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Santa Coming To Hicksville Town



The main Hicksville Fire Station on E. Marie Street is already festooned with signs of Christmas, and awaits a pre-holiday visit from Santa Claus on December 7 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Help! HBA Seeks Donations

The Hicksville Baseball Association is a non profit organization, open to children from 6 yrs. to 18 yrs. H.B.A. has been serving our community for more than thirty years.

H.B.A. is growing every year, we have more children than ever before.

The "shed" which has been accommodating our children since the beginning, with food and drink is in dire need of renovation.

This association has been trying to get building permits for many years. We are happy to announce that we finally received approval from the Town of Oyster Bay to renovate our facility.

The construction will be a 14' x 40' single story extension. The building will consist of an expansion of our existing food area, lavatories and storage area.

At this time we need Community support. Your tax-deductible contribution will make our project a reality.

Remember - many of you have been in H.B.A. - are in H.B.A. or will be in H.B.A.

The Hicksville Baseball Association program is designed to build good character, good citizenship, therefore helping our children grow to be responsible community members.

We are hoping you don't overlook the opportunity and privilege of providing a permanent accommodation for your town, your society and your family.

Make checks payable to: H.B.A. Shed Renovation, c/o 18 Bridge Lane, Hicksville, N.Y. 11801

HFD Open House On Dec. 7

December 7, Pearl Harbor Day. Let's all attack the terrible toll fire has taken on Long Island. The Hicksville Fire Dept. Open House Program between 2 and 5 p.m. at the Marie St. Fire Headquarters will show you the way.

There will be fire safety talks and displays. Santa will be on hand to greet the kids. The officers and members of the Hicksville F.D. invite one and all to stop by for a visit. It is a visit that could save your life. A Membership Drive is underway, also the Fire Dept. could use a few good people. Stop in and contribute to your Community.

Ed. Board Comm. Meets Dec. 17

Hicksville residents are reminded that the Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting on the 1987-88 school budget will be held on December 17 at 8 p.m. All other committee meetings have been cancelled for that evening so that Board members, staff, and community participants can devote the session to the important topic of the financial plan.

The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Administration Building on Division Avenue, and all interested members of the public are invited to attend.

Five Perish In House Fire

A house fire at 55 Stratford Rd., Plainview, claimed the lives of five occupants early November 26.

911 was called at 3:44 a.m. Six police officers responded from the Second Precinct and found the house engulfed in flames, tried to enter through the garage but were driven back. Plainview Fire Department responded, under the direction of Chief Zervos, ten pieces of equipment, 60 firemen. The family of five, died as a result. The fire apparently started on the first floor.

The deceased were identified as the Brook family; Mark 36, Susan 34 and their three children, Jodi 6, Shawn 3, Eric, 5 months.

Emergency Medical Technician Thomas Gaynor, Emergency Ambulance Bureau, assigned to the Second Precinct, received a contusion of his hand, while he and responding police officers attempted to enter the garage. He was treated and released, Syosset Hospital.

Lundquist Exhibit At Trinity Lutheran

Trinity Lutheran Church, 40 W. Nicholas Street, Hicksville, wishes to invite you to a special Exhibit to be held on Saturday evening, December 6, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, December 7, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; and Monday evening, December 8, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. in our new East Wing.

The Exhibit is a collection of beautifully detailed scale models carefully hand-crafted to depict memorable Bible history. Special features are: Noah's Ark; Moses' Tabernacle; The Passover; and more.

There is no charge to attend the Exhibit.

Christmas Boutique Cubs Fundraiser

Cub Scout Pack 293 will be having a Christmas Boutique on Saturday, December 6, starting at 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. in the Social Hall at the United Methodist Church located on Old Country Road and Nelson Avenue in Hicksville.

There will be a variety of new items to choose from. Please come and help us make this fundraiser a success! Everyone is welcome. Tell your friends about it!

Serious Considerations Given To Water Problems

By Louis G. Dettloff

The Board of Commissioners, Hicksville Water District, in an effort to advise local residents of matters regarding the establishment of annual pumpage limitations for water as applicable to our community and Nassau County as well, will from time to time keep people informed of developments concerning the recent imposition of "pumpage caps."

We are aware that there are many sources of information being made available to the public in any number of published articles and news programs. Much of this material is negative in nature because this is the type of news that attracts the most attention. For example, except for our own efforts to inform the public, plus the water works personnel that may have had similar problems, throughout the New York Section of the AWWA, there has been no mention made or any recognition given to the efforts of the community in establishing a totally successful plant for "air-stripping" of organics. We have reported in print and carried the verbal story of the success, it is gratifying to know that we have three wells on line at this plant which are now producing water entirely free of any organic compounds normally tested for in the public supply. The Board and its staff have diligently pursued quality and quantity, but now we must confine our greatest efforts towards maintenance of quality and ask all to help conserve, for the continued supplies needed by future generations.

It is an unpleasant experience to be a water official at a time when the most serious consideration must be given to future water supply availability, however, it is not our intent to create an environment of panic in the public place. However, we feel this is our responsibility and trust to have the cooperation of all as we seek to assure the continued availability of a safe and adequate water supply for future generations of Long Islanders. We would like to see demonstrated a spirit of cooperation to adequately serve our consumers while accelerating our efforts to protect our underground water supply. There are some things that we can do to redouble our efforts to conserve this precious resource.

NYSDEC will require water conservation measures (water caps) as a condition of Long Island well permits and public water supply permits where needed to limit consumption in areas of existing or potential quantity stress on the aquifer system. Simply put, if we cannot of our own efforts induce conservation the NYSDEC may deny us the permit to use certain of our wells. A single well may produce two million gallons per day; it wouldn't take long to have production reduced substantially, our twenty wells would be of little help then. There is a provision of the law that imposes fines/penalties directly upon the Water Commissioners as individuals for failure to enforce such directives; such penalties are substantial in nature and could cause them personal hardship. The program of capping has been adopted with no formal announcement, no official publication and no opportunity for input by local governments, water suppliers or the general public.

While we are in the process of conforming to the NYSDEC directives on capping, there will be other studies being conducted such as the one by the Nassau County Water Resources Board which was appointed some ten years ago by the County Executive to advise County Officials on matters relating to Nassau's water supply. Obviously, we have to come to realize that there are many divergent views on how to evaluate and estimate our supplies because of the complexity of our hydrogeologic system and seemingly it appears to change everytime someone studies the subject.

The Board of Commissioners does not intend to lose precious time that should be directed at conservation and we do encourage the cooperation of all in these efforts, but we will not block further study of other ground water management strategies that can be helpful in addition to conservation.

Library Contest Next Sunday

The Hicksville Public Library will present Ted Savalas in Concert on Sunday, December 14, at 3 p.m.

The first half of the program will feature Ariana Savalas and

accomplished concert pianist Ted Savalas, a resident in Hicksville and a past president of the library, will sing songs of Ariana Savalas.

News From The Hicksville Fire Dept.



Hicksville Fire Department Chief William Schuckmann presented, on behalf of all department members, a plaque to the Hicksville Elks Club for its continued support and recognition of the Fire Service. It should be noted that like the Hicksville F.D., who, with volunteers work to make Hicksville a safer place to live, so do the Elks with many fine programs locally and across the country. Left to right: L. Provenzano (Elks) Chief Schuckmann and John Mulligan of the Elks Club.



The Hicksville Elks Club honored two Hicksville Fire Fighters for their actions at an incident involving a downed power line during Hurricane Gloria. Left to right: Elks Official Len Provenzano, firefighters Mike Murphy and John Rios, Elks Committee Chairman John Mulligan (also a member of F.D.N.Y.)

A pot left unattended was blamed as the cause of a house fire in Plainville that took the lives of a family of five. Two adults, ages 36, 34 and three children, ages 5, 3 and 3 mos were pronounced dead from smoke inhalation at the scene at 55 Stratford Road off Woodbury Rd. The first notification came about 3:43 a.m. Wednesday, November 26 to the burglar alarm sent a mutual N.C. Police responded and discovered the fire, also at about that time a Chief from the Plainville F.D. arrived. It was reported that there were no windows left on the ground floor and the front door was burned away. Repeated attempts by police and firefighters were in vain. The fire had too much of a head start. The fastest Fire Dept. in the world, if there is such a thing, could not have saved anyone. The delay was too long.

For some reason, that has fire officials all over baffled, more people are dying from fires than ever before. 5 in Massachusetts, 1 in Cary Place, 1 in Bethpage, 5 in

Plainville, several out in Suffolk recently. But WHY? Smoke detectors have proven themselves, but still many people don't have them. Try your own pull, ask friends and neighbors if they have a detector, if they do, is it maintained?

At this time it has been reported that if there was a smoke detector, it could not be found in the home. One thing that is known, the family was never waked in time. The damage proved there was a long period of time before the fire was discovered.

If you don't have a detector, or don't maintain and test it you could be a statistic. Act now today, tonight buy a detector, maybe two, or fix the one you have. It could save your property, by giving an early warning, it could save your life and that of your loved ones. Don't let the loss of 4-5 human lives be in vain, let it serve as a warning, a second chance. While you're at it develop a simple home escape plan you'll need it to survive.

Letters

To the Editor:

Once again we are calling upon the residents of the Hicksville Fire District to re-elect the incumbent Michael K. Krummenacker to the position of Fire Commissioner for the five year term.

Mr. Krummenacker is a life-long resident of Hicksville who has always been concerned with the requirements and needs of the people in the town. He has just successfully completed a five year term as Fire Commissioner where he has served as Chairman of the Board and has been active on numerous committees both within the District and throughout the County. Some of his areas of concern include the Hazardous Materials problems being faced by all people today. He is taking an active part in coordinating the firematic, political and civilian concerns in this area.

Mike Krummenacker is presently Treasurer of the L.L. Exempts and Benevolent Fire-fighter's Association.

Mike Krummenacker is an Ex-Captain of Protection Hook and Ladder Company #1, and he has been an active member of the Hicksville Fire Department for the past 15 years.

Mike Krummenacker is employed in the electronic data processing field with a large Manhattan-based savings bank which rounds out his background for both the business aspects and firematic requirements that are essential to this important and demanding position.

In order for this work to continue, we are asking that you come down and cast your vote to return Michael K. Krummenacker for five more years on Tuesday, December 9, at 7:10 p.m. at Headquarters of the Hicksville Fire Department, 20 East Marie Street, Hicksville.

Yours truly,
The Committee to
Re-Elect
Michael K. Krummenacker

To the Editor:

I read with interest your report on the survey conducted by Mr. Dan MacBride of the Hicksville School Board last February. You reported that 13,000 responses were received; the amount should have read 1,300 responses. I believe that approximately 13,000 questionnaires were sent out. About 10% of the people polled responded.

While the information gleaned this way is still of interest to the Board and to the public in general, it is certainly far less significant than it would have been if the response had indeed been 13,000! It should also be noted that these responses were made before the submission of the school budget, which was defeated the first time around.

I trust that you will publish a correction in your next edition. Thank you for your cooperation and for giving such generous coverage to the affairs of the Hicksville School Board.

Sincerely yours,
Carolyn Kelly

Editor's Note: Thank you for pointing out this error. You are indeed correct that 13,279 questionnaires were mailed and 1,304 have been returned. We apologize for any misunderstanding caused.

Editor's Notebook

This month marks the beginning of the Mid Island Times Birthday and Anniversary Clubs. We've devoted a full page to introduce this special feature which will be an ongoing monthly event. Subscribers can join now by reading the simple rules. We all wish our readers a very happy December Birthday and Anniversary!

Voting will take place on Tuesday for Fire Commissioner in Hicksville. Incumbent Michael Krummenacker is running unopposed. Voting hours are 7 to 10 p.m. at headquarters.

The annual Fire Department Open House, complete with Santa and safety talks and displays, will be held December 7 between 2 and 5 p.m. Bring the family down to fire headquarters on Sunday, for an enjoyable afternoon.

An observant reader called an error in our School Board report to our attention. The school district distributed 13,279 questionnaires to the community but has received only 1304 replies. V.P.

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Open House At OCR School

Open House and the General Membership meeting at Old Country Road was a success as usual. The membership drive was rewarding and the proposed PTA budget was accepted.



Dr. McCann, Principal of Old Country Road, presenting the math report to the general membership.



Karen Gilmor, President of Old Country Road PTA, presenting the PTA budget.



Barbara Grant and Marie Matz signing up a parent to the PTA.

St. Ignatius CYO News

By Nancy Cassano

Our CYO first and second grade league is rolling right along with the Celtics beating the Nets last Wednesday night with a score of 6-2 and the Warriors defeating the Clippers 8-5. Scoring was difficult for all the teams because of the good defense work the boys displayed on the court. It was Ivan Anglin's defense for the Nets, Anthony Bianco for the Celtics, Peter Mazzurco for the Clippers and Nick Cassano for the Warriors that kept their opposing teams down. While all baskets made by the children are special, the crowd cheered its loudest when Matthew Pinelli put the ball through the net to get his team, the Nets, on the scoreboard for the season. That's the way to go Matthew!

While most of our leagues are into a couple of games or so by now, CYO has the older league, grades 9-12, that has failed to start yet. The problem being—we need a few more boys to sign up to play to get it off the ground. It may be helpful to know that the games are played on Sunday night. If interested, please contact Vito Cassano at 935-0339.

Don't forget to call Marge Culver at 931-6132 after 7 p.m. to buy your tickets for the New Year's Eve dance. It's \$50.00 a couple but you get a lot for your money. Besides dancing the night away with your friends, there'll be a hot buffet going, unlimited soda and beer, a continental breakfast and door prizes. REMEMBER: No tickets will be sold at the door.

Phoenix Counselors At Dutch School

On November 12, 13 and 14, Phoenix House a drug rehabilitation program which claims 80% success rate in turning people away from drugs came to visit Dutch's 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes.

A large part of the program is directed at educating youngsters before they become involved with drugs. According to their experience, more and more children between the ages of 11 and 12

are starting on drugs.

As part of the school curriculum on substance abuse, Phoenix House counselors came to work with the children for one hour each day in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes. Also participating in the program were Kathleen Arena, Dutch Lane's School Nurse and Phyllis Zollo, Dutch Lane's PTA Phoenix House Coordinator.



Joey Proctor, Chris White, Kevin Cunningham and Hope Copobianco answering questions that Phoenix House Counselor Mary Stenson is asking.



Ms. Rosenberg's class having a discussion about alcohol with Phoenix House Counselor Mary Stenson. Participating are: Hope Copobianco, Kevin Cunningham, Frank DeStefano, Stephanie Kogan, Robert Lafferty, Vincent Loois, Chasen Mass, Joey Proctor, Jason Shor and Christ White.

Santa Arrives

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Our Children



More complaints against husbands

By Willard Abraham, Ph.D.

It is apparently time for another "complaints-against-husbands" day. Here are a few letters that indicate all isn't always well on the "home front."

Q: I think our baby is ready for solid foods, but my husband is so opposed to the idea that I sometimes don't know where his mind is. I just can't understand why he gets so upset about this subject.

I'm the baby's mother, and I feel he should appreciate that I know what I'm talking about. I can't get it through his thick head that I'm really the one to make a decision like this, not him. Let him take care of his work, earn a living, and stay out of the child-rearing responsibilities.

Am I right or wrong?

A: Your child may or may not be ready for solid foods, so it might be wise to get the opinion of a knowledgeable, objective professional. How about your pediatrician or family physician?

That decision is important, of course, but so is your attitude about the mother/father roles. Your effort to restrict your husband's involvement with your child, especially when he seems so eager to be involved, seems unfair, both to him and to your baby.

So there is another professional who may belong in the picture — a competent family counselor.

Q: I'm so envious of the relationship my husband and daughter have that I could scream. They laugh together, talk comfortably, fool around, seem to have so much fun — and I feel so left out. (He isn't even her father. He and I were recently married.)

I guess I'm kind of uptight in my human relationships because I

your daughter enjoy, or from which all three of you can get some real pleasure? If you can identify one or more, and then talk about them with your husband,

they may lead to involvements with which you can comfortably be a part. Your conversation with him may also make him more aware of your feelings on this subject.

The fact that they seem to have such a good relationship can provide satisfaction to you. The situation certainly could be a lot less pleasant, for all of you.

Q: No, my husband isn't a child, but I'm beginning to think he acts like one. Many times I have seen the "Our Children" heading on your column, and, "That's for me!" I said to myself.

He used to go to a commercial neighborhood spa a few times a week, but now he can't wait to get there every evening. As soon as he is through with dinner, he is out the door, happy as a lark, whistling and smiling. (I didn't think that combination was possible, but it is!)

I have a feeling some hanky-panky is going on there. By coincidence (or is it?), the spa went coed right around the time his enthusiasm for it became so intense.

What do you think I should do about all this?

A: Probably check with "Dear Abby." I don't want her to think I'm trying to cut into her turf.

However, another common-sense approach did occur to me. You could consider joining the spa. That step might help you find out what is so attractive to him there.



Our Children

just can't seem to be able to kid around like they do. So it all ends up with my being on the outside while they are having a good time.

A: Are there any activities you can think of that both you and

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Does husband get half of wife's SS check?

Q: I'll soon reach age 65 and am still working. Is it true that when I start receiving checks, my husband can collect half of my Social Security?

A: Yes, your husband could be entitled at age 62 to spouse's benefits if he is not entitled to a Social Security retirement or disability benefits based on an amount that equals or exceeds your base amount. Contact your local Social Security office for additional information.

Q: I was born in 1927. I would like to know how the Social Security benefit is figured. How many years do they use to figure the benefit amount? Is it just the last 10 years? — M.H.P.

A: No. Your benefit amount is based on your earnings over your working years. Actual earnings for the past years are adjusted to take account of change in average wages since 1951. These adjusted earnings are averaged together and a formula is applied to the average to obtain the benefit rate.

Anyone age 60 or older can contact his/her local Social Security office and obtain a benefit estimate. Your exact benefit rate can only be figured when you actually apply for benefits.

Q: My neighbor told me that her grandchild receives Social Security based on the grandparent's work record. Could this be true? This neighbor, who recently re-

have been living with and receiving one-half support from the grandparent. Contact your local Social Security office for complete details inasmuch as there are additional rigid requirements to be met before the child can be entitled.

Q: I will soon reach age 65. However, I plan to continue working. I understand that there are special Medicare rules if you work after 65. Please explain. — E.W.

A: If your employer has 20 or more employees, he or she is required to offer workers and their spouses 65 or older the same health benefits offered to their younger employees. You can accept or reject the employer health insurance plan.

If you accept the employer's plan, Medicare becomes your secondary health insurance payer. This means the employer plan will pay first for covered medical services you receive. But Medicare can help pay for any Medicare covered services that are not paid by the employer plan.

For more information about these special Medicare rules, contact your employer.

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY



Woodland PTA Holiday Carnival

The Woodland Avenue PTA held their annual Holiday Carnival on Saturday, November 15. Game booths were set up in the school's gymnasium and food, baked goods, crafts, raffles, face painting and white elephants were available in the cafeteria.

The event was a successful fundraiser and a fun-filled day for children and adults.



Laurie Pease, Lisa Rudis, David Ragano, Robert Woods, Brian Rooney and Kara Sperling wait their turn to spin Woody's Wheel of Fortune.



Mrs. Sakina Masters, Mrs. Marge Pease and Shebana Masters at the baked goods table.



Kevin Mullholland, Pete DeBenedetto and Vince Hoosack selling refreshments.



Woodland alumni Andrew Love and John Pease selling helium balloons.



Trying to ring Ghostbusters bell.

Yiddish Event By Mid Is. Y

On Sunday, December 21, at 10:30 a.m. the Mid Island YM&YWHA in Plainview, will hold another Yiddish Vinkle Zamlung. The event last spring was a sell-out. Yiddish entertainment will be provided by Roz Berrin, singer and raconteur, and Y members Lyn David and Dorothy and Henry Savit.

Bagels, coffee and tea will be provided at the Zamlung (get-together). Admission is \$3 and prior reservations are required. Space is limited.

The Yiddish Vinkle (Yiddish Corner) meets every Tuesday morning at the Y to discuss literature and other topics in Yiddish.

For information and reservations, contact the Mid-Island Y, Adult Education Department, 45 Manetto Hill Road, Plainview, 822-3535.

SINGLES EVENTS

Sunday, December 21, The Brunch 10:12-30 p.m. Join us for bagels and spread. Good food, good talk. M \$3; NM \$4.

Sunday Afternoon Workshops meets every Sunday, 1-3 p.m. M \$4, NM \$5. Will consist of a series of self-improvement and actualization classes, taught by professionals in the fields of communications, relationships, style and dress and other relevant areas of interest to the single adult. Fee may vary according to series. Advance registration required for certain workshops.

Sunday, December 21, Sunday Afternoon Workshop - 1-3 p.m. "Murder Mystery" - bring your imagination for a fun-filled and thrilling afternoon. Guest speaker Gary Hoffman.

Monday, December 22, Groups for Women Only! Ages 25-35, M \$30, NM \$40. Meets first and third Monday. Is the biological clock running out? Women's Lib - Do you feel you've been sold a bill of goods? My mother, myself? Coping with parental concerns

about your single status, a hindrance, restricted by age group.

Wednesday, December 24, Volleyball 7:30-10:45 p.m. M \$2, NM \$4. Singles ages 18-35 come down and shape up while meeting other people from the community.

Sunday, December 28, The Brunch 10:12-30 p.m. Join us for bagels and spreads. Good food, good talk. M \$3; NM \$4.

Sunday, December 28, Sunday Afternoon Workshops M \$4; NM \$5.

Sunday, December 28, Being Single - An Economic Overview, guest speaker John Mateyko from Thompson McKinnon.

Postal Hrs. Extended For The Holidays

This holiday season the Hicksville Post Office will be opening its windows at the main office on West John Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the three Sundays before Christmas, December 7, 14 and 21, said Roger Nienaber, Hicksville Division General Manager, Postmaster.

In addition, this season we will make a postal clerk available to the community and civic groups to sell stamps during the holiday season. The clerk will be visiting groups, upon request, on Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout this holiday season, said Mr. Nienaber. To arrange to have stamps sold at your group contact Paul Baucio, Hicksville Station & Branch Manager at 933-2305 or Jane Heale, Hicksville Window Superintendent at 933-2474.

Customers visiting the post office can now take advantage of two additional windows, which have been installed in the outer lobby. These windows will serve customers early in the morning who pick up their mail and will be open till 8 p.m. Monday to Friday for Express Mail acceptance. During the day they will be used to alleviate lines at the main window.

When mailing holiday cards at the post office, postal customers are asked to separate their cards in the labeled trays placed in the lobby. We appreciate our customers mailing early in the season and early in the day. Their cooperation helps us ensure a successful holiday mail season, said Mr. Nienaber.

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Early Yule Mail Is Zipping Along

The Postal Service is cooperating with the business community of Bethpage, in urging customers to shop early and mail early for the holidays.

Postmaster Annette D. Giuliano, asks holiday shoppers to mail early this year and to make certain that mail is addressed correctly including Zip codes and that packages are strapped correctly so that cards and parcels reach their destinations in plenty of time for the holidays.

"Normally, we handle about 5,000 pieces of mail a day—including cards, letters, and packages, but during the holiday season, volume goes up to about 80,000 pieces," the Postmaster says. "We in the Postal Service take pride in carrying your messages of love and joy. Mailing early helps us deliver the

messages on time."

The key to successful holiday mailing is to mail early and correctly. Postmaster Giuliano says that includes planning now for gifts that must travel long distances by Christmas.

"Many overseas mailing dates—including those for the armed forces stationed overseas—occur this month. Mailers can get specific information on the international dates by calling us here at 938-2610. Postmaster Giuliano said.

"Customers should also take care to write legible Zip Coded addresses for both the address and the return address. The use of Zip Codes following the name of the particular city and state aids us in processing the mail.

"Last year, our customers helped us tremendously. They

mailed early in the season and early in the day. We hope they will choose to cooperate with us

again this year, so we both will have an enjoyable holiday mailing season."



Hicksville resident Joan Melnick was one of 16 honored at the Eighth Annual Ceremony for Civilian Radio Motor Patrol members which was held at Nassau County Police Headquarters in Mineola on November 12. Ms. Melnick, a LILCO employee, was presented with a certificate of award from Nassau County Police Commissioner Samuel J. Rozzi and a \$50.00 award from Citibank Vice President Herb Myers for reporting the location of a vehicular accident to the police 911 emergency network.

Pictured is Joan Melnick being congratulated by, left, Nassau County Police Commissioner Samuel J. Rozzi and, right, Citibank Vice President in charge of Long Island branches, Herb Myers.

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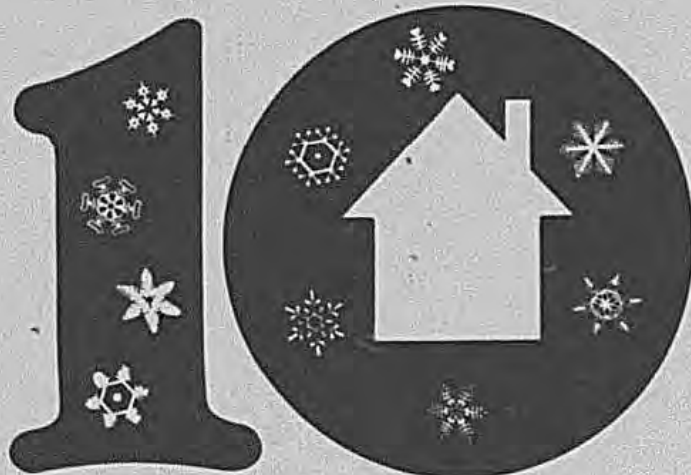
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Mime At Mid Island Y

Leland Faulkner, mime, will be performing at the Mid-Island YM & YWHA as part of a special Affiliated Artists program.

