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Longevity Awards



Two members of the Hicksville V.F.W. Post 3211 were singled out at the last regular meeting, and were awarded 45 year pins. Both Les Iehle and Art Rettberg joined the Hicksville Post in 1945. They received a rousing cheer from the membership. Both these men are dedicated veterans and are deserving of this award. Having known these men for many years and the many hours they worked to make the Hicksville V.F.W. what it is today, this is just a token of gratitude from all the members. Keep up your good work, and may you be around for many years to come.

VFW Post 3211: Service Officer Ed Klenueski, 45 Year Member Arthur Rettberg, 45 Year Member Les Iehle, Commander Vincent Ferrara.

Fire District Voting December 10

Hicksville residents will go to the polls this Tuesday to elect a fire commissioner and vote on a proposition to sell a 1978 pumper. Incumbent commissioner Michael K. Krummenacker is being challenged by Thomas Cunningham for the four-year term which commences January 1.

Concurrently with the election, residents will decide whether or not the fire district will sell fire truck #9310, a 1978 Sutphen pumper, valued at over \$25,000.

Voting takes place December 10 at the Hicksville Fire House, 20 East Marie Street, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. all Hicksville residents registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections are eligible to vote.

Cub Pack 382



Oyster Bay Town Clerk Carl L. Marcellino recently discussed aspects of local government with members of Cub Scout Pack 382 in Hicksville. The group was led by Cub Master Linda Waterson (back row center) and Webelos Leader Joyce Amoroso (back row right).

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.

Assistance For Sr. Citizen Home Improv.

If you are a resident of the Town of Oyster Bay over the age of 62 and own your own home, you may be eligible for assistance to make repairs on your home, according to Town Councilman Douglas J. Hynes.

"Financial assistance for home repairs or improvements for senior citizens takes the form of a deferred loan for 75% of the cost of repairs payable at the time of the sale of the home," Councilman Hynes explained. "If the improvement involves making the home handicapped accessible, no repayment is required."

Councilman Hynes noted that in addition to the residency and age requirements, loan applicants must also meet certain federal income requirements.

The senior citizen home improvement program is being administered by the Town's Department of Intergovernmental Affairs and funded through the federal Community Development Residential Rehabilitation Program. For information and applications, call 922-5800 ext. 2482 or stop by the office, which is located on the 3rd floor of Oyster Bay Town Hall East, Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Town Board Meeting Dates

The Oyster Bay Town Board has approved a calendar of dates for its 1992 meetings, according to Town Councilman Leonard Kunzig.

The Dates, all Tuesdays, are as follows:

January 7, 21 - February 4, 25 - March 10, 24 - April 7, 28 - May 12, 19 - June 2, 16 - July 7, 21 - August 4, 18 - Sept. 15 - Oct. 6, 20, 27 - Nov. 10, 17 - Dec. 1, 15

Hicksville Middle School To Include 6th Grade

By Maureen Traxler

In a unanimous decision, the Hicksville School Board voted to approve the integration of the 6th grade into the Middle School in September, 1992. This decision ended many years of vacillation on the subject, one which was first broached in 1984 as an option offered by consultants during a reorganization study. The move is expected to bring some 350 students into the middle school during the next school year.

In making his recommendation to the board, Superintendent Sal Mugavero termed the move "truly feasible," stating that this was the overwhelming finding of the Educational Task Force of teachers and administrators.

The Superintendent outlined a plan for articulation and orientation for both parents and students in June and August of 1992 and visitations to the middle school by both students and parents when the school is in session. Mr. Mugavero proposed that applications for the 6th grade teaching positions at the middle school be opened to all elementary teachers, since their certification is K-6, and he emphasized in-service training for those teachers who will make the move to the middle school.

The district will embark on the task of identification and movement of supplies and equipment from the elementary schools, added the Superintendent, in addition to minor remodeling not to exceed \$10,000 and transportation modifications. Mr. Mugavero stressed the importance of an interscholastic intramural program and the need for a smooth transition of special education students.

"The middle school is designed to meet the unique needs of students during their transition from elementary school to high school," said Mr. Mugavero. "The middle school philosophy," he continued, "truly accepts 6th grade students...and provides them with group and individualized instruction and encourages, guides and supports these students to become self-directed learners which tends to lead to a more successful senior high school experience."

Board President Carole Wolf proposed several transportation options, although the board took no definitive action at this time. Her options included (a) transporting all the students (grades 6 through 8) at the 1.5 mileage eligibility limit set by the district policy for grades 7 and 8; (b) transporting all students at current mileage limits - grades 6 at three-quarters of a mile and grades 7 and 8 at 1.5 miles; and (c) transporting all students (grades 6 through 8) at an eligibility distance of 1-1/4 miles. Option (a) provided the least students with transportation (363 students), and left the buses with the poorest capacity percentage. Option (c) provided the most students with transportation (518) and would fill the buses at 96% capacity.

Superintendent Mugavero said that bus scheduling also hinges on the number of buses needed around the district at different time slots, saying that the elementary routes are still a factor. The State aid factor, he continued, must also be considered, and reminded the board that the percentage of aid returnable to the district is in jeopardy due to the State's fiscal situation.

"Whatever we do for one, we should do for all," suggested Mrs. Wolf, expressing the desire to see all three grades transported at the same mileage distance. A majority of the trustees agreed with Mrs. Wolf.

It was decided that the board would defer action until after the budget transportation presentation in February, at which time a budget line will be proposed for 1992-93.

In response to additional concerns, Mr. Mugavero reminded the board and audience that the district does not have control over the placement of crossing guards. That function is handled by the Nassau County Traffic Division, and the best the district can do is request guards. The Traffic Division then performs a survey to determine if crossing guards are warranted. He added that a teacher is on duty at 7:30 a.m. every day at the middle school to supervise early arrivals.

Middle School Principal Gerald Klein offered his views on the planned heterogeneous grouping of sixth graders. He said, "Researchers found that the negative aspects (of tracking at the middle school level) far outweigh the benefits that may accrue," and that the stigma of tracking may often be a "lasting detriment to a child's development." (The Superintendent expressed a desire to see the elimination of tracking for grades 6 through 8.)

Mr. Klein added that teachers will provide learning activities designed to aid different developments. By mixing students of varying intellectual ability through cooperative learning, Mr. Klein said that

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Irish Club



Oyster Bay Town Councilman Thomas L. Clark (right) recently installed the Officers of the Mid Island Irish American Club. On hand for the event were Recording Secretary Pat Brennan, President Marty Brennan and Lisa Brennan.

Local Government



Oyster Bay Town Clerk Carl L. Marcellino recently discussed aspects of local government with Hicksville High School students enrolled in Dr. William Lemmey's American Government class.

Students Part of Food Drive

Members of the Student Civic Association of Bethpage High School enthusiastically participated in the United Way Food Drive in October.

On October 13, seven students lead by Melissa Balint collected food for United Way at King Kullen in Bethpage. The students: Melissa Balint, Susie Vivolo, Diana Minichella, Kathy Carley, Jennifer Wierzebecki, Elizabeth Achtziger and Dana Flynn collected 8894 pounds.

On Thursday of that week, Al Belbol of Nassau Youth Community Outreach came with a truck donated by Larsen Construction to move the food to the Broadway Mall for weigh in.

On Friday, at the Student Council homecoming Dance, food was again collected adding one more box of 344 pounds to the weigh in on Sunday, October 20, to bring it to a grand total of 924 pounds.

On Sunday, October 20, at Broadway Mall the students were awarded the prize for most food collected per person (over 115 pounds) of a truck load of

Entenmann cakes. They decided to give back to the community by serving the cake to our senior citizens when they got their flu immunization shots on November 21.

The students decided to donate the rest to the Interfaith Nutrition Network kitchen in Hicksville.

Students were recognized for their contributions by Mr. Entenmann and Mr. Renhart of the United Way on Thursday, November 21.

Movie At The Library

On Friday, December 6 at 8 p.m. The Bethpage Public Library will be presenting the film "Come See The Paradise." On December 7, we commemorate Pearl Harbor Day. "Come See The Paradise" tells a story of the early days of World War II and deals with the treatment of Japanese-Americans at that time. It is both a love story and a story of racial and political freedom - a theme most appropriate to the date.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Who's minding the store in our School District? We were told that the Budget could not stand any more cuts. We needed "Every Dollar" to support our Education needs as well as for essential extra curricular activities. We bought it. However if this was so, where are all the additional personnel and consultants supposed to get their pay checks from? We have an ex-Superintendent who is receiving \$30,000 a year as a consultant. Our new Superintendent has a new assistant. Are we going to finance all these new experiments and personnel from a fund we do not know about? We can't print more money or increase our borrowing limits.

We have a full time attorney at a salary I believe is around \$100,000. Regardless of what his retainer is, he should have advised the board of the expected increase based on a court of appeals decision. We now have additional 5% added to our tax rate. We already had our taxes raised because of the increased budget. Did he or did he not advise the board? It looks like nobody was minding the store.

Actually I had an indication of how this works when I attended the PTA's open meeting to meet and question the candidates. The Women's League had a representative present to act as a moderator to assure fairness. What a joke! Questions were screened by the PTA's Committee, I call it "Censoring." Not one of my numerous questions (not a single one was personal) was ever posed. The one's that did pass censorship were met with cheers and applause from a group of about 25 people seated together. Not once did the moderator caution them or remind them this was not permitted. The questions all favored those who eventually won. I protested to several of the volunteers. They just laughed, shrugged their shoulders and sat together in the back! We only hear what they want us to hear. I left in disgust.

Governor Cuomo keeps repeating that Long Island has a greater number of Executives per School District than anywhere else in the State and more than are needed. He has never criticized the teaching staff. We have closed one school and are considering an additional closure. Why are we hiring more Executives. I believe Governor Cuomo will cut more of our subsidy money. We have too many "Chiefs" and not enough "Indians." You will note how little "School News" reaches the press. We only get it through publications addressed to "Occupants" in our district. This comes from someone who has had three children receive excellent educations in Hicksville. I can't, and do not, see this now in our District - What a shame. Particularly since it costs more than it did us.

Disgusted
A. Goldstein

To the Editor:

On December 10, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Hicksville Fire House at 20 E. Marie Street, there will be an election for a new Fire Commissioner. We are of the opinion that Thomas Cunningham is the best candidate for the position of Fire Commissioner of the Hicksville Fire District. Furthermore, it is our feeling that Thomas Cunningham will have a good working relationship with the Chiefs and Members of the Hicksville Fire Department whereas the incumbent commissioner is lacking this quality. As Volunteer Firefighters, we urge all qualified voters of the Hicksville Fire District to come out and support Thomas Cunningham.

Respectfully yours,
Committee of Concerned
Firefighters to Elect
Thomas Cunningham

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, December 10, Hicksville residents have the opportunity to elect a member of the five-person Board of Fire Commissioners.

My experience makes me the best candidate to provide both the firematic and managerial skills essential to our department. I have 34 years experience as a volunteer and paid fireman. This includes 23 years as a member of both the Hicksville and New York City Fire Departments and 11 years in the New Hyde Park Fire Department. Since 1984 I have been a Lieutenant in the New York City Fire Department.

As a resident of Hicksville for the past 24 years, I understand the need to maintain the best possible fire and rescue services while still keeping our taxes as

low as possible.

All my experiences have taught me that success requires proper communication. As a Fire Commissioner, I will maintain that line of communication both in the Fire Department and in the Community. Opinions from the Community and the Chiefs of the Department must be considered.

In summary, my fire service and managerial skills qualify me to represent you on the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Come out on December 10 and vote for Thomas J. Cunningham at the Hicksville Fire Department Headquarters, 20 East Marie Street, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Thomas J. Cunningham

Holiday Boutique Open At Portledge

The Portledge Handmade Boutique at Le Shed is now open for holiday shopping. The Boutique is offering a wide range of beautiful gifts in many prices and styles perfect for hostess gifts or holiday entertaining. Hand knit baby clothes, doll clothes, hand painted items, picture frames, quilted tote bags, candles, holiday decorations and baked goods are among the many items crafted by talented Portledge parents.

The Boutique, located next to Portledge Middle School, will be open all day on Tuesday, December 3, and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, December 11 and 12, and Monday, December 16.

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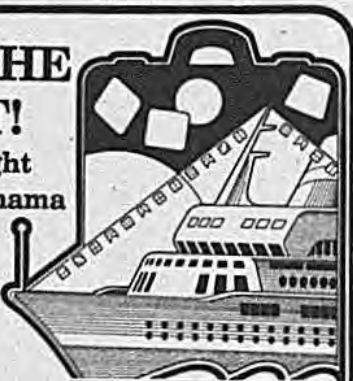
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Chosen For All-County State Concerts



Congratulations to Hicksville High School students chosen to represent our school at the All-State and All-County Concerts to be held December 3 & 4 at the Concord Resort Hotel, Klamasha Lake, N.Y., and January 11, 1992, at C. W. Post College, respectively.

Students chosen for this honor are as follows: All State Concert Band: John Christ; All State Concert Band Alternate: Chris Kemmlein; All State Band Alternate: Guy Carloni; All State Symphonic Orchestra: Ron Castillo; All State String Orchestra: Sheera Horvath; All State Chorus Alternate: Taylor Ferranti; All County Mixed Chorus: Jennifer Corrado, Justin Farrell, Taylor Ferranti, Michael Murphy, Gillian Silversmith, and Adam Tisdale; All County Women's Chorus: Jennifer Murphy and Mary Rielly; All County Chorus: Katie Andreask, James Higgins, Dean Koutsoumbis, Nicole Piccolomini, and Lekiesha Webb; All County Jazz Ensemble: Scott Skrynecki and Matt Voss; All County Orchestra: John Butt, Ron Castillo, John Christ, Edward Chu, Hubert Chu, James Fitzsimmons, Sheera Horvath, Syeda Hossain, Elissa Lie, Daniel McGovern, John Park, Rachel Tanck, Kathleen Tower, Brian Wang, and Connie Young; and, All County Concert Band: Guy Carloni, Jackie DePalma, Steven Di Girolamo, John Flynn, Michael Heyer, Chris Kemmlein, and Janine Leyser.

"Pearl Harbor" 50 Years Later

By Vincent Edwards

December 7, 1941, "The Day of Infamy," has reached its 50th anniversary. There are still many veterans who remember this dastardly attack and many still carry the scars. Recently the Pearl Harbor survivors Assoc. 8th District had a meeting and banquet on the battleship Massachusetts in Fall River, Mass. Those from our area attending were Ed Roi, Mike Montleone, and Roy Larsen. Although this was a festive affair, many who attended feel this unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor should not be forgotten, so attacks like this could never happen again. Mike Montleone who is a life member of V.F.W. Post 3211, Hicksville, will be traveling to Hawaii this December 5, 1991 to attend the 50th anniversary ceremony at Pearl Harbor. On this past Monday, November 18, Mike Montleone

was honored at a ceremony in Levittown where he was awarded a commemorative medal for Pearl Harbor survivors by Congressman Norman Lent. This is an honor Mike richly deserves.

The statistics of the attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor are: The United States lost 21 ships sunk or damaged: 328 aircraft lost or damaged: 2,403 military personnel killed and 1,178 wounded.

Maybe the Japanese can eliminate "Pearl Harbor" from their school books, but it will never be forgotten in the U.S.A. To all those 12,000 remaining veterans out there who survived this ordeal, we must remain vigilant, keep America alert and "Remember Pearl Harbor."

VFW Hosts Survivors



Left to right: Ed Roi, Mike Montleone, Roy Larsen, at 8th District Pearl Harbor Survivors Meeting and Banquet, on Battleship Massachusetts.



Left to right: V.F.W. Post 3211 Commander Vincent Ferrara, V.F.W. Post 3211 Life Member and Pearl Harbor survivor Mike Montleone, V.F.W. Post 3211 Service Officer Ed Kleneuski.

