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Appointee Congratulated



Nassau County Executive Thomas S. Gulotta, left, congratulated Dr. Charles Ariale, a Plainview resident, on behalf of his reappointment to the Nassau County Board of Assessors.

Honors Retiree



Nassau County Executive Thomas S. Gulotta, left, congratulated Captain Samuel Cuomo, center, a Plainview resident, upon his recent retirement from his position as a Deputy Chief of Unit #317, Auxiliary Police. Looking on was Inspector Sheldon Kleinfield.

Thank You



Nassau County Executive Thomas S. Gulotta, left, congratulated Past Commander Arlene S. Howard, a Hicksville resident, on behalf of her outstanding service to the Charles Wagner American Legion Post #421. Looking on was her son, Captain T.G. Howard.

This Issue

This issue is complete in three sections.

The first section contains all of the local news and photos for the week.

The second part is a special Holiday Gift Guide Edition with related editorial content and local advertising. This edition is just one of special sections included at no extra cost to subscribers.

The third section is *Discovery* Magazine which contains something for the entire family - columns, restaurants, features. *Discovery* is a regular feature magazine of this newspaper.

December

Programs At

Bethpage Library

Pretty as a Picture - Create a Super Holiday Gift! Saturday, December 8, at 2 p.m. - Make someone happy - design a colorful snapshot frame, a versatile present for the holidays or any time - for the tree, a desk, a room. Presented by Katherine Agrillo, specialist in Children's Crafts, Grades 1-5. Bring a snapshot 2" by 3", a bottle of white glue, a pencil, some scrap trims. We'll supply the rest. Register from November 15.

Puppet Show Treat - "Eeyore's Birthday" by Maggie puppets. Wednesday, December 26 at 2 p.m. - A delightful romp through the land of winnie the pooh and his fantastical friends in the Hundred Acre Wood. With unusual puppets, colorful staging, exciting interludes of audience participation. Children's puppet theater at its merry best. School-age children. Register from November 19.

Spectacular Magic with Yo-Yo the Clown. Thursday, December 27, 2 p.m. Come on over and climb aboard our rollicking roller coaster of fabulous magic. See live disappearing doves; trick wands, ropes, cards; rabbits in unexpected places, magic balloons - and more! A glittering kaleidoscope of magical delights with large illusions, loads of laughs and audience participation too. School-age children. Register from November 29.

All programs are open to youngsters who reside in District No. 21. Please bring your library card as your ticket of admission. For further information, please call 931-3907.

No Schools To Close; President, V.P. Resign

By Maureen Traxler

Innuendoes, charges and countercharges, rumor and hidden agendas hung like a pall over the Hicksville School Board meeting November 28. A war of words broke out as the Board prepared to take a vote on a motion to rescind the October 24 approval to close East Street and Willet Avenue Schools. As the fourth "aye" was declared and a cheer rang out from the crowd, Board President JoAnn Miltenberg announced that she and Vice President Pat Rooney resign.

"In the past two years we have watched Board members who are motivated by politics, self-interest and hatred," read the statement prepared by the officers. "When these factors are the basis for making decisions; or for reversing a decision which benefits the community both educationally and financially, the Board members have lost sight of their responsibilities as elected officials."

The two trustees concluded, "Our principles will not permit us to have our names associated with this type of decision making."

After two hours of public session at which residents lobbied either to keep schools open or to close them for budgetary reasons, trustee William Bennett prefaced the rescind item with a caution to the Board that Robert's Rules of Order calls for passage by a two-thirds vote, five "ayes" in the case of this seven-member Board. Mr. Bennett further added that parliamentary procedures as cited in a New York State School Boards Association bulletin states that a two-thirds vote is required when prior notice of the rescind item had not been received. Board President Miltenberg placed the item on the evening's agenda at the beginning of the session, at the request of a member.

In fact, three motions had been placed on the agenda that evening, one, to rescind the planned closing of East Street and Willet Avenue schools in September 1991; two, to rescind the decision to close two schools in September 1991; and a third, to close Willet Avenue School.

School attorney Gregory Guercio commented that Roberts Rules is only a guideline of parliamentary procedures. He quoted from the General Construction Law which governs all New York State municipal corporations, including school boards, that a majority vote is required for passage of motions to change a prior vote. Recalling the Board's history of using a simple majority vote on such reconsideration matters, Mr. Guercio declared that in his judgment only a majority vote was necessary.

Trustee James Martillo made the motion to rescind the school closure plan. He recalled "Superintendent Fenton's reason for closing" as "to permit us to have two classes on a grade level and eliminate singleton classes." (The term singleton class means one section on a grade level.) Mr. Martillo went on to attack the plan as flawed because he said East Street school does not contain singleton classes.

President Miltenberg immediately interjected that the intent was to eliminate singleton classes districtwide by setting up six new attendance zones.

Mr. Martillo insinuated that it was Dr. Fenton's recommendation to close East Street school, to which Dr. Fenton replied, "You insisted I make the decision. Was this all a set up?" Dr. Fenton reminded Mr. Martillo that she told the board what her expertise was and that she "advised the board to take two years...and not to do it precipitously. And you did it," she lashed out.

Mrs. Miltenberg reminded Mr. Martillo that the board asked Dr. Fenton to look at all eight schools and to make the recommendation. "We don't have the expertise, the backup and the support staff," to do such a study, she added.

Mr. Bennett questioned how the board members could re-open this issue, saying, "The vote wasn't even close. It was like a mandate from the board."

"Was that a vote of deception?" charged Bennett. "Taxpayers are not going to say if that's what the community wants, let them have it. No, they're going to say, that board has no credibility."

Meaningful communication on the issue completely broke down among the board members at that point, and much of the animosity which festered inside spilled out in full view of the public.

Trustee Arlene Rudin alluded to secret meetings between board members and the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. She said she placed phone calls to Mrs. Miltenberg which were never returned.

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To the Editor:

Unfortunately, due to the sudden resignations of JoAnn Miltenberg and Patricia Rooney from the Hicksville School Board at the November 28 meeting, I did not receive the opportunity to comment on James Martillo's question to Mrs. Miltenberg about, "What if this were your school?"

I am sure Mrs. Miltenberg would have shown the same dignity, intelligence and strength as she had displayed by resigning and would have abstained from a decision that involved her "neighborhood" school. It is a shame Mr. Martillo did not

possess these high qualities. Mr. Martillo was elected to serve the entire Hicksville community, not just East Street. Now we have an ineffective, self-righteous, peer-pressure controlled School Board.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jenny Anderson

P.S. To Mrs. Miltenberg & Mrs. Rooney,

Concerning your resignations, I and many other residents are having a difficult time accepting this action. The resignations should have come from other Board Members that are hindering our town. You had only our community and children's best interest in mind.

Old Country Rd. School Events



Miss Musynske's P.M. kindergarten class from Old Country Road School are making butter the old fashion way for their Thanksgiving feast. The Pilgrims pictured here are Richard DeLeon, Kristan Sturtevant, Thomas Lupski, Monica Mantello, Ryan Martin with one of the moms Joyce Gorski.



Mrs. Allens 1st Grade class from Old Country Road School enjoy picking their own pumpkins during their trip to Green Meadow Farms.

Letters to the Editor

Printed by Request:

Board Members:

The November 28, 1990 meeting of the Hicksville School Board was both an insult and an embarrassment to our community. The emotions displayed by those parents and residents whose children would be most affected by your October 24 decision to close East Street and Willett Avenue Schools was certainly understandable, even predictable, however, the apparent lack of ethics on the part of certain Board Members, and the general conduct of many of the Members of the Board during the meeting does not instill the confidence of our community in your ability to efficiently oversee the operation of our schools.

The resignation of Mrs. Jo Ann Miltenberg and Mrs. Patricia Rooney from our School Board was a regrettable by-product of the entire school closing issue and will be a significant loss to the Hicksville School District.

I call upon Mr. James A. Martillo and Mrs. Arlene J. Rudin to resign their posts on the School Board as well and allow Hicksville to select a new Board which will answer to the wishes of the Hicksville Taxpayers.

Mr. Martillo, your actions at the meeting of November 28, 1990 clearly demonstrated that you do not represent Hicksville, you represent only your immediate neighborhood - the area presently served by the East Street School. By voting in favor of the motion to close East Street and Willett Avenue at the October 24 meeting, you insured that you would be in a position to introduce a motion to rescind that motion at the next meeting. You knew there would be a public outcry against closing those

schools and that a motion to rescind the action would generate strong emotional support, after all, we all know who the president of the East Street PTA is. Even if you weren't so smart to have planned this action, how is it that after all the time that has been spent discussing the closing of schools, that you decide, after the fact that East Street does not meet the criteria for selecting a school to close. Criteria which you appeared not to understand even at the November 28 meeting? Obviously Mr. Martillo, You do not fit the criteria of responsible representative of our community - not just the East Street Community. Step down and let a true representative of all of Hicksville take your place!

Mrs. Rudin, you apparently lack the ethics required for a representative of our community. Any Board Member who knowingly attempts to violate regulations regarding their position and the actions of the Board does not deserve to represent this community. It is unfortunate that your lack of ethics contributed to the resignation of two of the Board Members with much higher ethical standards than yourself.

The issue here is no longer whether the decision to close East Street and Willett Avenue was right or wrong, but rather does our School Board represent our community? In my opinion, it does not.

Sincerely,

William K. Norton-Taylor

To the Editor:

I shed no tears over Mrs. Miltenberg's resignation. As a long-time observer of our school board, I submit that her action is more an act of ineptitude than courage. A chairperson should master the respect and confi-

dence of the civic body and community-at-large. It is now apparent that she was undeserving of the trust that was placed in her. Now that there is only one "credible" person left on the board, I suggest that Mr. Bennett resign at once so that we can have ourselves a Hicksville-style civil war. Let's rally at the barricades to check the advance of those board members who made a volte-face regarding schools closing.

I do shed tears, however, when uninformed or misinformed people attack our school superintendent and blame her for the shortcomings of the board. I submit that without the superintendent's advisement, the board wouldn't know north from south. I beg of those who are quick to criticize Dr. Fenton to bear in mind that the "superintendent proposes and the Board disposes."

Now that our school board disgraced itself, let's see how they can improve on making Hicksville the laughing stock of the island.

Sincerely,

Jean Diradourian

GRANDPARENTS - Send in your grandchildren's photos and enter our "World's Most Beautiful Grandchildren" contest. Just send a photo and a brief description of the child (or children) along with your name and address to: Litmor Publications, Beautiful Grandchildren Contest, 81 East Barclay St., Hicksville, N.Y. 11801. We'll do the rest! By the way if you want your photo returned, just write your name and address on the back of the picture and we'll even do that too!



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Celia Strow, R.N., Founder of Long Island Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will discuss the group's accomplishments and provide information on membership.

Justine Ellerman, B.S., R.N., C.D., Program Director of Alcoholism Treatment Services will describe the inpatient and outpatient assistance offered to alcoholics and their families at Winthrop.

Filmed interviews with convicted drunk drivers and family members of people who were killed by drunk drivers will be shown.

DATE: Tuesday, December 18
TIME: Registration and refreshments - 6:30 p.m.
Program - 7 to 9 p.m.
PLACE: Breed Conference Room

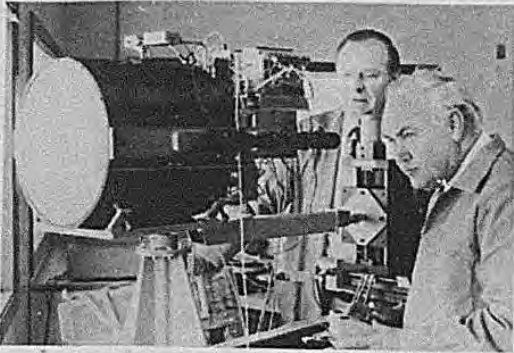
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Grumman Efforts On Projectiles



Grumman Project Engineers Anatol Garbauskas (background) of Massapequa and Aare Kivi of Bethpage test the Command Adjusted Trajectory (CAT) system's millimeter-wave radar unit at Grumman's Electronics Systems Division in Great River. This unit tracks a ballistics projectile and transmits instructions that guide it to the target. The CAT system is being developed under contract with the U.S. Army.

Aare Kivi of Bethpage and Anatol Garbauskas of Massapequa are two Grumman project engineers on a program which may result in a revolution in ballistics technology. The effort involves development of a guidance system for the shells fired by the U.S. Army's tank gun systems.

The system, called the Command Adjusted Trajectory (CAT), uses millimeter-wave radar technology. It's designed to work the tank's 120mm gun, but it has the potential to work with any large-barrel gun. It is being developed by Grumman at its Electronics Systems Division located at Great River for the Army's Armament Research Development Center at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey.

The CAT system will steer the gun's projectile to its target, much like a guided missile. "The CAT system will give the projectile pinpoint accuracy and the ability to score a hit," says Kivi. "For example, a helicopter is a difficult target - it can make evasive maneuvers and avoid the projectile. The CAT system will make evasion difficult."

The first two phases of the project, now complete, were valued at approximately \$700,000 and entailed technical analysis and building prototype hardware. In the third and final phase, hardware will be miniaturized and made shock-resistant. This phase, worth about \$1 million,

will also include a demonstration test with a real shell at a government range.

Since the engineers working on the CAT system couldn't test it with live ammunition in Phase 1 and 2, they built a projectile simulator which mimics a live round. Testing has shown the system to be very accurate. The prototype CAT system is now being demonstrated for the Armament Research Development Engineering Center.

UBC, Inc., of Tampa, Florida, is also working on a prototype system. The Army will eventually choose between the Grumman and the UBC designs for the final phase development effort.

Children's Book

The first children's book written by Dorothy Rettberg Brown is now on sale. It is entitled "God's Helpers" and it is about the angels.

She has also completed Part IV of "Good Old Hicksville." This is a potpourri of humor and creativity between the GIs who visited the Hicksville Servicemen's Centre and the home front during WWII.

Both books are priced at \$5 plus 85¢ postage and handling and can be obtained from Dorothy at her mailing address, P.O. Box 1002, Melville, N.Y. She can also be reached at 423-7398.

Lee Ave. School Stars

Mixed with the aroma of popcorn and fruit drinks were the reflections of children's pride and excitement filling the air at a party in the all Purpose Room at Lee Avenue School. This party took place on Friday, November 2, to recognize October's winners in the school's Positive Behavior Rewards program. This program was established by the MAC Committee and faculty of Lee Avenue School.

Mrs. Pfizenmayer's second grade class, along with Mrs. Mancuso's and Mr. Mortillaro's fifth grade classes were acknowledged for their excellent show of respect and behavior. Prior to this party, a school banner entitled "Shining Stars" was placed next to the classroom door of each of these classes to recognize their

exemplary behavior.

These winning classes were honored with a popcorn party accompanied by uplifting compliments given by Mr. Mateer. A beautifully colored halloween R.I.F. poster along with memorable Lee Avenue School notebooks were raffled off to the children. The children were thrilled to receive these prizes, as well as one evening without homework!

This party could not have been as successful without the help from our wonderful P.T.A. parents: Mrs. Foresta, Mrs. ismail, and Mrs. Restivo.

We are proud of these students along with all of our students for their positive feelings toward each other.

Constance mancuso
Lee Avenue School

I.N.N. Seeking Gifts For Homeless

The Hicksville I.N.N. (Interfaith Nutrition Network) is in its 6th year of service to the homeless and others who live on the edge of economic survival. These include the elderly, the mentally ill, the disabled and the "working poor." Hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church on New South Road in Hicksville, the I.N.N. serves an average of 50 people a day, with numbers increasing as the colder weather sets in.

The I.N.N. relies on donations from many food businesses and many diverse community organi-

zations for its food supplies, and upon 60 caring volunteers who cook and serve the meals five days a week, Monday through Friday, and the first and third Sundays of each month. For the past year donations have allowed the I.N.N. to have a social worker present one day a week to assist those who may need help in obtaining social services or a concerned ear to listen.

This Christmas season a need is seen for hats, scarfs and warm socks. The I.N.N. is asking for donations of new items, both

men's and women's, preferably wrapped and labeled as to item and who it is for, man or woman. There is a somewhat greater need for men's items. These items may be left at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 17 New South Road, Hicksville Monday through Friday between 9 and 1 p.m.

For further information or questions you can contact Donna Reed, C.S.W. at 938-4927 on Mondays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., or a message may be left at 935-6179 on any other day. Items are needed by December 21.

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Grade 11

Asia Annahian, Danielle Barry, Jennifer Benicken, Jacqueline Bergeron, Kenneth Cardone, Sandeep Chainani, David Chung, Lori Cimino, Scott Davan, Franki De Bello, Patricia De Filippis, Kristian Friedrich, Timothy Glover, Frances Grief, Patrick Hart, Gregg Henglein, Sheera Horvath, Eugene Hundertmark, Robert Jedzrowski, Elizabeth Jurgensen, Peter Kabacinski, Vincent Luparello, David Mak, Wendy Marshall, Melissa Master, Carolyn Meier, Christian Mollitor, Ralph Montero, Kerrie Murray, Rajive Nair, Ivia Negrón, Meredith O'Reilly, William Pavlovich, Suzanne Peters, Stella Pohanis, Anthony Raniello, Brian Reardon, Kelly Regan, Michelle Relyea, Joseph Rumora, Tara Sacco, Allison Solomon, Michael Speranza, Amy Verbouwens, Raymond Victor, Carmine Vozzolo, Joseph Williams, Barbara Willson, Louis Zollo

Grade 12

Leda Acemoglu, Doreen Arcuri, Jennifer Barbato, Andrew Belis, Sean Burns, Brian Carr, Hakan Christensen, Debra Connolly, Tara Conrov, Robert Coogan, Keith Corr, Lorraine Dammes, Douglas Danowski, Donald Dealy, Richard Derenzis, Barbara DiPaola, David Einzig, Aymen Elfiky, Lisa Entel, Kerri Fitzgerald, Maureen Gill, Catherine Graepel, Tracy Granai, Aileen Hawhurst, Stacy Heyer, Kathleen Higgins, Dale Hoffmann, Nany Hogan, George Kaloudis, Kristina Kanawada, Kelly Ann Kear, Nikoleta Kilmatis, John Kozlowski, John Larson, Peter Lee, Debra Lobmeier, Brenda Loomis, Sylvia Malik, Jason Mandra, Kristen Mantel, Tara

Hicksville High School announces the names of those students who have made the Principal's List or Honor Roll for the 1st quarter.

In order to make the Principal's List or Honor Roll, a student must take a minimum of 4 subjects. The Principal's List average is 90 and above; an Honor Roll average must be between 85 and 89. Students will be disqualified from making the Principal's List or Honor Roll if there is a failure, a withdrawal, an incomplete (if the work is made up and the mark is changed, the student may then qualify for the honor), or a no credit.

These lists are submitted quarterly and are displayed in the main lobby of the high school (names and pictures).

Congratulations to the following high school students:

SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

Ralph Accardo, Erin Bartley, Brian Bluth, Mary Brzozowski, Michael Chang, Patricia Cuti, Dana D'Amelio, Michael Del Percio, Kimberly Downes, Cathy V. Du, Jaime Eng, Joaquin Ezcurra, William Harvey, Kelly Klein, Lisa Latzo, JiYoung Lee, Jennifer Manzo, Ross Michaels, Farida Mirzai, Jennifer Murphy, Neha Patel, Melissa Pawelczak, Laurie Pease, Jennifer Peters, April Rodriguez, Lori Schwartz, Anthony Speranza, Helen Woo, Jennifer Yost, Connie Young

Grade 9

Susan Bashwiner, Tyrone Campbell, Kimberly Chin, Daniel Chow, Kimberly Culver, Kimberly Dalby, Kimberly Dames, Laura De Angelis, Victoria DiGirolamo, Thomas Doherty, Charles Dougherty, Shaanon Faulkner, Danny Ferreira, Justin Finocchio, Colleen Flanagan, Steven Fleming, Mark Franchino, Kiri Gallahue, Rachel Gangi, Susan Gaylord, Paras Gosalia, Michael Graziose, Christopher Grover, Tara Heckler, Melissa Henrickson, Sean Holland, George Intelisano, Dennis Kelly, Karin Krug, Mary Ann Larson, Johnny Lau, Dawn Marconi, Edward Maricevic, Shabana Master, Eri Melody-Rosenfeld, Melissa Meyer, Denise Newman, Melissa Nigro, Marie Notaro, Jessica O'Shea, Soula Pappas, Meena Patil, Barbara Anne Puma, Kelly Reardon, Robert Rombach, Jennifer Schwarz, Brian Shor, Meena Suchdev, Jennifer Vestti, Christopher Walunas, Susan Wolter.

Grade 10

Monica Alexandris, Matthew Anello, Carl Antaki, Heather Apostolidis, Jolene Apostolidis, Michele Aversano, Stephanie Belis, Michael Brennan, Lynn Kerry Burns, Guy Carloni, Thomas Carolan, Elaine Chow, Karen Conboy, Jennifer Corrado, Angela Cuccaro, Shannon D'Amico, Filiz Dalpiaz, Jacqueline De Palma, Alison Dunker, Sonia Enriquez, Elizabeth Fichtner, Adam Firester, Domenick Freda, Rebecca Geanikis, Lauren Giacomino, Linda Gorney, Mark Haddad, Danielle Hagan, Catherine Hora, Jennifer Imperato, Maura Johnston, Christopher Kemmlein, Kathryn Knauer, Timothy Marino, Narda Mastropierro, Erin Matlack,

Maria, Gordon Maricevic, Corrado Mastropierro, Sachin Mathur, Paulin McNicholas, Sandra Mohan, Erica Moncayo, Christopher Munson, Lawrence Neuberger, Jacqueline Noya, Nicole Rizopoulos, Lisa Pacifico, Christine Pagano, Hoa Pham, Tanya Pineda, Theresa Ruffini, Meenu Sachar, David Sacrestano, Michael Schneider, Samantha Smith, Jill Van Kasten, James Weber, David Wolter, Kerri Zzulinski

PRINCIPAL HONOR LIST

GRADE 12

Pyary Abraham, Jennifer Alexander, Donna Anzalone, Rajesh Babani, Jennifer Beiner, Navin Belani, Heather Carpenter, Denise Carter, Kevin Cottrell, David Cuccaro, Kristen Dalby, Denise De Benedictis, Joann Di Fino, Michele DiConza, Jason Elorriaga, Jessica Fandacane, Deborah Frankson, Brian Garnets, Cynthia Gaylor, Heather Hayes, Tara Hooper, Heather Lederer, Kelly McMahon, Eric Micheals, Richard Mirra, Christina Moy, Heather Muller, Michelle Murpha, Jennifer Negrin, Richard Nofi, Anthony Oliva, Jason Paulsen, Nicole Pedone, Denise Pilot, Maryann Pilutik, Jarret Roth, Carrie Ann Sabato, Dora Santoli, Tracey Schaefer, Christy Sell, Afshen Shah, Joan Smith, Sanjay Tewari, Debra Tirado, Jennifer Topka, Kalpa Udeshi, Theodore Urban, Barbara Zub.

Grade 11

Colleen Bartley, John Butt, Harry Chang, John Christ, Raymond De Angelis, Leslie Diamond, Hedy Elbedewe, Jennifer Eng, James Fitzsimmons, Susan Flemm, Russell Frey, Lorie Ann Hassett, Matthew Herbert, Anthony Intintoli, Jennifer Jerome, Soo Young Kim, Danielle Knight, Christie Laspina, Dawn Mullee, Kathleen Murray, Shobin Oommen, Jennifer Rappaport, Courtney Reynolds, Kathleen Rombach, Rachel Tanck, Christine Theis, Juliet Winterroll, Tonbira Zaman

ESL Students Hold Elections

The ESL (English as a Second Language) students in Mrs. LaBarbera's second grade ESL class at Lee Avenue School held an election in their classes on Election Day. All second day students voted for their favorite color. The ESL students participated in explaining about the election to each class, collecting and counting the ballots, and drawing bar graphs to show the results. Which color won? Blue!

Drug Awareness At Central Blvd.

The Hicksville Senior High School Student Government and Teens Against Drug Abuse (TADA) teamed up recently to co-sponsor the Great American Smokeout at the High School on the third Thursday of the month, November 15, designated as a national awareness day.

Armed with information from the American Cancer Society, the students set up a booth in the main lobby of the high school to distribute literature and to encourage peers and staff members who smoke to quit. Members of TADA set up a display in the main showcase to simulate that smoking is a dirty and deadly habit.

Students handed out pamphlets for smokers and non-smokers. "Smart Move!", the stop smoking guide, provides incentive and testimonials from dozens of former smokers on why you should quit, as well as factual information on the hazards of smoking. Hazards related to smoking include such facts as cigarette smokers are twice as likely as non-smokers to have a heart attack, and chances of getting lung cancer are ten times

greater than for a non-smoker. "The Smoke Around You," explained to non-smokers the dangers involved in breathing second-hand smoke. Dangers for nonsmokers include, among several hazards, that nonsmoking wives of husbands who smoke have a 30 percent increased risk of lung cancer compared with women whose husbands don't smoke. Furthermore, children of smokers have a greater chance of developing certain illnesses such as colds, bronchitis and pneumonia, chronic coughs, ear infections, and reduced lung function from inhaling second-hand smoke. Their risks are even much greater if both parents smoke.

Student activities director Nancy DeSorbo and faculty member Mike Buttgeret were on hand to oversee the event.

Officers of the Student Government this year are Michael Valente, Kelly McMahon, Kacey Knauer and Sal Vecchio. Officers of TADA are Ed Russo, Michele Aversano, Maura Johnston, Tricia DeFilippis and Elaine Chow.



Members of the Student Government and TADA (with Mrs. DeSorbo and Mr. Buttgeret) at their booth in main lobby: Alison Dunker, Scott Gilmore, Glenn Hirtzel, Dale Hoffman, Kacey Knauer, Chris Munson, Rich Nofi, Ed Russo, and Kerri Zzulinski.



Members of TADA and Mike Buttgeret in front of showcase display: Alison Dunker, Kacey Knauer, Chris Munson, and Ed Russo.

Soccer Star Named To NCAA

University of Scranton women's soccer star Lynn Flannery has been named to the NCAA, Division III Midwest Region Second Team and returned to the Middle Atlantic Conference First Team for her season-best performance on the 1990 MAC Championship squad.

Flannery, a graduate of Hicksville, placed third in defense scoring with two goals and three

assists for seven points and was voted the team's most valuable player.

Completing her third season as a Lady Royals forward, Flannery has been a key block in the Lady Royals' defensive wall that allowed 16 goals in 21 games in 1990.

"Lynn has established herself as a key figure in future Lady Royals offenses," said Scranton head coach Joe Bochicchio.

"With players like Lynn, our squad should have another winning season in 1991."

Flannery aided Scranton to its second consecutive NCAA tournament berth and what Lady Royals Head Coach Joe Bochicchio calls, "The best season we've had in the four years I've been coaching here."

Scranton dominated opponents at both ends of the field, outscoring opponents 60-16 and compiling 10 shutouts.

Students Celebrate Thanksgiving

Students in the Hicksville Public School District celebrated Thanksgiving in many delightful ways this year. From school to school and classroom to classroom, the students enjoyed holiday feasts and treats with their teachers and friends - and many parents and grandparents as well - on the day before Thanksgiving.

All of the schools celebrated Thanksgiving in a special way. Here are just a few samples of some of the holiday celebrations:



The First Graders in Mrs. Flack's and Mrs. Warren's rooms at Burns Avenue School enjoyed a Thanksgiving breakfast. The children had previously learned about nutrition and the four food groups. They had also studied Pilgrims and Indians in an exciting Social Studies unit. By combining these two study units, the children enjoyed a well-balanced meal that they had cooked while wearing the costumes that they had made. Principal Steven Furrey attended the breakfast as an invited guest. The children decided that learning could be fun as well as delicious.



The Kindergarten classes in Lee Avenue celebrated a Thanksgiving Feast with their teachers Mrs. Grayson and Mrs. Ellis. Parents and grandparents attended the festivities and Principal John Mateer joined in the celebration. The children made applesauce, cranberry sauce, corn muffins, authentic Indian cookies, and popcorn. Class parents cooked the turkeys and on the special day the children dressed up as Pilgrims and Indians and enjoyed the feast.



Ms. Greene's class at the Fork Lane School enjoyed a delicious luncheon with food donated by Foodtown, King Kullen, Pathmark, Flakowitz Bakery and the Jericho Cider Mill. Prior to the meal, the children each stated for what they are most thankful: Patrick Mullen gave thanks to Peter's (student Peter Lananna) mother for cooking all the food; Jacob Mathis was most thankful for everyone in his classroom, and Donald Wicks said he was most thankful for his teacher.



The First Graders in Mrs. Mones class at Old Country Road School enjoyed their Thanksgiving Luncheon given by their parents. The children all dressed up as Pilgrims for the event. The children enjoyed turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, pie, chocolate chip cookies.

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GIVEN that sales lists are being prepared of unpaid School District Taxes for the year 1989-1990, and State, County, Town and special district taxes for year 1990, on real property situated in the towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay and the City of Long Beach, New York. Sales lists are also being prepared of unpaid State and County taxes for the year 1990 on real property situated within the territorial limits of the City of Glen Cove, N.Y. Unless such unpaid taxes, with interest and additional fees be paid on or before the 17th day of December, 1990 the tax lien on the property against which such taxes are levied will be advertised and on the 19th day of February, 1991 thereafter, sold.