He will be performing for the Older Adult Social Club on December 10 at 12:30 p.m., for RADISH at 1 p.m. on December 9, for The Tween Club Night-Grades 7 & 8 at 7:15 p.m. on December 9, and for participants in Y programs in grades K-4 at 4:15 p.m. on December 10.

Guests are welcome to the Club meetings. For information about the Older Adult Social Club and

RADISH, call the Older Adult Department. For information about the Tween Club Night, call Children & Youth Services at the Mid-Island Y, 45 Manetto Hill Road, Plainville, 822-3535.

Leland Faulkner combines the highly visual arts of the mime, magician and shadowist to create a unique performing style full of mystery, meaning and powerful symbolism. He believes that theater can transcend cultural barriers and speak every language through movement, symbol, mystery and laughter.

Krummenacker Unopposed In Fire Commissioner Race

Voting will take place for the five-year term of Fire Commissioner at the Hicksville Fire Department headquarters, East Marie Street, on Tuesday, December 9, between the hours of 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

The incumbent, Michael Krummenacker, is running unopposed. Voting is open to all registered voters in the Fire District.

Chemical Plant Hit By Fire

Thanksgiving Dinner could be for a lot of Hicksville firefighters when fire struck the Rusto Plant on New South Rd. in Hicksville.

The fire started in an isolated building involving a heat process unit. The smoke blaze, involving burning oil, was extinguished in fifteen minutes. 60 firefighters, 9 units responded to the PM alarm under Chief Schuckmann. No injuries were reported although some fire fighting equipment had to be discarded due to oil contamination.

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Coming Events For Road Runners

The cold December winds certainly don't put a chill on the spirits of local road runners.

On Sunday evening, December 14, the entire Long Island running community is invited to Magic's Restaurant in East Meadow for the annual Long Island Road Runners Holiday Celebration. The \$13 tab covers a buffet dinner, free wine and beer, and entry into the dance contest.

The following Thursday, December 18 is the monthly meeting of the Plainville Old Bethpage Road Runners Club, featuring a special surprise program arranged by POBRRC Vice President Julio Shapiro and a Holiday collation. The meeting will be held at the Plainville Old Bethpage Public Library starting at 8 p.m. and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

All local runners are invited to participate in special POBRRC 6 mile runs on Tuesday evening, December 22 and Tuesday evening, December 30, both starting from Plainville Old Bethpage High School at 6:00 p.m. The December 22 run will be followed by a special Christmas Charity dinner party at the Club's Restaurant in Plainville and the December 30 run will be followed by a special New Year's party at the Sea Crest Restaurant in Old Westbury. New members are invited to come to either of these parties.

There will also be a contest to crown the runner of the year as well as the fun at the New York Road Runners Club New Year's Eve 5 Mile Race in Central Park. The starting gun will go off at the stroke of midnight to the accompaniment of a great fireworks display. Costumes are encouraged. Charter bus service is available from Long Island (Doheny's Park) to Central Park with a great party celebration on the bus on the way home.

Looking ahead to January, all local runners should mark January 24 on their calendars. That's the date for the inaugural Long Island State Parks Commission Mid Winter 5 Kilometer Run, 1 at 10 a.m. in Bethpage State Park.

For more information about these and other events of interest to local runners, contact Plainville Old Bethpage Road Runners Club President Mike Polansky at 433-0919.

Special Prizes Awarded Each Month

Two lucky winners (Birthday and Anniversary) will receive a gift certificate redeemable at

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DECEMBER

Birthdays

December 1
MICHAEL TRONGONE

December 2
JOHN LIBA

December 3
SAL STRAZZERI

December 8
BRIAN FAYDA

December 11
FRANK KURTZKE

December 12
MIKE SQUILLANTE
JENNIFER WALKER

December 13
ROCHELLE ELBURN

December 14
THOMAS TYSON

December 17
JERRY WEBER

December 21
PAUL RICHARDS

December 23
GRACE RODGERS

December 25
CLARISSE MAISONET

December 27
LOIS KRAEMER

December 28
RICHARD HAMMOND

December 29
ALLISON RAPUZZI

December 31
RITA LIBA
MICHAEL RODGERS

Happy Birthday
To All!!

Anniversaries



December 1
EDWIN & LISA DE VEAU (1985)

December 5
RONALD & JUDI PLATT (1981)

December 24
MR. & MRS. EDWARD A. WOHL (1935)

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Send all information to Mid Island Times, 81 East Barclay Street, Hicksville, New York, 11801.

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Please Take Notice. That by Order of the Town Board of the Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York, pursuant to Sec. 200(a) of the Town Law of the State of New York and Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Oyster Bay, Article II, Division 2, you are hereby required within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice to reconstruct or repair the sidewalk along the street in front of certain premises hereinabove indicated as owned by you, totally at your own cost and expense, and in accordance with the provisions and specifications of said Chapter 21, Article II, Division 2, of the Town of Oyster Bay Code. That the sidewalks shall be reconstructed or repaired in accordance with the lines, grades and specifications as set forth by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, and after a permit is issued therefor by the Superintendent of Highways, with all work to be performed in a good workmanlike manner, and all materials to be of standard grade and free from defects. That in the event of default of reconstruction or repair of said sidewalks as required by this Notice within the time specified, the Town Board of the Town of Oyster Bay will cause said sidewalks to be reconstructed or repaired and will assess the cost thereof against the aforesaid premises adjoining said sidewalks in accordance with the provisions of law as hereinabove set forth. **Town Board of Town of Oyster Bay, Joseph Colby, Supervisor, Ann R. Ocker, Town Clerk. Dated: November 18, 1986. MIT 1963 2 X 11/28/p 12/5.**



Richard T. Sheerin has been named Assistant to the Comptroller at Mid-Island Hospital. The health care facility is a modern Ambulatory Care Unit proprietary hospital serving the medical needs of individuals in the Eastern Nassau, Western-Suffolk communities of Long Island.

Susan Frank Named V.P.

Susan C. Frank has been named Vice President - Operations for the Bethpage Federal Credit Union. The appointment, effective October 20, was announced by Peter J. Seitz, President and General Manager of the credit union. Frank joined the credit union in 1980 as a Loan Officer. She was later promoted to the position of Assistant Credit Manager, Loan Supervisor and Director of Employee Training and Education. Frank has a B.S. in Psychology from SUNY - New Paltz and is working on an M.B.A. at New York Institute of Technology. Frank resides in Bethpage.



Susan C. Frank

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"Van Gogh in Saint-Remy and Auvers" is the new exhibition on view at the Metropolitan Museum of Art through March, 1987. A slide talk on that exhibition will be presented at the Bethpage Public Library on Friday, December 12, at 8 p.m. John DeGuardi, Chairman of the Art Department at Bethpage High School, will show slides of many of the works in the exhibit and discuss their significance in the life and output of that remarkable painter, whose view of the world around him changed our perception of painting forever.

Vincent Van Gogh was the subject of a major exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in late 1984. Entitled, "Van Gogh in Arles," that exhibition emphasized the fifteen-month period (February, 1888, to May, 1889) of the artist's stay in the town of Arles, in the south of France.

The current Met exhibition offers a unique opportunity to reexamine the artist's glorious finale; his magnificent olive orchards under the Midi sun, the powerful flame-like cypress trees, and the sweeping vistas of Auvers plains under clear and stormy skies. Some 70 canvases and 18 works on paper - including such masterpieces as "The Starry Night" and "Crows Over The Wheat Field" - will trace the artist's development from May, 1889, when he left Arles for the asylum at Saint-Remy, through his suicide in Auvers, in July, 1890.

Admission to the program is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to a brand new Disney fantasy adventure! On Friday, December 26, the Bethpage Public Library will show the popular film "Return to Oz" (color - 100 min.) for school-age youngsters.

Come on over and join Dorothy as she revisits Oz to rescue the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion from the terrible Nome King. Meet her unusual new friends - Tik Tok, a helpful robot; Jack, with a frightening pumpkin head; and Billina, a talkative hen who gets everyone into trouble.

Based on the famous Oz series

of L. Frank Baum, there are thrilling special effects galore, spine-tingling suspense, and powerful images in the land beyond the rainbow.

Showtime is 2 p.m., and tickets are now available in the Children's Room of the Bethpage Public Library for young people who reside in District No. 21. For further information, please call 931-3907.

On Saturday, December 20, young people will create their own treasure boxes in a special holiday craft program conducted by children's craft specialist Katherine Agrillo at the Bethpage Public Library. Youngsters will make an eye-catching versatile chest that can be used for a variety of valuables - jewelry, letters, intriguing collectibles. For mom, grandma, a favorite aunt, here's an attractive, useful present for the holidays or any time.

The program is scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. for young people in Grades 2-6 who reside in District No. 21. Those who attend are requested to bring a craft box (if possible), and a variety of trimmings (as desired), such as bits of felt, old jewelry, buttons, pieces of ribbon and lace, sequins. The library will supply the rest.

Registration is now being taken in the Children's Room of the Bethpage Public Library. For further information, please call 931-3907.

On Monday, December 29, the Bethpage Public Library will present **Sparky the Clown** in a dazzling stage show for young people.

There will be unusual surprises galore with disappearing rabbits, candy spurring wildly out of a wand, dice floating through the air, magic money gushing out of children's ears - and more! Come on over and enjoy a truly colorful kaleidoscope of wonderful fun with buds of laughs, mystification, and audience participation too.

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VFW News

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By P.P.C. Carmine A. Somma
It was Veterans Day 1986 in Hicksville and about 300 people stood in the cold rain outside the Hicksville Jr. High School on November 11, to watch the dedication of the two new war monuments to the Men and Women who served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

On July 12 the Wm. M. Gouze Jr. Post 3211 V.F.W. ran a Las Vegas Nite and donated half the profit to the Hicksville Veterans Monument Fund. Our Games of Chance Chairman P.P.C. Wm. Frohnhoefer presented a check to the Chairman of the War Monuments, P.P.C. Conrad Steers, in the amount of \$1,500. The V.F.W. Post 3211 also donated flower wreaths at the WWI, WWII, Korean and Vietnam War Monuments.

With the heavy rain the program was held in the auditorium at the Hicksville Jr. High School. Master of Ceremonies was Richard Evers from A.E. Post 421. Special guests on the day who provided prayers on this significant occasion were Rev. D.K. Clannella, Pastor Holy Trinity Episcopal Church who made the Invocation; Rabbi Joseph Grossman, Hicksville Jewish Center who rendered a Prayer of Recollection and Father Thomas Costa, St. Ignatius Loyola R.C. Church who closed the ceremony with the Benediction.

After unveiling of the War Memorials a star rifle salute by the Hicksville Post firing party under its Color, Korean War Veteran John Rizo and Color Guard Sergeant Howard (name may have been jarring) in uniform, (name) about 1000 people were in salute.

Following the unveiling of the War Memorials, a Christmas Party was held at the Hicksville Jr. High School on December 11. The party was a success and the members and their families enjoyed the evening very much.

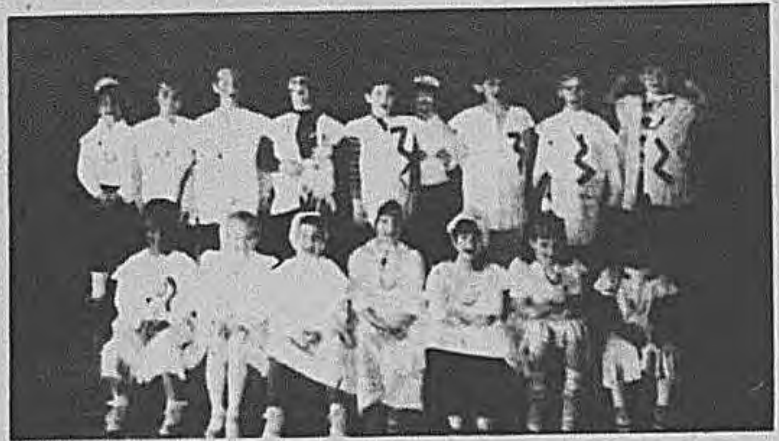
The members of the Ladies Auxiliary are pleased to announce that the Christmas Party on December 11 will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on December 12 is the Post Christmas Party for the Post Members and the Ladies Auxiliaries and spouses. On January 12, we have our quarterly annual meeting and nominations and elections of six new members to the Board of Directors.

Our Chaplain's Report Chaplain Anthony Ferrara, speedy recovery to our aunts and sisters and their families who have been hospitalized during the month - Sal DiPrimo who was in Mid Island Hospital for a pacemaker he is home and doing fine. Mike Cialdella had a heart attack - he's at Central General Hospital. Mike

Isidore's son went into the hospital for liver trouble and Joe Adonis's wife Rose got hurt when she fell last week. P.P.C. Max Bergsolin's wife Mae was hospitalized - she's at Central General Hospital.

SEPTA Bake Sale

The SEPTA Bake Sale held on Election Day at Old Country Road School was a huge success. PTA members donated the baked goods and Barbara DeStefano, chairperson, sold the goodies in the lobby of the school. SEPTA - Special Education PTA - collected over \$140.00, which will be used for special education PTA events.



The delicious smells of scrambled eggs and sausages filled the hallways of Burns Avenue School as Mrs. Finck's first graders prepared and then consumed a hearty breakfast. This was a culminating activity for a unit on good nutrition. The children planned a balanced menu from the four food groups. They enjoyed their breakfast as little Indians and Pilgrims and thoroughly enjoyed their Thanksgiving feast.

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Circle of Dance, a professional Long Island dance company, conducted six workshops at Hicksville Junior High School to acquaint students with dance movement and composition. This special program was coordinated by Robert Kenney, Director of Physical Education and Health and department chairs Mary Sue Carr (Hicksville High School) and John Pellegrino (Hicksville Junior High School) enabling the dance program in the district to "put its best foot forward." Workshop leader Maggie Amrhein concentrated on modern and jazz forms of the dance experience and students enjoyed learning about dance movement under the direction of a professional.

Mr. & Mrs. William Thomas Celebrate 25th Anniversary

On November 9, Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas of Miller Road, Hicksville, were the guests of honor at a surprise 25th Anniversary party hosted by their six

children. The affair was held at Generosity's Restaurant in East Meadow and was attended by fifty friends and relatives. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Chanukah Parties For Mid Island Y

The Older Adult groups of the Mid-Island Y in Plainview will be celebrating Chanukah with parties and special entertainment at their meetings. December 16-18. Join the fun!

Meyer Zarembo will present Jewish Wit and Humor in a program of comedy, folklore and song for "RADISH" on Tuesday, December 16 at the Y at 12:30 p.m. and for the "Mid Nassau Retirement Club" at the Suburban Park Jewish Center in East Meadow on Thursday, December 18 at 1 p.m. ("RADISH" is Reserve A Day For Interesting Social Happenings.)

The "Older Adult Social Club" at their Chanukah Party on

December 17, at the Y, starting at 10 a.m. will be entertained by Dayle Friedman who presents musical theatre in costume character and song.

The "Mr. and Mrs. Club" on Wednesday, December 18 at 8 p.m. will have Ceil and Bernie Lickver in a program of hamisch yiddish music and songs. Ceil plays the guitar and Bernie the harmonica, as part of their performance. Guests are welcome to all these parties, with a \$1 admission charge. For further information call the Older Adult Department at the Mid-Island YM & YWHA, 822-3535. The Y is located at 45 Manetto Hill Road, Plainview.

LEGAL NOTICE

Paris Associates - Substance of Certificate of Limited Partnership signed and acknowledged by all of the partners and filed in the Nassau County Clerk's Office on October 31, 1986. Name and principal office in the partnership is Paris Associates, c/o First Stratford Corporation, 410 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, New York 11753. Its business is to purchase, own, operate, lease and sell residential real property. The term of the partnership is 60 years from the date of filing of the Certificate in the Nassau County Clerk's Office. The names and residences of the general partners, of the limited partners, and the cash contributions are as follows:

General Partners: First Stratford Corporation, 410 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, New York 11753 and Barbara Weiss, Whitehaven, Route 25A, Old Brookville, New York 11545 cash contributions \$500.00 each. **Limited Partner:** Thomas G. Rund, 251 Tahulah Lane, West Islip, New York 11795, cash contribution of \$100.00.

No other property is contributed and no additional contributions are agreed to be made by the limited partner. The general partners may admit additional limited partners totaling no more than 35, upon payment of the sum of \$32,700 per unit for a total of not more than 8 limited partner units. Upon contribution for a total of 8 such units, the present limited partner shall resign and receive a return of his capital contribution. No limited partner shall have priority over any other limited partner(s) as to contributions or compensation by way of income. The remaining general partner or partners may continue the business upon death, retirement or insanity of a general partner. There is no right of any limited partner to demand or receive property other than cash for his contribution.

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By arrangement with Kiddies' Delight Stores in Plainview, these bargains will again be available. Sizes range from infant and toddler through girls' pre-teen and boys' size 20.

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LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that an application has been made to the Town Clerk of the Town of Oyster Bay by the following party for permission to operate a tow car upon the public highways of the Town of Oyster Bay. **Name:** Omega Auto Body, Inc.; **Address:** 16 N. Jerusalem Ave., Hicksville, N.Y. 11801; **Location of Terminal:** 16 N. Jerusalem Ave., Hicksville, N.Y. 11801; **No. of Tow Cars:** (1) Unrestricted.

Arguments in writing setting forth reasons why the Town Clerk should or should not find that public convenience and necessity requires the licensing of said vehicle as a tow car may be filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Oyster Bay, at her office at the Town Hall, Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, New York, on or before the 16th day of December 1986. **Dated:** November 24, 1986
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Navy Constructionman Recruit **Richard F. Drab**, son of Richard F. and Carolyn M. Drab of 99 Blueberry Lane, Hicksville, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command Orlando, Fl.

During Drab's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Drab's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1986 graduate of Hicksville High School, he joined the Navy in July 1986.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Sealed Proposals for the purchase of Water Bills by the **HICKSVILLE WATER DISTRICT** will be received and considered by the Board of Commissioners of the **HICKSVILLE WATER DISTRICT**, at the Office of the Board at 4 Dean Street, Hicksville, New York, until 4:00 p.m., December 18, 1986, bids will be publicly opened and read at 7:00 p.m.

Each proposal submitted must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond, payable to the **HICKSVILLE WATER DISTRICT**, in a sum equivalent to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid.

Specifications, Information to Bidders and Proposal Forms may be obtained at the Office of the District.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any informalities, and to accept such bid as, in its opinion, is in the best interest of the **HICKSVILLE WATER DISTRICT**.

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"Athlete's Foot" is generally caused by a fungus. These micro-organisms tend to attack moist areas such as the crotch, underarms and the feet. Just as a wet piece of bread will become moldy if left out on a table counter, sweaty feet provide the perfect medium for the fungus that causes these annoying symptoms. Hence controlling the sweating is the key to permanently curing the condition.

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By Gabby Tabby



NOW THAT County Executive Francis Purcell tells us that he is going to quit politics to be a commentator on Cable TV look for Supervisor Joe Colby to come up with a similar announcement. Colby probably will not run or be renominated for Town Supervisor and he has a wealth of political background that cable could use....**THE LOCAL** cat industry is worried about the Lemon Law pushed through by Gov. Cuomo. The law would require a purchase price refund after four attempts to fix a defect or a series of defects that go on for more than 30 days. GM has already started a suit....**THREE** buildings are going to be considered for Landmark status by the Town on Dec. 10. They are all in Oyster Bay. Buildings include Snouder's Corner Drugstore, Matinecock Lodge No. 8067 and the Printery which was the home of the **Oyster Bay Guardian**, a weekly newspaper run by the Disbrow family for many years and the place Publisher Ed Disbrow, the last member of the family to own the paper, gasped his last breath. The paper is still moving along under other ownership and is probably the oldest newspaper in Nassau County. The Printery building is located at 43 W. Main St., Oyster Bay....**THE POLICE REPORT** is published each week as a community service to alert residents of where crime is taking place in the area and as an aid in the Neighborhood Watch program. Anyone seeing suspicious activity should phone 911:**BURGLARS** broke into the Cunningham residence 328 Richard Ave., Hicksville on Nov. 21. They broke glass in a rear window to gain entry. Jewelry was stolen. Two male whites, one with a thin build and beard, are being sought in connection with the break in....**BURGLARS** pried a rear door of the Anapol residence 93 Circle Dr., Syosset on Nov. 21. They entered and stole jewelry and cash....**A SIDE** window of the Harfenist residence 22 Craig St., Jericho was cut open by burglars on Nov. 20. The loss is unknown....**JEWELRY** was stolen from the Rothman residence 30 Bounty Lane, Jericho on Nov. 22. The method of entry is unknown....**A TV**, computer and jewelry were stolen from the Vizitsch residence 19 Wilben Lane, Plainview between Nov. 21 and 22. Entry was through the roof....**GLASS** in a rear window of the Hirtz residence 37 Jean Place, Syosset was broken on Nov. 22. Burglars entered but the loss is unknown....**JEWELRY** and alarm boxes were stolen from the Freudenthal residence 33 Bounty Lane, Jericho between Nov. 22 and 23. Glass in a rear window was broken to gain entry....**GLASS** in a rear window of the Rosenbluth residence 19 Kodiak Dr., Woodbury was broken on Nov. 25. Burglars entered and stole furs....**AT 3** Fairbanks Ct., Woodbury, burglars came through a rear window of the O'Donnell residence on Nov. 25 and stole furs....**CASH**, a VCR, camera and jewelry were stolen from the Levine residence 1 Stafford Ave., Woodbury on Nov. 26. The front door was kicked in to gain entry....**A REAR** window was removed at the Luftig residence 4 Sunbeam Rd., Syosset between Nov. 29 and 30. Jewelry, a VCR and camera were stolen....**BURGLARS** broke into Pizza Town 356 Old Country Rd., Hicksville on Nov. 25. They broke glass in the front door to gain entry and stole cash....**THE FRONT** window of the Wine Factory 303 N. Broadway, Jericho was broken on Nov. 22. Burglars entered and stole wine....**STUFFED** animals and a sign were stolen from the Ticketron office at Mid Island Plaza, Hicksville between Nov. 22 and 23. A rear window was pushed in to gain entry....That's all the news for now...G.T.



Dr. Paul Levitz, American Cancer Society volunteer facilitator, and James A. Byrne, Manager of Benefits Planning for Grumman Corporation, Bethpage, are discussing the progress of ongoing quit smoking clinics. The clinics are helping Grumman employees give up smoking altogether or substantially cut down on the number of cigarettes smoked. For further information on how to initiate quit smoking clinics in your workplace, call the American Cancer Society at 385-9100. Programs can be held onsite during the day or at various centers throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties.

AARP Volunteers At Mid-Is. Hosp.

For the first time in this region, volunteers from a chapter of the Association for the Advancement of Retired People (AARP) have joined forces with a health care facility--the Mid-Island Hospital--to offer its manpower/women-power services support.

It was Marie Walker, a veteran volunteer of five years, that recommended to the chapter members that it affiliate with the Mid-Island Hospital in the performance of humanitarian services. Permission for this chapter affiliation with the hospital was approved by the National Headquarters of AARP earlier this year.

Ms. Beverly Wagner, Director of Volunteers and Patient Advocate at the Bethpage health care facility said, "We now welcome the opportunity to involve seasoned AARP volunteers who will be performing the myriad of humanitarian activities promoted at our hospital." She added, "There is a much greater need for more volunteers to help augment professional care given by the staff of a health facility."

The Mid-Island Hospital has been serving the health care needs of citizens from the eastern Nassau-western Suffolk area, which includes Plainview, Hicksville, Bethpage, Levittown, and Massapequa for more than 30 years.

The hospital's new volunteers from AARP will handle a number of service activities which include direct patient care on units, clerical activities, information booth services, and a myriad of other activities.

Specific assignments which will be handled by the new AARP volunteers will include: in patient care areas--distribution of water pitchers and food trays to patient rooms, encouraging patients to walk and talk, admitting and discharging patients with use of wheelchairs, running errands for linen and stock room operations, distribution of arts and craft supplies to patients and teaching supply craft work and delivering reading material to patients' rooms. In the clerical areas--assisting with routine office work such as filing, record keeping, telephone service, handling the visitors information booth, and material distribution to visitors as well as admitting and business office work, medical records filing, pharmacy work and personnel clerical.

Ms. Wagner emphasized that volunteers do not have to belong to any outside organization in order to work for the Mid-Island Hospital. Anyone wishing to be a volunteer at the hospital should contact Beverly Wagner at 516/520-2321 for an interview prior to placement.

Columbiettes Meet Dec. 15

The Columbiettes of Rev. Michael J. Hartigan Council will hold their meeting on December 15, the third Monday in December, at 8 p.m., followed by a Christmas party - bring a covered dish.




Nine new volunteers of first contingent from AARP Chapter ready, willing, and able to serve at Mid-Island Hospital in Bethpage. Sitting, left to right, Robert Ballie, Margaret Daly, Beverly Wagner, Hospital's Director of Volunteers and Patient Advocate (Plainview), Jim Crenner; standing, left to right, Marie Walker, Anna McGinn, William McGinn, Marie Sanchez (Bethpage), Jeanne O'Connor (Bethpage), and Margaret King.

