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IN MEMORIAM

It is indeed sad when any family in our community has a death of one of its members, and we offer them our condolences and help. However, when, one of our elected officers dies we feel a particular loss. Virgil Regalbuto "Reggie" our Recording Secretary, died on August 27th. Reggie was a hard and loyal worker for our Association and will be missed severely. He alone was responsible for our Association newspaper and wrote and edited almost every article that appeared.

An example of Reggie's willingness to help was his volunteering to edit the paper at one of the very first meetings he and his wife attended. Every activity that was undertaken by the Association in the past two years could always count on an assist from Reggie and he and his wife had been particularly helpful in our annual June Walk. Reggie recognized the need for community involvement and set an example that any of us could follow. His service will be missed by all, but even more so we will miss Reggie.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Once again it's that time of year when we launch our membership drive. Sibi Platania, our Treasurer is presently preparing the membership cards and our block captains will collect the \$2.00 dues in the beginning of Oct. We have 1,250 homes in our association and the goal is 100% membership. When your block captain calls please be receptive. In mentioning block captains we still have quite a few blocks remaining without any coverage by a block captain.

Please come to our meetings and sign up as a captain. The duties only involve delivering the Action News for ten months and collecting dues once a year. It will also give you a chance to meet your many new neighbors who have moved into the neighborhood.

Only a small portion of our 1,250 families have been taking the time to attend our meetings. A community is only as strong, secure and safe as its concerned citizens want it to be. Many new families have recently

moved into Bellerose and we especially invite them to join us and discuss the improvements they would like to implement in their new neighborhood.

With your support, we can make Bellerose a better place. Please join us.

NOTICE

THE NEXT MEETING

October 6, 1977

8:30 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER

A
representative
of A.P.E.C.
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Bicycle Registration

The Community Affairs office of the 105th Precinct will conduct a bicycle registration day on October 8, 1977 (or raindate Oct. 15th) in the school yard of P.S. 133, from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M.

Bicycle registration is an invaluable aid in recovering and returning lost and/or stolen bicycles. We urge all bicycle owners, young and old alike, to avail themselves of this valuable service. There is no fee for the service.

Bring your bikes to: P.S. 133 School Yard 249 St. (between 85th & 86th Avenues) Bellerose, N.Y. Children should bring their bicycles and proof of purchase or a parent with identification. Adults should bring their bicycles and proof of purchase or identification.

Since every bicycle owner in our community is invited, please share this notice with your neighbors and friends.

GOLDEN 'G'

Once again it is our pleasure to publicly thank the Bellerose Theatre for its delightful summer schedule of "G" rated Walt Disney features. At the risk of repeating ourselves, we must reaffirm our belief that the policy maintained by this neighborhood merchant in offering wholesome entertain-

ment for the family and in this instance particularly our young people, is one to be gratefully acclaimed. As I am certain any mother will tell you the success of this program has been attested to by hundreds of youngsters attending who, with much vacation time on their hands, saw boredom only a step away.

Close to the hearts of every resident in Bellerose is the desire to keep our neighborhood as wholesome & crime free as possible and this is a full time job for all of us. Having the cooperation of our good neighbors such as the Bellerose Theatre in presenting decent films is no small thing, for we have seen the damage that can be done by suggestive flicks bringing out the worst in people and attracting a bad element to our town.

And so, on behalf of the people of Bellerose, may we again express our appreciation to the manager and management of the Century Bellerose Theatre and may we pledge our continued patronage. It's a pleasure to have them in our community.

Betty Platania

Your kidding me Doc!

From time to time in all of our lives some incident of pathos, humor, mystery, fear stands out above all in our memory through the years. We invite you to share these memories with our readers, in as brief a manner as possible.

Mr. Nicholas Martone was a member of the famous Fighting 69th Regiment of World War I and has submitted the following:

Returning from a raid on the German trenches, I was wounded and given field first aid and then sent to a hospital at Tours, France. After a brief examination by the surgeon, I was wheeled to the operating room to have shrapnel removed from my leg. The surgeon listened attentively as I politely told him I had been shot point blank and felt he was mistaken about the type of wound I had received. The following morning upon awaking from surgery, I found the piece of shrapnel hanging around my neck. Annoyed that I had been wrong, I threw the piece of metal out of the hospital window, since regretting that I did not save it as a souvenir!