Photos by Vincent W. Edwards

Start The Season With A Song

Start the season with a song at the Bethpage Public Library, on Friday, December 13 at 1 p.m. Popular songstress Phyllis Ford along with Charles Ford on the drums and Danny Hurd at the piano will be presenting a "Winter Holiday Special Event." Join us for an afternoon of sparkling songs of the season as well as a special segment devoted to Cole Porter. There will be a fun sing-along and a surprise visit from a famous literary character of the season. Don't miss this joyous afternoon!

Students Chosen For Advanced Art

Eight Hicksville students were chosen for the St. John's University Saturday Advanced Placement Art Program out of 30 openings for the total Long Island/New York City area. Hicksville students Allyson Salmaggi, Lillian Keller, Sunny Park, Allison Rappaport, Jonathan Yee, Mike Dattoma, Laura Mango, and Karen Romanelli make up the nearly one-third of the students chosen from the Long Island/Metropolitan area to be accepted to this annual program. Selection was based solely upon a portfolio review and recommendations. This year the program will focus on Photography and Basic Design.

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100th Anniversary



Oyster Bay Town Councilman Thomas L. Clark (left), on hand to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Ignatius Loyola Church in Hicksville, presents a citation to the parish, recognizing the church's continued contributions in the community. On hand for the event were the Pastor Emeritus Frederick Harrer, Bishop John McGann and Pastor Edward Tarrant.

Outgoing President



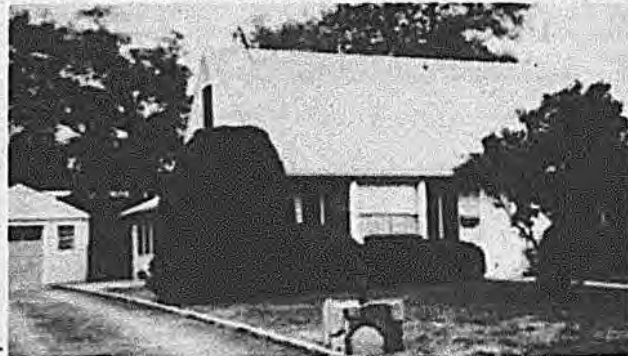
Nassau County Executive Thomas S. Gulotta, (center), congratulated Outgoing President of the Long Island National Cemetery Memorial Organization Connie Steers, a Hicksville resident, on behalf of his outstanding service to the organization. Also present were: Ira Goldfine, Past President; Joseph Scordo, President; Bernie Robidoux, Past President.



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Students Against Vandalism

In an effort to make children aware of the vandalism problems the schools in our district face, and in keeping with the spirit of the anti-vandalism program approved by the Board of Education, Hicksville schools have been sponsoring various anti-vandalism contests.

The East Street School recently announced the winners of their anti-vandalism poster contest. Children in kindergarten and grades first through sixth entered the contest. Principal Donato Guadagnoli presented the winners with a \$10 gift certificate for Toys R Us, and the runners-up each received a crayon and a coloring pad. The contest was sponsored by the East Street PTA with the cooperation of the East Street School. Top prize winners were George Kouroumouzis (6th grade), Scott Albach (3rd), and Heather Mosz (K). Runner-up prizes went to Christine Painter (1st), Valerie Gula (K), and Aylin Odar (4th).

The Burns Avenue School also held an anti-vandalism poster contest and held a special ceremony for the winners. Principal Michael Dunn expressed the importance of the anti-vandalism campaign and presented trophies to the poster contest winners in his school. Trophies were awarded to Patrick Fitzgibbon (Kindergarten), Rameeza Sheriff (1st grade), Scott Dellavechio (2nd), Paola Echegaray (3rd), Laura Denlin (4th), Courtney Jerome (5th), and Deanna Ghazati (6th).

Furthermore, Hicksville High School kicked-off their anti-vandalism campaign with a slogan contest. Junior Michele Aversano's entry was chosen from over 100 submitted. Her slogan - "There Is Nothing American About Graffiti" - was selected by the High School Anti-Vandalism Committee. Michele received a \$25 gift certificate to Record World presented by the PTSA. The high school is continuing the anti-vandalism campaign by incorporating different areas of the curriculum into the effort. A poster contest (art), marketing ideas (business) and foreign language translations are among the anti-vandalism projects taking place.

The anti-vandalism program is geared to make the children, parents and community more involved in protecting our schools from the ravages of vandalism. Through contests such as these, the district hopes to encourage youngsters to be aware of this problem, safely deal with it by reporting vandalism to teachers, custodians, and their parents, and, most importantly, take pride in their school building.

If your child reports vandalism to you, or if you see any problems of this nature, we urge you to report it by calling the Vandalism Hotline at 933-6637. If there is no answer, call Electronic Security at 935-3436, or call the police. School property belongs to the citizens of Hicksville. We must all do our part to protect our schools.



Michele Aversano receives certificate from Asst. Principal Les Mann.



Donato Guadagnoli, Principal, with poster winners George, Scott, Christine, Heather and Valerie (missing from photo: Aylin).

News From

VFW Post 321

By P.P.C. Carmine Somma

On December 7 the Oyster Bay Memorial Post V.F.W. #8033 and Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc. Chapter 135 will host the 50th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Services at the Teddy Roosevelt Marine Basin East Pier. The commemorative ceremony will begin at 11 a.m.

John Haughey of Hicksville died at Hickham Field, Hawaii, that day. This December 7th, Pearl Harbor Memorial Day marks the 50th anniversary of

America's entry into World War II. President Roosevelt described Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbor on Sunday, December 7, 1941 as "A day that will live in infamy."

To commemorate this date in history, many of us who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf, are keeping this tradition alive.

We welcome your attendance and participation at this memorial to our honored dead.

Children Treated to Mime Performance

As part of the cultural arts curriculum in the schools, the Woodland School PTA sponsored the high energy mime show "We Care," a presentation to help instill sensitive awareness. Mime Scot Cannon's combined training, talent and experience have culminated in meaningful programs for school children at all levels which inspire positive action and self-esteem. Mr. Cannon is a versatile composer, author, director, producer, actor, mime, musician, and teacher with original and captivating, heartwarming and hilarious performances. He opens his programs by posing the question, "If you couldn't see, hear, walk or talk, what could you still do?" Through mime, he presents wonderful skits which focus on such handicaps in a caring manner. Mr. Cannon also encourages students and teachers to role play various situations in which a handicapped person is present. He hopes that all people will learn from his performances and accept the fact that all of us have some kind of handicap, something that keeps us from doing things, something that we don't like about ourselves, or something we would like to change about ourselves.

College Notes

Three Hicksville residents are scheduled to complete their baccalaureate studies at SUNY Oswego in December. The December graduation ceremony is set for Dec. 7 on campus.

The following Hicksville residents (with their academic major in parentheses) are candidates for bachelor's degrees: Edward J. Gormley of Roosevelt Ave. (business administration), Richard Notaro of Plover Lane (public justice) and Chris S. Phillips of Broadway (public justice).

Hospital, Lions Give Dinners



Central General Hospital and the Plainview-Old Bethpage Lions Club teamed up to make this Thanksgiving a memorable one for more than thirty local families. The Hospital donated turkeys with all the trimmings to area families in need and the Lions Club helped distribute the dinners. Pictured from left to right are Vic Raymond, Chairman of the Holiday Program for the Lions Club and Robert J. Bornstein, Administrator of Central General Hospital. Bornstein said the Hospital will work with the Bethpage Rotary Club over the Christmas holiday to provide turkey dinners for needy families.

Fork Lane Natives



At Fork Lane School, Mrs. Schreck's first graders pose in their Indian Headdresses which they made as part of their Thanksgiving Celebration. Bryan Parasopolo (2nd row, fourth from the left) was honorary "Indian Chief" for the day.



Standing L-R: Karen Romanelli, teacher Beth Atkinson, Allison Rappaport, Michael Dattoma, Jonathan Yee. Sitting L-R: Sunny Park, Allyson Salmaggi, Lauro Mango. Absent: Lillian Keller.

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JJC Plans Coming Events

By Dale A. Simons

The Jericho Jewish Center is a very busy place. The volunteers bring us Hebrew School parties, many dinners and affairs and shows, book fairs, nursery Shabbats, etc.

There must be a special interest and talent that you can offer. Don't be unhappy. Have you a complaint? A suggestion? Please come and offer us your ideas. We are interested. Volunteer for your child, your family, and for you.

Jericho Jewish Center's first Nursery Shabbat was a big success. Come celebrate Shabbat with us again on Friday night, December 13 in the Ullam. It is especially geared for little ones, so come bring your tots, and dance and sing with us, at the Nursery Shabbat, at the Jericho Jewish Center. Can you help? Call 938-2540.

The Chanukah-Shabbat dinner is coming, on December 6, call

and make reservations, cause the Chanukah-Shabbat dinner is coming.

Chanukah is a family time, and the Jericho Jewish Center has plans for a Chanukah dinner to be remembered. It starts at 7:30 and may end at 10:30 so plan ahead.

December 6 is the date, call the Jericho Jewish Center and don't be late, (at 938-2540). Can you help?

Next Parent Council meeting is on December 12. We meet during the Hebrew School hours, 4:15. Come and help the Hebrew School and your children. We plan parties and book fairs and more. The Hebrew School Chanukah party will be on December 3. Can you help? Call 938-2540 and volunteer.

Have you heard about Jericho Jewish Center's New Year's Eve party? Call and make reservations.

For more information, call Jericho Jewish Center at 938-2540.

Toys For Tots At Lee Ave.

(Contributed by students George Xipoleas and Errol Ismail)

Mrs. Massa's class at the Lee Avenue School is organizing the Long Island Toys for Tots Collection Campaign sponsored by the Roosevelt Field Shopping Center. This program gives new toys to needy school children for the holidays. We want to be giving elementary school children an opportunity to be helping other children.

Many of the classes in Lee Avenue are participating by bringing in new unwrapped toys. They will then send the gifts to Mrs. Massa's classroom and from there they will be delivered to the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve which is in charge of the program at Roosevelt Field.

Dinners For Holiday



Central General Hospital and the Plainview-Old Bethpage Lions Club teamed up to make this Thanksgiving a memorable one for more than thirty local families. The Hospital donated turkeys with all the trimmings to area families in need and the Lions Club helped distribute the dinners. Pictured L-R: Vio Rayment, Chairman of the Holiday Program for the Lions Club and Robert J. Bornstein, Administrator of Central General Hospital. Bornstein said the Hospital will work with the Bethpage Rotary Club over the Christmas holiday to provide turkey dinners for needy families.

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ARE YOU OVERLOOKING LONG ISLAND'S WILDEST NIGHTLIFE?



Photo by Don Day

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The "Eye of the Needle" contains artificial amoeba, protozoa, and other microscopic organisms, crawling on it, For life size comparison.

The Hall of Science gave the troop leaders, Mrs. Susan Jensen and Mrs. Carol Fitzgerald (a former employee at the Hall), special permission to use the Laser light to give their troop a private demonstration. The Girl Scouts were able to see the difference between the properties of light from the Laser as compared to the light from a flashlight.

All of the Brownie Girl Scouts, in Troop 3554, who visited the Hall of Science, will receive Try-It patches ("Science in Action" and "Me and My Shadow"). Try-It patches are designed to help Brownies discover five Worlds of Interest. The World of Interest covered at the Hall of Science is "The World of Today and Tomorrow," where Brownie Girl Scouts are able to discover the "how" and "why" things work and to find out what the future holds.

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St. Ignatius Loyola CYO News

By Barbara Lewis

CYO Meeting Update:

At our November Meeting elections took place. The following were elected to serve a two year term. President: Mr. Gary Lewis, Treasurer: Mr. Quinten Hannah, Baseball Director: Mr. Bob Patterson, Softball Director: Mrs. Donna Martillo, Basketball Director: Mr. Joe Panarelli.

Our December meeting will be cancelled due to the holidays, we will have our next meeting in January.

Basketball Highlights:
K-2 LeagueCeltics 12
49ers 8

The Celtics were led by C. J. Stewart's 2 points, Anthony Inzerelli's good defense and Danny Ford's excellent rebounding. For the 49ers Gary McGuiness scored 6 points and Christopher Verde 2 points, Stelios Karas collected 3 assists.

Celtics 17
Lakers 8

Jimmy Montana led the Celtics balanced scoring attack with 9 points while Eric Smith and Danny Stewart contributed 4 points apiece. The big guns for the Lakers were Chris Keough and Kraig Binick who tossed in 4 points each. Ricky Green played outstanding defense.

Supersonics 20
Celtics 2

Team defense rocketed the Supersonics to a 20-2 win. Jason "Winders" Becker cleaned the boards and sprayed in 9 points. Danny "Mailman" Rogers air mailed 7 points and Brian "Downtown" Quinn scored 4 points. For the Celtics, Jimmy Montana scored 2 points and Danny Stewart played great defense.

Pistons 8
Lakers 2

The offensive stars for the Pistons were, Frank Pesale and Michael Albinski, Joe San Filippo and Louis Sullo played great defense. For the Lakers, Kraig Binick excellent on offense while Brian Kelly and Chris Keough starred defensively.

49ers 19
Lakers 2

The 49ers were led by Stelios Karas who scored 9 points and Gary McGuiness who tossed in 6 points. Adam Hojancki played superb defense coming up 3 steals. For the Lakers, Carlos Gomez scored 2 points while P. J. Sluka and Chris Keough played outstanding defense.

3rd & 4th League

Supersonics 34
Lakers 14

The Supersonics high powered run and gun offense produced a balanced scoring attack. The big guns were, Tommy "The Rocket" Riccio and Chris "Can't Miss" Barbino who tossed in 8 points apiece. Brian "Hot Rod" Hebron scored 6 points while "Jumping" Jim Cole and Richie "Homey" Sandiford collected 5 points apiece. Stevie "Wonder" Alvarez chipped in with 2 points. For the Lakers, Steve Verde poured in 5 points while Brian Horvath and Scott "Flash" Bryan pumped in 4 points apiece. B. J. Carney and Sean Quinn

dominated the backboards and played stiller defense.

Supersonics 20
Knicks 12

The Supersonics jumped to an early lead and held off a late Knicks rally. Tommy "Rocket" Riccio and "Jumping" Jimmy Cole led the Supersonics, pumping in 6 points apiece. Chris "Can't Miss" Barbino and Ricky "Homey" Sandiford collected 4 points each. "Doctor" Danny Tergesen grabbed 8 rebounds. For the Knicks, the big guns were, John Cashin, Ryan Klupt and Tony Fumagalli with 5, 4 and 3 points respectively, Cynthia McCarthy had 3 assists.

5th & 6th Grade Results
Knicks 29
Lakers 6

Knicks were led by, Joe Panarelli with 12 points, Paolo Fumagalli with 6 points and Stratos Mitsopoulos with 4 points. Sean Conk had 4 points.

For the Lakers, John Gooch and Chris Binick played a good defensive game.

Pistons 33
Celtics 10

An outstanding game was played by the Pistons. They were led by Frank Seier, Dan Voss and Chris McKay. The Celtics had a good game from Andrew Colton and Mike Guerriero.

Lakers 19
Pistons 17

A tight, closely played game.

Pat Walker had 6 points, Sean Conk had 5 points and Danny Cocchi 4 points. Bobby Schmidt rebounded well for the Lakers. Mike Verde had 8 points for the Pistons. J. T. Flynn had 4 points and Jason Grassick 3 points.

Pistons 23
Celtics 21

Another well played game. Matt Connolly and Joel Shurley played an excellent game for the Pistons. Michael Verde was high scorer with 11 points, Rob DelBango had 10 points. For the Celtics, Andrew Colton and Danny Cocchi played a great game.

Buying Selling
Rare Books

Are you an experienced collector of old and rare books or just thinking about starting a collection? Abraham Blinderman will discuss the characteristics of valuable books in a lecture at the Jericho Public Library on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. Learn how to acquire desired books, to appraise collectible books and about the literature on evaluating books. Mr. Blinderman is a teacher who has written many articles on book collecting and was even a bookseller intermittently.