Rep. Club Hosts Holiday Party

The Syosset-Woodbury Republican Club's Annual Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the historical Maine Maid Inn, located on Route 106 and Jericho Turnpike, Jericho.

The festivities will include one hour of cocktails, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres followed by a full course dinner. Choice of dinner: Breast of Capon Supreme, Filet of

Sole, Prime Ribs of Beef, Vegetable, Potato, Salad, Dessert Coffee and Tea. The cost is \$25.00 per person. R.S.V.P. contact Joan Celly, Chairperson (921-1998) or Gertrude Baumgaertner (433-8228). Louise Ponce will play the piano for us to add to the festivities. Here's wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season.



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A Thanksgiving At Willet School

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To the delight of the entire school and parents, the third graders worked exceptionally hard and learned their parts in just under two weeks in order to make this year's Thanksgiving something to really be thankful for.

The poem which was presented by some of the third graders conveyed a message to all that is more important to give than to receive, especially at this time of the year.

The play performed by the rest of the third graders was a dream sequence in which a boy "Freddie Burns" played by Christopher Keaney falls asleep after having enjoyed his Thanksgiving dinner, only to be awakened by his favorite foods - cranberries,

apples, a potato, nuts, corn, pumpkins and two turkey gobblers. The dream goes on and all the foods and the turkey gobblers put "Freddie Burns" on trial for eating their relatives, finding him guilty and sentencing him to what they feel is a punishment appropriate to each food - roasting, mashing, cracking, popping etc. until he is awakened by his "parents".

The poetry reading and play were so outstanding that an encore performance was done for Dr. Fenton who seemed to enjoy the show thoroughly. The show was given rave reviews by our principal, Mr. Michael Dunn as well.

In the afternoon, all grades participated in a sumptuous feast. Some of the foods were prepared by the various grades during the week. School-made applesauce, popcorn, cranberry sauce and butter were just a few of the items to grace the tables.

We thank the third graders as well as the rest of the Willet Avenue School children for making this delightful day and a good reason to give thanks this holiday season.



"The Great Fair," a puppet show adapted from a Sholom Alechem story will be presented at the Mid-Island YM & YWHA in Plainview on Sunday, December 21 at 2:30 p.m. The show, performed by Puppets Unlimited with large rod puppets, is based on "Scenes From My Childhood" an autobiographical book. Background music is also part of this family special.

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Girl Scouts of Nassau County have pledged 50,000 hours of service to the senior citizens of Nassau County as part of the Girl Scouts 75th Anniversary celebration. Seen at the recent pledge ceremony in the office of the Commissioner of Senior Citizen Affairs are, left to right: Hiram Green of Hicksville, Vice Chairperson of the Advisory Council to the Department of Senior Citizen Affairs; Girl Scouts Kelly Bryant, Tisha Williams; Catherine Lovly, Girl Scout President Barbara White; and Commissioner Adelaide Attard.



Judging the entries for the Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the William M. Gouse Jr. Post 3211, Veterans of Foreign Wars are seated, left to right: Frances Ferrara, Theresa Tisdell and Vincent Ferrara. Standing left to right: William Bennett, President of the Board of Education, Hicksville School District and Thomas Clark, Councilman, Town of Oyster Bay. Awards will be presented in February. (Photo by Vincent Edwards)

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The completed lists will be open for examination, and copies will be available in the County Treasurer's Office, 240 Old Country Road, Garden City, N.Y. (P.O. Address, Mineola, N.Y. 11501) on or about the 29th day of January, 1987.

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"A Thanksgiving Nightmare", bottom row, left to right: Cathy Lynn - an apple, Jason Johnson - the announcer, Sean Horan - a pumpkin, Rachel Weintraub - a turkey gobbler, Christopher Kearney - Freddie Burns, Sean Dorney - the father, Christie Sala - a pumpkin, Billy Sucarino - an apple. Middle row, left to right: Marc Williams - the potato, Danielle Germer - the mother, Christine Pero - a turkey gobbler, Brianna Lounder and Danny Varmaz as the cranberries, Christine Sivertson - the corn, Paul Oliva - the announcer, Kenneth D'Introno and Michael Kudrick as the nuts. Back row: third grade teachers Mrs. B. Koenig and Mrs. J. Brown. Not pictured: John Flynn as a corn.



"A Good Thanksgiving" bottom row, left to right: Dana Inkpen - Widow Lee, Marleeny Bonilla, Zeeshan Khan and Chirag Boradia as Flinigan's children. Middle row, left to right: Paul Jan - the announcer, Tommy Tortoso - a sparrow, Frankie Conlon - Gentleman Ray, Joseph Basso - Little Lame Jake, Clifford Vedder - Shoemaker Price. Back row, left to right: Annie McKenna - the storyteller, Marcus Casale, Kelly Downes and Michele Monahan as sparrows, John Flynn - a corn. Not pictured: Denise Zandides - announcer and Washerwoman Biddy.

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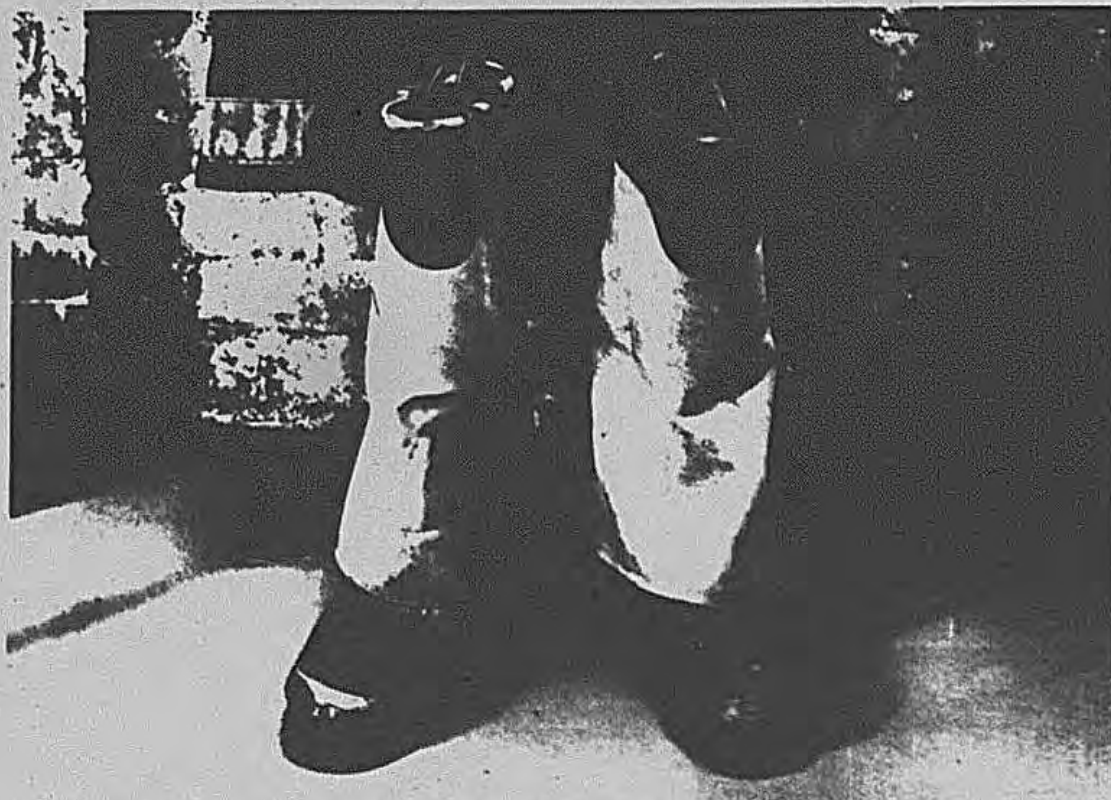
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Some Christmas tree tips

By Patrick Denton

When you bring your chosen Christmas tree home, take a good inch off the base of the trunk to expose fresh wood for improved water intake and longer freshness of the tree. A cut made on a slight slant will improve water intake and will prevent the base sitting

flat at the bottom of a Christmas tree holder.

Keep the tree in water until it's time to take it indoors. In the house, set the tree in a stand that holds water or use a bucket and rocks or clean gravel to hold the tree upright. To help keep your tree fresh and safe during the holidays, it's wise to purchase some special tree preservative to place in the water. Many Christmas tree outlets will offer one of these products for sale. If you cannot find a commercial preservative use a pinch of houseplant fertilizer or floral preservative in the water.

Situate the tree as far away from any source of heat as possible, especially avoid sites near a fireplace or wood stove, and try to keep the tree away from baseboards, heaters and hot air vents.

It is not usually necessary to spray the tree with anti-desiccant, but a light daily misting with plain lukewarm water does help the tree retain its freshness. Maintain the water level in the tree container, adding more preservative with each addition of water.

For the safety of your family, carefully check the lights before placing them on the trees. Check that there is no fraying of the wiring and that the plugs do not heat. Never use candles on a tree.

And, finally, even with the best of care, your cut evergreen will have become dry and highly combustible by the end of the holidays. Don't use the boughs for burning in the wood stove or fireplace — not unless you live next door to the local fire department.



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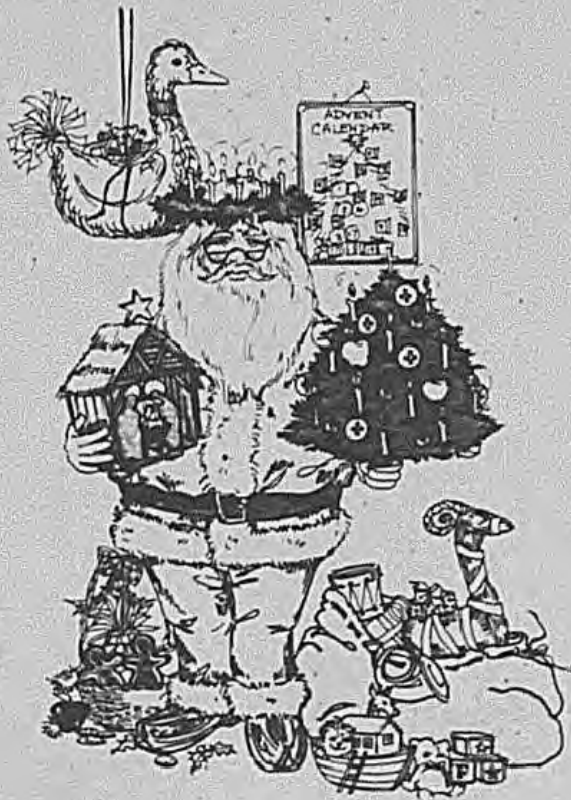
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IT'S A SMALL WORLD
**Dutch clogs, Yule log
 and other customs**

By Rosella Stern



America is certainly the land of opportunity and variety when it comes to Christmas celebrations. Families can cling to the holiday traditions brought to America by their forefathers, or they can share in a great wealth of cultural choices. This year, it might be fun to begin a new tradition — something from another country.

Mexico has two appealing traditions. The *posadas*, or processions, which begin nine days before Christmas, can easily be adapted to American culture. Originally, these were journeys that mirrored the travels of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. They have now become preholiday visits, with some staying home to prepare little treats and act as hosts while the others go visiting door to door. Neighborhoods organize these evenings before Christmas as progressive open houses.

Another Mexican tradition especially for children is the *pinata*. Used for Christmas and also for birthdays, the *pinata* usually is made of papier mache and takes the form of animals, plants or favorite folk heroes.

Filled with sweets and hung from the ceiling, the *pinata* is ready for an assault. Children are blindfolded, then twirled around and given a stick to break the swinging *pinata*. Once broken, the children scramble for the treats that tumble to the ground.

Many American traditions are actually British in origin. In fact,

the British have been "very merry" at Christmastime since the Middle Ages. Charles Dickens's 19th century version of Christmas as pictured in "A Christmas Carol" is dear to the hearts of many Americans. From England comes the Yule log, the flamed plum pudding, Christmas caroling and the custom of sending Christmas cards.

The Welsh were so fond of caroling they created caroling contests, and now many American communities participate in organized caroling. Groups practice and perhaps dress for the occasion in top hats or Victorian coats, then sing for their neighbors in hopes of being invited in for cookies, punch and other goodies.

The many northern cultures of Europe have traditions involving light, fire and food at Christmas. The Danes place a lighted candle in the window as an invitation for stranger to join them. At Christmas Eve dinner, the *Julesbaal*, or Yule log, is brought into the house and lit in the hearth. Many traditions surround the dragging of the log out of the forest: the youngest son often "rides" the log as it's transported.

Another tradition from Scandinavia is the feeding of the birds in the winter snow. Traditionally, rice pudding was left outside the door, or sheaves of grain were put out for the birds. Today, straw

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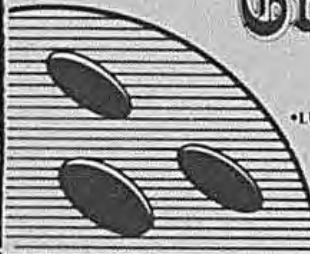
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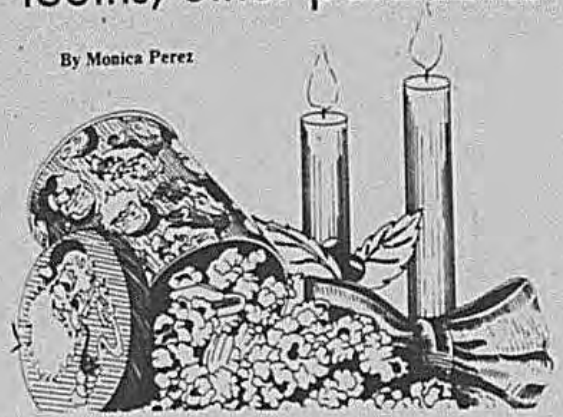


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Food gifts for sweet tooths, other palatables

By Monica Perez



The holiday season is the prime time to visit friends and family. Many times, parties are planned with everyone gathering at a set time and place. But in this catch-as-can-world with friends and family calling on each other throughout the season, the accent is on the impromptu.

While every guest is welcome, an unexpected, or short-notice visit can send even the most gracious host into a tizzy when the pantry is bare and there's no "holiday cheer" to be shared. If you're that last-minute guest, you can become the "guest of honor" in your host's eyes by bringing food and fun with you.

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• Fill the container with selected cheese, such as a Camembert, Boursin or Brie, a box of wheat or water crackers or even a baguette, winter fruit like apples and pears, and some holiday cookies (homemade or store bought) to

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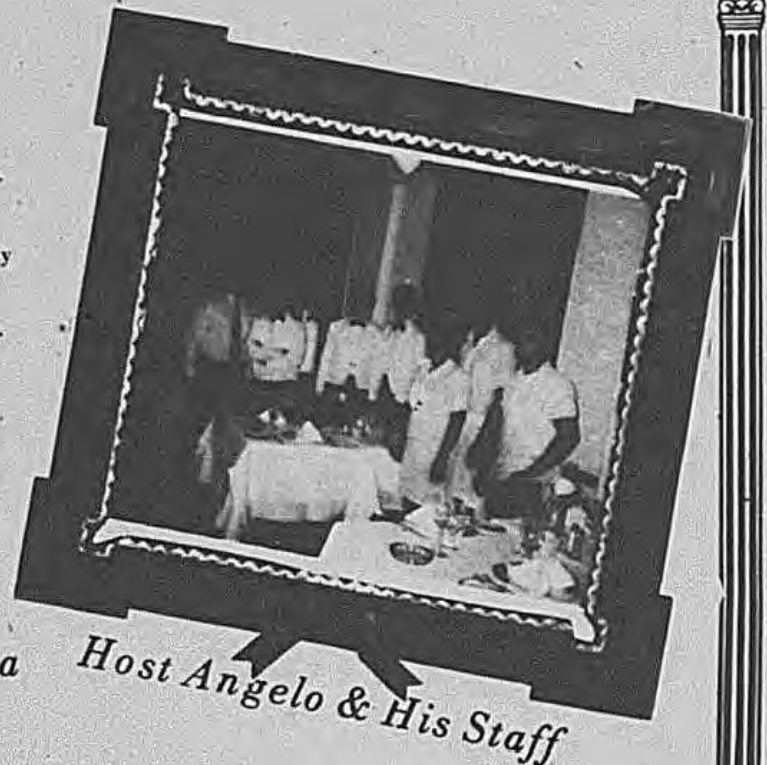
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Small and large parties for friends, families

By Karen Caldwell

Ring in the holiday season and the New Year with a resolution to entertain elegantly but with ease.

"You don't have to be a gourmet cook or a social register hostess," says Isabelle von Boch, spokeswoman and family member of Villeroy & Boch Tableware, a china manufacturer. "The key ingredients to easy, elegant entertaining are organization, imagination and self-confidence."

The beauty of holiday entertaining is that there are no rules. You can host an event as formal as black-tie only complete with caviar and champagne, or simple come-as-you-are get-together with cookies and eggnog. Here are a few party ideas to consider.

Cooperative buffets: Cooperative Christmas buffets limit the amount of time the hostess has to spend in the kitchen. Instead of one person being responsible for the many courses of the annual yuletide repast, assorted friends and relatives can contribute to the menu. The ground rules are simple: the hostess sets and decorates the table, roasts the turkey and provides the Scotch. The guests contribute hors d'oeuvres like Scotch Pate, vegetables, relishes and desserts.

Tree trimming: Another tradition that benefits from a modern twist is Christmas tree-trimming. Instead of trying to fit this activi-

ty into a hectic weekday schedule or Christmas Eve, many families putting up the tree on a weekend prior to Christmas. They are also using the tree-trimming as a reason for a separate party — one to which they can invite neighbors and friends to decorate, carol and make merry. The tree can be decorated at leisure and guests can enjoy fruitcake, assorted cookies and hand-warming beverages like Scotch Coffee.

Even simple refreshments, like port wine and cheese, make a get-together festive.

"Nothing could be simpler more appealing or warming than a glass of ruby port and slices of good cheese," says David Sandeman, chairman of House of Sandeman, producers and shippers of port, sherry and madeira wines. "Pour the wine into a cut glass decanter, grace it with a holiday bow and you have a Christmas treat as satisfying as it is pretty."

— Be innovative with your table linens. Think beyond ready-made clothes and try fabric that will make a festive backdrop. Or, apply the layered look with cloth plus placemats.

— Set up a serving table with foods, salads and dessert dishes nearby, allowing you to remain seated while serving guests.

Here are some recipes to try for your holiday party.

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PENGUIN APPEAL

Tuxes, black tie dress up up the winter nights

By Karen Caldwell

Forget the pinstripes this holiday season if you're heading out to paint the town. Instead, dust off the old "monkey suit" and celebrate December with the return of the black and white.

The tuxedo is back, and will likely be the star of many a holiday gala, from high school Christmas dances to charity balls to elite corporate gatherings. High style is "in" and formal wear is big business again, with combined sales and rentals of tuxedos passing \$500 million in 1985, according to *The Washington Post*.

"We have entered into an era of elegance," says D. Gordon Williams, president of Countess Mara and an authority in the men's apparel field. "The trend is definitely toward dressing for formal occasions, especially since our business hours frequently overlap our social hours: theaters, charity events, corporate functions and, of course, private celebrations such as weddings, anniversaries and such."

"For important business, political or social occasions, you cannot afford to buck the traditional and accepted dress code. You cannot afford to be theatrical or flamboyant. You must stick to the rules."

The tux's revival is just in time for its centennial. It was 100 years ago when Griswold Lorillard, the tobacco heir, attended Tuxedo Park's first Autumn Ball on an October evening in 1886 with the tails cut off of his dress coat.

The tux was an overnight success and has since been immortalized by such noted personalities as the Duke of Windsor, Fred Astaire, Al Jolson and even Princess Di.

But the tux has been through some rough times. In the 1960s, variations and amendments included crazy colors, turtlenecks, velvet collars and ruffled shirts, brocaded and patterned lapels and cuffs and floppy bow ties. Things went from bad to worse in the early 1970s, when anything formal was out of style.

Due in part to the Reagan White House, the tuxedo is enjoying a renaissance in the 1980s.

When the invitation says "black-tie," it means a well-tailored black or midnight blue tuxedo suit with traditional faille or satin lapels, according to Williams. In warmer climates, a white dinner jacket with black trousers is acceptable.

Colored dinner jackets with fancy lapels and contrasting piping are "no-nos," frowned upon in elegant circles.

The shirt should be plain white, pleated or tucked with either the stand-up wing collar, which is making a return appearance, or the more conventional French collar with its short, rounded points with a wide spread.

If your shirt requires studs, make sure they match your cuff links. The most common cuff links



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are made of onyx, but gold, diamonds, pearls, rubies or almost any other precious stone are suitable.

Shoes are important. Scuffed, unshined shoes may ruin your appearance. The best bets are black polished calf or patent leather pumps or oxfords.

A black tuxedo calls for a black grosgrain or satin butterfly bow tie, midnight blue bow tie for the blue suit. For the white dinner jacket, it is permissible to indulge oneself in any colored bow tie and a cummerbund to match, though red seems to be the favored choice.

White ties are never, but never worn with tuxedos — only when wearing tails. But vests are "in," worn with aplomb with the bottom button left open.

Should you buy a brand new tuxedo, shop secondhand boutiques or rent? If you go to three or four black-tie affairs a year, it makes sense to buy, according to John Molloy in *Success* magazine. If you're searching the attic or nearby retro-shop for a tux, be sure it's a classic cut. And, plan to invest in a new shirt (they wear out before the tuxedo) and update the tie.

If you rent, be sure to pick up the tuxedo at least two or three days before you actually need it. That way, you'll have time to correct any fitting mistakes.

Fashion experts agree nothing shows off a man's best side like a tuxedo. "The point is, one attends these functions to have a good time. As Charles Dickens so aptly put it: 'Any man may be in good spirits and good temper when he's well dressed.'" Williams says.

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PUDDINGS AND PUNCH Holiday food t

By Monica Perez

Holidays are a time for families and friends. They can also be a melting pot in which old traditions and new surprises come together.

This mixing and matching of old and new often begins with borrowing the most-loved customs from another family or foreign land.

Every country celebrates the holidays by serving its own specialty. Many of these international recipes can be easily translated to prepare in American kitchens and become a "new" tradition in your home.

France: For the French, holiday celebrations center around their beloved passion for good food. Families linger for hours, sharing dishes at a magnificent feast called Reveillon, or midnight meal.

The grande finale, however, is the presentation of the handsome and impressive "Buche de Noel," meaning "Yule log." This traditional dessert is made of the most tender genoise (sponge cake) and filled with fruit preserves, such as Bonne Maman from France.

The Buche de Noel is easy to make. The fun is in decorating the "log" with woodsy chocolate trimmings. Best of all, the taste is *magnifique*.

Switzerland: Caroling in Switzerland is an everlasting tradition, when the street lights of Zurich are dimmed and carolers carry candles through the streets.

Afterward, friends and family gather to decorate the tree, exchange gifts and enjoy warm chocolate desserts such as hot bread pudding.

Chocolate is part of the proud Swiss heritage. In fact, Lindt Chocolate of Switzerland is known to have created, in 1845, the world's first chocolate bar — the Lindt Surfin bar as we know it today.

The Swiss also consider their fine chocolate to be one of the most appropriate holiday gifts to share with someone special.

Germany: Many of the dishes enjoyed around Christmastime are of German influence. According to Mary Ellen Griffin, a noted food expert representing Julius Kayser German Wines in the United States, a typical German Christmas meal includes a roast goose with chestnut dressing, plum pudding with brandy sauce, pfeffernusse and a sweet, fruit-studded bread called stollen. A medium dry wine, like Julius Kayser Piesporter Michelsberg, or a lighter wine like Julius Kayser Zeller Schwarze Katz, are two ideal accompaniments.

Griggin says cooks should use a good wine when making the goose recipe below; in many cases, the same wine will be served with the meal.

"If you are using all prime food ingredients for your dish, it deserves a premium wine as well," she says.

Incorporate these recipes into your own family traditions.

BUCHE DE NOEL

Genoise (spongecake):
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder
4 eggs
2 egg yolks
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 jar raspberry preserves
Mocha Butter Cream Frosting:
1/2 stick unsalted butter, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 ounces bittersweet chocolate, melted
2 cups confectioner's sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons instant coffee (dissolved in vanilla)
2 to 4 tablespoons heavy cream

Line greased jelly roll pan (15 1/2 by 10 1/2 inches) with wax paper. Grease and dust with flour lightly. Set aside. In large bowl put eggs, yolks, sugar and vanilla. Beat at high speed for eight minutes. The mixture will triple in volume and be creamy. Fold in sifted flour and baking powder gently with slotted spoon lifting to aerate. Fold in melted butter. Do not overfold.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake at 350 F for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from oven. While cake is still in pan, cut off crisp edges. Invert pan on towel dusted with confectioner's sugar. Remove wax paper at once. Roll both the cake and towel together. Cool on rack seam down. Unroll carefully and fill with preserves. Roll again. Frost.

Frosting: Blend butter, 1 cup confectioner's sugar, Add coffee that was dissolved in vanilla. Add chocolate and heavy cream. Add the remaining sugar until desired consistency.

Serves eight.

CAROLER'S PUDDING

6 ounces Swiss dark chocolate
2 cups milk
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 1/4 cups coarse bread crumbs
2 tablespoons sweet butter
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon allspice
2 eggs, beaten

Generously butter two 16-ounce fluted molds or one 4-cup mold. Preheat oven to 350 F.

