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Mr. Robert Kenney, recently appointed Director of Health and Physical Education for Hicksville Public Schools, shares a proud moment with friends. Mr. Kenney received a Service Award from the Physical Education Council of the New York State Association for Health, Physician Education, Recreation and Dance on November 10 at the association's annual State Conference at Grossinger's Hotel. Pictured above are Alan Butler, Pres. Nassau Zone - NYSAHPERD, Mary Sue Carr, Department Chair, Physical Education, Senior H.S. and Robert Kenney.

(Photo by Diana D'Avino)



The March of Dimes would like to pay tribute to those doctors who donated their time and professional skills to WalkAmerica '84. Linda Joy Santelli, Executive Director of the Long Island March of Dimes, is pictured here with podiatrists Herbert Stern, Sr. and Stuart Stern from Hicksville who have mended many a foot year after year for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica, Long Island's largest walk-a-thon. The podiatric care was excellent and each doctor did more than his or her share of fancy footwork. To show appreciation for services rendered the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation presented each podiatrist with a plaque. The March of Dimes is looking forward to working with Drs. Herbert and Stuart Stern and the Nassau County Podiatry Society at WalkAmerica '85 set for April 28.

Police Hunt Escaped Man

At approximately 9:35 p.m. November 27, a man who had identified himself as Thomas Holevas, 34 years, was being transported to the Second Precinct Station House in a police vehicle, having been arrested on a charge of Shoplifting from Sears.

When the vehicle operated by Police Officer Kevin McHugh stopped on Plainview Road, Hicksville, the man exited and escaped. A search of the area

using the Nassau Police Canine Unit, failed to turn up the suspect. Further investigation by Second Squad Detective Frank Mauro revealed that the man had given police an incorrect name and police say he is now identified as Pete Soteropoulos, 29 to 30 years, of 19 Lincoln Blvd., Bethpage. Allegedly the man had shoplifted \$203.89 worth of assorted merchandise from Sears. He is still being sought.

A Special Section For Christmas

This week we are presenting our annual Christmas supplement. It is filled with special features and advertisements we know will be of great interest to readers during the busy holiday season.

This section is one of twelve we publish on a monthly basis throughout the year at no extra charge to subscribers. These supplements are in addition to all our regular news features and ads.

We are happy to note that this is the largest issue of the paper in its history. It is our hope to continue expanding our coverage of local news and advertising in the years to come.

Our sincere thanks to the readers and advertisers whose support allows us to give the local residents all the essential news of their community they can find nowhere else.

Exercise Expert Speaks To Road Runners

The Tuesday, December 18 meeting of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Road Runners Club will feature a program of special importance to all recreational athletes.

Dr. Murray Low, one of the most prominent exercise physiologists in the metropolitan area, and the owner and operator of Cardiac Rehabilitation Centers on Long Island and in Westchester County, will speak on the tragic heart attack and death of running publicist and author Jim Fixx, and what it really means to runners and other recreational athletes.

Dr. Low, himself a veteran runner and marathoner, has some definite ideas as to the significance of Jim Fixx's life and death.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18, at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library, 999 Old Country Road in Plainview, starting promptly at 8 p.m. The general public is cordially invited to attend this most important talk on what is truly a "life and death" subject. For more information, call POBRRC President Mike Polansky at 433-0919.

Hicksville F.D. Withdraws Request For School Prop.

Special to Mid Island Times

By Valerie Pakaluk

Hicksville Board of Education President, William Bennett, announced on December 3, that the Hicksville Fire Department has withdrawn a request for information regarding property at Dutch Lane School. In a letter addressed to the Board, Commissioner Donlan expressed thanks to the Board for their cooperation and cited sensitivity to the feelings of the public as the reason for withdrawing his request.

Residents of Dutch Lane Elementary School area were aroused by rumors that the Hicksville Fire District was interested in property there for a 3 bay sub station. At the Board of Education meeting last Wednesday, November 28, many of them voiced their objections to the Board.

Trying to allay their suspicions, President of the Board William Bennett adamantly repeated that serious negotiations were not in progress between the Fire and School Districts. A request from Fire Commissioner William Donlan had been received some time ago regarding any school property in the Dutch Lane area that might be available for purchase. The School District did not respond, however, because a specific location was not mentioned in the Commissioner's original request and when further information was requested by the School District, the Commissioner did not reply.

In an interview with Commissioner Donlan, it was learned that at the time of his campaign last year, many residents in the southern portion of Hicksville were concerned with the lack of fire protection in that area. Commissioner Donlan said that, on his own, he began investigating that part of the fire district in hopes of finding suitable space for a substation. Donlan said he wrote letters to four sources: 1) the school district for property next to the sump 2) Hicksville Water District for property on Newbridge Road 3) the Town of Oyster Bay for park property on Levittown Parkway and 4) to owners of property on Barter Lane (the old Dwyer farm).

Responses received by Donlan were as follows: the water district was not interested in selling, the Barter Lane property was too expensive, the Town of Oyster Bay quoted a selling price of \$85,000 but has initiated an assessment on the property the results of which are not yet complete, and there has been no response other than a request for additional clarification from the School District.

Donlan was noticeably upset by residents' misinterpretations of his actions. He insisted that he thought he was responding to the public's needs and that he could not officially act without approval of the other Commissioners on the Board. Donlan stated that even with all the controversy, one fact was very clear. The populated southern section of the Hicksville Fire District was in dire need of rapid fire protection and the closest assistance could be too far away in an emergency.

After public input was heard by the seven member Board of Education, the school attorney added this important information - sale of property in a Union Free School District was permissible only after voter approval.

In other matters before the Board, the following actions were taken:

*Carousel Day School, located on West Avenue, was granted instructional equivalency for its kindergarten and first grade programs.

*Tenure was approved for Nancy Hertel, Senior H.S. Special Education; Anthony Johnson, School Media Specialist, Senior H.S.; and Lois Kent, music teacher at Old Country Road and Woodland Avenue Schools.

*The Board agreed by a 7-0 vote on the 1985-86 Junior and Senior H.S. courses of study.

*The district's pupil accident insurance coverage was transferred from the present agency, Seaman and Eisemann, to J.J. Newman & Co. The reason for the change was due to a reduction in premium.

*A change in materials being used in the reroofing at Dutch Lane School was accepted. Triple M Roofing Corp. of Bohemia, contractors for work at the Junior High and Dutch Lane, were unable to supply materials originally bid for since they are no longer in production. There is no monetary change in the \$53,123 contract.

*A \$6000 expenditure was approved to hire a consultant to evaluate the current insurance carried by the district and propose programs.

*Establishment of a Reserve Fund in the amount of \$12,500 was

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approved to cover insurance deductibles in cases of vandalism. The general liability policy covering such incidents includes a \$10,000 deductible per incident.

*The retirement of head painter Tadeusz Kolodziejczyk, better known to all as "Teddy" was unanimously approved. Teddy has been a very familiar happy face around the schools for the last 25 years.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 19 at 8:15 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Administration Building. The public is always invited to attend and voice their feelings on school matters.

Chemical Spill Shuts Down Plaza Mall

A toxic chemical drain cleaner discarded during the renovation of a store caused the evacuation of several thousand holiday shoppers Saturday, December 1 at the Mid Island Plaza Mall, North Broadway, Hicksville. Hicksville Fire Fighters responded to the 11:51 a.m. alarm under Chief of Department Owen Magee.

Upon arrival the Chief was informed by workers that the chemical - sodium hydroxide - reacted with other substances in a trash dumpster in the truck tunnel under the mall. The workers applied water thinking it was a fire. A larger reaction resulted in a huge cloud of toxic vapors.

Realizing that soon the toxic vapors would rise into the mall Chief Magee requested County Police Officers to evacuate the mall. To slow down the rate of entry of the vapors into the mall all rubbish chutes and stairways leading to the tunnel were covered and sealed as well as possible with salvage covers. Two Hicksville Ladder Companies, assisted by Ladder Companies from Jericho and Bethpage, carried out the order which allowed Police to evacuate the shoppers safely. The Plainview F.D. stood by for Hicksville during the incident. The Syosset F.D. provided a unit to re-charge air cylinders and the East Meadow F.D. sent a Haz Mat Team to assist Hicksville's Haz Mat Team.

Haz Mat Team members removed the drum from the dumpster and packed it in a recovery drum. The burning material in the dumpster was covered with Speedi-Dry and then sand provided by the Town of Oyster Bay was put on top. The Nassau County Fire Marshals Office, County Health Dept., N.Y.S. Dept. of Environmental Conservation also on the scene, made provisions to have the Chemical transported to a waste disposal site. All areas affected were cleaned up. The mall was reopened at 3:14 p.m.

Hicksville Chief Magee commended the Police Department for the swift orderly evacuation of the mall - most difficult job carried out without incident. Councilman Tom Clark assisted at the scene with Town Services. Chief Magee also commended all fire fighters on the scene. The entire operation lasted a little over 3 hours. Swift action by Fire and Police personnel prevented many injuries. In all 5 people were injured - all minor.

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Letter To The Editor

A Letter from Hicksville School Board

To the Community:

As you know, the Board of Education and the teachers' union have been involved in contract negotiations for many months. In September, the state appointed a mediator/fact-finder to help us reach an agreement. After conducting a formal hearing during which both sides presented arguments and written briefs, the fact-finder issued a report containing his recommendations for the settlement of all outstanding issues.

These recommendations, while not binding upon the district or the union, represent the state fact-finder's conclusions as to the compromises both parties should make in order to arrive at a fair settlement. On November 28, the Board of Education voted unanimously to accept the fact-finder's recommendations on all issues.

Unfortunately, we are still without a contract. This is so because the union has rejected the fact-finder's salary recommendations for the school year 1985-86 (a package totaling 8.1%), and continues to insist on a salary package of 9.2% for that year.

The Board of Education sincerely hopes that the teachers' union will decide to join us in accepting the fact-finder's recommendation in order that we might have a contract before the onset of the holidays.

The fact-finder's report is a public document on file in the Administration Building. Any resident wishing to review it may call the Superintendent's Office at 933-6600 to make arrangements.

Sincerely,

William P. Bennett, President

Arlene J. Rudin, Vice-President

Jay M. Schwartz, Secretary

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Hicksville F.D. Voting Next Tues.

Voting will take place for two positions on the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hicksville Fire District at Department Headquarters next Tuesday, December 11 between the hours of 6 and 10 p.m.

Running for the 1 year unexpired term of John McMann, caused by his retirement, is Al Bianculli. Richard Kershaw, presently on the Board is seeking another 5 year term unopposed.

Dr. Dunbar Memorial Held On Wednesday

The dedication of the Dr. Walter H. Dunbar Memorial took place at 12:30 p.m. on December 4 in the area near the Kiwanis Memorial Fountain south of Kennedy Park in Hicksville.

Dr. Dunbar, a former president of the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce, was mainly responsible for the beautification program in Hicksville by planting flowers, trees and shrubs along Broadway.

Friends, relatives and neighbors of Dr. Dunbar contributed to a memorial fund which was administered by the Chamber of Commerce. After a series of meetings and discussions, it was decided to plant two non-fruited, flowering, Bradford pear trees and install an engraved granite marker between the trees as a permanent memorial to Dr. Dunbar.

The Reverend Richard Smeltzer, Pastor of the United Methodist Church of Hicksville officiated at the dedication ceremonies. Mrs. Effie Krogmann, president of the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce spoke of Dr. Dunbar's activity on behalf of the beautification program in Hicksville. Mrs. Walter Dunbar thanked the contributors to the fund and the committee from the Chamber who arranged for the memorial. Mrs. Dunbar placed a red rose on the granite marker and added that Walter must be smiling down on this ceremony.



Engraved granite marker with the red rose.



A group of friends, relatives and Chamber members standing between the memorial trees.



From left to right, kneeling by the granite marker are: Mrs. Walter Dunbar, Mrs. Effie Krogmann and Rev. Smeltzer.

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Scarola-Bayne Wedding

Diane Elizabeth Scarola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. John Scarola of Hicksville, became the bride of Robert Bayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bayne of Carle Place, on Saturday, November 24.

