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BEAUMONT PERSON OF THE YEAR



NORTHPOLE NEWS

Santa has confirmed that he will be calling to the houses of the boys and girls in Beaumont who answered our notice in the last newsletter, to see them on Sunday, December 19, 1999. If we have your name please be there when he calls. He will be starting at 2.00 o'clock in the areas with the prefix "Drom" then the "Beau" then the "Shan" and finally the "Cool". He finished at 9 o'clock last year, we hope it will be earlier this year.



The Beaumont Residents' Association would like to wish everybody a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Millennium

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Pictured above is Christopher Murphy presenting Noreen Maher with her award (sponsored by Murphy Jewellers) for being voted Beaumont's Person of the Year, for all the work she has done in the area with Associations and Scouts and Schools, etc. Christopher also gave an award for Peggy Nolan, who came a close second for Person of the Year - Congratulations to both of them.

A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas brings with it many distractions, minds are pre-occupied with the seasons activities. Over the Christmas period too, people relax and probably drink more. As a result the risk of fire outbreak is greater at Christmas than any other time of the year.

The National Safety Council wishes to remind all to take the following fire prevention measures, to ensure that you have a safe and a Happy Christmas.

- Place real Christmas trees in a moist bucket of soil - metal stands cause the tree to dry out and become highly flammable. If choosing an artificial tree, make sure it has been pre-treated to increase flame resistance.
- Only buy Christmas lights marked with a safety standard. Check all connections on Christmas lights, and ensure that all electrical work (plugs etc.) on toys is carried out by a competent person.
- Place Christmas candles on a secure base, well away from curtains, and extinguish them before going to bed or before you leave the house.
- Keep strings of Christmas cards well away from candles and open fires.
- Fit a spark guard to all open fires to prevent burning coals and sparks from falling onto rugs.
- Do not overload electrical sockets.
- Extinguish cigarettes properly and do not let ashtrays get overfilled.

McLEAN Beaumont

Sheila's husband Leslie, sons Brian and Allen wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent great loss.

Where possible all those who attended the removal, Mass and funeral, sent Mass cards and letters of sympathy have been replied to by way of a thank you card.

If we missed you please accept this notice as a final thank you for your wonderful support in our darkest days.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered for your intentions.

Yours sincerely
Leslie, Brian and Allen

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Christmas
& Best Wishes
for the
New Millennium
from*

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The Alternative version of The Night Before Christmas *(by Clement Clarke Moore)*

'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck...
How to live in a world that's politically correct?
His workers no longer would answer to "Elves."
"Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves.
And labour conditions at the North Pole
Were alleged by the union to stifle the soul.
Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,
Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.
And equal employment had made it quite clear
That Santa had better not use just reindeer.
So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid,
Were replaced with 4 pigs, and you know that looked stupid!
The runners had been removed from Santa's sleigh,
The ruts were termed dangerous by the E.P.A.
And people had started to call for the cops
When they heard sled noises on their roof-tops.
Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened,
His fur-trimmed red suit was call "Unenlightened."
And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows,
Rudolf was suing over unauthorized use of his nose
And had gone on Geraldo, in front of the nation,
Demanding millions in over-due compensation.

So, half of the reindeer were gone; and his wife,
Who suddenly said she'd enough of this life,
Joined a self-help group, packed, and left in a whiz,
Demanding that from now on her title was Ms.

And as for the gifts, why, he'd ne'er had a notion
That making a choice could cause so much commotion.
Nothing of leather, nothing of fur,
Which meant nothing for him, and nothing for her.
Nothing that might be construed to pollute,
Nothing to aim, nothing to shoot.
Nothing that clamored or made lots of noise,
Nothing for just girls, or just for the boys...
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific,
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacific.
No candy or sweets ... they were bad for the tooth,
Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.
And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden,
Were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden.
For they raised the hackles of those psychological
Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.
No baseball, no football... someone could get hurt;
Besides, playing sports exposed kids to dirt.
Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be passe;
And Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.

So Santa just stood there, disheveled, perplexed;
He just could not figure out what to do next.
He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,
But you've got to be careful with that word today.
His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground;
Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might
Give to all without angering the left or the right.
A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,
Each group of people, every religion;
Every ethnicity, every hue,
Everyone, everywhere ... even you.
So here is that gift, it's price beyond worth...
"May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on earth.

Neighbourhood Watch - The Basics

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch started out as simply a program of neighbours watching other neighbour's property during times when the occupant is away. A police officer patrolling your community may not recognize a stranger in your yard - but your neighbours would!

How does Neighbourhood Watch work?