In a saucepan, melt chocolate over low heat with 2 tablespoons of milk. Add 1 1/4 cups of milk and heat. Add sugar and stir to dissolve. Add 2 1/4 cups of bread crumbs and 2 tablespoons butter into the warm chocolate milk and mix thoroughly. Let stand. Break the eggs into a bowl and beat with the remaining 1/2 cup milk. Add cinnamon and allspice, blending well with bread mixture. Pour pudding mixture into buttered molds and bake 25 to 30 minutes until set. Cool in molds. Unmold pudding and serve warm or cold, topped with whipped cream.

ROAST GOOSE WITH CHESTNUT DRESSING

One 10-pound goose, cleaned
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2 cups wine
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2 tablespoons flour
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- 1 1/2 cups dry bread crumbs (unseasoned)
- 3/4 cup chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons grated onion

Soak goose in cold water for 15 minutes. Drain, pat dry and rub with salt, inside and out. Place in deep baking pan. Add water, wine, onion and pepper. Roast for 15-20

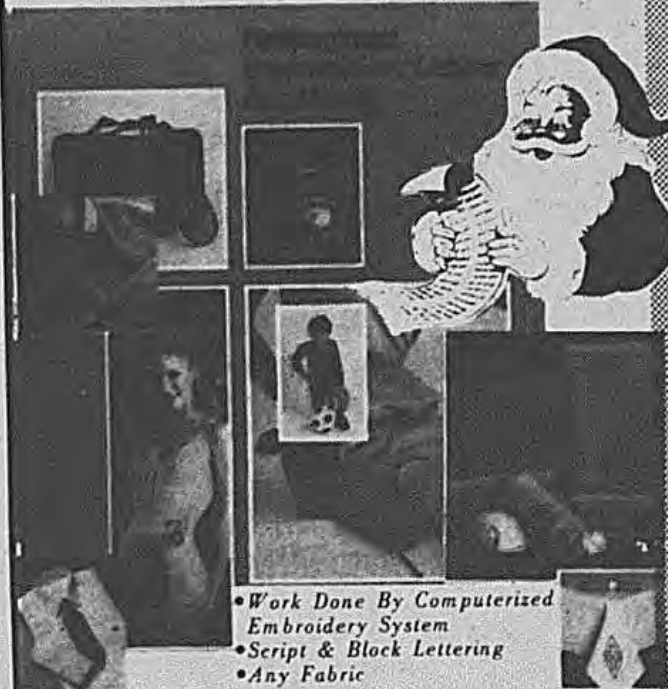
minutes per pound at 325 F. When liquid has boiled down a bit, baste with butter. While goose is baking, prepare dressing. Combine chestnuts with the ingredients until thoroughly mixed. Spread dressing into 8 X 12-inch baking pan and bake in same oven as the goose for final 20 to 30 minutes.

When goose is done, place it on a warm platter. Add flour and 1 to 2 cups water to drippings to make gravy. Wreath the dressing around the goose. Trim with candied apple slices.



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Petticoats, lingerie make great undercover gifts

By Janis O'Connor
 There's liable to be a bigger flurry of romantic gift hunters in lingerie than ever this Christmas, as petticoats whirl in to give traditional half slips a fluffy, light-hearted lift.

Frill seekers will find petticoats full-skirted and ruffy, and a perfect complement to princess lines, A-lines and the long, flowing skirts making waves in fashion this year.

At Christian Dior Lingerie, where petticoats are natural descendants of the Dior's ballerina silhouette of the late 1940s and early 1950s, designer Carole Hochman is delighted with the return of crisp crinolines and full half slips.

"What could be more feminine and provocative than a tiny waist and slim bodice that accents the bust and hipline?" she says. The fullness of the petticoat emphasizes that line, but in the gentlest possible manner. It's ladylike and teasing, all at the same time.

At The Limited, Ed Razek, vice president of marketing, agrees. "Full, flowing skirts and shirtwaists express a provocative mystery," he says. "The petticoat offers mystery, an enticement to glimpse what is concealed beneath."

Petticoat-perfect looks run the design spectrum this year. French couturier Christian Lacroix, who designs for Patou, showed full evening skirts rustling with petti-

coats beneath, and virtually every major designer in America showed fuller skirts that call for fuller slips, from Geoffrey Beene with his extravagant satin bell skirts to Ralph Lauren's classic English gentry skirts with long, flowing lines.

Feathery, see-through laces look fresh in the new petticoats. They're taking their place alongside the warm, oatmeal muslins of the safari looks that continue strong this year in such collections as Outback Red and Liz Claiborne. Unlike the laces, which are a secret pleasure, the muslins are meant to be seen as often as possible, peeking from under skirt hems, seen the full length of a loosened button-front skirt or on their own as a separate skirt.

There is in fact a long history of petticoats designed to be seen. Petticoats became well-established in the Elizabethan period, when the length, width and volume of skirts required petticoats for support. For the majority of women, the slips were simple and hidden, but for women of wealth, petticoats were sewn more grandly, with rich fabrics and ornamental treatments made for show.

In the 17th century, skirts were deeply slit or looped up to show petticoats of luxurious silks and taffetas. And when hoops came along in the 18th century, ladies developed a flirtatious technique of tilting the hoop to allow a small peek of lacy petticoats beneath.

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- 1 clove, garlic, finely chopped

Combine liverwurst, cream cheese, Scotch and garlic in a mixing bowl or food processor; mix until well blended. Transfer mixture to a small bowl; cover and refrigerate at least four hours to blend flavors. To serve, pile mixture into a serving bowl or shape it into a loaf. Serve with an assortment of crackers or toast.

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Warm heat-tempered glasses — tall, tapered glasses that hold about 6 ounces to create an attractive effect. Pour in about 1 ounce of Scotch whisky and 2 teaspoons of sugar. Fill glass to within 1 inch of the top with strong hot black coffee and stir to dissolve the sugar.

Then, trickle double, not whipped, cream over the back of a spoon onto the top of the coffee. This must be done carefully so that cream floats on the surface of coffee and just reaches the brim of the glass.

ORNAMENT COOKIES

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract

- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 1/2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
- one-third cup unsweetened cocoa

- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Decorations: red cinnamon candies (colored sprinkles, gumdrops — optional)
- Decorator Frosting (recipe below)

Cream butter, sugar, egg, peppermint extract and milk in large mixer bowl until light and fluffy. Stir together flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt; add to creamed mixture. Mix until well-blended. Divide dough into quarters; wrap tightly. Chill two to three hours.

Roll out dough, one quarter at a time, to 1/4-inch thickness on a lightly floured surface. Cut half the dough with a Christmas-shaped cookie cutter, cut remaining dough into 3 by 2 1/2-inch rectangles to resemble gift tags. Make hole in end of each cookie for hanging on tree. Place cookies 1-inch apart on ungreased baking sheet. Make buttons on gingerbread cookies and holly berries on gift tags with cinnamon candies. Bake at 325F for eight to 10 minutes or until firm. Cool on wire racks. Decorate cookies using decorator frosting, and, if desired, colored sprinkles and gumdrops. Makes about 24.

Decorator frosting: Combine 2 1/2 to 3 cups confectioner's sugar, 2 egg whites and 1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract in small mixer bowl. Increase speed to high and beat until mixture is very stiff.



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Humble origins of the Christmas tree come alive



TREE — In England, Queen Victoria and Prince Albert popularized the tradition of decorating Christmas trees with colorful cards.

Janet Gordon

Flashing lights. Sparkling tinsel and icicles. Dozens of glistening ornaments made of glass, plastic, wood or porcelain. It's hard to imagine that the Christmas tree had a humble beginning.

Yet, it is said the tradition was born when Martin Luther, while walking through the forest on Christmas Eve, was struck by the beauty of the winter sky lighted by thousands of stars.

Inspired, he cut down a tiny evergreen and set it up in his home for his children. He trimmed the tree with lighted candles to make an image of the starry heavens from which Christ had come on Christmas night.

In spite of its simplicity, a little tree is a thing of wonderment and beauty, says *Better Homes and Gardens Christmas Ideas* magazine. Not a twig on such a tree should be left without a shining light.

Fortunately, modern technology provides today's tree decorators with safer lighting equipment than the candles of the 16th century. To avoid fire, *Christmas Ideas* warns not to use candles on your tree; substitute electric lights instead.

A pagan practice of decorating branches with fruit and flowers was translated into the Christian paradise tree. The tree was first shown to churchgoers as a symbol of Christ, the Tree of Life, says *Christmas Ideas*.

A common substitute for the evergreen tree in Germany was the pyramid, a wooden structure adorned with green branches, apples, nuts and lights.

Pyramid trees were popular among the bourgeoisie and were kept from one Christmas to another.

As America expanded its boundaries during the 19th century, the Christmas tree custom traveled westward with pioneers. Far from the well-established eastern and southern cities where sophisticated ornaments were available, tree decorating was a make-do affair.

Whatever was available was used. Nuts, pinecones, precious

sticks of cinnamon or dried apples strung into small wreaths, figures of animals and people cut from cookie dough and popcorn balls festooned with cranberries were all added to the gay mix of American tree traditions.

Scandinavian Christmas customs blended with neighboring German customs in the settlements of the American Northwest.

In 17th-century Sweden, small pines divested of their bark and greens were placed outside doors at Christmastime. Like the German pyramid, they were kept from year to year and brought out for the holiday celebrations.

With the coming of the German tradition of trees inside the home, the stripped pine tree was brought indoors and decorated with cookies and paper ornaments.

Out on the American prairie where evergreens were scarce, the stripped pine tree became a handmade stick tree.

Northern European immigrants brought the custom of remembering the winter birds. Bits of suet, fruit and bread were hung from evergreen trees for the birds' Christmas dinner. Also, the finest sheaves of grain, selected at harvesttime, were perched on tall poles.

It was believed that if many birds came to share the feast, a year of hope and an abundant crop would follow.

In England, the Christmas tree was not well known until the 1840s, when Queen Victoria and Prince Albert popularized it.

The English happily adopted the Queen's tree for their homes. When mass-produced color lithograph greeting cards were developed in the 1880s, people hung them on Christmas trees with their customary ornaments.

Christmas trees in the 1980s are likely to be as individual as the families who decorate them.

Whether store-bought or handmade, contemporary ornaments reflect a growing urge among Americans to own keepsakes, collectors' ornaments to unpack and enjoy every Christmas.

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make a simple, basic party. If you're not sure how many people may be at your host's home, figure on bringing enough for four to six people. It's always best to be prepared for more.

If you like to cook, you may want to add a personal favorite holiday treat, or maybe break from tradition and try something with an international flavor. One of Bernard Ganter's favorite holiday recipes is an impressive, yet easy-to-prepare pate.

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- 1 1/2 lbs. chicken livers
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup chopped blanched bacon
- 5 tablespoons Mumm Cordon Champagne
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- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped pistachio nuts
- 6 strips blanched bacon

Divide chicken livers into three 1/2 pound parts. In a blender or food processor, blend one part with two eggs. Blend second part with cream and the third part with 1 egg, the bacon, champagne and flour. Blend all three parts together, adding the spices and nuts

Press mixture into a greased loaf pan. Cover with bacon strips.

Cover pan tightly with aluminum foil and place in deep baking pan. Pour boiling water halfway up the outside of the loaf pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Serve cold.

CHOCOLATE SHORTBREAD

- 1 cup butter
- 1 1/4 cups confectioner's sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1 1/4 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
- Cocoa Glaze (below)

Cream butter, sugar and vanilla in large mixer bowl; add cocoa. Gradually blend in flour. Roll or pat out on lightly floured surface to about 1/4-inch thickness. Cut into rectangles (about 2 1/4 by 1 1/2-inch) with decorative pastry cutter or sharp knife. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Prick each cookie several times with fork tines in a decorative pattern, going all the way through the cookie. Bake at 300 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until firm. Cool slightly; remove to wire rack. If desired, drizzle cocoa glaze on top of cookies. Makes 3 1/2 dozen cookies or 21 filled cookies.

Cocoa glaze: Melt 1 tablespoon butter in small saucepan over low heat; add 1 1/2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa and 2 tablespoons water, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Do not boil. Remove from heat. Blend in 1/4 cup confectioner's sugar and 1/4 teaspoon vanilla; beat until smooth.

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dolls are sold as a memory of this practice, and can be hung in windows or used as tree decorations.

The Swedes have given us the celebration of Santa Lucia, the Queen of Light. On Dec. 13, the eldest daughter of the house wakes the family with Christmas cakes and singing. She is dressed in white and wears a green wreath trimmed with candles on her head.

From the French, Americans have inherited the "le Reveillon," or late supper after midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. An elegant supper is served, often with champagne and delicious desserts. The children, who are allowed to stay up for the occasion, leave their shoes in front of the fireplace for Pere Noel to fill with gifts.

From Southern France and Italy comes the creche. Said to have been introduced by St. Francis of Assisi in 1224, it was originally a living tableau of the holy family. The creche is a national institution in France and popular in the United States. In Provençal towns, small painted figurines, or santons (little saints) are available in the figures of Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the cow, the donkey and the shepherd. Many American families have taken up this tradition, saving their figures from year to year and adding new ones. The Italians sometimes go as far as sculpting the scene from butter or almond paste.

The holiday season in the United States now extends far beyond Dec. 25. This has always been true in the cultures of Eastern Europe.

Dec. 6, St. Nicholas Day, is observed by the Greek Orthodox as the beginning of the Christmas season. A special bread, Christosomo, is baked and slices are given to the first beggar or the first visitor who passes. The crumbs of this cake are considered sacred, and scattered around the fruit trees. On Christmas Day, no gifts are exchanged, but a priest goes from house to house, sprinkling holy water.

In Italy, the Epiphany in early January is the gift-giving day in Greek Orthodox tradition. Here a woman, *Bafona*, is the benevolent witch who comes down the chimney to give goodies.

The eight days of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, celebrated in the winter by Jews, is another extended holiday of lights and gift giving against the darkness of winter. Small gifts are given to children each of the eight nights. Candles are lit in commemoration of a key victory by Jewish warriors.

A discussion of Christmas couldn't be complete without Austria, the country which gave us "Silent Night." The image of Austrian mountains at Christmas is a lovely model for how we imagine Christmas to look. Becoming more popular in the United States recently is the *Turmbiasen*, or playing of brass and choral music from a tower or steeple. The Austrians do it on Christmas Eve. In America, it is becoming a popular part of pre-Christmas festivities in civic plazas and shopping centers.

Christmas gifts you can knit, crochet, sew

By Debra Cooper

You'll find the basics in most homes — a lighted tree, evergreen wreath and scads of presents. It's the personal touches — decorations and gifts made by hand — that make the holidays unique to each household.

Handmade gifts and decorations for Christmas serve as a creative outlet for many gift-givers and usually cost less to make than the store-purchased equivalent. Many crafters enjoy sewing, knitting or crocheting by the fire on the chilly evenings between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Needle art, whether it is cross-stitch, crochet, knitting or needlepoint, is a favorite way to add flair to yuletide decorating and gift-giving.

What could be a truer reflection of an individual than something he or she made with a flick of the wrist and a little creativity?

"Needle art is such a warm way to add festive flair to decorating or gift-giving," says Mary Colucci, executive director of the National Needlework Association. "At Christmastime, there is a yearning to share, whether it is in entertaining or presents."

In decorating, the design cue for 1986 is taken from Christmas past. Walls are hung with framed cross-stitch pieces exclaiming "Joy" and "Noel" or depicting treasured

Christmas vignettes. Couches and window seats are decorated with throw pillows featuring a festive print and an area that can be embellished with stitches or left plain.

Tree ornaments are traditional in feeling. Tin soldiers, rocking horses, Santa, Mr. Bear and a little girl on the lookout for Santa are needleworked and put together so their arms and legs move. Santas and things of sugar plum dreams are needleworked, trimmed in fabric and placed on the tree.

When making gifts, consider creating something for the home like a pad, pencil and uniquely stitched scene attached to a bur-lap hanger that can be used year-round. For mass appeal, crochet or knit an afghan to be enjoyed by an entire family.

Those who are hooked on machine sewing can whip up a homespun quilt in no time. Many patterns call for piecing by machine and quilting by hand. Place mats, tablecloths and throw pillows are other quick and easy gifts for sewing buffs.

You can also brighten the holidays by giving more personalized gifts, like whimsical stuffed animals and dolls complete with wardrobe for toddlers, and simple patchwork ornaments or Christmas stockings for teachers, letter carriers, secretaries and bosses.

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IT'S A WRAP

Boxes, bags and bows for bijoux and bangles

By Janet Gordon



The best holiday surprises this season will likely be the ones kept under creative, colorful wraps until Christmas Day. After all, there's more to a gift than what's tucked inside.

"Gift wrap adds to the suspense, usually reflects the taste and lifestyle of the giver and often makes a statement about the contents of the package," says Mary Madill, gift wrap product manager for Hallmark Cards Inc.

So forget brown paper or the Sunday comics for gift wrapping if you want to make a first-class impression. Hallmark research indicates Americans spend more than \$450 million on Christmas gift wrap each year, and each household wraps approximately 29 gifts at Christmastime.

"Most people take as much time and care in the wrapping of a present as they do in the selection of the gift," Madill says. "The fancier the wrapping, the more exciting the present, most people believe."

If you want to add to the element of surprise, disguise packages to look like something they're not, Madill suggests. A big box can conceal a small present. Large, hard-to-wrap gifts such as tricycles, giant stuffed animals and wagons fit neatly into jumbo plastic gift bags. Stuff tissue in the bag to help disguise the shape.

You can vary package shapes by wrapping some gifts in cylindrical containers, others in handle bags or cube-shaped boxes, Madill says. Posters and prints can be rolled up and wrapped inside gift wrap cardboard tubes. Smaller items can be wrapped inside the cardboard tubes on which paper towels come.

What's hot in gift wraps for Christmas 1986? Tailored, repeated patterns such as Christmas trees, country geese, deer and French horns are popular, and many wraps are designed to coordinate with partyware for holiday entertaining. There's also a trend toward bright, bold graphics, heavy embossing and high gloss papers designed to add an extra holiday pizzazz to wrapping.

Editorial copy that conveys a holiday message also dominates

many new gift wraps. "It's Christmas," "Merry Christmas," and "Shining Season of the Heart" are a few of the many available.

"Whether it's a tailored mini-print, nostalgic country design or bold, bright graphic, there's a gift wrap to fit everyone's tastes and lifestyle," Madill says.

For busy Christmas shoppers who don't have time to wrap their own gifts or even wait at the store gift wrap stop, handle bags with coordinated tissue, decorated gift bags, boxes and containers make wrapping presents easy and almost as much fun as unwrapping them on Christmas morning.

Once wrapped, not all gifts can be hand-carried to the recipient. That's when effective wrappings for Christmas mailing come in handy.

"Whether you're mailing Christmas cookies to your son at Penn State or shipping a china teapot to Aunt Emma in Omaha, take special care in wrapping and packaging your holiday gifts so they arrive in perfect condition," Madill says.

Some pointers for wrapping those special deliveries include:

— Use a heavy gift wrap. Thicker, heavier paper has a better chance of arriving without being torn.

— Consider a designed gift box. Many boxes come decorated with holiday motifs. Cylindrical containers in quart and half-gallon sizes are good choices for packing nuts, candies and cookies. These come printed with holiday designs, as do bottle bags, handle bags and handle containers.

— Bows don't travel well. Instead, use flat trims, stickers, yarn and tinsel for decorating packages.

— No matter what your choice of wrapping, always ship a wrapped present inside another box. Be sure to choose one that is sturdy enough to support the contents and withstand the wear and tear of delivery.

— Protect the gift by surrounding it with tissue paper in the gift box. Also, use tissue to cushion the mailing box.

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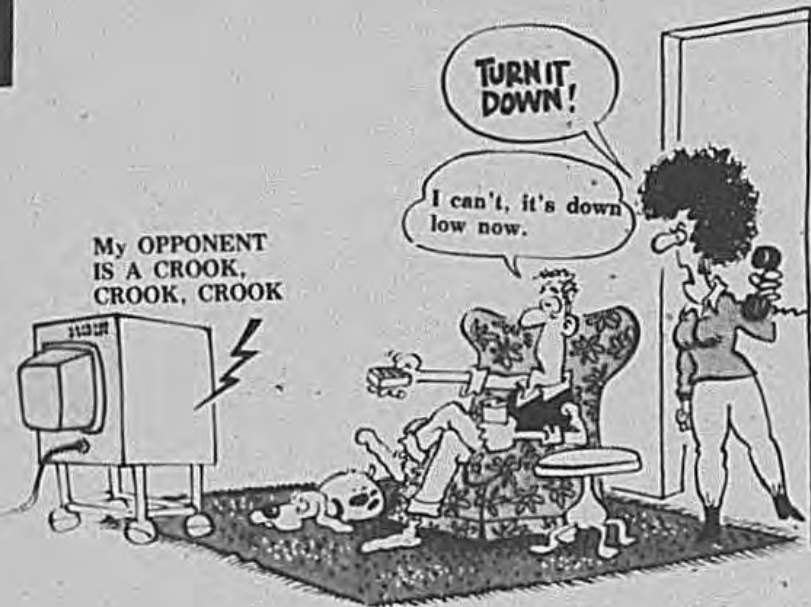


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THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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Input Callers Have Mixed Ideas On Pres. Press Conferences

Comments were mixed in answer to this question last week: "Do you think that Presidential press conferences are too harsh in the treatment of the President?" Here are some of the answers.

STAGED SHOWS

Yes. The Presidential press conferences are just shows staged for the TV audience and used by politically motivated members of the press to put through an editorial point of view. In the last press conference there was no sense of fair play and the reporters only were using the conference as a means to confirm stories they had already written in their minds. **J.W.**

LITTLE INFORMATION

While it appears that the press conferences are ways to trap the President, there really is little information that is elicited from them. The President has the control in that he does not have to answer the question, can ignore press members who always are carping and therefore can make the conference come out better than the circumstances warrant. **M.T.**

A TRADITION

The Presidential press conference is a time honored tradition in this country but since the advent of TV, the conferences have been less meaningful than they used to be. The press corps has to grandstand for their bosses and they have to put across an opinion rather than a question. Since most news media already have editorial forums, the conferences do little good and do much to make the people think that the press is very biased. **K.E.**

NOT ALL TRUTH

Well the press conferences can turn into harsh confrontations or they can be much easier. What turns them into the bitter situations of late is that it appears that the President is not telling the entire truth or at least all he knows about the subject and that means that the questions have to be tougher. At least in this country you can ask the President a difficult question without facing a jail sentence. **L.W.**

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Frankly, I think that the press conferences are harder on the press than the President. Most of the questions are only half answered and there is seldom a cross question by the same reporter so there is not much to the conferences so far as news goes. **F.R.**

TRUE IMAGE

No, I don't think the questions are too harsh. On almost all of them, the President answers with incorrect answers. The conferences serve to show the American people the true character of the man in the White House and that is something you cannot get from his prepared addresses. **D.E.**

FORCE A STORY

I was appalled at the last press conference. It was so apparent that the press was trying to force a story whether the facts merited it or not. Fortunately, most people watching could see what was happening. And your final view was not changed that much. If you were a Democrat, you were against the President and if a Republican, you were for him. If you were an Independent, you still didn't know enough to change you one way or the other. **B.R.**

TOO HARSH

I often wonder how the media representatives at Presidential press conferences manage to get to sleep after a session at the White House. They've got to have a pretty thick skin or could it be that their attitudes and barbed questions are deliberately designed to give the President a hard time? If the same techniques were used at a court procedure, the lawyer on either side would be quick to stand up and shout "Objection." And yet, the President is supposed to swing with the punches and respond to any and all questions from Sam, Helen, et al—completely unfruffed and with a pat answer on the most difficult and complicated subjects-matters, which in the normal course of a day's work at the White House or elsewhere would require the involvement of numbers of well-informed and responsible people. Frankly, whether one is a Republican or a Democrat, it just seems to me that any viewer has just got to feel some sense of revulsion at the lack of fair play which is displayed by representatives of the media in smugly daring the President to reply to their cunningly conceived and phrased questions. And, it's not just this explosive Iranian matter but every item which the press feels can be blown up to be fed to the reading or viewing public to satisfy their craving for juicy scandal or innuendo. In my opinion, the Presidential press conferences are indeed too harsh in the treatment of the President and, on balance, completely lacking in civilized behavior. **P.G.S.**

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By Gail Parker

An interpretation of "security" may be limiting and inconclusive. It is most often equated as a one faceted entity...financial. Yet, there are variables to financial security that have no price...emotional, spiritual and interpersonal. These are often undermined and overlooked in quenching the insatiable material need for acquisitions.

Where is the guarantee for financial security and should we prioritize it as our major motivating force in securing happiness?

In providing the basics plus out of life for our families...a suburban home...a car...college for the kids and opportunities to travel, we take for granted that our standard of life is solid. Yet, there is no guarantee of permanency. If mortgage payments can no longer be met, the bank forecloses on the home; cars and other credit purchases can be repossessed. Suddenly, our lifestyle is inexorably altered. Voila "security" is lost.

Fortunes are made and lost overnight; stocks fluctuate daily subject to market conditions and substantial investments may be lost; death can terminate the "security" of a mate who has been totally dependent on support; identity and lifestyle. Major illness can drain family savings. And, what happens to the "security" of the elderly who scrimped and saved for a nest egg only to have it depleted by the current accelerated inflation?

Marriage today is probably the biggest gamble in the "security" market. With over 50% of all marriages terminating in divorce, this investment can be both financially and emotionally devastating to its partners.