The wedding was performed at St. Brigid's R.C. Church, Westbury; a reception followed at the Manor East in Massapequa.

The bride, a graduate of Hicksville High School and

Niagara University, is employed by the market research firm of Leggett and Lustig, New York City, where she is the Office Manager.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Carle Place High School, is in business with his father in the firm of Bayne & Son Painting/Contractors.

Following a wedding trip to St. Maarten, the couple are residing in North Bellmore.



Santas helpers (Hicksville Firefighters) put finishing touches on elaborate holiday decorations to be installed at Fire Headquarters. Left to right, top: B. Kohn, W. Nygren, M. Cimino, S. Huses, C. Hawkins, M. Murphy. Lower: G. Blazo, Miss Hammond and her dad PH&L Co. 1 Capt. R. Hammond.

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Festival Of Music For Mid Is. Y

The Mid-Island YM-YWHA, 45 Manetto Hill Road, Plainview, has scheduled a Holiday Festival of Music for Saturday evening, December 15, at 8:30 p.m. The program, part of the Y's Saturday evening Showcase Series has been planned, in part, as enrichment for the Chanukah celebration.

The concert will feature a wide range of Jewish music...from Hebrew art songs to Ladino melodies (the folksongs of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews). There will also be a selection of music in honor of Chanukah.

The performing artists will be baritone Abraham Albrecht and tenor Avshalom Zfira, accompanied by concert pianist Arbie Orenstein. Host for the evening will be Martin Cooper, Supervisor of Cultural Arts for the Mid-Island Y.

Both Mr. Albrecht and Mr. Zfira are well-known for the outstanding quality of their performances, and for their extensive repertoires. "The evening should be one of joy, musical excitement, and cultural pleasure," stated Martin Cooper.

Ticket prices for the concert are \$5 for Y members; \$6 for non-members. There is a \$1 discount for senior adults and for students. For ticket information call Dr. Martin Cooper, 822-3535.

The Mid-Island YM-YWHA is an Agency of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York; a member Agency of the United Jewish Y's of Long Island, the Jewish Welfare Board, the United Way of Long Island and the Health and Welfare Council of Nassau County.

In Service

Staff Sgt. Wayne R. Sibrava, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Sibrava of 98 Cedar St., Hicksville, has earned a bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas.

Sibrava has completed college studies through participation in the U.S. Air Force off-duty education program.

The program has the Air Force paying 75 percent tuition for active duty Air Force members and 90 percent tuition for career non-commissioned officers with less than 14 years military service.

He is an aircraft loadmaster at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, with the 3760th Tactical Training Group.

His wife, Constance, is the daughter of Pete Lewis of 114B Century, Sheppard.

The sergeant is a 1973 graduate of Long Island Lutheran High School, Brookville.

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Hicksville Junior High School students recently attended special assemblies presented by the Circle of Dance and sponsored by the Gifted and Talented program. Members of the dance troupe illustrated various types of dance and explained the different components of ballet, modern dance and Jazz.

A workshop for students participating in the Gifted and Talented program followed the performances and attendance swelled as other interested students appeared to take part. Workshop leaders taught a number of dance steps and showed elements of the vigorous training dancers go through to achieve their professional goals.



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Our Children

By Willard Abraham
Ph.D.

Q. If a 10-year-old who is in the fifth grade has a reading problem, does that mean he is "learning disabled"?

His teacher repeatedly gives him that label, and schedules him into the "Learning Disability Resource Room" a few times a week. He doesn't seem to mind (in fact, apparently likes the special attention he is getting there), but I resent all this very much.

I'm just afraid he will get the idea that he is handicapped because of this labeling and that it will stick with him.

Would you please share your opinion on this matter?

A Sometimes labels related to possible handicapping conditions are tossed around too freely, and there may be a tendency for them to cling to a child. So you have anticipated that danger — but there is another side to this situation.

If a child actually does have a learning problem, it is essential to identify and program for it, obtaining the most competent diagnostic and teaching skills that are available.

Perhaps your best course now might be to discuss this matter in detail with the specialists in his school or school district.

Please ask them to explain in language you can fully understand exactly 1) what problems they feel he has and 2) the steps they plan to take to help correct them. The teachers and administrative personnel who are knowledgeable in the area of learning disabilities ought to be able to clarify the situation for you.

It seems to be a good sign that your son enjoys receiving this special assistance. The teachers he has and the program itself may be helping to meet his needs.

Q. OK, play Solomon, and tell us who is right, my husband or me. It all relates to our 3-year-old who eats with his hands — everything — all foods — no matter how slopy or gooey.

With my husband it's just fine. (He'd never win a prize himself for being the neatest or most quiet eater in the world.) But I really can't stand it, and I'd like my kid to have better manners, learning how to use a spoon, fork and knife, and even a napkin.

Is that so bad? My husband thinks so, but he said he'd at least listen to what you'd have to say. I'm not at all sure he'll do anything about your answer unless he agrees with it.

A Three-year-olds generally aren't ready to be totally neat at mealtimes, but some starts can be made. One of them is based on what they see, because children so often take their lead from the example their parents provide.

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Al Bianculli

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Mr. Bianculli has been a member of the Exempt Benevolent Association for 26 years and is a past president. He is one of eight firemen appointed by the Chief of the Department to serve on the Hicksville Fire Department Welfare Committee. He has been elected President of that committee. He is also co-chairman of the Department Annual Fund Drive. Mr. Bianculli is also a member of the Department Budget and Law committees.

A U.S. Government Postal employee for over 35 years, he has been delivering mail for over 26 years to Mid Island Plaza and vicinity. Mr. Bianculli has also been an advisor for the Postal Life Magazine which had entailed periodic trips to Washington, D.C. The magazine is published and distributed to postal employees throughout the nation. For many years Mr. Bianculli was a station delegate for the National Association of Letter Carriers and was a member of its budget committee.

Mr. Bianculli stated, "I believe I am well qualified to be Fire Commissioner by virtue of my balanced combination of fireman and business experience. I will help carry on and insure for the future, the reputation that Hicksville has achieved as an outstanding and effective Fire Department. I need and request the vote of the Hicksville residents so that I may continue to devote my time to preserving and improving the Hicksville Fire Department and the Hicksville Fire District."

Mr. Bianculli is married and resides at 6 Carlton Place, Hicksville, with his wife, Rose, and his son Larry. They have a married daughter, Joanne, and three grandchildren.

The elections will be held on December 11 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the East Marie Street (Gebhardt Plaza), Fire House.

Hicksville Vet Receives VA Award



Conrad Steers, center, liaison from the VFW Post #3211 in Hicksville, accepts plaque from Joseph Ciulla, RN, Head Nurse, Unit 8A, 2nd left. Looking on, left to right, are Paul Yarden, M.D.; Barbara McKenna, RN; and Chief Nurse Marjorie King, RN, CNA. The award was given by patients and staff at the Northport VA Medical Center in grateful appreciation for the extensive volunteer work done by the veterans organization.

Conrad Steers, who serves as the Liaison Representative from Hicksville VFW Post #3211, was recently honored with a plaque from the patients and staff of Unit 8A at the Northport VA Medical Center.

The Hicksville Post, which has been volunteering at the Medical Center for almost 15 years, has adopted the patients on Unit 8A. They know each veteran by name

and conduct a variety of activities for them both inside and outside the facility. During the Christmas season, they host a gala party at the Post Headquarters complete with a turkey dinner, entertainment and individually personalized gifts. The organization also assists in sponsoring family gatherings at the Medical Center, and honors each patient with a special gift on his birthday.



The Hicksville Kiwanis Club distributed 3,000 pounds of government surplus cheese to the needy residents in the area on Saturday, December 1 from the driveway of Mr. Electric Service Co., Inc. on South Broadway.

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Accompanied by the strains of the "Olympic Theme Song," approximately 50 Fork Lane students marched into the auditorium to participate in the school's first talent show recently. A standing room only crowd saw an amazing array of talented boys and girls performing a variety of spellbinding acts. Among the featured spots were three piano solos, drum, ballet, accordion and jazz solos, three duets (including a captivating mother/daughter routine), two gymnastic performances, two break dancing groups, a skit on teenage drunk driving, a Cabbage Patch song and, the pièce de résistance, a number from the Broadway play "Cats" entitled "Jellicle Song for a Jellicle Cat."

This number, which featured nearly 20 children, was spotlighted by a jazz solo by Lisa Amoscato, director, choreographer, and coordinator of the entire event. This, as well as the above mentioned performances, was truly spectacular and professional. As the program prepared to close, the students once more filed toward the stage, accompanied by the "Olympic Fanfare". Each child was then called to a platform where they were awarded a ribbon commemorating the festivities.

Among the featured performers: Jayme and Kristi Amoscato, Katie Andreski, Eric and Robin Blicker, Kerry and Kristen Burns, Heather Carpenter, Amy Chang, Chris and Joe Croce, Kim and Kristen Dalby, Jaime and Michelle Doherty, Lauren Fecke, Brian and Kirsten Gallahue, Vickie Gunnigle, Dana Hoeng, Tim Hogan, Tracy Koetter, Kacey and Kathy Knauer, Dale Lindsey, Tennille Lipson, Mike Lynch, Erin Miller, Jennifer Murray, Shreya and Sneha Patel, Frank and John Patricola, Beth Poretsky, Lynn and Theresa Romano, Christine Ruymaker, Mamie Sakamoto, Lori Schwartz, Merry Senn, Jennifer Tabrys, Kathy Tomolonis, Sal Totino, Diane and Jenny Traxler, Kevin Wrede and Janet Zagarello.

Words cannot express our appreciation to Fork Lane's PTA for this gala, particularly Lisa Amoscato, Ginny Romano, Marcia Gunnigle and the many volunteers who made this event a huge success. Fork Lane children are, indeed, stars on the rise!



Drummer Boy: Michael Lynch in rockin' drum solo "Let The Good Times Roll!"



Little Jayne Amoscato is flag bearer as Talent Show performers say pledge prior to festivities.



All Star Performers: Eric Blicker, on platform, receives ribbon from PTA Pres. Ginny Romano for participating in Talent Show, as assorted cats, rockers, gymnasts await their turn.



Talent on Parade: Fork Laners Vickie Gunnigle, Mamie Sakamoto (partially obscured), Amy Chang and Kristen and Kerry Burns lead the parade into the auditorium for first Talent Show.



#1 Cat: Lisa Amoscato, PTA Vice President and Director of Talent Show, complete with "cat face", addresses overflow Fork Lane audience.

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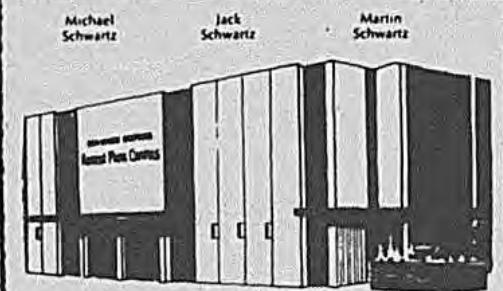
Baking Contest At Bethpage H.S.



Woman's Club of Bethpage presents Cookbook to Baking Contest winner. Left to right: Ginny Wolak, president of the Woman's Club of Bethpage; Christine Lutz, Cookbook winner; Sunny Mensch, home economics teacher at Bethpage High School.

All Bethpage High School students were invited to participate in the annual baking contest. The contest was held after school, however all entries were prepared at home. This year there were seventy entries. The faculty, administrators and secretarial staff were asked to judge the baked

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Library special award for her sculpture, "Charley".

IAS Awards of Excellence were presented to: Mario Castro, Reina Janet Loeb, Cynthia Kaufman, Rhoda Needelman, Lillian Jacobs, Renee Svigals, and Denise Hess.

Honorable Mentions went to: Alice Riordan, Olga Sybalski, Doris Gootnick, Samuel Frazer, Mimi Doherty, Madeline Pizaro, Jeanne Perry Sherman, Helen

Foti and Dana Rosenberg.

Town of Oyster Bay Awards were won by Patricia Shih, Jean Kudless, Evelyn Lucas, and Carolyn Clarke.

