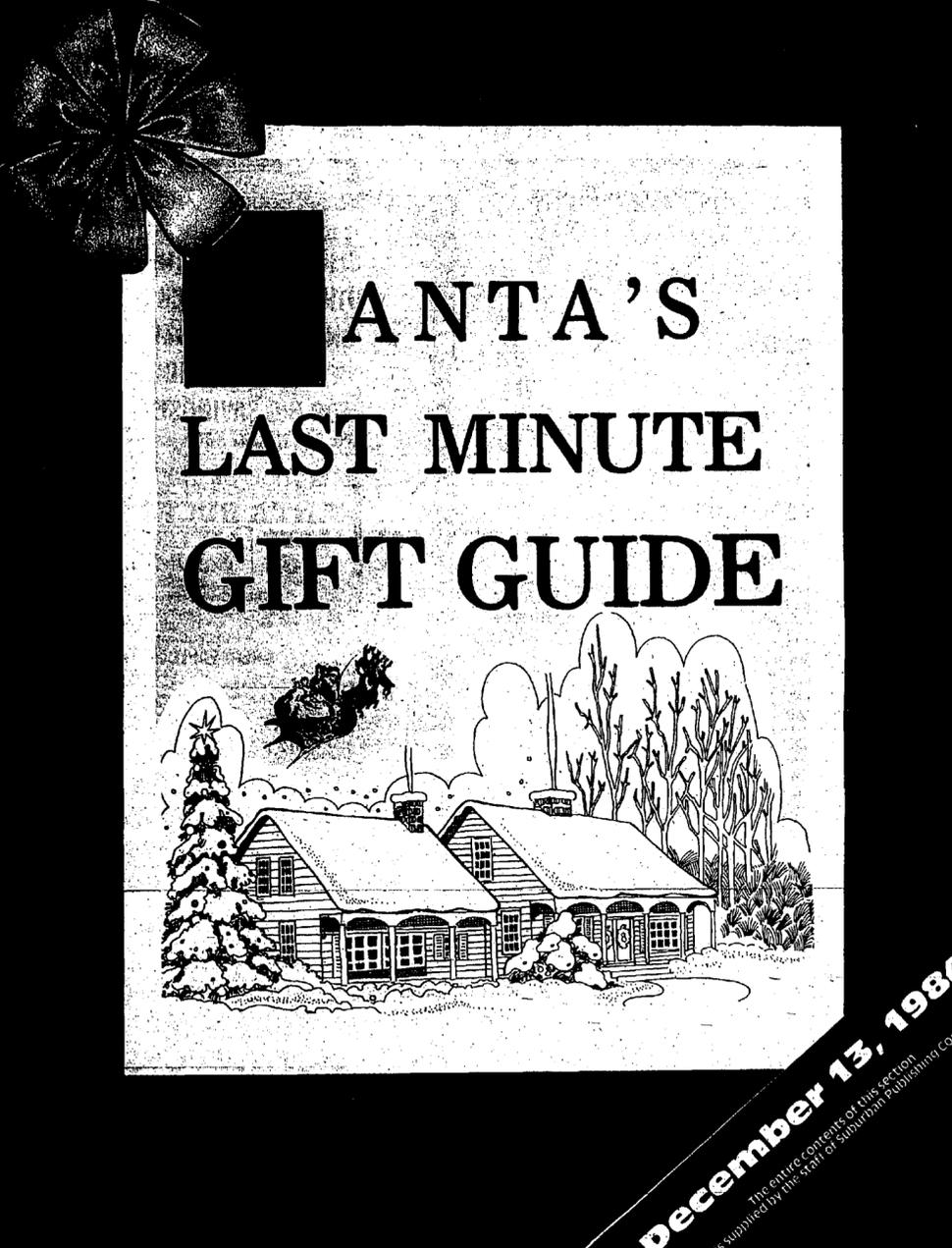
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New York bustling during Christmas