In obtaining a job with a "secure" future, we equate good salaries, fringe benefits and other options as "security," making an affiliation desirable. We evaluate opportunity for promotion and a pension plan for retirement as "security" for later years. Yet, many a dream has been shattered due to unexpected layoffs and inequitable terminations close to the retirement age. Lives are changed dramatically by

corporate chicanery and company policies.

Sometimes, the search for "security" is in the illusory idea of one's own business. The prestige of being employer versus employee may conjure up positive images. However, the picture may fade when the pressures of meeting salaries, expenses and a concern over profit margins takes precedence over power. Even though many entrepreneurs undertaking a risky first time venture have been successful for a time, a high majority of businesses fail the first year and go into bankruptcy. Then, the "security" of a weekly paycheck as an employee doesn't look so bad after all.

The drive for economic security is, therefore, an unreliable source of indemnity, being subject to change by time and circumstance. Its intrinsic value is erratic.

What remains when our financial "security" is lost? Where can we go to purchase a supply of fortitude to weather adversity and despair? Have we stored a gallon of faith, determination and inner strength while we were searching for the pot of gold? If not, then we are surely destitute.

The priceless "security" deposit we possess is individual self esteem with a positive philosophy. Its "security" can only appreciate in value and cannot be retrieved.

When we question how some people can join the Peace Corps, work in settlements and missions, devoting their lives to serving others with little financial reward, perhaps we should reflect on the nourishment of the spirit and the attaining of inner peace as commodities without price.

The next time you are in search of "security" and its latent definition, look to the greatest asset in your portfolio...you!

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Q. Recently I attended an elegant wedding and I noticed that the champagne was served in a tulip shaped glass rather than the traditional broad brimmed type. Is this something new?
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If your taste buds are crying for a gustatory delight, try it! I heartily recommend it. The atmosphere is friendly, the service is great. The fish is delivered fresh daily. You will come away with a mental note, that this is a place to re-visit soon again. L.P.

CUT ABOVE OTHERS

We have been to many Japanese restaurants. There seem to be more and more these days. However, the Umai on Merrick Road in Merrick is far above all of the others so far as we can see.

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But, if you've limited your enjoyment to sipping, you've only explored the outer edges of pleasure. A touch of the grape can transform the simplest of dishes into elegant company fare, adding shadings of flavor heretofore unexplored.

As in drinking wine, your palate is the surest guide to successful experimentation, but for those just starting out, here's a good rule of thumb: the more highly flavored the dish, the more full-bodied the wine can be. For example, delicate foods such as seafoods and poultry will generally benefit best from subtly flavored wines such as chablis or champagne, while heartier fare, such as pastas, roasts and full-flavored cheeses, can be successfully paired with more robust reds.

Once you've gained some experience in cooking with wine, strike out on your own. Chicken stewed in red wine or beef in champagne can be unexpectedly delectable.

Remember, all the alcohol in the wine will evaporate during the cooking process, leaving only the concentrated flavor behind.

To start you on your food and wine-blending odyssey here are some classic and not-so-classic combinations pairing poultry, seafoods, lamb, beef and cheese

with such wines as chablis, burgundy, champagne, port, sherry, red table wine, vermouth, rose, white table wine and muscatel.

PLUMMY PORT-GLAZED DUCK

- 12 recipe 1 duck (about 5 pounds)
- Salt and pepper
- 1 onion, quartered
- 1 stalk celery, with leaves
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup port
- 1 jar (18 ounces) purple plums
- 2 star anise buds
- 6 whole cloves
- 2 tablespoons wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch

Rub duck inside and out with salt and pepper. Place 3 onion quarters and celery inside duck

pour in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup port. Tie legs close together; tuck wings under body. Place on rack in shallow roasting pan. Roast 2 hours at 325 F, pouring off fat occasionally.

Meanwhile, prepare glaze and sauce. Drain syrup from plums; measure and add water, if necessary, to measure 1 cup. Add remaining port, onion quarter, star anise, cloves and vinegar; simmer

5 minutes. Blend cornstarch with 1 tablespoon cold water. Stir into sauce. Cook stirring until sauce clears and thickens. Strain; add

salt if necessary. Set aside to glaze duck.

Combine remainder with drained plums. After duck has roasted 2 hours, brush with about half the reserved glaze. Continue roasting 20 minutes longer, brushing twice with remaining glaze. Reheat sauce with plums and serve.

Serves 4.

CHAMPAGNE-GLAZED CHICKEN

- 1 frying chicken, quartered
- Salt and pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup champagne
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon tarragon
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest (grated rind)

Season chicken, place in shallow baking pan, skin side up. Combine remaining ingredients; pour over chicken. Bake at 350 F for 1 hour or more, basting often, until chicken is tender and well glazed.

Serves 4.

ALMOND SOLE FLORENTINE

- $\frac{1}{4}$ pound mushrooms, thinly sliced
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour
- 1 cup milk
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chablis
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- Salt and pepper
- 3 cups chopped, cooked spinach
- 2 pounds fillet of sole
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup crushed almonds

Saute mushrooms briefly in butter; add flour and stir to blend; cook 2 to 3 minutes. Add milk, cream and wine; cook, stirring constantly until mixture is thick. Add Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Spread spinach evenly into greased shallow baking dish. Lay fillets on top of spinach; cover with wine-cream sauce. Top with almonds. Cover and bake at 375 F for 25 minutes, or until fish flakes when tested with a fork.

Serves 4.

MINI-LAMB ROASTS

- 1 (5-pound) leg of lamb, boned
- Fresh mint or rosemary sprigs
- 1 tablespoon flour
- Salt and white pepper
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tablespoon mustard seeds, crushed
- 1 bay leaf, crumbled
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup burgundy

Cut thickest part of boned lamb into four individual roasts, saving remainder for another use. Cut a slit in each chunk and insert herb sprig. Combine flour, salt, pepper, garlic and mustard. Rub into lamb; arrange in ovenproof pan. Roast in preheated 425 F oven 15 minutes; reduce heat to 375 F and roast 20 minutes longer. Add bay leaf and wine; roast until medium-

rare, 20-30 minutes longer, basting twice. Spoon pan juices over lamb. Remove herb sprig; slice thinly across the grain.

Serves 4.

FISHERMAN'S CUSTARD CHEESE PIE

- $\frac{3}{4}$ pound cooked seafood, fresh or canned: crab, shrimp, flaked fish
- 1 unbaked 9-inch pastry shell
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 3 eggs
- $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups milk
- 2 tablespoons minced chives or parsley
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sherry
- Salt and pepper to taste
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon nutmeg

Drain seafood; arrange in pastry shell. Sprinkle cheese on top. Beat eggs lightly; stir in remaining ingredients. Bake on lower shelf of preheated 425 F oven 10 minutes. Lower heat to 350 F; bake 25 minutes more or until custard is set in center. Cool 10 minutes before cutting; serve warm.

Serves 4 to 6.

SAVORY BEEF NEAPOLITAN

- 2 pounds lean beef stew meat, cubed
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 ounce dried mushrooms
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups beef broth
- 2 cups marinara sauce
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dry Vermouth
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano

After Work Gourmet



By Paul Bensen

Ginger probably has figured in more legends and tales than any other food.

The Chinese long have considered it a potent aphrodisiac, and their legends tell of its turning gray beards black again, and of its power to dispel evil. Another Chinese legend attributes to ginger the power to tame tigers so that "a man can ride them like a horse."

In India, traditional tales describe the power of ginger both to summon and dispel spirits and to cure a compendium of ailments.

For the chef in a hurry, ginger can perform near-miracles in real life. An almost endless number of recipes can be livened up with the addition of a bit of fresh ginger.

The recipes I've provided today will, I hope, give you an idea of ginger's versatility. If you haven't cooked with fresh ginger before, you'll discover that it can make old recipes brand-new again.

Ginger Chicken is one of my favorite dishes for grilling over charcoal. The ginger marinade gives the chicken a very distinctive flavor. Ginger Beef is my version of a traditional Chinese dish. It is excellent as a main course with vegetables and a green salad, or as one course in an Oriental dinner. Fresh Ginger Gingerbread

- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- Optional: 12 wrinkled black olives
- 3 tablespoons medium-hot pepperoncini, sliced

Dredge beef with flour. Heat oil in large, heavy skillet; saute beef, onion and garlic until meat is browned. Simmer mushrooms with broth until slightly softened. Drain and chop mushrooms; add with their liquid to the meat. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer gently, stirring often, for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours or until meat is fork-tender. After 2 hours, stir in olives and pepperoncini peppers.

Serves 4 to 6.

GOLDEN CURRIED VEAL

- 2 pounds veal shoulder, in 1-inch cubes
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour
- 4 tablespoons bacon drippings or peanut oil
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 1 tablespoon curry powder, or to taste
- 1 cup tomato puree
- 1 cup white table wine
- Salt and pepper
- 1 large apple, peeled and diced
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup dried apricots, minced

Dredge veal with flour; brown in oil with onions and curry powder. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer gently, stirring often, until veal is tender, about 45 minutes. Serve over rice.

is an easy-to-prepare recipe that is wonderful as a substitute for rolls with dinner, or as a dessert, topped with some freshly whipped cream and a sprinkling of nutmeg.

Ginger came to Western civilization by way of tropical Asia. It was mentioned in the Analects of Confucius both as a sovereign addition to foods and as a plant with magical properties. Once ginger had found its way to Europe, the Romans praised it as an aphrodisiac, and the Greeks valued it as an aid to digestion. By the 15th century, fully half of the recipes found in English cookbooks contained ginger. During the 19th century, it was fashionable in England to sprinkle ground ginger over one's beer.

Ginger "root," as it usually is called in this country, is misnamed. The knobby, gnarled, golden article that you find on supermarket shelves is actually an underground stem, or rhizome. When you buy fresh ginger, avoid any that has cracks, moldy patches, shriveled skin or a musty smell. What you want is plump, very firm, aromatic, golden-colored ginger. If you're in a pinch, slightly dried-out ginger will probably give decent results, but don't compromise on firmness and moist.

Once you've bought a supply of ginger, store it in a cool place. In a sealed plastic bag, it will keep well for several weeks in your refrigerator's produce drawer. For longer storage, cut the ginger into one-inch cubes, peel it and cover it in a sealed container with vodka or dry sherry. Some people like the flavor that sherry imparts to the ginger; vodka will not alter its flavor.

The type of ginger most commonly found in markets in this country is what the Chinese call "old" ginger, that is, the mature, thick rhizomes. Oriental specialty stores may, at some times of the year, also stock "young" ginger — a beautiful, more delicately flavored stage in the plant's development. "Young" ginger can be identified by its thin, light-colored skin and rose-colored shoots. It is excellent for recipes featuring lightly flavored ingredients, and imparts a lighter, more subtle taste than "old" ginger.

Dried ginger, called "white" ginger in the spice trade, is sold in shrivelled pieces 3 to 5 inches long or ground to a fine powder. This form is never sold in China or Japan, though both countries prepare it for export. If you buy dried ginger, store it away from moisture, heat and light, in an airtight container.

Preserved ginger in syrup and crystallized ginger are confections sold in many Oriental markets, and can be delicious as accents to desserts. Crystallized ginger also is highly prized in the Orient for sweetening green tea.

CHARCOAL-GRILLED GINGER CHICKEN

- 1 chicken (about 3 pounds), cut in quarters
- 1 piece peeled fresh ginger, about 1x1½ inches
- 1 clove garlic
- ¼ cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 bay leaf, crumbled
- ¼ teaspoon dried thyme

Total preparation/cooking time: 25 minutes

Place chicken in layer on platter, skin side up.

Mince ginger and garlic very finely, and mix in bowl with lemon juice, olive oil, salt, pepper, bay leaf and thyme.

Pour mixture over chicken and let stand 2 hours at room temperature, or up to 24 hours in refrigerator, turning chicken occasionally.

Preheat charcoal grill and place chicken on it, skin side down. Turn frequently until done. Serves 4.

GINGER BEEF

- 1 pound flank steak, sliced very thin and marinated in:

MARINADE:

- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- ¼ teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons fresh ginger, minced
- 1 teaspoon sherry
- 1 (8-ounce) can bamboo shoots
- 6 dried Chinese mushrooms*

rooms*, soaked overnight in water and thinly sliced OR 6-8 fresh mushrooms, thinly sliced

- 1 chunk of ginger the size of a quarter, crushed
 - 2 medium cloves garlic, crushed
 - ¼ teaspoon salt
 - ¼ teaspoon sugar
 - 1 tablespoon chicken stock
 - 2 scallions, cut to 1-inch lengths
 - 3 tablespoons peanut oil
- SAUCE MIXTURE:**
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
 - ¼ cup chicken stock
 - 2 tablespoons oyster sauce*

(* indicates ingredient available in oriental markets and some supermarkets.)

Preparation time: 15 minutes, plus time for marinating

In a wok or heavy frying pan, heat 1 tablespoon peanut oil and stir-fry the mushrooms and bamboo shoots. Add salt, sugar and stock, and fry 1 minute longer. Remove ingredients from wok, drain and reserve.

Heat the remaining 2 tablespoons peanut oil. Stir-fry the ginger and garlic until brown. Discard the ginger and garlic, retaining the oil. Add the beef and marinade ingredients and stir-fry until the beef is almost cooked. Pour in the sauce mixture and stir-fry until it thickens (a minute or so). Add the mushrooms, bamboo shoots and scallions and stir in for a few seconds.

Serve with rice if desired. Serves 4.

FRESH GINGER GINGERBREAD

- ¼ cup oil
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup molasses
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 4 tablespoons fresh ginger, minced
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup hot, strong coffee

Total preparation/cooking time: 25 minutes

In a mixing bowl, combine the dry ingredients. Mix together the oil, sugar and molasses and add to the dry ingredients a bit at a time, alternating with the hot coffee. Beat the mixture until smooth, add the minced ginger and stir in evenly.

Pour the batter into a greased and floured 8-inch square baking pan and bake in a preheated 350 F oven 30 minutes or until done.



*After Work
Gourmet*

microwave magic



By Desiree Vivea

Trying to save your pennies for a Christmas list that just won't quit? Serve ground beef. It's economical, tasty, and one of the most versatile meats on the market.

To thaw frozen ground beef, microwave on DEFROST setting and remove outer portions as they soften, to prevent cooking. This also allows inner portions to thaw more rapidly. Meat always should be defrosted completely before cooking.

In recipes where you'll need to drain off fat, remember to add spices after draining. That way, you won't pour off all your spices. Draining fat reduces calories, but also removes juices. If recipe seems dry, just add a little water.

GROUND BEEF STROGANOFF

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- ¼ cup minced onion
- 2 medium cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons fresh minced parsley

Preparation Time: 5 to 10 minutes

Cooking Time: 10 to 15 minutes (plus 3 minutes standing time)

Oven Setting: HIGH (100 percent power)

Crumble beef into 1½-quart glass casserole. Add onion and garlic and microwave, uncovered, 3 to 5 minutes, stirring once or twice, until onion is tender.

Add mushrooms, cover, and microwave 4 minutes longer, stirring after 2 minutes.

Sprinkle flour, salt, pepper, and dill weed over top; stir gently. Cover and microwave 2 minutes, stirring after 1 minute.

Blend in sour cream and parsley. Cover and microwave 1 minute longer. Let stand, covered, about 3 minutes before serving over hot cooked noodles or rice. Serves 4.

MEAT LOAF HONOLULU

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1 cup soft bread crumbs
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- ¼ cup minced onion
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon each garlic powder and pepper

GLAZE:

- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar

- 3 teaspoons flour
- ¼ teaspoon dried mustard

Preparation Time: 5 to 10 minutes

Cooking Time: 11 to 16 minutes (plus 5 minutes standing time)

Oven Setting: HIGH (100 percent power)

Crumble beef into large mixing bowl. Add all ingredients except glaze. Blend well and spoon into 6-cup microwave-safe ring mold (or 1½-quart round glass casserole with a glass placed in center).

Microwave, uncovered, 10 to 13 minutes, rotating ¼ turn every four minutes, until meat begins to pull away from edges of dish.

Remove from oven and let stand, uncovered, 5 minutes. Then pour meat juices into 2-cup glass measure. Blend in glaze ingredients adding a little water, if necessary, to make ½ cup. Microwave glaze 1 to 3 minutes, until heated through; pour over top of meat loaf.

Microwave loaf, uncovered, 2 to 3 minutes longer before serving. Serves 4 to 6.

MARIA'S ALBONDIGAS SOUP

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons fine dry bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- ¼ teaspoon onion salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 medium onion, minced
- 1 medium clove garlic, minced
- 3 cups hot water
- 3 teaspoons (or 3 cubes) instant beef bouillon
- 1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- Dash chili powder (or to taste)
- Chopped fresh cilantro, for garnish (optional)

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Cooking Time: 20 to 23 minutes

Oven Setting: HIGH (100 percent power); MEDIUM (50 percent power)

Crumble beef into medium mixing bowl. Add egg, bread crumbs, basil, onion salt and pepper. Blend well and form into small (rounded teaspoon-size) meatballs.

Arrange meatballs in 12x8-inch glass baking dish. Microwave, uncovered, 4 minutes on HIGH, or until meatballs are set. Drain off fat; set meatballs aside.

In 2-quart glass casserole combine all remaining ingredients except cilantro; stir gently to dissolve bouillon. Microwave on HIGH 6 to 8 minutes, or until broth begins to boil, then reduce setting to MEDIUM, cover, and microwave 7 minutes.

Add meatballs, cover, and microwave 3 to 4 minutes longer, until heated through. Serve garnished with sprigs of fresh cilantro, if desired.

Serves 4 to 6.

Here's How



By Gene Gary

Q: I would like to know how to get black stains from a hardwood floor. A paint bucket has been sitting on the floor for some time and the black marks apparently have seeped into the wood grain. I've tried bleach to no avail. — L.G.M.

A: A similar question comes from another reader who has a problem with dark spots on a wood floor caused by pet stains.

The solution to this problem varies, depending on how much of the stain area penetrates the wood.

First clean the darkened spots and surrounding area with No. 1 steel wool and a good floor cleaner or mineral spirits. If the spots remain, sand with fine sandpaper, feathering out 3 to 4 inches into the surrounding area.

If spots are still present, apply oxalic acid solution (1 ounce oxalic acid to 1 quart water.) In using oxalic acid be extremely careful and use rubber gloves. Let this solution stand one hour, then rinse with clear water. A second treatment may be helpful if the darkened spots refuse to yield. If the second application of oxalic acid fails, sand area with No. 00 sandpaper.

Oxalic acid is a bleaching agent. Whenever it is used, the treated

floor area will probably have to be stained and refinished to match the original color. This is also true if more extensive sanding is required.

Be sure to feather out the matching finish into the surrounding floor area. Let dry, then buff lightly with No. 00 steel wool. Apply a second coat of finish, let dry and wax.

If spots still remain visible, the only remaining remedy is to replace the affected flooring.

Q: I own a house that had ivy crawling over the brick and concrete foundation. When I removed the ivy the roots of the ivy were left and I find them virtually impossible to remove from the brick and concrete.

I would appreciate greatly any suggestion or comment you may have on removing this unsightly residue. — G.G.L.

A: The deposits left on your wall are the suckers that attach the vines. These should be left alone about two or three weeks after you have cut the vine away from the wall until they dry and turn dark. In fact, the entire problem of removing ivy from brick and masonry walls is minimized if you first cut the vines off at ground

level and wait until they turn brown and are completely dried out before pulling them down from the wall. However, it seems that in your case most of the vines have already been removed.

If the suckers have not been left too long you should be able to remove them with a wire brush and some laundry detergent or a cleaner like "Simple Green." If the suckers are left alone too long, they will rot and oxidize, becoming very hard and nearly impossible to remove without damaging the masonry surface.

You can try an electric sander that will help remove this residue. I suggest you test any sanding in a small inconspicuous area to assess the effect the sanding has on the brick and concrete surface.

Q: The heating season is with us. I would like to know if I need to replace the filters or have them cleaned on our forced air heating system before I turn it on?

A: Yes. Your heating system filters should be cleaned (better yet, replaced) two or three times a year. It is also a good idea, at this time, to oil the blower and the blower motor. Regular maintenance will assure you that your system works to the maximum efficiency.

the foundation, write Judy Rosner at United Parkinson Foundation, 360 W. Superior St., Chicago, IL 60610. Telephone number is (312) 6645-2344.

Q: I am devastated about what contact I might lose with my grandchildren. My daughter is divorcing her husband. Will I lose my right to see my grandkids? — P.V.

A: Concerned and humane legislation is in place in all 50 states that guarantees grandparents the right of visitation with their grandchildren, in the event of divorce or separation of the children's parents. At present, the conditions vary from state to state.

A new federal resolution has been passed by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives that now calls for the conformation of the standards and conditions in all the states. The resolution does not have the force of law but it can be the trigger for a universal statement by each state in reciting and guaranteeing the visitation right of grandparents.

If you have interest in supporting the conformation of the Grandparent Rights Legislation for all 50 states, write your own state legislator requesting such a change to concur with House Concurrent Resolution 67 of the 99th Congress.

If you are concerned about your own visitation rights as a grandparent, now that such legislation exists in your state, contact your elected state representative for a briefing and a copy of the current state law.

Mainly for Seniors

TWEEN 12 & 20

By Robert Wallace, Ed.D.

Dr. Wallace: My boyfriend is a bit upset! He can't kiss me because I've had a bad cold for over a week and I don't want him to catch it.

He says that kissing can't spread colds. My mother says he is crazy and that I shouldn't even be around him because I'm contagious.

Bill won't believe us and asked that I write to you. He said you would say that he is right. — Brenda

Brenda: Bill is right. San Francisco physician Dr. Tim Sankary says studies prove that kissing does not spread colds. The reason? The body's digestive acids immobilize the virus.

The best way to avoid catching a cold is to wash one's hands frequently, not touch the face, eyes or nose and to use tissue instead of a handkerchief.

"Carrying a used handkerchief is like carrying a cold with you," Sankary said, adding that tissues should be discarded immediately after use.

Well, Brenda, it looks like it's OK to let Bill kiss you — but don't let him hold your hand.

Dr. Wallace: Sometimes I get very depressed because my parents don't seem to understand that I have more things to worry about than practicing my piano and cleaning my room.

If my room isn't spotless or my piano teacher complains that I am not practicing enough, I'm grounded — a week for each "violation." Twelve-year-old kids have other things to think about, also. I try to keep my grades high, keep in touch with my friends and stay active in church youth activities. When I'm grounded, I can't attend my church or talk to my friends, even on the telephone.

I used to enjoy learning how to play the piano, but not anymore. Now I hate it because of the pressure my parents and teacher put on me. My mom plays well and she thinks that someday I'll be a concert pianist — no way!

Also, I like a clean room, but once in a while I like to be a bit sloppy (not dirty, just sloppy). My parents "blow their minds" when my room is messy. They live by the rule, "A place for everything and everything in its place."

Dr. Wallace: I know you can't help me but do you understand where I'm coming from? I'm really a good kid. — Lisa

Lisa: I understand! Sometimes parents love their child so much that they smother the child's maturing process.

Look at it this way. At least you are aware that neatness and piano lessons are very important to your parents. They could be a lot more demanding. Keep your room tidy and hang in there with the piano. You will be glad that you did. It's a wonderful pastime, even if you don't make it to the concert level.

Above all, remember that your parents love you and they feel that what they are doing is in your best interests.

Dr. Wallace: My mother, father and older sister all smoke and sometimes there is so much smoke in our house that it's hard to breathe. My mom says there is no danger in breathing "secondhand" smoke but I find that hard to believe. If it is dangerous please tell me, so I can prove it to my parents. — Carl

Carl: A panel of health experts at the University of North Carolina concluded that "passive smoking" (breathing secondhand smoke) poses an alarming lung-cancer risk and especially to children. The report also noted that 12,000 non-smokers died last year from lung cancer and of these 12,000, 5,000 were spouses of cigarette smokers.

It was also determined that infants of smoking parents suffer twice as many attacks of pneumonia, bronchitis and respiratory infections as infants of non-smoking parents.

Dr. Barbara Hulka, a panel member stated, "We know secondhand cigarette smoke contains hundreds of chemicals, including some that cause lung cancer." Non-smokers increase their chance of getting lung cancer everytime they breathe secondhand cigarette smoke.

This should be enough information to toss Mom's way. It would be wonderful if Mom would end her bad habit and then convince Dad and your sister to follow.

Dr. Wallace: I am 17 and so is my boyfriend. We have been going steady for over a year.

At first it was fun and exciting but now it's a bore. He gets upset if I spend time with my girlfriends or my family. He never wants to go anywhere or do anything except sit at my home and watch television. He says he loves me but I'm not sure that I love him. Help! — Gina

Gina: The time has come to say goodbye and good luck, and let him know the reason — you're bored!



Mainly for Seniors

By Leonard J. Hansen

Why do people born between 1917 and 1921 collect lower benefits than other Social Security beneficiaries? Does a hand tremor mean you have Parkinson's disease? What right do grandparents have in visiting grandchildren after the children's parents are divorced? These questions and more are the focus of this week's column. Read on for the answers.

Q: I was born in 1919 and my Social Security benefits are lower than other senior citizens because of "notch" years. Why is this, and what is being done about it? — L.M.

The notch years in Social Security benefit payments are 1917 through 1921, identified in 1977 legislation to produce an increase, for recipients born in those years, to a level higher than other recipients. When inflation struck and other recipient levels were increased, the notch years recipients were still calculated on the 1977 formula. The result is that those born during the identified notch years now receive benefits lower than other recipients.