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By Gabby Tabby



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'Wait Until Dark' H.S. Performance

Members of the Hicksville High School Drama Club will present their production of "Wait Until Dark" tonight December 7, and tomorrow evening, December

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Mime Group Performs At Mill Neck Manor

Students at the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf gathered on November 19 to watch an elderly woman struggling with a rush-hour elevator crowd, an entertainer preparing to go onstage, the circus performers walking a tightrope. These scenes were among the sketches presented by the "Under Construction Mime Company", a group of Hicksville Junior High School students studying mime as part of the school's Gifted and Talented Program. These eighth and ninth grade youngsters have been working under the direction of staff members Arthur Horowitz and Lauretta Biasi to polish their pantomime movements, make-up techniques and routines, and they are now involved in developing new original material for future performances.

The Mill Neck Manor students thoroughly enjoyed the program and they gathered "off-stage" to meet the performers. Before long, many were joining the young mime artists in improvisational pieces or demonstrating their own impromptu pantomimes. This eager interaction has led to a commitment from the Mill Neck Manor staff and the Gifted and Talented coordinator to further meetings between the two groups to learn, practice and perform together in joint mime presentation.

Thanks are due to the administrators at Mill Neck Manor for inviting the Hicksville group to visit and for encouraging participation in this creative and communicative art form.

Sunday Concert At Library

The Hicksville Public Library will present a concert on Sunday, December 9, at 3 p.m. in the Community Room of the library. Ted Savalas and Martha Movasseghi will sing selections from "The Student Prince", by Sigmund Romberg. They will be accompanied by Aglaia Savalas.

Aglaia Savalas will also play selections from light opera in the second half of the program.

There is no charge for admission and everyone is invited.

Honor Society Induction Postponed

The date for the Hicksville High School National Honor Society Induction, noted on the calendar as December 13, has been postponed. This annual event, which honors students selected for membership based on their achievements in the areas of scholarship, honor, courage, and service to their community, will be held in the spring on a date to be announced later.



Students taking part in the "Under Construction Mime Company" are Karilyn Ayres, Alisa Bayer, Denise Bonner, Liz Coakley, Suzanne Gambella, Glen Garbus, David Holland, Tom Karukakalum, Anty Mammias, Chris Mammias, Eddie Marshall, Kris Mott, Elissa Tse, Melissa Sheinwald, Jennifer Yewolt, Karen Karmann.



Pictured above are some of the delegates from Hicksville who attended the recent State PTA Convention in Syracuse, November 9-11. Standing left to right: Kerry Miles, Lee Avenue; Joyce Wagner, Jr. High; Carol Marks, Nassau District; Nancy McNamara, Burns Avenue; Joan Lane, Lee Avenue; Terry Hooper, Burns Avenue; Edie Allen, East Street. Seated: Barbara Smith, Nassau District; Norma Goerke, Hicksville PTA Council; Pat Lambaunas, Willet Avenue; not shown, Gene Lovette, Sr. High; Peggy Theis, Old Country Road and Maddy Minkoff, Old Country Road.

More than 1,000 delegates and guests attended general sessions and took action on resolutions that form the basis of PTA's legislative activities for the year. They also participated in workshops concerning child related issues.

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Nassau County District Attorney Denis Dillon was the featured speaker and special guest of the Hicksville Rotary Club last week at the Club's weekly luncheon meeting held at the Milleridge Inn. Mr. Dillon covered a wide range of subjects and in particular the criminal justice system and answered questions from the Rotarians following his talk. Mr. Dillon is shown above, left, receiving the club's Certificate of Appreciation from Club President Harry Peitz, right.

(Official Rotary photo by Joe DePaola)

Shamrocks Receive New Group Christmas Wishes

By Eddie Cooper
(Our most devoted fan)

Soon it's time for happy days and good cheer.

For mistletoe, presents and reindeer.

These greetings I leave in everyone's socks, Merry Christmas to all on the Shamrocks.

To Brian Pine and Jason Kingsley Best of everything, to all eternity.

To Todd Meringoff and Eddie Jacobsen

For many good years, each and every one.

To Joey Flanagan and Matt Pordum

Happiness always, never boredom.

To Jared Jacobs and Eric Blicker May the lights of happiness always flicker.

To Gregg Furst and Gregg Gruoso

Always happiness, wherever you go.

To Chris Doyle and Teddy Knoop May happiness never flee the coop.

To Brian Harkins and Dave Lovato

All the happiness life can bestow.

To the parents too many to mention

They, too, deserve merited attention

To the coaches, each and every one

Accolades for a job well done.

May all life for you be super.

Merry Christmas from Eddie Cooper!

Happy Chanukah/Merry Christmas to all from the Shamrocks 1974 boys traveling soccer team!

Animal Abuse Hotline

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meantime, there are hungry people at our own doorstep who can be helped on a one-to-one basis.

Further information and details will be forthcoming shortly. In the meantime, donations to Hicksville L.N.N. with a temporary mailing

address of 17 New South Road, Hicksville, N.Y. 11801 will be gratefully accepted, and are tax-deductible. For further information on this group call the Rev. Theodore Grant at 938-8693, or Effie Krogmann at 367-4835. Anyone interested in volun-

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News From Bethpage Library

Holiday Gift Workshop for youngsters at the Bethpage Public Library

Make someone happy with a super holiday gift. On Saturday, December 15, youngsters at the Bethpage Public Library will create colorful, snapshot picture frames - versatile and useful ornaments for the tree, a desk, a room, for anytime of year.

Young people are requested to bring a favorite snapshot (2" x 3") a bottle of white glue, a pencil, some ribbon and trims (as desired), and a pair of pinking shears, if available.

The gift workshop will be held from 2-3:30 p.m. and registration is now being taken in the Bethpage Children's Room. Places are limited, so please sign up early. Youngsters in grades 3-6 residing in School District #21 are invited to attend. For information, please call 931-3907.

"National Velvet" at the Bethpage Public Library

On Saturday, December 22, the Bethpage Public Library will show the film classic "National Velvet" (color 123 min.) for young people.

Here is heart-catching excitement galore as Elizabeth Taylor gallops her way to stardom in this famous, thrilling horse story. As Velvet Brown, a gifted young rider of fourteen, she spurs her beloved piebald horse to unforgettable victory in the greatest race in the world - England's Grand National.

Packed with enchantment and enjoyment at every turn, the famous MGM Production also features Mickey Rooney and Angela Lansbury.

Showtime is 2 p.m. and tickets are available now in the Bethpage Children's Room. All school-age youngsters residing in District #21 are invited to attend. For information please call 931-3907.

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at the Bethpage Public Library

On Thursday, December 27, the Bethpage Public Library will show Walt Disney's immortal classic "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" (color - 85 mins.), as a special holiday treat for young people.

Join us for the ultimate in pure enchantment as the beautiful princess, the wicked queen, the lovable dwarfs, and the handsome prince weave their magic once again to bring this age-old tale to life. There are unforgettable music and gloriously colorful animation - a feast for eyes and ears.

Showtime is 2 p.m. and all school-age youngsters who reside in District #21 are invited to attend. Tickets are available now in the Bethpage Children's Room. For information, please call 931-3907.

Fabulous Clowning at the Bethpage Public Library

Outrageously exciting clowning around! On Saturday, December 29, Smedley T. Clown will delight young audiences at the Bethpage Public Library with his "Very Mini Circus". This will include wild unicycle antics, masterful magic tricks, feats of juggling, and fantastic tales of adventure and derring-do. Smedley is a master clown and circus specialist for the Bond Street Theatre Coalition of New York City. He has performed throughout the world, as well as in our own Metropolitan area, and is a

clowning instructor for New York's Off-Center Theatre, the New York Grand Opera and C.W. Post and Nassau Community Colleges.

The complete one-man clown variety show will begin at 2 p.m. with thrills, gasps, and fun galore. All school-age youngsters who reside in District #21 are invited to attend and tickets are now available in the Bethpage Children's Room. For information please call 931-3907.

Holiday Magic Show at the Bethpage Public Library

Floating wands, talking rabbits dazzling magic galore! On Friday, December 28, Jeff Stewart, a talented young magician, will present a mind-boggling kaleidoscope of magical fun for young people at the Bethpage Public Library. There will be startling

surprises, loads of laughs and fascinating balloon animal creations.

Showtime is 2 p.m. All school-age youngsters who reside in District #21 are invited to attend, and tickets are now available in the Bethpage Children's Room. For information please call 931-3907.

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Francis Purcell, County Executive, and Joseph Colby, Supervisor, working with the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency, have scored some impressive gains for Oyster Bay in the past 5 years, gains that have come about for one simple reason: they make it easy to do business in Nassau County.

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MON., DEC. 10

9-11PM NBC (8 Central/Mountain)

THE SUN ALSO RISES Conclusion

TUES., DEC. 11

9-11PM CBS (8 Central/Mountain)

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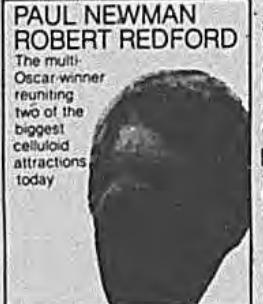
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12:30PM-7 NBC (11:30AM Ct./Mt.)

FOOTBALL Buffalo at New Jersey

1PM-7 CBS (12 Central/Mountain)

BASKETBALL UNLV at Georgetown

3:30PM-7 NBC (2:30 Cent./Mount.)

BASKETBALL Kentucky at Indiana

4PM-7 CBS (3 Central/Mountain)

FOOTBALL Minnesota at S.F.

5:30-6PM NBC (4:30 Cent./Mt.)

AL McGUIRE'S BASKETBALL

SUN., DEC. 9

12:30PM-7 CBS (11:30AM Ct./Mt.)

NFL Regional telecasts starting at

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Green Bay at Chicago

Atlanta at Tampa Bay

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1PM NYT: Cincinnati at New Orleans

N. England at Philadelphia

Miami at Indianapolis

Denver at Kansas City

4PM NYT: Houston at Anaheim

San Diego at Seattle

MON., DEC. 10
9PM-7 ABC (8 Central/Mountain)
PRO FOOTBALL: L.A. at Detroit.

FRI., DEC. 14
9PM-7 ABC (8 Central/Mountain)
PRO FOOTBALL: Anaheim at S.F.

SAT., DEC. 15
12:30PM-7 CBS (11:30AM Ct./Mt.)
PRO FOOTBALL: N.O. at N.J. Jets.

3:45PM-7 CBS (2:45 Cent./Mount.)
NCAA BASKETBALL: DePaul at Georgetown or Tulsa at Arkansas.

4PM-7 NBC (3 Central/Mountain)
PRO FOOTBALL: Denver at Seattle

SUN., DEC. 16
12:30PM-7 CBS (11:30AM Ct./Mt.)
NFL: Regional telecasts starting at...

1PM NYT: St. Louis at Washington

Chicago at Detroit

Green Bay at Minnesota

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PRO FOOTBALL: Dallas at Miami.