By HELEN KLEIN
New York at Christmastime: A bustling metropolis, sparkling with ornaments and strung with lights, with Santas on every street corner and the sound of carols in the air. •Rockefeller Center: where the great tree is trimmed early each December to tower dramatically above the skating rink. •Fifth Avenue, where the chestnut vendors vie with the department store windows, specially decorated for the holiday season, for the attention of children and adults alike. •The Empire State Building, glowing green and red against the chill night sky. •Uptown, at the Metropolitan Museum, the medieval hall is the setting for a tall tree adorned with Neapolitan Baroque ornaments. Underneath, the traditional Neapolitan presepe (or creche) is, taken to the degree of fine art. Here,

the background music is apt to be provided by live minstrels, singing and strumming the sentiments of the season. •Downtown, the South Street Seaport exudes the Christmas spirit, its boats, shops and restaurants festooned with greenery, and a light dusting of snow perhaps providing the icing on the Christmas cake. •Fragrant trees and wreaths are for sale from street corner vendors, as are a myriad of crafts. •A traditional New York Christmas

has always begun for me at Radio City Music Hall, where each year I would stand in line with my parents to see a grade B movie and a stage spectacular, the latter always taking the same form: A Nativity scene with all the trimmings. •Afterwards, I would goggle amazed at the Lord & Taylor and B. Altman's windows (they still make my eyes widen), to watch marionettes move through their holiday paces, in Christmas settings ranging from Olde New York to

anonymous forest. •Dimes carefully hoarded would be dropped into the kettles and chimneys of the bell-ringing Santas: A 20-block walk along Fifth Avenue allowing sufficient opportunity of a child's gifts to charity. •I've never missed the Rockefeller Center tree, choosing a vantage point above the busy rink to stand rapt, equally fascinated by the glittering ornaments and by the graceful motions of the skaters. •New York at Christmastime dazzles me even today.

store at Fifth Avenue and 58th Street, is another perennial holiday time mecca, its windows a fantasyland of life-sized stuffed animals, model trains and colorful toys of every description. •And, scarcely a youthful Christmas went by without my being bundled into the subway for a trip to Manhattan to watch another version of the Christmas classic, Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite.

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Since Christmastime is the season for togetherness and sharing, nothing could reinforce those feelings better than a family decision to add a pet to the household.

In the busy weeks before the holiday, it's easy for individual family members to get caught up with outside activities. But setting aside one hour each evening to decide on and plan for a new pet could be a wonderful way to spend time together and capture the spirit of Christmas.

According to the Pet Information Bureau, more than 60 percent of American households currently own pets. Companion animals fill a variety of needs for love and companionship, because they're non-judgmental, affectionate and good listeners.

Adding a pet to the family can help teach children about responsibility and caring for others. And pets are often the source of endless laughter and fun, because of the crazy antics that make up each animal's unique personality.

Choosing a pet should be a family project in which each person makes suggestions and offers an opinion. Important decisions that need to be ironed out in advance include whether or not the family has time for and interest in owning a pet, what type of animal is desired, and who will be responsible for grooming, feeding and other chores.

Researching different animals and their needs is the first step, and each member of the family should be assigned a different species.

Things to investigate include what the pet eats, where it needs to live (cage, aquarium, etc.), the amount of time needed to properly care for it, temperament and any other special considerations.

For families that are very active, stocking and maintaining an exotic aquarium would be an excellent hobby. Fish are easy and inexpensive to care for, as well as being relaxing to watch swim about in the tank.

Of course, choosing an assortment of fish is part of the fun, especially when your family tries to coordinate colors, shapes and sizes within one tank.

It's best to start with some standard favorites such as guppies, angelfish and swordfish, then build into the more exotic breeds as the hobby develops.

Most adults remember growing up with a dog or cat, and this often influences the decision when

choosing a pet for their own household.

Kittens and puppies are terrific with young children, because they sense the need to be gentle, cuddly and affectionate with their new little friends.

While dogs are certainly everyone's favorite pet, they do require extra attention, space and care. Cats, on the other hand, are content to stay indoors, and training them to use the litter box is a rather simple, painless procedure.

If space is a big restriction when deciding on a pet, perhaps a bird would be a good choice. Because they live comfortably in a small,

enclosed area, they're great for apartments or small homes. Birds are colorful and cheerful, and some varieties can even be trained to talk.

Birds too require careful attention, especially with regard to food and living quarters, but they're friendly animals that will make a pleasant addition to any family.

Sharing and giving are important qualities that families try to observe all year long. Preparing for a new pet during the Christmas season is an excellent way for families to work, together and create a special feeling that's sure to last long after the holidays have been forgotten.



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Somehow a ginger-flavored dessert always manages to find its way on to holiday tables. The gingerbread man has a rather unique history of its own, as its origins have been traced back to Queen Elizabeth I of England, who was responsible for inventing "a cookie in the shape of a man" which became especially popular.