The program works because - NEIGHBOURS WATCH OUT FOR NEIGHBOURS. Your neighbors know who you are, what type of car you own and may be the first to notice a burglar at your window or door. Each neighbor can effectively watch those homes to each side, the front, and the back of their own home.

If You See Something Suspicious

1. Write down the description of any suspicious persons.
2. Get the make, model, colour, and license number of strange vehicles.
3. Call the police and the owner of the property immediately.

Going on Holiday: Things to consider...

Leave the following information with a trusted friend or neighbor:

- Where you are going.
- How you can be reached, in case of emergency.
- When you expect to return.
- If anybody will be at your home (gardener, repairman).
- Leave a key with your neighbour.
- If someone is house-sitting (Don't forget to introduce them).

Don't Wait To Be Asked!

If you know your neighbor is away and you see an obvious invitation to a burglar, correct it. Close the open garage door and remove the accumulation of newspapers from the doorstep. Why not be friendly?

1. Keep an eye on strangers in your neighbourhood. The unauthorized candy seller or the teenager selling newspaper subscriptions may use an unanswered doorbell as the opportunity to enter an unsecured home.
2. The person "taking a short-cut" through your backyard may have broken into your neighbour's home. Don't assume someone else has called...**CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY.**
3. Write down license numbers and descriptions of strange vehicles parked at your neighbour's house.

Protect Yourself By:

- Good lighting (use timers - preferably with multi-settings)
- Good lock security
- Secure all doors and windows when house is unoccupied
- Let a trusted neighbour know when you are on holiday
- Join Operation Identification
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TRICK OR TREAT

- By Tom Darby

THE above headline is usually associated with Hallow'een, but it could quite easily be associated with the forthcoming budget. There are two aspects of one in particular issue which need to be aired and commented on. This one issue comes under the heading of "Social Welfare Increases". Most people who have a dependence on one or other of the welfare payment i.e unemployment or sickness benefit, widows and old age pensions, will listen intently to what the Minister for Finance had to say. I sometimes wonder whether finance Minister ever went to school particularly when you hear the old age pensions will be increased by £6.00. But because your other half is alive and well you receive the sum total of £9.00. The fiscal policy of depriving a dependant of the full amount instead of half can only be described as the ultimate in penny pinching and a dose of monetary lunacy to all Social Welfare recipients. But then this has always been the case and notwithstanding the hoards of money at hand it will be no different this time. I suppose it could be called the ultimate in discrimination. Yet you receive nothing only what is rightfully yours, and paid for many times over. Just imagine you and your wife going into a café for a meal and expecting to pay one and a half times the cost for one. You wouldn't get away with it. But yet every Budget Day that principle is applied by the minister. As it was by ministers before him. Never once have I heard one word of protest in Dail Eireann in relation to this serious insult to married people. The other aspect of

social welfare increases is the date of application. The minister announces the increases in December and they will not apply for several months after. Some of the people who have heard the "Good News" will have passed to their eternal reward before payment is made. There used to be a well worn excuse that the payments couldn't be made from the announcement date because of administrative purposes. Nonsense, and grossly insulting. If politicians themselves had increases coming they would make sure that there would be retrospective payments, back money or lump sum, call it what you like stitched in. It should be no problem for the Dept. of Finance even if there was administration problems to make it clear that increases would be due from date of announcement and the increases would be paid retrospectively. Come on Charlie prove to us that there is somebody in the Finance Department with both a heart and a head and eliminate once and for all those miserly aspects of the Social Welfare system. - THIS WAS SUBMITTED BEFORE BUDGET DAY.

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Bet yea didn't know that

Armadillos are the only animal besides humans that can get leprosy.
 Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks otherwise it will digest itself.
 Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
 A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
 The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.
 It was discovered on a space mission that a frog can throw up. The frog throws up its stomach first, so the stomach is dangling out of its mouth. Then the frog uses its forearms to dig out all of the stomach's contents and then swallows the stomach back down again.
 If NASA sent birds into space they would soon die, they need gravity to swallow.
 Studies show that if a cat falls off the seventh floor of a building, it has about thirty percent less chance of surviving than a cat that falls off the twentieth floor. It supposedly takes about eight floors for the cat to realise what is occurring, relax and correct itself.
 Emus and kangaroos cannot walk backwards, and are on the Australian coat of arms for that reason. The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.
 More people are killed annually by donkeys than die in aircrashes.
 Certain frogs can be frozen solid, then thawed, and survive.
 An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
 To escape the grip of a crocodile's jaws, push your thumbs into its eyeballs - it will let you go instantly.
 If you toss a penny 10000 times, it will not be heads 5000 times, but more like 4950. The heads picture weighs more, so it ends up on the bottom.

Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.
 In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.
 A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.
 The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.
 If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air (the horse, that is), the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.
 No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver and purple.
 The most common name in the world is Mohammed.
 Sherlock Holmes never said "Elementary, my dear Watson".
 In "Casablanca", Humphrey Bogart never said "Play it again, Sam".
 The average person falls asleep in seven minutes. (is that true past and present System Test people!!!)
 A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
 The ant can lift 50 times its own weight, can pull 30 times its own weight and always falls over on its right side when intoxicated.
 A cockroach will live nine days without its head, before it starves to death.
 Starfish have no brains.
 Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.
The above facts raises the following questions....
 - I want to know who the sadistic scientist is, who did the studies on cats and frogs.
 - how many limbs did the guy loose before finding out just how to get out of a crocodile hold?
 - how many "recorded" chicken flights are there?
 - exactly how do you get an ant drunk?

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From the Internet

After having written to Dublin Corporation about the quality of water in the Beaumont Area, and after getting nowhere with them the following article caught my attention on the Internet.

Latest EPA reports - Contaminated Drinking Water in Ireland .

The 1993-1998 EPA results show a continued rapid increase in the number of contaminated water supplies in Ireland and the degree of contamination in the last five years. The drinking water supplies of Ireland are in a state of near collapse. In fact, the vast majority of Ireland's water is contaminated. Even state-run supplies, despite massive chemical treatment, still show signs of bacteriological contaminants, plus, of course, the chemical contaminants added to treat the water.

Whilst the Irish government and the theoretically independent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) attempts to 'talk down' the seriousness of the problem, Environment Watch Ireland is publishing the official Water Test Results so that the public can decide for themselves.

The Irish government and European Commission must now to stop the intensification of agriculture, unplanned and badly planned development.

The Results

The EPA Drinking Water Quality publications for 1993 and 1997 have been published and indicate that bacteriological contamination continues to increase.

Bacteriological Contamination of Drinking Water in Ireland

Dublin Corporation Contaminated Drinking Water:
1993 (Local Authority Supplies): (4 supplies)
Ballymore Eustace - faecal coliforms 2/100 mls, Leixlip - faecal coliforms 2/100 mls, Leixlip-Ballymore - faecal coliforms 1/100 mls, Stillorgan - faecal coliforms 32/100 mls.
1994 (Local authority supplies): (4 supplies)
Ballymore Eustace - coliforms 200/100 mls, Leixlip - coliforms 13/100 mls, Leixlip-Stillorgan-Ballymore Eustace - faecal coliforms 2/100 mls, Stillorgan - faecal coliforms 12/100 mls.
1995 (Local authority supplies): (5 supplies)
Ballyboden - coliforms 1/100 mls, Ballymore Eustace - coliforms 1/100 mls, Leixlip - faecal coliforms 1/100 mls, Leixlip-Stillorgan-Ballymore Eustace - coliforms 12/100 mls, Stillorgan - faecal coliforms 1/100 mls.

County Dublin Contaminated Drinking Water Supplies:
1993 (Local Authority Supplies): (9 supplies)
Ballyboden - faecal coliforms 4/100 mls, Ballyedmonduff - coliforms 5/100 mls, Ballymore Eustace - faecal coliforms 1/100 mls, Brittas - faecal coliforms 15/100 mls, Glencullen - faecal coliforms 3/100 mls, Kilternan - faecal coliforms 17/100 mls, Leixlip - coliforms 3/100 mls, Leixlip-Stillorgan - faecal coliforms 1/100 mls, Roundwood - faecal coliforms 5/100 mls.
1994 (Local authority supplies): (8 supplies)
South Dublin County Council: Ballyboden - faecal coliforms 1/100 mls, Ballymore Eustace - faecal coliforms 5/100 mls,



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Chairpersons Column



Hello again,

WELL it is Christmas Party time again and at the time of going to print the Senior Citizens Party has been organised and approximately 200 guests are looking forward to a great night. A full report will be in the next issue.

I HOPE you like our new look magazine. Super Valu and Murphy Jewellers are sponsoring the colour printing.

I WOULD like to thank Mr. Dermot Carew proprietor of the Beaumont House who has been kindly sponsoring some of our competitions for nearly three years. This sponsorship has unfortunately now come to an end but we want to thank Mr Carew for his generosity over the years.

