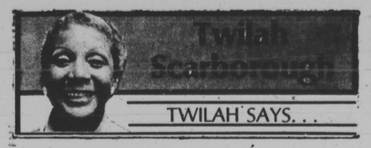

SELL TRUE VALUES TO YOUR CHILDREN

In a world filled with temptations, it is most important not only to teach your children, but to sell them on a genuine value system.

A short month ago in the year past 1984, I did something I seldom do, I value, but significant historical and cultural information in the movie.

Now this conversation took place with a dear friend of mine while having lunch on our lunch hour. The conversation went on and on. We talked about temptations of society.

The natural question all parents asked is "How can we as parents prevent or counteract all these temptations and influences upon our children?"

The influence of hard drugs, alcohol, and liberal sexual values perpetrated through music, movies, television and magazines is almost beyond description. It seems most parents are not even aware of the messages broadcast in the words of rock music and video.

Most parents know little more than that they don't like it. But the lyrics of countless popular songs extol drugs and illicit sex; and that is not to comment on the deafening volume at which much of this so-called music is played.

There are many parents that don't watch the television programs or for that matter see the movies that young people do. They may be totally unaware of the messages to approve of or accept homosexuality, lesbianism, transvestites, pre- and extramarital sexual affairs, rebellion against authority and drug usage all themes of several currently popular movies.

But again, how can parents prevent these influences from creeping into the lives of our children?

When one comes to realize the power of the impact of these influences in school and out of school, there is a great temptation to disappear into seclusion. But, seriously though, that is neither possible, practical nor frankly the answer to the problem.

We talked on and on and touched basis with would children be better off if they never watched television? If they never heard a popular record. Or viewed one of the new video sensations? But, some people think so! However, in that environment children would become introverted, reclusive and probably unable to function in society as adults.

That is not the answer.

Children today are surrounded by profanity and bad language through movies and television.

So again what do parents do?

Forbid all movies? Throw out the television set? Read every magazine article before the children are permitted to look at it? Children have to be convinced there is a better way than that which is depicted in the song or on the screen. Our children must be shown there is a better way than the examples of so-called success that surround them the movie, television stars, the sports personalities, the business magnates. Some openly live in and advocate an immoral life style. They have to have the ability to think things through to a logical conclusion.

What is the result of abuse? Of excessive alcohol? Of promiscuous sexual activity?

In the earlier days of drug usage, many alarmed parents attacked and ridiculed drugs, but were not properly informed-in fact they often were misinformed. The teenagers and young people of that time knew their parents did not know or better still have the facts.

The teenagers consequently failed to heed warnings. Families were too often torn apart and drifted away.

At that time youths could not accept what appeared to be prejudiced and certainly often improper information.

So they smoked marijuana and too often popped pills. Many parents simply gave up. They could not persuade their children not to get involved.

Let's first "teach" and get ourselves more involved and learn about what's on the outside.

Let's take a hand - teach and repeat over and over and over again the values you hold dear. God tells parents what to do. It is sort of like - "God's Law" - and values on your children. Kind of let's talk about them (values) when you sit at home and when you are walking along together or what have you.

If parents fail to positively teach values and laws, children will grow up feeling the whims of a society that more and more has turned from the basic values.

Now more on selling those values. Teaching alone is not enough. First and foremost show by your example. How you live is even more important than what you say. If your children observe abusive language, yelling, hitting, sulking, complaining from their parents, there is little value in your telling them to be respectful, polite and patient.

If a child sees his working parent pretend to be sick and stay at home from work, it should come as no surprise when school officials call about excessive absence and truancy from school.

If a parent drives down the highway with no regard for speeding regulations, he or she should not be surprised when the police call stating that a 17-year old in the family has been arrested for reckless driving and speeding.

In other words, the first person to sell on a true value system is you!

If you believe in and live by the best possible standards, your children, again I repeat, our children will not forget it the hours they are away from home or at school or an evening out. Our children, if led on the right track, or better still, are geared in the right path, very seldom do they go astray or get off on the wrong path.

Now this doesn't mean they won't make a few mistakes. But the basic way of life they have been taught and have observed will not be wasted. Parents and single parents get to know your child, your children. Don't run out of time and say I don't have the time or I'll catch you later or can't you see I'm talking on the phone, etc. Don't throw away the best you have to offer to your children. In this world your children are going to be exposed to many, many evils and wrongs in spite of all yourour efforts to shield them.

Results - in the long run, your success as a parent and teacher will remain manifested by how you have sold those right and true values to your children.