There is an equally interesting history surrounding the actual making of gingerbread. Artists sculpted detailed molds depicting everyday scenes from the lifestyles of the rich, for whom the gingerbreads were made in the sixteenth century.

The seventeenth century added gingerbread clings of the wealthy bourgeois, whom along with the rich, were the only patrons who could afford the costly gingerbread designs.

Finally, during the eighteenth century, gingerbread was made inexpensively enough to be offered at carnivals and fairs, extending the delights of gingerbread even to the most common of folk.

Nowadays, gingerbread is considered deeply enmeshed in the history of traditional American cooking. And with Christmas fast approaching, gingerbread men not only make for a unique dessert idea, but also make the most lovely ornaments for your Christmas tree.

The recipe below for gingerbread cookies, supplied from the Recipes

from the Raleigh Tavern Bake Shop, published by The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, can easily be transformed to gingerbread men with the aid of a good mold.

GINGERBREAD COOKIES

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons ginger
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 cup margarine, melted
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup unsulfured molasses
- 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon extract (optional)
- 4 cups stone-ground or unbleached

flour, unsifted. Combine the sugar, ginger, nutmeg, cinnamon, salt and baking soda. Mix well. Add the melted margarine, evaporated milk and molasses. Add the extracts if desired. Mix well. Add the flour 1 cup at a time, stirring constantly. The dough should be stiff enough to handle without sticking to fingers. Knead the dough for a smoother texture. Add up to 1/2 cup additional flour if necessary to prevent sticking. When the dough is smooth, roll it out 1/4 inch thick on a floured surface and cut it into cookies. Bake on floured or greased cookie sheets in a preheated 375 degree F. oven for 10 to 12 minutes. The cookies are done if they spring back when touched.



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Jewelry 'sparkles' as Christmas gift

Looking for a jewel of a Christmas gift this year can be easy and affordable if you think COLOR, according to Jewelers of America (JA), the national association representing more than 12,000 retail jewelers across the country.

Colorful jewelry is the perfect way to brighten up wardrobes and spirits this holiday season, especially with the new, innovative design trends now being shown at local jewelers.

The colors in gemstones are as varied as the rainbow, and their prices range from "affordable" to "expensive." Combine a colored stone with gold, diamonds, pearls, silver, and with other colored stones, and you have an ideal Christmas gift. Some suggestions:

- Large faceted colored stones set in gold or silver seen in large earrings, cuffs and collars.
- Ropes or semi-precious beads of lapis, jasper, carnelian, coral, tiger's eye, onyx, crystal, worn long, or twisted together and worn with a clasp to make a eckler. This hot new versatile gift allows the wearer to create new looks by mixing and changing bead combinations:
- Gold chains with colored stones set in the links;
- Combinations of colored stones set in bold rings;
- For men, black onyx, lapis or hematite cufflinks and ring sets.

If you are selecting a colored stone ring, bracelet, or necklace, and are afraid that it will cost too much, Jewelers of America offers some interesting information that can show you how to match a color with a pocketbook.

When people think of colored gold, tricolor in pink, yellow, and white comes to mind, but there is green, rose, and black. Colorful gold gifts include:

- Sculpted large collars, cuffs and earrings in colored gold.
- For men, matching sets of tie-bar, button covers and money clip in colored gold combinations.
- Silver jewelry has taken on a renaissance as a high-styled jewelry accessory, especially when combined with gold and precious stones. Also, it is very affordable.
- The traditional white pearls have been around for a long time...now these lustrous beauties are seen in black, gold, pink, gray, blue and green. Some pearl gift suggestions:
- Pearl necklaces in all lengths are always a terrific gift;
- Simple large mabe pearl earrings set in gold, or extra special with black onyx and diamonds;
- For holiday evenings, long strands of pearls with crystal and diamonds;

- To add color to pearls, there are numerous fasteners, slides, shorteners, pendants and clasps that will change the look of last year's pearl gift.
- Glittery diamonds in all hues, including canary, blue and copper, make an unusual colorful gift for special holiday evenings:
- Long, dangling, shoulder-skimming waterfall earrings;
- Chokers and bracelets with diamonds and colored stones;
- Sparkling pins and medals in antique and art deco styles.

Some other suggestions that will add "color" to last year's gifts include:

- Diamond pendant and earring jackets, in all combinations of colors and styles, create a new look and broaden jewelry wardrobes;
- Attachable clips and pendants to gold chains and pearls in precious and semi-precious stones set in gold.