Any taxpayer interested may send a brief description of his property to the County Treasurer, and a statement of the amount of unpaid tax, if any, will be forwarded to him.

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 31st day of January, 1991.

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GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Syosset Sanitation District in the Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, State of New York, that an election will be held in the Community Room of the Senior Citizen Houseing (40 Muttontown Road) on Tuesday, December 11, 1990, between the hours of seven (7) and ten (10) p.m., for the purpose of the election of a Sanitation Commissioner for the said District, for a term of three (3) years in place of Thomas Duncan, whose term of office will expire in December 31, 1990.

Said election is called pursuant to Section 212 of Article 13 of the Town Law of the State of New York.

Every elector of the Town of Oyster Bay, as defined by Sect. 150 of the Election Law as amended who shall have resided in the District for a period of 30 days next preceding the election of Commissioners shall be qualified to vote for such Commissioner.

Candidates for the office of Sanitation Commissioner shall file their names with the Secretary of the Board of Sanitation Commissioners, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the District election, and in addition such nominations shall be submitted in petition form subscribed by twenty-five qualified electors of the District.

By order of the Board of Sanitation Commissioners of the Syosset Sanitation District.

Frank J. Maresca, Chairman
Jack Gioelli, Secretary
Thomas Duncan, Treasurer
Board of Sanitation
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Dated at Syosset, N.Y.
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Safe Is Smart At Fork Lane

On Thursday November 15, Mr. Messina from the Long Island Railroad visited Fork Lane. Children from kindergarten through the second grade were instructed on safety on the platform, how to board the train safely and the dangers of the third rail.



Pictured Mrs. Davan and Mr. Messina from LIRR handing out "Safe Is Smart" activity books.



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Muffins For Needy

To foster awareness of the needy and a spirit of sharing, the third graders at Woodland Avenue School made corn muffins and donated them to the Hicksville I.N.N. during Thanksgiving week.



Mrs. Ullrich and third grade students preparing muffins for the needy.



Third graders, David Daly, Andy Smlga, Chris Krisel and Brian Krummenacker measuring ingredients for muffins.



Anne Pross, Farrah Denny, Harriet Andronikides, Nicole Giunta, Kumrili Iqazi and Tricia Hundertmark preparing to bake muffins.

LEGAL NOTICE

AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY CHAPTER 17 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC)

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Board of the Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, State of New York, that the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Oyster Bay, New York, adopted October 5, 1971, as amended, be and the same is amended, as follows:

That the following locations be **ADDED** to SECTION 17-25 of the said Code establishing thereunder the following intersections and stop signs shall be erected at appropriate places facing traffic on the stop street. All traffic on a stop street approaching a through street from either direction, unless otherwise designated, shall come to a full stop before entering the through street.

Location - Through St. - Stop St.

Glen Head - Central Drive - Cross Lane, northbound

Hicksville - Thimble Lane - Lantern Road, southbound

Wilfred Boulevard - Frank Ave., east & westbound

Jerome Avenue - Wilfred Blvd., north & southbound

Locust Valley - Johnston Street - Hernan Ave., east & westbound

Oyster Bay - Spring Street, Orchard St., east & westbound

Plainview - Gerhard Road - Eastbound Traffic Exiting, Greenbriar Assoc., The Residence Inn

Syosset - Willets Drive - Lewis Lane, southbound

Barbara Drive - Lewis Lane, east & westbound

Lewis Lane - Flo Drive, northbound

Fieldstone Drive - The Mall, eastbound

That the following locations be **DELETED** from SECTION 17-25 of the said Code:

Glen Head - Through Street Cross Lane - Stop Street Central Drive, westbound

That the following locations be **DELETED** from SECTION 17-28 of the said Code establishing YIELD SIGNS which shall be appropriately designated by posted signs:

Glen Head - Through Street Central Drive - Yield Street Cross Lane, northbound.

That the following location be **ADDED** to SECTION 17-35 of the said Code establishing ONE WAY, which shall be appropriately designated by posted signs:

Syosset - Hillside Lane North - at the easterly driveway of Faith Lutheran Church - northbound from the Church parking field.

That the following location be **ADDED** to SECTION 17-44 of the said Code establishing thereunder the following location as points where **LEFT TURNS** or **RIGHT TURNS**, as the case may be, shall or shall not be made and such location shall be appropriately designated by posted signs:

Syosset - Convent Road - all traffic westbound on Convent Road shall be prohibited from making right turns onto Fifth Place from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

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That the following locations be **ADDED** to SECTION 17-152 of the said Code establishing **NO STOPPING ZONES**, which shall be appropriately designated by posted signs:

Bethpage - Stewart Avenue - east side - starting from the south curb line of Coronet Crescent, south for a distance of 62 feet.

Farmingdale - Locust Avenue - north side - starting at the east curb line of Main Street, east for a distance of 188 feet.

Hicksville - East Cherry Street - south side - starting at the west curb line of Raymond Street, west for a distance of 30 feet.

Raymond Street - east side - starting at the south curb line of East Cherry Street, south for a distance of 30 feet.

Woodbury Road - east side - from the north curb line of Ardsley Gate to the south curb line of Haverford Road.

Massapequa - Stewart Avenue - west side - starting from a point opposite the north curb line of Plainedge Drive, north for a distance of 26 feet.

Oyster Bay - Lexington Avenue - east side - starting from the west curb line of Pine Hollow Road (Route 106), northwest for a distance of 90 feet.

Plainview - Farmers Avenue - west side - starting at the north curb line of Allan Gate, north for a distance of 50 feet.

Washington Avenue - east side - from the north curb line of Presidential Drive South, north for a distance of 55 feet; east side - from the south curb line of presidential Drive South, south for a distance of 85 feet.

Presidential Drive South - north side - from the east curb line of Washington Avenue, east for a distance of 40 feet; south side - from the east curb line of Washington Avenue, east for a distance of 60 feet.

Allan Gate - Syosset - Railroad Avenue - west side - starting at a point opposite the north curb line of Willis Avenue, south to a point opposite the north curb line of Walters Avenue, east side - starting at the south curb line of Willis Avenue, south for a distance of 85 feet.

That the following location be **DELETED** from SECTION 17-152 of the said Code: **NO STOPPING ZONES:** Syosset - Railroad Avenue - north side - starting at a point opposite the north curb line of Willis Avenue, west for a distance of 100 feet.

That the following locations be **ADDED** to SECTION 17-165 of the said Code establishing **NO PARKING ZONES**, which shall be appropriately designated by posted signs:

Bethpage - Cedar Avenue - west side - starting at the north curb line of Stewart Avenue, north for a distance of 134 feet.

Hicksville - East Cherry Street - north side - starting at the east curb line of Raymond Street, east to the west curb line of East Marie Street; north side - starting at a point opposite the west curb line of Raymond Street, east to the south curb line of East Marie Street.

Massapequa - North Linden Street - south side - starting at a point 435 feet east of the east curb line of North Pine Drive, east to the boundary of the Inc. Village of

LEGAL NOTICE

Massapequa Park.

That the following location be **DELETED** from SECTION 17-165 of the said Code: **NO PARKING ZONES:** Bethpage - Cedar Avenue - north side - starting at the east curb line of Stewart Avenue, east for a distance of 134 feet.

That the following location be **DELETED** from SECTION 17-166 of the said Code: **NO PARKING DURING CERTAIN DAYS OR HOURS:** Farmingdale - Radcliffe Avenue - north side - **NO PARKING 12 MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM** - starting at a point 40 feet west of the west curb line of Graham Street, west to its westerly termination.

That the following location be **DELETED** from SECTION 17-168 of the said Code: **LIMITED PARKING ON CERTAIN DAYS OR HOURS:** Hicksville - Waters Avenue - **TWO HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM EXCEPT SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS** - between Bay Avenue and Park Avenue.

That the following locations be **ADDED** to SECTION 17-215 of the said Code establishing there under the following streets, when appropriately signposted, are hereby closed to the operation of trucks having a **GROSS WEIGHT OF MORE THAN FOUR (4) TONS EXCEPT LOCAL DELIVERY:** Jericho - Ellen Place - egressing Robbins Lane. Lydia Place - egressing Robbins Lane. Freedom Drive - egressing Robbins Lane.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
Carl L. Marcellino
Town Clerk
Angelo A. Delligatti
Supervisor

Dated: Oyster Bay, New York
November 27, 1990

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COUNTY OF NASSAU
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY

I, Carl L. Marcellino, Town Clerk, of the Town of Oyster Bay, and custodian of the Records of said Town, Do Hereby Certify that I have compared the annexed with the original Notice of Amendments to the Code of Ordinances (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) adopted by the Town Board on November 27, 1990, filed in the Town Clerk's Office, and that the same is a true transcript thereof, and of the whole of such original.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the seal of said Town this 28th day of November, 1990.

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Ann Stachelek Earns Plaque



Bethpage resident Ann Stachelek was honored for ten years of voluntary service to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County at the organization's recent Annual Meeting. Ms. Stachelek is a member of the 4-H Youth Development Committee. Cornell Cooperative Extension is an educational agency that provides research-generated information to Nassau County residents. Pictured is Ms. Stachelek receiving a plaque from 4-H Committee Chairperson Anne Andrews.

News From Hicksville Library

The Hicksville Public Library is computerizing and all library cards must be bar coded.

Hicksville children have to bring their cards to the Children's Room to have them "Zebra Striped."

There is a limited supply of "I've been Zebra Striped" buttons to be given away. Hurry in to the library and be one of the first to wear a "I've been Zebra Striped" button.

GRANDPARENTS - Send in your grandchildren's photos and enter our "World's Most Beautiful Grandchildren" contest. Just send a photo and a brief description of the child (or children) along with your name and address to: Litmor Publications, Beautiful Grandchildren Contest, 81 East Barclay St., Hicksville, N.Y. 11801. We'll do the rest! By the way if you want your photo returned, just write your name and address on the back of the picture and we'll even do that too!

Right Around Home

By Maureen Trazler

They stood with pride; their shining faces revealing the whole story - a story of joint achievement of a common goal. On November 30, the 600 students of Holy Family Parish School joined with faculty, parents, past and present parish staff, invited guests, friends and well wishers to celebrate the naming of Holy Family School as a U.S. Department of Education School of Excellence.

Declaring "a great day for Holy Family, for Hicksville and for the diocese," Herbert Stupp, Regional Representative of the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, presented the "Exemplary School" plaque to Holy Family Principal Sister Eileen McMahon. Holy Family is one of four Long Island elementary schools to be recognized this year by the Department of Education. Two of the others are also diocesan schools, Our Lady of Peace in Lynbrook and St. Agnes in Rockville Centre. The third winner is Moriches Elementary School.

Holy Family School, a pre-school to eighth grade facility, received notice and announced to its parish with joy in May that they had won this national recognition. Parish representatives went to Albany and Sister Eileen and Asst. Principal Sister Joanne Regina traveled to Washington, D.C. in September for special ceremonies.

"Such a beautiful day, such a beautiful school," remarked Auxiliary Bishop John Dunne, in the invocation. Rev. Dunne focused on the students and noted, "how enthused, how appreciative (you are) of your education."

Sister Mary Kieran, Supt. of Schools in the Diocese of Rockville Centre congratulated Holy Family School on accepting the risk and achieving the challenge of School of Excellence. The road was not easy. Since its inception in the early 50's, Holy Family has been preparing for this day through hard work and total involvement of school and community.

Filling out the application for this award was a task in itself. A little over a year ago, a parish committee worked long and hard to answer a myriad of questions. They passed the preliminary screening and received an on-site examiner last spring. Sister Sara from California viewed the school, and this is what she found:

Holy Family is not just a school, but a way of life. Sister Sara found a principal of vision in Sister Eileen, math and reading scores which are consistently going up, a rich curriculum, 38% subsidy by the parish, and a language arts computer program.

But even more, Sister Sara found staff development opportunities, a closed circuit TV program, and most importantly, she found a caring, alive and exciting place.

Feelings for Holy Family were probably best described by eighth grade student Carmela Makabali when she said that Holy Family School not only gave her a "good education" and taught her "the principles and traditions of our Catholic faith," but it also made her feel important and proud of herself. "Holy Family prepares its students to lead a happy Christian life," Carmela humbly offered, "That's why I think it's so special."

Master of Ceremonies William Griffith, a parishioner who served on the application committee and the principal of a public school in the Bronx, said, "We are gathered for celebration:" to celebrate parents for volunteering their time and efforts; faculty for a curriculum that is truly exemplary; administration for years of caring and effective leadership; and students who have excelled academically, socially, athletically and morally. To the students he said, "You are a part of history."

The Hicksville Public Schools was represented by Superintendent Catherine Fenton who said, "I thank you for spearheading a new and higher level of educational expectations for all our schools and all our children in Hicksville." And most impressively, Holy Trinity Diocesan High School Principal James Boglioli presented the large Presidential Seal of Excellence.

Pastor Monsignor Edward Donnelly, a relative newcomer to the parish, acknowledged a former pastor, the late Father Bernard McGrath. "Much of the credit for this award should go to him," Msgr. Donnelly recalled.

A brief talk with some eighth graders serving as ushers at last Friday's ceremony turned up that they were "very excited" with the events of the past few months. Asked if Holy Family is a hard school and do they get a lot of work, they had no comment, just a shy smile.

Eighth grade student Joseph McHugh summed up, "Every student leaves (Holy Family) knowing who they are and where they belong."

Students Learn Pedestrian Safety

Woodland Avenue Kindergarten through third grade students recently participated in a pedestrian safety program offered in their school. Conducted by Officer Jim Wallace from the Traffic Safety Unit, the program included a short film by Disney Studios entitled "I'm No Fool As A Pedestrian." The children enjoyed the film as well as the lively discussion on safe street crossing.

Christmas, Chanukah Around The World

Come to the Children's Room at the Hicksville Public Library and join Dayle Friedman as she presents characters from around the world, illustrating in costume and song how they celebrate their holidays. This concert is designed for children, and their families and seating is first come, first served. The day to remember is Thursday, December 27, at 2 p.m.

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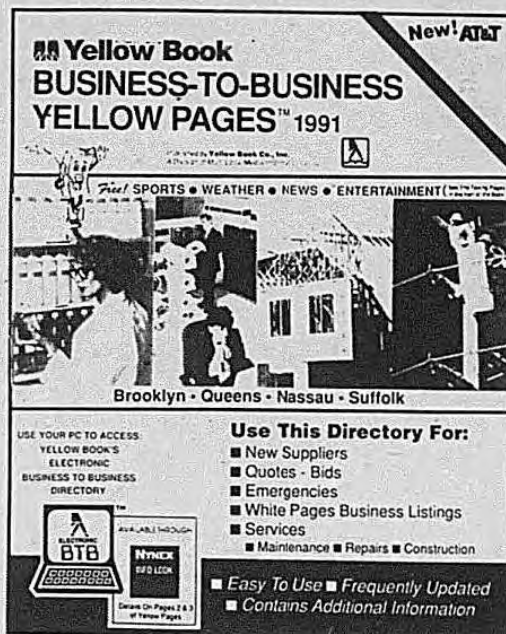
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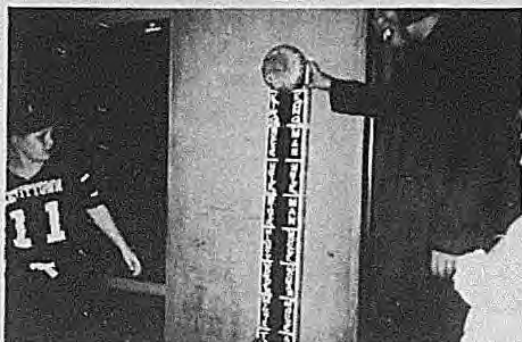
Fork Lane's Halloween Party

Once again Fork Lane held its annual Halloween Party. In addition to carnival games, it featured a Magician. Both

parents and children enjoyed refreshments and all children left the party with a goody bag.



Kerri Breen tries her luck at the bottle game.



Justin Ferreri displays his strength.



Teachers Mrs. Schreck & Ms. Halpern help with the carnival games.

Holy Trinity No Frills Revue

On January 10 at 7:30 p.m., and January 11 and 12 at 8 p.m., the Department of the Performing Arts at Holy Trinity High School, Hicksville, will present "The No-Frills Revue." This clever, upbeat musical comedy, which had a very successful Off-Broadway run, is about comedy, theatre, and the annoying, sometimes amusing things that happen in daily life. This particular production is being reviewed by an international panel of judges for possible presentation at an international theatre festival this summer. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. For more information, please call 433-2900 during school hours.

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Allen S. Carpenter, Sr., 77, died at his home on December 3, of cancer. A resident of Cape Coral for seventeen years, he moved there from Hicksville after retiring from the Long Island Lighting Company, for whom he worked his entire business career.

Born in Demorest, Georgia, he was a graduate of William and Mary College, a veteran of World War II's China Burma Theater and recipient of the Bronze Star. He was always very active in Hicksville community affairs; he was a member of the Boy Scouts of America for fifty years, receiving the Silver Beaver Award; a member of the Hicksville School Board for nine years, president for three; past president of the Valley Stream Rotary Club; life member and past commander of the Hicksville American Legion Post 421; member and finance committee chairman for the United Methodist church at Hicksville.

Upon arriving in Cape Coral, he joined the Cape Coral First United Methodist Church; was a member of Whiskey Creek Country Club, and was a charter sponsor of Coral Oaks Golf Course.

Survivors are his wife Louise Largent Carpenter of Cape Coral, his sister Grace Anderson of Oviedo, Fl., his three sons and their wives: Allen Jr. and Jane of Memphis, Tn., Warren and Linda of Hicksville, N.Y.; Irven and Gretchen of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; six grandchildren and one great grandson.

A memorial service will be held with Rev. Ray Finklea officiating at the Cape Coral First United Methodist Church, Friday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. The family asks in lieu of flowers, memorials be given to Hope Hospice or Habitat for Humanity. Funeral arrangements are by the National Cremation Society.

Seniormobile At Library

The Seniormobile will be at the Hicksville public library on Monday, January 14, 1991 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All seniors and their families are welcome to use the van to obtain information, referral and consultation services.

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Greater N.Y. New Branch



The Greater's new Hicksville Branch will feature a four lane drive-through. Located at the Broadway Mall on Route 106-107 in Hicksville, the drive-through will open in February and will have four teller lanes, one of which will be an ATM lane.

The doors officially swing open on Saturday, December 15, at The Greater New York Savings Bank's new location in Hicksville. Located at the Broadway Mall on Route 106-107, the full-service branch will be open seven days a week. The Greater already has two ATM's inside the mall and will open a drive-through at the mall in February with four teller lanes, one of which will be an ATM lane.

"We're very excited that the grand opening of our Hicksville branch coincides with the holidays," said Gerard C. Keegan, The Greater's President. "We're sure many people will want to stretch their holiday shopping budgets by opening new accounts to receive gifts."

Those opening an account will be able to choose a holiday gift from one of five groups of brand-name products, depending on the size of the account they open. Gifts range from Ranger

Walkie Talkies and G.E. AM/FM portable radios for opening a \$1,000 account to RCA color TV's, G.E. VCR's and Black and Decker microwave ovens for \$50,000 accounts.

"We have set up a gift center inside the mall. This way our customers can pick up their gifts the same day they open their accounts and have them in time for the holidays," explained Mr. Keegan.

The Greater's month-long grand opening celebration will include prizes and sweepstakes drawings for simply stopping by the branch and a fair in the mall on each Saturday through January 12 featuring Santa's elves giving free balloons, puppet shows, face-painting and holiday carollers and other live music.

The Hicksville branch will be open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Science Fair Coming To Town

You'd better watch out... for those bright yellow flyers announcing the Gregory Museum's Third Annual Children's Science Fair taking place on March 9, 1991. Once the holiday rush is over, you 1st through 8th graders will have plenty of time to create a Winning project.

The Science Fair is open to all children residing in Hicksville or attending Hicksville public or private schools. Entry forms will be available beginning in January at the Gregory Museum and at the Hicksville Public Library Children's Room.

The library community room will be the scene of the action including public viewing of projects, judging, and award ceremony. money prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in the following

categories: Grades 1-2, grades 3-4, grades 5-6, and grades 7-8. Every Participant will receive a certificate for his or her project. Mr. Don Curran, curator of the Gregory Museum will be holding workshops on January 26 and February 23 to help you with your project. Call 822-7505 to register.

You have until the end of February to submit your entry form at the museum and go for the Gold!

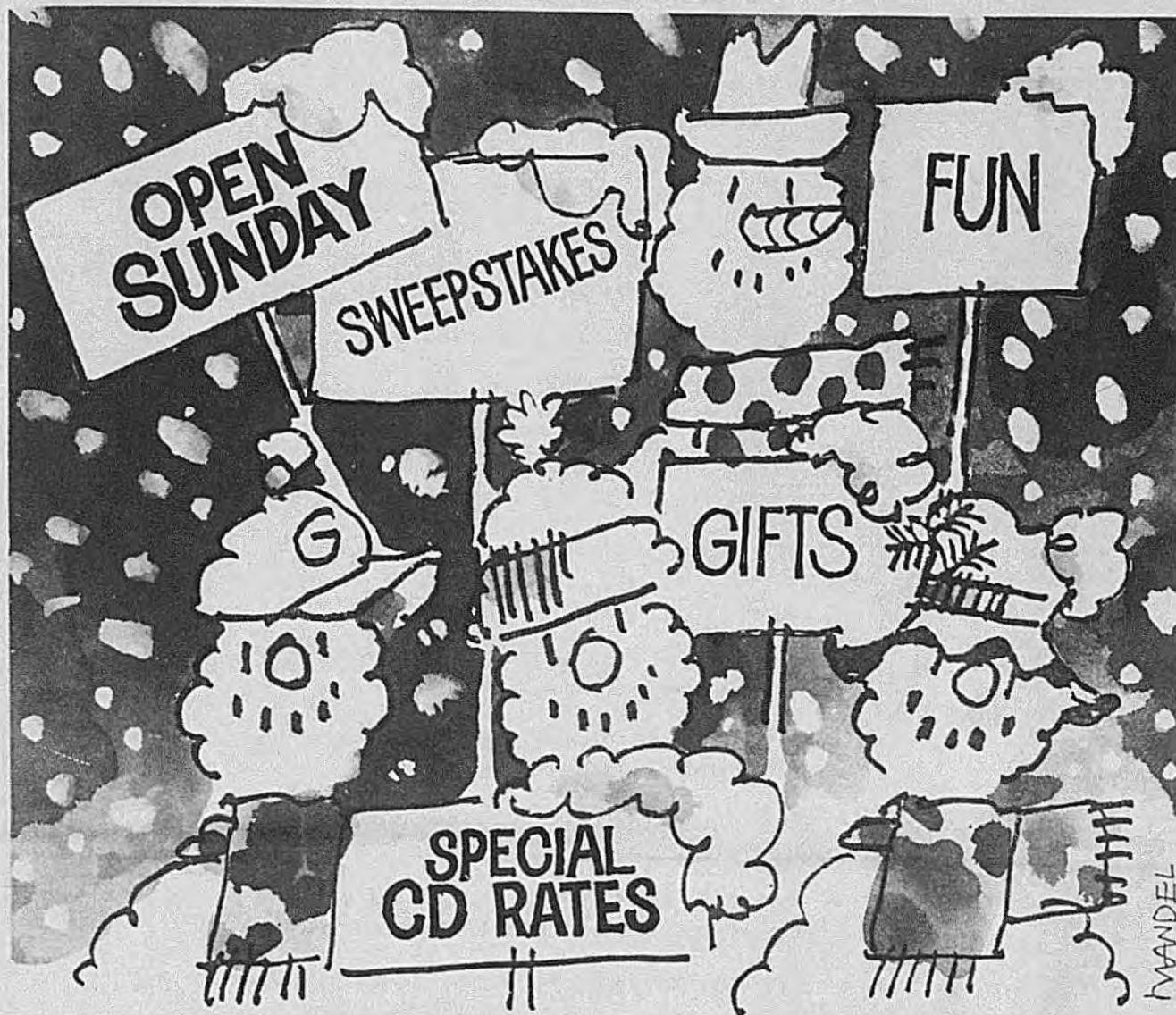
Note: The Hicksville Gregory Museum has designated the first Sunday of every month as Open House to Hicksville residents. Please be prepared to show proof of residence for your Free Admission. The museum regrets the necessity of charging any admission at all this year and hopes you will take advantage of these free Sundays from 1-5 p.m.

Career Counseling

Free, confidential career counseling is available at the Hicksville Public Library. If you want to update your resume or wish to re-enter the job market or if you are thinking about a career change, the Career Counselor can help. Call 931-1417 for an appointment.

Fundraiser A Success

Many thanks to everyone who purchased oranges and grapefruit from the Hicksville High School and Middle School PTAs. This joint fundraiser was a huge success! A special thank you to Terry Mochtinger and family for the use of their garage as a storage and pick-up point.



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Mrs. Rooney strongly defended "confidentiality" as she conveyed that information directed to board members had been leaked to the public.

Then in a final blast, Mrs. Miltenberg produced a personal note she received from trustee Rudin requesting that Mrs. Miltenberg set up a meeting between herself, Pat Rooney, Jim Martillo and Mrs. Rudin. In the note Mrs. Rudin stated: "Pat says that for four board members to meet is illegal. She's right. However, it makes no sense for any of us to tell anyone since we would all be willing participants."

"That's illegal," emphasized Mrs. Miltenberg as she passed out copies of the note to the other board members.

A request to "call the motion" ended the melee, and on a 4-3 vote (Collins, Martillo, Rudin and Wolf voting aye; Rooney, Bennett and Miltenberg, nay), the plan to close East Street and Willet Avenue schools in September 1991 was nullified.

Control of the board quickly passed to trustee Bennett, Secretary of the Board. After a 15-minute recess, Mr. Bennett immediately called for adjournment due to the extenuating circumstances.

"I'm aghast!" commented Mr. Bennett during the recess, "I thought they were going to walk out." Mr. Bennett revealed that if the motion to rescind was approved, he planned to motion that "East be closed and be the only school closed in 1991." But he said he was not able to make the new motion "due to lack of support because of the untimely resignations of Mrs. Rooney and Mrs. Miltenberg."

In response to the board's vacancies, Mr. Bennett replied that the board may work with five members, but one must remember that any action will still require a 4-vote passage. The board also has the option of appointing replacements, after seeking inquiries from the community.

Mrs. Wolf said she was "shocked" at the resignations. She added that she "would not succumb to mob pressure," and stood by her position that only one school should be closed in 1991. Therefore, she voted to rescind the October motion which would have closed two schools. Mrs. Wolf further declared school closings "a dead issue" for the immediate future.

With the abrupt end to the scheduled meeting, the board left undone the major portion of its agenda. A December 5, subsequent meeting was set up to attend to that business and deal with the resignations.

On the budgetary issue, earlier in the evening, Thomas Farrell addressed the board on behalf of the newly-formed Citizens Budget Advisory Committee. He assessed the committee as "a very talented and multi-faceted group," and he declared the committee's goal as "to provide input to the budget making process to help the school board provide the best possible budget to the district." In conclusion, Mr. Farrell noted that he would come before the board at future meetings to keep them abreast of the committee's discussions.

At present, the district is preparing a preliminary budget for 1991-92. According to Superintendent Fenton, the switch back to eight elementary buildings will not put any delay on the process, since the eight principals were instructed to formulate their building budgets to cover each scenario - eight buildings with normal projected enrollments and six buildings with increased enrollments.

In saying that there would be no delay from the administrative side, the Superintendent did mention that the board requested to be a part of the preparation of the budget this year. Therefore, the expected budget presentation in January or February will be a collaborative effort as opposed to a Superintendent's presentation.

In board committee reports, trustee Carole Wolf noted that North Shore University Hospital has inquired about the use of Willet Avenue school for its pre-school development program. The Hicksville Water District also expressed an interest in available locations for pump sites.

Board committee meetings will resume on Wednesday, December 12, starting at 8 p.m., and the next regular meeting of the board will be held on Wednesday, December 19, at 8:15 p.m.

Certificate Of Appreciation



Gary Bretton, left, of Bretton's Broadway Deli, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to the Theodore Roosevelt Republican Club's Executive leader, George Yochmann, center, and President, Kevin Galloway, right, for their continued support of the annual Bretton Benefit Football Game. The game will be held this Sunday, December 9, at the Bethpage High School football field starting at 1:30 p.m. "We hope that Gary reaches his goal of \$15,000," said Yochmann. "The entire community is behind this effort and I would love for Gary to come to our Christmas Party Monday, and tell us how much he raised in excess of \$15,000." The Republican Club will meet for its Annual Christmas Party at 8 p.m. on Monday, December 10, in the American Legion Hall.