Bicen. Tribute

A Bicentennial Tribute, tracing the accomplishments of the influential inventor and industrialist, Peter Cooper, American Genius will be exhibited at the Syosset Public Library during the month of January, 1992. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours.

Baseball Greetings



Nassau County Executive Thomas S. Gulotta, (third from left), attended the annual awards dinner of the Hicksville Baseball Association, held at Antun's.

Joining the County Executive were: (standing), Councilman Leonard Kunzig; Greg Simonelli, Chairman of the Board; Councilman Tom Clark; Councilwoman Ann Ocker; Assemblyman Frederick Parola; (kneeling in front), Chris Swier; Chris Cannizzaro; Kyle Rybak; Jill Levy; Terry Anderson; Gina Simonelli; Alyssa Provanzano.

First Half of 1992 General Tax Due

Oyster Bay Town Receiver of Taxes Gary F. Musiello reminded residents this week that the first half of the 1992 General Tax Levy, which is due on January 1, 1992, may be paid, without penalty, through February 10, 1992.

"By law, a taxpayer has a 40-day grace period from the date the tax is due during which payment may be made without penalty," Receiver of Taxes Musiello explained. "After the 40 days, a one percent penalty is added for each month the tax remains unpaid, retroactive to January 1."

Residents can pay in person at the Tax Office, Oyster Bay Town Hall West, Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, or at Town Hall South, 977 Hicksville Road, Massapequa. They may also pay by mail. In addition, Oyster Bay Town Clerk Carl L. Marcellino said that the Town Clerk's Annex, Newbridge Road and Duffy Avenue, Hicksville, will be open to accept payments between 9 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. on February 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10.

Receiver of Taxes Musiello noted that cash payments are not accepted at either the Town Clerk's Annex in Hicksville or at Town Hall South.

When paying the tax bill in person, residents are reminded to bring the entire tax bill with their payment. Payments being made by mail for the first half of the year should include Stub #1. Stubs #1 and 2 should be included only if the entire tax for the year is being paid. The Receiver urged residents who are mailing in their payment to do so at least ten days before the February 10th deadline.

The Receiver also cautioned residents not to write on, cut, fold, staple or otherwise deface the tax stub as it can cause the computer to reject the payment.

Receiver of Taxes Musiello requested that residents who call the Tax Office for information on property taxes have the school district, section, block and lot number of the property handy. "All property in the Town is listed in our computer by school district, section, block and lot number," the Receiver explained. "Having this information, which is on the tax bill

on the property deed, readily accessible will be a great help to my staff in answering and providing information in the most efficient manner."

LEGAL NOTICE

Bid Option: Five year warranty - mail in service. *Please be advised that in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law the District has standardized on Motorola Radios. A copy of the Resolution is available in the bid documents.

Complete specifications for the above items may be obtained at the office of the Dispatcher, Hicksville Fire House, 20 East Marie Street, Hicksville, New York.

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Notice To Bidders

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hicksville Fire District, 20 East Marie Street, Hicksville, New York, until 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, December 18, 1991, for the following:

30 (Thirty) Motorola* Minitor Sel Call Pagers with the dual frequency operation, NiCd Rechargeable battery and desktop charger (Model #HO1UMC1222C) with Dual Call Common Tone A: R97; Amplified Charger: R687; and Nylon Carrying Case: NRR8349. In addition each pager shall have a 2nd frequency and dual calling capability. In addition the frequencies for each pager shall be 46.10 and 46.12.

Coats for Kids

The Old Country Road School PTA is pleased to be participating in a Coats for Kids program. The cold weather is upon us and there are many children without proper outerwear for the winter weather. We will be collecting any donations on Friday, December 13 at Old Country Road School.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Hicksville Middle School To Include 6th Grade

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student will "share with peers in a successful educational experience."

One area which is designed to generate interest, stimulate intellect and provide mentor teachers is the middle school 10th period (Academic Enrichment). These after-school activities are open to all youngsters who wish to join and cover varying subject areas. "We (at the middle school) don't want to exclude any youngster," said Mr. Klein, for "by excluding, you overlook talent, you overlook giftedness." Mr. Klein added that the middle school has been able to eliminate conflicts between 10th period classes and all other on-going

activities, such as sports and drama, so that participation in 10th period does not preclude inclusion in these activities.

Resident Joe Visconti, a member of the lay committee working with the reorganization consultants (Drs. Bishop and Evans) requested that the committee be allowed to continue its charge and work with the redistricting consultant, should elementary school(s) be closed. President Carole Wolf announced that a public meeting with the redistricting consultant will be held on Wednesday, January 15. The meeting will be run much like the PTA candidates forums in that index cards will be circulated throughout the audience for questions or statements to the consultants. In this manner, the entire audience will be functioning as a lay committee to try to thrash out problems of a community nature.

For the past several years, the district has been presenting its annual Comprehensive Assessment Report at the November Board meeting. Robert Durso, Director of Instruction, outlined the 1990-91 report, calling it the state of the district's academic program.

On the elementary level, the Pupil Evaluation Program (PEP) testing (Reading and Math in Grade 3, Writing skills in Grade 5 and Reading and Math in Grade 6) showed the district's students scoring higher than the 1990 State and Nassau County levels, the latest figures available. Grade 4 Science Testing places Hicksville students above Statewide results and on par with Nassau County.

In the area of social studies, 8th grade students show improvement in both objectivity and essay testing. Results on the 6th grade level show some slippage over the past three years.

Mr. Durso noted a "significant increase in the number of students taking Regents." He determined the increase to be a direct result of the district's push over the last several years to boost student enrollment in Regents-level classes and an encouragement in Regents testing participation. The district's Regents results weak points lie in Earth Science and Physics, Sequential I and Latin. The district's strong subject areas proved to be Chemistry, U.S. History and Government, Global Studies and Sequential Math II.

SAT results show a combined total score district-wide of 889, although the top 10% of the class scored 1175 and the top 11-20% scored 1011. National combined scores total 896 and Statewide, 881.

Although the percentage of students receiving a Regents diploma has dropped from five years ago, 47% in 1991 compared to 58.3% in 1986, the percentage of students enrolled in four-year colleges at the time of graduation increased from 30.8% in 1986 to 49% in 1991. The percentage of students receiving local diplomas during that period increased from 40.7% in 1986 to 51% in 1991. The students in the 1991 graduating class also registered 33% scheduled to attend two-year colleges and 8% entering other schooling, for a total of 90% of the graduates pursuing higher education. In 1986, 73.7% of the students pursued further education upon graduation.

The November, 1991 Hicksville District Comprehensive Assessment Report is a public document and will be made available by calling the Community Relations Office at the Administration Building.

In other matters, the board approved:

a revision of the high school curriculum in theater arts to provide an ongoing open studio experience in theater similar to the fine arts opportunities in music and visual arts.

*four-year participation in the dance program at the BOCES Cultural Center, on a half-day basis for qualified students.

*Policy #2310 - Regular Board Meetings, Regulation #5130R - High School Attendance Regulations and 8414R - Regulations for Bus Drivers and Bus Monitors. All of the approved policy changes will be available for view by the public at each school building and at the public library.

*the change in name for the Woodland Avenue School to read the Woodland School. The request for a name change was made by the PTA, citing the fact that the Woodland Avenue School was not located on Woodland Avenue, but indeed located on Ketchams Avenue.

*the granting of a waiver to the PTA organizations of all fees for facility use on weekends. Trustee Ariene Rudin stressed the fact that funds raised during PTA activities go back to the children.

Trustee Jim Black reported that the Board Curriculum Committee discussed a review of the district's AIDS curriculum. This curriculum is about two years old, and Mr. Black commented that in terms of the AIDS disease, "a millennium age" has passed.

Trustee Helen Lafferty noted that the district's curriculum does not discuss the use of condoms and abstinence is first discussed in the 7th grade. She added that the district has not had a satisfactory evaluation of this program.

Mr. Black said that the AIDS curriculum will be reviewed by the district's Curriculum Council in January. Mrs. Lafferty added that she felt the board should reconvene the community AIDS curriculum committee as a follow up. She stressed the need to give Hicksville youngsters "the most current and scientifically correct information."

The next monthly meeting of the board is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18 at 8 p.m. In the interim, the reorganization consultants will present a report to the lay committee on Monday, December 9. On Tuesday, December 17, the consultants are scheduled to present their first interim report to the board at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Art Exhibit At Library

For the month of January 1992, Pearl and Milton Hellerbach will exhibit their art at the Hicksville Public Library.

Pearl will be showing her work in acrylics, mixed media and watercolors which are a retrospect of her work from early years to the present.

Milton's work in paintings,

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THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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Mario As Good A Name As Any

Input callers do not believe the use of the name "Mario" in referring to Gov. Cuomo has anything to do with prejudice in answer to this question: "Governor Cuomo has complained that the use of his first name, Mario, by political opponents is done to point out that he is Italian and would affect his popularity, do you agree? Here are some of the answers:

ETHNIC UNIMPORTANT

I do not think in this country that a person's ethnic background stands for or against their political achievements. I think a person's personality, charisma and dedication makes a politician. I think Italians are the most popular people in the world (I'm not Italian). I just feel that they have a lot of dedication, warmth, caring and so I think Gov. Cuomo has nothing to fear. K.F.

NO ONE ELSE WORRIES

I do not know of any other Italian politician who is worried about his Italian heritage, except for M. Cuomo. Maybe he'd feel better if he were called "Mickey" Cuomo. Then he could pretend he is half Irish if that is important to him. I do not think that was his real objection. Certainly he could not believe that with a name like Cuomo that too many people are going to think he is a WASP, English or Jewish or have any other ethnic derivation. The real reason for his pick is that they did not refer to him as "His Royal Highness". Demagogues develop fixations like that. H.J.C.

WITHOUT PRINCIPLES

Mario Cuomo is a man without any principles. He will say anything or do anything that will aid his candidacy. Thus at this time he finds it convenient to suggest his name, Mario, was being used as a racial slur. It would be a disaster if this man is President. Angelo.

PULLING A FAST ONE

I think Old Mario is pulling a fast one. I think he would like to make Italian Americans rally around him by yelling discrimination. He found the Vice President Dan Quayle a good one to complain about because he is a WASP and this would get many Italians steamed up. I don't think he is going to get away with it though because prejudice against Italians is presently at an all time low and most will vote for whoever is better for the job. Gov. Cuomo should concentrate on telling us what he has to offer. T.N.

GONE TOO FAR

Mario Cuomo has gone too far with this nonsense about whether he should run or not. Many of us do not really care if he does or not. Even when we are dissatisfied with Bush we can't see what Cuomo would do better if you look at the sorry mess N.Y. state is in now. The Democrats would do better by finding someone else. J.F.

GOOD PRESIDENT

I think Cuomo would make a good President. We have never had an Italian as either a President or Vice President. There certainly were plenty who could have filled the jobs. It is now time for Gov. Cuomo to break the silent ban on Italians and win the Presidency from WASP Bush. G.F.

FOOT IN MOUTH

Cuomo always puts his foot in his mouth when he gets angry. He is now angry that the public is not trying to draft him and talk him into running for President. He is surprised that ground swells have not started for him and he wanted something to rally around by bringing up the Mario thing. He still doesn't realize that the voters are beginning to get smart and that he will have to do more than that to convince them to put him in the White House. C.V.

FOOLISHNESS

I don't give a hoot if Cuomo is Italian, white, black or yellow. I think he would make a good President. The issue of his ethnic background is a lot of foolishness. M.G.

LITTLE OPPOSITION

There would be some opposition to Gov. Mario Cuomo for President in the deep South. The people who support David Duke would be against Cuomo but they didn't do very well in the Louisiana election so it wouldn't amount to many votes for President if Mario ran. I think he knows that. N.F.

CUOMO REMISS

Frankly, I believe that Governor Cuomo is manufacturing this alleged abuse of his first name in an effort to create an aura of sympathy among the many Italians in this country to guarantee their vote in his favor should he decide to run for the Presidency. As far as the rest of us who have no Italian background are concerned, if we have a negative attitude to Mario as a Presidential candidate, in my personal opinion, there are plenty of other reasons why we should think twice before giving him our vote. To start with, the Governor is really swinging his guns at President Bush for his (Mario's) own failure to improve the economic plight of New York State which is in a miserable financial condition with much of the penalty falling on Long Island as was just evidenced by Mr. Gulotta in establishing a furlough program for County workers with scheduled days off without pay. I certainly don't forgive him for the Shoreham debacle, his cutback of financial assistance to Long Island especially the schools, and his unrelenting opposition to capital punishment at a time when our all-time crime rate is hitting new highs. Perhaps the Governor should really greet the use of "Mario" as a gesture from a friendly antagonist. P.G.S.

Discovery!

My Boss The Rabbit

By Edward Norris

Everyone knows what rabbits are like...gentle leafeaters possessed of timid natures, soft furry bodies and long ears. This has always been my assessment; it was with little trepidation, then, that I offered to care for a rabbit belonging to a friend of mine while she went on vacation. "Two weeks," I thought, "time enough to overcome the little critter's natural fear of a strange human and become fast friends."

I had some trouble convincing her that the fuzzy little thing would be safe in my care. To this day I cannot understand her concern. The five cats who own "my" house are in perfect health. The seventy-pound German Shepherd never complains. My friend finally agreed, however, and promptly loaned me a book on the care and feeding of rabbits, which I dutifully read.

The big day arrived, and I went to collect Clover (the rabbit in question) from her vacation-bound "mom." There, I was treated to a twenty minute lecture concerning Clover's special habits, needs, and vices, accompanied by a four-page set of instructions, prepared in case my memory of the lecture should fail me. Phrases like, "...bring her into the bathroom when you go in to shave or whatever in the morning," failed to daunt me. "Rabbits love to chew on rugs and wires," it said elsewhere, and, "Other times it seems grass and rugs hold little difference in taste to her."

Even this harbinger of things to come could not dim my enthusiasm. "...nipping is also a problem at times."

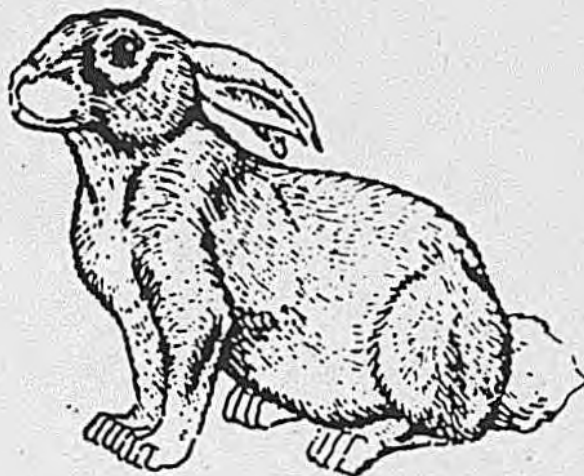
We loaded Clover into the car for the trip to my house along with her cage and various foods and special snacks for her extra comfort. When we got there my friend gave lessons in rabbit handling. I was shown how to hold Clover, how to restrain Clover, how to attach Clover's leash to its owner, my hand, and to various other objects. How to catch Clover, how to scratch Clover in the manner in which she preferred to be scratched, how to tickle Clover, how to change her cage liner, change her bottle, everything but how to change her nonexistent diaper.

All this I absorbed, fascinated, in the hopes of being a good foster parent to a long eared, warm and soft, fuzzy and cute, friendly looking little terrorist.

Yes, a terrorist. That little furball was the most self-assured, bombastic tyrant to which my animal loving nature has ever learned to bow-low. Sure, she was cuddly - when she was in the mood for it. The rest of the time she delighted in establishing absolute lordship over any humans around. Clover ruled with a reign of terror that made the French Revolution look like a lover's quarrel. They say that dogs can smell fear; well, that rabbit must have had radar for it.