Pins this Christmas can add color to any wardrobe and have become an important fashion accessory. Pins come in a variety of styles—bar, stick, circle and whimsical motifs in gold, pearls, diamonds, colored stones and silver. There's a pin for everyone's personal taste, and pins are very affordable.

For men, tie tucks denoting hobbies or special interests, such as

sports make a personal statement that he'll enjoy wearing all year.

Summing up, Jewelers of America advises that there is a colorful jewelry Christmas gift in every price range. Local jewelers that are members of JA have wide selections and are available to answer questions and offer advice on the best purchase for each person's needs.

JA also offers a series of informative brochures offering tips and guidelines for buying fine

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For an item to qualify as a true collectible, only a limited quantity of numbered pieces are produced, and then the mold is broken. Over the years, many collectibles increase in value, so that they become good investments, as well as affording pleasure in and of themselves.

For example, 5.6 million Americans collect plates today, and in most cases that collection was started by a gift. Limited edition plates are popular collectibles because they are affordable works of art.

Among the most successful Christmas Collectors ever introduced—based on activity in the secondary marketplace—is Gorham's Norman Rockwell collection, introduced in 1973. The 1984 edition, "Christmas Medley" is taken from a Saturday Evening post cover.

Collectible dolls have become the second most popular collectible in the United States—right behind stamps—and Gorham is an important factor in that market.

Gorham's first limited edition Christmas doll is "Holly," distinguished by her 19th century, James-style blouse and finely detailed red taffeta, lace-trimmed outfit. Bearing the Gorham hallmark, Holly is accompanied by a signed and numbered certificate of authenticity.

Of course, many items that aren't

part of a numbered limited edition that are also collected, and Christmas ornaments are among these. Many families add one or two special decorations every year.

For some, Gorham's annual sterling silver snowflake ornament has been a tradition since it was first introduced in 1969. The 1984 edition (featured above the doll's head) retails for \$45, while a smaller version, introduced this year for the first time as a pendant, will retail for \$25.

Some Christmas articles have special appeal because they relate to the receiver's background. For example, Gorham's gold-washed toy train, complete with locomotive, coal car, passenger car and caboose, may bring back memories of the

train set that used to surround the tree as Dad was growing up. Pieces are available as individual ornaments or as a set.

Gorham's extensive "Christmas Traditions" collection, available in better department stores and gift shops around the country, offers a wide variety of choices for all budgets.

From the "God's in His Heaven" collection, choose a contemporary cherub ornament or a drummer boy doll ornament.

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"It may cost more," he said, "but buying clothes isn't the time to scrimp. You'll forget about the price long before the clothes are worn out, and with quality fabrics and construction, that won't be for a long time."

Ease and simplicity are also the fashion recommendations of Italy's Giorgio Armani, named the top international designer in this year's Catty Sark Awards.

A most impressive gift, he suggested is a sports jacket, and he advises shoppers to focus on the texture of the fabric instead of on trendy silhouettes and other short-lived gimmicks.

America's Andrew Fezza, who was awarded the sportswear designer trophy at this year's Catty Sark ceremonies, agreed, "These best clothes are those made of the finest fabrics. So forget the cutesy zippers and other hardware."

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Since foods containing such spices as pepper, onion and cloves undergo flavor changes during freezing, it is always best to season only lightly before freezing and then adjust flavoring during re-heating.

All packages should be lightly wrapped and sealed to prevent air from coming in contact with the food, which would alter its texture and flavor. After wrapping lightly, label and date each package so that the longest-stored food can be used first.

Preparing double batches of main courses and freezing meals or individualized portions is a commonly-used means of streamlining food preparation, but it is far from being the only time-saving freezer use. It may be beneficial to freeze desserts and breads which can then be heated and served with little fuss and no mess.

If your holiday baking plans include several batches of cookies, try rolling unbaked dough into sausage-shaped rolls, wrapping them in foil and freezing them.

When you want freshly baked cookies, just place the dough slightly, slice, and bake. This procedure will work for all dough containing at least 1/4 pound of fat to each pound of flour.

When using a soft dough, simply pipe the cookies onto a baking tray, place in the freezer for about one

hour and, when frozen, place in plastic bags for storage. These cookies can be baked straight from the freezer.

Unfrosted cakes can be frozen for up to three or four months, and a comparable freezer lifespan.