Firemen Take Cruise

Hicksville Hook and Ladder Company #6 chose a Luxury cruise this year for their annual outing. They set sail from Miami, Florida on the SS Norway, the flagship of the Norwegian Cruise Line on October 13. The Norway is one of the largest passenger ships in the world. Its overall length is 1,035 ft. and its width is 111 ft. It holds 2,050 passengers and a crew of 900. Ports of call were St. Maarten, St. Thomas and St. John and a stop at the cruise lines private island. On board was a casino, 2 swimming pools, lounges, entertainment, and food, food, food. The islands had plenty of shopping, snorkeling and scuba diving, beaches and just plain fun. This cruise was arranged by Anne Kessler, cruise specialist for Hicksville Travel Planners. Pictured are the

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Bruce Javors, M.D., Physician-in-Charge of Gastrointestinal Radiology stated, "This double contrast procedure of the small intestine can detect cancers while they are in the early stages and still curable. Thousands of lives can be saved each year if people alert their physicians when they begin to experience symptoms." These might include intermittent abdominal pain, cramps, diarrhea, or constipation.

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and other types of intestinal blockages.

This new procedure is just one of the forward steps North Shore University Hospital at Glen Cove is taking to better medical care to residents of the region.

TOBIDA Plans Annual Meeting

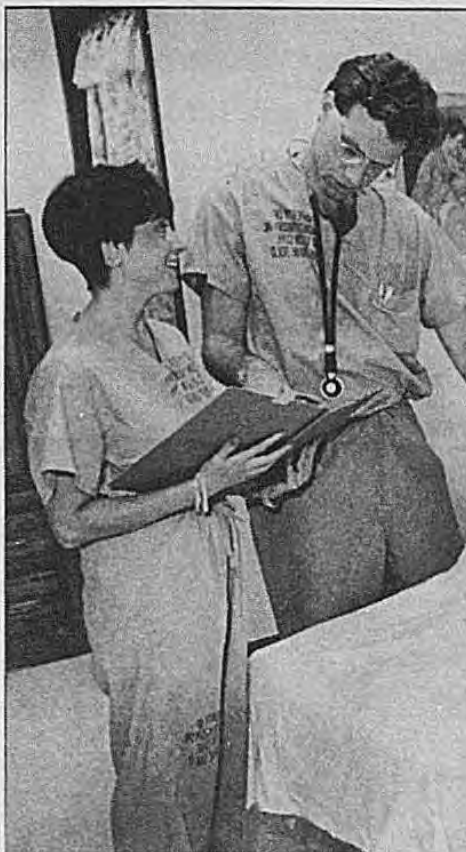
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On October 29, Girl Scout Brownie Troop 3548 at Lee Avenue School in Hicksville, celebrated their Investiture and Rededication Ceremonies. Left to right: Jessica Salz, Kathleen Hyde, Allison Watterson, Alexis Gabriel, Emily Gramaglia, Jennifer Trahan, Janice Finn, Jennifer Bulkley, Catherine O'Brien, Kristin Lapardo, Meghan Assante, Johanna Rizzuto, Angela Hildenbrand, Meagan Picardi, Therese Fitzgerald, Markella Szaklis, Monica Leary, Heather Kaplan, Amanda Roche. Not pictured: Bridget Healey.



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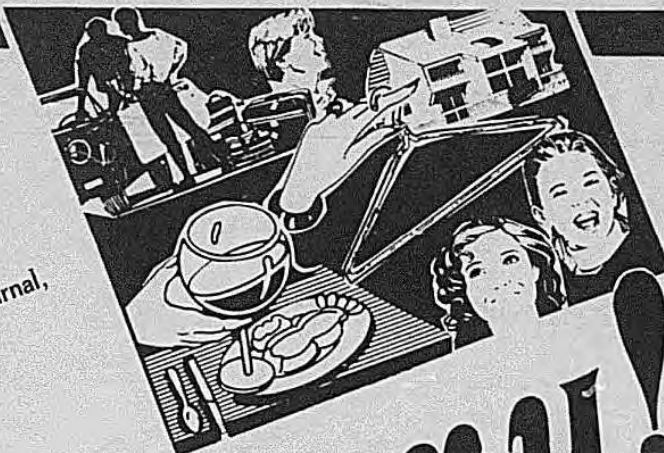
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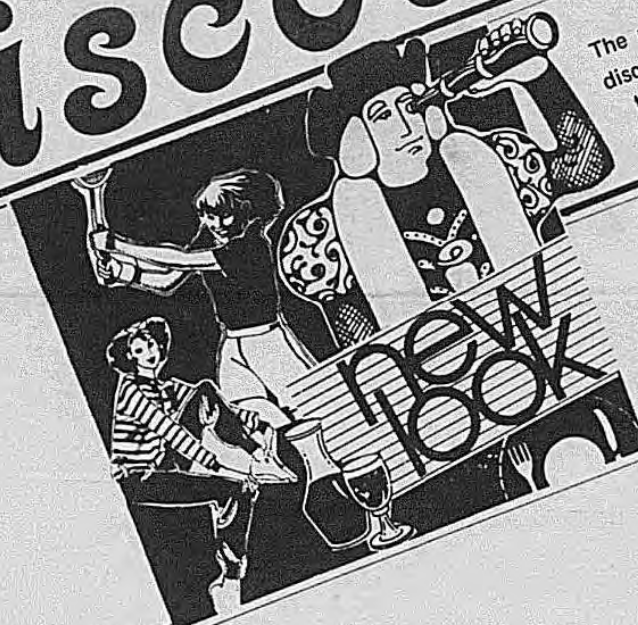
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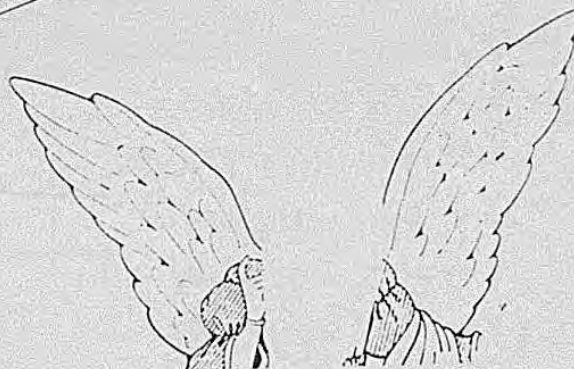
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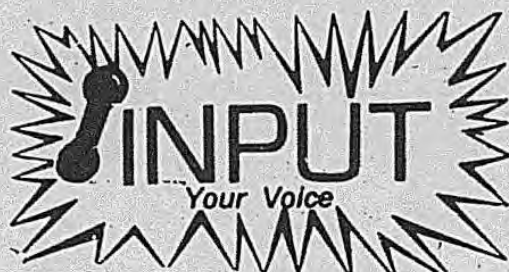


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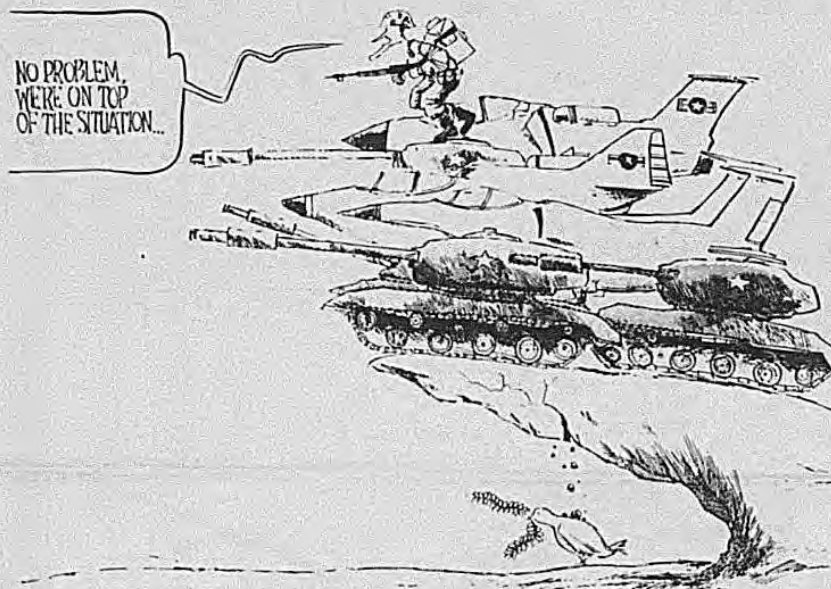
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THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you think talks with Saddam Hussein should include the Palestine situation?



Input Callers Give Thatcher Good Marks

Most callers to Input believe that Margaret Thatcher did a good job as Prime Minister in answer to this question: "Do you think Margaret Thatcher was a first rate Prime Minister?" Here are some of the answers:

GOOD RECORD

If Margaret Thatcher were not a good Prime Minister she would not have been elected three times. Despite criticism by some for her domestic policies, no one will disagree that she was one of the world's influential leaders who helped end the cold war. Margaret Thatcher was straight forward who said and did what she believed in. I think she was an effective leader for Britain who many will miss. C.P.

AGAINST SOCIALISM

For the most part Margaret Thatcher did a good job. She was needed at the time she came to office to slow down the great wave of socialism that was engulfing Britain. She did not end it but she did show people that the conservative way can do more than the socializing of everything in Britain. In this respect she was ahead of her time because it was before the true face of the USSR was revealed to the world and there were many more people running around with communist causes. I think she was a great leader. J.H.

FAVORED RICH

Margaret Thatcher was not good as Prime Minister. She came down hard on the poorer people with taxes and although she was originally from the lower classes, she turned her back on them and seemed to always favor the rich. She did not understand that the poor laboring class has to have far more protection from the government than the rich. She was good only if you were wealthy and therefore she was not really a good Prime Minister for Britain. Many will be glad she is gone. K.L.

BEST SINCE CHURCHILL

On balance I believe that Margaret Thatcher was a good Prime Minister and possibly the best since Churchill. She was not sympathetic, however, to the Irish question and did nothing at all to try to help solve that giant problem. For some reason she was always prejudiced against the Irish and during her terms the problems in North Ireland got worse. H.G.

NOT GREAT

As outsiders it is impossible for Americans to assess how good or how bad Margaret Thatcher was as Prime Minister. She seemed to get along extremely well with Pres. Reagan, but not so well with Pres. Bush. I think she was not the greatest Prime Minister we have seen. Winston Churchill certainly had more problems to confront and stood his ground well. I think Thatcher was good but not great. K.G.

NOT FOR PEACE

Margaret Thatcher defied all forecasts. Everyone said that if a woman got control of government that there would be less wars. But Margaret Thatcher did not fit that forecast. She was always on the side of war. And she did nothing to end the IRA in Ireland plus her fake excursion to pick a fight with Brazil over some islands that were not important to Great Britain gives an idea of her ability to forget about peace and continue having the world go to war. The people of Britain had enough of her and they probably are all not sorry to see her go. H.N.

LOST A FRIEND

I think Margaret Thatcher was a very good reliable Prime Minister. I feel she was a great ally to the U.S. and we will miss her a great deal. When the problems in Saudi Arabia started, she was there to help us. Few other countries are that dependable to us. It is yet to be seen if the new man will be as good. I think we lost a friend in government when she retired. K.T.

NEED TIME

It is sometimes difficult to evaluate the work of a world leader until a certain amount of time goes by. With Margaret Thatcher this is probably the case. I think she did exceptionally well for Britain economically and she was a tough, but fair, leader. Time will tell whether she will be regarded as great or not. D.V.

WORLDWIDE RESPECT

Right now I've put in a hard day indoors and outdoors mainly dealing with the ceaseless earthward movement of leaves, household chores and community affairs. So, fatigued as I am, my instant reply to your "Question" about Margaret Thatcher's performance elicits an unqualified response - "I really believe that Margaret Thatcher was a first rate Prime Minister". Still, trying to probe further into my memory bank, I honestly can't find any specific areas of her performance where I could seriously fault her except possibly her inability to bring the Northern Ireland problem to some kind of peaceful solution. But actually, even that is asking a lot. On balance, she has brought about important changes in business philosophy which I believe have enabled Great Britain to pull itself out of the doldrums in which it had been mired for much too long. I detect a more positive attitude on the part of Her Majesty's subjects in many respects but primarily in the corporate and economic areas. Thatcher has gained great respect worldwide as an individual regardless of gender and by stepping down as graciously as she did, she didn't lose an inch in stature. Lord knows, she set some kind of record in the length of her tenure in office and to have lasted that long with as little conflict of a political nature as she created at home and abroad, in my opinion, is quite a complimentary achievement in itself. I just wish that some of the politicians in this country were as dedicated and as effective as she was. P.G.S.

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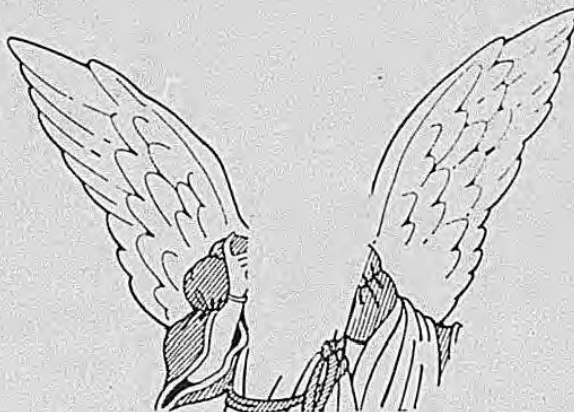
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They Gave Me Wings

By Eileen Waldron

Like a butterfly emerging from its cocoon, the tiny form is thrust into the air. The words, "It's a girl," announce my arrival, the first born of Ethel and Frank.

The year is 1923. The "Depression Era" lurks in the background in this middle class neighborhood in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. Two family homes dot the streets. Only the numbers on the front door set my house apart from the others. The cries of children, "Let's play potsie," ring in the air. Marbles are scattered in the dirt, boys kneel and skillfully play the game!

My father is an Irish immigrant employed by "Uncle Sam" as a Customs Inspector. He is a peaceful man, high ego and a conscientious worker. He is a creative writer, an eloquent toastmaster and a "George M. Cohan" song and dance man. In addition to these talents, he possesses an innate ability to fit in with the big and small.

On a Sunday afternoon I can be found sitting in an auditorium watching my dad conduct a rehearsal. He directs amateur theatrical productions for the local clubs and Catholic parishes. As a twelve year old, I sit in a box in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Commodore and watch him act as Master of Ceremonies for the annual government variety show. That's my dad up there, rubbing elbows with the greats! This is my chance to see Eddie Cantor, Ethel Merman and Jimmy Durante! How proud and important I feel! Eventually, my father is the Customs official who greets Kings and Queens, the Astors and the Rockefellers when they return from Europe on ocean liners.

Now the real strength behind this man is my mother. The word, "dynamo" really doesn't do her justice. She is ten years dad's junior. She says he married her because she was the only good woman left! She shops for a bargain, works hard and makes his money go a long way. She loves stylish clothes, enjoys all government functions and basks in my father's popularity. Many trips are made to S. Klein on 14th Street to purchase ball gowns at a nominal price!

We spend two weeks in the summer in Pt. Pleasant, New Jersey. Mother plans vacation time so that we can be there for the annual children's parade. Prizes are given for the best costume and this year the 1st prize is a red scooter. Floats are created and consist of baby carriages, wagons and whatever has wheels and can move! "Smile Eileen," Mother whispers as we pass the five judges. The end result is the red scooter tied to the roof of our car for the trip home to Brooklyn! Months later I learn mother knew three of the judges well!

The magic of Christmas is upon us. My parents and my brother and I have our yearly meeting around the kitchen table to discuss the purchase of the tree. Daddy smiles, "Now children do you think we should look for a six footer this year?" Mother interrupts, "Remember Frank, we won't have the first one we see, it must be worth the money!"

Four figures march along 5th Avenue, in one store and out the other! Daddy comes for moral support only, mother has the money! Finally we carry home our prize for only two dollars! Mother is beaming and daddy is glad the trip is over. My porcelain doll is under the tree on Christmas morning. Her beautiful face has been repainted and she even has new clothes. How lucky I am!

In 1939 daddy heads the Customs Unit at the New York World's Fair. I'm sixteen now and have the opportunity to attend functions at the foreign pavilions and meet dignitaries. My father has opened a door to a life one only reads about. He broadens my scope, I dream I write.

I'm in a private Catholic High School now. One hundred dollars a year keeps me here. The nuns teach me more about God, I think about my goals in life. I'm exposed to the beauty of music, my parents encourage me to study voice. I sing at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. I feel special my mother and father tell me I am.

We survive the turmoil of World War II, ration stamps, shortages and cotton stockings. I marry in 1944 and start to raise a family. My five children tell me how deprived they are because we live on powdered milk, creamed tuna on toast and maybe chicken on Sunday. Daddy retires in 1953 and lectures around the country on Customs. In the early sixties he is on TV being interviewed by Mike Wallace.

Mother died in 1970 and daddy came to live in my home for the last five years of his life. It was a long, happy, productive one ninety three years! Before dinner we would sit in the porch, enjoy a glass of wine and talk. We talked about events of the day and the magic of yesterday. He looked forward to that hour, and now I look back with sweet nostalgia. As he lay dying, he likened me to a precious jewel! Even then ... he gave! I learned from him ... The importance of God, the necessity of family unity, the ability to accept what we cannot change, and most importantly, in his own words ... "Life is sweet, make the most of it."

Before I go to sleep at night, thoughts race through my mind. I have a message for my mother and father and somehow I know they can hear me.

"Mom and Dad, you planted me firmly on the ground. Strong ideals became part of my being. By your example you taught me how to cope ... to strive ... to succeed! ... Look at me now ... I'm Flying!"

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Q. I have heard it said that white wine is best with chicken. However, one of the best restaurants I know frequently serves chicken in a sauce made with red wine. I would appreciate your comment.

A. You are quite correct! The French, who may well be the best cooks in the world, prepare their famous coq au vin dish with red burgandy wine. Incidentally, when chicken is served this way, it is preferable to order red wine rather than white to accompany the entree.

When dining out I often like to begin my meal with a delicious shrimp cocktail. But the shrimp are usually quite large-too big to swallow in one bite. What is the proper way to eat them?

A. Impale the shrimp with your seafood fork and dip in the cocktail sauce. Take a manageable bite. Consume the remaining piece, dipping again into the sauce if desired.

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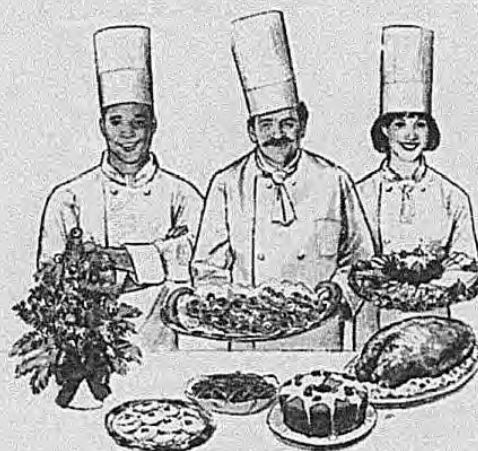
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I was particularly pleased that a \$5.00 discount is offered on all dinner entrees for two, a la carte. You might be interested to know also, that Early Bird complete dinners are served from 4 to 6 p.m. I feel that I want to share this great restaurant with your readers. H.P.

Q. If three or four couples dine out and wish to make reservations, in whose name should the reservations be made?

A. It really does not matter. However, it is best to make reservations in one name only in order to avoid confusion. The same person should be responsible for notifying the restaurant if plans should change and the dinner is delayed or cancelled.

Q. If an uncut loaf of bread is served to a couple in a restaurant, who should cut and serve it?

A. It would be gracious for the man to cut several slices from the bread for his woman companion and himself. Then he would offer the bread to her before taking his own portion.

Q. When dining out with a group of ten or twelve people is it necessary to wait until everyone at the table is served before starting to eat?

A. No, at a large table such as you describe it is usual to begin eating when three or four people have been served. It would be thoughtful for the host or hostess, if there is any, to urge guests to begin eating so their food will not get cold.

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Q. We've been invited to a christening and plan to bring our 8-month-old baby along with us. Someone told us this was improper. True? We take our baby everywhere with us and don't go out without her.

A. It's time to start, then. It would be improper for you to bring a baby to another baby's christening. The reason why should be obvious. Only one baby should be the center of everyone's attention on its christening day. Get a sitter!

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A loud and clear bravo to Floral Park's, 226 Jericho Turnpike, Crabtree's Restaurant Proprietor Yianni Hatgidimitriou of Garden City on the excellent quality of his cuisine!

Fortunately, my wife and I had made early Saturday evening reservations there, otherwise, we would have been out of luck, for, shortly afterwards, it was strictly SRO at this most popular culinary landmark.

We started off our culinary adventures there with two excellent appetizers: a \$2.50 bowl of pureed broccoli soup and two Crabtree crab cakes, pan fried and served with a super roasted sweet bell pepper sauce, at \$4.95.

Our enticing entrees included two of the evening's \$13.95 specials: Mako Shark au Poivre, prepared in a heavy cream, brandy and peppercorn sauce and served with fresh broccoli, sliced new potatoes and fresh julienne carrots, and Shrimp a la Rhodons with feta cheese, fresh tomatoes and onions. We complimented our divine dinner with an \$11 carafe, a full liter, of Crabtree's superb house wine, a white, French import, Rene Junot, and finished our rapturous repast with one glass each of delicious Mexican imported, Mont Teca liqueur made with tequila.

We also complimented our waitress, titian tressed Karen McGuire of Floral Park, for her most courteous and professional service.

Two days later, on Monday noon, I revisited Crabtree's for a light culinary "pick me up" and was served a heavenly, home-made black bean soup with small pieces of carmine onions and sour cream, along with small delicious baquettes of bread and sesame crackers, all for the absolutely unbeatable price of \$2! My waitress was brunette Tricia Ford of Bellerose, whose hometown is almost exactly in the center of England's Surrey County. Incidentally, Proprietor Yianni was born and raised on the Greek Island of Karpathos in the Aegean Sea.

Crabtree's is open seven days a week for luncheon, dinner and Sunday brunch. Reservations can be made by telephoning them at 326-7769. J.DeG.C.

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GOOD LUNCH

Our party of four met at the Orchid Restaurant for lunch last week and thoroughly enjoyed it. We thought the ambience was delightful and the food was great.

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Incidentally, the service was most attentive. We were so impressed with our luncheon that we started thinking about our holiday office party and thought it might be a great choice and we would book early. M.M.

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Q. I have heard it said that white wine is best with chicken. However, one of the best restaurants I know frequently serves chicken in a sauce made with red wine. I would appreciate your comment.

A. You are quite correct! The French, who may well be the best cooks in the world, prepare their famous coq au vin dish with red burgandy wine.

Incidentally, when chicken is served this way, it is preferable to order red wine rather than white to accompany the entree.

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Q. I have noticed that tips are said to range from 15 to 20 percent of a bill in a restaurant. When you calculate this do you figure in the sales tax.

R.K.
 A. No you do not generally figure the sales tax in the tip but a great many people now are doubling the sales tax to quickly arrive at the amount of the tip. With the new increased fraction the tip will then closely approximate a 15 percent gratuity.

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Q. In a good restaurant that we attended recently an accordion player came around to each table and asked whether we had any requests. My wife made a request and the musician played it. Is this music provided by the restaurant or should I have tipped?

J.B.
 A. Generally the musicians are paid by the restaurant to entertain all of the diners. But when you make a special request it is expected that a small tip will accompany the request. In this case \$1 would have been a fair amount.

Q. When eating out, I am often tempted to enjoy my pie or pudding served with whipped cream. Tell me, how many calories do I actually save when I skip this all too delicious extra?
 A. Whipped cream has 28 calories per tablespoon, so I would guess that the number of calories in the topping adds up to 150 or 200.



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Savory side bakes

By Rena Coyle

When your preschoolers start hanging onto your knees while you are working in the kitchen, it's time to put them to work. Cooking with preschoolers can be enjoyable and even fun if you remember a couple of tips.

First, start them out as assistants, not chefs. Let them add the flour to a bowl, give the mixture a stir and encourage them to use their hands. As long as you don't expect them to perform a recipe completely on their own, you both will have a grand time in the kitchen.

Recipes that are dinner side dishes are a good place to start having your preschooler become your assistant. Both of these recipes can be made ahead and kept warm. This leaves the pressured moments of getting dinner ready to you, yet when it is time to sit down to dinner, your child has something to share with the family, too.

When setting out in the kitchen with a young child, clear your desk. It's not a good time to start taking phone calls or have other chores pending. Give your child all of your attention. You will find out quickly that the younger the child, the shorter the attention span.

Depending on your child's age, when making the recipe for the Sweet and Sauerkraut, you may want to go ahead and cut the apple, leaving tossing the ingredients together to the kids. Then it is simply covered and baked.

You also may want to get ahead a bit when making the Potato Bake. The recipe needs three potatoes peeled and grated. For the sake of time, go ahead and peel the potatoes and grate two of the three. This way, your kids can still grate one potato and toss the recipe together, then pat it into the casserole.

SWEET AND SAUERKRAUT

- 1 (32-ounce) bag sauerkraut
- 4 tablespoons butter (½ stick)
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 green apple, peeled, cored and cut in ½-inch dice
- 1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- ½ cup apple cider
- 1 tablespoon caraway seeds
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

Utensils: Strainer, mixing bowl, large skillet, mixing spoon, measuring cups and spoons, 9x13-inch baking pan, aluminum foil, can opener, heat-proof surface.

Yields 6 servings.

Preparation time: 20 minutes.

Baking time: 1½ hours.

Preheat oven to 325 F.

Put strainer in sink. Open bag of sauerkraut and pour into strainer. Rinse with cool water and squeeze dry with your hands. Put squeezed sauerkraut in mixing bowl.

Put skillet on stove. Add butter

and melt over medium heat. Once melted, add onion and apples. Cook 3 minutes, stirring carefully only once.

Turn heat off and with parent's help, pour apple-onion mixture into mixing bowl with sauerkraut.

Using can opener, open can of tomatoes and pour tomatoes into mixing bowl. Add brown sugar and apple cider, caraway seeds and pepper. With mixing spoon, stir until well mixed. Pour mixture into casserole.

Put on oven mitts and carefully place casserole into oven and bake 1 hour. Put oven mitts on and carefully pull casserole out of oven and set it on heat-proof surface. Put foil over top and, with parent's help, seal around the edges. Put casserole back into oven and bake another 30 minutes.

Turn oven off and with mitts on, carefully remove casserole and place on heat-proof surface until ready to serve.

POTATO BAKE

- 1 teaspoon butter
- 3 large potatoes
- 2 green onions
- 1 teaspoon dried, minced garlic
- 1 cup grated Swiss cheese
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup sour cream
- ¼ cup melted butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

Utensils: Mixing bowl, strainer, grater, waxed paper, vegetable peeler, mixing spoon, 9-inch square or round casserole, measuring cups and spoons, oven mitts, cutting board, heat-proof surface, paper towels.

Yields 6 servings.

Preparation time: 20 minutes.

Baking time: 1 hour.

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Dab paper towel with 1 teaspoon butter and rub evenly over sides and bottom of casserole. Set casserole aside.

Fill mixing bowl with cold water and set it on counter.

Peel potatoes, using vegetable peeler. Set potatoes aside.

Place grater on sheet of waxed paper. Using large holes of grater, grate potatoes in an up-and-down motion. Put grated potatoes in bowl of water.

Put green onions on cutting board. Trim root ends of green onions, and then slice onions as thin as you can. Any size is OK. Set aside.

Put strainer in sink. Pour shredded potatoes into strainer. With your hands, squeeze out any extra water that you can. Put squeezed potatoes back in mixing bowl.

Add green onions to potatoes along with garlic, Swiss cheese, egg, sour cream, melted butter, salt and pepper. With mixing spoon, toss mixture together until well blended.



Light, tasty spa cuisine

By Kit Snedaker

Resort spas, I've discovered, are happy hunting grounds for new, light dishes. These aren't always the ones on a "spa" menu, either. Sometimes, as in the case of Esmeralda, a Stouffer resort/spa in Indian Wells, Calif., the best and the brightest dishes are on the menu in plain sight.

I find them by serendipity. They are the dishes that taste so good I automatically order them over and over again. Then I know it's time to tackle the chef for the recipe, take it home and make it work in my own kitchen.

Dennis Kolodziejski, executive chef of Esmeralda, makes a Seafood Gazpacho and Crab Cakes I would kill for. I must have had the gazpacho every day for lunch poolside. The crab cakes were a light supper delight on the menu of Charisma, the resort's casual all-day restaurant. Both turned out to be '90s eating — low in calories and fat — and easy to make ahead.

Back home the gazpacho has become my new summer staple, always sitting in the fridge ready to assemble. The crab cakes can be frozen and baked in the morning to be served later at room temperature or done on a cool day.

SEAFOOD GAZPACHO

- 1½ cucumbers (preferably hothouse or "English"), peeled and diced
- 1 pound fresh tomatoes, diced (about 2 or 3)
- 1 small red onion, diced
- 3 large green bell peppers, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1½ ounces fresh lemon juice
- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
- Black pepper to taste
- 3 cups low-sodium tomato juice
- 2 ounces small shrimp, cooked, shelled and deveined
- 2 ounces bay scallops, cooked
- ½ fresh cucumber cut into spears for garnish

Yields 6 to 8 servings. Each serving has about 195 calories, 15 grams fat, 16 milligrams cholesterol and 100 milligrams sodium.

Place diced hothouse cucumber, fresh tomato, onion, bell pepper and garlic in bowl. Put lemon juice and olive oil in another bowl and mix with whisk. Add pepper to taste.