Part of our teaching will include what you permit your children to view and read, with how they spend their time, and whom they choose as friends. Now as parents we may not always agree on just which books, movies, television programs, etc. to avoid or forbid. That is the responsibility of each family.

But, maybe we can all agree that teaching, living by and selling your values to your chidlren is your best assurance they will fight the good fight and walk the straight and rough path that will lead them to happy and successful adult lives.

See Ya Later!!

Court okays USFL aircasts

The Justice Department has cleared the way for the Saturday broadcast of U.S. Football League games to help it compete with the NFL.

The league asked the department what the government would do if the USFL and a television network agreed to the Saturday broadcast of games. Under its proposal, USFL would provide a network with rights to one to four games, all played within the same three-hour period on Saturday. The network could use as many as three games regionally and would not be required to black out games.

Other USFL games would be played Saturday night or other days.

In a letter to the league, J. Paul McGrath, assistant attorney general in charge of the antitrust division said ordinarily the proposal would subject the League to antitrust scrutiny.

But this letter said the department believes the success of a sports league entails some economic interdependence among teams And it said that it seems that the proposal is reasonably necessary for the League to have a chance in surviving competition with the more established NFL.

In 1984, the League had losses averaging $3.5 million per team.

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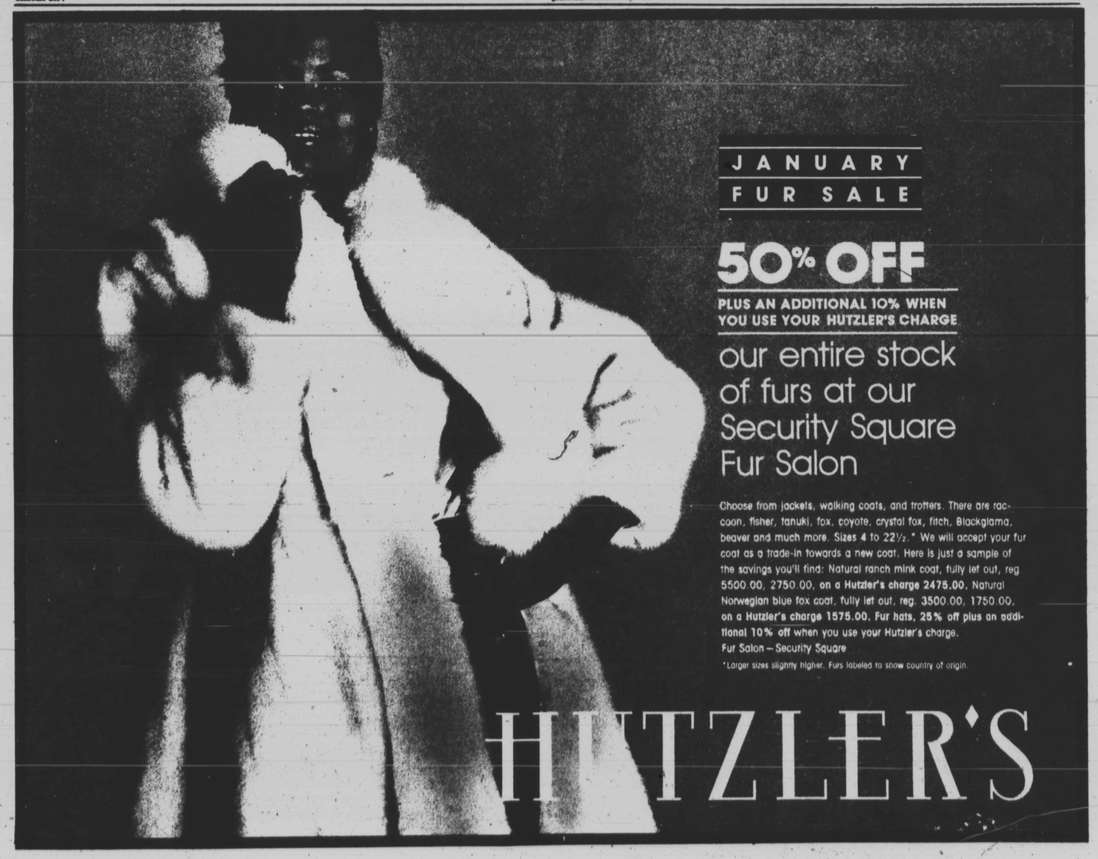
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Scenes from the Baltimore Guardsmen's New Year's Eve fete

TOASTING IN THE NEW YEAR during the annual New Year's Eve celebration hosted by the Guardsmen at the Regency Terrace Ballroom, are Dr. and Mrs. Clifton R. Jones.