Unbaked dough can be frozen unrisen for up to three months if lightly sealed in a lightly greased plastic bag. To bake, simply unseal bag, tie loosely and thaw at room temperature for five to six hours.

Keep in mind that individual ingredients can also be frozen.

Unsalted butter can be stored in the freezer for six months, but because salt speeds up rancidity, salted butter should be frozen for no more than three months.

Hard boiled egg whites become leathery when frozen, but fresh eggs can be frozen for up to six months provided they are appropriately prepped for storage.

Whole eggs must always be removed from their shells before freezing in order to avoid breakage. Egg whites can be frozen without any additions, but adding a small amount of sugar or salt to whole

eggs and yolks is necessary to prevent thickening. Freeze eggs in ice cube trays, and then transfer to plastic bags for convenient storage. Eggs should be thawed at room temperature for about 40 minutes,

used immediately, and never be refrozen. By fully utilizing your freezer, you can provide the customary seasonal treats, while alleviating the usual holiday rush.

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Stockings fill homes with a Yule tradition

When your family hangs its stockings by the chimney with care this Christmas, you are honoring a holiday custom that goes back a lot further than the greeting cards we send or the tree we decorate.

Legend has it that this holiday custom was inadvertently started by a Greek bishop named Nicholas as he gallantly came to the aid of a poor young maiden facing a black future.

Back in the days of the late fourth century, a young woman without a dowry, especially if she were plain, was unmarriageable and relegated not only to a life of spinsterhood, but servitude, for there was no other way for her to support herself.

Nicholas took pity on this one particularly unfortunate young maiden in his parish whose father and mother had several daughters and no money to ensure any of them a better future.

Nicholas himself had come from a wealthy family before he became a member of the church, and it was his pleasure to be generous to people in need, always anonymously.

So, one particularly dark and cold December day, as he passed by this humble family's home, he tossed a small package of three gold pieces inside through an open window. Supposedly, the coins happened to land in one of the stockings hung over the fireplace to dry, and that's how a custom was born that survives 1,500 years later.

Before Nicholas died, his generosity — of which this was just one example — had already become legendary throughout Europe. After he died, he would be sainted, and it is this same St. Nicholas who would become Father Christmas, the old St. Nick, and eventually Santa Claus.

It should be noted that the original Nicholas was reputedly a tall, thin and somber gentleman. He wore a black cleric's robe and not a fur-trimmed red velvet suit.

The familiar image of Santa Claus that we recognize today is largely a product of the last 100 years, following the publishing of the poem by Clement Moore, "A Visit From St. Nicholas."

The generosity of St. Nicholas is still celebrated in many parts of Europe, but Dec. 6 is his special feast day. On that day, gifts of candy and fruit are traditionally given to all good children. Supposedly, naughty little boys and girls find coal in their stockings.

In America, the stocking is also used as a cornucopia of goodies, but it has always been associated with Dec. 25. Not just children, but every member of the family — even the dog and cat — is likely to have his or her own stocking hung on the mantel. What a stocking may contain is limited only by size and imagination.

Though very few young ladies are likely to find gold pieces in their Christmas stocking today, some have been known to find a diamond ring there instead of a dowry. Very few lumps of coal are reported, either, though candy still is popular.

Among other thoughtful, welcome little treasures that make excellent stocking stuffers are pens, note paper, and address books: a very good idea, too, when you consider the thank you notes that will soon be written, and the address book that will need updating as we hear from old friends far and wide.

Timepieces please everyone in family

The gift of a watch is sure to please everyone on your gift list this Christmas, from your littlest angel's first timepiece right up to a new dress or special-use watch for the man of the house, reports the Jewelry Industry Council.

Today, almost everyone has need for more than one watch, for work, leisure and dressy wear.

As soon as little sister learns to tell time, she's sure to treasure her very own timepiece, and there's a wealth of styles from which to choose.

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Older brother will favor a water-resistant sports watch with a sweep second hand and a handsome red and white and blue nylon strap.

Swimmers, boaters and scuba divers are sure to welcome waterproof watches and other watches with special purpose

features such as month, day and year readouts; phases of the moon; second hands and chronograph watches.

Most of today's fine watches are built to resist dust, wind, water, shock and magnetic fields, and have batteries that last for up to three years.

Dress watches for both men and women feature two-tone metal looks in gold and silver or stainless steel with matching bands or reptile straps. Often, stainless steel is anodized for a black or grey matte finish.