Combine vegetables with lemon juice/olive oil mixture and add tomato juice. Refrigerate. Add shrimp and scallops just before serving.

Spoon into individual bowls and garnish each with cucumber spear.

CRAB CAKES

- 1 pound Dungeness crab meat cooked, not canned
- 1¼ cups bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon (1 teaspoon dried)
- ¾ cup no-cholesterol mayonnaise
- ¼ teaspoon Tabasco
- White pepper to taste
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Juice of 1 lime

Yields 6 to 8 servings. Each serving has about 170 calories, 5 grams fat, 35 milligrams cholesterol and 165 milligrams sodium.

Pick over crab for bits of shell and squeeze crab meat dry. Put all ingredients in bowl and mix with wooden spoon. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

Form into 6 to 8 patties, place on non-stick cookie sheet and bake in 350 F oven for about 15 to 20 minutes.

Serve at once.

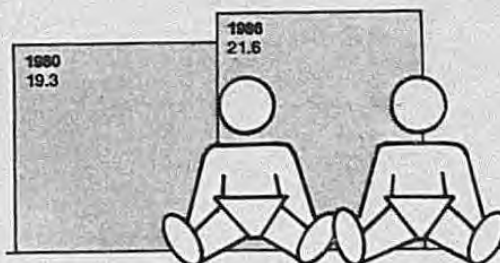


HEALTH WATCH

Double the pleasure?

More mothers are having twins in the United States.

Twins born per 1,000 live births:



Q. I'm turning a room on the first floor into a home office for my husband, who's taking early retirement from his company to start his own business. There's only one window in this room, so I don't want to put anything on it that will block the daylight. At night the neighbors just across the yard can see right in. What can I use that won't look too "office-y," and will be easy to close when he needs the privacy? — A.M., Atlanta.

A. You have a world of choices when it comes to solving such (ahem) window panes today. I've picked one of the simplest and most attractive to show here.

The pleated shade is mounted inside the window frame so it can be drawn all the way to the top and out of sight during the day when you need all the light you can get. To hide the shade top and its hardware, a length of fabric has been draped over a decorative rod.

It may look casual, but this swag has a lot of smarts: it's hung asymmetrically, which is not only a nice surprise for the eye, but also helps make the smallish room feel larger.

The window shade itself is no slouch, either. The manufacturer, Hunter Douglas Window Fashions, praises the energy efficiency of such shades. Hung close to the glass, they cut heat loss and heat gain dramatically, say the experts.

Tell that to the comptroller of your husband's new company and he'll appoint you V.P. in charge of interiors.

Q. I have a long hallway that I need to repaint or wallpaper. There actually are seven doors opening off the hall. What can I do with all these frames? If I paint them a different color from the walls will it be a mass of confusion? Help! — M.V.

A. The idea would be to make

By Rose Bennett Gilbert

Decor Score

the doors and frames blend into the wall, and the easiest way to accomplish that is with color. Paint the woodwork the same shade as the walls and watch how they disappear. The same sleight-of-hand works with wall coverings: paint the doors and frames to match the background (dominant) color and they'll withdraw into the background of your mind's eye.

Here's another, fun thought, however: You could give your hall a snappy new personality by painting each of the doors a different color. I've seen this idea succeed charmingly in an old-fashioned apartment where five doorways converged on a back hallway.

You might pick a different color from the wall covering pattern ...

or let the door preview the colors to come in the room behind it.

Q. I want to mirror the walls of our guest bath. It's a long, narrow room with an old-fashioned claw-footed tub I love. The walls are already tiled up to a tile molding, but so many are lost or loose. I've decided mirrors are the answer. But what do I do about the molding? — C.D., San Francisco.

A. Leave it to break up the modernity of all-mirrored walls.



OFF-CENTER INTEREST — An asymmetrical swag tossed over a decorative rod embraces a pleated window shade from Hunter Douglas and creates drama in any room.

Backyard Gardener

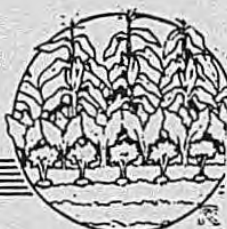
By Patrick Denton

I love the long December evenings. They bring welcome stretches of putting time for absorbing the new seed catalogs and filling out orders, for preparing the new year's garden diary and setting up plans in the mind and on paper for the vegetable and flower plots.

These gifts of time allow catching up on the garden reading, which tends to stack up during the busy summer and early autumn months.

Like many people, I'm preoccupied with thoughts of Christmas as December begins. Already I'm scanning the garden's bounty as potential gift material.

In the cool storage room there are little bottles of herb vinegar that could easily be dressed in holiday attire to make very acceptable small presents for friends with a culinary bent. In my present stock there are jars of tarragon, purple basil and chive blossom vinegar.



Meanwhile, I've made a note in next year's calendar to make raspberry, and blueberry, vinegars for something a little different. These flavored vinegars store well in any glass container with a non-metallic lid. I wash and keep small jars and bottles with plastic and enameled lids for this purpose.

I see on my storeroom shelves an assortment of jams, jellies and fruit chutneys that would be fine to use as gifts. A little round of colored cloth tied with a length of ribbon around the lid dresses up a jar nicely for gift giving, as does an attractive label.

It's a special pleasure to give away some of my particular favorite things — the plum and honey jam and the chutney made from the fruit of the prune plum tree for instance, and rhubarb marmalade. The extra jars of these homegrown treats will make splendid Christmas presents.

Then there is the cupboard full once again with dried flowers. Put together with a collected assortment of odd containers such as cracked teacups, these will constitute an evening or so of enjoyment making gift arrangements. I purchase floral foam, the kind designed to hold dried flower stems, and cut it to fit snugly into the container I'm using when making these everlasting bouquets.

Garden outlets are fun to visit during December. They're convenient places too for picking up gifts for gardening friends and relatives. One of my traditional personal December rituals is to browse through the holiday plants and treat myself to one as a pre-Christmas present. A fresh plant in the house for the holidays adds a special seasonal lift to the yuletide celebrations.

This year though, a broad clay pot standing empty in a closet has inspired me to put together a Christmas dish garden. It will hold a little Pixie poinsettia plant and two or three small foliage plants to complement it and each other. I'll look for a golden pothos or gold and green ivy to bush out and over the pot sides a little, and perhaps a quilted-leaved peperomia or pilea for contrast. A small Chinese evergreen or dracaena would lend a slightly upright contrast.

Just for Christmas the plants

could actually be kept in their pots for speedy assembling in a shallow container. Coarse peat or sphagnum moss could be used to fill in between the pots and over their tops for a unified garden effect.

A drainage layer of clean pebbles or perlite with a little charcoal added needs to be placed in the dish first. Then, if you prefer to unpot the plants and transplant them into the container, arrange a shallow layer of planting mix over the drainage layer before settling each plant into place and filling in around it.

The great beauty of a Christmas dish garden is that you can pick whatever plants suit you — African violets and palms, for example, or kalanchoe together with several other succulent plants. Go for whatever captures your imagination as you shop, selecting from plants with roughly similar needs for light and water.

Since the plants chosen for a dish garden will be small ones, the project won't be expensive. And when the plants outgrow their little grouping they can be potted individually, while cuttings taken from them will provide small plants for a new and compact, second-generation dish garden.

While we're at it, why not make two Christmas gardens — one to keep and one to give away.

microwave magic

By Desiree Vivea



New Sunset cookbook offers microwave main dishes

Do you have a cache of favorite microwave main dish recipes, but feel the urge to try something new? Check out "Microwave Main Dishes," recently published by Sunset Books.

Skimming through the more than 100 recipes, you'll notice a number of intriguing ingredients: papaya, capers, crushed dried red chili peppers, fresh cilantro, Chianti, Chinese black bean sauce, Major Grey's chutney, smoked salmon.

Recipes fall under five headings: Chilies, Soups and Stews, Eggs, Cheese and Pasta; Meats; Fish and Shellfish; Poultry.

"Special Features" sections offer tips on microwaving sauces and condiments, grains, sandwiches and snacks, whole-meal salads.

Recipes are temptingly illustrated and named; a sampling from the index includes San Francisco-Style Cioppino, Asparagus and Ham Strata, Mexican Baked Cheese with Shrimp, Curried Chicken Soup, Teriyaki Ginger Chicken Breasts. If you're looking for some new main dishes to try, there are plenty of mouth-watering, microwaveable choices here.

Each recipe includes a nutritional analysis stating calorie count; grams of protein, carbohydrates, and total fat; and milligrams of cholesterol and sodium. Recipes also list preparation, microwaving and standing time.

The following recipes come from "Microwave Main Dishes," published by Sunset Publishing Corp., 80 Willow Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, 96 pages, paperback: \$7.95.

Recipes in "Microwave Main Dishes" are tested in 600- to 700-watt microwave ovens.

MICRO-TIP OF THE WEEK

Here's a tip from Sunset's editors: To simplify the job of stirring food in a covered casserole, cut a slit in the center of the plastic and insert a wooden spoon. That way, you won't need to remove or replace the plastic every time you stir. If the dish must stay tightly covered during cooking, remove the spoon after each stir and patch the slit with a small piece of plastic wrap.

SCALLOPS AND SHRIMP IN BEARNAISE SAUCE

- 1 pound sea scallops
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- ½ pound medium-large raw shrimp (31 to 35 per pound), shelled and deveined
- ½ cup finely chopped shallots
- ½ cup tarragon wine vinegar or white wine vinegar

- ¼ teaspoon dry tarragon
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- ½ cup whipping cream
- Salt and ground white pepper

Yields 4 servings. Per serving: 307 calories, 30 grams protein, 9 grams carbohydrates, 17 grams total fat, 157 milligrams cholesterol, 435 milligrams sodium.

Preparation time: 20 minutes.

Microwaving time: 15 to 18 minutes, plus 2 minutes standing time.

Oven setting: HIGH (100 percent power).

Rinse scallops well; cut in half horizontally, pat dry and place in 3-quart microwave-safe casserole along with butter and shrimp. Cover and microwave for 5 to 6 minutes, stirring after 3 minutes; let stand, covered, for 2 minutes. Scallops and shrimp should be opaque throughout; cut to test. Using slotted spoon, transfer seafood to bowl; then cover and keep warm.

To casserole, add shallots, vinegar, tarragon, mustard and cream. Microwave, uncovered, for 10 to 12 minutes or until liquid is reduced to about ¼ cup; stir after 5 minutes. Stir in seafood and season to taste with salt and white pepper.

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Mild, mellow cream cheese, melted until smooth, forms the base for this robust fondue. For dippers, offer bell pepper strips, fresh mushrooms, chunks of sausage and cubes of French bread.

CREAMY PARMESAN FONDUE

- 2 large packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese
- About 2 cups milk
- 2 cloves garlic, minced or pressed
- 5 ounces Parmesan cheese, shredded or grated
- Freshly ground pepper and ground nutmeg
- ¼ cup thinly sliced green onions (including tops)
- 1 pound kielbasa (Polish sausage) or other precooked sausage, cut into 1-inch slanting slices and heated
- 3 medium-size red or green bell peppers, seeded and cut into 1-inch-wide strips
- ½ pound mushrooms
- ½ to 1 pound sourdough French bread, cut into 1-inch cubes

Yields about 4 cups fondue (about 6 servings). Per serving: 854 calories, 35 grams protein, 44 grams carbohydrates, 60 grams total fat, 168 milligrams cholesterol, 1,698 milligrams sodium.

Preparation time: About 15 minutes.

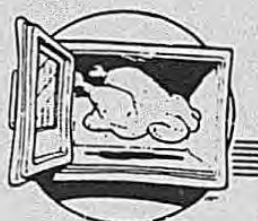
Microwaving time: About 6 minutes.

Oven setting: HIGH (100 percent power).

Place cream cheese in 1½-quart microwave-safe casserole or serving dish. Microwave, uncovered, for 2 minutes or until very soft. Gradually stir in 2 cups of milk, blending to make smooth sauce. Then stir in garlic and Parmesan cheese. Microwave, uncovered, for 4 minutes or until Parmesan is

melted and sauce is thickened, stirring every minute. Sprinkle with onions.

To serve, offer sausage, bell pepper strips, whole mushrooms and bread cubes for dipping; provide fondue forks or long wooden skewers. If fondue cools, reheat it briefly in microwave, adding more milk as needed to maintain a good dipping consistency.



Our Children



By Willard Abraham, Ph.D.

Q. I went to our local library looking for some books on handicaps, and found a few but most are quite old.

We have one child who has problems that are too numerous for me to go into with you in this letter, but we love him dearly and want to help him in every way we can. Our entire family is devoted to him.

Can you refer me to any recent book that doesn't concentrate totally on just one disability, but whose concerns include children who have multiple problems?

We will be grateful to you for whatever help you can provide.

A. A 1990 publication that recently came to my attention may be what you are seeking.

Its title is "Since Owen" by Charles R. Callanan who is Owen's father. The book's subtitle is "A Parent-to-Parent Guide for Care of the Disabled Child."

Its coverage is rich in practical details and sensitivity, plus many pages of related resources. (One of the most valuable is the Council for Exceptional Children, 1920 Association Drive, Reston, VA 22091.)

The book's thoroughness is indicated by its broad range of information, extending from before birth to "Life in the Adult World," and dealing with disabilities that go from arthritis and autism to spina bifida and visual impairment.

Because Callanan has done his homework so well this book will probably become an important part of the lives of parents of handicapped children, many of whom have participated in three stages of parenthood (rejection, searching for solutions or help, and acceptance or adjustment).

Because it is estimated that one in three families includes a child with special needs, such children directly or indirectly can touch practically every family.

This book joins and helps update

distinguished ones written by Samuel Kirk, James Gallagher and many others. Its personal touches add to the professional content that its author seems to have researched so competently, and presents in a very readable style.

The book's publisher is The Johns Hopkins University Press.

If you get your hands on it, let me have your reactions. I'll be eager to hear from you regarding its usefulness to you.

Q. I saw some disturbing news about how poor many children's knowledge of geography is. It was reported in a survey not long ago.

It has been simmering on my mind ever since I read about it, and even more so since I saw something in a newspaper television column about a TV geography program.

I wish I could recall the name of the program. I think it's on public television. Any idea of what it might be? My kids could really use it.

A. Perhaps what you are referring to is a quiz show for 8- to 12-year-olds financed by the Corporation Broadcasting Program Fund. Its theme is domestic and international geography, and it has the intriguing title of "Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego?"

Someone at your local public television station might be able to provide its production or screening schedule. Also important is the fact that from that source you might find out about other fine children's TV programs, including one called "WonderWorks."

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Cooking Corner



Close your eyes. Think about an old-fashioned square of gingerbread, just out of the oven. Imagine a plate piled with gingersnap cookies and lacy gingerbread tuiles. Consider gingerbread pancakes and scones.

The provocative smell is one of Christmas' nicest temptations — familiar yet exotic, sugary but with a teasing tang.

Gingerbread has been around for about 4,000 years, when the Romans and Greeks decided to bake a gingered bread spread with honey. Gingerbread was also a big hit in the Middle Ages when it consisted of bread crumbs tossed with honey and spices then dried out and pressed into cakes.

For hundreds of years, British bakers gilded gingerbread creations by painting cloves with gold, then pushing the cloves into the cake, often in a fleur-de-lis design. In Victorian times, it was the nibble of choice at afternoon tea.

And ever since Santa took that first trip through a cold, black sky, untold millions of gingerbread cookies have been left by fireplaces as midnight snacks.

Now gingerbread is getting a new look.

And Linda Merinoff is providing much of the inspiration.

"I'm convinced that almost any dessert can use a touch of gingerbread," said Merinoff, author of "Gingerbread: 99 Delicious Recipes From Sweet to Savory."

"I've always loved it; in fact, gingerbread is one of the few desserts I really remember eating as a child."

However, it is unlikely Merinoff remembers eating gingerbread tacos filled with berries and whipped cream. Or gingerbread cannolis. Or gingerbread chunk ice cream.

"While I was researching the book, every time I'd eat a dessert, I'd think 'gingerbread.' Half the time the answer was 'yes'; half the time the answer was 'no.'"

The "yeses" are in the new book and include an elegant Italian tortoni made with gingerbread macaroons instead of the traditional amaretti, a gingery bread pudding, gingerbread brownies, and a ginger-spiced version of rugelach.

Contemporary gingerbread desserts are popping up around the country as chefs approach old-fashioned, regional American recipes with increasing sophistication. But Merinoff doesn't think gingerbread should be restricted to the sweet table.

"Most people think of sauerbraten as the only savory gingerbread recipe," she said while casually smearing praline ice cream for a gingerbread ice cream roll. "But I thought of all the recipes with bread crumbs and wondered how they would taste with a touch of gingerbread spices and a little sweetness, like molasses."

Quiche with gingerbread pastry crust, gingersnap meat loaf and gingerbread corn dogs were born.

Hansel and Gretel never had it so good.

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The following recipes are from "Gingerbread" by Linda Merinoff (Fireside Books).

ORIGINAL RUGELACH

- 1 cup plus 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/2 pound cream cheese
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups unbleached or white presifted all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups raisins
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped walnuts
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar

Yields 48 rugelach.

Beat or process 1 cup butter and cream cheese together until smooth. Lightly whisk together eggs, molasses, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and salt, then beat well into cream cheese mixture. Beat in flour just until completely mixed.

Form dough into 8 balls, wrap in plastic, and refrigerate for 30 minutes to 2 days.

When ready to make cookies, mix together raisins, nuts and brown sugar in bowl. Remove 1 ball of dough from refrigerator. On lightly floured board pat dough out into small circle, then quickly roll it into 6-inch circle. Cut it into 6 wedges.

Melt 6 tablespoons butter. Brush dough circle with butter, then scatter 2 small handfuls of nut mixture on it. Lightly press nuts and raisins into dough without breaking through. Starting with outside edges of circle, roll wedges up, to enclose nuts and raisins. Move rolled cookies to greased baking sheet, point side down. Curve cookies slightly to make crescents.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Brush cookies with any remaining butter. Bake for 25 minutes, until browned. Cool on wire racks.

GINGERBREAD AND ICE CREAM ROLL

- 6 large eggs, separated
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 1/4 cup strong coffee
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter at room temperature
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup unbleached or white presifted all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 quarts vanilla, praline or peach ice cream

Yields 12 servings.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Butter 4 corners and a couple of spots in

middle of 2 10x15-inch jelly-roll pans. Press 17-inch length of wax paper onto each pan, leaving 1 inch overhanging each of short ends. Press paper into corners, then butter paper well.

Lightly mix together egg yolks, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, baking powder, molasses and coffee. Place butter in bowl and whisk spice mixture into it. When it is thoroughly mixed, whisk in sugar until mixture is smooth. Then, slowly, whisk or fold in flour just until thoroughly moistened. Don't overmix.

Beat egg whites until they hold stiff peaks. Stir 1/4 of whites into batter to lighten it. Fold in remaining whites, about a third at a time. Spoon half the batter into each of the jelly-roll pans. Smooth top, making sure you have an even layer. Bake for 10 minutes, until skewer stuck into center of cake comes out clean.

While cake is baking, spread 2 smooth, slightly damp cloth kitchen towels out on your counter. Remove baked layers from oven, pick up overhanging ends of waxed paper, and flip each onto a towel, paper side up. Carefully peel off paper and cover each layer with another slightly dampened towel. If a little of the cake is crisp, the damp towels will soften it. Let layers cool thoroughly. Ten minutes before you are ready to complete roll, remove ice cream from freezer to let it soften.

Remove top towel and spread half the ice cream on 1 cake layer. Roll it up like a jelly roll, beginning at one short end. Stop when you have about 1 inch left to roll. Place second layer so that one short end meets still-to-be-rolled short end of first layer. Quickly spread remaining ice cream on second layer and continue to roll cake, including second layer. Carefully place cake on large sheet of foil. Push any ice cream coming out of back ends back in, tightly wrap cake in foil, and freeze it for 1 to 24 hours.

Remove roll from freezer 15 minutes before you are ready to serve it. Slice off ragged ends, then cut cake into 12 slices. Serve with Caramel Sauce (recipe follows) on the side.

CARAMEL SAUCE

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Yields 1 1/2 cups.

In small saucepan heat cream over very low heat. As soon as it comes to boil, turn off heat and let stand, covered, on burner.

In small, deep saucepan melt butter over low heat. Stir in 1/2 cup of sugar, then let it sit for about 30 seconds, until it liquefies slightly. Stir in another 1/2 cup of sugar, then stir constantly for about 3 minutes, until very smooth. Add rest of sugar and stir continually until golden brown and beginning to liquefy. Stirring vigorously, pour in 1/2 of cream. Remove from heat and, stirring constantly, slowly pour in rest of cream.

Return pan to very low heat and bring to boil. Boil for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Be careful since this can easily splatter. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla extract. Strain into sauceboat or large creamer and cool to room temperature. Save any solid bits of caramel in your strainer and add to vanilla ice cream with any leftover caramel sauce to make praline ice cream.

Note: If you make this in advance and refrigerate it, you will have to warm it over very low heat for just a couple of minutes, watching constantly so the sauce doesn't get grainy. It should be room temperature, not hot, so it doesn't melt the ice cream roll.



Cooking Corner

SMART MONEY

Holiday tipping or gift-giving guide

Amounts shown in this guide are high and low figures and amounts for tips/gifts can vary greatly between urban and rural areas.

Newspaper deliverer	\$5-\$10
Beautician	\$10-\$50/gift
Trash collector	\$10-\$20
Garage attendant	\$10-\$20
Housecleaner	Gift and one week's salary
Doorman	\$20-\$50
Superintendent	\$25-\$100/gift
Mail deliverer	\$10-\$25/gift

SOURCE: Good Housekeeping magazine





Focaccia — the pizza of Genoa

By Melanie Barnard
and Brooke Dojny

Like a lot of Italian-American families, that beloved Italian-American family of pizza has lots of cousins.

Thin-crust pizza as most of us know it originated in the region around Naples, in the south of Italy.

Genoa, to the north, has focaccia — and we are glad they invented it, for this hearty bread/snack is just as habit-forming as its southern cousin.

In its purest form, focaccia is a savory bread dough patted into a disk or large rectangle, sprinkled with coarse sea salt from the Mediterranean, and then liberally brushed with native golden olive oil.

Dating back to the Roman Empire, the bread originally was baked over hot coals or in stone ovens. Like any peasant dish, it takes on the personality and character of each cook who interprets it.

Given that culinary license, we experimented with focaccia in the American kitchen with contemporary ingredients and aimed for the quick and easy cooking that has become the bottom-line criteria for today's lifestyle.

We love the results so much that we could fill up several columns with our new creations! Due to space limitations, our editors wisely tempered our enthusiasm and limited us to the following two recipes. But once you make a focaccia, you certainly will be able to create your own originals.

TIPS

- Refrigerated doughs have a lengthy but not indefinite refrigerator life. Be sure to read the date on the tube.

- If you double the recipe to use two baking pans and one oven, be sure to alternate their oven positions halfway through baking to ensure even cooking.

WHITE CLAM FOCACCIA

- 1 tablespoon yellow cornmeal
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 (10-ounce) tube refrigerated pizza dough
- 1 (6½-ounce) can chopped clams, drained and juice reserved
- ¼ cup chopped parsley
- ¼ teaspoon dried oregano
- ¼ teaspoon dried basil
- 1½ tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Yields 2 to 3 main-course servings.

Preparation time: 15 minutes.

Baking time: 15 minutes.

Preheat oven to 425 F. Position rack in lower third of oven. Sprinkle bottom of 9x13-inch metal baking pan with cornmeal.

In small bowl, combine garlic, red pepper flakes and olive oil. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes.

Unroll pizza dough and pat into prepared baking pan, pushing dough gently with your hands to completely cover bottom of pan.

Brush dough all over with flavored oil, being sure to use all the garlic and pepper flakes. Sprinkle with clams, then parsley, oregano, basil and, finally, cheese.

Bake 14 to 17 minutes until dough is rich golden brown and crusty and topping is bubbly and flecked with brown.

Serve immediately by cutting focaccia into equal rectangles and removing from pan with spatula. (If not serving right away, remove focaccia from pan so that bottom crust does not become soggy.)

SUSAGE, SAGE AND ONION FOCACCIA

- 1 tablespoon yellow cornmeal
- 8 ounces bulk Italian sausage meat
- 2 cups (about 10 ounces) thinly sliced onion
- 1 (10-ounce) tube refrigerated pizza dough
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage, or 1½ teaspoons dried leaf sage
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese

Yields 2 to 3 servings.

Preheat oven to 425 F. Position rack in lower third of oven. Sprinkle bottom of 9x13-inch metal baking pan with cornmeal.

In medium skillet, fry sausage meat and onions over medium heat, stirring often and breaking up meat, for 7 to 8 minutes until sausage is cooked and onions are limp.

While sausage is cooking, unroll pizza dough and pat into prepared baking pan, pushing dough gently with your hands to completely cover bottom of pan.

Spread sausage and onion mixture over dough nearly to edges. Then sprinkle with sage, pepper and cheese.

Bake 14 to 17 minutes until dough is rich golden brown and crusty and topping is bubbly and flecked with brown.

Serve immediately by cutting focaccia into equal rectangles and removing from pan with spatula. (If not serving right away, remove focaccia from pan so that bottom crust does not become soggy.)

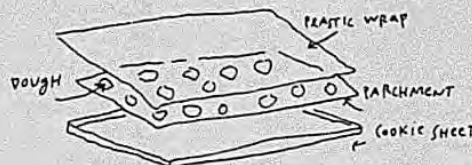
KITCHEN HINTS

Cookies are great in the lunch box

You want to make a lot.

Here's the speedy way to shape them:

1. Put parchment paper on a baking sheet. Spoon blobs of batter onto the paper.
2. Cover with plastic wrap. Use the heel of your hand to press down on each mound of batter. Remove plastic wrap.
3. Flip plastic wrap over and use on next batch.



HEALTH WATCH

Workout injury? RICE, don't ICE

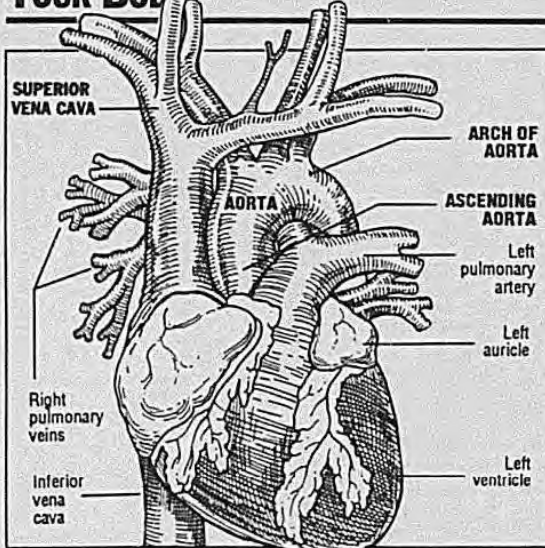
REST
ICE
COMPRESS
ELEVATE

Orthopedic specialists suggest that simply icing an injury won't do enough to combat swelling.

Instead, try these steps for workout injuries: Combine rest, ice packs, direct pressure and elevation.

SOURCE: *Healthy Man* magazine

YOUR BODY



SUPERIOR VENA CAVA

WHAT: The superior vena cava sounds like a place for bats and giant stalactites, but it's one of the three great vessels of the heart. Superior vena cava (VEE-na KAY-va) is Latin for "big hollow vein." The trunk of this important vein is only about three inches long.

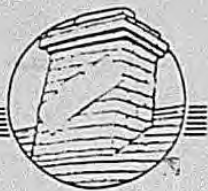
WHERE: This vein starts just below the cartilage of the first rib near the sternum, or breastbone, goes through the outer heart muscle called the pericardium, and ends in the

upper portion of the right auricle, which is part of the right atrium, one of the four chambers of the heart.

FUNCTIONS: The superior vena cava receives blood going from the entire upper half of the body to the heart. Then the blood is pumped from the right atrium to the right ventricle. From there it travels to the lungs.

In the lungs, carbon dioxide in the blood is released and oxygen takes its place. This process allows oxygenated blood to be sent back through the heart to the rest of the body except the lungs.

Here's How



By Gene Gary

Q. I have a problem with drawers that stick and are very difficult to open. They are a part of a built-in storage wall.

It may be due to faulty construction, but before I have the entire wall re-built, do you have any suggestions on how we can solve this problem?

A. Sticking drawers often are caused by moisture that has warped the wood. Drying out the drawer is the best remedy. Put a small fixture with a 100-watt light bulb into a metal pan or rack and lace it in the bottom drawer of the built-in cabinet (it may take more than one, depending on the expanse the built-in unit you describe covers).

Cover the entire unit with a blanket and let the light bulb burn 12 to 24 hours. This should drive the moisture out, causing the wood to shrink. Continue doing this until all of the drawers fit properly. Then mix equal amounts of varnish and mineral spirits, and coat the interior of the built-in unit as well as the drawers (everything except the facing), to prevent further moisture absorption and

warping. Spray the drawers both inside and outside with lemon oil for further protection.

To facilitate smooth-gliding drawers, remove the drawers and rub the runners underneath with paraffin. A white candle will also do the trick.

Q. We have several nice oil paintings framed in ornate gold-leaf frames. I would like to clean these frames other than just dusting.