WILD SAFARI

Have you ever considered taking a safari to Wild Asia? Well, neither did we but quite surprisingly, that's exactly what we did as a family at only a fraction of what one would imagine the cost to be and in considerably more comfort. I'm speaking of course of the latest attraction at the New York Zoological Society's Bronx Zoo. Here amid the splendor of some forty acres you will see elephants, rhinoceros, tigers and many other rare animals roam the previously undeveloped wooded area now surveyed by visitors riding

an electric monorail. Completely narrated, this trip of approximately twenty minutes winds slowly past the new home of previously caged animals which hopefully will prove a better habitat for some animals threatened with extinction. Ample provision is made at each area for picture taking and the monorail, known as the Bengali Express, is arranged to give a full front view of Wild Asia while completely blocking the mundane features of an otherwise commonplace city of tall buildings and graffiti decorated subway cars.

Once again on the grounds after our trip, we were charmed by the beautifully landscaped new oriental plaza with elephant rides available and an open exhibition area terraced with benches where we were delighted to see and learn about a rare talking minor

bird and unusual lizard which the children were permitted to touch. The atmosphere was one of being at a Middle East Bazaar, with pebbled walks and souvenirs and snacks for sale.

Needless to say, we didn't stop there but continued to all of the old-favorites--the reptile house, the House of Darkness, the bears, Children's Zoo --and how could we forget the monkey house? Comfortable shoes are a must and make provision for eating if yours is a hungry group. There is a cafeteria and various stands for tidbits throughout, but how much

handier (and cheaper) for a family to bring their own.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are bargain days at the Bronx Zoo with free admission. You will find a parking fee at all times, charges for the monorail, Children's Zoo, camel, pony and elephant rides. Benches are in abundance along the way and there are lots of sights to see by foot. For the more adventurous there is a skyfari ride (cable car for an aerial view) and safari ride (tractor-train conducted tour) to be taken advantage of. Variety is rampant and there's something to please everyone, so why not plan a trip to the Bronx Zoo soon--it's open all year from 10 A.M. to 5:30 Sundays and holidays now; 5:00 daily, and in the Winter, 4 30 at all times. B. Platania

IT'S TIME

IT's about time to bring your plants in from the outside. For those who remember my last article.. In which I said the best thing for house plants is to put them outside for the summer months. With the exception of African Violets which will not survive in the hot sun.

Before bringing in the plants, be sure to wash them thoroughly with a mild solution of Ivory liquid/1 ounce to 2 - gallons of lukewarm water. (either spray or wash with absorbing cotton.) this is to prevent bringing insects or plant fungus

into the house.

Make sure each plant is thoroughly watered, as being outdoors tends to dry out the root system. Add B mixture* to plants if the level of soil is below 1/4 inch from top of pot.

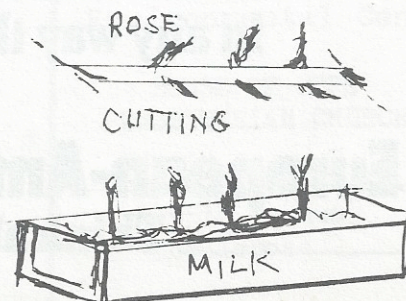
Place the plants in a sunny spot if you can, or where you have artificial light. (keep lights on a minimum of 4 hours a day). *B mixture is 1 part vermiculite 1 part peat moss & 1 part potting soil.

Mix all three for a perfect planting mixture.

You can also start cuttings from plants you have in your garden now before it gets too cold.

Here is a simple way to start rose cuttings, diagonally cut sections of the branches that are green and fresh looking, dip the cut ends in a mixture of Oatmeal and water (a paste texture) Lay cuttings in a milk cut in half long ways and cover with B mixture, leaving shoots exposed but cover the stalk.


Water every 2 weeks if necessary. Keep indoors till spring when you can transfer them back to the garden



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