Fancy watches use small diamonds to mark the hours, and often diamonds are set around the bezel to give a rich look to watches for dressy occasions.

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A popular selection

Wine gains as favorite holiday drink

Wines are fast gaining as the drink of choice on many holiday occasions. Served in the more moderate portions now growing in popularity, imported table wines are often "lighter" and more economical, and their wide variety appeals to a broad range of tastes.

Italian table wines, currently the most popular imported wines in the U.S., are favorites at festive gatherings. Folanari wines, for example, offer four dry table wine selections in whites and reds.

Folanari Soave, a crisp, dry, light wine, will complement any cocktail or dinner party. Folanari Orvieto is another light, very dry wine, straw-colored and offering a delicate aroma.

Folanari's two red wine selections are Bardolino and Valpolicella. Brilliant ruby in color, the Bardolino

Rene Junot white wine offers a light, delicate bouquet, and should be served chilled, between 45 degrees and 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Rene Junot red wine accompanies hors d'oeuvres and cheeses well. It is best when served at cool room temperature.

Holiday get-togethers often take place around a punch bowl. Here are two punch recipes featuring wine which are sure to please a crowd:

HOLIDAY WINE PUNCH
In a large pot, combine two 1.5 liter bottles of Rene Junot red wine, 8 ounces freshly squeezed orange juice, 8 ounces lemon juice, 8 ounces of pineapple juice, four sliced oranges and 1/2 cup powdered sugar. Simmer ingredients for 1 1/2 hours.

Let cool and transfer to a large serving bowl. Add ice cubes and one bottle of sparkling water. Garnish with cherries or lemon wheels.

Makes 24-32 servings.

ORANGE WINE
Delicious with holiday cookies or as a dessert punch, this zesty recipe should be prepared two weeks before serving.

Grate the skins of 5 large oranges and one lemon and put aside. Quarter the fruits and put into preserve jar or any large glass containers. Add the grated rind, five

1.5 liter bottles of Folanari Soave, two pounds sugar, one vanilla bean and one large piece of dried orange rind.

Seal the containers and store at a cool room temperature for about two weeks. Pass mixture through a sieve and pour into bottles. Seal tightly and refrigerate. Serve chilled.

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In the semi-dry wine category, Folanari offers three sparkling wines certain to add flair to holiday parties. Lambrusco is a sparkling red wine, Bianco, a sparkling white, and Rosato, a rose. All three may be served either chilled or at room temperature.

Not to be outdone by Italian winemakers, the French also offer Americans several excellent and highly affordable table wines. Among the newer imports on the American wine scene are Rene Junot "everyday" white and red wine with well-balanced, full-bodied character.

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Recipe for giving the perfect present

Christmas gifts are not simply obligations. Rather, they are carefully chosen or created to reflect the spirit of this most joyous of seasons, and to celebrate the bond between giver and recipient.

The amount of money which goes into a gift is not important; more crucial is the thought behind it, and the effort which has gone into assembling it.

For this reason, homemade gifts have always been popular; they are the most personal way of showing affection and appreciation.

Food gifts have always formed something of an in-between area. While hand-knit sweaters and afghans endure beyond the Christmas season, cookies, cakes and other confections are quickly gone, leaving behind nothing but a memory.

This does not have to be the case, for virtually every gift of food can be packaged in a container, which one empty, can still be appreciated and enjoyed.

Baskets and brightly-decorated tins are ideal for holding baked goods or a selection of homemade foods, as interesting jars and bottles make fascinating vessels for homemade liquors, extracts and preserves.

Another idea is to give the food with one or more of the utensils which go into its preparation: Cookie cutters, cake pans in fanciful shapes, or, for a very special gift, a slab of marble to serve as a pastry board.

A bread board makes a perfect frame for a coffee cake or sweet bread; so does the pan in which it was baked. The addition of red and green ribbons and a sprig of mistletoe or holly adds a perfect finishing touch.

Ideas such as these abound in a recently published volume, Gifts of Food (Crown Publishers, Inc.) by Susan Costner, which itself makes a perfect addition to a holiday gift of food. Recipes included in the volume cover every course on the menu, with a wide and mouthwatering selection of deserts, all arranged by season.

Winter treats, most appropriate as the days get shorter and colder, and Christmas Day grows close, include a variety of favorites, traditional and untraditional.