Do you have any recommendations on how to clean gold-leaf without damaging the finish?

A. The gilt on your frames can be pure gold leaf, a tarnishable gold metal, gold paste wax or gold paint. And any raised decorative pattern can be made of plaster.

Don't take chances damp-cleaning an old frame if you think it might be real gold leaf on plaster. A damp cleaning adds enough moisture to loosen gold leaf and soak into fine cracks to dissolve the plaster. If you're in doubt about gold on an old frame, a frame shop should recognize the

type.

For the real thing use only a soft dry cloth and leave any extensive cleaning to a professional restorer.

If your frames are not the real thing and valuable as antiques, you can try this method of cleaning. Remove all loose dust. Then mix a cleaning solution of half-and-half portions of alcohol and ammonia. Apply to the entire surface with an artist's camel's hair brush.

Allow the solution to remain a few minutes to soften the grime. Then remove with clear water, also applied with an artists brush. Do not wipe dry; shake off any drops of water and stand the frame on edge in a well-ventilated place to dry naturally.

It is best to test in an inconspicuous area first, such as the back of the frame, to assure that this process will not harm the finish.

Q. I have a beautiful crystal decanter with a bottle stopper made of glass which is stuck tight in the neck of the bottle.

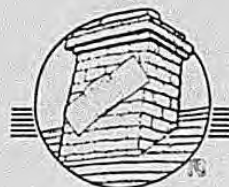
Do you know of any method of unsticking a glass stopper? I have tried running hot water over the neck of the decanter as well as applying WD40 around the stopper.

A. Here is an old trick suggested by a perfume sales girl as a method for unsticking glass stoppers in

sealed perfume bottles: Use a piece of string that is quite strong, similar to fishing cord of yesterday. Recruit a friend to give you an assist.

Loop the cord one time around the neck of the bottle. While one person holds the bottle, have the second person pull the cord very rapidly back and forth for at least three minutes. The neck of the bottle will heat up and swell. The glass stopper will not.

If at first you don't succeed, try again. This method works most of the time, and you don't need to force the stopper.



FOR TEENS

By Willard Abraham, Ph.D.

Dr. Abraham: I'm only 12 years old, but friends of mine who are my age are permitted to use eye makeup, not me, though.

My father doesn't seem to care one way or another about this or most things that affect me, but my mother has strong feelings against it. She always lets me know where she stands on everything, and this is no exception.

She insists that I have plenty of time to use eye makeup, and besides, she always mentions that I have beautiful large blue eyes. She also says the time will come when I'll learn how to apply it lightly and carefully and not put it on in heavy layers that might get in my eyes.

I think these friends of mine look neat, and they think I should "get with it." Other friends have mothers like mine, so I'm not alone with naked eyes. But I still wish she'd let me "get with it." — Frustrated

Frustrated: This is, of course, just one man's opinion, but 12 does seem to be pretty young for eye makeup when a girl's natural looks are so attractive.

Although I tend to be on your mother's side, I'd like to hear from other teens who are on both sides of this issue.

Dr. Abraham: All boys I know act so stuck-up that I don't care if I never see them again. I mean it. They are all just too foolish for words with their laughing with each other, trying to walk like men, and hitting each other and then bugging.

It's gruesome to me, and besides they sometimes even smell funny. I try to find something about them that I like, and I just can't.

My mother tells me that I'll change my mind about them later on, and my father just laughs at me and shakes his head.

But I mean it, all boys are for the birds. — Nan,

Nan: Your feelings are very real to you, and I respect them.

You didn't mention your age, but I'm guessing that you are a young teen or maybe not quite there, perhaps 12 years old. I could be wrong, of course.

When someone talks about "all" boys, that doesn't allow for the vast differences that exist among them. In time you'll probably become better able to sort them out and begin to find qualities in some of them that begin to look at least a bit attractive.

Consider putting your letter and my response away for a year or so, then look at them, and write to

me again. I'll be eager to hear how you feel about "all" boys at that time.

Dr. Abraham: I don't remember seeing many letters in your column from teens who have good relationships with their parents. I'm sure there must be some who do. I'm certainly one of them, and so are my two brothers and sisters.

Sure, we disagree with them sometimes, but we never stop loving them and appreciating how nice it is being part of this family.

I think part of the reason may be that we always seem to be able to talk things over, and they have such good common sense that we can discuss just about anything without anybody getting angry.

If voting is possible, I'd like to enter my vote for two parents who are wonderful.

If it's OK with you, I'd like not to sign my name so that a lot of teens in our state can take credit for a nice testimonial to fine parents. — Satisfied

Satisfied: I can understand why you used the word "nice" twice to describe your feelings. You're right, there must be many other teens who feel as you do.

Perhaps this matter is like the good news/bad news situation in newspa-

pers. It's often the bad news that gets the attention, and that's how it is in many letters that come to me.

Isn't that a shame?

Dr. Abraham: I think it's just horrible what I've read in the papers about children being abused, especially young ones. And to think it is mostly by their own parents! That is so hard to believe.

Even though I'm only 13 years old, I want to know more about this subject, mainly to see if I can help out in some small way. I can't think of anything more important to which I might give at least a little time.

Can you tell me some group or agency where I can get more information? Thank you heaps for your help. — Claudia, Philadelphia

Claudia: What a worthwhile effort for you (and other teens) to get interested in.

A start may be by a telephone call to your mayor's office to find out what is going on locally related to such a tragic situation, a call or letter to the governor's office to get some information about possible nearby contacts, and locating child protective and related services in your county.

A specific source that you may also want to know

about is called Childhelp. It has a national hot line (1-800-4-A-Child) and can be contacted at Box 630, Hollywood, CA 90028. If you write to them, you may want to request their "information guide." Because they are non-profit, a \$2 contribution is necessary.

In the Childhelp materials that I have on file are statements like these:

• "Child abuse is the leading cause of death among children under the age of 5 in the U.S."

• "Last year there were more than 2 million cases reported ... experts estimate that there are three or four times that number unreported."

• "Childhelp's efforts concentrate on treatment, prevention and research ... because some (children) are not yet big enough to protect themselves."

Some people think of child abuse as limited to something physical, including beatings and related harmful bodily injuries and resulting deaths. However, it is far more widespread, including neglect, poor nutrition, and sexual and emotional abuse.

FOR TEENS

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SECRETARY, SENIOR, Mineola. Friendly sales office needs a great secretary with pleasant personality and phone manner. Excellent sales support required. IBM PC helpful. Call 294-0884 for an interview. gcD1

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CHILD CARE - EXPERIENCED loving, dependable, non-smoking woman needed to care for 16 month old boy in our Westbury home on Monday-Friday. P/T for month of January. References. 997-8533. gcD3

REAL ESTATE SALES person needed for active Garden City office. For confidential interview to join the #1 sales team in G.C. & earn top commission splits call Kathleen Whelan 746-6245. gcD3

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LOVING RESPONSIBLE babysitter for 5 & 7 year olds in my home. Weekdays, late afternoons and evenings, and Saturday night. Own transportation, call 621-4232. wd2

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TYPIST TO WORK 15-20 HOURS per week Mon. through Wed. eve from 5 p.m. Should be good typist ready to begin at once. Call 931-0012 for apt.

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Situations Wanted

FOR DEPENDABLE CHILD care services or light housekeeping call 485-1622, ask for Florence. Excellent references. gcD3

Situations Wanted

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LOOKING FOR HOUSECLEAN- ing job: Own transportation. Available weekdays or weekends. Call Gracia at 997-9748 or Melancia at 338-2924. gcD1

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RELIGIOUS & EXPERIENCED woman in the care of children & elderly offers her services. References available. Will live in or out. Call Josephine Howard 718-498-7427. hD2

HOUSECLEANING AVAIL- able by the hour. References & transportation. Call Lucy up until 1 p.m., 481-3856. gcD2

HOUSECLEANING BY THE day. References, own transportation. Call Mrs. Kelly between 6 and 8 p.m. 747-6428. gcD4

HOUSECLEANING JOB WANT- ed. Experience & transportation. References. 564-8321. gcD4

SEEKING A SPONSOR FOR 21 year old girl from the Bahamas who is very fond of children. References include a retired certified nurse's aide. Please call 486-1840 after 7:30 p.m. gcD1

YOUNG GRANDMOTHER WILL care for your child in my Garden City home. Available Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-6 p.m., P/T or F/T 741-8566. gcD1

EF AU PAIR - CHILD CARE affordable, European, live-in child care - 12 months legal program, weekly, average \$165. Call today for our next monthly arrival. 1-800-333-6056. hD1

I WILL CLEAN YOUR HOME AS I would my own. Experience & references. 248-6020. gcD2

LOVING MOTHER, EXPERI- enced teacher will care for your child in my Williston Park home. 747-2183. wd1

LOOKING FOR HOUSECLEAN- ing or office cleaning job. 358-7058. gcD3

Situations Wanted

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE in my Albertson home. Loving mother, former nursery school teacher. P/T or F/T. Excellent references available. 747-1507 wd4

I NEED A HOUSECLEANING job for 4 days. Experience & good references. Please call 489-6154 after 6 p.m. gcD3

COLLEGE STUDENT, FEMALE available December 15 - January 9 to clean, babysit, run errands. Experienced working at home parties. Call 742-0562. gcD3

NICE & RELIABLE YOUNG lady wants to work as a babysitter or do some housecleaning. You can call anytime, 718-347-5482. gcD3

NURSES AIDE WITH REFERENCE, wishes P/T work. Four hours mornings. Have car will do light chores. Call after 6 p.m., also will work weekends, 484-4321. wn5

NEED A JOB INTERNAL OR IN & out cleaning house. Experienced. 481-1448 or 292-2744. gcD3

NURSE'S AIDE - LOOKING for work day or night. Private home or hospital. 868-0403. gcD3

EUROPEAN WOMAN domestic help available. Live in or out. Housekeeping/child care. English speaking, own transportation. 565-5071. gcD3

NURSE'S AIDE FOR ELDERLY or sick, part-time or full-time, long term, experience in hospital and private home. Very kind personality. Call 248-4029. gcD3

BABYSITTING AVAILABLE in my Garden City home. Walking distance to Stewart School. Prefer from 2 p.m. on. Flexible with current references. 741-3156. gcD3

NURSE'S AIDE FULLY EXPERIENCED in hospital, nursing home and private duty, willing to take a long term case. Work hours 11 p.m. - 7 a.m. \$10 an hour. References. 546-2521. gcJal

MOTHER & DAUGHTER TO clean your home. Experienced. Own transportation. Call after 4 p.m. 294-4341. W-D-3

I WILL PICK UP YOUR WASH on Sundays & Deliver on Mondays or Tuesdays. Also ironing if needed and do table cloths. Senior citizens half price. 538-9428. gcD3

NURSE'S AIDE AVAILABLE to work nights. Experience & references available. Leave message (718)470-6275. gcD4

HARD WORKING LADY neat, honest & reliable with good references and own transportation. Call after 5 p.m. 739-1620. gcD4

MY HOUSEKEEPER IS AVAILABLE P/T in your Garden City home. Excellent worker. Experienced. Call 739-1610. gcD3

IRISH GIRL - NURSE'S AIDE available to take care of elderly. References available. Call (718)470-6275. gcD3

Situations Wanted

YOUNG POLISH LADY available for housecleaning and babysitting. Speaks English, experienced, references. Call evenings. Ask for Beata (516) 538-8918. gcD3

I OFFER MY SERVICES to clean houses & apartments in Garden City. I am a responsible lady, I am a legal resident of the United States. I have good references and experience in all kinds of housework. I like kids. My telephone number is (718) 658-2049. Please ask for Sara Alfaro. Please call from 2-7 p.m. gcD3

Real Estate For Sale

WEST HEMPSTEAD/GARDEN City, owner selling 4 BR Cape, fin. basement, vinyl siding, replacement windows, oversized garage, low taxes, \$160's. Call for details and appointment. 775-1192 or 481-8942. gcD1

GARDEN CITY PRIME location, 3 BR, 3 bath ranch, walk to village. Williamsburg decor, new EIK, deck with hot tub, 2 car attached, marble fpl, wall to wall, 3 room fin. bsmt. with kitchen, mid \$400's. 742-8337. gcD1

NEW HYDE PARK VILLAGE Custom 3 BR Colonial. Low taxes, walk to RR - stores. Large LR/fpl, large EIK, deck with hot tub, new windows & siding, new plumbing & electric throughout house. Many extras. Must see! Owner. \$225,000. 488-1318. wd3

LARGE LEGAL TWO FAMILY house for sale. Mineola Park Section. 4 1/2 over 5 1/2. Gas heat, fin. bsmt., carpeted, fpl. Walk to RR, hospital. 50 x 100. Mid \$200's. 746-3141. wd3

GARDEN CITY PRIME Estates Section Split, 3 BRs, 2 baths, LR/fpl, FDR, EIK, paneled playroom & lower basement. Oversized 1 car garage, patio, 2 zone gas heat. Walk to schools & RR. Low \$400's. Owner 747-3882. gcJA2

PRIME LOCATION MOTIVATED seller - Barnes High Ranch, 3 BRs down, 2 BRs up, 2 1/2 updated baths, new kit., FDR, LR/fpl, screened back porch. Asking \$349,000. 742-4984. gcD4

GARDEN CITY PRIME Estates Area - 4 BR, centerhall brick Colonial, 3 1/2 baths, LR/fpl, FDR, EIK, all appliances, full bsmt., 2 car garage. Excellent condition. Owner, 294-8025, \$549,000. gcD3

QUALIFIED BUYERS ONLY Opportunity to own mint-condition 5 Bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Dutch Colonial. Family room, finished basement, 2 fireplaces, modern Eat-In kitchen, 2 car garage. Heart of the Estates Section. Mid \$700's. Write only: Box 524, Mineola, N.Y. 11501. gcD4

GARDEN CITY - SAVE \$400,000! Price reduction plus 8.5% mortgage by owner saves \$1,000 per month in mortgage payments! It's less expensive than you think to trade up to this 5 BR Colonial on Oxford Blvd. 248-2450. gcD3

Real Estate For Sale

GARDEN CITY ESTATES 3 BR side hall Colonial. New EIK. 2 full baths, fin. bsmt., large LR & FDR. Taxes \$2600. Asking \$325,000. 248-2009. gcD2

GARDEN CITY SUPERB Adelphi location. All brick and slate centerhall Colonial. 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, new EIK, den, party rec. room with kitchen and bar. 2 car detached. Low \$400's. 326-8024. gcD1

GARDEN CITY IDEAL STARTER house. 4 BRs, 2 new baths, Cape, all new windows and siding, oversized lot. Sacrifice at \$200's. 742-8337. gcD1

GARDEN CITY ESTATES large center hall colonial, 100'x 150' lot, 4 BRs, 3 baths, 2 fpl, spacious LR, FDR, den, patio, circular drive, private yard, walk to all, \$695,000. Principals only. 437-0079 leave message. gcD1

GARDEN CITY ESTATES Starter house. 3 BRs, kit, LR, FDR, 1 1/2 baths, fin. attic & bsmt., a/c & fans, 1 1/2 car garage. Automatic sprinkler system. Low taxes. Mid \$200's. 248-6512. gcD3

TUDOR - EAST WILLISTON Completely redone, new designer kit., park-like grounds, 3 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, fin. bsmt, 2 car garage. Asking high \$300's. Call days, 212-309-3125. gcD3

GARDEN CITY CENTRAL 1/2 acre ranch, 4 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, den, modern EIK, gas heat, CAC, alarms, electric eye garage, mint condition. Owner \$600's 248-2243 gcD1

EAST WILLISTON STARTER 2 BR, LR, DR, 1 1/2 baths, new windows, roof, Wheatley SD, low taxes. Move-in condition. Low \$200's. Owner 248-2379. wd2

SOUTHOLD WATERVIEW Walk to beautiful bay beach. 3 BRs, LR/fpl, kitchen, opens to dining area, garage, new OHW heat & full basement to settle estate. \$135,000. Southold - Attractive 3 BR, 2 bath Ranch. Lovely parklike 1/2 acre features DR/LR/FPL & delightful screened porch. 2 zone OHW heat, finished basement & 2 car garage. Asking \$179,000. Cutchogue Waterfront - Enjoy boating & sandy beach from this older 2 BR home. Double LR/fpl, sunroom, basement & attached garage. Asking \$285,000. Laurel Bayfront - Exclusive - Updated 2 story, 3 BRs, 2 new baths, LR/fpl, sunroom, deck & glorious views. \$375,000. Marion King Realty 734-5657. gcD1

GARDEN CITY, N.E. "Desperate - Own 2 homes" - Move in condition, Split level, 3BR, 2bath, cent. a/c, Alum. siding, patio, den. Best buy in town - \$299,000 (516)746-7281. gcD4

GARDEN CITY MOTT Colonial - All new throughout. 3 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, large EIK, family room/FPL, LR/FPL, DR, 2 car garage \$395,000 (516) 746-5654 eves & weekends (212) 903-8862 days. gcD3

Real Estate For Sale

VIRGINIA, WILLIAMSBURG, Richmond area. 20 minutes to airport. Elite location. Waterfront homes, lots, acreage. Let us hear your desires. We have it all. Multiple listings. Ware Creek Realty, P.O. Box 77, Norge, Virginia 23127. (804) 966-2018. hd1

SOUTHOLD - FIRST OFFERING Lovely country residence surrounded by 1 1/4 acres of landscaped grounds. 2 living rooms, fpl, FDR, large kit., den, 3 BRs, 2 baths, sewing rm., screened porch, patio. 40 ft. IGP, 2 car garage. Sprinkler & alarm systems. Pristine condition. \$350,000. Hahn Realty 477-0551. gcD1

GARDEN CITY EXCLUSIVE Western brick & stone CH Colonial - 3 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, gas heat \$200's. Old World Charm - Estates Dutch Colonial - 6 BRs, 3 baths \$400's. Mint CH Ranch Central Section - 4 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, mod. EIK, fam. rm., CAC. \$600's. Boulevard Dutch Colonial - Fabulous mod. EIK, 6 BRs, 3 1/2 baths, fam. rm. \$600's. New Listing - Mint CH solid brick Colonial - over 1/4 acres, 4 BRs, 3 1/2 baths, fam. rm., CAC \$700's. Vera Atamian 354-1994. gcD1

AQUEBOGUE DON'T WORRY about heating bills, this lovely ranch comes with a 2 yr supply of fuel. It includes LP/fpl, EIK, DR, large fam. rm., 4 BRs, 3 1/2 baths, inground pool, satellite dish, plus 1 acre buildable lot alongside. \$275,000. Call Jim Gray Realty 1-800-287-GRAY. hd1

GARDEN CITY: 4 BR RANCH Mother/daughter of professional offices. Country Kitchen, 2 fpls, all amenities. \$650,000. Principals only. 747-7328. gcN5

GARDEN CITY EASTERN section, 4 BRs, 3 full baths, EIK, LR/fpl, DR, den, fin. bsmt. with fpl and wet bar, 2 skylights, new windows, new 3 zone heating, alarm system, sprinklers, fenced, near parks and school. Low taxes. Asking \$300's. 248-5244. gcD1

GARDEN CITY ESTATES Section - Side hall Col. 4 BR, LR/fpl, 3 1/2 baths, EIK, FDR, den & sun room, fin. bsmt. Walk to train \$480,000. Principals only, 422-4575. gcD2

SOUTHOLD - CALIFORNIA Ranch, landscaped for privacy, wooded surroundings for summer on year round living, swim in heated inground pool or walk to resident beach. LR, DR, fam. rm., double fireplace, country kit., appliances, 3 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, c/a/c, fin. bsmt. Principals only. \$298,000 negotiable. 765-9247. gcD2

MINEOLA - 2 BR 2 bath corner apartment. Oak floors throughout, 6 closets (2 walk in) 2 parking spaces. \$98,000. Immediate occupancy. 80% deductible. 328-7068 or 747-7430. gcD3

GARDEN CITY PRIME village location. 2 BR condo, completely renovated, new kit., new marble bath. \$189,000. Also available for rent \$1550. 326-8024 gcD1

Real Estate For Sale

GARDEN CITY NORTHEAST Split - 3 BRs, 2 baths, new EIK, deck, LR/fpl, oversized property. Near shopping \$340,000. 741-7429. gcN5

MINEOLA - PARK SECTION: Legal two family. 4 over 5, fpl, carpeted, fin. bsmt., full attic, detached garage. 50' by 100'. Low taxes, good rental income. \$269,990. Principals. 746-3141. gcD1

NEW HYDE PARK - BEAUTIFUL Cape in great area. LR, FDR, den, new kit & appliances, new tiled bath. 3 BRs, great fin. bsmt with separate entrance, full kit & new bath. Attached garage, beautiful yard, superb condition throughout. Owner \$255,000. 437-0427. gcD4

VILLAGE OF KINGS POINT. Vacant land next to 104 Wildwood. Please call 751-6644. hd1

GARDEN CITY ESTATES Brick Center Hall Colonial. 3 BR, 3 baths, LR/fpl, FDR, den bsmt rec. rm, screened porch, attached 2 car garage. \$400's. Owner 248-8425. gcD3

GARDEN CITY MOTT Center Hall Colonial, 4 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, LR/fpl, DR, new kit., den, plus fam. rm. with cathedral ceiling. Fin. bsmt., 2 car garage, oversized park-like plot. Mint. Principals only. \$475,000. 746-7507. gcD3

SOUTH JAMESPORT WATER- view building site in distinctive beach community. 500 yards to deeded beach, boating, nearby marine. Realistic owner reduced \$40,000. Convenient terms. Exclusive. Absolute buy at \$85,000. Bookmiller Real Estate 722-4423. gcD1

GARDEN CITY ESTATES Elegant, beautifully decorated & renovated Dutch Colonial. Center hall, 5 BRs, 3 1/2 baths, LR/fpl with authentic Dutch tiles, FDR, sun rm., fin. bsmt. Brass light fixtures, Laura Ashley curtains and wallpaper throughout. Hardwood floors, new EIK with cherrywood cabinets & top of the line appliances, two car garage. New furnace & water heater. House surrounded by dozens of azaleas. Excellent location, within half mile from Mineola & Hempstead train lines. Tullamore Park, Homestead & Stratford Schools just around the corner. By owner. \$495,000. 742-4271. gcD4

BERKSHIRES, COLUMBIA County, Route 82 Ancram, Gallatin, New York. Near Taconic St. Park and Catamount ski area. New England ranch on hilltop, beautiful view, 3 BR, mod. kit. with ceramic floor, picture window. LR/stone fpl, both rms paneled -- beamed ceilings. 5 appliances. Great well with ample water. Full bsmt., oil heat, 2 car insulated garage. Screened breezeway. Fully furnished on 4 acres and 5 house barn. Price \$165,000. Lease purchase option. Adjoining this home, 54 acres with pond. Great deer and turkey hunting. \$200,000. Call collect Florida (407) 498-3452 or (305) 941-3980. hd4

Real Estate For Sale

SOUTHOLD - STATELY
Colonial home on 3.6 acres with 50 foot ROW to sandy bay beach. 5 BRs, 4 1/2 baths, 3 fpls, LR, DR, large EIK, library, sun rm., enclosed porch, 3 car garage/carriage house with deck. 20 x 40 IGP, 9 zone inground sprinkler system. Drastically reduced to \$525,000. Southold Condo - Founders Village - Center of town. 2 BRs, 2 baths, LR/fpl & dining area. EIK, CAC, full cellar, low monthly maintenance. Walk to everything. Call for price. Orient - Two 7.5 acre parcels - one with bay front, second with ROW to bay. Very desirable area. Owners anxious. First bid gets choice of parcels at \$280,000 each. Madelyn Baker Realty 765-2310. gcD1

GARDEN CITY & VICINITY:
Holiday bargain. Have a chimney for Santa to slide down! Western Section: 3 BR Ranch, 2 baths, skylite kit., LR/fpl, full fin. bsmt., 2 car attached. 80 x 100 beautifully landscaped plot. \$375,000. Young 3 BR Split, 2 1/2 baths, updated kit., fin. bsmt., den covered patio. \$339,000. 60 x 126 4 BR Colonial, 2 baths, EIK, first floor BR suite. \$280,000. 85 x 130 2 BR Colonial, EIK, attached 2 car. \$269,000. Western Section: 3 BR Colonial, 1 1/2 baths, 22 ft. living rm. with fpl, EIK. \$258,000. 3 BR Colonial, EIK, new first floor fam. rm & windows. \$229,000. Country Club Estates: Relocation special, company pays commission. 1/3 acre, plus 24 x 44 pool. 3 BR slate roof Colonial, 2 1/2 baths, den, fpl, breakfast rm., 2 car, walk all. (For Tudor Lovers) 4 BR Turreted slate roof French Tudor, 2 1/2 baths, granite fpl, sunken LR, great wood details. Walk all. 2 car. \$220,000. 4 BR English Tudor, two plus two half baths, new EIK, den, fpl, Florida rm., skylights, new roof, all new windows, transferring owner. \$229,000. Absolutely Mint, 3 BR Brick Ranch, two new baths, new EIK, fin. bsmt., new W/W, fpl. \$159,000. Elaine J. Nolan 485-7054 or 292-9749. wd1

MATTITUCK - DRASTICALLY
reduced. This 3 plus BR, 2 bath Contemp would make a perfect summer retreat. It features lg. LR with cathedral ceiling, country casual kit., deck, water rights. \$179,000. Cutchogue - Gracious country home on 1/2 plus acre. LR/fpl, 3 BRs, 2 baths. A rare find. \$179,000. Marilyn Lang Realty. 734-6690, 734-6472. gcD1

Open House

OPEN HOUSE, FRANKLIN
Court West, Garden City. Sat., Dec. 8, 2 to 4. Sun., Dec. 9, 1 to 3. Beautiful new kit., 1 1/2 new baths. LR/fpl, DR, 3 BRs, \$269,000. Low taxes. Hubbell & Klapper. 747-2900. gcD1

IF YOU ARE A PROFESSIONAL
Check out the Professional Guide in this newspaper. For a low price of just \$10.50 per week you can get your message across to readers of all eight weekly newspapers we publish. Call today for more details. 931-0012

Real Estate For Sale



GARDEN CITY - NO MONEY
Down 2 BR Co-Op, many extras. Central Loc/Sp. End unit 1st fl. - Modern kitchen w/appl. Lease/optin to buy at \$1,200 month with rent applied to purchase price. Move in before winter and get 80% tax break! Call owner 742-0359. gcD2

GARDEN CITY - CHERRY
Valley Co-op: 2 BR, new kit, bath, washer, dryer, dishwasher. Second floor, a/c, wall-wall. Mint condition \$132,000. 741-4248.