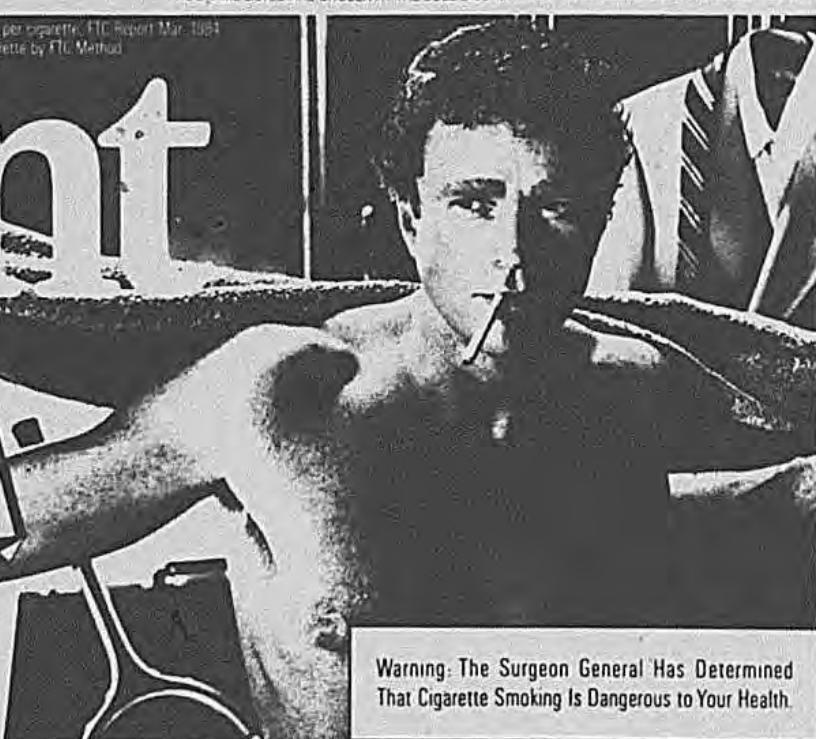
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Callers Think Bush, Ferraro To Have Future Roles

Most callers to Input think that both Ferraro and Bush will have political roles in the future in answer to this question: "What will be the future political roles of Geraldine Ferraro and George Bush?" Here are some of the answers:

TO BE PRESIDENT

I am sure that George Bush will seek the Presidency at the end of the Reagan era. And I believe he will make it. He made a strong showing in the debates and has been loyal to the Reagan administration. Therefore the same voters who elected Reagan overwhelmingly will elect Bush. Ferraro did not make a good showing anywhere and it is difficult to know whether she will be able to win office or not in the future. J.F.

BUSH OUT

I do not think that Bush will ever be President. The Reagan administration will botch things up during the next four years and he will be part of that administration. As a Vice President he has to go along with the administration and that will hurt his chances. Ferraro will run for Senator and beat D'Amato easily. D'Amato only won when the Dems were split by the Liberals who backed Javits. K.R.

FERRARO TO GO UP

I think it is a safer bet to believe that Ferraro will be higher in politics in the near future. She did a good job nationally in a year that no one could have made an impression. She is liked in N.Y. State but the overwhelming popularity of Reagan made the Mondale ticket inoperable. George Bush never was a heavy weight and when the Reagan aura blows over he will be out. L.T.

FERRARO FOR CONGRESS

George Bush has climbed high in the estimation of many conservative Republicans. He is bright and intelligent. I think he could very well be the next President of the U.S. Ferraro on the other hand was very poor and was not in the same league as Bush. If she stays in politics it would have to be at the Congressional level. She will not go higher. J.E.

MAY BE HURT AS V.P.

Ferraro cannot go very far in politics because of the problems that were unearthed in her family. These things will continue to haunt her and she will not even want to run again when everything is sorted out. Bush could have a future but traditionally a Vice President is not taken seriously and this may hurt Bush as a candidate pitted against Kemp or Dole for nomination. I am inclined to believe that Bush will never be President. F.T.

EXTREMELY HAPPY

Most people in the Republican party were extremely happy over the performance of Bush in the debates but they were not happy over his impromptu remarks. Bush would have to learn to control these utterances if he wants to be President. Ferraro was not really a great candidate. She was liked by some women's groups because she was a symbol. But in regular races she would not have that to fall back on. However, the Republicans are taking her seriously as a candidate to unseat Senator Al D'Amato and she will give him a tight race if she runs because there are more Democrats than Republicans in the state. W.F.

BOTH HAVE AMBITIONS

Geraldine Ferraro made no mystery of her interest in continuing to play an important part in the Federal Government. As Senator D'Amato will be seeking re-election in 1987, his job undoubtedly offers the best near-range opportunity for her to try to regain an important political spot in the national scene as a stepping stone toward renomination as the Democratic Vice Presidential candidate at the end of the current term. As to George Bush, by performance and declaration he has made it clear he wishes to continue to devote his talents fully to his job as Vice President during the next four years. Undoubtedly, he has ideas of becoming the Republican candidate for the Presidency at the end of that time. However, others with great ambition - Dole for one and Kemp for another, to name a couple - harbor similar ideas but it is too soon to think seriously of that possible eventuality at this time. Perhaps a more burning question would be the future political role of Walter Mondale. That he will play a part in national politics is certain in my opinion. But, for the moment I am sure he is content to retreat, lick his wounds and develop a new perspective. P.G.S.

TRIVIAL PURSUIT

Fortunately Geraldine Ferraro will become an answer to a Trivial Pursuit question. And unfortunately George Bush will seek the GOP nod for the Presidential election in 1988. And Walter Mondale will be sent off to graze at the Hubert Humphrey pasture. A.O.B.

VERY CAREFUL

George Bush will continue to support the Reagan administration as Vice-President of the United States, and will be instrumental in helping legislation through the Senate. And, he will try to secure the Republican nomination in 1988. But if he is to secure that nomination, he's going to have to be very careful with his loyalty to the Reagan Administration in order to appease moderates and the not-so-conservative element of any particular political party. That causes a problem because he can't necessarily have blind loyalty to the Reagan Administration without looking like he's not a person of his own. As for Ferraro, she may take a stab at running for the Senate against Al D'Amato in 1986 but she won't do it and she'll be considered for some state elected position. The historical nomination of a woman for Vice President will not necessarily carry her too far because if you look at the voting analysis in all the areas where she should have been helpful particularly women, a Reagan landslide took all those areas. She wasn't a factor. Geraldine Ferraro will probably be an elder stateswoman of the Democratic Party but she probably won't attain elected office for some time. L.M.



DISCOVERY

How To Enjoy Birds At Christmastime



By Ethel Pigott

A magical thing and sweet to remember...the song of a bird in the dark of December...Birds have not yet quite attained the rank of Christmas symbols as have stars, bells, mistletoe and holly but they certainly bring us happiness at this joyful season.

Scandinavian countries have a delightful custom of attaching a small sheaf of grain to a post for the birds at Christmas. It is a charming idea but not many of us can lay our hands on a sheaf of grain while it is always possible to attract the birds by other methods.

Start with the feeder, presumably mounted on a pole. Birdfeeders can be made festive with a home made swag of greens, berries and a few cones gleaned from your own garden. Garnish with a red bow. Birds are attracted to red but make sure you secure the greens securely to the feeder so that it won't blow wildly about and frighten the birds away. Now fill the feeder with seed and watch how quickly the birds will discover your special gift to them. With the aid of a bird guide the children can learn how to identify the different species who come calling. A regular show begins. Enter the squirrels. They think your hospitality extends to them too and they try to climb the pole. But you can thwart their efforts if you grease the pole. It's amusing to watch the little thieves frustratingly attempting to climb the pole. Squirrel baffles help here too. The squirrels are cunningly deliberate but they soon succumb to defeat.

It's a good thing to delay pruning some of your evergreens until shortly before Christmas. If you prune judiciously you need not deface your plantings. In these inflationary times it is heartwarming to be able to harvest Christmas decorations right on your own premises. It is amazing the wealth of greenery you have in your garden. Nice and fresh too. Save pine cones that fall to the ground. Have you ever priced a small bag of cones at the greenhouse? You will find you have enough greenery to "Deck the Halls" and some for the bird feeder too.

A word of warning here. Never start feeding the birds if you cannot continue for some reason. They form the habit of returning to the same feeders every winter and they will perish in the harsh weather without food. Perhaps you can arrange for another bird lover to substitute for you if you expect to be absent. Another concern for our little feathered friends. They need water in the winter too so if you can manage to set out a pan of warm water a couple of times a day you will earn a star. Some birds are ground feeders and will not use the feeder. For them you can throw a couple of handfuls of seeds and some bread crumbs beneath the feeder.

For last minute gifts to shut-ins, special friends and of course yourself, visit the local hardware shops, greenhouses and specialty shops. They are filled with ideas which may never have occurred to you. Feeders, suet racks in which to place scraps of suet, and the supermarkets can furnish you with a bag of seed and those seed

covered bells to hang which can be glamourized with a red bow or even a bag of seed tied with red ribbon. The latter make nice inexpensive gifts to children to give. Other suggestions: binoculars, colorful bird guides, records of bird calls - the list is endless. Have you ever noticed how many beautiful Christmas cards you receive with birds as the motif? Birds are very popular at this season - proof of how many of us love these little messengers of cheer.

The mere awareness of birds can bring happiness at Christmas. This is especially true of those who are sad and lonely at this season. To them the birds have an invaluable sense of companionship and friendliness. A woman who is now an ardent ornithologist told that birds meant nothing to her for a long time. Then on a day when she felt at low ebb the sight of a red cardinal on a snowy branch made her forget her troubles completely and she became conscious of the glory the earth has bestowed upon us if only we will open our hearts and our minds. Birds offer us these gifts far more precious than the ones we give to them. They lift us up on their wings from our daily preoccupation with the problems of our world.

St. Francis is the patron saint of gardens, small animals and birds and in doing some research on him I discovered that in his youth he was a playboy who later became revered for his kindness to the Makers small animals and birds. The first use of the creche is attributed to him. Here is the well known prayer of St. Francis:

O Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace

Where there is hatred, let me sow love

Where there is injury, pardon

Where there is darkness, light

Where there is sadness, joy

Where there is doubt, faith

And where there is despair, hope

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console

to be understood as to understand

to love than to be loved

For it is in giving that we receive

Now if you listen closely you will hear the birds chirping happily in appreciation to you for remembering them at Christmas. They sing out their little message to you for Happy Holidays and beautiful memories.

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GOOD AGAIN

I had forgotten about Westbury Manor until I went there. What I forgot is that it had closed and reopened under new owners. The restaurant seems to be headed again for the place it used to have when Carl Höppel ran it many years ago.

The beauty and spaciousness of Westbury Manor will always make it a good place to visit.

The food once again is back to what it used to be. I had filet mignon and another member of our party had lobster tail. The food was worthy of the fine setting. We ate in the piano bar and it is a quiet, lovely place. It should be highly recommended.

J.R.

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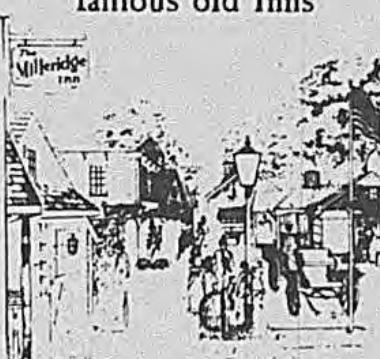
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Q. Tipping has always bothered me. I know there are many facets to it but why do I have to tip at all?

J.C.
A. The answer to this is obvious if you think about it. If you want any control at all over what type of service you are going to get you should be able to give more or less according to how you have been treated.

Many people may not know it but waiters generally get a very low wage scale, some below minimum wage because tips can be expected to balance the scale and they do depend on between a 15 percent and 20 percent tip to make the job worthwhile.

Q. I feel a little awkward in reading a menu to ask the waiter what the entree includes. Is it correct to ask?

A. By all means ask. Generally if the menu does not state that the potato and vegetable are included the price is a la carte. But not always. So ask. The waiter will tell you and that is his job.

Q. This may be a little different but I wonder if you could determine what is the proper plate to use when serving salad during luncheon? I give luncheons on Saturday, as a rule and I don't have wooden bowls but I do have flat glass plates. Could you help?

A. While some stores may say that there is only one kind of dish for salad this is not really true. Wooden bowls are good because they keep the dressing from running out. But of late many restaurants use glass bowls and small plates for salad. So long as a plate has a center indentation it may be used for salad. It is simply a matter of preference.

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A SUNDAY BRUNCH

We tried the Barrister's for brunch on Sunday and found it to be a very fine experience. There are a number of other good places for Sunday brunch and this is one of them.

The menu is a big one going from eggs benedict through quiches to banana, strawberry or blueberry crepes.

One of us had eggs benedict and a champagne orange cocktail and the other a quiche Lorraine and salad. The entire brunch including the drink and coffee was reasonably price. And if you do not want the brunch they told us that anything from the luncheon menu could be ordered. We recommend the Barristers. R.W.