Among the latter are French Chocolate Truffles, Fortune Cookies and Chocolate Amaretto Kisses; among the former, a fabulous Marzipan-Wrapped Fruitcake, English Plum Pudding and spicy Peppernuts.

The recipes below, for Sugar Plums, Speculaas and Pretzel Bread, are all reproduced from Gifts of Food.

They are traditional Yuletide specialties that are great for both giving and serving. All can be made in advance - and added plus to ease the hectic holiday season.

Sugar Plums are confections which gained popularity during the Victorian era. These, meldings of sweet dried fruits and nuts, are spiked with orange liqueur, making them treats for adults rather than children.

Speculaas are spice cookies, Dutch in origin, which are baked to celebrate St. Nicholas Day, December 6th. Custom dictates that they be formed with special speculaas molds but, if none are available, cookie cutters will work just fine.

Pretzel Bread, common in many parts of Europe, dates back to

medieval times when the pretzel shape was a variant on the cross. For the winter solstice, pre-Christian celebrants baked food in the pretzel shape as well, to symbolize the sun and the seasons.

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Recipe for giving the perfect present

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SPECULAAS

YIELD: about a dozen 3-inch cookies

Sift the flour with the spices, baking powder, and salt and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, cream the butter and brown sugar together until light and fluffy. Add the egg and beat until smooth.

Add the flour mixture, a little at a time, to the butter mixture, beating thoroughly after each addition.

Add the chopped almonds with the last addition of flour. The dough will be quite stiff. Form the dough into several balls, wrap each one in wax paper, and refrigerate for several hours.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly oil several baking sheets. Remove 1 ball of dough from the refrigerator and roll it between 2 pieces of wax paper to a thickness of about 1/4 inch. If you have them, press floured molds or rolling pin firmly into the dough. Remove mold and cut with a knife between the designs or cut the dough into shapes with cookie cutters or a sharp knife.

Transfer cookies to a prepared baking sheet and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until cookies are golden around the edges. Remove to a wire cake rack and cool completely. Repeat trimmings and repeat the baking until all the dough is used.

The speculaas will keep for several weeks if stored in an airtight container. They also freeze very well.

TO PACKAGE

Give these cookies in decorated bags, or boxes. Team them with a wooden cookie mold as a special surprise.

INGREDIENTS

3 cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground ginger

1 teaspoon ground cardamom

1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg

1/8 teaspoon baking powder

1/8 teaspoon salt

8 ounces unsalted butter

1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

1 egg

1/2 cup almonds, blanched and finely chopped

TOOLS

Rolling pin

Wooden cookie molds (optional) or cookie cutters

Baking sheets

Wire cake rack

PRETZEL BREAD

YIELD: 1 large bread

Heat the half-and-half to lukewarm 105 degrees F. Combine the yeast and 1 tablespoon sugar and add the lukewarm half-and-half. Stir until the yeast and sugar are dissolved. Let proof for about 5 minutes.

Add the egg yolks and 1/4 cups of the flour, and beat 2 to 3 minutes to activate the gluten. Cover and let rest for 15 minutes.

In a separate bowl, combine remaining flour, 1/3 cup sugar, and the salt. Cut in the butter until the mixture resembles oatmeal. Fold in the yeast sponge and beat for 2 minutes. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

The following day, combine the almond paste, 1/4 cup sugar, the egg white, cinnamon, and almond extract, and blend into a smooth paste.

Remove the dough from the refrigerator, dust it lightly with flour, and knead on a smooth surface for 2 to 3 minutes. Allow to rest for 5 minutes before rolling it into a

rectangle 24x18 inches. Sprinkle the rectangle with sugar and flip it over.

Spread the filling evenly over the dough to within 1 inch of all the edges. Sprinkle on the chopped almonds and tightly roll up the dough into a long cylinder. Roll the cylinder between your palms until it is about 30 inches long.

Place the dough on a greased baking sheet and shape it into a large pretzel. Brush it with the egg white and water, sprinkle with sugar and sliced almonds, cover and let rise for 1 hour.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Bake the bread for 45 minutes to 1 hour, until it is golden in color and a cake tester comes out clean. If the bread colors too quickly, cover it loosely with aluminum foil.

Remove the bread from the baking sheet and allow it to cool completely before packaging.

Wrapped lightly in aluminum foil, the pretzel bread will keep in the refrigerator for a week. It freezes very well.