SUNNY 2 BR CO-OP ON
Seventh St., Garden City. Convenient to all. Best location in town. Low maintenance. Asking \$159,000. By owner, 294-9318. gcD3

GARDEN CITY/HEMPSTEAD
Mulford Place. Large 1 BR in charming building. Decorator bath, closets galore. Like new. Must be seen. \$79,900 neg. 489-9666. gcD2

GARDEN CITY - NO MONEY
down 2 BR Co-Op, end unit 1st floor. Exc. loc. extras. Lease + option at \$1,200/mo. May apply to purchase. Ready for the holidays & get 80% tax break! 742-0359. gcD2

HOUSE FOR RENT IN GARDEN
City South. A spectacular, customized Ranch. 3 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, fpl, completely fin. bsmt. \$1500 by owner. 489-5640. gcD2

MINEOLA: HORTON HOUSE
1 BR, large LR, secure building. Convenient to RR, hospital, stores. Must sell. \$89,000. By owner, 747-8711. gcD3

GARDEN CITY/CHERRY
Valley Co-Op - 1 BR, 1 bath. Prime corner unit facing courtyard. Excellent financing available. No points. \$99,000 Serious inquiries only. 248-1878. Mon. - Fri. gcD3

MINEOLA, HORTON HOUSE
1 BR, new bath, a/c, walk-in closet, low maintenance, live-in super. Walk to RR, courts, hospital. Owner \$99,000. 294-0924. gcD1

GARDEN CITY - SEVENTH ST.
Co-op. Second floor, totally renovated kit., BR, LR + TV rm. Refinished floors, new windows, 1 car garage. Low \$100's. Owner, 248-6512. gcD3

GARDEN CITY CO-OP - 2 BR
second floor unit. Center of Village. One block to LIRR & all shopping. Refinished floors, new windows. Owner \$149,000. 873-9469, leave message. gcD3

GARDEN CITY AREA:
Cathedral Gardens, second floor Studio Co-op. Living/Bedroom combo, kitchenette, full bath, garage & laundry available, extras. By owner. Asking \$45,000 481-5383. gcD1

Real Estate For Sale

GARDEN CITY/CHERRY
Valley Co-Op. 2 BR second floor end unit. Owner relocated. 703-527-1397 - leave message. gcJ43

GARDEN CITY HEMPSTEAD
Mulford Place, large 1 BR in charming building. Decorator bath, closets galore, like new. Must be seen. \$79,900 neg. 489-9666. gcD2

MINEOLA CO-OP GARDEN
Plaza. 2 BR, 2 baths, fully renovated, 60% tax deductible. Quiet top floor corner apartment with extras. Walk to LIRR. \$139,000. Principals only. 746-5646. gcD3

FOREST HILLS, WOODROW
Wilson Apartments. Large, bright 3 1/2 room co-op. Terrace facing 108th Street, 24 hour doorman, large closets, new paint and carpeting, walking distance express trains, bus, shopping. For quick sale by owner. 201-376-3365. hd4

CHERRY VALLEY - MUST SELL
1 BR, new EIK, asking \$79,000. Owner agent. 294-5121. gcD4

TAG SALE SUNDAY, DEC. 9
from noon - 4 p.m., at 218 Atlantic Ave. (off Cathedral Ave.) Cathedral Gardens, Hempstead. Steinway S model Baby Grand - excellent condition. Upholstered Ethan Allen Queen Anne Chairs, 1930's Deco dual side desk, King BR set, chinaware, wall prints, books, wall mirror, furniture, lamps, patio umbrellas and bric-a-brac. gcD1

Real Estate For Rent

GARDEN CITY: LARGE SUNNY
room, furnished or unfurnished, private full bath, private entrance, walk to LIRR & Adelphi University. Non-smoker. Security references. 747-1130, leave message. gcD11

GARDEN CITY VILLAGE: 2 BR,
first floor apartment. Immaculate. All appliances, washer/dryer, park like setting. Convenient to everything. Walk to LIRR. \$1200 with option to buy. 741-4088. gcD2

ELMONT BASEMENT APT
1 BR, LR, full bath, efficiency kit., plenty of closet space. Private entrance, \$550 a month included utilities. Mature business person, no children; no pets. 437-4456. gcD1

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE -
fully furnished rm. for rent. Prime Jericho Tpke. location. Reasonable rate, utilities included. Month to month lease. Perfect for CPA, ESQ., etc. Call 248-6922 or 742-2008. gcD3

WEST HEMPSTEAD - GARDEN
Apt. 3 1/2 rooms, walk LIRR/shopping. No pets. \$740 month. Super. 292-9402. gcD1

FLORAL PARK - BRAND NEW
deluxe 3 room apartment. LR, BR, kitchen, fully tiled bath, patio, storage space. LIRR convenient to all. \$625. Owner (516)488-2314. gcD4

Real Estate For Rent

PALM BEACH GARDENS
Williston Park resident offers furnished condo for rent. Mint, 1 BR, 1 bath, screened porch, heated pool. Yearly \$450 a month plus utilities or 3 months season, January-April, rent neg. 742-9707 wd1

NEW POCONOS SKI HOUSE
central to all slopes. Sleeps 10. Available by the week or weekends. Save realtor commission. Contact owner directly 546-6587. gcD1

GARAGE MINEOLA
walk RR, hospital and bus. \$75 a month. 248-6655. gcD1

GARDEN CITY/SUNNY - 2 BR
Apt. with fpl, hardwood floors overlooking Stewart Ave. Excellent condition, \$1,050 plus utilities. Days (212) 713-3490 Eyes. (203) 655-9587. gcD1

ROOMMATE - WANTED
Garden City Apt. to share. Spacious & luxurious 2 BR. Prefer female, near RR. Rent \$600. Call Lisa 742-2991. gcD4

FRANKLIN SQUARE BASE-
ment apt. BR, LR, EIK, full bath, near all. Private entrance. No pets, non-smoker. \$600, immediate occupancy. 358-2264. gcD3

NO. LYNBROOK COLONIAL - 4
BRs, 2 baths, breakfast rm., mirrored wall, DR, gas heat, 75 x 150 fenced yard, garage, walk RR. \$1250 mo. Elaine J. Nolan 485-7054 or 292-9749. wd1

LEVITTOWN FURNISHED
studio, LR/BR combo, Murphy kit., private entrance, private bath, close to parkways. Perfect for quiet non-smoking, working person. \$475/month. Utilities included. No pets. 579-4186. Gentleman preferred. gcD1

GARDEN CITY FURNISHED
small apartment in private home. Separate entrance, walking distance to RR & stores. Utilities included. Single person - non-smoker, non-drinker, no pets. \$400 per month. Reference & security. Call 352-6641. gcD3

CATHEDRAL GARDENS/G.C.
border. 3 room apartment located on a quiet cul-de-sac block near RR and shopping. Close to Adelphi/Hofstra. Separate entrance. Gas & Utilities included. Available Jan. 1. \$650 negotiable. 486-0625 or 292-0484. gcD4

LINDENHURST AREA: THREE
(3) room apt. Private entrance, near Sunrise Highway. Great security. Bedroom, kit & sitting rm, cable included. Private home, upstairs apartment. \$650. 741-9740. wd4

BELLEROSE 1 BR APARTMENT
Full bath, large kit with dining area, ceramic tile. First floor, private entrance with nice yard, wall to wall carpet. Walk to RR & stores. Nice residential neighborhood. \$675. 292-0484 & 292-0302. gcD4

CORNER STORE FOR RENT.
1500 sq. ft., 310 Hillside Ave., Williston Park. 746-1075. Owner. wd1

Real Estate For Rent

ONE BEDROOM APT IN
Bellerose, Queens. EIK, LR, full BR. Second floor, private home. Separate entrance. Mature single person preferred. No pets. Walk to bus, church & stores. \$650 plus gas & electric. Call noon to midnight. 516-333-7898. wd3

APTS FOR RENT: BEAUTIFUL
1 BR, very private; large 1 BR, 1 1/2 baths; beautiful apt. house 2 BRs. Studios: Inexpensive. Royal Realty 742-3355.

MINEOLA - STUDIO ROOM
furnished. Quiet residential area. No cooking, no smoking. One person only. 747-1110. wd3

HOUSE FOR RENT/CARLE PL.
Dream house, 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths, fpl in family room, FDR, EIK, super large house for impressive entertaining. Carle Place schools. Park like grounds, 2 car garage. Sedacca R.E. 747-0020. W-D-2

FRANKLIN SQUARE - 1 BR
Apartment, full bath, EIK, utility room with washer/dryer, A/C, wall to wall carpeting, good closet space, private entrance, parking. Walk to RR & stores. Near park. Nice quiet neighborhood. All amenities. Must see. \$750. 775-1475. gcD3

HOUSE FOR RENT IN G.C.
South. A spectacular, customized ranch. 3 BR's, 1 1/2 baths, fpl, completely finished bsmt. \$1500 by owner. 489-5640. gcD3

BELLEROSE VICINITY: 4 ROOM
apt. second floor, in private 2 family house. Young business couple preferred. References. \$650. Principals only. 718-776-7475. gcD2

Real Estate Wanted

NEEDED - HOMES FOR
qualified buyers in all price categories, who can go to contract immediately. Vera Atamian 354-1994. gcD1

RESPONSIBLE, MARRIED
couple looking for house-sitting position or short term rental. Immediate. John, 747-0557. gcD4

FORMER GARDEN CITY
resident eager to buy 1 BR apartment in center of village with garage. Vacant preferred for immediate occupancy. 481-4131 days only please. Ask for Peter. gcD4

MUST BUY HOUSE
sold home, looking in Garden City only to buy larger one. Would like 4 BR, 2 baths, EIK, principals only. Call 358-2749. gcD3

GRANDPARENTS - Send in
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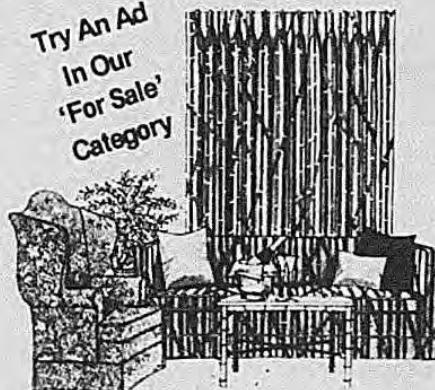
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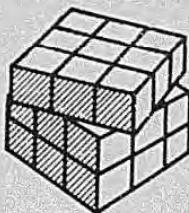


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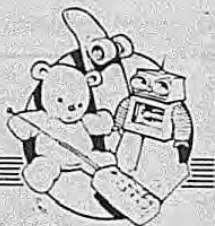
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Our Children



Ripen early, rot early?

By Willard Abraham, Ph.D.

Q. I once heard a strange expression in reference to gifted children, and it worries me because we have a very bright 10-year-old girl. It goes this way: "Ripen early, rot early," with the implication that smart kids may tend to fall apart later on, perhaps emotionally or physically, or both.

Is that a danger we have to worry about? And if it is, what can we do about it?

A. Gifted children, as a group, generally retain their giftedness into adulthood. There may be an exception now and then, but usually there is no reason for concern.

One source to support this point of view is the Terman Study conducted at Stanford University starting in 1921 and continuing for many years. The adults in that research, identified as gifted in their childhood, generally demonstrated giftedness throughout their adulthood.

Q. Maybe this is no problem, but let me try it out on you for your opinion.

I'm a father of two young children (5 and 7 years old), and was brought up in a family that was not very strict. My parents always seemed to work out things with us, and I think that my sister and I turned out all right — self-sufficient, good temperaments, fairly happy most of the time, and successful in our work.

My wife's attitude toward the children is somewhat different from my parents' point of view (and mine, too, which basically agrees with theirs). She's quite strict, corrects them a lot, and is pretty rigid with them.

Do you see this difference between us as a problem? I somehow have a feeling that it is.

Do you and your wife ever argue about factors related to them where they can hear you or in front of them? (Not a good idea.)

Does her apparent rigidity or your kind of laissez-faire approach seem to be extreme, hers to you and yours to her? (Extremes are a subject for you to

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Q. For several years our son who is now 13 years old has shown a kind of behavior that may be a problem. We're not sure.

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If I can control myself to keep from watching him, I'm almost all right, but watching him provides a kind of fascination that has a negative effect on me. I just can't stand it.

Your advice please.

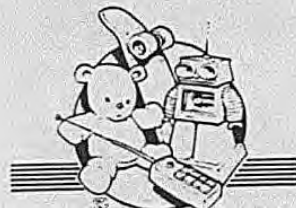
A. Your son's activities sound like a sort of "ritualistic behavior." It seems to be bizarre to the point of needing sound professional consideration.

A competent psychologist or psychiatrist may be the person to consult. Being referred to one through your family physician, your son's school counselor, or the school psychologist might be appropriate.

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Our Children

A. Not necessarily, but let me raise a few questions for you to consider.

Are the children caught in the middle, perhaps getting mixed signals, or do you and your wife present a "united front" before them? (The latter is important.)

Do the children appear to be confused by the family differences? (I hope not.)

Mainly for Seniors

By Leonard J. Hansen

Congress made a serious mistake recently when its legislation mandated participating physicians and medical services to file their claims directly with Medicare.

The opinion and concern have been expressed by Norma Border, a claims manager with Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Chicago, and author of "How to File Your Medicare/Medigap Claims."

"In what they believed was a step to relieve the claims-filing burden for senior citizens," said Border, "the new legislation may endanger senior citizens in the timing for collecting on their Medicare supplement policies and, too, extend seriously their liability for the medical expenses."

Author Border identifies the problem and cites recommendations to include:

- Federal law now requires all doctors and suppliers to submit claims to Medicare on behalf of their patients. This is a misguided effort by lawmakers to simplify Medicare claims for beneficiaries because what Congress failed to take into account with this change is the existing 12-month filing period allowed under initial Medicare legislation.

- "Beneficiaries can be forced by their doctors to pay at the time services are rendered and then wait up to 12 months for their doctors to send the claims in to Medicare. Through no fault of their own, beneficiaries may wait up to one year to be repaid their out-of-pocket expenses by Medicare."

- Medicare supplement insurance payments may be jeopardized in the slowed process.

- "Most Medigap policies require a copy of the Explanation of Medicare Benefits form to accompany coinsurance and deductible claims. Not only will the senior citizen wait up to a year for the Medicare payment but, if the doctor doesn't file promptly, the beneficiary may also miss the time limits for filing claims to their Medicare supplement insurer."

- "This new program, no matter how well-intentioned, has turned the senior citizen beneficiary into a short-term lender to the government and a manager of the doctor's billing office," states the claims expert.

- Border recommends individual senior citizens to advise the doctor and medical services offices that they request — and expect — full and complete filing of claims within 30 days. Ask for confirmation of each billing, even by follow-up telephone call.

- "Realistically, the beneficiary can expect a response from Medicare within the next 30 days. The new challenge, though, is that the senior citizen beneficiary must have his or her own tracking system to record and follow up on the doctor visits and services, to assure the prompt filing and claims payment."

Border has designed a claims system for individual use, included in her updated book, "How to File Your Medicare/Medigap

Claims: The Speedclaim Way to Quicker Payments."

"The new, federally mandated claims system makes more — not less — accounting and collection tracing demand on Medicare beneficiaries."

From her experience in the insurance and Medicare claims business Norma Border presents a system that is designed to the thinking and needs of both the Medicare and private insurer programs.

Copies of Border's book are available from InDepth Publishers, 3412 Milwaukee Ave., Suite 408J, Northbrook, IL 60062. The book sells for \$12.95 plus \$2.50 for postage and handling.

REVERSE ANNUITY MORTGAGES

In the closing days of its 1990 session, Congress passed and the president signed legislation to allow the Federal Housing Authority to sponsor up to 25,000 reverse annuity mortgages for home owners age 62 and over. The program allows the home owners to draw cash from a lender against the value of their property. There is no repayment demand as long as the owners remain in the home and do not sell the property.

Unlike earlier model legislation, where a designated small number of reverse annuity mortgages were assigned geographically, the new program allows the lending programs anywhere in the nation. Information may be secured from commercial lenders or by contacting the local office of the FHA.

GRANDPARENTS AND TOYS

One major toy manufacturer has recognized the significance of grandparents in buying quality toys for their grandchildren. Mattel Inc. has launched its own Grandparents Club, a promotion, that while charging \$10 for membership, offers a \$10 discount coupon, quarterly newsletter and a catalog.

According to Rick DeHerder, Mattel's senior director of consumer promotions, the newsletter will feature articles describing how to pick the right toy for the right age, and will periodically survey members, asking for demographic and purchasing information from which to build a new marketing data base.

First announcement of the Mattel Grandparents Club was made through four-color ads in *Modern Maturity*, the quarterly magazine of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Mainly for Seniors

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By James G. McCollam



Pottery pitcher is considered quite rare

Q. Enclosed is a picture of an 8½-inch-tall pitcher with a mustard-colored glaze. It has a figure of a man holding a bottle on one side and a man holding a mug on the other side; bunches of grapes cover the rest of the pitcher. It is marked "Pauline" on the bottom.

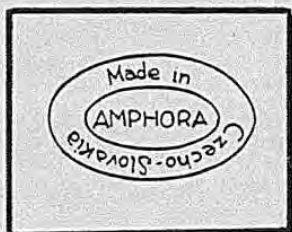
What is the age and value of my pitcher?



A. This would be considered quite rare. It was made by the Pauline Pottery, which operated briefly in Chicago from 1883 to 1893. It would probably sell for \$165 to \$185.

Q. The enclosed mark is on the bottom of a 9-inch porcelain vase. It has a picture of a girl wearing a black and orange scarf.

Can you tell me anything about its origin, vintage and value?



A. Your vase was made by the Amphora works in Tmrovany, Czechoslovakia, between 1918 and 1938. It would probably sell for about \$75 to \$85 in an antique shop.

Q. While cleaning house, I ran across an old talcum powder can. It is labeled "Baby's Balm Unscented Toilet Talcum Powder." It was made by Armour & Co. in Chicago.

By any chance, is this a collectible item?

A. It sure is! It was made in the early 20th century and lists for \$100 in Al Bergevin's "Drugstore

Tins & Their Prices."

All kinds of cans and containers are now being collected.

Q. The branded mark on my table is "Als ik Kan." It is a round oak dining table with a square pedestal and plain feet.

Can you tell me anything about its origin and value?

A. Your Mission Oak table was made by Gustav Stickley in Eastwood, N.Y., probably about 1906. Popularity has driven the price of a table like this to the \$5,000 to \$6,000 range.

The translation of "Als ik Kan" is "As I Can," the meaning of which is somewhat obscure.

Q. I have a ceramic figurine of the little dog listening to his master's voice — it is marked "Victor."

Can you tell me when this was made and does it have any value? Does the dog have a name?

A. Your figurine of "Nipper" was made to promote Victor phonographs about 1920.

Depending on what kind of ceramics and who made it, the price would fall in the \$25 to \$50 range.

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Points on Pets

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

Q. Our 8-year-old cocker spaniel has lumps in her breasts. She has had three litters of puppies and has never been ill.

Is it possible that the lumps are cancer? Should we be concerned about them? Would spaying our dog be beneficial?

A. It is possible that the lumps are cancer. Approximately 25 percent of all tumors seen in female dogs are mammary gland tumors. They occur most often in bitches that have not been spayed and are greater than 6 years old.

Spaying dogs prior to their first heat periods dramatically reduces the risk of mammary gland tumors. It has been estimated that bitches spayed prior to any reproductive activity have 200 times less chance of developing mammary gland cancer than intact female dogs. Spaying dogs after one season reduces the risk approximately 12 times. Female dogs spayed after reaching maturity about 2 to 3 years of age, have the same risk of developing mammary gland tumors as intact bitches. Spaying after cancer develops usually does not prolong life.

Mammary gland tumors are most often reported in cocker spaniels, dachshunds, German shorthaired pointers, German shepherds, poodles, beagles, Labrador retrievers and Pekingese.

Although diagnosis of most mammary gland tumors can be

made by merely looking at and feeling the glands, laboratory examination of a biopsy is often required to determine the exact type of tumor involved. Many mammary gland tumors spread to other parts of the body. This is why most veterinarians recommend taking chest X-rays and abdominal X-rays of dogs with mammary gland tumors.

Mammary gland tumors should be removed surgically as soon as they are detected. The longer the tumor is allowed to remain, the greater is the danger of secondary growths or spreading to the lungs or abdominal organs. Mammary gland tumors often recur. Any abnormal swellings of the mammary glands should be examined by your veterinarian as soon as they are first noticed.

Q. Which animals are susceptible to rabies? How is rabies spread from wild animals to dogs and cats?

A. All warm-blooded animals are susceptible to rabies. This includes man and all the common domestic animals — dogs, cats, goats, sheep, cows, pigs and horses. In addition many wild animals are susceptible. Bats, foxes and skunks are among the most commonly affected.

Usually rabies is transmitted from animal to animal by means of a bite that contains the rabies virus-bearing saliva.

JUNIOR EDITION



Aunt Tilly's Corner

Now that Thanksgiving is over, everyone is preparing for Christmas and Chanukah celebrations. Chanukah starts this week and is the celebration of a miracle when God made lamp oil of the Israelites last for many days when they re-dedicated their temple. Jewish people all over the world hold family celebrations which include eating special foods, lighting candles and giving gifts during Chanukah.

If you celebrate this holiday, you will probably enjoy your family's gathering, and I wish you a Happy Chanukah.

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YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Maximum benefit for '91 is \$1,022

By William M. Acosta

Q. I will be 65 in January 1991, and have had maximum earnings every year, including this year, for the past 40 years.

How much can I expect in benefits next year?

A. The maximum Social Security benefit for a worker retiring at age 65 in January 1991, will be \$1,022 a month. The maximum for someone who was 65 in 1990 was \$975 a month.

Q. Does the fact that you own your own home, which has a fairly high market value, affect your eligibility for Supplemental Security Income? — H.N.

A. Not all resources are counted in determining if a claimant meets the resource limit. A home (and adjacent land) is not counted, regardless of its value, if it is the claimant's principal place of residence and the claimant has ownership in it.

Call Social Security for additional information regarding SSI.

Q. I currently receive Social Security retirement benefits and I also work part time. How much will I be able to earn in 1991? — J.L.M.

A. You can receive all benefits for the year if your earnings do not exceed the annual exempt amount.

The annual exempt amount for

1991 is \$9,720 for people 65 through 69, and \$7,080 for people under 65.

For people age 65 through 69, \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 in earnings above the limit. For people under age 65, \$1 will be withheld for every \$2 in earnings above the limit.

Q. I am confused. I have Medicare, however, I do not have a Medicare supplement. Exactly what is a Medicare supplement? — W.P.

A. A Medicare supplement (Medigap) policy is a private health insurance policy designed specifically to fill in some of the "gaps" in Medicare's coverage when Medicare is the primary payer.

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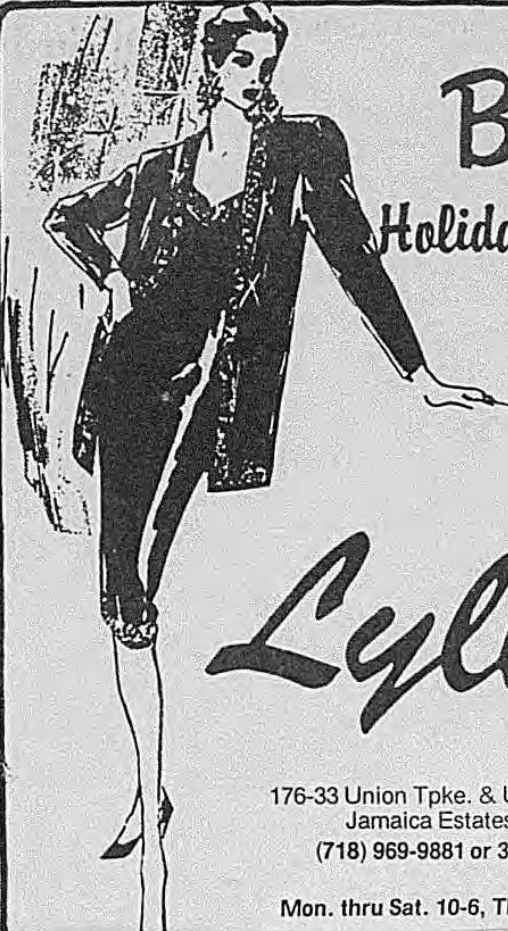
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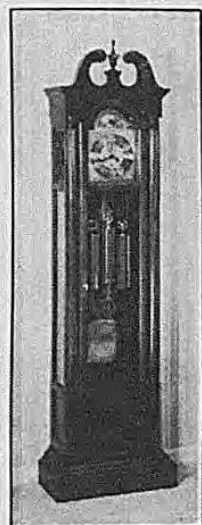


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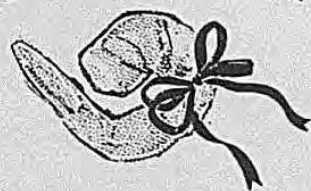
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How did Santa Claus come to be a jolly old man? Why do children hang stockings on the hearth on Christmas Eve? Why do we exchange gifts for the holidays?

Holiday traditions have been evolving for centuries. Following are a few international customs, some of which will seem very familiar.

One way to enliven your holiday celebrations is to adopt an old custom that is new to your family.

You might hold your family din-

Here's a chance to put your yuletide knowledge on the line. Whether you've been naughty or nice this year, you should be able to answer most of these questions.

1. Name Santa's reindeer.
2. Who wrote "Twas the Night Before Christmas?"
 - a. Grandma Moses.
 - b. Clement Moore.
 - c. Charles Dickens.
3. Who wrote "The Christmas Song?" (Better known by the verse, "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire.")
 - a. Nat King Cole.
 - b. Mel Tormé.
 - c. Bing Crosby.
4. The 12 gifts "my true love gave to me" include which of the following?
 - a. 10 lords a-leaping.
 - b. Two peacocks.
 - c. Three French hens.
5. In the popular holiday movie, "Miracle on 34th Street," what famous little girl is convinced that Santa really exists?
 - a. Margaret O'Brien.
 - b. Elizabeth Taylor.
 - c. Natalie Wood.
6. What gift did TV dad Homer Simpson bring home to his family for Christmas?
 - a. A sweet and stupid dog named "Santa's Little Helper."
 - b. Bowling balls engraved with the names Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie.
 - c. A used RV.
7. What is *juklapp*?
 - a. Food for reindeer.
 - b. The Swedish practice of camouflaging small, precious gifts in enormous packages.
 - c. The Finnish custom of lighting a wreath of candles on Christmas Eve.
8. In Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," a mean-spirited entrepreneur learns the value of love and generosity. That person is:
 - a. Leona Helmsley.
 - b. Donald Trump.
 - c. Ebenezer Scrooge.

1. Dasher, Dancer, Comet, Blixen, Cupid, Donner, Prancer, Vixen. And Rudolph, the latest addition.
2. b. Though Grandma Moses illustrated a very popular edition of Moore's famous poem.

3. b.
4. a and c.
5. c.
6. a.
7. b.
8. c.

ner and exchange gifts on Christmas Eve, like the Germans, or create an elaborate nativity scene, like the French.

Other French customs include *le reveillon*, an elaborate feast served in the first hours of Christmas after a midnight Mass. The French continue their holiday celebrations until Twelfth Night, when they conclude the festivities with an Epiphany feast.

Christmas trees are rare in Greece, and gift-giving is generally done on St. Basil's Day on Jan. 1.

In Mexico, religious processions re-enacting Mary and Joseph's search for a room at the inn start nine days before Christmas. Pilgrims are refused entry until Christmas Day, when they reach a house with an altar and a creche. A party follows, complete with a goody-filled pinata.

Although many believe that the practice of exchanging gifts during the holidays began when the Magi presented gold, frankincense

and myrrh to the infant Jesus, the custom actually goes further back to ancient Romans.

For their midwinter Saturnalian celebration, the Romans exchanged laurel, olive and myrtle, which were symbolic of health, happiness and affection. By the reign of Caligula in 37 A.D., however, offerings were less modest — gold, silver and clothing were the gift items of choice.

The custom of hanging stockings on the hearth for extra goodies comes from the British. Legend has it that Father Christmas tossed gold coins down a chimney that would have been lost in the ash grate if they hadn't landed in a stocking left to dry in the fireplace.

Though we get our vision of Santa Claus as a jolly, rotund elf from Clement Moore's famous poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas," St. Nick has a different look in other countries.

He gets his name from St. Nicholas, the fourth-century Bishop of Myra, who had a reputation for

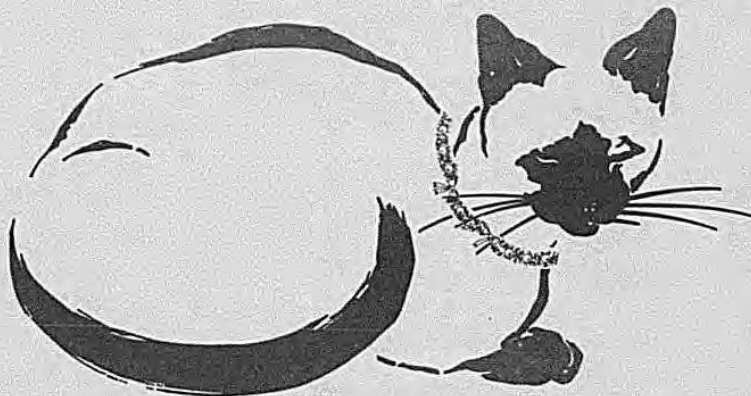
generosity, particularly toward impoverished children.

The English have Father Christmas, a tall, white-haired, merry gentleman. But in Sweden he looks more like a gnome. French children get their presents from Pere Noel.

Dutch children called him Sinter Klaas and filled their wooden clogs with carrots and hay for his horses (a forerunner to leaving milk and cookies for a hungry Santa Claus). These clogs would be left by the fireplace on Christmas Eve, and in the morning good children would find them filled with presents. Naughty youngsters were spirited away to Spain for a year by Sinter Klaas' Moorish companion, Zwarte Piet.

Italian children get their gifts from *La Befana* — a kind of good witch — on Twelfth Night. Legend has it that she was invited to join the three wise men on their journey to Bethlehem. But she waited a day to clean her house and never caught up with them. Instead, she bestowed gifts on every child she met, hoping one would be the Christ Child.

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HOLIDAY MEMORIES

A guide to videotaping and photography

By Debra Lee Baldwin

The holidays are a prime time to take photographs and make videotapes.

Celebrations bring people together who may not see each other at any other time of the year. Children are dressed in their best, and they're full of the joy of the season.

Naturally you want your photo/video memories to become much-enjoyed visual records. You're just about guaranteed success if your equipment is in tiptop condition and you know how to bring out the best in your subjects.

CAMERAS/CAMCORDERS

Were you happy with the results of that last roll of film? Are you ready to update your home movie equipment?

Now's the time to have your camera cleaned and checked — or to replace it altogether. If state-of-the-art is what you're after, consider one of the new computerized cameras; these offer high performance and greater reliability.

If you prefer to postpone purchasing your dream camera but the one you own isn't reliable, there's an easy, inexpensive solution. Disposable cameras are available with or without flash and many cost less than \$10 — and the picture quality is excellent. You can find them in most convenience stores, supermarkets and drugstores.

Incidentally, by 1992, Kodak's new "Photo CD System" will be available. It will enable you to have 35mm camera film images transferred onto compact discs, which then can be viewed on a TV or computer screen.

Camcorders have revolutionized home video. Now anyone can become a movie producer (evidenced by the multitude who send films to popular new TV programs). The machines are simple to operate and play back via most TV/VCR systems.

Problems common to amateur videographers — such as jerky filming — are now compensated for by the machines themselves. The 2-pound Steadicam JR, for example, isolates the camcorder from the movements of the operator.