WONDERFUL FOOD

We were so well pleased when we visited the Rex II Restaurant in Stewart Manor that we had to call.

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 3 tbsps. butter
 3 tbsps. flour
 2 cups veal stock
Enrichment:
 2 large egg yolks
 1 tsp. lemon juice, or to taste
 ¼ cup heavy cream, nutmeg

Put meat into Dutch oven with boiling water to cover. Cover with lid and let stand 20 minutes. Skim off water and add onions, carrots, celery, salt, pepper, thyme, bay leaf and parsley. Bring to boil slowly, then simmer, covered, 1 to 1½ hours, then add mushrooms and simmer another ¼ hour.

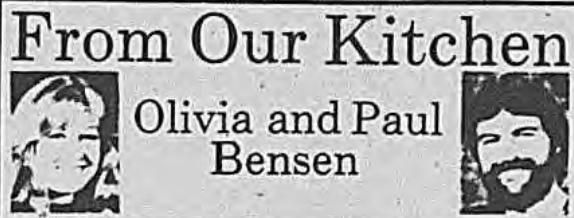
In separate saucepan, melt butter to bubbling stage; cook flour 2 to 3 minutes in butter. Gradually add veal stock resulting from above cooking. Simmer until slightly reduced. Mix enrichment

ingredients, add some of hot veloute, then pour enrichment into hot sauce. Drain meat and vegetables, set aside and keep hot. Pour sauce over veal and vegetables. Serve with rice.

DENSE MOUSSE AU CHOCOLAT

½ lb. semisweet chocolate
 ¼ cup milk (4 tbsps.)
 5 large eggs, separated
 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 1 tbsp. cognac or rum

Melt chocolate with milk in top of double boiler over hot, not boiling, water. Stir and set aside to cool a bit. Then add egg yolks, one at a time, and vanilla and cognac or rum. Transfer mixture to bowl and carefully but thoroughly fold in stiffly beaten whites. Fill bowl or small ramekins with mousse and chill at least 2 hours before serving.



Pasta and salmon salad

By Olivia and Paul Bensen

Cold pasta salads are versatile, satisfying dishes that can be prepared ahead of time as main dishes, and make an excellent addition to any picnic or buffet.

Recently we came up with a pasta salad that combines pasta shells, salmon, peas and a variety of other ingredients. The salmon adds both eye-catching color and a texture that contrasts nicely with that of the shells. The peas, likewise, add a fresh-looking touch of green and another pleasing texture.

In the past few years, pasta dishes have become much more popular in this country — perhaps because people no longer associate pasta with lots of calories. The 8 ounces of shells in today's recipe, for example, contain only 150 calories — less than 25 per serving. Pasta is also an excellent source of B vitamins, iron and amino acids, and is low in fats and sodium.

Fresh salmon has been an especially good buy recently. A few years ago it was among the higher-priced types of fish, but increased popularity and greater availability nationwide have dropped the price by almost half in many markets. Salmon steaks are an excellent candidate for the barbecue grill, and need just a bit of fresh lemon juice and a brushing of your favorite barbecue sauce.

Today's salad will keep very well in the refrigerator for two or three days. We prepared it as a main course for dinner, but found that it also makes a delicious light lunch.

PASTA AND SALMON SALAD

½ lb. fresh salmon, either fillets or steaks
 3 lemon slices
 8 ozs. (dry weight) pasta shells
 1 cup cooked peas (fresh or frozen)
 ½ cup sliced scallions
Sauce:
 1 cup sour cream
 ¼ cup mayonnaise
 1 tbsp. dill weed (dried)
 1 small clove garlic, finely chopped
 2 tbsps. fresh lemon juice
 1 tbsp. red wine vinegar
 ½ to 1 tsp. salt (to taste)
 ¼ tsp. pepper
 ¼ tsp. beau monde seasoning
 2 tbsps. chopped fresh parsley
 1 pinch cayenne

In shallow saucepan or deep frying pan with lid, bring to boil enough water to cover salmon. Add salmon, along with lemon slices. Reduce heat to gentle boil, cover and poach 10 minutes. Remove salmon from water and allow it to drain and cool. When salmon is cool enough to handle, flake it, being sure to remove all bones and skin. Discard lemon slices.

Mix all sauce ingredients together and chill for at least 30 minutes before assembling salad.

Cook pasta according to directions on package — do not overcook. Drain, rinse and allow to cool.

Mix pasta, salmon, peas and scallions together with sauce. Toss gently and chill.

Serves 6 to 8

MICROWAVE A New Year's resolution

By Desiree Vives

I'll admit that I go a bit overboard during the holidays. I rush around doing those million little things that simply must be done — like buying an extra bag of sticks-on bows and making sure there's enough mistletoe to go around.

I spend money (most of it plastic — oh, the temptation ...) like New Year's Day isn't going to show, and I overindulge in just about everything. Cookies, candies, fruitcake, turkey with lots of dressing and spiked eggnog. After all, the holiday season comes but once a year, right?

The trouble is that sometime around the third of January I wake up broke and fat. By then I've recovered from the revelry of two nights before and am forced to face the wreckage with clear eyes and a lucid mind.

If I'm feeling brave, I'll check the bank balance and the bathroom scales. If not, I set the clock to "snooze" and catch a few more winks. There's almost a whole year to get things back in order, so why hurry?

But this year things are going to be different. New Year's Eve will find me only half-debauched, and with Jan. 1, 1985, will come a resolution to live life in a slower lane. At least until the bankbook and the bathroom scales are decently in balance.

My 1985 New Year's resolution will include a more down-to-earth diet. There really is something inspiring about a brand-new year, a chance for a new beginning and, if not a new figure, at least a return to that of the B.H. (Before Holidays) period.

If the new year finds your own girth less than girlish (or boyish), give up the goodies for a while and switch to lighter fare. Poultry (sans skin), lean meats and fish, and lots of veggies. And not-too-sweet desserts like Honey-Nut Apples. Change your pace and indulge for a few months. Happy New Year!

FLAVORFUL POACHED FISH

3 cups water
 ¼ cup vinegar
 ¼ cup each minced carrot and onion
 6 whole peppercorns
 1 tbsp. dried parsley flakes
 ½ tsp. salt
 ¼ tsp. each celery seed and thyme
 1 bay leaf
 2 lbs. frozen fish, thawed

Place all ingredients except fish in 2-quart oblong glass baking dish. Stir to blend. Microwave until boiling, 16 to 18 minutes. Strain, then return broth to baking dish. Place fish in dish, with thicker portions toward outside. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave 8 to 10 minutes, rotating dish ½ turn after 5 minutes. Test for doneness: fish should flake easily with fork. Let stand, covered, 5

minutes, then remove from broth and serve.

Serves 4.

FAVORITE STUFFED TOMATOES

4 large or 6 medium tomatoes
 1 (17 oz.) can corn kernels, drained
 2 tbsps. minced onion
 1 tbsp. fresh minced parsley, or 1 tsp. dried parsley flakes
 ¼ tsp. each salt and pepper
 2 slices bread, torn in small pieces
 4 tbsps. butter or margarine, melted
 5 large black olives, sliced
 Parsley sprigs for garnish (optional)

Cut small slice off stem end of each tomato and discard. Carefully scoop out seeds and pulp from tomatoes, leaving fairly thick wall. Turn cut side down on paper towels to drain.

To prepare filling. In small bowl, combine corn, onion, parsley, salt, pepper, bread crumbs, melted butter and olives. Stir gently to mix. Fill tomatoes evenly with mixture and place in glass baking dish or serving plate, arranging so that they do not touch. Microwave 4 to 6 minutes. Garnish with parsley, if desired. Serve hot.

Serves 4 to 6.

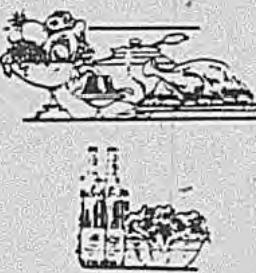
HONEY-NUT APPLES

4 baking apples (Pippin, Jonathan, etc.)
 About 1 cup chopped walnuts
 4 tbsps. honey
 Cinnamon

Wash apples and core, not quite all the way through. Cut each apple into eight sections, slicing almost to bottom but leaving intact. Fill apple cores with chopped walnuts. Drizzle 1 tablespoon honey over each and sprinkle lightly with cinnamon. Place apples in 1-quart glass baking dish, or in individual dessert cups arranged in circle in oven. Microwave 9 to 10 minutes. Serve warm.

Makes 4 servings.

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Here's How

By Gene Gary



Q. I have recently bought an old house that is designated a National Historic Building.

I was told that sandblasting the brick would cause me to lose the NHB designation, so I investigated the cost and details of chemical cleaning of the bricks. I was surprised to learn that the use of "stripper" and washing with a garden hose were the primary steps. I figure that I can do this and save \$2,600.

Do you agree that an amateur can do this? If so, where can I buy the stripper (in larger quantities, i.e., gallons) and what is the name of the product? — G.N.

A. You should be able to clean the brick of major grime and dirt.

First, presoak the walls. Saturate the masonry with clean water and flush off all loose particles and dirt.

Then scrub down the walls with a solution of one-half cup trisodium phosphate and a half cup household detergent dissolved in 1 gallon of clear water. Scrub with a stiff fiber brush.

Rinse thoroughly to wash off all of the cleaning solution, dirt and mortar crumbs using clean pressurized water.

If this method does not clean the brick to your satisfaction, an

acid cleaning may prove necessary. I would recommend a professional service if this proves to be the case.

Q. Our automatic screen door closes stick, leaving the doors propped open. Is there a way to lubricate them and what lubricant should I use? — Mrs. W.H.S.

A. Try cleaning first with naphtha or paint thinner. Wipe dry and apply WD-40 at the end where the rod goes into the cylinder. If this fails to work you may need to replace the cylinder unit.

Q. How can I prevent roots traveling 14 feet under a concrete slab from clogging my bathroom commode? — R.S.C.

A. The only solution to the problem is to cut the root where it enters underneath the slab. Large shrubs and trees should not be planted close to foundations and removal of any existing growth is essential to protect the foundation and your plumbing.

Q. My wife has electric extension cords strung all over the house. We have argued about the safety factors of this and I would like your advice.

The cords are both unattractive and I worry about someone tripping

over one of them. But my main concern is safety in the use of electricity. — R.L.N.

A. An extension cord can be a handy thing around the house, but that's just what it is meant to be — a handy thing and not a permanent installation.

A common mistake made by users of extension cords is in the size area. The cord you use for a lamp, for instance, should not be used for a power tool. The amperage drawn by the electric power tool is too heavy for the typical household extension cord.

You are creating a fire hazard if you use extension cords in this manner. If you have power tools in the house and need an extension cord, its minimum gauge should be 18. But if you are using a long cord that tends to dissipate power, get a 16 or 14 gauge.

Also avoid hooking up too many lamps or small appliances to a single household extension cord, or you will risk the danger of overloading the circuit and again you could be creating a fire hazard.

Q. Is there a foolproof method for nailing picture hanger hooks on a plaster wall without cracking the plaster? I have tried putting a piece of scotch tape on the wall and then nailing through, but the plaster still cracks some. — Mrs. W.A.S.

A. If the pictures are relatively light (25 pounds or lighter), there are wall mounting fasteners that adhere to the wall with the epoxy type of adhesive. Many hardware stores have these kits.

If you wish to use a penetrating fastener, such as a nail or expansion bolt, first locate the joist. Then put an "X" of scotch tape and drill through into the joist, using an electric drill. This method, properly done, will prevent the plaster from cracking.

I read an article that said the problem is called Erythromelalgia and you are supposed to take two aspirin every four hours and soak your feet in cool water. Hope this can be of some help. — Gwen J.

Dear Gwen: Thanks for the tip.

Dear John: The Association of Retired Persons warns that millions of health-care consumers may be missing a great opportunity to hold the line on skyrocketing health-care costs.

The AARP wants to explain and promote the new cost containment law that took effect Oct. 1. More than 30,000 AARP volunteer community leaders were to receive in the mail material describing the new Medicare participating physicians program, which was passed by Congress in July.