Her major weapon was the "Clover lunge" as I learned to call it. You have not flinched until you have flinched from the lunge of a rabbit. They are lightning quick, all 10 pounds or so of them getting into motion instantaneously, accompanied by a grunt of sheer animal ferocity and clearly murderous intent. Handling her became a kind of Russian roulette, with me always on edge as to whether an attack was imminent.

Clover's favorite game, which I later learned is called "Catch me! Catch me!" by her full-time servants back home is typical of her toughness. It involves hiding in some inaccessible corner, awaiting the approach of human victims. When politely invited by them to leave her hiding place, Clover would launch the dreaded Clover lunge at the nearest hand or ankle. This, of course, caused an immediate flinch to save the threatened member from certain amputation; and it's this flinch that was just what Clover was wait-



ing for all along. She would then take the opportunity to escape to some other place of concealment. Sometimes this process was repeated for quite some time. You think kids can wreck a room?

In fact, Clover's exercise time inside became so troublesome, I bought some chicken-wire and installed it in the yard, around a small tree. All I had to do then was carry her cage out into the enclosure, open it, and step back quickly, one eye on the rabbit at all times. Caging her up again was tougher until I learned to lure her back with a carrot, after only three band-aids.

This enclosure permitted the first face to face encounter between Clover and the aforementioned German Shepherd, Shadow. Shadow is large, clumsy, and rather dense, with the saving grace that she is also the sweetest pup I've ever raised.

Shadow trotted up to the fence, all sniffing nose and perky ears; Clover ignored her. Continuing to hop in a leisurely fashion around her little domain, Clover appeared to be performing some kind of taste test, sampling the grass here and there seemingly at random. Finally, she stopped next to the fence, apparently still at random. Shadow obliged her by running immediately to the point just on the other side from her. This, of course, was just what the little Machiavelli wanted. Clover's lunge caught Shadow completely by surprise. The shepherd jumped straight up into the air, back arched, head and tail down, and landed already running. Clover continued her munching as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened. She didn't even bother to snicker. I did. I laughed myself hoarse. It's always funnier when it happens to the next guy.

One by one, each of the cats with whom I reside repeated Shadow's experience although in their defense it must be said that they comforted themselves with some sense of feline dignity. In just two days, however, Clover established her undisputed supremacy.

During the course of the two weeks that she was with me, Clover and I learned to appreciate each other's sensibilities. It became a give and take relationship. I for my part made a strong effort to be less timid and fearful, while I, on the other hand, learned to be very, very considerate of Clover's special preferences and her (ahem!) special ways of communicating them. I was sorry to see her leave. But then, that's the way she wanted me to feel, I suppose.

About the Author

Ed Norris grew up and went to schools in Garden City. He presently works for the local newspaper. This is his first contribution to Discovery.

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A. When the couples are about the same age it doesn't matter whose names are mentioned first. When one couple is older or more distinguished - or perhaps guests in your town - you introduce the younger couple.

Q. When dining out I have often seen women wearing their coats to the table, then depositing them on the back of their chairs. However, I have never seen a man do the same thing with his overcoat. Is there really a difference in etiquette for men and women in regard to checking coats?

A. Yes, a man always checks his coat in a restaurant. But a woman has the option of checking her coat or bringing it to the table.

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Wine Talk

By Richard Najler

Just where would you look to find American Canyon, the Stags Leap District and Mount Harlan? You'd have to pour over a map of California with a microscope to find some of these places, and some — like Stags Leap — wouldn't be there at all.

You would most likely to find them on the label of a fine wine bottle, where they announce legally recognized, "special" wine-growing areas. Sometimes these special names actually mean something useful.

You can put lots of misleading junk on American wine labels (alleging that the contents are "Burgundy," for instance), but you can't stick just any old place name on it. There is no legal "Brooklyn" appellation as far as I know, or "Beverly Hills." To gain official appellation status for your area, you must first petition the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), and jump through a few bureaucratic hoops.

What this involves is both more complicated and less meaningful than you might suppose. Part 9, subpart A, section 9.3 of the BATF's "Laws and Regulations" ordains that the area's name must be locally known and have current or historically specific boundaries.

You must present evidence of distinguishing geographical features — a mountain, or soil type, or what-have-you — and a marked map from the United States Geological Survey showing the boundaries that these features suggest.

The petition is followed by various steps, the trickiest of which is the public comment period. There are likely to be lots of comments on a new viticultural area, for the simple reason that no winery on the proposed area's borders wants to be left out in case the name becomes prestigious.

This explains why America's most famous viticultural area — Napa Valley — is also probably the most poorly drawn. No one, but no one wanted to be left out of "Napa Valley" when this area was being decided upon in the late 1970s, with the result that the legal name covers nearly the whole of Napa County, stretching over vineyards in adjacent Pope, Chiles, Wooden and Gordon valleys as well.

These places may or may not be quality equivalents of Napa Valley proper, but they are obviously, geographically, not part of the Napa River watershed or what passes for Napa Valley on a map.

Within Napa Valley itself are so many diverse soil and micro-climate types that the consumer can tell little from the Napa Valley name anyway, except that the winery probably paid top dollar for its grapes and will be passing that cost along to him. Somewhat more helpful are the several smaller legal viticultural areas within Napa Valley, but even these are often marked by controversy.

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Q. What is the limit for visits to an all you can eat salad bar?

A. If you are only paying to eat at the salad bar, then hunger and a certain amount of self-consciousness should dictate the number. It is at a restaurant that includes it in with the entree then twice would seem sufficient considering you will have a meal to eat afterwards.

Q. What is the proper amount to tip a waitress at a buffet brunch where all she serves you is coffee?

A. Since the waitress is still providing you with a service and she is not being paid any more for the brunch shift 10 percent would be appropriate unless the service and food has been very good. The waitress still has to share her tips with the rest of the staff.

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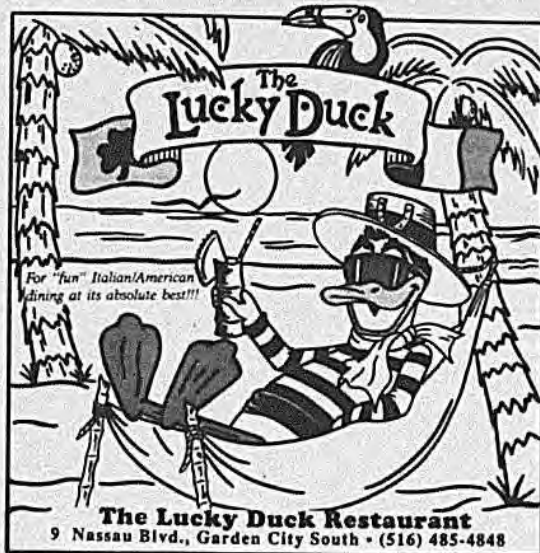
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A. First of all, there is no reason for you to feel uncomfortable. In today's hectic world there is nothing unusual about people eating alone in restaurants! In any case, the person who dines out has the right to expect the same courteous treatment whether he or she is alone or in the company of others. The smart restaurant owner knows the importance of good will. He values all his customers' patronage and makes them feel equally welcome.

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By Carol Catler

Few people would disagree with the centuries-old proverb, "Variety is the spice of life." That maxim is especially apt this time of the year. Assortments of visual pleasures abound around us and only add to the excitement of the season.

Everyone starts with a basic Christmas tree, real or false, and decorates it with individuality so it won't be like any other. We all try to select unique gifts that will be an unexpected surprise.

Holiday treats fall into the multiple category, too. Rarely is there but one dessert. Cooks like to put out a choice of several temptations.

An assortment of cookies is generally on hand to delight visitors as well as family. A huge platter of the same cookie lacks eye appeal. Instead, we bake an array of shapes, colors and tastes.

Preparing a variety of cookies is very time consuming. The equipment must be changed, as will new batches of batter requiring new ingredients. And how often do we find that we are out of the necessary almond extract and must make a quick shopping trip?

Different decorating designs also slow down the chef. Professional cooks know that the fastest kind of cooking is repetitive cooking, doing the same thing over and over.

So how does one get the most value for your cookie-baking time? Have a cookie exchange party, or as John Hadamuscin calls it, "The Cookie Christmas Club."

This is an innovative idea put forth in his new little book, "From My House to Yours" (Harmony Books). The pretty little tome is subtitled "Gifts, Recipes, and Remembrances From the Hearth and Home." The ideas and recipes are divided by the four seasons, all beguilingly illustrated with photographs by Randy O'Rourke.

This is how Hadamuscin's clever scheme works.

"Here's a way to make only one kind of cookie and end up with a vast array and have an easy party as part of the bargain: Make 11 dozen of your favorite cookies and wrap each dozen individually. Call nine friends or family members and ask them to do the same.

"Invite all the participants over and have them bring all but one dozen of their cookies. Put on a big pot of coffee and put out a dozen of each kind of cookie for everyone to sample. As the guests leave, have them exchange cookies with one another. Everyone goes home with a full stomach and cookie storehouse!"

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By Desiree Vivea



Most of us entertain a whole lot more during the holiday season than at other times of the year. Pearl onions provide an easy way to add elegance to company meals — or to special holiday family gatherings.

Try substituting pearl onions for regular onions in your favorite dishes. These bite-size gems of flavor emerge sweet and tender from your microwave, lending a distinctive touch to the most ordinary recipe.

Chopped onions tend to disappear into a dish, but tiny whole onions are decorative as well as delicious. Use instead of chopped onions in stews, soups, stir-fry and vegetable dishes. And they make an attractive and tasty accompaniment to roast beef, pork or poultry.

Honey Glazed Pearl Onions make an especially flavorful and pretty side dish for an intimate meal.

Pearl onions are widely used by French cooks, who are fond of creamed onions in white sauce or tossed in heavy cream.

Steamed pearl onions with tender peas and lettuce is another popular French preparation. This might sound complicated, but it's easy to prepare in your microwave. Just line a 2-quart microwave-safe casserole with the rinsed outer leaves of a head of iceberg lettuce. Add 1 10-ounce package of frozen small peas and 1 cup frozen pearl onions. Drizzle with 2 tablespoons dry sherry, cover tightly, and microwave 5 to 7 minutes, stirring every 3 minutes. Let stand, covered, 5 minutes, then season to taste and serve to 4.

Onions come in a range of shapes and colors: from long, green leeks and chives to the pungent standard yellow globe onion, to the mild, sweet, squat-shape varieties that come in red and purple hues. The small, round white variety known as the pearl onion is almost always served cooked or pickled (equally at home in a martini or a salad) — but its mild flavor is good raw, too.

Fresh pearl onions are available all year, but they cost quite a bit more than do regular onions — I recently paid more than \$1.50 for a 10-ounce basket. That's why I tend to save them for special occasions, like holiday meals.

Store fresh pearl onions in a cool, dark, dry place in net bags to allow air to circulate. They'll keep about one month. Pearl onions are also available frozen or canned.

To microwave fresh pearl onions, peel 1 pound small white onions, about 1 inch in diameter. (See Micro-Tip for peeling instructions.) Place onions in a 1½-quart microwave-safe casserole with 2 tablespoons water and ¼ teaspoon salt. Cover and microwave at HIGH (100 percent power) setting 6 to 8 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking time.

Let stand 3 to 5 minutes, then

drain before serving. Drizzle with melted butter and garnish with chopped fresh parsley and freshly ground black pepper. Or serve with a favorite sauce (bechamel, hollandaise, white sauce, etc.) Yields 4 servings.

Recipes in this column are tested in 625- to 700-watt microwave ovens.

MICRO-TIP OF THE WEEK

Small onions are thin-skinned and can be difficult to peel. Here's the easy way: Blanch them first by microwaving 1 pound (root and stem ends trimmed) in a single layer with 2 tablespoons water. Cover and microwave at HIGH setting (100 percent power) about 2 minutes. Let cool briefly, then slip off skins. Before cooking, use a small, sharp knife to cut a cross ¼ inch deep at root ends to help prevent bursting.

HONEY-GLAZED PEARL ONIONS

- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 1½ tablespoons sherry
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 1 teaspoon white wine vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon crumbled dried thyme
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 10 ounces fresh small white onions (about 1 inch in diameter), peeled
- Snipped fresh parsley, for garnish (optional)

Yields 3 to 4 servings

Preparation time: 10 to 15 minutes

Cooking time: 7½ to 12 minutes. Oven setting: HIGH (100 percent power).

Place butter or margarine in 1½-quart microwave-safe casserole; microwave 30 seconds to 1 minute to melt. Stir in sherry, honey, vinegar and seasonings. Add onions and toss to coat. Cover with lid or vented plastic wrap and microwave 6 to 9 minutes, stirring every 2 minutes until onions are tender. Remove onions with slotted spoon and transfer to covered serving dish.

Return cooking juices to oven and microwave, uncovered, 1 to 2 minutes, or until liquid reduces and thickens. Pour glaze over onions, garnish with snipped parsley, if desired, and serve immediately.



FOR TEENS

By Willard Abraham, Ph.D.

Dr. Abraham: When I'm with my girl at one of the malls or out anywhere else, she is always looking at other guys and paying no attention to me. I guess she hasn't seen any that she likes more than she likes me because she still hangs on.

I've asked her to look in my direction when we're out, and she will do that for a little while, but then the roving eyes take over and I feel like I'm alone.

How can I cure her? I wish I knew. — Frustrated
Frustrated: You might take a page from her book, so to speak, by borrowing that "roving eyes" practice of hers. There are probably some pretty girls in the mall who are pleasant to look at.

After a while with your looking and not talking to her she may get the hint and turn toward you.

It's a technique that has worked for other guys (and for girls, too, whose boyfriends have wandering eyes), and I hope it does for you.

Dr. Abraham: As a male teen-ager, I'd like to ask for your help. I'm not comfortable about bringing this up to my parents, so because you seem like a reasonable person, I'd appreciate your thoughts — without using my name, please.

Can you believe that I've reached my "advanced age" of 16 years old and have never had a date? In this time of teen-age pregnancies, drugs and liquor, you may think I'm a "square," and perhaps I am.

My problem is that my schoolwork, football and baseball team participation, music I love, and a movie once in a while with some friends take as much time as I've been able to manage.

I suppose I could squeeze in a date once in a while, but I have to admit that I don't know how to get started. I don't want to get turned down, either.

What is bringing this subject to a head is that there is this girl, a year younger than I am, who is popular, beautiful and so nice. I know that because she has said "Hello" to me a few times in a quiet way and smiled at me. I manage to say "Hello" back to her, but feel that I'm getting red in the face and not even sure that she hears me.

Because we are in the same high school, not a very big one, I see her often, and would really like to see her more often.

If you can give me a few suggestions for getting a date with her, I'd appreci-

ate it very much. — Date Shy

Date Shy: I'm happy to try helping out, so here goes.

A school dance, play or game you think she might enjoy or other school event might provide a way to break the ice beyond that "Hello." Asking her far enough in advance is important.

If you would be more comfortable in having a couple go along who are good friends of yours, you might suggest that possibility.

It doesn't sound as though she would turn you down, but if she does, her reason may not relate to you. Another involvement of hers could possibly conflict. If she seems sorry to miss the time with you, it may be worth another try.

Talking this subject over with your school counselor might be a worthwhile step to take, especially if he or she knows both of you. People in those positions usually are easy to talk to about almost all teen-age concerns. They have heard them all.

Dr. Abraham: Do you think a girl can look all right with blond hair and dark brown eyes? I do, but my mother doesn't. She says that everyone would be able to tell that my hair is dyed.

So I haven't done anything about it yet. My sometimes-boyfriend says it's up to me, but he thinks it would be kind of fun to see me as a blonde. A girlfriend of mine who is blond and blue-eyed looks so good to me.

But then there is what my mother says. I think she would be angry if I went through with it.

I'm 12 years old. — Hair Changer

Hair Changer: An experiment that could permit you to return to brown hair may be acceptable to your mother — but not right now. It could take a few years to bring her around to that point of view.

I hope you can adjust to tabling this idea for a while. In the meantime you may even begin to realize how well brown hair and eyes do go together. Some of our top movie beauties have that natural combination.