Legislation to correct the recurring imbalance has been introduced into Congress repeatedly over recent years. In the 99th Congress just completed, the correcting legislation was buried by the

action and then repeated inaction, to a benefit loss for seniors born between 1917 and 1921.

Q: I am interested in your information on Parkinson's disease. I have shaky hands and wonder if I will ever be able to cure it with medications? — E.C.

A: Shaky hands do not necessarily mean that you have Parkinson's disease.

Judy Rosner, executive director of the United Parkinson Foundation, told us: "A hand tremor could or could not be Parkinson's. There is no way to recommend treatment unless the patient has seen a 'movement disorder specialist' — a neurologist — who is the right diagnostic source for this gentleman. There are multiple causes for hand tremors and without a definitive diagnosis, there is no way to know whether or not the tremors can be eliminated."

Start with the neurologist. Check your personal doctor for a referral or ask for several recommendations from your local medical association, or phone or write the United Parkinson Foundation and the experts there might be able to offer some recommendations for your consideration.

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PART TIME TYPIST WORK AT
Home. Bethpage, etc. area
preferred. Own transportation.
938-0945. hd1

Help Wanted

IMMEDIATE: PART-TIME
Receptionist, Mitchel Field based
Company: Seeks qualified person
to handle switchboard. Hours:
12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday to
Friday, 542-1000, for appoint-
ment. gcl1

PART TIME CLERICAL: NOON
To 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.
\$4.00 per hour. Ideal for high
school or college student. Filing,
light typing and photocopying.
Roosevelt Field Office. 747-8555.
gcl1

COMPUTER PROGRAMER
Trainee: Entry level position for
someone with college back-
ground. We require an articulate,
non-smoker, energetic person
who is career oriented. Reply to:
Box D, Garden City News, 821
Franklin Ave., Garden City. gcl1

BABYSITTER WANTED TUES.
And Thurs. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.,
possibly Friday evenings also, for
two boys ages 5 & 3 in my
Williston Park home. 516-746-
0170. hd3

CHILDCARE - LIGHT HOUSE-
keeping. Monday thru Friday, 9
a.m. to 1 p.m. Mature woman,
references, own transportation.
Herricks area. Call evenings
248-0113. wd4

BABYSITTER NEEDED
high school or college student, for
two boys, 3 1/2 and 5, afternoons
and/or weekends. Garden City
western section. Call after 6 p.m.
437-9262. gcl2

TELEMARKETER FLEXIBLE
Hours, mornings or afternoons,
willing to train. \$6.00 per hour
plus commission. Jericho. 681-
0999. hd4

HOUSEKEEPER: CAPABLE,
reliable woman needed Fridays,
12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Must have own
car and references. Leave mes-
sage. 747-6406. gcl1

LEGAL SECRETARY: PART OR
Full Time; flexible hours; plea-
sant Mineola office. Typing and
steno required. 742-4340, call
after 2 p.m. gcl3

CHILD CARE - MATURE
Woman to watch 3 year old and 7
month old. My home, Seaford.
Average 3 days per week. Own
transportation required. 783-
5431. hd2

CHILD CARE: CHEERFUL,
Caring, capable woman needed to
supervise 2nd grader's homework
and play. Monday through
Friday. Must have references,
and own transportation. Please
leave message. 747-6406. gcl2

Help Wanted

BOOKKEEPER WITH
Experience to work about 25
hours per week. Interest in
computers helpful. 931-0012. hd4

HOUSEWIVES, RETIREES,
Senior Citizens - part time two
days, light shop work in Hicks-
ville newspaper plant. Approx.
16-20 hours per week. Steady
work. Call 931-0012. hd4

EASY PHONE WORK - HOUSE-
wives and retirees welcome. F/T
or P/T. High earning potential.
Call Ron for interview. 485-5900.
gcl1

BANK TELLER: MONDAY -
Friday, FT/PT. Garden City Bank
seeks experienced bank teller.
Excellent benefits. 741-2400. gcl1

MOTHERS, STUDENTS, RE-
tirees: High earning potential.
Work part time and earn full time
pay. Conduct business to busi-
ness market research. Make your
own hours, between 9 a.m. to
7:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Base
pay plus bonus and incentives.
Convenient Carle Place location.
Interested? Call personnel. 741-
9000. gcl1

SECRETARY: EXPERIENCED
Typist, general office work.
pleasant office. Full time
position, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.
- 5 p.m. 437-8855. gcl2

FULL TIME SECTY FOR SMALL
Mineola office. General office
procedures, excellent typing
skills. Salary negotiable. 248-
2110. gcl1

GAL FRIDAY WANTED
to answer phones 25 hours a week
in morning and early afternoon
for fall and winter months; \$4.
per hour G.C.S. area. 486-3543. gcl2

TYPIST IMMEDIATE P/T
permanent position in Hicksville
location, 3 days per week. Mon.,
Tues., Wed. 9-5 p.m. Call for
appt. 931-0012. hd4

PART TIME PHONE SALES
Work at home. Earning potential,
make as much as \$25 per hour, for
interview call 741-3310, ask for
Eileen. hd1

ACCURATE TYPIST IM-
mediately to work with poetess
preparing book of poetry. 5 Days
per week, flexible hours 10 a.m.
until... For further particulars
call 292-9749. wd2

PART TIME HOUSEKEEPER
Needed approximately 5 p.m. to 8
p.m., Monday thru Friday. Help
cook, laundry, cleanup, chores,
shopping, etc. Some babysitting
after 8 p.m. Car needed, near LIE
exit 35, non smoker, references.
365-8139. wd2

Situations Wanted

CERTIFIED AIDE HOSPITAL
experience. Garden City and
other references. Companion or
private duty, light housekeeping.
481-3411. gcl4

HOUSECLEANER: HONEST,
Reliable and experienced. Former
school teacher, well educated.
Flexible hours, own transporta-
tion. Call Gloria: 593-6340. gcl2

NURSES AIDE: SEEKS
Position. No weekends. Ex-
perienced, references and own
transportation. 867-3486, call
days. gcl2

HOUSECLEANER AVAILABLE:
Experienced and with references.
Monday through Saturday.
English speaking. Licensed
driver. 354-4465. gcl2

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE IN
My Home. Full or part time.
References available. Williston
Park and vicinity. 742-9162. wd1

MALE NURSE'S AIDE AVAIL-
able. Sleep-in. Experienced. Call
after 6 p.m. 483-3010. gcl4

ENERGETIC, EFFICIENT,
Reliable cleaning woman looking
for 3-4 hours cleaning on Tues.
& Fri. Prefer Garden City and
vicinity. Own transportation and
references. (718)525-1217. gcl4

CERTIFIED AIDE - IRISH -
11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift weekends
preferred. Experienced, loyal and
dependable. Call after 4 p.m.
546-5819. hd4

HOUSECLEANER AVAILABLE:
Will work only in Oceanside.
Monday, Thursday and Friday.
489-3264. gcl1

HOUSECLEANER AVAILABLE:
Monday through Saturday. Own
transportation, references avail-
able. Call: 741-2164. gcl1

MATURE WOMAN WOULD
like to care for your pet dog or cat
in my home. Lots of TLC/fenced
in yard. 352-9113. gcl4

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY
Returnee, light steno, statistical
typist, accounts rec. pay (former
Executive Secretary). Call
741-3089 eves. gcl4

NURSES AIDE: LOOKING FOR
Position to care for one person.
live-in or out. Hardworking
references and experienced. 546-
7659. gcl4

NURSES AIDE SEEKS
Position to take care of elderly
Monday to Friday. Call (718)
738-0224. gcl1

Situations Wanted

HOUSECLEANER AVAILABLE: Experienced. Own transportation. Call after 4:30 p.m. 480-7121. gcd1

RENT A GRANDMA YOUNG Garden City grandmother will babysit children while parents vacation. Own car, non-smoker, non-drinker. Excellent references. Call 794-8056. hld4

MATURE, CARING WOMAN Available for companion and light housekeeping position. Part time only. Own transportation. Speaks English and German. 328-7026. gcd1

COMPANION OR NURSE'S AIDE: For the elderly. "Sleep in or out." References. (718)262-0154. gcd1

HOUSECLEANER AVAILABLE: Day work, experienced. Ask for Maria 485-8810. gcd1

NURSE'S AIDE WITH special experience available. F/T. P/T. Job to care for sick or elderly. Can be contacted at (81) 0666 or 481-9516. gcd1

MATURE PROFESSIONAL: Responsible couple will house sit. Immediate. Call 746-7947 after 6 p.m. gcd2

HOUSECLEANING: EXPERIENCED, good references. Own transportation. Call 565-4866. gcd1

B & B HOUSECARE - CLEANING Service. Honest & Reliable, references upon request. Days, (718)217-0323 (7 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 8 p.m. - 12 a.m.). wd1

LOVING MOTHER OF THREE (ear old wishes to care for your child in my Williston Park home. 741-5931. wd2

HOUSECLEANER AVAILABLE. Own transportation, references. Monday to Friday, Freeport only. 480-5800. gcd2

Real Estate For Sale

GARDEN CITY, CHERRY Valley. One BR, co-op. New kitchen, new bath, many extras. \$119,000, negotiable. Princ. only. Evex. 747-5753. gcd2

GARDEN CITY CHERRY Valley Co-op. Sunny 1 BR, walk Minenola LIRR and Garden City shops. Maintenance \$452. per mo. Asking \$125,000. Available immediately. Princ. only. Call: 627-1615. gcd2

GARDEN CITY CO-OP Hamilton House, modern 2 BR, 2 bath, mint condition. Large sunny rooms, central location, walk 7th St. Shopping and Garden City Station March closing. \$220,000. Owner: 747-8817. gcd4

Real Estate For Sale

SOUTHOLD: FORMAL 4 BR Colonial, quality built. Many amenities, in private community. In-ground pool, terrace, off creek, partly wooded. \$279,000. Owner: 298-9676. gcd2

GARDEN CITY ESTATES - Charming, maintenance free Colonial with LR/fpl; formal DR; new e-kit; den; sun porch; 3 bedrms, 1 1/2 baths; fin. bsmt; new boiler and hot water; sprinkler system; new windows. Mint condition. Reduced for quick sale \$392,500. Principals only. Evex 746-2678. gcd2

GARDEN CITY ESTATES - 4 Bedrms, 2 1/2 baths, through hall Col. LR/fpl; formal DR; large new e-kit; den with skylight; fin. bsmt; slate roof; all Andersen's; low taxes. Mint condition. \$430,000. Principals only. 741-6188. gcd2

MINEOLA BRICK/CEDAR 2 Family, 5 over 6, 3 baths, finished basement, 2 car, gas heat, 50x120 plot. \$339,000; 1 BR Co-Op, track lights, mirrored walls, \$145,000; 2 BR Co-Op, 2 baths, 38' LR, terrace. \$141,000. Elaine Nolan 485-7054 or 292-9749. wd1

GARDEN CITY MOTT Colonial - Brick/vinyl; slate roof, LR/fpl; DR; gourmet e-i-kit; skylights; fam. rm.; solar green-house; 3 lge. bedrms; 1 1/2 baths; gas heat; low taxes, secluded yard; sprinklers. Principals only. \$480,00. 746-5883. gcd3

JERICHO, EAST BIRCHWOOD Split - 3 Bedrms; 2 1/2 baths; RR/fpl; den; DR; bsmt. Extra large corner plot. Automatic sprinkler system; 1 car garage. \$280,000 firm. Principals only. (516)433-9620 or (212)661-6560. gcd4

MANHASSET-MUNSEY PARK: 5 BRs, 2 Bths, 3 car garage, eat-in-kitchen, LR, DR/Ho. Finished basement, Dead-end, walk to RR. \$425,000. If closing completed by 12/31/86, price is \$400,000. 365-7742. gcd1

G.C. CHERRY VALLEY co-op, 1 BR, first floor, new w/w carpeting, new refrigerator, new electric. \$99,500. 766-0081 days. 747-6393. Evex and weekends. gcd3

GARDEN CITY AND VICINITY* 2 BR Co-Op with F/P, formal DR, walk all. \$179,000; Condo Co-Ops: Cathedral Gardens Hempstead, Garden City Line, 3 BR Condo, 2 1/2 baths, C/A, finished bsmt., walk RR. \$195,000; 2 BR Condo, 1 1/2 baths, 2 balconies, platform bed, all new w/w, central a/c, garage, low maintenance. \$169,000; 1 BR Condo, decorators delight, furnished or unfurnished. \$135,000; 1 BR Co-Op, elevator bldg, walk all, \$79,500; 4 BR Townhouse, 2 1/2 baths, gourmet kitchen, \$60, maintenance, c/a. \$145,000; 2 BR Co-Op, L/R, cik, walk RR. \$105,000; 1 BR Co-Op, brand-new L/R, walk RR, \$86,500; Ocean side on the water, 1 BR Co-Op, pool, clubhouse, dock space, walk all, \$135,000; Elaine Nolan, 485-70954 or 797-9749. wd1

Real Estate For Sale

GARDEN CITY, WESTERN Section: Ranch, 73x100 lot, 4 BRs, eat-in-kitchen, LR, DR, 2 bths, finished basement. Walk to Two RR stations. One car garage, asking \$380,000. Call evex. 352-7312. Princ. only. gcd1

MINEOLA CO-OP: IM- maculate, A/C, new kitchen, large LR, dining area, 1 BR, 1 1/2 Bths, large terrace. Immediate occupancy. Asking \$133,000. Owner: 746-5189. gcd1

HOUSE, SOUTHAMPTON Village, 4 BRs, 2 baths, LR w/fireplace and spiral stairway. Full basement, oil heat. \$220,000. Principals only. Call 747-7035. hdl

FOREST HILLS CO-OP Magnificent studio with separate kitchen, large sunken living room with picture window, bedrm, alcove & foyer. In the charming Forest Hills Inn in the Gardens. Owner forced to sell due to job transfer. \$87,500. 485-6053. evex. gcd3

GARDEN CITY COLONIAL - Young, spacious brick & shingle center hall, 4 bedrms; LR/fpl; (formal) DR; EIK; den; fin. bsmt; 2 car gar; patio. Principals only. \$459,000. 294-7759. gcn4

LAS VEGAS: THREE BR Executive Home: With pool. Great private location. Asking \$139,000. Call Neil, evex. (718) 476-7854; days, (212) 769-3922. gcd1

ROCKVILLE CENTRE: PRIME Location. Newly renovated co-op. 2 BRs, 2 Bths, duplex, F/P, large terrace, oak floors. Walk to RR. \$169,000. Days: 437-8855, Evex: 678-2613. gcd1

NORTH FORK: SECLUDED Year round country house overlooking sound on 1.4 acres. \$295,000. Call Neil, evex. (718) 476-7854. days, (212) 769-3922. gcd1

VACATION/YEAR ROUND home in picturesque Bridgehampton, L.I., convenient to ocean and bay. Maintenance free. LR/fpl, DR, 2 BRs, low taxes, large property, well treed. Private. Town water and gas. By owner \$168,000/537-0412. gcd1

FRANKLIN SQUARE/G.C. Border, St. Anne's Parish, Expanded 4 BR, Cape, M/D, in ground pool, central air, 1 1/2 car garage, sprinkler system. Everything new. Mint. \$299,000. Principals only. 775-3167 or 437-6330. gcd4

MATTITUCK/LAUREL: FUR- nished 3 BR year-round house, 100x100, redwood deck, 350' from private sandy Peconic Bay beach. \$159,000. Call after 6 p.m. Owner, 488-2544. gcd2

MATTITUCK SECLUDED densely wooded lot, steps to deep water inlet and water view. \$90,000 298-4535. gcd2

GARDEN CITY - BEST Location. Extended ranch; 5 bedrms; 3 baths; LR/fpl; DR; e-i-k; new atrium like family rm; 2 car garage. \$565,000. Atty. 437-8825. gcd1

Real Estate For Sale

GARDEN CITY, LOCATION, Location! 3 BR Ranch, 2 baths, jalousied/den, c/a, finished basement, sprinkler/alarmed, slate patio, 150x200. \$750,000; Central Estates, 4 BR Expanded Ranch, 2 1/2 baths, gourmet cherrywood kitchen, 38' LR, all Andersen window walls, C/A, den, onlandscaped 1/2 acre. \$650,000; Western Section 4BR Colonial, 2 1/2 baths, new cik, den, new windows, 2 car, large deck. \$449,000; BR Colonial Tudor, 2 1/2 baths, EIK, F/P, charming 60x125. \$430,000. Slate roofed brick Turreted Tudor, 4 BRs, 3 1/2 baths, microwave EIK, den, 2 car, meticulously updated; \$419,000; 3 BR 2 year old High Ranch, 2 baths, spacious EIK, den/fpl, skylights, master BR suite/sauna/shower/whirlpool, c/a, central vac., \$375,000; 4.5 BRs, Expanded Ranch, 3 full baths, finished basement, marble fpl, den, terrace, fenced garden, 2 car. \$365,000; 3 BR Ranch, 2 baths, eik, F/P, \$325,000; Hempstead Cathedral Gardens, Our Exclusives on the Garden City Line: 6 BR C/H Victorian Colonial, 5 1/2 baths, gourmet kitchen, walnut paneled library, screened porches, deck 2 car, specimen trees on plus acre, permanence of yesterday-excitement of today. \$595,000; 5 BR Slate Roofed Southern Colonial, 3 1/2 baths, huge DR, white Italian marble foyer, oak cabineted EIK, den/wet bar, all amenities, great entertainment house, \$575,000; 5 BR C/H Colonial, 2 1/2 baths, gourmet kitchen, breakfast room, 2 fpls, den, 20x30 Florida rm. 1 acre landscaped plot overlooking golf course "Charming Oldie" \$315,000; 3-4 BR Victorian, 1 1/2 baths, wrap around porch, den, 1st floor laundry, parquet floors, latticed windows, 100x150, walk all. \$300,000; 6 BR Victorian Colonial, 2 1/2 baths, all new including windows, 2 fpls, den, 1st floor laundry room, 3/4 acre. \$285,000; 3 BR Laura Ashley House, 1 1/2 baths, new high style kitchen, 16x36 skylit den, skylit breakfast room, walk RR. \$269,000; 3 BR Quant Colonial, 1 1/2 baths, EIK, den, 2 car, inground pool, walk RR, \$225,000; 12 year Young 4 BR High Ranch, EIK, C/A, 2 car, in-law apartment with separate entrance, sacrifice, \$219,000; 3 BR Colonial, 2 baths, lk2 car, walk RR, in cul-de-sac, great starter house. \$155,000; Ingraham Estates, 4 BR brick Tudor, 2 baths, EIK, finished basement, \$150,000; 3 BR Colonial, 1 1/2 baths, den, 2 car, \$137,500; 3 BR Cape, Dr., F/P, 80x100 fenced garden, \$135,000; 3 BR Colonial, 1 1/2 baths, DR, F/P, walk RR, \$129,900. Elaine Nolan 485-7054 or 292-9749.

ATRUM PLAZA-CONDO: Super mint, professionally decorated, 3 BRs, 2 1/2 Bths, townhouse, central air, garage, low maintenance. Walk to Garden City stores and RR. Owner. \$175,000. 538-0643. gcd4

GARDEN CITY: PRIME Estates. Colonial, 3 BRs, 1 1/2 Bths, modern eat-in-kitchen, LR/fpl, 13x20 DR, recently completed family room, sunny den, finished basement, new gas heat, underground sprinklers, low taxes, \$395,000. Principals only. 747-8139. gcd4

CHERRY VALLEY 1 BR APT. new kitchen, central air, w/w carpet 2nd floor. Magnificent view and area. \$110,000. 795-2308. gcd4

NASSAU POINT-CUTCHOGUE 3 BRs, contemporary, great room, decks, 1 acre. \$285,000 or best offer. 298-4091. gcd1

CO-OP COTTAGE HAMPTON Bays on Peconic, 2 bedrooms loft furnished, low maintenance. \$85,000. 486-4858 or 538-5550 (9-5 p.m.). gcd2

CUTCHOGUE PRIME AREA walking distance to Peconic Bay, beaches and boating. Cable TV, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, LR/fpl, DR, fam. rm., laundry rm, deck, patio, 3 car garage. Unique custom home. 1 1/2 acre lot. Principals only. After 6 p.m. call 734-5104. gcd2

BELLEROSE VILLAGE, EX- panded colonial ranch, 60x100, 4 large bedrooms, 3 baths, eat-in-kitchen, formal dining room. Mint condition. Owner. \$238,000. 516-437-2230. hd2

GARDEN CITY MOTT side hall Colonial, Fieldstone, 3 oversized bedrms, 2 1/2 baths, modern EIK, with beamed ceiling fam. rm, all new Andersen windows throughout. Landscaped property, new brick patio. Newly decorated. Asking \$430,000. 746-5811. gcd2

CONDO-BRAND NEW-EAST Meadow. Corner unit, 2-3 bdrms; 2 1/2 baths. Euro kitchen with slider to deck. Full basement. Excellent location. Walk to all. \$209,000. Call 794-8856. wd2

77th STREET EAST: charming cheerful Jr. 1 BR co-op, spacious LR, new windows, refrigerator, plenty of closets. Windowed kitchen near park, river, museums, \$117,000 negotiable. 516 747-2350 or 718 352-6745 after 5 p.m. gcd1

STEWART MANOR, 4 BED- room cape. Finished basement. 3/4 baths, corner lot, rental income. 775-1589 \$215,000. hd2

CHERRY VALLEY, 1 BED- room, co-op, completely renovated new kitchen, appliances & bath, up graded electric, maintenance is 70% deductible. Refinished oak floors, air conditioning, walk to Railroad. \$120,000. 294-5963. gcd4

GLEN OAKS - ONE BEDRM. Apt. Reduced for quick sale before end of year. Walk to everything. Atty. 437-8825. gcn4

2 MORE T-W EXCLUSIVES Overlooking golf course, 4 BR, 3 Baths, magnificent ranch home. LR w/fireplace, formal DR, den, 2 car \$565,000. For Young Family, contemporary living, 4 BR, 3 Baths, LR/fireplace, DR, large family kitchen, den, 2 car low \$400's. Taylor Warner, 101 7th St., 516-741-4422. Est. 1919. hdl

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EVERYBODY'S MARKETPLACE the CLASSIFIEDS

Real Estate For Sale

SOUTHOLD TOWN: 1st OFFERING, waterfront, delightful 3 BRs, 2 Bths, LR/Woodburning stove, skylights, deck. An ideal getaway. \$285,000. Exclusive. **Cutchogue** Starter or retirement ranch. 2 BRs, 1 Bth, LR/FP, sunroom, deeded boating rights. \$149,000. **Marilyn Lang Realty** - 734-6690 or 734-6472. gcd1

SOUTHOLD TOWN: Contemporary; 3 BRs, 2 1/2 Bths. Country Kitchen, full cellar, 2 car garage, 1.3 wooded acres. Central air and vacuum. Delightful, \$275,000. **Waterfront:** 4 BRs, 2 BTHs, guest house, bulkheaded wooded acre. Fine area. This is a choice offering. \$475,000. **Greenport:** Exclusive Ranch, near L.I. Sound, 6 rooms, full cellar, deck, garage, landscaped. Reduced to \$170,000. **Mattituck:** Exclusive. Business zoned, 2 story house, 4 BRs, 2 BTHs, 3200 sq. ft. \$189,000. **Sidor-Radford Real Estate**, 298-8556. gcd1

CATHEDRAL GARDENS: Impeccably Re-Designed 1930's 3 BR Colonial. Exquisite custom kitchen and family room. Cathedral ceiling and skylights, oak floors and firelit living room. Create a contemporary lifestyle with old world charm. Offered at \$269,000. Call Nikki Stamatias, Merrill Lynch Realty, 354-6500. gcd1

PECONIC - WATERFRONT Year round cottage in very desirable area. Wooded, deep water, private. Asking \$250,000. **Cutchogue** - Best buy in town. Magnificent 4 year old ranch, overlooking country club golf course. Entrance foyer, LR/FP; DR; spacious kitchen with cherry cabinets; fam. rm./fp; laundry room; 1/2 bath. Master bedrm. and bath; 2 bedrooms; full bath; small attached greenhouse. Many amenities. Hot water oil heat, 6 zone. Pella windows throughout. Just reduced to \$395,000. **Martini King Realty**, 734-5657. gcd1

GARDEN CITY - 1 BEDRM. Co-Op. Cherry Valley Apts. New kitchen; a/c; upgraded electric. Many extras. High \$120's. Principals only. Days: 747-1633 or eves: 741-8208. gcd4

Vacation Rental

ST. CROIX, V.I. ESTATE Carlton. 2 Bedrooms; 2 bath condo; equipped kitchen; large terrace overlooking open fields; pool, beach club membership (5 min. drive); newly decorated. Owner, 248-1565. gcd2

SKI HOUSE FOR RENT. Ludlow VT. 1 1/2 miles Okemo, 17 miles Killington. 5 BRs, 2 baths, 24' LR w/ftp, cable color TV. \$600. non-holiday week, \$1,000 holiday week. Christmas and Washington weekends available. 621-6321. wd5

SPEND CHRISTMAS WEEK IN Bermuda for \$39.95 per day in luxuriously furnished cottage at the St. George's Club. Three pools, private beach club, tennis, golf, members clubhouse. Daily maid service. Other weeks also available. Option to buy. Call Mr. W. Meyer. 574-0211. gcd2