Under the program doctors must choose whether or not to sign a written agreement to accept Medicare determination of a "reasonable charge" as payment in full for their services.

It was asserted that last year elderly and disabled Americans were charged approximately \$5.6 billion more by physicians than what Medicare considered to be reasonable.

Physicians who agree to participate will have their names listed in a directory and on a toll-free telephone line so that consumers can locate them more easily. — Lloyd W.



TWEEN 12 & 20

By Robert Wallace, Ed.D.

Teens: Striving to excel, whether in school, at sports, or at a hobby, can be a positive goal for most teens. But there's a fine line between healthy ambition and unhealthy perfectionism, warn psychological experts.

"Being a perfectionist can be one of the biggest blocks to feeling good about yourself," Norman Munk, a New York psychologist, advises teens. "How can you like yourself when nothing you do is ever good enough?"

The problem, the experts reveal, is that a perfectionist creates impossibly high standards for herself.

"No matter how well she does something, the perfectionist doesn't derive pleasure from her success," explains Dr. Judy Eidelberg, clinical director of the Institute of Cognitive and Behavioral Therapies at the Presbyterian University of Pennsylvania Medical Center. "She's too busy upping the ante, worrying about the next challenge."

While some perfectionists labor endlessly to complete a task "just right," others are so terrified of failure that they devote no time to a task.

"Procrastination is frequently tied in to perfectionism," Eidelberg reveals.

Some people are so afraid of an imperfect outcome that they continually put off taking action, she explains, and end up doing poorly as a result.

Much of the perfectionist's difficulties stem from insecurity.

"Perfectionists don't like themselves as they are, and they're sure other people won't either," says author Wayne Coffey.

To gain acceptance, he adds, they feel they must perform in a perfect or nearly perfect way, thus linking their self-image to the ability to do well at a given task. "Then, when they fail to live up to their own high standards," Coffey says, "their self-esteem plummets."

Even a perfectionist, though, can learn to overcome the defeatist attitudes that keep her from feeling good about herself. What's the trick? According to the experts, the first step is to try to see oneself in a fairer, more balanced light.

One way to "rate your perfectionism," Coffey says, is by answering a few questions from a quiz he's devised.

For example, Coffey asks, "do you have a difficult time accepting praise?" If that is a frequent tendency, "you have some perfectionistic leanings. You can be hard on

yourself, but you're also able to ease up, accept some of the flaws, and recognize when you've done a pretty good job, even if it's not perfect," Coffey explains.

Another question that could reveal one's degree of perfectionism is, "Do you second-guess yourself, thinking such things as 'I knew I shouldn't have said that' or 'If only I'd applied for that job when I first heard about it'?" If that always happens, Coffey warns, "you're a perfectionist to the core. You drive yourself hard and rarely, if ever, feel good about anything you accomplish."

The important fact to remember is that perfectionism leads only to a "futile and frustrating merry-go-round" in which who you are and what you do always falls short of your self-imposed standards.

"The sooner you can let go of perfectionism," Coffey concludes, "the sooner you can get on with that process of living and growing and making the most of yourself."

Dr. Wallace: I am 16 and my girlfriend is, too. Last night we got home 45 minutes after her curfew and her dad jumped all over me for bringing her home late.

We were parked and time got away from both of us. Do you believe I'm the one to blame? — Fred,

Fred: You girlfriend is responsible for her own actions and should have made sure she was home on time. I'd blame her.

Dr. Wallace: I am 20 and my fiancee is 19, and we plan to get married on New Year's Day. The church has been rented and invitations have been sent out to over 100 friends and relatives.

The problem that exists is that I don't want to get married to this girl because I don't think that I love her, and I'm positive our marriage will be a disaster.

I'd like to call the whole thing off but I feel trapped. Also, I know I would hurt this girl and her family and I don't really want to do that.

Please give me your advice, and fast. — Mike,

Mike: Break the engagement immediately. A broken engagement is much better than an unhappy marriage or a divorce.

Mainly For Seniors

By John T. Watts



feet fast. The savings associated with reduced hospitalization are enormous. — Connie P.

Dear Connie: Thanks for the warning about the fracture menace, also the promise of better ways coming to handle this bugaboo of older people.

Dear John: I wrote to you about six weeks ago pertaining to the condition I have, which is Raynaud's phenomenon. For the last 10 years when the temperature gets to 50 degrees, it starts.

Dr. Williams of Munster: Who is my doctor, said that there is nothing to be done except to go to a warmer climate.

I can't afford it at my age. I wonder if you could recommend a doctor for a second opinion, or do I have to fight this the rest of my days? — Mrs. H.G.

Dear Mrs. H.G.: I suspect your doctor is right. I don't know any doctors in that region, but if readers have had any experience with the problem, please tell us.

It might be easier than you know to move to a warmer climate. At least you won't have the big heating bills.

Dear John: This letter is in response to a letter written by a woman with a problem of burning feet.



Antique or Junque

By James G. McCollum
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Q. This bronze-plated figurine is about 6 inches high and is signed "Moreau."

Can you tell me who made it, where and its value?



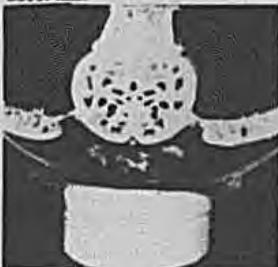
A. There were four well-known French sculptors named Moreau: Mathurin, Auguste, Francois and Louis. Mathurin and Auguste were the most highly regarded. This one looks like the work of either Francois or Louis.

The original of this was much larger. This is a miniature copy produced in fairly large numbers. It would probably sell for \$200 to \$300.

Q. Enclosed is the picture of a ceramic basket. The colors are pink, yellow and red with gold trim. On the bottom is a Gothic-

type building with five towers; also, "Made in Austria-Hungary" and "Zsolnay, Pecs."

Please tell me what you can about this.



A. This beautiful basket was made by Zsolnay in Pecs, Hungary, between 1900 and 1915. It should be worth at least \$1,000.

Q. I have a Hummel figurine of two little girls sitting on a fence. It is 5 inches tall and marked with the enclosed sketch. It also has the number 179. When was it made and what is its value?



A. This is called "Coquettes" and the Trade Mark No. 5 indicates that it was made between 1922 and 1929. It currently is selling for about \$100 to \$125.

Q. Has the popularity of Kermit the Frog (The Muppets) created an interest in collecting various types of frogs? What are the most popular items?

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A. Yes! Kermit has been an inspiration to a lot of people.

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The centerpiece of any frog collection could be the Hummel figurine No. 301, "Retreat to Safety." This shows a small boy climbing over a fence to get away from a very much smaller frog. You can buy the current issue for about \$75.

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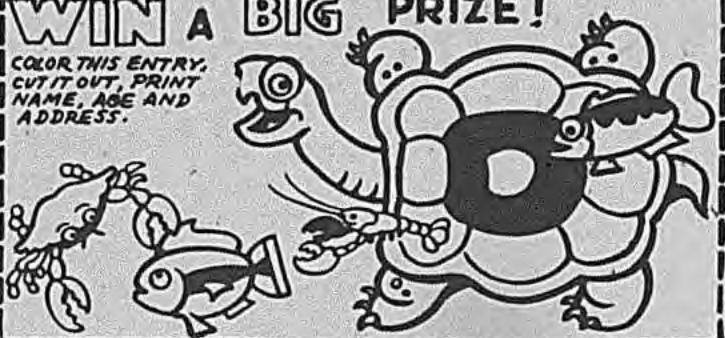
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This young lady has been invited to a Christmas party and she can hardly wait! Nancy will dress up in her best clothes, have lots of good things to eat and, as I said, she will enjoy a chat with Santa. She will tell him what presents she would like to get and I am quite sure she will get many of them!

Your friend,
Aunt Tilly

P.S. This week's coloring contest winners are Pete O'Keefe and Jeanne Eagan. You'll both be hearing from me soon!

Points on Pets



Horse slobbers while eating

By R.G. Elmore, D.V.M.

Q. My parents recently gave our children an 11-year-old quarter horse. It appears that it is difficult for the horse to eat — he eats very slowly and slobbers excessively.

Unfortunately, the horse has had very little attention during the last few years. Is this behavior normal for horses of this age? If not, what is causing the problem and what should we do about it?

A. Excessive slobbering while eating is not normal for horses. High on the list of likely causes for this behavior is sharp teeth.

During its lifetime each horse has two sets of teeth, the temporary, or deciduous, set (milk teeth) and the permanent set.

The temporary teeth start erupting through the gums during the first week after birth. The permanent teeth start replacing the temporary teeth at about 2½ years of age. All of the horse's permanent teeth should be erupted or visible by 4 or 5 years of age.

The horse uses the incisors (front) teeth to cut grasses while grazing on pasture. The molars or cheek teeth are used for grinding or masticating the grass or grain prior to swallowing and further

digestion. The action of chewing in the horse is an up-and-down one as well as a side-to-side one.

The horse's head tapers or narrows from the top to the bottom. Therefore the upper jaw is wider than the lower jaw and the molars do not meet evenly. The outer edge of the upper teeth protrudes outward beyond the lower teeth and the inside edge of the lower molars extends inside the upper ones.

Because of the shape of the horse's head and the placement of the teeth, the outer edge of the upper teeth and the inside edge of the lower cheek teeth are not subject to wear. This results in the outside borders of the upper molars and the inside borders of the lower molars being ground to razor-sharp edges.

Often the sharp edges on the upper molars lacerate or cut the inside of the cheeks and the sharp edges on the lower molars lacerate the tongue. This makes the cheeks and tongue very sore. Horses with this problem often refuse to eat or eat very slowly. Excessive salivation or even blood may be noticed around the lips.

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Your veterinarian can rasp or "float" the sharp projections off the molar teeth of your horse. A large metal file called a float is used for this procedure and it usually causes the horse very little discomfort. If the horse is extremely nervous, some tranquilization may be required. Your horse's teeth should be examined once every four months for sharp projections.

Of course, without actually seeing your horse it is impossible to tell you precisely what is causing the excessive slobbering. You should have your local veterinarian examine your horse very soon. It would also be advisable to have your veterinarian give your horse its routine yearly immunization and annual physical examination at this time.

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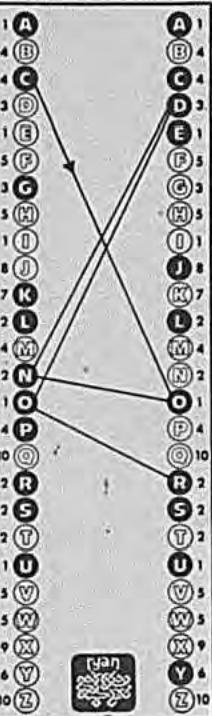
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EASING THE RUSH

Holiday tips for mailing gifts.

By Jimmy Thornton

Like it or not, last-minute Christmas shopping is part of the holiday tradition — even for people who must mail gifts out of state.

You can thank the Wright Brothers and the U.S. Postal Service as well as a growing host of competitive express mailers for that twelfth-hour overnight boost you may need to ensure that Santa's arrival is on time.

You can speed mail practically anything from a coloring book to a railroad boxcar if you ask the right service and have enough money to do it.

Moreover, if it is an emergency, you even can find a service that operates 24 hours a day. But be forewarned, you will pay top dollar for that kind of shipping. Following are some tips from the U.S. Postal Service to ensure that your

shipped gift arrives on time and in good shape.

Containers. Fiberboard boxes, like the ones you can get from liquor stores and other retailers, are ideal. Also, popular-size boxes and mailing envelopes or bags are available at stationers and post office branches.

Packing. Cushion box contents with crumpled newspaper. Place the crumpled paper around all sides, corners, top and bottom so contents don't move when the box is shaken. Also, foam shells or air-pocket padding sold by stores are good. Padded mailing envelopes (or bags) are ideal for small items, including books.

Use only the box — brown paper and cording are not necessary. Put a slip of paper with name and address of the recipient inside the box as well as address-



ing it on the outside.

Sealing. Close the carton with one of the three recommended types of tape: pressure-sensitive, nylon-reinforced paper or glass-reinforced pressure-sensitive.