FOR TEENS

Cooking Corner



Holiday cookies yield sweet surprises

By Linda Susan Dudley

Making cookies is as much a part of the holiday season as sending out cards and hanging a welcoming wreath on your front door. People who don't have time to bake at any other time of the year haul out the mixing bowls and baking sheets, the rolling pin and the jars of colored sugars.

The results of these efforts can be warm, just-out-of-the-oven brownies to munch while wrapping gifts and trimming the tree. Or they might be carefully decorated shapes you arrange on an elegant platter and tie up with a bright bow to give as a special gift. A few left out with a tall glass of milk will refresh a tired Santa.

Whatever your cookie-baking plans, you'll probably start with cherished family recipes. To expand your repertoire, here are some of our favorites.

COTTAGE CHEESE FUDGE COOKIES

- 2 1/2 cups butter or margarine, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup small-curd cottage cheese
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons coffee-flavored liqueur (or vanilla may be substituted)
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup powdered sugar

Yields 3 dozen cookies.

Put butter, sugar, cottage cheese, eggs, coffee-flavored liqueur into food processor and blend until smooth. (Note: Electric mixture can be used but batter won't be as smooth, cottage cheese curds may not blend well. Eggs and cottage cheese can also be mixed in blender and then added to other ingredients and mixed with mixer.)

Stir together flour, cocoa, baking powder and baking soda. Stir in cottage cheese mixture and mix well. Chill dough for 30 to 40 minutes.

Roll dough into 1-inch balls; roll each ball in powdered sugar. Place balls on greased cookie sheet, bake in preheated 350 F oven about 12 minutes, or until cookies feel firm to touch. Cool on racks.

GOOEY CARAMEL NUT BARS

- 1 (14-ounce) bag caramels, unwrapped
- 1 (5 1/2-ounce) can evaporated milk, undiluted
- 1 German chocolate cake mix
- 1/2 cup margarine, melted

- 1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts
- 1 (12-ounce) bag semisweet chocolate chips

Yields 2 dozen.

Melt caramels with 1/2 can of evaporated milk over low heat. Stir until smooth. Combine remaining milk with cake mix and melted margarine. Mix well. Press half of cake mixture into bottom of greased 13x9-inch baking pan.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Bake for 6 minutes. Remove from oven. Sprinkle 1 cup walnuts and chocolate chips over crust. Top with caramel mixture, spreading to edges of pan. Top with teaspoonfuls of remaining cake mixture, pressing gently into caramel mixture. Sprinkle with remaining nuts.

Return to 350 F oven and bake for 20 minutes. Cool slightly and hide in refrigerator to cool completely (unless they are attacked by kids first). Cut into bars.

SOUR CREAM COOKIES

- Dough:
 - 1 cup shortening
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 cup sour cream
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 4 1/2 cups flour, approximately
- Pinch salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- Filling:
 - 2 cups pitted dates, chopped
 - 2 cups raisins
 - 1 1/2 cups sugar
 - 1 cup water
 - 1 cup chopped walnuts (or pecans)

Yields 5 dozen cookies.

Cream shortening and 2 cups sugar. Add eggs and beat until light. Add sour cream and vanilla. Blend. Sift flour before measuring. Combine flour, salt and soda. Add dry ingredients slowly to previous mixture while continuing to mix. Refrigerate dough.

For filling, combine dates, raisins, 1 1/2 cup sugar, water and 1 cup chopped walnuts in medium-size pan. Cook filling slowly until thickened. Cool.

Roll out dough on floured pastry cloth-covered board to approximately 3/16th of an inch thickness. Cut out rounds, place on cookie sheet. Place one teaspoon filling in center; cover with second cookie round. Press edges together. Bake in preheated 375 F oven 12 to 15 minutes.

CINNAMON DISKS

- 1 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup soft butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans
- 3 teaspoons cinnamon

Yields 2 dozen cookies.

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt. Mix until creamy butter, sugar, egg and vanilla. Mix in flour mixture. Chill 1 hour or until easy to manage. Preheat oven to 375 F. Shape level tablespoons of dough into balls. Combine chopped nuts and cinnamon; roll balls in nut/spice mixture. Arrange on greased cookie sheet 2 inches apart. Bake 15 minutes.

PEANUT BUTTER SWIRL BARS

- 1/2 cup crunch-style peanut butter
- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup firmly packed granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 (12-ounce) package chocolate chips

Yields 4 dozen bars.

In large bowl, combine crunch-style peanut butter, softened butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar; beat until creamy. Gradually beat in eggs and vanilla extract.

In small bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt; blend into peanut butter mixture. Spread onto greased 13x9-inch baking pan. Sprinkle package of chocolate chips over surface.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Place pan in oven for 5 minutes. Remove pan from oven and run knife through chocolate and batter to marbleize. Return to oven and bake for 20 to 30 minutes. Watch carefully that cookies don't over-bake and become hard. Cut into bars.

SUNFLOWER BUTTER COOKIES

- 1 pound (4 sticks) butter, softened at room temperature
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Pinch salt
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 7 1/2 ounces (almost 1 cup) unsalted sunflower seeds
- 1 cup flaked coconut

Yields 4 1/2 dozen cookies.

Cream butter and sugar. Add egg and blend. Mix in remaining ingredients. Form into logs 2 inches in diameter; wrap logs in waxed paper and freeze. When frozen solid, preheat oven to 350 F and slice into cookie rounds. Bake on lightly greased cookie sheet for 10 to 12 minutes. Watch closely. Cookies are done when lightly browned on edges.

COW CHIP COOKIES

- 6 eggs
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 sticks melted butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 pounds peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 tablespoon corn syrup
- 4 tablespoons baking soda
- 1 (22-ounce) box quick-cooking oatmeal
- 1/2 pound chocolate chips
- 1/2 pound M&M chocolate candies
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup raisins

Yields 4 dozen cookies.

In large bowl, mix together eggs, sugars, melted butter, peanut butter, vanilla, corn syrup and baking soda; mix well.

Then add oatmeal, chocolate chips, M&Ms, chopped nuts and raisins; mix well. Spray pan with cooking spray. Drop onto cookie sheet with ice cream scoop. Flatten for cow chip cookies. Bake in preheated oven at 350 F for 10 to 12 minutes. Dough may be frozen.

DATE PINWHEEL COOKIES

- Filling:
 - 1 pound chopped dates
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 cup chopped pecans
- Dough:
 - 1 cup butter or margarine
 - 1 cup granulated sugar
 - 1 cup brown sugar
 - 3 eggs, beaten
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 4 cups flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda

Yields 4 dozen cookies.

Combine filling ingredients in saucepan and cook until thick. Cool.

For dough, cream butter, sugars, eggs and vanilla. Add dry ingredients. Roll dough out onto floured waxed paper to 1/4-inch thickness. Spread cooled date mixture evenly over dough. Roll dough up like jelly roll, using waxed paper to roll tightly.

Cut into thin slices and bake in preheated 375 F oven for 8 to 10 minutes.



Backyard Gardener

By Patrick Denton



Easy gifts for gardeners

If you still have some gardeners or people with garden-related interests on your Christmas shopping list, you can relax. These are among the easiest friends and relatives to shop for.

A festive plant is always a pleasing gift. The classic Christmas plant, of course, is poinsettia, which is available in several sizes of bush-form plants, as well as in tree and hanging-basket form. Besides the favorite Christmas red, poinsettias come in white, pink and marbled color blends.

Christmas cactus, azalea, cyclamen and chrysanthemum are more traditional yuletide gift plants. African violet, Rieger begonia and citrus plants are welcome, colorful gifts at Christmas, as well.

Before choosing a plant, be aware that azalea and cyclamen in particular require cool temperatures to continue blooming well, and that chrysanthemums should have cool temperatures at least at night. Avoid selecting these plants as gifts for people who keep their homes very warm.

For a keen outdoor gardener, a gift certificate from a local garden center for a specific plant would be an apt choice. It's especially pleasant at this time of the year to anticipate adding a new flowering shrub or perhaps a fruit tree to the home landscape. Here, it's important to know the recipient's preferences in plants.

Knowing the person's special gardening or garden-related interests is a helpful guide to selecting a Christmas gift in general. A book geared to his or her specialty would certainly be welcome.

For the gardener whose delight is growing and arranging cut flowers there are flower vases and bowls, floral foam, stem-holding frogs, cut-and-hold flower shears, floral preservative and seeds for cut flowers. Look for such items as potpourri kits, flower presses and silica gel for drying flowers when you have a person in mind who enjoys floral crafts.

Gifts abound at garden outlets for the indoor gardener. Consider a houseplant watering can or tool set, a decorative ceramic pot for an individual plant or a broad, shallow bowl for a mixed planting, an amaryllis bulb with planting kit, a light meter or a houseplant book.

The right tool for the job can make the difference between drudgery and pleasure in our various gardening pursuits. Tools that ease chores and take some of the guesswork out of gardening include a light, long-handled hand-claw cultivator, a sharp hoe, a good pair of pruning shears, a

pruning saw, soil thermometer, a pH meter, a trowel with depth marks on the blade, comfortable and durable garden gloves, hose guides, a garden seat/kneeler and an automatic water timer to attach between hose and tap.

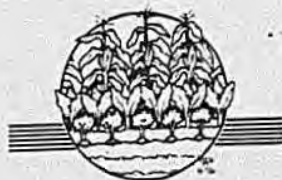
Accessories that add an aesthetic dimension to the garden include statuary, bird baths and feeders, decorative archways and trellises. Bird feeders, in particular, add life to the winter garden. Set up close to a house window, they provide hours of amusing entertainment as birds flock round to feed and sing their gentle songs.

A garden statue often will serve to complete a garden scene. In my own garden, a concrete St. Francis oversees a small woodland planting, adding to the atmosphere of tranquility there.

For gardeners who enjoy nurturing their own bedding plants from seedlinghood there are many appropriate gifts: seedling flats and trays, a supply of sterile seedling mix, packets of unusual seeds, fluorescent plant-light fixtures, labels and indelible marking pens and that useful little narrow-bladed tool for transplanting seedlings, the widger, or nit picker.

If there are children in the house, enlist them to make designer labels with indelible felt-tip markers. Let them decorate one side of the labels with their own renditions of tomato, carrot, marigold and petunia plants and others of their choice.

A garden gift can take the form of a gift certificate from a plant shop, garden outlet, bookstore or gift shop that carries gardening items. This method of Christmas gift giving is ideal when you're not quite certain what sort of plant, tool, book or garden accessory a person on your shopping list would most appreciate.



Our Children

By Willard Abraham, Ph.D.



Good books to help troubled parents

Dear Parents: Books related to family problems concerned with children who may be in trouble almost seem to be coming out of the woodwork these days. The emphasis is often on the adolescent years.

I've singled out a few to share with you that appear to be practical and especially sensitive to the needs of parents and their offspring. All are recent releases.

One that provides a basic approach to this issue is titled "How to Find Help for a Troubled Kid" by John Reaves and Dr. James B. Austin (Harper Perennial). Its subtitle is "A Parent's Guide to Programs and Services for Adolescents."

In the first of its 15 chapters, the authors generously provide a five-page detailed list of other books for parents of teen-agers. What follows is an easily usable collection of sources based on alcohol and drug treatment centers, group homes, boarding schools, the juvenile justice system and specific information, referral and counseling hot lines.

Addresses, phone numbers and names of personnel are provided on a state-by-state basis.

As the book covers states, its aim is to provide "a sourcebook for parents who know their child needs help but don't know how to find it." The important answers are provided in an extremely helpful format.

The second book closes in on a specific problem area. It is called "Kids, Alcohol & Drugs" (Ballantine), written by Ruth Maxwell, whose earlier book has the enticing title of "The Booze Battle" (Ballantine).

Its emphasis is on prevention and help for those already involved. Developed in a readable style, it delves into topics like these: why kids use alcohol and other drugs, behavior and personality changes, how to determine treatment needs and how to help kids who agree to cooperate — and those who don't.

From its first sentences to one near the end, it seems to be on target for families immersed in the alcohol/drug issue: "As parents most of us are not crazy, stupid or incompetent. But our children's use of alcohol or other drugs can make us believe we are ... It simply is not enough for us to tell our kids to say no. Children will say no if we help them to."

A third source that is important for a certain type of parent is titled "Save the Family, Save the Child," written by Dr. Vincent J.

Fontana (author of "Somewhere a Child Is Crying," published by NAL) and Valerie Moolman (Dutton).

Its strong effort is toward preventing the deaths, maltreatment and neglect of abused children. The figures provided are terrifying — 2.2 million reported cases of child abuse in 1989, a 3 percent increase over 1988. And what about the non-reported cases? The figures can only be guessed at, but they could be even greater.

The authors maintain that the vast majority directly relate to broken families, drug and alcohol abuse, stress, despair and teen pregnancy and parenthood.

Between the prologue which is headed "Another Small White Coffin" and the epilogue ("What Is a Child to Do?") are true stories of what is happening all around us in our neighborhoods and on all socioeconomic levels and what must be done to stop the carnage.

The book offers resources for parents (with toll-free phone numbers), how not to fly off the handle with kids, how to help a stressed-out parent let off steam and rules for preventing the risk of child abduction and molestation.





Fitness Forum

Osteoarthritis afflicts women more than men

By Robert Støder

It's a common form of arthritis that is estimated to afflict 15.8 million people, or 12.1 percent of the nation's population. It's an ailment of the body's joints that affects women twice as often as men and is especially common among women older than 45. It's not exactly clear why.

What is known, says Dr. Donald T. Reilly, an orthopedic surgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and an assistant clinical professor at Harvard University, is that "most people older than age 60 will begin to show signs of having osteoarthritis."

"In fact," he told a recent seminar on "Reconstruction of the Arthritic Knee" conducted by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons in Orlando, Fla., that "certain kinds of osteoarthritis seem to be a normal part of the aging process."

The ailment, he said, is the end result of a breakdown or wearing away of cartilage, the cushion that covers the ends of bones. People with osteoarthritis will experience joint pain, stiffness and swelling.

Thus, Reilly said, osteoarthritis can be caused by a person's weight, an injury and by age. "Overweight people are at higher risk of developing the disease because additional stress is placed on their joints."

Another contributing factor can be overuse and injury, which speeds up the process of cartilage breakdown.

"For example, certain athletes, such as football players, are prone to developing osteoarthritis in their knees because of the stress they place on their joints," Reilly said. "And individuals whose occupations involve standing for long periods also may be at risk."

However, he added, the cumulative effects of normal wear and tear on susceptible joint tissues also causes osteoarthritis.

"As people continue to live longer, the incidence of osteoarthritis will rise."

How is osteoarthritis treated? Regular exercise is an important part of the treatment, Reilly said. "Besides helping to maintain joint flexibility, it also improves muscle strength. By keeping your muscles strong, you are helping to protect your joints from further damage."

However, he said, regular periods of rest should be included in the exercise routine to allow muscles to relax. Patients are also advised, he said, to watch their diets.

"If the patient is overweight, he or she is placed on a weight-reducing diet to relieve some of the stress on the joints."

Surgery, he said, is only a last resort.

An orthopedic surgeon is a medical doctor with extensive training in the diagnosis and non-surgical as well as surgical treatment of the musculoskeletal system, including bones, joints, ligaments, tendons, muscles and nerves. The 16,000-member Academy provides educational services for them, for allied health professionals and the public.



Fitness Forum

HEALTH WATCH

Watch those calories during the holidays

Use holiday shopping and decorating to burn off some of the extra calories that come from overindulging on holiday goodies.

Holiday calorie burn-offs:
(Calories burned per hour)

Bringing decorations down from the attic	612
Ice-skating	355
Shopping at the mall with a toddler	245
Cooking a holiday dinner	245
Holiday shopping alone	184
Signing holiday cards	70

SOURCE: Woman's Day magazine

The average person may gain between five and seven pounds during the holidays.

