



Santa's best buddy

Chris Benschoter tells Santa what he wants for Christmas at a party for 65 very special boys and girls at Lake-Lehman High School Tuesday, December 22. Hosted by the student council, the party featured a spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings, a stage show, sing-along and gifts for each child, provided by Lake-Lehman students and teachers.

Lake

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On the up side, public safety outlays of \$8,550 have more than doubled from last year's expenses of \$3,650, while the \$115,000 budgeted for trash collection represents \$10,000 or nine percent more than last year.

In other business, the council announced that the borough will have a new trash hauler, Wayne-Pike Sanitation, who will be paid \$80,788.70 a year, as of January 1, 1993. Trash collection for all residents will be Tuesdays.

Residents pay a flat yearly trash collection fee of \$85, with a three bag per week limit.

The council approved the request of Joe's Grotto to install a boat refueling station with a 4,000-gallon diked storage tank behind the Grotto near the marina.

Boat owners currently must

refuel their tanks by transferring gasoline from hand-carried containers, increasing the danger of spillage into the water.

"This is a definite plus for the lake," said councilman Ed Kelly.

David Abod reported that a police grant of approximately \$7,000 for a new VASCAR unit has been approved. Two other grants for installation of dry hydrants and for the lake study have been put on hold. The lake study is waiting for equipment and the dry hydrant project must be postponed until spring, Abod said.

Council president Richard Boice thanked Ronald Spock for his assistance with completing the paperwork for the police grant and commended the council for its hard work in the past year.

Manusky

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Oakland Raider coach John Madden.

"I was in Miami with a friend and we were watching the show on television," explained Manusky, a 1988 graduate of Colgate University with a dual degree in Geology and Education. "When he said my name we started jumping around the room. It was a great honor. I've talked to John a couple of times and told him thank you for the award. I also told him of my three goals."

For Manusky and the Vikings, the road to the Super Bowl, and his second goal, begins on Saturday against his former team.

"We're playing with a lot of confidence," said Manusky, who was left unsigned as a Plan B free agent by the Redskins two years ago. "We played them during the regular season and I thought we should have beaten them. It's going to be a great feeling beating the team I played with."

Fortunately, Manusky will be ready to play. The same couldn't be said more than a month ago. Manusky spent five weeks on the injured reserve with a bruised kidney before making his comeback against the Packers.

"I'm fine," Manusky said of his physical condition. "We were playing Houston and on a kickoff one guy hit me in the head and another hit me in the back. I had no idea where I was. I don't remember walking off the field. I was urinat-

ing blood at halftime but my mind was so fuzzy I didn't really notice it. By the end of the game, it was all blood."

(So you want your kid to play in the National Football League?)

After a painful night on Monday, Manusky reported to practice on Tuesday and was rushed to the hospital where tests showed a blood clot in his kidney. He was then placed on the IR.

The injury not only cost Manusky five weeks of the season, but the Vikings' special teams tackling title as well.

"When I got hurt I was leading the team in special team tackles," said Manusky, who had three tackles from his middle linebacker position against the Packers. "I ended up finishing second to Jake Reed. He beat me by two tackles."

It's been a tough season of sorts for Manusky, who entered the season with high expectations. But when the Vikings signed veteran Dallas Cowboy linebacker Jack Del Rio as a free agent, Manusky knew his playing time would be limited.

Del Rio put together an outstanding season and made a big fan out of his backup.

"Jack is a hell of a player," said Manusky. "He's done a great job. I know what my role is on this team. I have to play hard on special teams and be Jack's backup. I'll do what I have to do in order for the team to win."

The outspoken Manusky, with

a vicious on-field attitude, knows how to work the crowd and loves playing before more than 60,000 people.

Just don't ask him to do something personal before a small crowd.

"We were having a Christmas benefit with about 200 people," explained Manusky. "When Santa Claus and my girlfriend came out, I got down on one knee and asked my girlfriend to marry me. I was very nervous up there. I don't think I've ever sweat that much before."

By the way, she said yes and Greg and the future Mrs. Manusky, Lori Mehlinbacher of Erie, Pa., will be married at a future date.

Off the field, Manusky is much more quiet and subdued. But the 1984 graduate of Dallas High School is extremely articulate and is not afraid to speak his mind or voice his views. Here's a sampling:

On violence in the NFL: "This is a very violent sport. Players get paid pretty well to do it. You don't think about things like that during the game but things just happen. You could be walking out to get your paper in the morning and get hit by a car."

On head coach Dennis Green: "He's just a phenomenal coach. When he first came here he set the tone. He had definite goals and our first was to win the division. We did that. He has the respect of his players."

On free agency: "It's a tough

situation. People compare our salaries with baseball players but it's a different situation. On one hand, I can understand the owner's point. They have 45 guys on a roster compared to 24 in baseball. But I see a lot of football players who are underpaid. Pro Bowl guys. I think that's wrong. If a player spends five years with one team, he should have the chance to go somewhere else if he wants to."

On his fan club in Minnesota: "It's very flattering. Most places it takes a good three or four years before the fans start something like that. It's for a good cause as well. We raise a lot of money for charity."

On his future with the Vikings: "I don't know what's going to happen. I love the team and the coaching staff. Minnesota is a great place. But I'm in the second year of a two-year contract. I just want to play my hardest in the playoffs and see what happens. I hope that I'm here next year."

As for his third aspiration, making the Pro Bowl, don't count out Manusky just yet. People have made that mistake before. Manusky went undrafted following an outstanding college career. But instead of calling it quits, he opted to test the free agent waters, defying all odds.

Greg Manusky knows that it's still a long road to the Pro Bowl. Just don't tell him he can't do it.

Citizen

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the rocks with a pick and sledgehammer, said township solicitor Blythe Evans.

As important to him as the outdoors and the corn, tomatoes, pumpkins and squash that he raised was his religious faith, Evans said. "He lived his faith rather than talking about it, never looking for adulation."

Paul Gates, a friend and fellow sportsman of many years, recalled that Culp always said the blessing when he and others gathered at a hunting camp in Wyoming County. "Everyone looked forward to his leading us in grace; he always had

a little lesson for each of us," said Gates. His friend's enthusiasm for life and positive attitude had been an inspiration to others of all ages, Gates said.

Stager and fellow supervisor Andy Kasko added that Culp was never too busy to go out of his way to help others.

Adams described Culp as a "self-made man," a retired contractor and lifelong Jackson Township resident well-known for his quick wit, dry sense of humor, honesty and straightforward answers.

"Bob was very concerned for the township. He saw many changes

through the years. He wanted progress and development to go in the right direction, for the good of the township. He wanted things to be done properly," Adams continued.

Evans said that Culp's excellent memory and extensive knowledge of the township were invaluable when he and professional urban planner Marlene Pawlowski revised the zoning ordinances in 1969.

Still active four months ago, Culp led a sweating reporter half his age on a hike up a mountainside on a stifling August afternoon to investigate a possible zoning violation, frequently pausing to

point out spots where he had shot deer or places frequented by different kinds of wildlife.

He punctuated the trip back down with dry witticisms: "Did we just bounce off the stone wall?" and "I'm sure glad I'm not your car."

Zoning officer, outdoorsman, concerned citizen, good Christian - his friends and colleagues all used these words to describe the man who devoted a good portion of his life to helping others and improving his hometown.

"I'll miss him terribly," Adams said.

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