THE Residents Association are now sponsoring the Christmas Crossword. Our magazine is now being distributed door to door to our neighbours in Lorcan and we welcome them to our readership. There will be a free draw in each issue sponsored by Murphy Jewellers, this draw will be open to all our readers. All other competitions however are confined to members of the Beaumont Residents Association.

ONCE again let me remind you that Beaumont News is paid for entirely by revenue generated by advertising. Please support our advertisers whenever you can.

MAY I take this opportunity, both on a personal level and as Chairperson of the Residents Association to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Safe Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous 2000.

STEPHEN DALY is on holidays at the moment but his column will resume next issue. Merry Xmas from Stephen.

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- Q1. What does an amber light mean?
 Q2. If you were approaching a traffic light and an amber light comes on, what would you do?
 Q3. What does a continuous white line in the centre of the road mean?
 Q4. What else can you not do when there is a continuous white line?
 Q5. Is there any time that you can cross a continuous white line?
 Q6. What does a broken yellow line at the edge of the carriageway

mean?

- Q7. What does a continuous yellow line at the kerbside mean?
 Q8. What do two continuous yellow lines at the kerbside mean?
 Q9. What marks a "No Entry"?
 Q10. What light comes after amber?
 Q11. Who has the right of way at a road junction, crossroads or a roundabout?
 Q12. When should you dip your headlights?
 Q13. What do you check before starting the engine?
 Q14. We generally overtake on the right, name 3 times when you can overtake on the left?
 Q15. What is the purpose of a box junction?
 Q16. When can you enter a box junction?
 Q17. When should you use your mirror?
 Q18. Who do you give way to at a road junction of equal importance?
 Q19. What would you do if you had an accident?
 Q20. What does a broken white line in the centre of the road mean?
 Q21. How would you recognise a zebra crossing at night?

ANSWERS - A1 STOP A2. You would stop, unless it is unsafe to do so or unless you're across the stop line. A3 That you cannot cross it to overtake. A4. You cannot park either side A5. YES - to avoid road works, an obstruction on the road and when there is a broken white line on your side. A6. Edge of carriageway or hard shoulder. A7. Restricted parking. A8. No parking at anytime. A9. A continuous white line with a broken white line inside it. A10. Red. A11. Traffic on your right, traffic already on the junction and pedestrians. A12. When you are meeting traffic, following closely behind traffic, in a built up area, in fog and falling snow or at anytime visibility is poor and at the beginning and end of lighting up time. A13. Check the handbrake is on. Then check that the gear level is in neutral position. A14. When the car in front clearly indicates it is turning right, in two lanes of dense traffic when the outside lane is moving slower than your own, and when turning left. A15. You cannot enter it except if the exit is clear. You must not stop in the box and block the junction. A16. When turning right and the exit you are turning right into is clear. A17. Before you move off, turn right or left, change traffic lanes, slow down or stop, reverse or opening your door. Q18. Traffic approaching from your right, traffic on the junction and pedestrians. A19. STOP A20. A broken white line divides the road and you should cross it only when necessary and it is safe to do so. A21. Black and white markings with flashing yellow beacons.