Vacation Rental

SKI OKEMO - KILLINGTON. Rent by week or weekend. 3 Plus BR, sleeps 9. 1 1/2 baths, LR w/ftp, and color TV. \$475. non-holiday week, \$800. holiday week. Christmas and Washington weekends available. 621-6321 wd5

SKI STRATTON, VT. 3 BR Condo, den, sleeps 10, 3 full bths, Adjacent to Inn and Restaurant. Shuttle bus to and from slopes. Daily and weekly rentals. 248-1070 (9-5 p.m.) gcd2

SKI WINDHAM COZY Cottage, sleeps four, all conveniences, four miles to slopes, rent weekend/week. 516-921-5210 hd2

SKIERS - WINTER WEEKEND Or Get-Away Weekend. Rent a beautiful home in Bushkill, pa. at Saw Creek, 2 hours from George Washington Bridge. Private ski lift, some 20 minutes away from Shawnee Mt. Cross Country skiing, club house facilities, restaurant, indoor pool and tennis. Three BRs, large living area, dining area, living room with F/P, sleeps 8. Three day weekend, Fri., Sat., Sun. Winter Rates. Family or responsible couple. No pets. Call evening 742-0532. wd3

STRATTON VERMONT. NEW Obertal Condo. 1 BR, sleeps 4. f/p, ski in/ski out to Tamarack lift. Weekly \$600. Holidays extra. 367-9122. wd2

BERKSHIRES SECLUDED mountain top contemporary, mountain lake view, minutes to major ski, ice skating, 3 bedrooms fireplace, all appliances. Call Brian, 212 807-3087 business, 718 425-1743 eves. gcd2

BROMLEY VILLAGE, VT. SKI From front door of lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo with fully equipped kit/DR; lodge style LR & fpl. Call 248-2188. gcd4

MT. SNOW, VERMONT. Magnificent Townhouse Condo, sleeps 8 to 10. F/P, sauna, jacuzzi, 2 full baths in your unit. Free shuttle but to mountain - less than 1 mile away. Racquetball, gym, swimming pool in beautiful new clubhouse. Call 741-1824. wd4

CANCUN - FEB. 6-13 OR FEB. 13-20th. Luxury hotel room; sleeps 2-5, on ocean, beach, maid service, pool, tennis. 433-0063. gcd4

Real Estate For Rent

GARDEN CITY: FURNISHED Room, private bath/entrance. No smoking, no cooking. Security and references. Call after 7 p.m. 741-2251. gcd2

WEST HEMPSTEAD: LARGE sunny room, gracious home, share bath, kitchen. Student or professional lady in 20's only. References. \$75. per week. 481-0186, eves. gcd1

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Real Estate For Rent

HALL AVAILABLE WITH Kitchen for small, medium or large parties or meetings. Reasonable rates, plenty of parking. Located at American Legion LIRR Parking Lot in Bethpage. Call for information. 822-1331. hd1

FRANKLIN SQUARE/G.C. SO. - Large fully modern 2 bedrm. apt. LR, EIK; huge backyard (with patio) and garage (with electric eye) included. Air conditioned. Prime area, \$895 + utilities. Principals only with references. 486-1534. gcd1

NEW HYDE PARK - ONE CAR Garage for vehicle storage. Call 746-6368. gcd1

WEST HEMPSTEAD - UNIQUE New apt. 3 large rms + walk-in closets; washer and dryer. Very spacious. Must see. Non smokers preferred. 486-0606. gcd1

MANHASSET - FOR RENT BY Owner. 2 1/2 rm. apt. Beautiful area, includes parking and utilities. Prefer mature, non-smoking business person. \$575. per month. 365-3725. gcd1

GARDEN CITY/HEMPSTEAD: One BR luxury apartment. New kitchen, new bath, A/C, \$750. per mo. 481-7745. gcd2

GARDEN CITY STUDIO - Women, students. Semi furnished. Walk LIRR, Adelphi, stores. Private entrance & bath. Principals. 746-3566. gcd2

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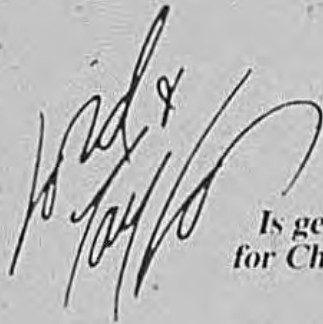
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Decor Score

By Sharon Owen Haven

Q: I like traditional furnishings, English-looking floral patterns and my favorite color is a dark hunter green.

My daughter says that the house will be smothering if I decorate with these elements. What do you think? — M.L.

A: There is a matter of personal preference involved here. What is "smothering" to one may be "cozy" to another. And, of course, it is entirely possible to make any room so dark and cloying that few but the cave-loving type would feel comfortable there. It's all a matter of personal taste.

You can create an environment of great charm, cheer and a sense of spaciousness using all your favorite colors and furnishings. Just balance them carefully, light against dark.

In the room pictured, for example, the dark, busy floral pattern is used effectively on the sofa and draperies because it is balanced by light walls, flooring and other furnishings. The dark pattern is also used next to the window where natural light brightens its effect and the views blur the rigid border between inside and outside.

If the walls were papered in this pattern, with dark wood floors, hunter green chair and mahogany coffee table, you might have a setting that was too claustrophobic for your taste.

One of the practical benefits of using your dark, busy pattern on the upholstery instead of the walls is that dirt, stains and wear are better concealed than they would be on light-colored solids.

Q: We are in the midst of a remodeling to open the kitchen up to the adjoining family room.

The family room has oak flooring. I would like to continue the wood into the kitchen for the sake of visual continuity but am having reservations about the practicality of wood flooring in the kitchen.

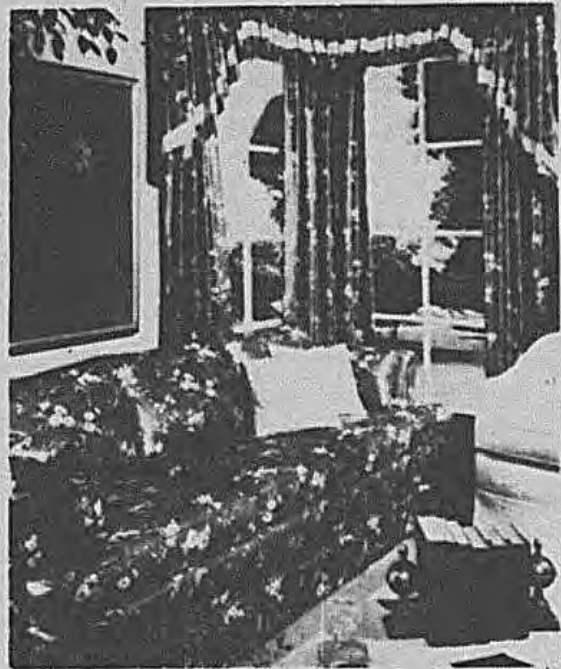
What do you think? — L.W.

A: Wood may not have been a practical choice a few years ago, but the new polyurethane finishes have changed the scene entirely. More and more home owners are opting for wood floors in the kitchen and finding them amazingly durable, with low maintenance.

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Your family room floor should be sanded down to bare wood and finished at the same time as the kitchen so they look alike.

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By James G. McCollam

How to tell original Currier & Ives print

Q: This Currier & Ives' print, "Into Mischief," has been in my family for years. How can I tell if it is an original and what its value is?

A: This was made by Schafer and Vater in Rudolstadt, Germany, during the early 20th century. It would probably sell for about \$125 to \$135.



A: The original "Into Mischief" was published in 1857. It was just under 8-by-10 inches, including the border. Currently it is selling for about \$100.

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Points on Pets

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

Q: Last year our dog died of antifreeze poisoning that we assume he got at a neighbor's house. We do not have any antifreeze at our house.

A: How much antifreeze would it take to kill a 20-pound dog? We now keep our new dog in our yard.

A Poisoning caused by the ingestion of permanent antifreeze mixtures is common in dogs and cats during the fall, winter and spring months when automobile radiators are being drained and antifreeze containers are left open and accessible.

Ethylene or diethylene glycol is the poisoning component of antifreeze used in water-cooled engines. These substances also are often found in brake fluids, hydraulic fluids and rust inhibitors.

Many dogs and cats apparently like the taste of glycols. These fluids have a pleasant, sweet taste and cause a warming sensation to the tongue. Some animals not fatally poisoned by first encounters with antifreeze actually develop a taste for the compound.

The initial signs seen after ingesting antifreeze usually include trembling or involuntary muscle movements, usually followed by vomiting, incoordination, depression, redness of the membranes of the mouth, coma and, eventually, death. Blood may be seen in the urine of poisoned animals.

Affected dogs and cats may survive two to three days after the initial signs of poisoning appear. An animal surviving the early stages of poisoning may appear to recover and then relapse 24 hours to 36 hours later. Most animals

poisoned by antifreeze have severe kidney damage. Insoluble calcium oxalate crystals form in the tubules of the kidneys.

Because of the similarity of signs, arsenic, garbage and strychnine poisoning can easily be confused with ethylene glycol poisoning. Dogs and cats consuming lethal amounts of antifreeze respond to treatment by a veterinarian in direct relation to the promptness with which the treatment is started.

In other words, treatment for poisoning should be started as soon as possible after the animal has consumed the antifreeze. This is an emergency situation. In general, dogs will recover from twice the lethal dose if treatment is started with 12 hours of ingestion. Cats usually respond to treatment for three times the lethal dose if therapy is instituted within eight hours of ingestion.

The lethal dose for a 20-pound dog is approximately one cup. One ounce is a lethal dose for a 7-pound cat.

Recovery usually takes several days. Because it is often difficult to make the diagnosis unless the animal was observed drinking the antifreeze, treatment is often not started soon enough to be effective.

The best way to prevent ethylene glycol poisoning of pets is to store antifreeze only in closed containers and to discard used antifreeze carefully. It also is the responsibility of pet owners to confine their pets to their property.

Points on Pets

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By FRYE

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Both times it was about dusk and I thought to myself the deer were going "home" for the night—to the place where they sleep. They seemed quite peaceful on the two occasions, apparently unaware they were being observed. They were beautiful animals, and I was sad to think it was just a week or two before the hunting season would open.

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HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

By Gregg Howard

The holiday season could be cited as a study in contradictions.

Fitness fanatics who usually eat right and exercise regularly find themselves with an agenda full of late-night get-togethers where they guzzle gallons of eggnog and other high-calorie holiday delights.

By the time Dec. 31 rolls around, everybody's ready to toast the new year with pledged regimens of exercise, diet and general good health — at least until the next holiday season.

Both extremes of the holiday season — self-indulgence and self-renewal — can come together in the gifts you choose this Christmas.

Unwrapping a healthy gift is just as much fun as unwrapping a box of calorie-laden goodies, and your gift could benefit the recipient's overall health throughout the coming year.

Here are eight healthy gift ideas you should consider for the health-conscious loved ones on your list.

Personalized training: Pulse monitors have grown up and are no longer limited to simple digital readouts. With the right options, these handy devices can give athletes the expertise to transform a workout into a highly personalized fitness program. For example, Bodyguard's new wristwatch-style monitor measures the pulse with a finger or earlobe sensor via an onto-electronic pulse detection

and can be programmed with an individual's maximum and minimum pulse rate. Other options include a buzzer that can be activated to beep in synchronization to the pulse, a pulse recovery function that automatically measures an individual's pulse three and five minutes immediately after a prolonged workout, a clock with 12- or 24-hour display, stopwatch, lap timer and check-point alarm.

Plants: In searching for a biological air purifier for space stations, NASA scientists have discovered the common spider plant fights indoor air pollutants like formaldehyde, nitrogen dioxide and carbon monoxide. If you'd rather give something more exotic, several other varieties — the Chinese Evergreen, the Peace Lily and the Golden Pothos — work well. Also, consider an aloe plant; its healing salve can do more for the skin than many commercial creams.

Pets: Whether for companionship, fun or therapy, pets are good for our health. Pets fill a human need — the need to love and care for another living thing. Match the pet to your loved one's lifestyle and personality and be sure to evaluate an animal's specific needs before purchase, advises the Pet Information Bureau.

Soothing sounds: Would a certain name on your list sleep better at night if he or she were lulled by rolling surf, soft rainfall or a

soothing waterfall? Look into sound synthesizers, like the Marsona 1200 Sound Conditioner that masks annoying noise with electronically synthesized sound.

Rowing to fitness: Many Americans are rowing their way to fitness because with rowing machines they can work all major muscle groups while improving cardiovascular strength. Take a look at the streamlined models, like Vitamaster's stowaway rower that fits neatly in a closet and unfolds for workouts.

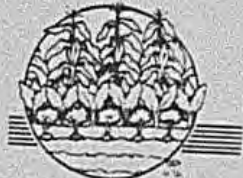
Good reading for eating: Books abound on dieting, vegetarian cooking and dining for better health. Why not give a book offering sound advice for lifetime eating, like Jane Brody's "Good Food Book: Living the High Carbohydrate Way" (W.W. Norton; \$19.95). It discusses the roles fats, proteins, sugar and salt play in the American diet and offers suggestions on how to limit them. Exercise and weight control are emphasized and the second half is a cookbook with 386 recipes based on complex carbohydrates and high in fiber and nutrient vegetables, adequate in protein but low in fat.

Video vitality: Fitness and videos merged when Jane Fonda released her first exercise tape, and the blitz hasn't stopped since. Give a new exercise regimen to a friend via videotapes like Ex-

ercise Shorts (Karl-Lorimar Home Video; \$9.95) that help athletes warm up for their specific sport — tennis, swimming, jogging, cycling or skiing. Or help a stressed friend relax with The Relaxed Body Video (Karl-Lorimar; \$19.95), which teaches breathing techniques and whole-body relaxers.


Mood music: Why not give a gift of relaxation with music that reflects the moods and colors of nature? The Nature Company offers several, like "Natural States" by Paul Speer and David Lanz, spacious, environmental music evoking the boldness of landscapes of the Pacific Northwest, or "Cicada" by Chantanya Deuter, relaxing compositions for wind instruments, strings and synthesizers. Write The Nature Company, P.O. Box 2310, Berkeley, CA 94702.

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STOCKING STUFFERS

Small, whimsical gifts for mom, dad and baby.

By Sharon Williams



Decades ago, a heavy-laden Christmas stocking was the dream of every pioneer child. Christmas Eve was a sleepless night, and he or she counted the hours until it was finally time to get up and see what Santa had brought. And it was a good Christmas if there were a few oranges, maple candy, a handmade wool scarf for cold prairie mornings and maybe a tiny store-bought doll piled into the sock.

In the 1980s, Santa has proved to be more generous. With dozens of wrapped gifts under the tree, plus the Christmas Eve loot, it's easy for the Christmas stocking to be overlooked. Yet, the hanging of stockings is a tradition worth continuing. Dangling stockings add a festive touch to the home during the days before Christmas and remind everyone of the approaching holiday.

If you're helping Santa with stocking stuffing this year, you can put the stocking back in the limelight by packing it with gifts for the owner's favorite hobbies, sports and pastimes.

For the golfer: Even if the courses are covered with snow, small gifts for the green will suit any golfer to a tee. Fill his or her stocking with personalized golf balls, a golf glove sporting his or her initials and maybe a personalized brass golfer's set including a ball marker, cleat tightener and divot repair tool, each engraved with initials. If your golfer is a real diehard, toss in some glow-in-the-dark golf balls for those last few holes at dusk. The balls are illuminated by chemical lightsticks that contain reactive chemicals in a polyethylene tube. All are available in the Spiegel Christmas 1986 catalog.

For the woman: If diamonds are too pricey for the Christmas stocking this year, add glittering makeup instead. Some manufacturers, like Maybelline, offer a line of cosmetics especially for Christmas with colored mascaras, glittering shadows and matching pencils. For fashionable nail-tap-

ping, add some of the new opalescent holiday colors that give nails a jewel-like sheen.

For the collector: 1986 was a big year for America with the 100th birthday of the Statue of Liberty. Help your loved one remember the occasion with commemorative dollars and half-dollars produced by the U.S. Mint. They'll be available through the end of 1986 at 20,000 locations across the country, with proceeds going toward the restoration of the statue and Ellis Island. The dollar contains .77 ounces of pure silver and the half-dollar is a copper-nickel alloy.

For clothes buffs: If you have a little one who loves to color on clothes, stuff his or her Christmas stocking with a ReMarkables shirt. Each kit includes a 50/50 polyester/cotton blend shirt and a set of four non-toxic, wide felt-tipped markers. The markers are water-soluble, so the shirts can be colored, worn, washed and colored again with no fear of damage to the shirt or to other clothes when washed together.

Do you have a fashion-conscious clothes horse on your gift list who spends months "wearing out" his or her jeans to get that stone-washed look? The Authentic Jeanswashed Stone might make his or her life easier. The kit includes instructions and a lava stone, which is rubbed on jeans to achieve that worn effect. And the whole kit is small enough to fit in an ample stocking.

For the traveler: If your loved one travels a lot, squeeze the smallest travel coffeemaker into his or her stocking. The compact portable coffeemaker brews eight ounces of fresh dripped coffee or heats water for tea, cocoa or soup in less than five minutes. Or consider the a tiny folding umbrella, only 8 1/4-inches long when folded. Both are available from Hammacher Schlemmer.

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TIMELY GIFTS

Santa's watching twice this season

By Dean Carroll



Santa couldn't have made holiday shopping easier this season. He's giving the timeliest and most asked-for gift of all — a distinctive, yet individualized, watch to personally suit each of those folk on his Christmas list.

You might ask yourself, why a watch? It's today's hottest fashion accessory commodity, as reported by retailers across the country. Watches are touted by the leading fashion media and collected, in multiples, by men and women alike.

Purchasing a watch or receiving one as a gift is serious business. According to Joseph Thompson, editor of *Modern Jeweler*, a leading jewelry and watch trade publication, an estimated 565 million watches were sold in the United States last year. This year, more holiday shoppers are expected to join Santa in gifting their relatives and friends with one of the many models available at a price to fit everyone's budget. Jewelry and department stores are reportedly well stocked for the holiday with a great variety of watch gift choices that are not only good-looking, but also are equipped with the latest technological features.

Knowing what to look for before making a purchase makes a lot of sense. Here are some shopping tips from Citizen, the world's largest watch manufacturer:

- Purchase a watch from a reliable jewelry or department store that is an authorized watch dealer and you will be assured of the most value for your hard-earned dollar.

- Consider the recipient's lifestyle, hobbies and dress. Is he or she an active sports enthusiast? Fashion-conscious? Antique lover? Whether one's dress code is classically sophisticated, casual, success-oriented or one that says "fashion leader," new and exciting watches abound in an assortment of designs, colors and with "special" functions, all perfectly tailored to flaunt and enhance personal style and to fulfill every mood and activity.

According to watch industry

president and Citizen's senior vice president of merchandising, Barry Gell. "The overall trend in design is toward ultra-thin jewelry-look watches with a more elegant appearance. This is achieved through full-flow, integrated richer color, particularly steel, gray and blue, with the continuation of the popular all-gold tone and bicolor (color accented with gold tone) and pattern and textural treatments in dials, cases and bracelets."

Men's and women's timepieces are embellished with scores of handcrafted details, including intricate mesh and link bracelets inspired by fine jewelry, supple crocodile, leather and pigskin straps; unusual, scratch-resistant super-hard metals and new ion-plate matte and high-shine finishes.

In styling, the Retro renaissance continues as the updated classics remain strong favorites. Innovative European design is especially appealing to the young, trend-motivated individual who desires a watch with fashion clout. Interest in the luxury, multipurpose sport watch continues to grow with fervor. "Miami Vice's" Don Johnson popularized the status tachymeter chronograph for those who work and play hard. For the water activist, there is a plethora of waterproof models that read wind velocity and clock laps. For the scuba diver, there's a Citizen's "Aqualand," the world's first combination diver's watch (to 260 feet) and electronic depth sensor. For the landlubber, there are watches powered by solar light, read room temperature, wake you in the morning and, for the frequent traveler, a watch with two time zones so even when abroad, you can see when it's time to call home.

The multitude of functions available in today's watches are as plentiful as there are needs. If there is a job to be done, there is a watch to handle it.

This year, why not join Santa in gifting those loved ones on your Christmas list with a watch, but no ordinary one — a watch that is as individual and special as they are.

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By Gregg Howard

Once the packages are unraveled and the stockings unstuffed on Christmas morning, many Americans settle down to do some serious game playing.

Ever since the early 1800s when mass-market board games first became available in the United States, games have been stalwart entries on gift lists for all ages. In fact, best-selling games have served as mini-barometers of the preoccupations, interests and dreams of their times.

In 1843, children were hinting for the latest board game for Christmas — "The Mansion of Happiness" — where they navigated the shoals of sin while trying to lead an upright life. This Victorian theme of morality reappeared in the popular "Reward of Virtue" (1850) and "The Checkered Game of Life" (1860).

When the Morgans and Vanderbilts rose to power in the first decade of the 1900s, gamblers emulated their business success with "Wall Street." As the gleeful title, "I'm a Millionaire," suggests, Americans grew increasingly interested in money-making. And in the 1930s, they learned the pain of losing their real-world money in the Great Depression, while "Monopoly" fulfilled fantasies of going from rags to riches.

"Go to the Head of the Class,"

1940s, reflected the American concern for public school education. With the 1950s and the advent of television, games based on popular shows had a heyday, like the question-and-answer "Howdy Doody Game."

As society takes a closer look at what's wrong, right and in-between, it makes sense that one of this year's most popular games is "A Question of Scruples." This adult game, from Milton Bradley, is full of questions about modern moral predicaments, some provocative, some humorous and all intriguing.

Playing "Scruples" can be surprisingly revealing, as contestants predict how opponents will respond to real-world dilemmas like this one: You buy a scarf from a discount store as a gift for a friend who is label conscious. You have an empty box from a trendy store. Do you repack the scarf in the box and give it to your friend? And when the players are challenged for bluffing, amusing conversation is sure to ensue.

Popular board games are often the inspiration for spin-offs. Americans buried themselves in trivia a few years ago with the hit game "Trivial Pursuit." This year, they'll be able to use that knowledge when they play "Incognito," where players act out suggested

charades and interpretation, then answer questions about the correct answer.

Another variation on the trivia craze is "Out of Context: A Game of Outrageous Quotes," with a total of 500 quotes from well-known politicians, entertainers, athletes and other celebrities, plus 900 "bluff" quotes. The object is to match the proper quote with the proper person. The bluff quotes are those said by other people, or the ones the inventor, Brian Hersch, made up himself.

Still, some popular board games are takeoffs on popular TV programs, like "Dr. Ruth's Game of Good Sex" by Victory.

Others have gone video. Milton Bradley now offers its popular "Candyland" and "Chutes and Ladders" with an entertaining VCR tape, which brings the game characters to life for the preschoolers who play. And Parker Brothers' "Clue" is now available in video version. The videocassette contains 18 different mysteries of increasing difficulty, and favorite "Clue" characters, such as Miss Scarlet and Colonel Mustard, come alive in the production along with several mysterious personalities.

What makes a board game of Christmas Past become a classic for Christmas Future? A game

that finds its way under the tree year after year usually has broad-based appeal, can be played by a variety of age ranges, encourages social interaction and challenges skill while introducing an element of chance.

But most of all, a perennial favorite provides a good time for one and all.

Yule log is now mostly a memory

The Yule log, once a central feature of Christmas custom, is little more than a memory in most parts of the world.

Not just any kind of wood would do. Oak logs served in the north of England and birch in Scotland, but in Cornwall and Devon it was ash, because, according to tradition, the first Christmas fire was lit in the Bethlehem stable by a shepherd boy who, seeing that the Holy Family was cold, ran out and gathered ash wood — the only wood that burns freely when green — and soon made a fine blaze.

But whatever the wood for the log, maids weren't allowed to touch it with dirty hands, children couldn't sit on it and, in medieval England, such great respect was paid to it, or what it stood for, that people who passed as the log was being hauled to some house touched their hats to it. (CNS)

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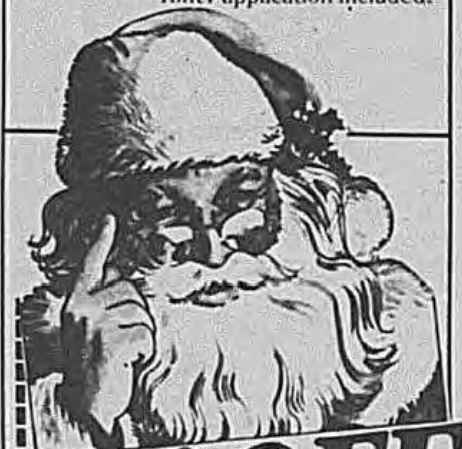
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TEDDY BEAR — A modern version of the old-fashioned Teddy bear is sure to fascinate children of all ages. Hasbro's interactive Amazing Bingo Bear has a 400 word vocabulary.

By Janet Gordon

What's brown, fuzzy and cuddly and has had a universal appeal for boys and girls for nearly a century? What appears on almost every child's list at Christmastime?

Why, the teddy bear, of course. A truly "rags to riches" popularity story, the first stuffed bears were created in 1902 by a New York couple, Rose and Morris Michtom, to sell in their novelty store. About that time, President Theodore Roosevelt was in the news after refusing to shoot a captured bear on a hunting trip out West. The couple obtained permission to use the name "Teddy" for their light-colored plush bears with shoe-button eyes and began selling them as fast as they could make them.

At about the same time in Germany, Margarete Steiff, founder of the Steiff Co., makers of fine quality stuffed animals, began making little mohair bears. An American toy buyer saw the Steiff bears on exhibit at the Leipzig Fair in 1903 and ordered thousands to sell in the United States. Thus, teddy bear fever began in earnest.