WELCOMING 1985 during the festivities is Mrs. Wilbur Merchant.

DANCING TO THE STRAINS of the Dennis Fisher Band are Alice Pinderhughes Weaver and her partner.

TWO LIVELY PARTIES are (from left): Mrs. Carolyn Smith, wife of Robert Smith, and Mrs. Marion Russell, wife of Atty. George Russell.

DR. SIDNEY BURNETT (R) guardsmen president, presents William "Box" Harris a Certificate of Appreciation for his service as past president of the Baltimore Guardsmen.

IN AMINATED CONVERSATION are Mable Byrd and Jackie Chambers.

BALTIMORE GUARDSMEN (from left) are Kenneth Thompson, Dr. Guy Bragg, Robert Diggs and Dr. John Maupin.

MORE HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

JACK AND JILL TEENS AT NYC XMAS DISCO

All systems were "Go" for Baltimore Jack and Jill Teens and their friends who recently attended the Metropolitan Chapter's Christmas Disco held at New York City's world-famous Copacabana Supper Club.

The Disco, sponsored annually by New York City's Metropolitan Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. continues to be one of the East Coast's largest and most fabulous holiday events.

the Baltimore Teens joined J & J Teens from Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia and Maryland in an exciting evening — doing just what teens like to do best - discoing to good music, snacking and chatting with friends.

During a brief intermission, Metropolitan Teens and Jack and Jill Eastern Regional Teen Officers were introduced. The local chapter is proud of the fact that Baltimore Teen Donnice E. Brown is Eastern Regional Teen Secretary.

Baltimore teens in attendance included Scott Adams, Melissa Brooks, Donnice E. Brown, Cassaundra Burnett, Chandra Caples, Bradlee Chambers, Marcia Cooper, Kimberly Coleman, Melanie Davis, Andrea Draper, Julie Gray, Louis Greggs, Erika Jessamy, Deanne King, Henry King, Kevis Marrow, Doris Patterson, Roland Selby, Laurie Smith, Anthony Williams, Tonya Williams and Robbie Young.

Rita Selby, president of Baltimore Chapter of Jack and Jill, Corrine Coleman, financial secretary, and Peggy B. Brown, Teen co - Sponsor also attended the activity. It was truly an evening of frolicking fun.

Baltimore Jack and Jill Teen Officers are Doris Patterson, president; Roland Selby, vice president; Chandra Caples, secretary, Kimberly Coleman, treasurer and John Hubbard, corresponding secretary.

BALTO CARATS OLD-FASHIONED XMAS FETE

Although Christmas has come and gone and we have welcomed in the New Year 1985, the Baltimore Carats and their Carateers are still reveling in the memories of their Annual Round Robin celebration, a tradition that heralds in the Holiday season.

This year's group III composed of Carats Gordine Blount, Vera Carrington, Jeanne Davis, Joan Phillips and Minnie Smoot really outdid themselves by providing the group with an "Old Fashioned Christmas" celebration" with plenty of delicious drinks and a bountiful array of food prepared by the members who pride themselves on being gourmet cooks.

There were drinks and hors d'oeuvres at Marvin and Jeanne Davis' house, dinner at Robert and Joan Phillips' house with such old - fashioned delicacies as stuffed pork ribs, stuffed chicken legs, collard greens, sauerkraut and apples and hot cornbread.

Rounding off the evening were desserts, coffee and liqueurs at Clarence and Gordine Blount's house with a champagne toast to all for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Games were played with prizes awarded to the lucky winners and the hostesses gave everybody beautiful calendars to keep, a schedule of activities in the New Year.

As the group traveled from house to house the beauty of the season was truly depicted in the unique and lovely decorations of the season. A great time was had by all and everyone basked in the warm glow of the holiday spirit.

Members present were Carl and Merlene Adair, Curtis and Jean Adams, Helen Birt and Robert Diggs, Clarence and Gordine Blount, Joseph and Norma Bracy, Joel and Vera Carrington, Lionel and Geraldine Desbordes, Curtis and Marlene Downs, Thomas and Lillian Jones, Vernon and Frances Pennington, Robert and Joan Phillips, Roland and Minnie Smoot, Bruce and Alie Russell, Harvey and Ozella Webb, George and Ada Woodland and Janet and Alfred Woolridge.

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