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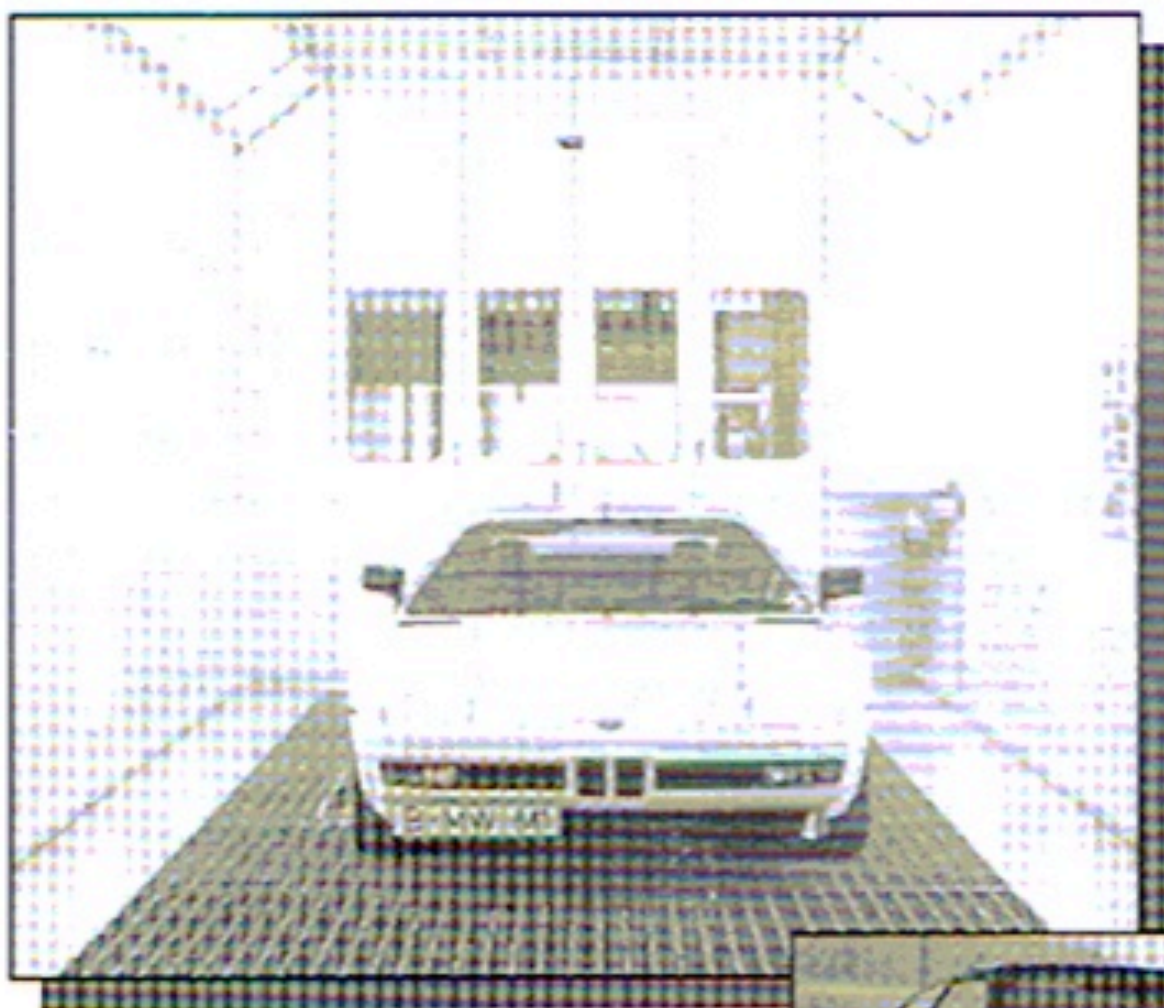
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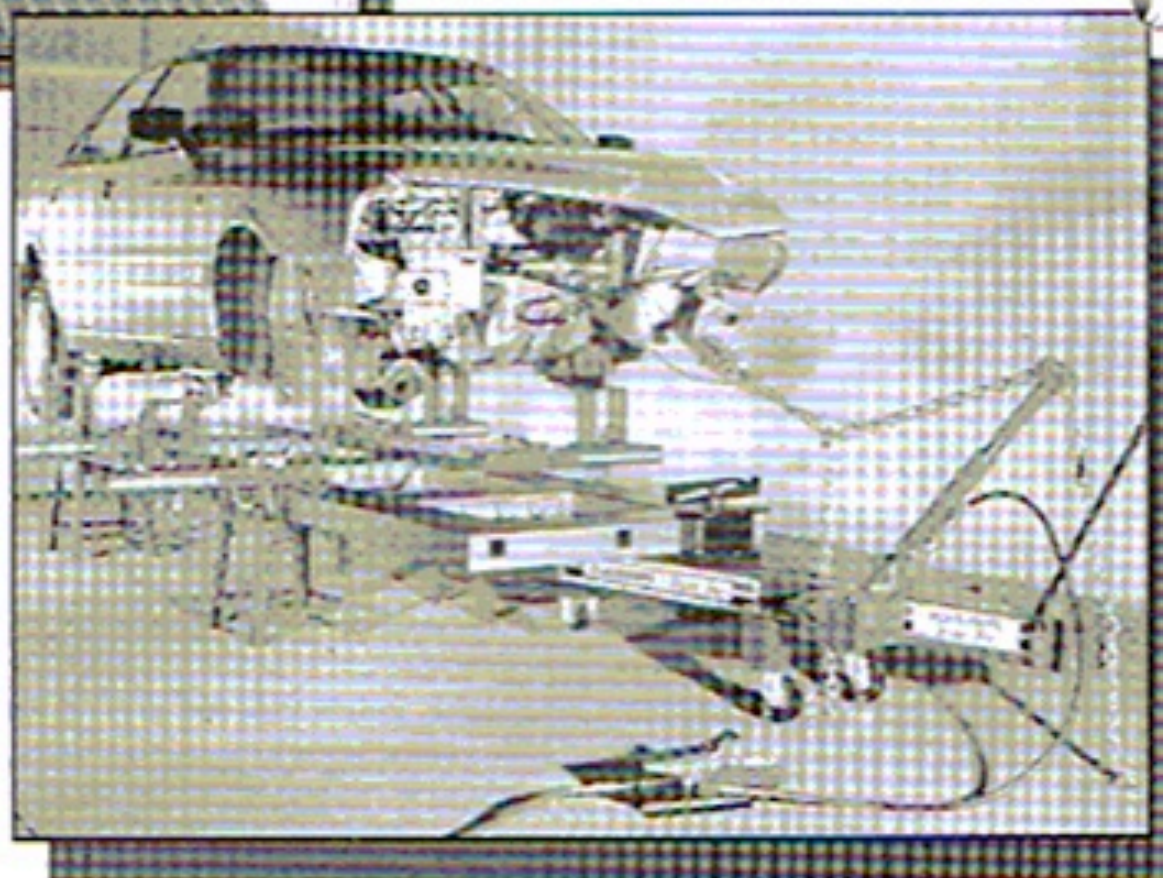