Vegetarian View



New ways to lighten groaning holiday board

By Margaret Wing-Peterson

The holidays often leave little inclination for prudent eating. Potlucks, whether in the office, at church or with the relatives, commonly foster the tendency to overeat. The key? Think ahead about how you'll handle the constant flow of rich foods.

Before you come to the feast or even during the party, rely on non-alcoholic liquid, such as water, juice or soup to help fill your stomach. Raw vegetables or a few low-fat crackers also work well to take some of the "edge" off your hunger.

CRANBERRY MAPLE MUFFINS

- 2 cups whole-wheat pastry flour (note below)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup non-fat buttermilk
- 2 egg whites or the equivalent of 1 egg of a low-cholesterol egg substitute
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- ¼ cup canola or other vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 cup cranberries, fresh or frozen-unthawed, sorted and rinsed

Yields 1 dozen muffins.

Per muffin: 132 calories, 5 grams fat, 34 percent calories from fat, 1 milligram cholesterol, 143 milligrams sodium.

Sift together flour, baking soda and salt. In another bowl, whisk buttermilk, egg whites or egg substitute, maple syrup, oil and honey.

Form a well in center of dry ingredients; pour in milk mixture. Fold until batter is just moistened but still lumpy, mixing in cranberries during process.

Divide batter evenly among paper-lined muffin tins. Bake 25 to 30 minutes at 350 F or until lightly browned and muffin tester comes out clean in the center.

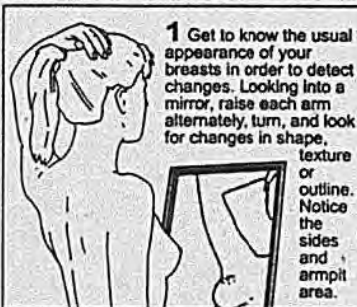
Note: Whole-wheat pastry flour can be found at health-food stores in bulk or at specialty grocers.

From "For Goodness Sake" by Terry Joyce Blonder (Camden House Publishing, Inc.)

DISCOVERY

Self-examination, self-insurance

Breast cancer, as with most cancers, is most effectively treated when diagnosed early. Once a month, right after menstruation, examine your breasts for small lumps or other changes.



1 Get to know the usual appearance of your breasts in order to detect changes. Looking into a mirror, raise each arm alternately, turn, and look for changes in shape, texture or outline. Notice the sides and armpit area.

2 Squeeze nipples gently to detect any unusual discharges. Orange-peel skin could indicate an internal lump.



3 Lie with a pillow under your shoulder and head. Using the flat of your hand, not the fingertips, press in a clockwise circle around the outer parts of the breast.



4 Raise your arm and feel the inner breast area. Stretching the tissue makes examination easier. Check up to the collarbone, to your sides and into the armpit.



SOURCE: AMA Encyclopedia of Medicine

THE HEALTHY GOURMET



By Kit Suedaker

Spa kitchens lend healthy cuisine

Every so often, to stay ahead of the game, I check out the original source of light cooking and eating — the spas. They led the way in low-everything meals and are still in the forefront.

To know how good light dishes can be, just sample a spa menu. Even without fat and salt, these dishes are both comforting and flavorful. Best of all, they are free of guilt.

Every inn, hotel and resort that has a gym and workout schedule now offers light meals. Sonoma Mission Inn in Northern California is an old hand at this. It even has a cookbook out. Maine Chance in New England, of the same vintage, has an equally reliable menu so good it could be served every day in the year.

Cordillera in Colorado is a newcomer, but its chef, Philippe Van Cappellen, says, "I cook to preserve the taste of everything. That makes it easy to use less oil, eggs and cream."

A trio of beauties from these three exciting kitchens is given below. Try them singly and as a menu. They do nice things to winter pears and walnuts. As for the clever chocolate mousse — it has a decadent air but no serious calories or fat.

SONOMA MISSION INN'S WALNUT CHICKEN WITH PEARS

- 4 boned and skinned chicken breasts (4 ounces each)
- ¼ cup Dijon mustard
- ½ cup finely chopped walnuts
- 4 ripe pears (Anjou work well)
- 1 cup red wine
- 1 cup water
- ½ cup apricot nectar
- ½ cup non-fat yogurt
- 1½ tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped mint (¼ teaspoon dried)
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh ginger (¼ teaspoon dried)
- 2 heads butter lettuce

Yields 4 servings.

Each has about 450 calories, 90 milligrams cholesterol, 15 grams fat and 160 milligrams sodium.

Pound chicken breasts between plastic wrap until they are ¼ inch thick. Brush chicken with mustard. Place walnuts in a food processor and finely chop. Be careful not to process them to walnut but-

ter. Dredge chicken breasts in chopped walnuts and set aside.

Peel pears, core and cut in half lengthwise. Combine wine with water in 4-quart saucepan. Bring to boil. Add pears and boil for 1 minute. Remove from heat; cool to room temperature, basting occasionally.

Remove pears from poaching liquid and drain on paper towels. Put apricot nectar, yogurt, vinegar, mint and ginger in a bowl and whisk together. Chill.

Put chicken breasts in a baking pan and bake for 5 or 6 minutes in an oven preheated to 350 F. Set aside to cool.

Slice breasts lengthwise into ½-inch strips. Toss lettuce with ½ cup apricot vinaigrette. Divide onto 4 serving plates. Cut pears into thin slices and arrange with chicken on lettuce. Drizzle with remaining vinaigrette and serve.

MAINE CHANCE'S PEARS AND WALNUT SALAD WITH MINT DRESSING

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- ½ cup pear nectar
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh mint (¼ teaspoon dried)
- Pinch dry mustard
- 3 ripe pears (Anjou, Comice or Bartlett)
- ¼ cup coarsely chopped walnuts
- Mixed greens, about 12 cups
- Sprigs of fresh mint

Yields 6 to 8 servings.

Each has about 180 calories, 9 grams fat, trace cholesterol and 87 milligrams sodium.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Put oil, vinegar, pear nectar, mint and mustard in a bowl and whisk together. Core pears and cut in half lengthwise. Cut halves crosswise into thin slices. Add pears to vinaigrette mixture. Stir well. Cover and refrigerate until chilled.

Spread walnuts on ungreased baking sheet. Roast in 350 F oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until crisp. Set aside.

Wash and dry salad greens. Tear into bite-size pieces and toss with pear and vinaigrette mixture. Divide among salad plates. Top with chopped walnuts and garnish with sprig of fresh mint.

Chocolate Mousse With Orange Zest

- Calories per serving: 380
- Fat per serving: Trace
- Cholesterol per serving: Trace
- Sodium per serving: 40 milligrams

Walnut Chicken With Pears

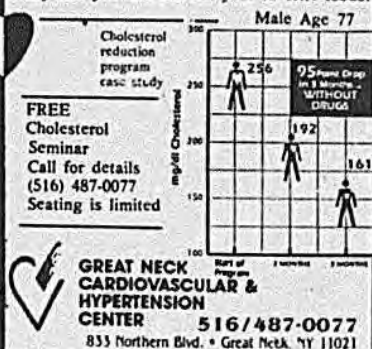
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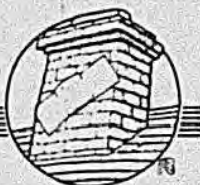
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Here's How

By Gene Gary



Q. Our home has natural wood siding that has become darkened and stained over the years. The shady side of the house is particularly stained with large dark spots. How can we restore the natural look of the wood and prevent this from happening again?

A. If left untreated, wood will darken with age. But there are methods of restoring much of the original natural finish.

The dark splotches you refer to could be caused by mildew, which is often mistaken for dirt. Mildew can grow on any building material not protected against it. It forms dark spots on the surface.

Gray, fan-shaped areas spread below these spots as spores from the original colony are washed down and multiply. Severe infestation may cause a uniformly gray or black discoloration over large surface areas.

To remove a mild case of mildew, scrub the surface with a mild cleaner or detergent. Next, rinse

with a household bleach, to kill surviving spores. For more severe cases, use a solution of $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of tri-sodium phosphate mixed with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of detergent, one quart of household bleach and three quarts warm water. Scrub the siding with a stiff-bristle brush (do not use a wire brush) and rinse with plenty of clear water.

Trisodium phosphate should be purchased at a reputable paint dealer, not a supermarket, to assure you are getting the real thing. This is due to new environmental regulations now effective in several states, including California.

The most effective treatment for brightening the natural finish and restoring color is with the use of oxalic acid. Dissolve four ounces oxalic acid crystals per gallon of water in a non-metallic container. Using a cloth or soft-bristle brush, apply the solution to an entire board or area at a time.

When the wood dries, rinse with

clear water. More than one application may be necessary if discoloration is severe. Use extreme care in handling oxalic acid, which is poisonous but not dangerous if precautions are taken.

Wear rubber gloves, avoid contact with skin or eyes. Pour acid into the water when mixing, not the other way.

When the siding has been cleaned of all mildew spotting, dirt and grime, and treated with oxalic acid, the natural brightness of your siding should reappear.

Treat the siding with a water repellent for protection or consider a pigmented stain to help it resist the weathering process. If mildew is one of your problems, consult with your paint dealer to choose a commercial mildewicide that can be added to the type of finish coat your use.

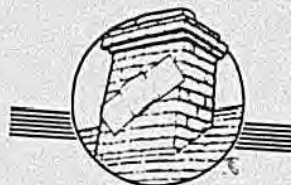
Protective coatings will need to be repeated approximately every three years depending on the climate.

Q. I have a cultured marble vanity top in my bathroom. This vanity is three years old. Recently I discovered a 3-inch crack in the marble. There are also some small cracks around the drain that resemble a cracked eggshell. The top has only been cleaned with

commercial cleaners recommended for this material. Do you know what could have caused this cracking and what can be done in the way of repairs?

A. Sometimes hot water can cause surface cracks. However, it is more probable that the cracks are due either to a defective unit or improper installation. Over-tightening the drain fitting with a wrench, rather than making it hand tight, could cause the cracking.

The condition can not be repaired. If you had a contractor complete the work for you, I would contact him first regarding the situation and replacement of the unit. If it was a do-it-yourself project, write to the manufacturer of the unit and see what type of warranties might apply.



Decor Score

By Rose Bennett Gilbert



Q. Our bedroom has a rounded niche in one wall, and I don't know what to do with it. Should I put the bed in there? And what about the lamp tables? — A.M.

A. Architectural oddities like your niche or alcove can be the beginning of a room with real personality, as you can see from the photo we show here.

The alcove becomes the focal point of the room, a cozy arrangement that includes not only the bed itself, but also the side tables, lamps and an unusual canopy made of draped fabric and outsize tassels.

Mounted on the underside of the arch, a sturdy wooden drapery rod has been cut to hold the "tent" of fabric, which matches the Osborne & Little bedding ensemble below.

Coordinating fabric dresses the windows themselves and skirts the tailored bedside tables, whose lamplight adds more warmth to the self-contained scene.

The arrangement illustrates a fundamental rule of successful decorating: Don't fight the basic architecture of a room; let it inspire your imagination.

Q. We're building cabinets and bookshelves in the family room and the craftsman has suggested that we cover them in laminate. I know that laminates are durable

and easy to maintain, but I'm afraid the room will end up looking like a kitchen. What do you think? — S.L.

A. I think you haven't done your

homework. To be a savvy shopper for home decorating products, you need to see for yourself what's in the stores these days. Among the surprises you'll find: laminates in an enormous palette of colors and a wide range of textures.

One of the largest and most fashion-forward manufacturers, Wilsonart, has recently introduced new wood-grain textures in deep, rich colors, supplementing such other finishes as matte, gloss, leather, pebbled and beaded looks.

You can have your visual interest and your easy upkeep, too, and no one will confuse your family room with the kitchen, I promise.



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TEACHING ASSISTANT for Hericks Public Schools. A vacancy exists, effective immediately for a Special Education Teaching Ass't for the High School Resource Room. Primary responsibilities include working with children individually and in small groups under teacher's supervision. Salary: \$14,800 per annum, plus full fringe benefits. N.Y.S. certification required. Please submit resume to Dr. Ronald M. Barnes, Ass't. Superintendent for Instructions, Hericks Public Schools, Shelter Rock Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040-1344. (An Affirmative Action Employer). wn5

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT is hiring! \$16,000-\$72,000/year. Call 1-805-564-6500, Ext. GB7475, for immediate response. gcl2

TYPIST NEEDED FOR DAYS Mon., Tues., Wed., regular 9-5 hours. Can start immediately. Should be able to type at least 50 w.p.m. Work in Hicksville. 931-0012.

COMPETENT SELF STARTING clerical part time with good typing (possibly shorthand) skills able to follow systems. Must be reliable, steady no special time off person, able to assume responsibility. Pay commensurate with ability. Send resume to Litmor Publications, Box L, 81 East Barclay St., Hicksville, N.Y. 11801. htfm

LOVING, RESPONSIBLE babysitter for 6 and 8 year old in my Roslyn home. Three weekday afternoons. Must have car. Call 621-4232 wd2

Help Wanted

BOOKKEEPER FULL TIME computer knowledge experience necessary. Garden City office. 294-6520. gcn5

TYPIST, IMMEDIATE. Permanent Part time. Mon.-Tues.-Wed. 9-5. Call 931-0012. htfm

P/T SECRETARY FOR Publishing Co. We need an organized person with good secretarial skills to assist the editorial department of a Garden City publishing company. Hours are 9-5, 3 days a week. Person must work well under deadline pressure and be able to juggle a number of tasks. Knowledge of personal computer is essential. If you fit the bill, please call Janice or Joanne at 739-0337. gcl1

DRIVER WANTED 8:45 A.M. - 9 A.M., Monday thru Thursday, and 5 P.M. - 5:15 P.M. Monday and Tuesday, \$5 per day. Garden City retiree preferred. 742-7095 after 6 p.m. gcl4

MATURE PERSON P/T wanted for small West Hempstead office to do phone calls, invoicing, ordering, light typing and book work. Mon.-Thurs. Call 483-4431. gcl1

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST. Secretary F/T, P/T busy Floral Park medical doctor's office handle front desk, scheduling, billing, some typing and telephones. Good inter-personal skills. Liz 354-4047. gcl1

A GOOD CHANCE FOR someone who likes to talk to people to learn advertising sales. Permanent part time 20 hrs. per week. Salary & Comm. Exp. helpful but not essential. Office in Hicksville. 931-0012.