Addressing. Use smudge-proof ink. Put the recipient's address in the lower right portion of the package. Put your return address in the upper left corner of only one side of the package. Remove all other labels from the box. Use ZIP codes. A wrong ZIP can delay delivery.

Christmas Cards. Holiday cards should be a standard size. Envelopes must be at least 3½ inches

high and 5 inches long. If the card is extra large, you may have to pay added postage. If in doubt, have it measured by a postal clerk.

If you are mailing across the continent, the U.S. Postal Service advises to allow eight to 10 days for packages and cards.

And time it right.

You are advised to mail "early in the month and early in the day" by Jerry Vega, a postal information officer.

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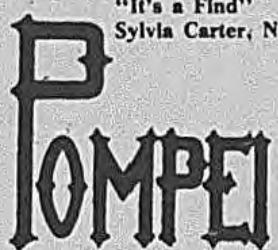
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FAMILY GATHERINGS

Have portraits
made during
the holidays

By Dean Carroll

Wrapping presents, baking cookies, writing cards and decorating the tree are just a few of the preparations for a Christmas gathering of family and friends. In the hectic rush of the season, an additional project may be the last thing you want but the holidays present a unique opportunity to have the family photographed in a professional portrait.

Planning a family portrait for the holidays is easy, according to portrait experts from Kodak, if you start in advance. The biggest obstacle in planning a portrait — reuniting the clan — is eliminated by taking advantage of having children, grandchildren and other relatives home for the holidays.

Prior to the holidays, choose one morning or afternoon to designate as family portrait day and notify each member of the group of the date and time.

Then, contact your local professional photographer to arrange an appointment. Discuss the style of portrait you have in mind with

your photographer or visit the studio to review his portfolio. Portraits can be formal or informal, made in the studio or at almost any desired location — home, outdoors or even at your community Christmas display.

Choose a wardrobe theme that is acceptable to the group and check with your photographer for advice. As a rule, the family should avoid an assortment of plaids, large prints and stripes that will detract from faces — the most important part of a portrait. Solids and warm tones are ideal. Women should wear three-fourths-length or long sleeves. The lightest area of the portrait should be the smiling faces.

Bring more than one outfit to the portrait sitting. While you have the group together, it's wise to have a variety of separate portraits made of children, parents and grandparents. Don't forget the family pet — it can add warmth and expression to the family portrait. Be certain to notify the photographer in advance if you plan to include the pet.

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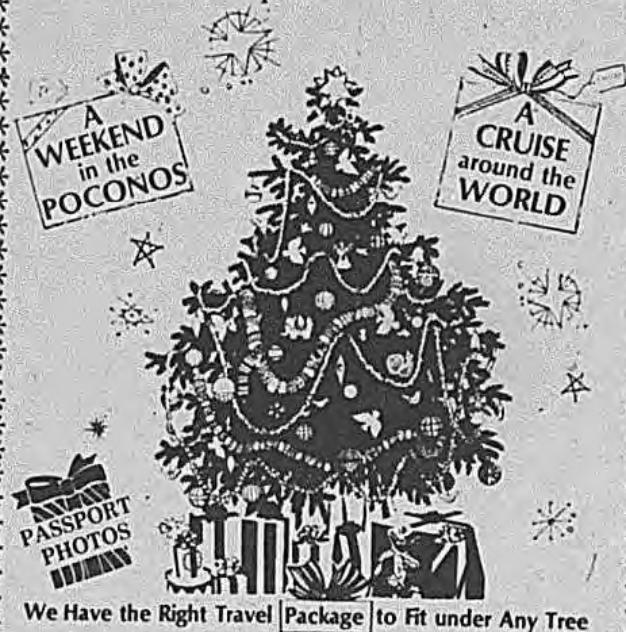
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For pickpockets and thieves

By Jack Williams

For many shoppers, this Christmas holiday will become a debt-laden New Year.

But for those who fall victim to thieves who lurk like Grinches behind street corner Santas and department store tinsel, the price is even higher.

Streets crowded with Christmas sightseers and stores filled with bustling shoppers are ideal settings for skilled pickpockets and purse snatchers. Here are some tips for safe and pleasant gift buying from Pinkerton's, an independent security and private investigation firm.

— Women should carry pocketbooks securely under their arms.

— Avoid wearing gold-chain necklaces while shopping or commuting on buses and subways.

— In stores, women should not set down pocketbooks on a counter while they examine purchases or talk with a salesclerk. One moment's inattention and a purse can be stolen, or a wallet or cash removed by a thief.

Men should avoid carrying wallets in hip pockets. Place them in inside pockets of suit coats.

— While walking on the street or in a store, shoppers should be wary of being jostled suddenly by an apparent passerby. If that happens, the shopper should check immediately to make sure he still has his pocketbook or wallet.

For shoppers who plan to make

purchases on credit cards only, a stolen purse or wallet can be just the beginning of holiday woes. The thief may be able to fraudulently use the card to charge hundreds of dollars of merchandise.

Here are some tips from Jonna LaToure, a credit card product manager for a savings and loan association, to minimize those holiday woes:

— Carry only the credit cards you'll be using on a specific shopping trip.

— Make an inventory of all your credit card numbers and the phone numbers to call for lost cards. Keep the list in a safe place — and keep it updated. It can save time when you have to report stolen or lost cards.

— Make sure your credit card is returned with your purchase.

— Retain your credit card receipts because (a) they can be compared to the charges on your monthly statement and (b) you can avoid fraudulent use of the card.

Another area of credit card fraud is telephone solicitations, warns LaToure. So be cautious in giving your credit card number over the phone.

Said LaToure: "Many credit card scams involve people posing as telephone solicitors. If you initiate a call to a merchant, there is generally no problem. But if you aren't sure if a caller is legitimate, you may wish to take a name and phone number and call



back to verify the company." After your purchases have been made, Pinkerton's suggests placing individual packages in a large shopping bag with strong handles.

Some final suggestions:

— When purchasing expensive items such as television sets and stereo systems, shoppers should use prudence in revealing home addresses or arranging delivery times. Burglars who know where

such items are delivered and the times that a home may be vacant simplifies their thefts considerably.

— Do not leave purchased items conspicuously displayed in a parked vehicle. Lock purchases in your trunk. If you drive a station wagon or hatchback, have some kind of covering to shield the gifts from sight.

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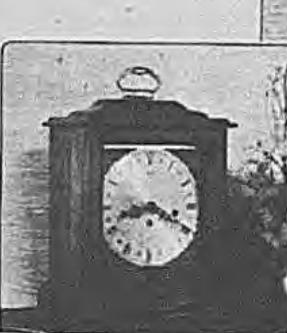
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Picture-taking made easy

By Dean Carroll

In addition to "Peace On Earth," "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year," one of the most popular holiday slogans is "Smile."

Everyone wants to take photographs of family and friends during holiday gatherings so they will be able to remember the joys of the season throughout the year.

Following are some suggestions to make holiday picture-taking a success from spokesmen at Kis Photo, manufacturer of Kis 30-minute photo processing minilabs.

Before the season begins, give your camera a tune-up. Check the batteries to make sure they are charged, clean the lens with a non-abrasive lens tissue and work the shutter several times to make sure it is operational. If you have a separate flash attachment, check it out, too.

Also, check the expiration date of your film on hand to ensure that it is still fresh — film should be stored in a cool, dry environment.

When you're ready to start shooting, remember the following simple pointers.

When not using a flash, use a fast shutter speed to eliminate any blur caused by motion of the subject or camera. You always should use a fast shutter speed when taking "action" photos where there is a lot of movement.

When using slow shutter speeds, use a tripod for photos taken at shutter speeds less than one-sixtieth of a second.

To avoid photos with a blurred subject in the foreground, set the lens to a small aperture, such as f-8 or f-16, and focus the lens on the front third of the subject area. This will increase the depth of field and will allow both near and far subjects to be in focus.

For close-ups, take the time to focus carefully. Poorly focused head shots often are caused by the photographer focusing in on the background rather than the subject. When using a flash to take close-ups of people, make sure there is some ambient lighting and have the subject look slightly away from the camera. If you have a separate flash attachment, "bounce" the flash, aiming it at the ceiling or at a 45-degree angle. Otherwise, eyes will appear reddish and unnatural.

When taking photos in a dark environment where flashes are prohibited or undesired, use a high-speed film such as ASA/ISO 400 or 1000. Photos otherwise will appear too dark or grainy. If you try the 1000-speed film, be sure to tell your photo processor that the film was shot indoors with artificial light so that he can adjust for this when printing the film.

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Creative gifts that keep giving

By Eric Jude

When Santa Claus starts coming to town, many parents feel like taking to the hills. Store windows are crammed with high-price dolls and fancy train sets until everything in sight seems to have a "buy me" sign.

By early January, a mountain of broken or still unassembled presents unsembles a forest of discarded Christmas trees into garbage cans across the nation. All that is left of the season-to-be-jolly are disappointed children, frustrated moms and dads and post-holiday bills.

What can be done to change this dismal picture — especially for younger children? Plenty, and it all begins with creative thinking before going Christmas shopping. This year, make the holiday magic last beyond the festive season with special gifts, including some that enable you to share pleasure with your child during the year to come.

Some ideas:

— More than a Pet. If your youngster is getting a kitten or a puppy for Christmas, also enroll him in a class that teaches basic pet care. Call your local humane society for information on these classes and animal-oriented children's clubs.

— Computer Learning and Games. Don't ignore the needs of your preschooler. According to spokesmen for Weekly Reader Family Software, manufacturer of the Stickybear early learning se-

ries, a child as young as 3 can have fun while learning with programs designed for his age-group. They suggest that you look for software that comes with supporting material such as picture books and posters. This enables the parent to get involved and serves as a bridge between the computer and other learning tools.

For older children, a variety of new "edutainment" games provide a learning experience along with the action. Some of these games authentically portray a specific historical period or event.

— Green Thumb. Many communities have a garden club or arboretum with classes for youngsters. Such a course would make a wonderful gift, along with a packet of seeds for easy-to-grow vegetables like string beans or radishes, or indoor bulbs for simple flowers.

— Parent-Child Sports. Find outlets for energy at your nearest civic center or youth club by giving your child — and yourself — the present of a swimming or dancing course.

— Creative Arts. Contact your local museum or arts group about young people's programs such as painting, mask-making, puppets and other creative fun. Give this gift promise with a stocking stuffer of paints or crayons and drawing paper.

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Alcoholic beverages

By Debra Cooper

Holidays are the time, more than any other, when people entertain guests in their homes. These get-togethers generally include alcoholic beverages. This holiday season you can add a touch of festive elegance, sparkle and romance by serving special alcoholic drinks. Some suggestions: sparkling wines and liqueurs.

Once prized by medieval monks for their curative value, liqueurs now are known for their delicious flavors and the versatile ways in which they can be served.

The classic way to serve a liqueur is as an after-dinner drink with coffee. Long leisurely dining has been a particularly enjoyable part of European life for centuries, and the custom of extending the gourmet experience with a liqueur developed in Europe during the post-Napoleonic era.

The traditional way of serving a liqueur — straight up in a small cordial glass — still is most popular. Connoisseurs prefer drinking from snifters because it concentrates the bouquet, according to Robert Cointreau, great-grandson of the creator of Cointreau, an orange liqueur from France.

Other popular methods for serving liqueurs:

— On the rocks in an old-fashioned glass. Devotees of this method feel that the ice cuts the sweetness of their drinks and makes them seem more aromatic.

— Frappe — served in a glass

filled with crushed or shaved ice. The liqueur is poured over the ice and finished with two small straws.

— In coffee rather than alongside it. The drink can be garnished with whipped cream, a slice of lemon, orange peel or a sprinkling of cocoa, depending on the flavor of the liqueur.

— Over ice cream, to make a sundae with extra punch.

— In elegant desserts like flambées, parfaits, cheesecakes and mousse.

An after-dinner liqueur tray will add an elegant flourish to home entertaining, and allow guests to try new flavors and serving styles. A good way to choose the flavors is to experiment with liqueurs in restaurants. Waiters are generally happy to make suggestions.