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A THOUGHT FOR THE MILLENNIUM

"If I had my life to live over" By Erma Bombeck

If I had my life to live over . . .

I would have talked less and listened more.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the "GOOD" living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for a day.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment realising that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle. When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later."

Now go get washed up for dinner."

There would have been more "I love yous" . . . more "I'm sorrys" . . . but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute . . . look at it and really see it . . . live it . . . and never give it back.

NOTICEBOARD



Pictured above enjoying herself at her recent Birthday Party, Irene Curran, Cooleen Avenue, and her family.

The Drama and Variety Group (Lorcan) are producing the pantomime "Aladdin" on the 28th, 29th and 30th of January. Your support for this venture is requested as this amateur group have produced some fantastic shows in the past.

THE Active Retirement Group, which is in its 5th successful year, is now seeking new members, particularly men, who are retired and 55 yrs or over.

Congratulations to Mark Clarke, Lorcan Avenue; Eric Goodson, Lorcan Villas and Colm Feelan, Lorcan Villas on their recent marriages.

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Father Joe's Column



Greetings from the Church of the Nativity, here in Beaumont. Advent is upon us now and we are all busy getting ready for Christmas. Our preparations have added significance this year as we prepare for the great Jubilee 2000. Our Jubilee celebrations began on the First Sunday of Advent. A member of the All Hallows Mission Team spoke at all the Masses on this Sunday and Veritas held a display of books and religious goods in the Pastoral Centre on the Sunday morning.

A series of discussion evenings facilitated by the All Hallows Mission Team will take place during the Wednesdays of Advent. The theme is 'Why be a Christian in the 21st. Century?'. It is hoped that many people will come along to one or all of these evenings. They will be held in the Pastoral Centre, beginning at 8 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. A Calendar of Jubilee Events has been printed and we hope to distribute it to all the homes in the Parish. Please God, this Jubilee Year 'will be a time of grace and renewal for all of us. A special word of thanks to the Jubilee Group who have put so much time and energy into organising these events. The new roof for the Church is completed and work is starting on painting the interior of the Church so that it should be looking great by Christmas. On Sunday, the 21st. of November last, there was a very special day for the young people involved in our Family Mass. It was facilitated by Youth with a Mission and was jammed packed with fun and activities. It was a real celebration of joy as we begin our Jubilee.

The children in Second Class are busy preparing for their First Confession and First Holy Communion. On Sunday, the 12th of December we will have a brief enrolment ceremony at all the Masses for these children. This is an opportunity for all of us in the Parish to express our support and encouragement for the children and their families during this very special year in their lives. Please keep them very specially in your prayers. Our Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas takes place on Wednesday, the 22nd Of December at 7.30 P.M. it replaces the Evening Mass. A card giving details of all our Christmas arrangements is being delivered to every home in the Parish and will also be available at the back of the Church.

On the eve of the New Year, we are holding a very special Twilight Celebration to welcome in the new century. We hope that many people will use the opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate together.

Finally, on behalf of all of us in the Presbytery in Beaumont, I want to wish each of you a very Happy and Holy Christmas and thank you for all your support and kindness throughout the year. We celebrate the mystery of God who loves each one of us so much, he gives us his very self and binds himself to us forever. He is the light that shines in the darkness, a light that darkness cannot over-come. May his coming fill us with new hope knowing that we face into the future with him and so we are a people with a future full of hope. Happy Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

VICTIM SUPPORT LAUNCH

A NEW branch of Victim Support was launched on October 18th, 1999 at Stormanstown House, Ballymun Road. The branch was named Dublin North East Branch, which covers Santry, Ballymun, Whitehall and Beaumont.

The Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, John O'Donoghue launched the Branch. He presented the trained "visitors" with pins and certificates. We are proud to announce that we have a few visitors from the Beaumont area in Victim Support.

Victim Support's activities are made possible by committed trained volunteers who are dedicated to support those members of their communities who become victims of crime. By providing emotional and practical support. Volunteers who come from a cross section of the community demonstrate a high level of social concern and empathy. Some are people who have been victims themselves in the past and have first hand experience of the difficulties which the victims have to face. If you feel you would like to help please call Freephone 1800 661 771.

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Whitethorn News

WE celebrated our dinner dance in style at the Regency Hotel on Saturday Nov. 20, 1999. We had a record attendance for this year. Santa surprised us by dropping in and giving out some spot-prizes.

Mary (Our Chairperson) thanked the present committee for their tireless work during the year. She also extended thanks to anyone who served on Whitethorn Residents Association since its inception, over 20 years ago. If people hadn't have gotten involved down through the years, we would not be here tonight as a group of neighbours celebrating the beginning of a new Millennium! Maybe our next AGM will have another record attendance!!!!

NEWSFLASH.....

We've just heard from the North Pole that Santa and his elves are making a special effort to call on Members Children on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

On behalf of the Committee, Gay and myself, I wish you all a very Happy

Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. - Ann and Gay.

Pictures on the right The Prizeman family with Santa.



Lorcan News

NOW that the Millennium is upon us. We have been turned down for a grant to improve the community area. However, Dublin Corporation are running a competition for the Best Decorated House in the estate for New Year's Eve (The Millennium). There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes to be won. Our volunteer collectors are at present canvassing the estate to collect Annual Subscriptions, which we must remind residents have not increased from £10 for the last 10 years. Thanks to our loyal residents who have contributed every year.

When residents have complaints, it would be better if they send a note to the Hon. Secretary or any committee member, rather than to our subscription collectors who do this job completely on voluntary basis. A note would receive prompter attention from the committee.



Pictured on the left the Ecock family from Whitethorn with Santa.

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3. Annie's Song (John Denver).
4. Bohemian Rhapsody (Queen).
5. New York Mining Disaster 1941 (The Bee Gees)
6. Positively Fourth Street (Bob Dylan).
7. Space Oddity (David Bowie).

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Just in Time, Burst Cloud, Isabelle, Shipwrecked, One thing after another, Step by Step.

To ensure impartiality the winners of all draws and competitions are drawn by Mr. William Bollins, Peace Commissioner.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

The abbreviation of Xmas for Christmas is not irreligious. The first letter of the word Christ in Greek is chi, which is identical to our X. Xmas was originally an ecclesiastical abbreviation that was used in tables and charts. (In the early days of printing, when font sizes were limited and type was set by hand, abbreviations and ditto marks were used liberally.) Xmas came into general use from the church!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Neighbourhood Watch AGM was held on Saturday Oct. 9, at the Conrad Hotel. The H District was very well represented. The attendance is a reflection of our commitment to Neighbourhood Watch. Crime figures are dropping - and we have done great work for the elderly re: the Pendant Alarms and General Security, i.e. lights, locks on doors and windows etc. We are selling Neighbourhood Watch Christmas Cards, a pack of 10 excellent cards for only £2. Please support us. They can be obtained from Noreen Maher, Coolgreena Rd or Phyllis Redmond, Coolrua Drive.