Help Wanted

MOTHER'S HELPER 10 to 15 hours per week to care for two young children. Also light housekeeping. References required. Call 775-7210. wd4

Situations Wanted

VERY EXPERIENCED, honest hard working lady seeks employment as companion or nurse's assistant to elderly or patient any age welcome. Good references. 764-9516 gcl3

LOOKING FOR NURSE'S aide or housekeeping position. References & experience, own transportation. (718) 322-2641. gcl3

DAY CARE PROVIDED Young Garden City Grandmother available Monday-Friday, 8-6 P/T or F/T in my home. Reasonable rates. 741-8566 gcl3

HOUSE CLEANER available Monday-Friday. Own transportation, references & experience. Please call (516) 741-0815 gcl3

HOUSECLEANING/OFFICE Cleaning available. Have car, experience and good references. Call Hilda (516) 294-4341 w-D3

CERTIFIED NURSING Assistant & Home health aide looking for position to take care of sick or elderly. Will do light housekeeping. Experienced & references. 546-4628. gcl3

COMPANION FOR THE Elderly available part time and weekends and evenings. College educated, single mother (Jewish), compassionate and gentle. Own car, good cook, good listener, good caretaker. References. Call C.J. 338-4510. gcl4

PLEASANT, HARD WORKING lady seeks live-in or -out position to care for the elderly. Good references available. Please call Phyllis (718) 528-3534. gcl4

IRISH GIRL SEEKS extra Babysitting job. Weeknights/weekends. 248-5663. gcl3

HOUSECLEANER AVAILABLE Monday and Tuesday. Experienced and reference. 294-5475. gcl4

MATURE, HONEST RELIABLE person seeks part time/full time, live out job as babysitter, days worker or to take care of elderly person. Checkable reference. Please call Jackie (718) 778-6007. gcl4

Situations Wanted

FRIENDLY, EXPERIENCED Irish woman available to work night as nurse's aide or companion. Call 741-8619 wd2

PERSON AVAILABLE TO Do Light Housecleaning or take care of children or elderly person. References are available. Call 538-1320. Own transportation. gcl1

RESPONSIBLE HOUSE- wife willing to clean your house or apt. Experienced & reliable. Mornings or afternoons. If interested please call Mon.-Fri.-Sat.-Sun. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Ask for Raquel. 718 361-6533. wd1

GARDEN CITY HOUSE & Office Cleaning Corp. Bonded and insured, serving all Nassau County. We will sparkle clean your house or office with a team of experienced, honest and reliable persons who will be in and out in no time until your heart is contented. Cleaning process is supervised by owners, who are Garden City residents. We use our own cleaning tools and detergents. Call for a free estimate 248-8690, leave message and we will promptly call you. gcl2

HOUSECLEANING JOB wanted Mon.-Sat. Experience & good references. Call any time. 292-3074. gcn5

COMPANION JOB, light cleaning, light cooking. Live out. 3 or 4 days mornings or afternoons. 437-4289. gcl2

REASONABLE HONEST reliable home repairs. Carpentry, painting, interior/exterior, roofing, replacement windows, storm doors, siding. Call 437-7829. gcl2

CERTIFIED NURSE'S Aide with 10 years experience seeks position in home for night or day shift. Live out. 379-6967. gcl2

NURSE'S AIDE WITH Hospital, rehab and private home experience wants to take care of elderly and sick person. Very kind personality. P/T or F/T call (516) 248-4029. hd2

CLEANING LADY already working in area, looking for housework to fill in some mornings still available, including Saturdays. Location preferably within walking distance to Willis Ave. References available. Please call after 6:30 p.m. 746-3967. wd2

Situations Wanted

HOUSEKEEPER WANTS Day work, Mon.-Fri. References available. Please call 489-5890. gcn5

BABYSITTER ON CALL (Pediatric nurse) If your regular sitter can't make it, her kids are sick, she has an appointment, or things just aren't working out, let me watch your kids as your back up babysitter. Call me so we can meet before you may need me. Reliable, responsible mom with references. Please call 489-1621 gcl1

ATTENTION VACATIONERS, would you like to go away and know that your dog or cat is well taken care of? Mature woman who loves animals will give your pet lots of TLC. Fenced in yard. 352-9113. gcl1

IRISH WOMAN AVAILABLE as nurse's aide, companion to work days or nights. References and own transportation. 718 470-6275. gcn5

RELIABLE YOUNG woman seeks job as companion or babysitter. Good references are available. Please call Charmaine at (718) 327-3020. gcl2

DAYWORKER AVAILABLE to do cleaning, etc. Call 868-3149. hd2

BABYSITTER ON CALL 489-1621. gcl1

MATURE, RELIABLE woman seeking sleep-in housekeeping job. Speaks French and has green card. Call any time. 483-3790. gcl4

HOUSEKEEPER OR Housecleaning job wanted. References. 997-8227. Call after 3:30 p.m. gcl2

FRIENDLY, EXPERIENCED Irish home health aide/companion available to care for elderly. Honest & reliable. Checkable references. A.M. hours preferred. Driver's license. Call Mary 796-9416, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. gcl2

IRONING LADY AVAILABLE Wed. and Sat. Will do cleaning, experienced, reference available. Call after 4 p.m. 248-3035. Ask for Maria. gcl4

HOUSECLEANING - REFERENCES, experienced. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. 481-0702. wd4

HOUSECLEANER - REFERENCES, Tues., Wed., and Sat., good experience. 486-5394. wd4

Situations Wanted

HONEST, RELIABLE woman with years of experience will clean your home. Reasonable, own transportation. Mrs. K. 822-3587 htfn

HOUSECLEANING JOB wanted Mon-Fri. Experienced, own transportation. 338-1139. gcl1

HOUSECLEANING AVAILABLE. Experience and own transportation. Call 486-5990. gcl1

RESPONSIBLE MATURE woman wishes to babysit or assist elderly person. Tender loving care given. References, own transportation. 489-7096. gcl2

HOUSECLEANING JOB wanted. Honest, experienced and have good reference, own transportation. Call anytime, please. 565-0906. gcl2

INTERESTED IN BABY-sitting/Companion position. Call (212) 979-9006. gcl2

EXPERIENCED NURSE'S Aide seeks job taking care of elderly or as a companion. References available. Call (718) 346-3315. gcl2

Real Estate for Sale

REDUCED - REDUCED. Price Slashed \$40,000. Garden City Western Section, corner Split, 3 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, LR/FPL, DR, Kitchen, Den, Basement, Patio, CAC, 1 car Garage. \$284,647. 488-4796, by appointment. gcl4

A1 LOCATION OFFICE space available Garden City border, Auto Mall area, furnished/unfurnished suites available. 3 suites on main floor ranging from 1,000-1,800 square feet. Second floor 8,500 square feet Open space \$8 a foot. Ample parking, close to courts. Contact landlord J.D. Seiwel 538-6400. gcl1

CUTCHOGUE - WALK TO Bay beach from this 2 BR, 1 story home. LR, kitchen, dining area & Florida room. Dock. \$130,000.

Mattituck - 3 BR Ranch on wooded lot with LR, kitchen, deck & garage. Walk to water. \$147,500.

New Suffolk - Just reduced. Watch windsurfers from this completely renovated 3 BR, 2 bath home. European style kitchen, Dr. LR. Walk to bay beach. \$199,000.

Cutchogue - Authentic Barn dating from the 1850's with wide board floors, 2 upper lofts, tiled bath, OHA heat & deck. \$289,000.

Cutchogue - Just a chip shot away from the greens, stands this well built distinctive home. Large LR with Williamsburg FPL, large, sunny DR/FPL that opens onto 1,000 square foot deck. Custom kitchen with skylight, ceramic tile floors & oak cabinets. Master suite, bath with jacuzzi, 3 additional BRs & 2 full baths. Walk to beach & boating. \$425,000. Marilyn Lang Realty 734-6690. gcl5

Real Estate for Sale

SOUTHOLD TOWN Beauty on the bay - The warmth & charm of this exceptional home will captivate you. 7 spacious sunlit rooms, 3 BRs (expansion for 4th), 2 tiled baths, appliances, A/C, basement, garage. 100 feet plus sandy beach. Great views. PIX available. Asking \$479,000. Bookmiller Realty 722-4423. gcl5

GARDEN CITY VILLAGE Lawn Sale - Garage & House included. Finally an affordable home in the big tree #d St./Mansion area. Heirloom shrubs & antique trees cover 270+ Ft. deep property in easy to maintain natural setting. "Anderson Room" overlooks all. Something for everyone: 4 BR's, 3 baths, formal DR. Has everything. Open, airy, quiet, private, good flow French country home. Birds and bunnies included. School district rated #1 in the country. No games - priced to sell fast at \$490,000. Call owner 741-1716 early AM/Eves. gcl2

ALBERTSON/ROSLYN HTS. Adult Condo - 1 BR, living/dining area, 1 1/2 baths, 4 closets, own laundry & storage rm. Indoor parking, terrace, walk to all. 6 yrs. old. Asking \$179,000. Owner. 747-4221. gcl3

ALBERTSON / ROSLYN Senior Citizens - Condo. Six years old, new condo, 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, southeast exposure and terrace. Laundry room and garage. Relocating - asking \$211,000. 516 742-0018. wd1

CUTCHOGUE / NASSAU Point, 1 acre picture perfect Dutch Colonial. LR, DR, den, greenhouse, 3 BRs, 2 baths, 3 fpls, A/C, 2 var garage, solar panels, beach rights, many amenities. \$485,000. Principals only. 248-2188 weekdays. 734-7301 weekends. gcl4

EAST WILLISTON: FIRST showing. Gracious Robbins Hill home. Approx. 1/2 acre, 3-4 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, large EIK, mbrl fpl, den, playrm, fin. gsmt, CAC, \$599K owner. 294-8357 wn5

GARDEN CITY NEWLY painted brick CH Colonial/slate roof, 75 x 112. First floor FDR, LR/fpl, EIK, den, full bath, screened porch. Second floor, 4 BRs, 2 baths. Fin. bsmt., attached 2 car garage, walk to all, principals only. \$560,000. 747-1121 gcl4

FLORAL PARK Sacrifice - Legal two family, excellent location, extra large yard, income producing, 2 car garage. Aluminum siding, newly painted inside. Three meters, walk all, oil heat, 3 1/2 over 4 1/2. Income over \$19,000. Taxes \$3415. Currently vacant. By owner. Priced \$195,000. 741-4198. No brokers. wd4

GARDEN CITY, PRINCE-ton St. Lovely 4 BR, 2 1/2 bath brick Cape. LR/fpl, FDR, new EIK, finished basement, new windows, landscaped yard with deck. Walk to all. \$349,000. Owner 488-5847. gcl1

Real Estate for Sale

GARDEN CITY PRIME Estate Section, split, 3BRs, 2 baths, LR/fpl, FDR, EIK, paneled playroom and lower basement, oversized one car garage, patio, two zone gas heat, walk to schools and railroad. \$300's. Owner. 747-3882. gcj3

GARDEN CITY: LARGE Split, 4 BRs, 2 baths, excellent family home/location. Cath. LR/fpl, DR, new EIK, fin. bsmt, 2 car, 70x100, trees/landscaped, near courts/park/RR. \$395K owner. 747-6386. gcl4

GARDEN CITY Western Section, bright, cheery, Split. Walk to RR, close to shopping & churches. 4 BRs, 3 full baths, LR/cathedral ceiling, FDR, EIK, finished paneled bsmt., CAC, thermal windows, alarm system, low \$300's. Principals only. Call 352-0208. gcl1

TRIPLE MINT - GARDEN City Estates, brick/stucco Tudor. Prime location on prestigious block, elegant oak accented living room with fireplace, large formal DR, custom state of the art Rutt custom kitchen with adjoining family room/FPL, bright sun room with enclosed screened porch, large BRs and guest room, elegant Corian bathrooms, finished basement, computerized high efficiency 4 zone BB heating, maintenance free, exterior, professionally landscaped, 2 car garage with electric door, fully alarmed with central station, beautifully decorated & move in condition. Walk to school & RR. Reduced to \$595,000. Principals only. Reasonable offers accepted. 728-6919 or 248-6356. gcl1

ESTATES NEWLY Renovated 3 BR, 2 new baths expanded Ranch. Large cathedral ceiling family room, new EIK, by owner. Asking \$399,000. 742-8337. gcl1

GARDEN CITY - PERFECT Starter-Attached Colonial, LR, DR, modern EIK, 2 BR, 1 1/2 bath, rec room & patio. Fully updated, one car, gas heat, Close to all. Owner \$219,000. 741-3156. gcl3

GARDEN CITY BY Owner - Estates Split, cathedral LR ceiling, DR, 3 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, den, updated EIK, new windows, roof, gas heat, alarm, 2 car garage, private back yard. \$380,000. 747-0774. gcl1

GARDEN CITY - WALK to RR. Lg. 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, LR/fpl, DR, den, fin. Basmt., new gas heat, EIK, 2 Car, fenced yard. Many great extras! Low \$300's. Owner. 212 473-0526. gcl4

GARDEN CITY BEAUT SPAC home, 80x100, 5 BRs, 3 baths, scr. porch, fin. rec. rm., walk RR. Asking \$315K. By appt. Princ. only. 775-5974. gcl3

HICKSVILLE - OLD Country Rd., Professional home/office. Easy access, parking. Choice location. Lease/sale. By owner. Call 935-0856. htfn

Real Estate for Sale

HICKSVILLE: 4 BR Levitt Ranch. New Euro kit and bath. 60 x 100. Taxes \$2600. 2 zone heating and ceiling fans throughout the house. Asking 165K. Principals only. 735-0793. htfn

NORTH HILLS TOWN House Condo - 2 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, w/w, 2 car garage, CAC, DR, EIK, skylit, pool, tennis, south expo, immaculate. \$200's. Owner 661-3985. gcl1

RIDGE LEISURE Village, Retirement Condo - Fabulous 2 BR, 2 bath, FDR, jalousie enclosed porch, garage. CAC, 24 hour security, club house, pool, golf. Low \$120's. Owner 744-5929. gcl1

2 2 2 SEVENTH ST. Condo. Newly renovated 2 BRs, 1 bath, first floor, courtyard view. Walk to all. Asking \$179,000 by owner. 742-8337. gcl1

STEWART MANOR - Garden City School District. Colonial, LR/FPL, FDR, modern kitchen with breakfast nook, 2 new baths, 3 BRs, finished basement, attached 2 car garage, new siding and windows, low taxes. \$285,000. Owner motivated 352-1392. gcl1

STUART, FLORIDA / Martin Downs. Cheerful patio home view Tee Pond Green, 3 BRs, 2 Baths \$118,000. By owner 497 288-2387. gcl1

JUST REDUCED \$45,000 Mattituck - Light & Airy 4 BR, 2 bath, large LR, decking, European Contemporary interior. Landscaped, sprinklers, excellent schools. Near beaches. \$233,000. 298-9676 gcl2

GARDEN CITY SOUTH Wide line Hi-Ranch. 4BR's, 2 baths, LR, DR, EIK, screened patio, den with track lighting, gas 2 zone heat, maintenance free, 2 car, walk to all. Principals only. \$265,000. 538-2756. gcl2

MOTIVATED SELLER Garden City - Western section Colonial. 2BR's LR/FPL, FDR, EIK, 2 baths, family room, low taxes. Walk RR. Perfect starter \$260,000. Principals only. 354-1385 gcl2

NEW HYDE PARK Legal 2 family, 5 BR, 3 baths, walk all, den, large EIK, fin. basement. \$225,000 352-0799 wd2

GARDEN CITY MOTT Charming brick & stone 4 BR, 2 car garage, LR/fpl, FDR, EIK, with coordinating den, 2 1/2 baths, full fin. bsmt. with laundry rm & storage closet off, full attic with addl. storage closet. Shining oak floors throughout, all mint cond. Professionally landscaped. No exterior upkeep. \$399,000. Evenings only. Owner 746-2151. gcl4

DO YOU HAVE A SERVICE to advertise? Our Service Directory is sure to bring results. Call 931-0912

Real Estate for Sale

EAST WILLISTON Large Victorian home in Historical District on 1/2 acre. Master bedroom includes study w/fireplace. 4 additional bedrooms and 3 full baths. Living room w/fireplace, FDR, EIK, den. Low taxes, many extras including large barn. Walk to all. \$495,000

Also showing: Charming Colonial with slate roof. Living room w/fireplace, FDR, EIK, den, 2 1/2 B, 4th bedroom on Main Floor. Mid block location. \$335,000.