An alternate and dazzling alcoholic offering is sparkling wine — an ideal complement to both formal and informal menus. You can serve it with inexpensive hors d'oeuvres or gourmet entrees.

The chance of finding a sparkling wine that suits your particular taste at an affordable price never has been better, according to spokesmen from Viceroy Imports, importers of Champs D'Or sparkling wine.

The wine's degree of sweetness can be determined by reading the label. A dry sparkling wine that has little or no sugar is called a brut. Rising up the scale of sweetness, the label will cite the wine as extra dry, sec, demi-sec or doux,

which is the sweetest.

With proper chilling, the sparkling wine's effervescence will be retained and make opening the

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

By Gregg Howard

Snow may be falling, and stores may be bustling with shoppers, but it really isn't Christmastime until the letter carrier delivers the first Christmas card of the season.

This season, approximately 3.5 billion Christmas cards will be sent in the United States. The staggering figure is even more impressive when one realizes how far the greeting card has evolved since its beginnings.

The history of greeting cards goes back more than 500 years, yet today's cards continue to create history, according to a spokesman for American Greetings, a personal expression company. For example, such companies are offering new lines of greeting cards this Christmas that use the technological capabilities of the microchip. Some cards actually can reproduce the human voice, and others have noises such as engines and thunder. In other cards, small lights blink when the cards are opened. All of these cards are powered by a thin battery that drives a small silicon microchip and speaker inside the card.

The technology may be new, but the idea was used long ago. In 1878, an English publisher introduced sound cards that were two thin pasteboard layers sandwiching a flat suction whistle. When pressed, the card emitted a friendly chirp.

The custom of exchanging cards dates back to the 1400s when Europeans left special greetings

Age-old tradition enters high tech

while visiting friends on New Year's Day. These greetings were often small woodcuts wishing good will for the coming year. Sometimes they featured an engraving of the Christ Child.

This practice ended in 1652 when England's Puritan Parliament abolished public observance of Christmas. Later, during the early years of Queen Victoria's reign, Christmas celebrations came back into fashion and shopkeepers began to add seasonal greetings to their trade cards.

The year 1843 is notable in the history of the Christmas card. Charles Dickens popularized the message of this holiday in his novel "A Christmas Carol," and to celebrate this event, an exclusive shop on London's Old Bond Street offered its customers the first Christmas card.

One day during that season, a gentleman named Henry Cole passed by the shop. He was known in England as a passionate supporter of the Penny Post, a mailing system started three years earlier that allowed the sender of mail to bear the cost instead of the receiver.

Cole conceived an idea to send a Christmas message via the Penny Post and asked his friend John Calcott Horsley to design a suitable Christmas card. Horsley produced 1,000 copies — all hand-lettered — of which only a dozen or so still exist. The card was inscribed with the soon-to-become-familiar message, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to You!"

You," with room for the sender's and recipient's names.

The English public exchanged homemade cards for years, but small businesses soon began commercial production of cards to meet the growing demand for cards to mail.

The *London Times* and other English newspapers took Christmas cards so seriously that each year current designs were reviewed, similar to theater reviews. Queen Victoria even sent thousands of cards to relatives and neighbors.

Enter Louis Prang in 1874, a Bostonian credited with being the father of American Christmas cards. Prang perfected a multicolor printing process that made his cards superior to those printed in Europe. More American publishers entered the greeting-card field in the early 1900s, and many of the greeting-card companies we know today were born in that era.

Through World War I and the Great Depression, the demand for greeting cards kept increasing and only temporarily was slowed by World War II and the worldwide paper shortage. After the war and in ensuing years, demand again increased. Today billions of cards are sent around the world every year.

But even with all the high technology and gimmicks of today's cards, the most popular message still is Horsley's, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to You!"



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JEWELRY TO TIES

Appropriate gifts for men

By Karen Caldwell

"I wish we could banish from our vocabulary that we 'have' to buy a gift for so-and-so," said D. Gordon Williams, president of Countess Mara. "The connotation, really, should be that we want to select something very special for someone very special."

Even a mundane article is endowed with meaning and significance when it has been selected for a specific person with careful consideration.

Williams, who has been identified with men's clothing for more than 40 years, also stated that "many men, and gratifyingly, young men, are showing marked interest in the clothes and accessories they wear, thereby indicating a concern for fashion."

Christmas gifts for such men easily can reflect their fashion images.

Jewelry for men has, in the past, been an iffy question. Today, jewelry is an accepted part of a man's wardrobe. Apart from the prevailing trend to wear gold chains with open-necked shirts, the dress codes of many corporations require employees to conform to the traditional suit, shirt and tie. This underscores the truism that a well-dressed person projects confidence and well-being, according to Williams. It also promotes several options for gifts of jewelry.

Cuff links are enjoying an upsurge of interest among men who like to make a fashion statement — especially among jacketless executives in the privacy of their offices.

The selection of cuff links offers intriguing options. For flamboyant individuals who, nevertheless, like their sleeves neatly anchored at the wrists, there are dramatic links with precious or semiprecious gems or equally striking links in large geometric shapes.

For reserved individuals, there are less ostentatious offerings in subdued designs in various metals. Current popular versions are silver or gold electroplate.

Men who are precise in their habits, and therefore their attire, like tie tacks and collar bars to maintain a neat appearance.

This leads to the classic gift for a man — a tie. Again, a person should not merely buy a tie, but select one most suitable for the person's lifestyle, coloring and hobbies.

Stripes always have been best-sellers since their varied colors can be worn by men of any skin tone or hair coloring. Tall men can wear a variety of colors, but short, stout men should wear subdued hues.

Hobby ties featuring sports motifs — golf, tennis, horses, fishing — get favorable reactions. Recipients appreciate the personal touch, and such ties always invite interesting conversation openers.

Pocket handkerchiefs are another popular gift. Whether in solid colors or patterned, these colorful puffs add quiet flair in a suit chest pocket. They can be tucked into the breast pocket with studied carelessness, either puff style or with angular points showing.

You also might consider accessories such as a pocket umbrella that fits snugly into the pocket of a

coat or in the glove compartment of a car.

Williams concluded that there is

no hassle in selecting the right gift for a man. Just keep in mind his personality, lifestyle, profession and hobbies, and you're sure to select a winner.

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Choosing pets

When children start making their "wish lists" for Christmas gifts, the lists often read like television advertisements. The child will request all the latest toys and may change his list daily depending on which commercials attract his attention.

Included on these ever-changing lists, however, are likely to be a few traditional gifts that make most lists, day in and day out, year after year. One such gift — a pet.

But just because a gift has been requested again and again doesn't make it easy for a parent to purchase that gift, especially one like a pet, which requires a commitment from both child and parent.

But that commitment and the responsibilities of pet ownership are not without reward. According to Brian Kilcommons, animal trainer, author, pet expert and lecturer, pets are a wonderful source of companionship, love, security and leisure-time fun for people of all ages.

The greatest joy of pet ownership is the long-lasting relationship that develops between pet and owner, Kilcommons said. For the care and attention a person gives his four-legged companion, he will receive years of unconditional love and loyalty in return.

Following are some considerations for selecting a pet provided by the Pets Are Wonderful Council in Chicago.

Be certain the animal you choose is healthy. Look for an alert disposition, a shiny coat, skin

free of sores, clear nostrils and clear eyes. Avoid an animal that is withdrawn and hides from people — it may require specialized attention as it grows older.

One of the most basic issues in selecting a pet is your lifestyle. What can you afford to give your pet in terms of shelter, exercise, grooming and attention? If you can provide only minimally in these areas, the best pet for you may be a cat, according to the council.

Cats are comfortable in small apartments, don't need to go outdoors, are usually adept at handling their own grooming needs and are relatively independent.

Individual cats differ in the degree to which they will groom themselves. As a rule, however, the shorter the cat's hair, the less grooming assistance from you it will require.

However, don't make your decision on appearance alone. Individual cats have very different personalities and you will want to be certain you are compatible with the one you choose.

Full-grown cats frequently have been neutered and usually are calmer than younger cats or kittens, but their personalities are well established. While a grown cat may adjust slightly to your household, don't count on any major personality changes. A kitten's personality, on the other hand, is more likely to be shaped by you.

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Special gifts for special friends

By Patricia M. Londre

Holiday shopping often becomes a desperate search for the perfect gift at an affordable price. Too often, this hard work is for naught when the gift is accepted with less-than-hearty thanks.

How can you avoid this dilemma and find a special gift for a special friend? Delight that friend with a customized gift, put together with special needs in mind. By filling an unusual container with specially chosen gift items, you'll not only keep expenses to a minimum, but your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

First Apartment. This gift will be welcomed by those who may be maintaining a household for the first time. Arrange a variety of the following articles in a brightly colored plastic laundry basket: laundry soap and measuring cup, miscellaneous sponges, light bulbs, paper towels, toilet paper, scissors and tape, hammer and screwdriver, dish soap, bath soap and toilet brush.

Senior Citizen. When an elderly relative or friend is residing in a nursing home, probably the last

thing they need is bric-a-brac and candy.

Make a usable gift by visiting your local card shop and purchasing a variety of greeting cards including birthday, anniversary, holiday and sympathy cards.

Place the cards, a good supply of postage stamps and an address book in a flat tote or envelope, so it can be stored in a drawer or between mattresses.

Armchair Sportsman. In a heavy-duty rubber trash can, arrange one each of 10 different imported beers, plus a couple of bags of pretzels or chips. Tie a bottle opener to the trash can with yarn.

As the beer and snacks are consumed, all litter can be disposed of without leaving the "viewing stands." Just keep that trash can handy.

The Homebody. Add a luxurious note to cold winter weekends by putting together some bath essentials in a wicker basket. Weave red and green ribbons through the basket for a festive touch.

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Finding a computer everyone can use

By Dean Carroll

During last year's holiday season, many baffled shoppers blazed a trail from store to store in search of the perfect computer. A computer the entire family could use — something that would balance the books for Dad's home-based business, keep track of household expenses, help the kids with their homework and not cost thousands of dollars.

Many of these consumers ended up confused and frustrated, finding few compromises between low-cost home computers sufficient for the children and more elaborate, expensive personal computers beneficial for adults in the family.

But another option is becoming popular — portable computers with the capabilities of larger desktop systems, but at costs less than \$1,000. A new generation of portable computers has emerged, priced in the same range as the first portables on the market a few years ago, but with more power and larger screens.

Since many of these machines come standard with word-processing, spread-sheet and telecommunications programs, adults can use the computers to transfer information back to their offices when they are on business trips. At other times, students can do library research at home by using the computer and a telephone to

hook into an information utility.

"As computer technology gets more and more advanced, we're going to see smaller computers that can do a lot more," said Cliff Bream, director of marketing for Epson America Inc., manufacturer of the Geneva portable computer. "This is a real advantage for people who need a small, powerful, versatile machine," he said.

Part of the versatility to look for when purchasing a computer is its ability to increase memory capacity and expand its capabilities as your computer needs expand.

Such computers offer considerable economic advantages to consumers who are unsure of their future computer needs, Bream said. These people will not be forced to guess at the functions they'll want to use several years from now — and possibly have to bear the expense of replacing the system when they find they guessed incorrectly. Instead, these consumers can have a machine to which they can add a variety of attachments as they determine their needs. And they can wait to add the attachments until they can afford them.

A plus for portable computers, according to Bream, is that even if a family that purchased a portable unit later decides that it requires all the capabilities of a personal computer with a full-size screen, the portable can be used along with the desktop unit.

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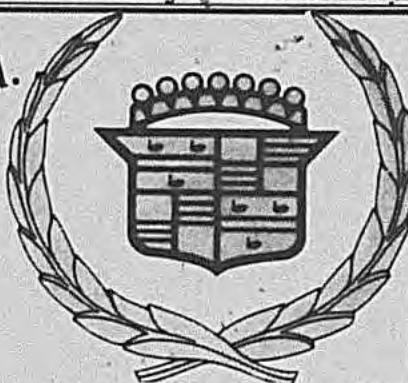
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