The teddy bears' construction has embraced a variety of sizes, shapes and materials through the years. The earliest "teddies" were made of mohair fur, derived from goat wool. Later, a blend of wool and cotton was used. Many had felt paws.

Teddy bears have been refined and modernized over the years. Back in the early 1900s, some unusual toddlers had the ability to growl or squeak when their tummies were squeezed. Others were

some wearing roller skates with metal or wood wheels that actually turned, or as windups that could clap their paws or shake their heads from side to side and growl. Some teddies were even equipped with music boxes inside.

About 1918, battery-operated teddy bears were made with glass eye bulbs that lit up when the stomach was pressed.

Today, more popular than ever, teddy bears reflect the latest in design, safety considerations and technology. Take Hasbro's Amazing Bingo Bear. He might look like an old-fashioned teddy bear, but this bear has a 400-word vocabulary, speaks more than 100 random phrases and is designed to engage children in interactive conversation.

Some bears are meant to be cuddled or sit there and look pretty. Gund features a line of bears distinguishedly dressed in ski vests, smoking jackets and even bomber jackets while there's a Gorham bear appropriately dressed for every gift-giving occasion — graduations, birthdays and weddings. Some bears are even patterned after notable personalities like Sandra Bearnhardt, Elvis Bearnley and the Vanderbears from North American.

Kids can cuddle up to a life-sized bear with a big bear sleeper by Tomy. Much more than a plush backrest, hand-mitten paws and wraparound arms give a bear hug while a child watches TV or does homework.

There are bears for infants, too. Fisher-Price's Puffalumps, a group of six cuddly baby animals, include a cuddly bear made of a crinkled parachutelike material and purposely under-stuffed to make it extra fluffy and squeezable.

"To a child, a teddy bear can be a friend, a security blanket and a cuddly toy that can go everywhere, appealing to boys and girls alike. To adults, the teddy bear symbolizes warmth and affection and a yen for the carefree childhood years," says Neil Friedman, vice president of marketing for Hasbro Softies.

Some teddy bears, like the Original Appalachian Artworks Furskins, designed by Xavier Roberts, creator of the Cabbage Patch Kids, are as much for adults as they are for children. Each Furskin is dressed as his "storyline" dictates — Orville T. Furskins, for instance, is a would-be aviator, so he's decked out in an aviator jacket, goggles and even has a compass. Coleco also makes a smaller version of Furskins for kids.

Teddy bear mania has extended to collectors. Special "bear" stores have sprung up across the country selling an infinite variety of bear trinkets including jewelry, figurines, puppets, T-shirts and tote bags. Teddy bear greeting cards and calendars are popular for all

ages. Teddy bear neckties make a charming gift while teddy bear cookie jars and chocolates give a new definition to the word "sweets."

Some teddy bear aficionados take their hobby seriously. There are teddy bear clubs, books, magazines and newsletters for those who want to keep up on the latest "bear" products, news about rare stuffed bears for sale, convention notices and advice on sprucing up an old bear found in the attic or at a tag sale. Teddies from the early 1900s, whether American or German, bring handsome prices at auctions, especially if they are in mint condition and still possess the original manufacturer's label.

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TOYS FOR TOTS Tips for selecting children's gifts

By Debra Cooper

If you're like millions of other shoppers, walking into a toy store at Christmastime may be overwhelming. Suddenly, you're confronted by an array of colors, sizes and shapes that seem as endless as the aisles you walk down. Traditional playthings are side by side with newfangled, high-tech toys.

But toys are an important part of the giving season, and even if you don't have little ones of your own, holiday time in the world of toys can awaken you to the glee and happiness of Christmas.

Parents usually know exactly what their little ones want for Christmas, but if you're choosing a gift for the child of an employer, neighbor or relative, the following recommendations from L.J.N. Toys, Ltd., a toy company and manufacturer of Photon, a new high-tech interactive game, might help.

Get suggestions from friends who are parents. If you haven't shopped for toys for a while, you might be in for a surprise when you see the diversity of products on the market. One suggestion is to find out what the popular TV shows are among kids and check to see if toy collections are available based on the series. Anything a child can easily relate to — a TV or storybook hero — will likely contribute to imaginative play and creativity.

Select toys that feel good. "All children like cuddly dolls — a doll that feels good to hold is important to the child's development,"

says Dr. Janice Gibson, chairman of the department of psychology and education at the University of Pittsburgh. "Children are attached to toys that feel good to explore both visually and through touch."

Consider the age of the child. As children develop, their toy preferences change. A toddler needs toys which stimulate imitative play. During the middle school years, children enjoy team play and become concerned with winning. Group play during the ages of 8 to 12, according to child care experts, teaches children about the nature of competition, which often helps to stimulate cognitive growth. A game like Photon, a high-tech version of "Cowboys and Indians" that is played in teams, can help children learn about group strategy, ingenuity and team participation.

Select toys that stimulate the imagination. "Playing with figures that have human characteristics can help a child construct new fantasies and understand their own unique feelings and ideas," Gibson says. "Children are more easily apt to identify with such characters and creatively work out conflicts through imaginative play."

Know the child's preferences. Find out from a parent, baby sitter or neighbor what the child's interests are. For instance, is the child artistic? Does he or she enjoy independent or group play? Children have the same likes and dislikes as adults, so it's important to learn what you can about the child as a "person."

Consider toys that are active. Remember, in addition to intellectual and emotional development, children need to develop and strengthen their bodies. Whether it be the development of small muscles in the hands and fingers or improving and perfecting eye/hand coordination, many toys are active in nature and allow the child to foster his or her manual dexterity.

Select toys that have variety. Children are constantly changing and as their worlds expand, their toys need to hold enough variety in terms of color, shape and size to remain attractive and challenging, according to Gibson.

Consider the individual attributes of the child. Evaluate the child's physical strength and dexterity, ability to actually understand a toy or game and the child's emotional capabilities. Even within the same age group, no two children are alike, so read

the description on the back of the box before you make any purchases to make sure the toy is appropriate for the child.

Consider the toy's safety features. Gibson says toys with smaller parts that can come off easily are more suited for older children. Younger children may not understand these toys and run the risk of swallowing individual parts. Toddlers should have larger, more easily handled dolls while older children seem to prefer small dolls. Match the toy to your child's ability to use the toy sensibly and make sure adequate and clear playing instructions are included. Items for children's play must also be non-toxic, especially for those under 5.

Even if you have no children, shopping for Christmas toys can be an exciting and educational experience, one you may even look forward to repeating again next year.



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By Steve Hurtado

"It's the most wonderful time of the year," according to the words of a familiar Christmas tune. But the holiday season also can be the most dangerous time of year.

Casting a gloomy shadow on a season usually filled with joy and cheer are kidnappings, fires and injuries.

Children are the prime targets for holiday mishaps. Dazzled by glittering store windows and bustling crowds, small children may wander away from their parents in crowded department stores.

The toys that children wish for each Christmas also can be potential dangers. Sharp edges, small pieces that can be swallowed and toys generally too advanced for toddlers too, often cause rushed trips to emergency rooms. Even the Christmas aftermath — boxes with protruding staples and plastic bags — can be dangerous for a child.

Serious burns can be the sad result of an unsafe Christmas tree.

Here are eight tips for a safer Christmas, including advice from Nell Stewart, child safety expert and director of consumer affairs for Texize, sponsor of Operation Kids, a national preventive effort to safeguard children. Nancy Christensen, General Electric's

residential lighting specialist, and Tomy Corp.

— If lost in a holiday crowd, a child should be taught to go to a security guard or a cashier. A child's first impulse might be to run out of the store to search for a parent, or to wander frantically through the store. They should be taught to find a guard or store employee to help them.

— Help a child help himself or herself by assisting with the yearly "want" list. Watch for toys designed for an older age group than your child, discouraging toddlers from those with many parts and batteries.

After holiday shopping, check all toys for sharp edges, parts that can be removed and swallowed, pinch points and other hazards.

— Once the boxes are opened on Christmas Day, throw them away along with the wrappings. Avoid boxes with such potential hazards as protruding staples.

— When trimming the tree, make sure the lights sets you purchase have a safety endorsement from Underwriters Laboratories. It guarantees the set has been inspected and lists precautions and restrictions. Also, make sure the lights you select are designed for proper use, indoor or outdoor.

— Do not overload electrical circuits. Most home circuits carry a maximum of 15 amps or 1,800

watts. Some newer homes are equipped to carry 20 amps or 2,400 watts. To figure your holiday lighting load, multiply the number of bulbs by the watts-per-bulb. Be sure to include house lamps, appliances and other electrical equipment on the same circuit. Watts-per-bulb for some popular holiday lights are: C7 (cool brights) — 5 watts; C9 (glow brights) — 7 watts; and midgets — 18 watts per set of 20, 35 or 50 lights.

— Before you decorate, check extension cords and light sets for frayed wires, damaged sockets and cracked insulation. If you find defects, replace the entire set.

— Hot bulbs can ignite dry branches, so avoid fire by keeping your natural tree well-watered. Cut an inch or two from the bottom of the trunk and place the tree in a stand that holds water. Keep extension cords and light sets away from the water. And never leave a Christmas tree lit.

— Make sure winter nightwear and ornaments are flame retardant.

Even in a season of giving, burglaries abound. To protect your family, always lock your car when shopping, keeping all purchases in the trunk, says the Insurance Information Institute. If you go away for even part of the holiday, make sure your home looks occu-

ped. Use timers to turn lights on and off and ask a neighbor to pick up your mail and newspapers.

With proper precautions, Christmastime can truly be the most wonderful time of year.

'Thief' for a husband?

In olden days in Bohemia, now part of Czechoslovakia, girls used to cut cherry branches and force them to bloom for Christmas. They wore them to Mass in their bodices and believed that lads who stole such a branch would be their future husbands. (CNS)

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ELECTRONIC YULE

Camcorders, stereos, toys for every stocking

By Steve Hurtado

Santa's elves must be taking some electronic engineering classes during the off-season because high-tech gifts are among the most wanted and received at Christmastime.

If you're dreaming of an electronic Christmas this year, drop plenty of hints about the latest in audio-visual equipment, appliances and high-tech toys. And, you'll easily find a new innovation or update in electronics for those on your gift list.

One of the hottest gifts for the 1986 holiday season is the camcorder, a combination video camera, recorder and usually playback device, according to Jim O'Toole, electronics buyer for Spiegel. Especially popular are the compact VHS models, which offer maneuverability.

The compact camcorder is one of dozens of electronics that have done some shrinking during the year. Portable TVs, like the Sony Watchman, are the latest rage. The Sports Watchman, for instance, offers FM stereo with a two-inch black and white TV, LCD quartz alarm, plus stereo headphones so you can listen privately. A flip-out stand offers hands-free viewing.

The pictures on today's tiny TVs have greatly improved. Technology is such that the picture is get-

ting much better than some of the earlier versions," O'Toole says.

Manufacturers have updated portable cassette stereos with solar power, recording capabilities (you can play one cassette and record on another at the same time) and improved sound.

Another sound option is the portable compact disc player. Weighing in at about 2 pounds, these players are ideal for use as a portable or an integrated component of an existing home music system. GE's compact disc player and AM/FM Dolby stereo cassette offers an equalizer and detachable speakers.

If someone on your gift list is intimidated by all the knobs and buttons on a conventional VCR consider one with on-screen display, like RCA's stereo VCR that takes you through programming step-by-step.

You can even choose an electronic gift for someone by just knowing their favorite color. Telephones, clock radios, portable stereos, televisions, cameras and typewriters now come in a rainbow of colors.

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Toast friends with gifts of bubbly, beer and wine

By Anita Isen Mizner

Successful Christmas shopping is largely a game of chance, much like poker or Russian roulette. The trick lies in evaluating the other guy's likes and dislikes while putting your own preferences on ice.

Help is oftentimes limited to a list of the recipient's sizes, favorite fragrances and colors, since personal instincts might lead a giver down the path of gifts soon to be returned. After that, the shopper is on his or her own.

But with gifts of spirits, you can unbridle your own passions when choosing the perfect gift. Whether it's champagne, wine, beer or accessories, gifts of spirits are universal favorites. Your own tastes can help you choose a gift that almost anyone would enjoy. Why not give a bottle of that wine you savored on your fifth anniversary? Or the champagne that was the toast of the New Year's Eve party?

Here are some suggestions for gifts of spirits this Christmas.

Wine The wines of Washington state's Hogue Cellars make a statement on the palate. Wine experts sing their praises, too. Last year, the 1983 Cabernet Sauvignon walked off with both Gold Medal and Best of Show at Atlanta's International Wine Competition. The 1985 Semillon recently took a gold in Washington State and the 1984 Merlot Reserve was voted tops by professionals attending a Hawaiian Merlot symposium.

But, then, Hogue's whole roster consistently wins medals: the Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc and Fume Blanc; the Johannisberg Rieslings from Schwartzman Vineyard and Yakima Valley; and White Riesling Markin Vineyard and Cabernet Blush.

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Champagne and sparkling wines: Celebratory fare at Christmas tables leads to celebratory champagne. Favorite bubbly are Krug, Bollinger, Moet-Chandon (and subsidiaries Dom Perignon and Dom Ruinart), Piper Heidsieck, Taittinger, Pommery, Mumm, Veuve Clicquot and Laurent Perrier.

A gift of champagne or sparkling wine will make anyone's day. Or year.

Recommended sparkling wines from California include Domaine Chandon, Piper Sonoma, Schramsberg, Papagni, Gloria Ferre. From Italy are Gancia, Lungarotti, Contratto, Berlucchi, Fontanafredda, Ferrari and Frescobaldi.

With or without champagne, you'll win friends with gifts of De-Kuiper Schnapps, especially original peachtree and harvest pear schnapps. Splash them into orange

or grapefruit juice, champagne or better yet, try them half-and-half with brandy on the rocks.

Another good gift idea is a set of three mini-bottles of Petite Liqueur, Moet & Chandon's unique sparkling liqueur.

Brandy. If your brandy is Armagnac, more specifically Armagnac Sempe, then you're among the country's leading trend-setters and you might want to pass this "status" to a friend for Christmas. Centuries old, House of Sempe's Armagnac has complexity and character due to single, continuous distillation, good climate, geography and personal loving care.

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Accessories. You can create a original gift with spirits plus accessories. For instance, try filling an ice bucket with lots of candles, sparkling wines like Freixenet Cordon Negro or Carta Nevada Semi Seco, and two champagne flutes. Then add imported chocolates for the sweets lover, perfumed bath oil for the romantic or confetti and streamers for the outgoing.

Or, assemble the makings for a perfect martini. A martini pitcher or mixing glass can be purchased in any good tabletop or housewares department and restaurant supply stores. Buy vodka, like Stolichnaya, and dry Vermouth.

Bar accessories from companies like International Wine Accessories of Dallas also make wonderful gifts. How about a decanter, a good champagne cork popper or a wine chiller to simplify entertaining?

'Holly' not from 'holy'

Some people try to make the word "holly" a derivative of "holy" because the plant is associated with Christ. But it isn't. It comes from the Old English word "holen" or "holegn" and was applied to the genus of trees and shrubs with glossy green leaves and bright red berries. (CNS)

Mistletoe blessings

In ancient England, on the first day of the new year (then March 10), members of a Celtic religious order called Druids went out and cut sprigs of mistletoe from sacred trees. They gave these bits of greenery and white berries to their people to assure them of blessings in the following days. (CNS)

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FINGERS DO THE WALKING

Shop from home with season's best catalogs

By Eric Jude

Catalog shopping can make the joyous season more enjoyable. There are no crowded subways, traffic jams, long lines to wait in or tired feet — only the convenience of your telephone or the nearest mailbox.

From llamas to leather goods, cashews to cuff links, modern catalogs enable American consumers to purchase items from the sublime to the ridiculous with ease and speed.

"When I buy by mail, I gather catalogs together for quick and easy shopping in the relaxed environment of my home," says consumer expert Deborah Durham. "I avoid the department store crowds. And it's simple to coordinate accessories from one catalog with sportswear from another. It eliminates running from store to store and guessing if my wardrobe is going to work."

Durham is hardly alone in her appreciation of mail order. Studies show that the mail-order business represents the fastest growing segment of retail sales in the country. Americans purchase nearly \$60 billion worth of consumer merchandise from catalogs each year and \$15 billion on Christmas purchases via catalog.

Catalog customers also prefer the advantage of receiving new goods that haven't been handled in a store and being able to choose from a full stock and wide range of colors. And who doesn't enjoy receiving packages in the mail?

But before diving into the catalog shopping game wallet, it's important to know how to choose the right catalogs, according to Durham.

"When I shop by mail, I look for catalogs with products of integrity, the ones that are backed by an established company..." she says.

"With the onslaught of new mail-order firms, consumers need to be well-informed about the important features which comprise a good catalog," says Lew Frankfurt, president of Coach Leatherware. "We encourage consumers to carefully review catalogs to ensure quick, smart purchases which fulfill their needs and expectations."

Durham uses Coach Leatherware's catalog as an example of what consumers should look for when considering a new mail-order source.

•Satisfaction guaranteed and returns automatically accepted.

•A 24-hour toll-free telephone number to be available for orders.

•Products that are clearly visible and accompanied by a full description.

•No hidden postage and handling costs.

•Products well-wrapped to ensure arrival in factory-fresh condition.

•Acceptance of several forms of payment to suit the shopper's needs.

•Processing time to ensure the product will be shipped quickly, with rush delivery available.

When you're catalog shopping this year, you might want to check out these mail-order catalogs. Like Coach Leatherware, many companies have zeroed in on their own area of the market, providing a unique boutique by mail.

•Vermont Country Store Pick up the Vermont Country Store's fall catalog and you'll feel like you're shopping in a country store several decades ago. The classic, almost forgotten goods are still useful in the 1980s — calico aprons, flannel nightshirts, wooden toys, Grandma's relish, leather walking shoes and porcelain door knobs, to name a few. Write The Vermont Country Store, P.O. Box 3000, Manchester Ctr., VT 05255-3000.

•Goodfellow Christmas Catalog This catalog eliminates the middleman, putting mail-order shoppers in direct contact with a select group of practicing craftsmen from across the country. More than 150 artisans show their work in the catalog, ranging from sushi boards, hot air balloon lamps to clay clocks. Send \$1 to the Goodfellow Catalog Press, P.O. Box 4520, Berkeley, CA 94704.

•Spiegel Christmas Catalog Spiegel plays Santa with its catalog designed especially for Christmas giving. With gift ideas for family and friends and a complete selection of fashion and home trimmings, the Christmas catalog presents a tempting one-stop alternative to hectic holiday shopping. Customers can order a copy by sending \$3 to Spiegel, P.O. Box 6340, Chicago, IL 60680-6340.

•The Nature Company Give a gift of nature, whether it's a telescope or inflatable stegosaurus. Lots of fun and practical gifts for the earth lover on your list. Write The Nature Company, P.O. Box 2310, Berkeley, CA 94702.

•Authentica African Imports. Ebony masks, bronze gazelles, thorn wood carvings, brass gold weights, jewelry of amber — these are just some of the treasure of Africa this catalog offers customers. For the catalog and new fall supplement, write to Authentica African Imports, Box 2055, 6400 Greenbush Road, Charlotte, VT 05445. The cost, \$1, is applicable toward first purchase.

Martha cooked Yule meal for soldiers

During the hard 1777 winter at Valley Forge, George Washington and his officers had meat, fowl and a few vegetables for Christmas dinner, but no bread, tea or coffee.

Three years later, Martha Washington joined the general and managed to prepare for him and his staff a meal that included beef, mutton, turkey, pies, pudding, apples and nuts. (CNS)

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Potpourri to wreaths,
the season's best

By Sharon Williams



Christmas is a time when your whole house can become a backdrop for holiday galas, festive suppers and intimate family gatherings.

But you don't need a design specialist to create an unforgettable holiday stage. Just muster a little creativity and some supplies from your favorite department store, craft retailer or florist. Even the most ornate decorations can be easy on the Christmas coffer.

If you want guests to make a memorable entrance, why not start by decorating the door? "Beautiful Parties: A Practical Guide to Entertaining With Flowers, Food & Flair." (Taylor, 1982) written by authors Diana McDermott and Sandi Britton, suggests decorating the door like a giant present by wrapping it from top to bottom and side to side with a wide ribbon, then tying a giant bow at the top of the frame. Because wide ribbon is hard to find, you can make your own by cutting a pretty, silky fabric to the desired width and finishing the edges with a seam.

Inside, you'll want the scents of Christmas everywhere. Simmer potpourri on the stove or stash freshly cut evergreen boughs somewhere in the house. *Better Homes and Gardens Christmas Ideas* suggests gathering pine needles, orange peel, spices, pinecones and herbs and assembling a wreath or tray of the dried mixture.

Decking the halls with boughs of holly is still fashionable in the 1980s. Or, use branches of mistletoe, pine, ivy, cedar, juniper, fir, spruce, cypress or boxwood to adorn the fireplace, mantle, banisters, window ledges, tables and other furniture. Or use them as centerpieces, arranging them so the stems don't show and adorning your arrangement with candles, pinecones and berries. You can arrange greens around your favorite Christmas symbol, such as the nativity.

Loop evergreen ropes across mantels, hung with miniature Christmas lights and small Christmas tree balls. Secure the same ropes around a banister with lush velvet ribbon.

For a festive centerpiece, create your own topiary tree. You or your florist can make them from Styrofoam balls, one on top of the other with a space between, stuck onto a rod painted green and held

in place with a pot filled with plaster of Paris. Tiny pieces of boxwood are inserted in the Styrofoams, creating a green background. At intervals, insert tiny white or pink roses, each in its own aqua pick. Then wrap green cloth around the base.

For a quaint country celebration, revive the custom of the "kissing ball." Form a ball from large mesh wire and cover with sprigs of boxwood, mistletoe or holly. Insert several red roses in individual aquatubes around the sphere and hang the ball with red ribbon in a doorway. To keep your kissing ball fresh, refill the tubes with tepid water daily, according to the Rose Information Bureau.

If you've always wanted a gingerbread house for Christmas but were afraid of the time and talent involved, Hallmark Cards Inc. suggests using holiday gift containers as the foundation and adding graham crackers and assorted candy with stiff decorator's icing.

Wreaths are as traditional as the Christmas tree. For a quick, new wreath, start with one made of unadorned evergreen branches or stripped twigs. Dress it up with lights, roses, pinecones, wood foil cutouts, paint, ribbon, stuffed cloth shapes, family photos, small dolls or toys.

For quick decorations, stuff glass and silver bowls with bright tree ornaments, pinecones or fruit. If you have any large indoor plants or trees, decorate them with tiny Christmas lights and red bows.

Let the kids stencil letters and shapes in red and green on plain blocks. Stack them to read "Merry Christmas" or "Noel."

You can spread the warm glow of the season throughout the home with candles. A candle display can always be a part of a table setting, but can be equally attractive on a mantel, a table, in an entryway or on a buffet. Don't limit yourself — try candles in pretty glasses or tapers in oranges and apples, suggests *Better Homes and Gardens Christmas Ideas*. Add tiny sprigs of evergreen or holly at the bases of the candles.

Of course, there are the family keepsakes you'll want to unpack and add to each year's decorating. Many families add one new decoration a year, visiting specialty shops, craft boutiques and out-of-the-way stops for creches, angels, Christmas pictures, pillows and stockings.

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This holiday accessory is a real doll

By Kelle Banks Barfield

When planning your list of Christmas crafts this holiday season, make room in your schedule for this wonderfully simple and fast project. Fabric finger dolls are so easy to put together, you'll have a basketful in no time at all. Then comes the exciting job of using them in dozens of ways to accent your home.

Join the dolls arm-to-arm for garlands to use on the tree, across window sills, or along the bottom of a grapevine wreath. Individual dolls can be used as tree ornaments. Attached to Christmas packages, they can add a creative touch to your gift wrapping. The ideas for Christmas creations are unlimited.

Perhaps the greatest pleasure of these 2-inch dolls is that they offer you the chance to utilize scraps of fabric from earlier sewing projects. Select your brightest pieces of cotton scraps, then cut dresses and overalls for girl and boy dolls.

By using a variety of fabric colors and prints for the outfits, each doll can have a distinctive look of its own. And, if you work assembly-line style, cutting a stack then sewing and turning all at once, you'll have a quick start at an assortment of holiday decorations. The clothes for the dolls need no

stuffing. Once you sew the fronts and backs together, either by hand or on a machine, and turn them right side out, you'll see that their small size makes the fabric stand out and seem full.

To form the heads of the dolls, use muslin fabric or flesh-colored cotton. Sew two small circles together, leaving a space for turning. This part of the doll does need to be stuffed, using polyester or cotton batting.

Embellish the dolls' faces using either thread or marker. With thread, you can create eyes and a mouth by forming French knots or cross-stitches. Or lightly sketch eyes, mouth and cheeks with marker or colored pencil. Of course, you may also decide to emphasize the simplicity of the dolls by leaving their faces blank in the style of the old Amish.

For hair, pigtails of yarn are easy to apply. Cut pieces twice as long as you want each side to be and use 10 to 12 pieces for each doll. Gather the bunch in the center and reinforce it with thread, then stitch the center to the top of the doll's head. Braid the sections on either side or leave them to hang straight.

For boy dolls, bunches of French knots are an excellent method of creating hair. You may also be able to substitute small hats for hair, available through many craft shops and catalogs.



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