TO PACKAGE

The prettiest way to wrap the

pretzel bread is to place it on a round wooden bread board and overwrap with clear cellophane and a ribbon bow. Tie on a few sprigs of dried or fresh flowers.

INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 cups half-and-half

1 envelope dry yeast

1 tablespoon sugar

3 egg yolks, beaten

3/4 to 4 cups flour

1/3 cup sugar

1 teaspoon salt

4 ounces unsalted butter, chilled

TOOLS

Rolling pin

Baking sheet

7 ounces almond paste

1/2 cup sugar

1 egg white

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon almond extract

3/4 cup chopped almonds

Sugar

1 egg white mixed with 1 tablespoon water

Sliced almonds

TOOLS

Rolling pin

Baking sheet

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For those constantly in pursuit of the unique, or at least truly different gift idea, remember that new is not always best. When choosing a gift which is inclined toward the preparation of culinary delights (i.e., cookbook), it is the experienced shopper who knows to look for the book which captures the reader's imagination through the diversity of its recipes and the style in which it is put together.

The Fine Arts Cookbook II (CBI Publishing Company, Inc.) is one such example. In 1970, The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston put together a volume of favorite recipes of museum staff and patrons appropriately entitled, The Fine Arts Cookbook I.

Volume I contained many interesting and complicated dishes guaranteed to impress your guests; and not surprisingly, the cookbook enjoyed a great deal of popularity and success.

Of the 300 recipes included in this volume, which also contains 40 illustrations, paintings, and photos of great works of art currently being displayed at the museum, some of the most luscious include: Caviar Mousse and Shiraz Toast. From the breakfast, brunch and lunch section, the recipe for Cheddar Cheese Souffle looked most appealing.

With the start of the winter season, there is nothing like a hearty soup to warm and soothe on even the most blustery of days, so a recipe for Carried Broccoli Soup sounds just right. And as a sort of grand finale from The Main Course, comes such culinary delights as, Chicken Breasts Baked with Fresh Tomatoes and Cream, Lamb with Spinach Avgolemono, and Mum's New England Salt Fish Dinner.

The holiday season is upon us, and most everyone is busy prowling the stores for unique and different gift ideas, and harried hostesses are looking for the perfect recipes to create that special holiday party. The Fine Arts Cookbook II might just solve your gift giving dilemma for that person on your list who's fond of art, or just an avid chef always on the lookout for new and exciting recipes.

Since holiday entertaining is truly the main theme of this month, the following recipes were chosen as most suitable, including: Kris Kringle (cookies), Chatham Chutney and The Ultimate Eggnog.

KRIS KRINGLES
Yield: 35 cookies
1/2 cup butter
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg yolk
1 tablespoon orange peel, grated
1 teaspoon lemon peel, grated
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 cup flour
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 egg white slightly beaten
1/2 cup pecans or walnuts, finely chopped
10 candied cherries, cut in half
Cream shortening and sugar thoroughly, add egg yolk, orange and lemon peels, and lemon juice. Beat thoroughly. Stir in flour and salt. Chill until firm. Form small balls about 1/2 inch in diameter. Dip in egg white and then in finely chopped nuts. Press half a candied cherry in the center of each cookie. Bake at 325 degrees about 20 minutes.

CHATHAM CHUTNEY
Yield: 6-8 quarts
12 pounds firm peaches
1/2 pound green or red peppers, seeded and chopped
1/8 pound green ginger, chopped
2 cloves garlic, mashed

3 pounds raisins (seedless)
Blanch peaches in boiling water for easy peeling; pare and slice. Mix with remaining ingredients.
Make syrup by boiling:
2 quarts cider vinegar
4 pounds dark brown sugar
6 ounces mustard seed

1 tablespoon salt
Combine all ingredients in large heavy kettle and celery; simmer 10-15 minutes longer, uncovered, or until mixture is thick. Cool and refrigerate.
THE ULTIMATE EGGNOG
12 egg yolks

2 cups sugar
1/4 cup powdered cloves and freshly grated nutmeg, mixed
12 egg whites
2 quarts whipping cream
1 quart bourbon
1 pint dark rum
1 pint V.S.O.P. cognac

Beat yolks until very light. Beat in sugar, cloves and nutmeg. Cover and let it stand overnight. Just before serving, beat egg whites stiff, beat cream until it peaks. Fold mixtures together, stir in liquor. Serve over cracked ice. Sprinkle with freshly grated nutmeg.

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