You may have noticed that video equipment tends to get heavy after you hold it for a while. The trend is toward smaller, more lightweight camcorders, such as Panasonic's new Palmcorder and Sony's TR-4. Be sure to try out several models to determine comfort and performance.

TECHNIQUE

The pros make it look easy; they're relaxed — and so are their subjects.

It's important to reassure people they look fine. If Aunt Essie (or your teen-age daughter) seems uneasy, it might be because she'd like to freshen her hair and makeup. Most professional photographers employ a second camera

that can develop prints on the spot, so both they — and their subjects — see that all is well.

Keep a sharp eye for things the camera will notice but you may not. Remove overflowing ashtrays, empty cocktail glasses, newspapers or magazines cluttering the coffee table.

If you use props to distract people, you give them something to focus on instead of the camera, and they're less likely to look frozen. Hand Great-grandma a photo album and film her as she discusses family history. For kids, good props are toys, pets and favorite foods.

It's true that the best shots are candid. This is easier in a group setting, where people distract each other and, after awhile, someone carrying a camera or camcorder blends in.

Plan on holding the equipment twice as long as you actually use it, to get people used to seeing you with it. Start with willing subjects, then settle into a spot where you're not too obvious and wait for candid: kids opening gifts, grandparents holding babies, the dog sneaking up on Uncle Fred's sandwich.

Enlist the aid of a partner, someone who will help bring people closer to the camera's eye, distract them once they're there, and scout opportunities throughout the room.

What if, instead of reluctant or stiff subjects, you encounter one that is too willing — perhaps a youngster who loves to "ham it up"? *Child* magazine offers these solutions: Point the camera at them and follow their antics — but don't record anything. After a few moments they'll get bored and move on. Or put the camcorder down and start shooting again when they're interested in something else.

VIDEO PROJECTS

Once you're familiar with your camcorder, you'll want to move on to something more challenging. Rather than random shots, you'll be ready to make a cohesive film.

Films make great family projects; the experience can be educational as well as fun. Depending on the topic, your home film may make a fabulous gift for out-of-town friends or relatives (or, who knows, may someday be seen by millions of people on television.)

Topics to consider include: "a day in the life" (choose a family member or a pet), a video letter/thank you (have people voice their gratitude and show them using or wearing the gifts) or a minimovie (use toy action figures, kids playing dress-up).

If a video project appeals to you, there are extras available on camcorders you'll want to investigate: zoom lenses, titling that lets you add words to the screen, voice-overs and special effects that create animation sequences.

In addition, you might want to consider visiting a book or video store for how-to info, or take a class offered in the subject.

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TREE TIME Picking your tannenbaum treasures

By Alison Ashton

Every Christmas, my mother couldn't resist getting creative with the family tree. After years of living with flocked trees, we switched to an ecologically correct living pine.

Then she dispensed with the traditional pine or spruce altogether, choosing to embellish our *ficus benjamina* with tiny clear lights, which looked oddly fitting for a Southern California Christmas, or, one year, with red yarn bows, which drooped and made the tree look embarrassed.

But it was our family's treasured tannenbaum — the perfect home for Mom's elaborately wrapped gifts (she had a penchant for intricate Egyptian motifs).

If the *ficus* is our family tree, early celebrants favored small potted cherry and hawthorn trees during the holidays. The first decorated trees surfaced in Alsace in the early 17th century.

We have Queen Victoria's German royal consort, Prince Albert, to thank for the lavishly decorated trees we now associate with the holiday. When German immigrants brought the tradition to the United States, we added our own homespun touch with strings of popcorn and cranberries.

To this day, my mother's *ficus* notwithstanding, tradition reigns supreme during the holidays, and most families opt for a pine, spruce or fir.

There is a myriad of places to find your perfect tree. Every year, empty lots are transformed into

tree emporiums. You'll also find trees at large home improvement stores and nurseries. For those city folk who want the experience of chopping down their own trees, there are tree farms.

SELECTING A TREE

Start by deciding where the tree will go and measuring the space. Remember that a tree that's too large is overpowering while one that's too small loses impact.

Then shop early in the season, when you'll have the best selection of fresh trees. You can judge a tree's freshness by its needles, which should be resilient and flexible. (Needles that snap when bent indicate a dried-out tree.) Pull your hand across a branch — needles shouldn't fall off in your hand. Then lift the tree a few inches and let it drop on its stump. Green outer needles shouldn't fall off.

TREE SAFETY

Once you've selected the tree, keep it in a protected place outdoors until you're ready to decorate it.

Make a straight cut across the trunk 1 inch above the original cut and put the tree in a pail of fresh water. It will drink up to a gallon in the first 24 hours, tapering off after that. Make sure the water level stays above the cut line.

Use a tree stand with a water bowl or a Tree I-Vee system (an intravenous feeding system for your tree; it's available at nurseries) to keep it watered. You even can add a commercial plant nutrient to the water.

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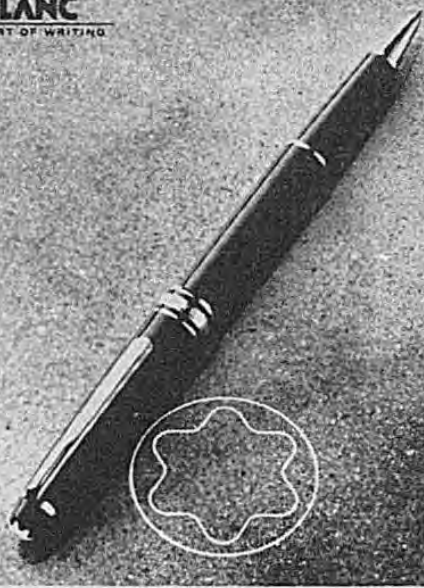
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GROWN-UP GIFTS

High-tech, sports and fitness toys

By Jason Zappe

Come the holiday, there's no difference between men and boys except the price of their toys. That saying is especially true with all the high-tech gifts available in shops, department stores and malls this season.

But men aren't the only adults who like to get frivolous, toylike presents for the holidays. Women often prefer grown-up gadgets over the frilly clothes and overpriced perfumes they're accustomed to receiving.

With that in mind, it should be easy to find just the right grown-up gift that doesn't require knowing a size or color preference.

HIGH-TECH TREATS

Children aren't the only ones who like nice shiny presents with tons of buttons, lights and switches. High-tech gifts are easy to give because they're normally something someone would ooh and aah over in the store but would never buy.

If you know someone who really enjoys a good rest, try giving him or her the "Sound Soother" from the Sharper Image. The Sound Soother is a combination radio/alarm clock with the added feature of soothing surf sounds to lull you to sleep or wake you with the sound of crashing waves.

For the hygienic, Panasonic offers the ultimate in personal care, electric nose-hair clippers.

Seiko has the perfect gift for the time-conscious. The World Time Clock displays the correct time in 27 different international cities. Also, time zones are displayed across an LCD map of the world.

And as technology increases, the size of gadgets decreases. For example, two shrunken video cameras, one from Panasonic and the other from Sony, are just about small enough to be used as stocking stuffers. Panasonic calls its miniature video camera the Palmcorder, while Sony just calls it the Handycam. Either way, it's easy to get a grip on these gifts.

Sony has also just come out with the Video Walkman. It's a small television with a video 8 VCR and can just about fit in your pocket.

GROWN-UP GADGETS

The gadget-minded adult craves new gizmos for the home. And this year promises to offer more home-entertainment goodies than any so far.

Video connoisseurs will giggle with glee upon receipt of some of the latest in high-tech VCRs. Mitsubishi is offering a VCR with all the trimmings. It contains advanced editing/special effect controls and high-speed rewind and fast-forward modes.

Akai offers a video treat with its combination video switcher/color monitor. It acts like a stereo receiver and looks like a VCR, but you can monitor what you do with the small television screen on the front of it.

And a videophile's Christmas is bound to include one of the many

surround sound stereo amplifiers for televisions and VCRs.

Speaking of sound, Christmas is the best time to update a stereo system with one of many multi-CD players that will hold up to five CDs. And while you're getting a multi-CD player, make sure you get one with remote control.

BUSINESS BOOTY

If you want to help your favorite business execs streamline their lives, give them the Fast Dialer 500+. With this handy gadget, execs will be able to automatically dial any of the 500 numbers stored in its memory.

And for execs on the go there are plenty of pocket translators to help out in those touchy linguistic situations where knowing the right word can clench that deal.

PHYSICALLY FIT

As more and more people move exercise into the home, choosing gifts for these exercise aficionados becomes easier and easier.

If you know a little about your eager exerciser, then you'll know what kind of equipment to buy.

Try giving a treadmill, ski machine or climber to sedentary office workers. Stationary bikes and treadmills are ideal for seniors.

Executives with little or no time to exercise will appreciate a stationary bike with a swiveling reading table.

And for the golfers who need a littleumph in their swing, check out the Marcy Wedge, which attaches to your forearm and hand to flex those crucial golf muscles. If they need help on the course, Sekisui offers the Golf Score Mate. It looks like a calculator, but it tracks putting efficiency and handicap and will calculate your gross, net or best score ever.

Golfers also love accessories such as monogrammed tees, new balls or gloves jammed in their stockings.

XMAS FACTS

More men than women are last-minute Christmas shoppers



"Last-minute" shoppers

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OLD-FASHIONED BAKING Holiday breads, cakes and pies

By Tersha d'Elgin

Germans have their *stollen*, Italians their anise-flavored *panettone*, the French their *bûche de noël*, the Dutch their prune loaf, and the English their plum pudding. Holiday baking is a timeless tradition, deeply significant in virtually every culture. How lucky we are to be able to savor them all.

The very smell of home-baking fills the holidays with meaning. And having flavorful loaves and pastries on hand to enjoy or give as gifts can be relatively easy and rewarding.

Put yourself in "mood" with "The Pioneer Lady's Country Christmas." This touching book by Jane Watson Hopping (Villard Books) evokes a warm holiday spirit with old-fashioned recipes and decorating ideas.

"The Book of Bread" by Judith and Evan Jones (Harper & Row) is an inspired and comprehensive sort of bread bible. All kinds of recipes, even including steamed, poached and skillet breads, are described. Those seeking hard-to-find equipment or ingredients can consult its mail-order section.

Other helpful books are "Old World Breads" by Charel Schaele (The Crossing Press) and "Beard on Bread" by James Beard (Knopf).

Sugarplum fairies can work wonders with your children's imaginations. Kids make great kitchen elves with a little supervision. Outfit your baking workshop with new cookie cutters and cake molds from a kitchen equipment or cake decorating supply store.

Variations on common holiday themes include gingerbread reindeer with chocolate pretzel antlers tipped with white frosting snow. Using a snowman cake mold, create a little drummer boy. Or turn a Santa Claus cake into the Grinch.

Help your children simulate a cookie miniature of home sweet home. First build a simplified model of your house from a foam core. Then use store-bought cookies and candies that resemble your own home's building materials. Include a candy bar door stoop and cotton candy smoke.

Here is a recipe from Knott's Berry Farm that is perfect for the family production line.

HOLIDAY BUTTER AND JAM COOKIES

- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 sticks sweet butter
- 2 eggs
- 5 cups cake flour
- 1 tablespoon vanilla flavoring
- 1 dash soda
- 2 cups sliced almonds
- 1 cup boysenberry or strawberry jam

Yields 64 cookies.

Grease cookie sheet. Non-stick spray or waxed paper may also be used. Preheat oven to 375 F.

Mix together sugar, butter,

eggs, flour, vanilla and soda. Divide dough into 5 equal pieces. Form each section into an 8-inch roll. Roll each piece in almonds and slice into 8 cookies. Place 2 inches apart on cookie sheet. Make indentation with spoon or thumb in center of each cookie to hold jam. Fill with your favorite flavor of jam. Bake at 375 F for 6 to 8 minutes.

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Freezable desserts can be made ahead for handy holiday provisions. Tartlets are a pleasant exception to the usual December fare. Variations on traditional pies could include mocha walnut or pear tarts.

Most breads are variations on basic yeast dough recipes. Challah is the simple braided loaf with sesame seeds eaten on Jewish Sabbaths. Hoska, a braided Czechoslovakian loaf, is loaded with candied lemon peel, raisins and chopped almonds, then arranged in a wreath shape. Crushed sugar cubes and silvered nuts top the long cardamon-flavored Pulla from Finland.

Versatile non-yeast breads can be served at breakfast, teatime or for dessert. The following can be whipped up in a trice using the microwave.

CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS RING

- 3 tablespoons shortening
- 2 1/4 cups finely chopped walnuts
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 cup softened butter
- 1 and one-third cups granulated sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sour cream or plain non-fat yogurt
- 1 ripe banana, mashed
- 2 tablespoons orange liqueur (Cointreau, Triple Sec)
- Orange Sugar Glaze:
- 1 cup powdered sugar, sifted
- 2 tablespoons orange juice

Yields 20 to 24 servings.

Thoroughly grease a 10- to 12-cup microwave-safe bundt pan with shortening; sprinkle with 1/2 cup chopped walnuts to coat evenly. Sift flours, baking powder and baking soda.

Cream butter and sugar until fluffy; beat in eggs, 1 at a time. Stir sour cream or yogurt, banana and liqueur into egg mixture and flour mixture into banana-egg batter; stir in remaining walnuts.

Spoon into prepared pan and place on top of microwave-proof bowl in microwave, bringing cake up to center of oven. Cook on MEDIUM (50 percent power) 10 minutes, then on HIGH (100 percent power) 5 to 7 minutes until cake tests done, turning twice. Let cake stand 15 minutes. Turn out onto serving plate. Let cool.

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HOLIDAY DECOR

By Alison Ashton

Perhaps nobody did more to further the cause of holiday decorating than the Victorians. From opulently adorned trees to garlands festooning every doorway to Christmas crackers at every place setting, they created a sense of festive abundance with their yuletide decor.

While the excess of Victorian holiday decor might not be your taste, it does encourage you to think of the whole house as fair game when it comes to bringing the spirit of the season into your home.

Instead of looking at it as a chore, make it fun. Start by put-

ting out small decorations in early December, adding more as the holidays draw near.

INVITING ENTRIES

Wreaths are a traditional way to invite friends in for the holidays, but you don't have to stop there. Ideas for doorways include decorating the door like a giant present by dressing it up with bright red paper and a huge bow.

Or create a country Christmas by framing the doorway with swags of fragrant evergreen garlands, highlighted with big red bows and polished apples.

Perk up windows with small ornaments, lights or even painted-on

decorations.

One idea is to use fancy paper doilies as window stencils. Use a wide stencil brush or a sponge to apply water-soluble paint and create a flurry of pretty snowflakes. The more creative among us, of course, can create their own stencils using a variety of holiday motifs.

When you're stringing lights up outdoors, don't overlook lawn decorations. Create a nativity scene or dot the lawn with charmingly primitive-looking reindeer made with logs and twigs. And lights aren't the only way to perk up trees and shrubs — dress them up with bright streamers of wide red

and gold ribbon.

DECK THE HALLS

Deck the halls with anything — boughs of holly, swags of evergreens, garlands of fruit and vegetables. The choice is limitless and the effect is always cheerful.

In "Entertaining in the Victorian Style" (Dutton Studio Books), Marilyn Hansen suggests that festive excess is best:

"To give a Victorian flavor to your decorations, hang garlands of green over doorways and mantels — and over a tall pier mirror if you have one — letting them fall down the sides. Twine greens around the banister or in and out balusters of a prominent staircase."

Hang sprigs of mistletoe in strategic locations. Chandeliers and other hanging light fixtures provide another venue for decorations.

Add a touch of whimsy with decorations made from unusual materials. Create a Southwestern centerpiece of red and green chili peppers. Or decorate an archway with a garland of vegetables for an effect that is surprisingly festive.

Use moss, ornaments, bows, evergreens, dried flowers and other materials to create your garlands. Even include scented sachets of bay leaves, cloves and cinnamon to invoke the holiday spirit. Chicken wire, florist's tape and wire, available at hardware stores and hobby shops, will help you shape the garland.

Raid the children's toy box for teddy bears and pretty dolls. Dressed up with plaid, gold, silver, red and white bows, they make cheerful sentries lined up along a mantelpiece or grouped at the foot of a stairway.

ORNAMENTS

Ornaments have been around nearly as long as the Christmas tree. Paradise trees were adorned with apples and small pastries baked in the shape of stars, angels, hearts and flowers.

Early ornaments in this country were delicate creations imported from Germany. Made of hand-cast lead and hand-blown glass, they were embellished with silk thread, chenille and tinsel. Spun-glass ornaments in the shape of butterfly wings, air balloons and zepplins also went on to become beloved heirlooms.

Today manufacturers such as Hallmark and American Greetings offer dated keepsake ornaments with a nostalgic flair for collectors. And the handmade ornaments we created as children are among the most beloved.

Ornaments, of course, belong on the tree. But that's not the only place they'll feel at home.

Use them to create table decorations or dress up tabletop holiday topiaries. Hang them on wreaths or garlands. Or use them to decorate your packages.

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All aboard to see what's in store

By Sharon Achatz

All aboard! The Toyland Express is about to take off to see what's in stores this holiday season.

First stop: a visit to Videoland, where King Nintendo reigns supreme with nary a flicker in the enthusiasm for this product. While most electronics lovers plugged in to a Nintendo game set last season, there's no shortage of new software cartridges to pop in the box.

If you've learned to save the princess in the Super Mario Brothers game, look for Super Mario 3. Or pal around with Pin Bot, a pinball-meets-robot arcade-style game. Or enter the role-playing worlds of Star Tropics or Final Fantasy.

For sports junkies, power up the field with Mike Ditka's Big Play Football by Accolade, or down the slopes with Heavy Shreddin', a snowboarding sports game by Parker Brothers.

For electronics fans with itchy feet to match their itchy fingers, pick up Game Boy, the new handheld Nintendo game set that follows where you lead.

Next stop for the Express is the Doll House, with its assortment of perfect playmates, whether your babes are interested in action figures, plush animals or baby dolls.

Baby dolls this season are positively magical. With Mattel's Magic Nursery dolls, a child immerses her "baby's" dressing gown into a bowl of water. Poof!

The gown vanishes, leaving behind a bag containing either a frilly dress or boys wear, so your tot Baby Uh-Oh, which stains the diapers in two colors.

At 30, Barbie's still as popular as ever, but she has some high-fashion competition this season from Matchbox Toys' Real Model Collection dolls designed as look-alikes for models Cheryl Tiegs, Beverly Johnson and Christie Brinkley.

Batman action figures and play vehicles continue to fly high, as the release of the film on videocassette has given these figures a second life. Following the screen-to-toyland trend are action figures based on Dick Tracy, Gremlins 2, the Jetsons, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and, from television, the Simpsons, Beetlejuice and Tom and Jerry.

As for plush animals, there's a zooful of options. In addition to the standard cuddly cuties, you have animals that talk, sing and dance, such as Worlds of Wonder's Little Boppers, animated sound-activated plush toys — like Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Teddy Ruxpin — that move their legs in synchronization to sound.

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NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Ring in a bright new year

By Tershia d'Elgin

Pull that time-worn rug out from under the old year and roll out the red carpet for the new year with a novel New Year's celebration. Here are some approaches guaranteed to launch you, your family and friends into a Happy New Year.

With all eyes focused on the clock, the countdown to midnight can be interminable. Don't invite guests until at least 9 p.m. Avoid the peril of watched watches by padding out the evening with absorbing activities.

Marvelous food is made more engaging when guests are involved in its preparation. Work with a group of from 10 to 20 people. You'll find a lavishly conceived meal is more easily accomplished when individual courses are carried out by different guests. The party can progress from kitchen to dining room at a leisurely pace.

A festive menu might be Sherried Consomme, with Miniature Lemon Biscuits, Broiled Oysters with Pureed Mushrooms, Pear Ice, Filet Mignon, Rosemary Scalloped Potatoes, Sautéed Winter Vegetables, Escarole Salad with Avocado and Orange Slices, Chevre Cheese with Walnut Bread and Pine Nut Tart.

Less elaborate but still all-inclusive are do-it-yourself events. A late evening omelet party makes eating a more casual but

still time-absorbing affair. Get together several frying pans and make a huge bowl or pitcher full of beaten eggs. Have omelet-making instructions and the butter near the stove. Close at hand, offer a variety of fillings such as artichoke hearts, sautéed mushrooms, scallions, sliced sausage, cheese, minced parsley, caviar and sour cream.

Your friends may want to try more than one variety during the course of the evening. Keep a steady supply of warm wheat bread and champagne circling. As midnight approaches, break out the sorbet assortment and chocolate truffles. This kind of buffet lends itself to charades or trivia games.

If you feel up to preparing the whole meal yourself but are short on ideas, consult "The Farrington House Cookbook" (Ventana Press) by Jenny Fitch. This lovely book shares the secrets of a popular Southern restaurant, including six

winter menus and seasonal flower arranging instructions.

An abundance of bubbly on hand makes for an effervescent beginning to the new year. Good and reasonably priced are Cadiz Champenoise, Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc, Culbertson's Brut Rose and Piper Sonomas's Blanc de Noir.

Friends who are musicians can be invited to bring their instruments and favorite sheet music. These kind of impromptu musicales can ignite a shared enthusiasm that should reach a pitch in time for "Auld Lang Syne."

Roll back the rugs, turn down the lights and throw on some classic dance tunes from the big band era.

Occasions for true formality are few for most people. Why not have everyone come in black tie. Issue invitations well in advance so your guests will have time to get glamorous. Or ask them to create New Year's themed masks or futuristic costumes to wear to the

event.

Canned streamers, confetti, crepe paper, balloons, noisemakers and paper hats comprise the usual New Year's Eve decor. This season's favorite styles are black with metallic combos. Silver Mylar curtains, balloons and ribbons extend the reflective glitter. A big paper Chinese dragon can be tethered to ceiling fixtures. If budget allows, rent a bubble-maker and strobe light.

Some party purveyors rent animated figures — Father Time, New Year's babies with champagne glasses or huge champagne bottles. Load up on rich-hued flowering plants such as poinsettias and azaleas to accent tables and corners.

It's a Southern belief that no new year should be undertaken without eating black-eyed peas. These hearty legumes, properly prepared, make a delicious stew that can double as a hangover remedy. Invite your nearest and dearest to relax and recover on New Year's Day afternoon.

WAYS TO FILL THE HOLIDAY STRETCH

- Take the tree down and invite your best friends over for turkey mole or cacciatore made from leftovers.
- Pitch camp in the desert, relax, rough it and catch up on your 1990 magazines.
- Head for the bayou to enjoy Sugar Bowl events in New Orleans.
- Sleep.
- Go in with friends to rent a condo at a winter sports retreat.
- Harness up those Belgian mares for a hayrack or sleigh ride.
- Charter a sailboat for a cocktail dinner cruise.
- Redo your address book and fill your calendar with birthdays, anniversaries and holidays.
- Sun-seekers should head for Mexico.
- Roll up your sleeves, clean out your closets and throw an end-of-the-year garage sale.
- Put your recipes in order. Invite friends over to be gourmet guinea pigs for an evening of untested dishes.
- Take your family and friends out for a nighttime ice-skating event. Don't forget the cocoa and marshmallows.
- Shovel out an elaborate maze in your yard or a nearby park. Gather group for a competitive game of "Fox and Geese."
- Collect winter bulbs and learn how to force blossoms off blooming tree branches.
- Catch up with far-flung friends. Make one long-distance call a day during off-peak hours.
- Hone up on a sport by taking an hour lesson every day. Be it in tennis, golf, riding, squash or sailboarding.
- Host an oil-changing caucus with a few grease-monkey friends. Serve chili to the successful.
- Get to the nearest metropolis, whether by car, train or plane, for an evening of theater and fancy dining.
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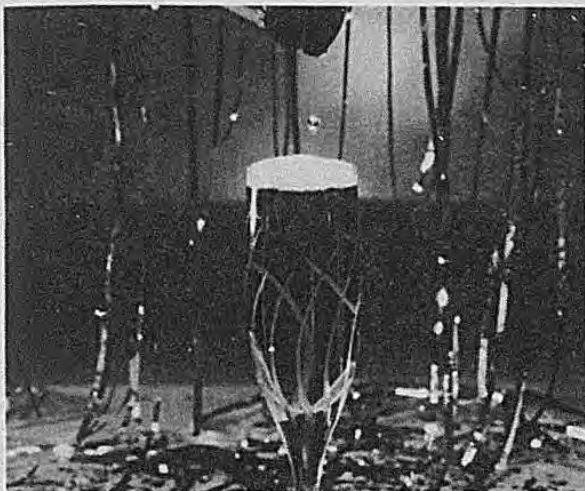
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- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 chopped green pepper
- 1 cup chopped parsley
- Tabasco sauce
- 1 lemon
- ½ pound shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Yields 6 servings.

Cook onions in 6 tablespoons of bacon drippings over medium heat until translucent but not browned. Put peas and onions in Dutch oven and cover with water.

Bring to boil, reduce heat to simmer and continue cooking for an hour. Add more water if necessary. Add garlic, salt, green pepper, parsley and several shakes of Tabasco. Continue cooking for 20 more minutes. Taste for seasoning and add a few squeezes of lemon juice as desired. Serve garnished with crumbled bacon and cheese. Accompany with crisp green salad and corn bread.

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Persuade your guests to hop around the table when the Hoppin' John is served as they did in yesteryear. Conduct a resolution-making ritual. Each guest can inscribe his or her best intentions on parchment. The document will be John Hancock'd by all present, then buried, burned or even shredded and swallowed.

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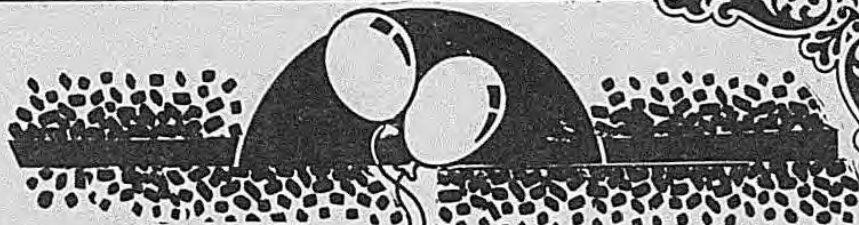
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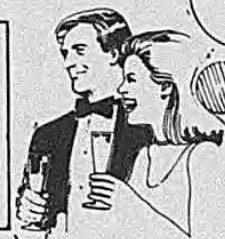
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ARMCHAIR GIFTS Books, videos and calendars for adults

By Alison Ashton

Few gifts brings as much pleasure, as affordably, as books, videos or calendars. It's easy to find something to pique just about any recipient's interest, from how to hook a rug to perfecting a golf swing.

Whether you're looking for something erudite or just amusing, the aisles of book and video stores offer a cornucopia of great gift ideas. Following is a rundown of what you'll find in the stores this year.

BOOKS

There is a myriad of books for film buffs. Citadel Film Books offers a series of film compendiums for Charlie Chaplin, Jack Nicholson, Woody Allen, John Huston, Alfred Hitchcock and James Cagney, among others.

Film guides are an important reference tool. Among the best are "Halliwell's Film Guide" (Harper & Row), "Roger Ebert's Movie Home Companion" (Andrews and McMeel — it's not comprehensive, but it has Ebert's candid reviews) and "Leonard Maltin's TV Movies and Video Guide" (Signet).

Books that peek behind the scenes also are popular. Some of the newer ones include "Hollywood at Home: A Family Album 1950-1965" (Crown) with photos by Sid Avery revealing a pensive Steve McQueen as a young father and Paul Newman at home.

Inside looks at Hollywood legends are found in "The Fondas: A Hollywood Dynasty" by Peter Collier (Putnam) and "I'd Love to Kiss You: Conversations with Bette Davis" penned by her long-time friend Whitney Stine (Pocket Books).

Sports books are another popular category. "Pond Scum and Vultures" by Gene Wojciechowski (Macmillan) offers one sportswriter's inside view of the sporting world.

For football fans — especially fans of Texas football — there is "Friday Night Lights" by H.G. Bissinger (Addison-Wesley), which follows a Texas high school football team for a season, and "Tom Landry: An Autobiography" (Harper & Row), which follows his spectacular career as coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

"Magic's Touch" by Earvin "Magic" Johnson and Roy S. Johnson (Addison-Wesley) reveals the inside secrets of the 6-foot-9 basketball legend.

Interesting home and garden books include "Antiques at Home" by Barbara Milo Orbach (Potter), the "Encyclopedia of Arts & Crafts: The International Arts Movement, 1850-1920" (Dutton) and "Homeplan" by Bo Niles (Atheneum), which offers a step-by-step workbook for home design.

Of course, there are plenty of general-interest tomes to satisfy any reader. Cat lovers, which covers a pretty broad spectrum, will enjoy "The New Yorker Book of Cat Cartoons" (Knopf), which features the work of Charles Addams,

Warren Miller, Roz Chast, among others. For dog lovers, there is "The Dog Made Me Buy It!" by Alice L. Muncaster and Ellen Sawyer (Crown), a compendium of adorable pups in advertising.

"Hoaxes, Humbugs and Spectacles" by Mark Sloan (Villard Books) is a photographic account of bizarre human stunts.

Art books make a handsome gift. Two that offer some insight into what motivates an artist are "Van Gogh: Letters from Provence" by Martin Bailey (Clarkson N. Potter) and "Picasso: The Blue and Rose Periods" by Denys Chevalier (Crown).