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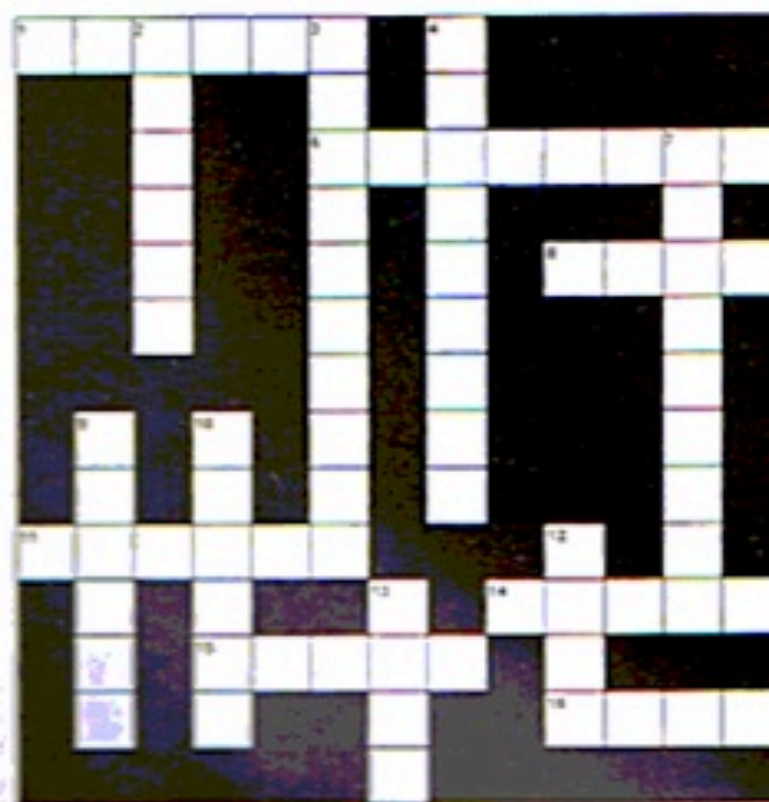
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Please heed the advice on the front page of this issue.

Happy Christmas from the Beaumont Residents Association to Everybody.

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CLUES

Across - 1. Luminaries, 6 Santa's home, 8 Where feed 11 Celestial singers 14 Talking snowman 15 16 Sprites.

Down - 2. Who stole Christmas? 3. Saint Nick, 4 B of Jesus, 5. Last month in year 7. Decorations 9. Icicles 10 Vehicle on runners, 12 Evergreen 13 Head body.

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUES CROSSWORD

Across - 2. Practice 6. Toeing 8 Elegance 9 Judgement Slice 13 Strip 16 Duel 17 Game 18 Threat 19 Pass.

Down - 1 Touche 2 Proficient 3 Cutover 4 Blade 5 Grace 9 Jacket 10 Dagger 11 Bind 12 Speed 14 Slo Stab.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER

- K. Bolster, No. 50136, who has won a voucher in the compliments of the Residents's Association

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CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

RE: Cleaning of gullies in Beaumont area.

THERE are currently a very large number of blocked gullies in the Corporation area, and the first cleaning will be time consuming. In order to carry out this task in an efficient manner, the gully cleaning lorries will be deployed on a planned work program, rather than on a response basis to complaints. With efficient working it is expected that it will take one year before each gully in the city will have been cleaned once. Subsequent cleanings will, of course, be much quicker, as there will be less debris to shift from each gully.

RE: (1) Pedestrian Phase at junction of Beaumont Woods and Traffic Island ; (2) Yellow box at junction of Beaumont Road and Coolgreena Road.

DUBLIN Corporation would like to advise you that item No. 1 has been referred to the Traffic Engineer, and item No. 2 to the Traffic Advisory Group. We will write further when more information is at hand.

RE: Water pressure in the Beaumont Area.

Between Aug. 23rd-Sept. 6 the pumps to Beaumont were malfunctioning and eventually went on fire, then there was the burst main on the Beaumont Road which caused problems. The area is pumped at 30 p.s.i. which is nearly twice the normal pressure. Test made since Sept. 6 show that the pressure is as it should be. If anyone has a problem members of the committee have the phone number of Mary McMahon, Water Division who was very helpful with this query and will do her best to sort out any problems.

Appeal RE: Retention of boundary walls and development of garden area to the rear of premises as a beer garden adjoining Beaumont House, 1-3 Shantalla Road and 120 Beaumont Road, Beaumont, Dublin 9.

AN order has been made by An Bord Pleanála determining the above-mentioned appeal under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963 to 1999. As follows:

DECISION: Pursuant to the Local Government (Planning and

Development) Acts, 1963 to 1998, it is hereby decided, for the reason set out in the First Schedule hereto, to grant permission for the retention of the said boundary walls in accordance with the said plans and particulars and the said permission is hereby granted. Furthermore, permission is hereby refused for development of the said Garden to Beer Garden for the reasons set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

FIRST SCHEDULE - It is considered that retention of the boundary walls would not seriously injure the amenities of the area and would not be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

SECOND SCHEDULE - 1. It is considered that the proposed use of the site as a beer garden would seriously injure the residential amenities of the area by reason of noise and general activity and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area. 2. Having regard to the scale of the existing public house on a confined site, the limited car parking facilities that are available to serve the development and the proximity of the premises to a busy road junction, it is considered that the proposed use of the site as a beer garden would result in an intensification of the existing use as a public house and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

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