San Francisco-based Collins Publishers offers its popular, gorgeously photographed "Day in the Life" series. Areas spotlighted in-

clude Italy, California, Spain, the Soviet Union, China, America and Australia. For the holidays, Collins has "Christmas in America" and "Jews in America," as well as its "Beautiful Cookbook" series on France, Italy and China.

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NAL Books offers "The 1991 Daily Curmudgeon Calendar," which showcases grouchy wit from John Barrymore to John F. Kennedy. "Weight Watchers 1991

Engagement Calendar" (NAL Books) features recipes and nutrition tips.

Landmark Calendars offers wall calendars featuring everyone from Elvis to the First Family. They also have calendars featuring Porsches, fighter jets, golf courses around the world and classic cars. Animal calendars highlight cats, dogs, flamingos, polar bears, pigs, penguins and more.

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YULE STYLE

Festive tots, teens and men

By Sharon Williams

If you think Mom is the only one with a socially crammed holiday calendar and the accompanying wardrobe woes, you obviously haven't kept up on what's happening with the other family members.

For instance, just what does one wear on his very first Christmas Eve? Or, to go caroling at Aunt Martha's? How about suggested attire for the annual high school "Snow Ball"? Or for a black-tie gala when one's only tuxedo has somehow "shrunk" over the years?

The answers to these and many other what-to-wear questions can easily be found in the bountiful offering of holiday wear for each and every age group. The following rundown will give you an idea of what's new for yule so that planning a winter wardrobe will be as easy as drawing up a wish list for Old St. Nick.

STRAIGHT FROM SANTA

Santa is the inspiration behind many holiday threads that are as much fun to wear as they are to behold. Such festive attire can be worn through November and December for maximum fashion mileage.

For babies and toddlers, there are red and green coveralls appliqued with Christmas trees, teddy bears, penguins and reindeer. So even if they can't say "Merry Christmas" yet, their clothes will speak for them.

Preteens, teens and even Dad, meanwhile, can indulge in a little wearable fun with sweatshirts, T-shirts and sweaters bearing special Christmas messages, designs and motifs. Some outfits sport three-dimensional whimsy with appliqued soft sculptures of angels or Santas, while others make use of metallic foils, embroidery and intarsia.

SWEATER WEATHER

There's nothing save hot chocolate that warms the heart and soul like a sweater. And, whether you're just 4 months old or over 40, chances are good that designers have knitted up something toasty and comfortable for your age group.

Colorful crewnecks for men, for instance, will carry Dad or Uncle Leonard through winter's chills in high style. And, no, these are not the ho-hum varieties that once ranked down there with socks, but rather vibrant, stylish sweaters that will make him sit up and take notice.

Playful intarsia motifs range from a golfer poised for a swing to Snoopy at the bat. Other sweaters boast vibrant patterns and daring color combinations so striking the recipient might find his new gift being borrowed by the woman in his life.

There's more of the same for the small-fry set. Cardigans, crew and V-necks for children and teens

might include matching gloves or detachable dolls, or be dominated by designs such as floral or Indian blanket motifs in knock-you-out brights.

There even are sweaters with surprisingly civilized tartan plaids and Fair Isle patterns perfect to wear to a holiday brunch at Grandmother's.

BLACK TIE, PLEASE

The invitation says black tie, and Dad's simply dashing in his new tuxedo.

Whether it's a one-night-stand with a rented tux or one of his own, there are cummerbunds and ties in dozens of colors and patterns, formal shirts with pin-stripes and bib fronts, a stockingful of cuff links and stud sets and

even top hats and canes that can quickly personalize his holiday look.

And, what if he's complaining about his tie? Simply let him head out into the night without it. The no-tie shirt has infiltrated formal wear and often includes embroidery, an enameled stud at the collar or crossover buttons where the bow used to be.

Holiday haberdashery also has trickled down to the younger set. Little boys, toddlers and teens can dress to kill in scaled-down versions of the penguin suit, or in three- and four-piece suits complete with lined vests, jackets and tiny ties. There even are tuxedo-inspired coveralls with bow ties and tails for babies.

GOOD-NIGHT KISS

Visions of sugarplums are almost guaranteed for little girls and their big sisters this holiday season, thanks to the many choices available in nighties and pajamas.

Some of the hottest looks for snoozing include oversize T-shirts

and pajama sets emblazoned with holiday messages and motifs, roomy flannel nightshirts and tartan robes. Slip on a pair of slippers with teddy bears on the toes or bedtime booties, and no one will hear you tiptoeing down to see what Santa brought.

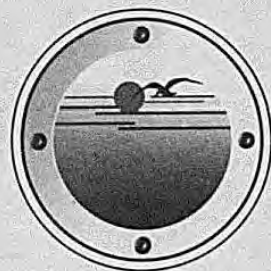
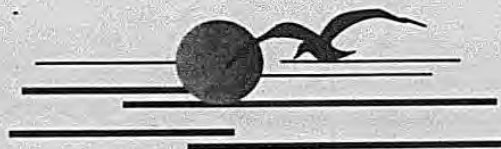
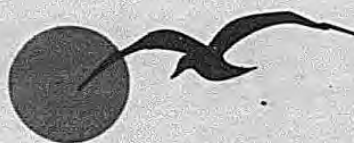
Boys, meanwhile, can shout "Cowabunga" on Christmas morning decked out in slippers and pajamas inspired by the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Batman and a wide assortment of other superheroes.

And just for Dad are plushy robes, silk pajamas in wild but classic paisley prints, red-and-white-striped flannel nightshirts (complete with Santa cap) and even holiday boxer shorts decorated with stripes or Santas.

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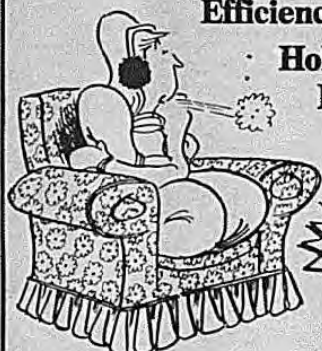
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Holiday books and videos

By Allison Ashton

Have the crowds at the shopping mall got you crying, "Bah! Humbug"? One way to recapture the spirit of the season is to read a heartwarming tale or watch a video.

Stewart, Tabori & Chang, a publishing house known for its lushly illustrated art books, offers Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol" with watercolor illustrations by Roberto Innocenti.

Applewood Books is republishing the original "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." The tale was written by Robert L. May in 1939, before Johnny Marks wrote the Christmas carol and Burl Ives narrated the television show.

To start your own family traditions, there is "The Family Book of Christmas Songs & Stories" by Jim Charlton and Jason Shulman (Perigee) and "A Christmas Companion" by Maria Robbins and Jim Charlton (Perigee), a compendium of holiday recipes, carols and lore. Or try the rich, sinful treats in "The Pioneer Lady's Country Christmas" by Jane Watson Hopping (Villard Books).

Make some eggnog, throw another log on the fire and pop a video into the VCR to chase away the holiday blues.

"Prancer" (Nelson Entertainment) is a newer film that's bound to become a holiday classic. It tells the story of a young girl who finds an injured reindeer she believes is one of Santa's famous team.

Republic Pictures distributes several classics, including "It's a Wonderful Life" (in color and black-and-white) and "The Bells of St. Mary's."

MGM/UA offers Greer Garson in "Blossoms in the Dust," "Christmas in Connecticut" and "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas."

Holiday videos, however, aren't limited to old movies. Catch "The Bolshoi at the Bolshoi: The Nutcracker" (Spectator), "Kiri Te Kanawa at Christmas" (V.I.E.W. — if you haven't heard the New Zealand-born British opera star before, this is a wonderful introduction) and "In Dulci Jubilo: Favorite Christmas Music from Germany" (Video Artists International), features the Boys Choir of Cologne Cathedral.

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Mixed marriage holidays

By Monica Perez

After the wedding itself, perhaps no other event brings out the rivalry in a religiously mixed marriage more than the holiday season.

If you and your sweetheart are of different beliefs, and neither of you has any intention of converting, here are a few tips to keep things festive:

First, keep in mind it needn't be a my-holiday-is-better-than-yours situation. Mixed families are blessed with even more reasons to celebrate. To small children, especially, that means more pageantry, ritual, mystery, spectacle, lights, family gatherings, good food.

Also remember that any strain is probably far less than the annual "whose parents' house do we go to this year" hassle.

Don't treat the season as a whole. Observe each event as its own celebration, with its very different meaning.

Teach children the stories behind the events, that these are not just occasions for giving and gathering. Hanukkah is a celebration of liberation and dedication; the legend is one of valiant heroism. Christmas is a birthday, a tale representing hope for the future.

And they are connected, after all: Let's not forget that Jesus was a Jew himself!

There has long been a fear that children raised in two-religion

families grow up without a whole sense of self. With so many mixed marriages these days, the "experts" have had more fodder for their studies and have learned this probably isn't so.

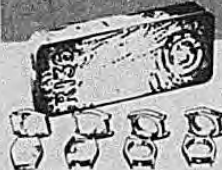
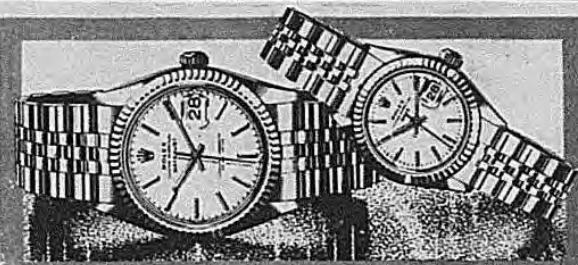
The worst thing, most experts and seasoned parents agree, is to deny a religious heritage; a child will only learn to be ashamed of it.

XMAS FACTS

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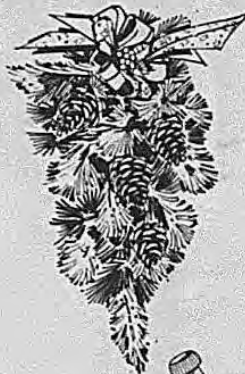
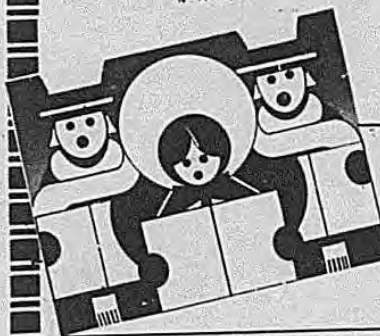
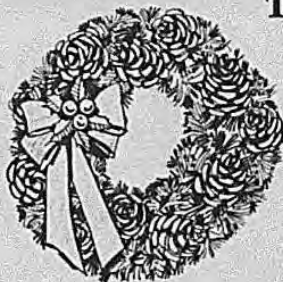
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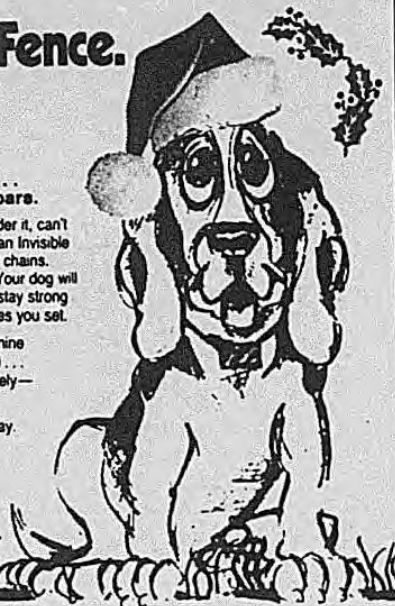
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By Tershia d'Elgin

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HANUKKAH REVELRY From dreidels to latkes, easy celebrations

By Monica Perez

What, exactly, is Hanukkah?

There are those of us who sail through the holidays thinking it's simply the Jewish version of Christmas, a major event of well-wishing and gift-giving that revolves around a candelabrum rather than a tree.

There are those who know better. And there are more and more of us who are learning.

As interfaith marriages become increasingly common, and as we go with the shift back to basic beliefs and familiar ground on which to raise our children, the "true meaning" of Hanukkah becomes as important as getting beyond the wrapping paper of any commercialized holiday.

Here, then, is a brief explanation of this special holiday.

The story is this: In the second century B.C., Palestine was caught in a rivalry between the two great Hellenistic powers (Egypt and Syria), which divided the empire of Alexander the Great. Under Syrian power, there was a campaign to establish political and religious conformity in "Hellenizing" the Jews, forcing them to adopt Greek dress and customs.

Even more serious, the Syrian emperor decreed that the Temple in Jerusalem, the national house of worship, would become a temple to the Greek god, Zeus.

A small band of soldiers, led by Judas Maccabeus, staged a successful rebellion against the Syrians, and rededicated the Temple.

(In Hebrew, Hanukkah means "dedication.") Jewish customs were reinstituted, as was the traditional Jewish worship service.

A miracle occurred during the rededication of the Temple: When the Jews sought to rekindle the sacred lamp in the Temple sanctuary, there was only enough pure oil to last a single day. (Although there was more than enough oil to keep the lamp lit, there was only a small amount of pure, holy oil — significant in the importance of purity to these people.)

But the lamp, to the worshipers' amazement, spread light for eight days; thus, the Hanukkah celebration came also to be known as the Festival of Lights.

And this is how it has come to be celebrated: The candelabrum, called a menorah, holds eight lamps (or candles today) representing the eight days the lamp in the Temple burned. The ninth holder on the menorah is for the candle from which all the others are lit.

The story goes that the traditional shape of the menorah was fashioned after the sage plant; *Salvia officinalis*, a hardy bush that survived in the desert granite of the Sinai wilderness — as did the Israelites who traveled this harsh place on their way to the Promised Land.

The plant's growth pattern is a single, upright branch with symmetrical branches sprouting on either side. At the tip of each branch, oil glistens on unopened buds — and so the oil in the tips, or cruses, of the branching meno-

rah. The first night of the eight-day celebration is usually the favorite, with family gathered around the menorah for the first lighting. Songs and prayers are illuminated by the flickering light, and children are told the story of the small band of brave soldiers who fought an army for the purity of the Jewish belief.

Because the Jews believe that a story told with food is a story remembered, Hanukkah tradition calls for foods fried in oil, the most loved of which is the potato latke (potato pancake) served with applesauce and sour cream. Here's one recipe:

Wash and peel 4 medium potatoes and soak in cold water for about two hours. Grate them and squeeze out excess liquid. Peel and grate a medium onion into the potatoes. Add a lightly beaten egg, a tablespoon of flour, a bit of salt, pepper and nutmeg, and 1/4 teaspoon baking powder. Mix well.

Heat butter, bacon fat or peanut oil (for less cholesterol) to very hot in a skillet; drop pancakes in by the tablespoonful, flatten slightly, and brown gently on both sides. Add more oil as needed for remaining batches.

Also symbolic are cheese and dairy products; the tale told is of the brave heroine Judith. It is written in the Apocrypha that the beautiful widow arranged to dine with an enemy general who had plans to destroy her town.

Judith fed the general cheese and great quantities of wine,

which caused him to fall asleep in a drunken stupor. She then beheaded him! Without their leader, his army fled, and the town was saved. Her bravery is said to have inspired Judas Maccabeus and his followers.

If you're invited to a Hanukkah celebration, bring the children Hanukkah gelt, or gold foil-covered chocolate coins. Most scholars believe this tradition originated in Eastern Europe during the Middle Ages when gifts of pocket change were tossed to children during the holidays.

For very special children, consider a gift of real gold: Each year the Israeli government mints a commemorative coin celebrating Hanukkah. They're available through coin dealers and some jewelers.

The dreidel is another child's delight at this time of year. The four-sided top is marked with Hebrew letters representing the phrase, "a great miracle happened here."

Anyone newly familiar with

Hanukkah — whether through marriage or friendship — might be surprised to discover the number of cards and decorations marking the holiday. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, in other words.

Most communities offer public celebrations, readings and ceremonies marking this special time of year. To find them, contact a nearby synagogue.

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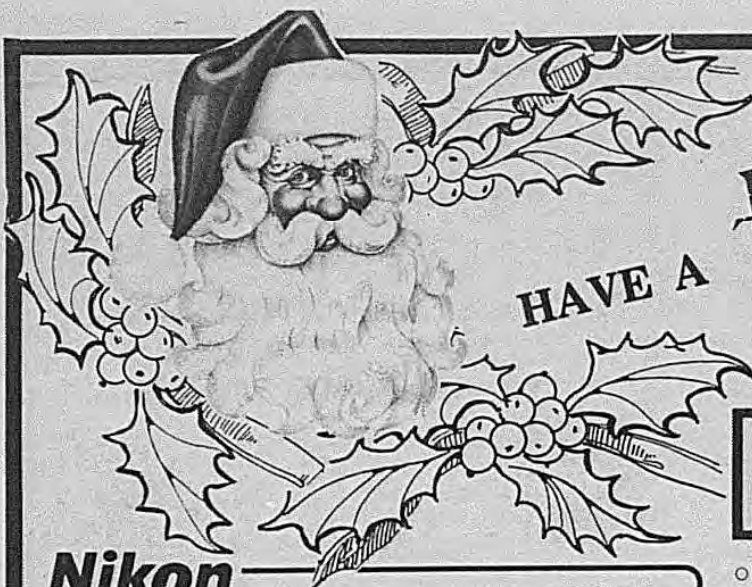
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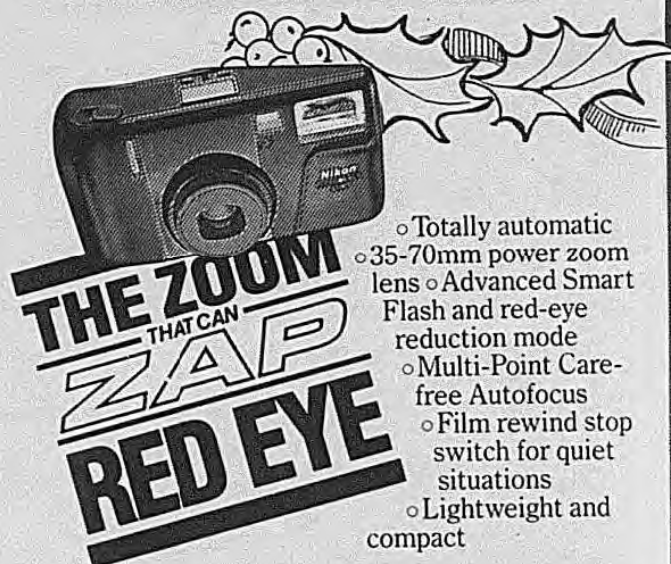
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Gifts for all styles of men

By Mike Dale

What do you get the man who has everything?

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Whether you wish to address the man in your life with sartorial splendor, tee him off with golf equipment or put your dollars into his scents, there's no reason to utter, "He's so hard to buy gifts for" during the holidays.

CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN

"Color-driven, textured and exciting" are the three words For Members Only designer Barry Zelman uses to describe its fall line. Their paletted twist on the "greening of America" include colors such as Maroon, Spice Eggplant, Rust, Sea Foam, Marine blue, Coral, Wine, Licorice, Sandstone, Dill, Elderberry, Burnt Cherry, Sea Green, Periwinkle, Aubergine, Pine and Mushroom. Almost sounds like Baskin Robbins 31 flavors ice cream, doesn't it?

In addition, For Members Only sports leather outerwear in skins such as Velvet Suede, Nubuck, Ultra Antique Cow and Waxy Lamb.

JC Penney says all that hunting and fishing President Bush does in his off-hours may have made it very "in" to look like an outdoorsman this fall.

"Men are ready for a break from the fast lane," says JC Penney Fashion Director Joe Sapienza. "They're in a town-and-country mood for the fall."

The impression men are toughing it includes napped, suede, stonewashed, sandwashed and brushed looks in cotton and flannels for shirts, pants and jackets. Rugged individualists and country-fied city slickers alike also will see lots of leather and suede outerwear. Expect leaf colors for slacks as well as shades of sage and olive. And lots of blue-green tints: alpine green, spruce green, teal green, moss and hunter green, etc.

Botany 500, a division of the Fashion 500 Group, manufacturers of fine men's tailored clothes, takes a different tack. It says the nostalgic looks of the 1940s are being revisited this fall. Aggressive shoulders and silhouettes of the '80s are making way to softer retro-inspired silhouettes.

And wardrobe purchases will be built upon key elements. Example: The same black crepe slacks he wears to the office can be worn with a formal shirt and tie.

"Men want to look 'real,' 'relaxed' and 'elegant' now," says Mitchel Nichnowitz of the Fashion 500 Group.

Another member of the Group, Gladiator, meanwhile, designs clothes for your athletic kinda guy: fuller chest and shoulders; wide sleeves and armholes for bigger biceps; fuller thighs and seat, and smaller waist and lower rise to better define the contoured body.

Can you say d-e-n-i-m? This fall, denims, the staple of men's wear, are lighter and more urbane looking. Work shirts by Joseph Aboud

come in faded and dark indigo and stonewashed for a soft hand. Jeans are snug at the seat but loose on the thighs. Shirts have an easy drape, deep armholes, two pockets and rivet-style buttons. Classic denims also are playing at your local Gap, Banana Republic, Barneys, Macy's, JC Penney, etc.

"It's not just about cowboys and country and western, anymore," says Lou Holtz of the Men's Fashion Association.

Mention the name "Polo" and two images come to mind: Marco Polo and Ralph Lauren fashions for men, the clothing line he founded in 1968. What's on Lauren's hot list? Try Bulldog leather bomber jackets, tweed houndstooth vests, cotton tattersall shirts, suede work shirts (in red, plum, taupe and camel) and twill sportsman shirts with corduroy collars.

Also look for Lauren's unique golf fashions — from traditional houndstooth plus fours to way-out-west California-bright purples, oranges, reds and jades — and cowboy ski collections: hand-knit scrape sweaters, stretch corduroy pants and bright bandannas.

Continuing the American heartland theme is Henry Grethel. Brushed, matte, sanded and peach skin finishes imitate nature's weathered appeal. As for color palette, glance at a country porch: pickled pumpkins, squash, corn and eggplant all highlight Grethel's scheme of things.

Tommy Hilfiger provides a different twist on the fall, too. New are casual cotton knits Hilfiger calls "sweater sweats" that have the feel and look of sweaters in jewel tones such as scarlet, amethyst and loganberry. That's the Core line of clothing. Hilfiger also offers the Fraternity (no explanation needed), Academy (European accent) and Harvest (town and country) lines of clothing.

In other fashion news for the man with everything: Brooks Bros. says its suit line will recall the 1920s (long, lean, very elegant); Austin Reed of Regent Street says adios to the Green Decade with its British-influenced country gentleman look, and the Leather Apparel Association says men will be hot to trot in new color combinations of olive, curry and mustard over the standard black and brown bomber.

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Your duffer has everything? Not necessarily.

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GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

Around the board
of holiday fun

By Sharon Achatz

Whether they roll the dice or pick a card, folks are moving forward in this post-Nintendo age to enjoy good ol' games that promote human interaction — no flashing TV screens, no joysticks, no computerized sounds. Just a few hours of fun between parent and child, siblings or a dinner party of adults.

While classic games such as Monopoly, The Game of Life and Scrabble — and new classics such as Pictionary, Outburst and Scattergories — are family favorites, there are more than a few new worthwhile amusements on the table this holiday season.

TV's Simpson family and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles both are game-sakes this season, and kiddie takeoffs of grown-up games and adult guessing contests are two fast-moving categories.

With the selection available, the biggest game in town this season may be deciding which games are right for your family.

A trip to any hobby shop, stationery outlet or bookstore will take you 'round the board of games — but for now just head to start, roll the dice and follow us on a brief tour of some of the season's blockbusters for every age and situation.

Perhaps one of the hottest categories of games is that for adults.

Get folks into the party spirit with Encore! by Parker Brothers. Competing teams challenge each other to come up with — and sing — songs from selected categories, such as any song that contains the word "heart." The team with the biggest repertoire wins.

Parker Brothers also offers Claim to Fame, in which players will talk, draw, pantomime — they'll do anything to get their teammates to say five specific things that made a certain celebrity famous. Each of the game cards lists a famous person and five claims to fame — such as a rock star's five greatest hits.

Clever Endeavor by The Games Gang was invented by people across the United States. Thousands of people submitted clues for this game of hints and guesses. Each card offers six clues about a specific person, place or thing. The clues are read aloud one at a time, and the player who guesses the correct answer first scores. The fewer clues needed, the higher the score.

Gender Bender by The Games Gang is a sort of matching game that challenges players to think like a member of the opposite sex. In a sample round, a male player is asked a "suppose you were a woman" multiple-choice question. He attempts to guess how the female players will answer, and scores a point for each woman he matches. Topics range from dating and sex to politics and finance.

From Golden Games comes a variety of successors to its popular Outburst. Look for Outburst II with its all-new topics to challenge and entertain. Teams work against the clock to shout out the

10 items listed on topical cards such as "things in a taxicab" and "heavy-metal music groups." In Bible Outburst, players shout out guesses to categories such as "10 books of the Old Testament."

Milton-Bradley brings *glasnost* to the United States with its Gorbachev game. Players take a romp through the Soviet Union on a search for things like American blue jeans and Japanese cameras. The player who acquires the most Western-style items wins.

When it's time for family-style play rather than adult dinner party action, here are some winning games for kids over 10 and adults to share.

An environmental board game by Aristoplay Ltd. called Pollution Solution encourages players to think green. Each player owns various sections of the PS Township playing board. Pollution hits randomly throughout the town, and players learn solutions to stop the spread and protect the township.

Bilingual families can pick up Milton-Bradley's Sabado Gigante, based on the popular Hispanic television program that features singing, dancing, special guests and contests. The board game features six of the games currently played on the show for Spanish-English good times. *Buena suerte!*

Cardinal Industries presents another TV takeoff in its The Simpsons Mystery of Life Game. Each player assumes the role of one of the show's characters and has an agenda card he has to complete to win. For example, Marge has to get her hair done, go grocery shopping, etc. In the spirit of the show, players can sabotage each other's accomplishments — for example, Bart can mess up Marge's hair after she has it done. Aye carumba, dude!

For younger kids, 5 and up, look to games such as Golden Games' Wacky Blasters. Each player gets a chance to be a blow-hard as he uses a Wacky Blaster to blow a Puffball up the mountainside to the summit. Players must get through obstacles like Volcano Valley, and one wrong blow can send a player falling down the mountain back to start.

Parker Brothers brings the Magic Kingdom into your home with The Disneyland Game. Players move their train-shaped tokens around the Disneyland map board collecting point cards as they visit Adventureland, Tomorrowland, Fantasyland, etc., and meet Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and other favorite Disney characters. Whoever collects the most points before the park "closes" wins.

If your little ones love to shout "cowabunga" and eat pizza, take a look at the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Tower of Doom by International Games. The game starts with the turtles trapped in the Tower of Doom, a city scene with a plastic sewer tunnel. Players pull Ninja Swords out of the tower to free the turtles, sending them swooshing down through the sewer.

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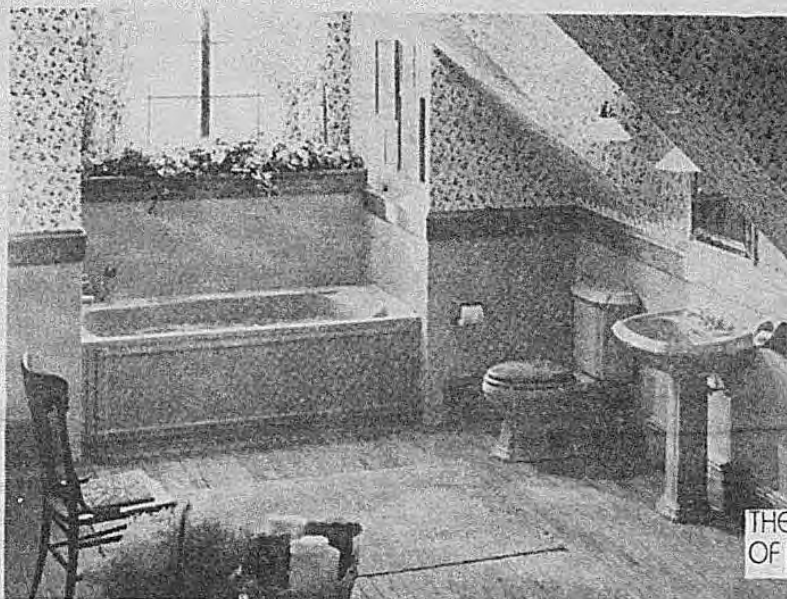
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- *Tile Floor
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- *Glass & tooth brush holder
- *Complete cleanup & removal

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...A touch of elegance for every room in your home.

Established 1948
What more can we say?

FURNITURE DEPT.
Mon., Tues., Wed. 10-6 p.m.
Thurs., Fri. 10-8 p.m.
Sat. 10-6 p.m.
Sunday 12-5 p.m.

The Staff at Gensel's wish all of you a Joyous Holiday, a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Since early July we have been working on expanding our operation so as to service every room in your home. We are determined to continue to provide our Customers with the best quality, value and service as we have since 1948.

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From your friends at GENSEL'S

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Mon. thru Fri. 10-5 p.m.
Sat. 10-4 p.m.
Sunday 12-4 p.m.





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