Lovely 8 room Split level, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 B, Den, rec room, Florida room, 2 car garage. Owner Florida bound. \$330,000 True Center Hall, Living Room w/fireplace, FDR, EIK, den, Fla. rm, hardwood floors, 70 x 100 plot. \$319,000

Call the Valentine Agency 748-7200 wd2

GARDEN CITY, PRICED to sell. Darling 3 BR Tudor \$200's. Fantastic Split-4 BRs, 3 1/2 baths, LR/Cathedral ceiling/fpl, fam. rm, 2 car \$300's. Estates Contemp. 4 BRs, 2 baths, 1/4 acre. Low \$400's. Must see. Mint CH Estates Colonial 5 BRs, 4 1/2 baths, fam. rm. \$500's. Estates Updated Tudor. Bright & charming CH 5 BRs, 3 baths, fam. rm., den, assumable fixed mortgage at 7.5% \$700's. Central Section. CH Colonial - 6 BRs, 4 1/2 baths, fam. rm., maid's bay, professional suite over 1/2 acre. \$1,000,000. Vera Atamian 354-1994. gcl4

CUTCHOGUE WATERVIEW Traditional Contemp features LR/fpl, DR, fam. rm., deluxe kit, 2 BRs, 1 1/2 baths plus extra large master BR suite. Steps to private sandy bay beach. \$393,000. Mattituck. Immaculate Colonial on treed lot. 4 BRs, 2 baths, LR/fpl, DR, enclosed porch, deep water mooring available. \$215,000. East Marion. Waterfront Country home on 1 acre, 2 large BRs, large LR, full bsmt, OHW heat. Will not last. \$149,900. Southold Bayfront. Sandy beach, newly listed 3 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, LR with Cathedral ceiling & fpl, den, enclosed porch, fantastic views. \$485,000. Burt Lewis Realty 298-4600, 734-5533, 765-5810. gcl1

GARDEN CITY CAPE. 4 BRs, 2 full baths, large EIK, fin. bsmt., private backyard, property 60x100. By owner. Asking \$245,000. Low taxes. 747-3667. gcl4

GARDEN CITY SOUTH Garden City Border. Unbelievable, brick contemp, 5 BR's, 4 marble baths, mod. EIK, fam. rm., parquet floors, CAC, deck, fin. bsmt., 2 car. \$300's. Vera Atamian 354-1994. wd1

NORTH FORK LUXURY Ranch near new. Oversized home on richly landscaped 1 acre plot. Pond with waterfall. 7 truly large rms, 3 BRs, 2 baths, jacuzzi, atrium, stone fpl, bsmt., double garage. Underpriced at \$215,000. Bookmiller Realty 722-4423. gcl1

Real Estate for Sale

Open HOUSE

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY
Dec. 8, 1 to 3 p.m. East Williston. Beautiful C/H Colonial on oversized plot. Sunken living rooms, banquet FDR, Wheatley Schools. Robbins Hill area. Many amenities too numerous to list. Unbelievable at \$319,000. Call Anne Hartigan, Smith & DeGroat, 248-1468 for directions. wd1



G/C CHERRY VALLEY
Co-op 2 BRs, 2nd floor, end unit. Owner relocated. 703 527-1397. Leave message. Asking \$118,000. wd1

GARDEN CITY CO-OP
2 BR second floor unit. Center of Village. One block to LIRR and all shopping. Refinished floors, new windows. owner \$139,000. 873-9469, leave message. gdc4

GARDEN CITY HEART
of Village. LR/fp and built-in bookcases, refinished floors, FDR, EIK, 2 BRs, \$145,000. 741-9659 gdc4

STEWART AVENUE - BEST
Apartment in town. 3 BR, 2 bath, FDR, LR/FPL, view of Christmas tree. Maintenance \$990/mo. 70% tax deductible. Asking \$245,000. weekdays, 212-841-7887; eves. and weekends 516-746-4165 gdc4

THE MULFORD MUST
sell-2 BR, 2 bath, LR/fp, sunroom, dining area, hardwood floors and much more. \$104,000 Owner 565-2963 gdc2

GARDEN CITY 3 BR
Co-op on 7th St. Oversized LR & DR. Fpl, Country EIK 2 full baths, foyer, A/C, new windows. Walk to RR, shops, schools. Mint condition. Must sell. \$199,000. Call 742-1268. gdc1

GARDEN CITY 2 BR
Cherry Valley Co-op. New kitchen/bath, washer/dryer, dishwasher, A/C, second floor end unit. Walk to RR. \$119,000. 741-4248. gdc1

MINEOLA - HORTON
House, 1 BR, large LR, secure building, convenient to RR, hospital, stores. Must sell \$79,000. By owner. 747-8711. gdc4

MINEOLA - SPACIOUS
1 BR modern Co-op. Move in condition, 1 1/2 baths, terrace, EIK, top floor, indoor parking. Walk LIRR, hospital, courts. Beautiful building. Motivated \$105,000. 747-8919. Owner. gdc1

GARDEN PLAZA: MINEOLA
Co-Op, Madison, 11. Fully renovated, closets galore, W/W, 2 A/Cs, 24 hr. security. Walk to LIRR/shops/courts. Maintenance \$477 a month. Ask 294-9498. \$99,000. gdc4

Real Estate for Sale

GARDEN CITY - LOVELY
1 BR Co-op. Excellent location. Walk to all. A must see with lots of extras. \$85,000. Days (718) 741-4945. Eves. 741-8894. gdc1

GARDEN CITY CO-OP
Cherry Valley, 1 bedroom, first floor, old world trim, newly installed ceiling, baseboard and chair-rail throughout. CAC, full size washer, dryer, microwave, fresh paint and wallpaper, wall to wall, all new fixtures, updated electric, newly redecorated. Principals only. \$98,000. Call 294-4704. gdc4

GLAMOROUS, GRAMERCY
Park, gorgeous views of NYC. Large one bedroom, new gourmet kitchen, 24 hour doorman. Garden City owner. 742-1617. hd1

Real Estate For Rent

FRANKLIN SQUARE: 3 ROOMS
spotless, LR, BR, EIK, full bath, wall to wall, private entrance, near all. \$625 utilities included. No pets. 488-7384. gdc3

APARTMENT FOR RENT
Mineola: lovely 1 BR co-op, top floor, with terrace. Free parking. \$950. 1 BR: \$850. 746-7200 Valentine Agency hd1

CATHEDRAL GARDENS/
Hempstead, large sunny, renovated 1 BR co-op. New EIK, appliances, wall to wall. Walk RR, heat included. \$775 per month. 489-3970. gdc3

GARDEN CITY/HEMPSTEAD
Large 1 BR co-op, mint condition, new appliances, wall to wall, lots of closets, many extras. Rent at \$795 or rent with option to buy. Call owner 485-8079. gdc3

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Large 1 BR co-op, mint condition, new appliances, wall to wall, lots of closets, many extras. Rent at \$795 or rent with option to buy. January 15 occupancy. Call owner 485-8079. gdc3

FRANKLIN SQUARE: NEW
large studio. Full kitchen & bath, large LR/BR combo, private entrance, non-smoking person preferred. No pets. \$500 including utilities. Call after 5 p.m. 565-2078. gdc3

GARDEN CITY SOUTH
newly remodelled 3 BR apt. in a legal 2 family house. LR, family room, carpeted, kitchen, dinette, dryer, enclosed yard. \$1100. Call (908) 828-9320. Available immediately. gdc3

GARDEN CITY/HEMPSTEAD
Studio apt. on prestigious Cathedral Ave. Full kitchen, bath, wall to wall, laundry available. Owner. \$600. 623-7079. gdc3

GARDEN CITY 2 HUGE
furnished rooms, fireplace, private entrance, bath & parking. 747-7328. gdc1

MINEOLA CO-OP
1 BR Garden Plaza. Totally mint. Large rooms, 65% deductible. Madison II. Walk RR, shops, places of worship. Security A/C. Call Anne Hartigan, Smith & DeGroat, 248-1468. wd1

Real Estate For Rent

GARDEN CITY SOUTH
Large furnished Studio room, second floor, private entrance, full bath, light cooking, microwave, frig, large clothes closet, wall to wall, sun deck. Non-smoking, working gentleman preferred. Utilities included \$450 plus security. Available Dec. 1. 538-2895. gdc1

BELLEROSE NORTH
Large 5 room apt., LR, FDR, EIK, bath, 2 BRs, beautiful area. Child ok. \$950 per month plus utilities. 486-1868, 248-0753. gdc1

CATHEDRAL GARDENS
rent with purchase option for qualified payers. Established co-op complex. Studio, 1 BR & 2 BR apts. from \$650. 1/2 of rent applied to purchase. Located on picturesque Cathedral Ave. Call 486-1942. gdc4

FLORAL PARK 159
Tulip Ave. above Quality Mart. 4 room apt. freshly painted. Also suitable for office. \$840 per month. No fee. 538-0757. gdc1

FLORAL PARK 4
Rooms, second floor, 2 BRs, freshly painted, garage, excellent area. \$850. 328-1526 evenings. gcn5

FLORAL PARK STUDIO
basement apt., brand new (5 yrs. old), full bath, small kitchen, furnished or unfurnished. \$550. 358-9072. gdc1

GARDEN CITY
Furnished Studio/Room available for rent. Private entrance, private bath, parking, convenient to all. Microwave, refrigerator. References required. 741-3791. gdc1

HICKSVILLE APT. FOR
rent. Skylight, 2BR, LR, DR/kitchen, parking. Near RR, bus, shopping. Call owner 935-0856. htfn

MINEOLA - LARGE FURNISHED
room for rent. Queen size bed, air conditioning, large closet, share bath. Non-smoking, professional female only. \$85 per week. Two week security. Call 746-2138. hdd

WEST HEMPSTEAD - 1 BR,
LR/DR combo, full bath, own thermostat, second floor, private entrance \$650 plus 1/2 electric. 248-7508, 481-1496. Leave message. gdc1

WEST HEMPSTEAD -
Prime location, sunny room, private house, share kitchen, bath. Student or professional female only. \$85 a week. 564-0216. gdc2

APT. FOR RENT
Floral Park Crest - First floor and basement of 2 family home includes LR, DR, EIK, 2 1/2 BRs, washer/dryer, yard. \$1,075 per month includes gas and heating. 437-7372 eves. gdc4

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Friday, Dec. 6, 5-9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Campbell Avenue and Center Street, Williston Park. Hand-mades, toys, cakes, plants, attic treasures and more. wd1

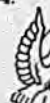
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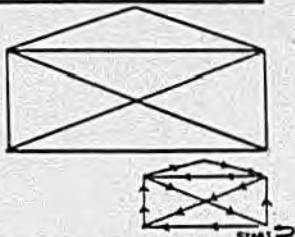
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By J.R. Rose -

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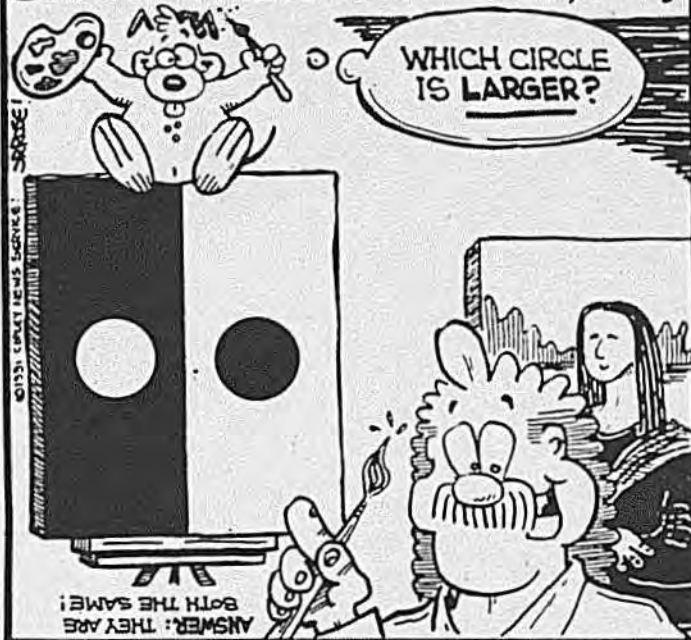


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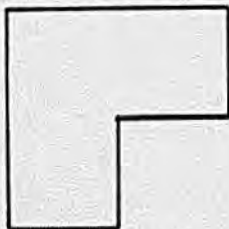
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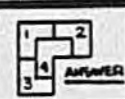
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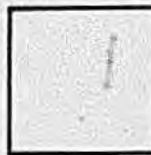
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By James G. McCollam



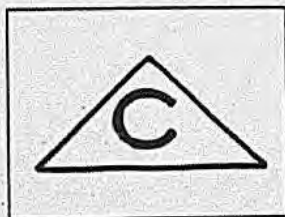
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Q. Enclosed is a picture of a slot machine that I found while cleaning out my aunt's home. It is 11 1/2 inches high, 10 inches wide and 8 1/2 inches deep. Anything you can tell me about my slot machine will be appreciated.



A. This appears to be a Mills' Little Perfection Poker Machine made about 1926. Any payoff was made by the storekeeper based on the value of the poker hand. These are currently selling for about \$1,000.

Q. The enclosed mark is on the bottom of a small glass compote. The bowl is shell-shaped and the stem is in the form of a nude woman. Can you identify the maker and give me some idea of the vintage and value?



A. This was part of the Statuesque line made in Ohio by the Cambridge Glass Co. during the mid-20th century. It would probably sell for \$125 to \$135.

Q. We discovered several boxes of old books in my grandmother's attic. Several of the books appear to be more than 100 years old. How do I determine if any of these are valuable?

A. Go to the public library and ask for "American Book Prices Current." These books list the values of collectible books.

In general, collectors want first editions by famous authors. Another

collectible category is non-fiction about events written at the time of the event.

Q. I have an old brass cash register made by the National Cash Register Co. Can you tell me anything about its vintage and value? It is marked "NCR No. 6."

A. It is difficult to answer your question without a picture. Your cash register was probably made in the early 1900s and might sell for \$1,000 to \$1,500, depending on condition.

Q. I would appreciate any information you can provide about a vase that is marked with a monogram "RF" in a diamond. It is 6 inches high and looks like leaded glass panels decorated with panes.

A. This mark was used on Royal Flemish glass made by the Mount Washington Glass Works in New Bedford, Mass. It was made around the turn of the century and would probably sell in the \$1,000 to \$1,250 range.

Q. What can you tell me about some bronze bookends that I have? They consist of a boy and a girl standing in front of a tree and are marked Vienna, Austria. They are 5 inches high and 4 inches wide.

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Points on Pets

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

Q. Our 1-year-old terrier has frequent periods of soreness in her rear legs. Her rear legs seem to be bowed. What is causing her problem? Will she grow out of this problem?

A. Without actually examining your dog, it is impossible to tell you what is causing her lameness. However, from your very brief description, it appears that your dog may be suffering from dislocation of the kneecaps, also called patellar luxation.

Patellar luxation is a common cause of intermittent lameness in toy and miniature breeds of dogs. Although not limited to these breeds, poodles, terriers, Chihuahuas, Pomeranians and Pekinese are often affected.

Patellar luxation is considered

an inheritable disease in toy and miniature breeds. It is also usually considered to be congenital; that is, present at the time of birth.

Observant owners usually first notice lameness in one or both of the dog's hind legs at about 6 to 8 months of age. Usually the kneecap dislocates to the inside of the leg.

It is often easy to feel the displaced kneecap lying on the inside of the leg. In many cases the kneecap moves back and forth between the normal position and the displaced position. Affected dogs often appear to be bowlegged.

All dogs thought to have patellar luxation should be examined by a veterinarian.

Surgical procedures are very successful in correcting dislocated kneecaps.

JUNIOR EDITION



AUNT TILLY

Christmas is coming! Only three weeks to wait. A little bird told me that Santa Claus is down at the local Mall listening to all the good boys and girls tell him what they want for Christmas. Ask your parents to take you to meet him! Do you have your list all made out? I used to send a letter to the North Pole every year!

Your friend,
Aunt Tilly

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Mrs. F. Burgazali

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Disability payments for HIV victims

By William M. Acosta

Q. If an individual has HIV, can he or she get Social Security disability benefits? — D.K.

A. People with HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) symptomatic infections, who have not been diagnosed as having AIDS, may qualify for disability payments from Social Security if they are unable to work because of their diseases.

People who have HIV diseases and find themselves unable to work because of it should apply for benefits. Call Social Security for additional information.

Q. How much will the Medicare Part B premium increase in 1992? — A.M.

A. In 1992, the basic medical insurance premium will increase by \$1.90 — from \$29.90 to \$31.80. However, the \$100 Medicare medical insurance deductible will remain unchanged.

Q. Sometime ago, Social Security had a problem terminating benefits in a timely manner when a person died. Has this been resolved? — K.B.

A. Social Security has expanded its efforts to obtain timely death report information. In addition to Statements of Death from funeral directors, death record information is obtained from Department of Veteran Affairs, Medicare

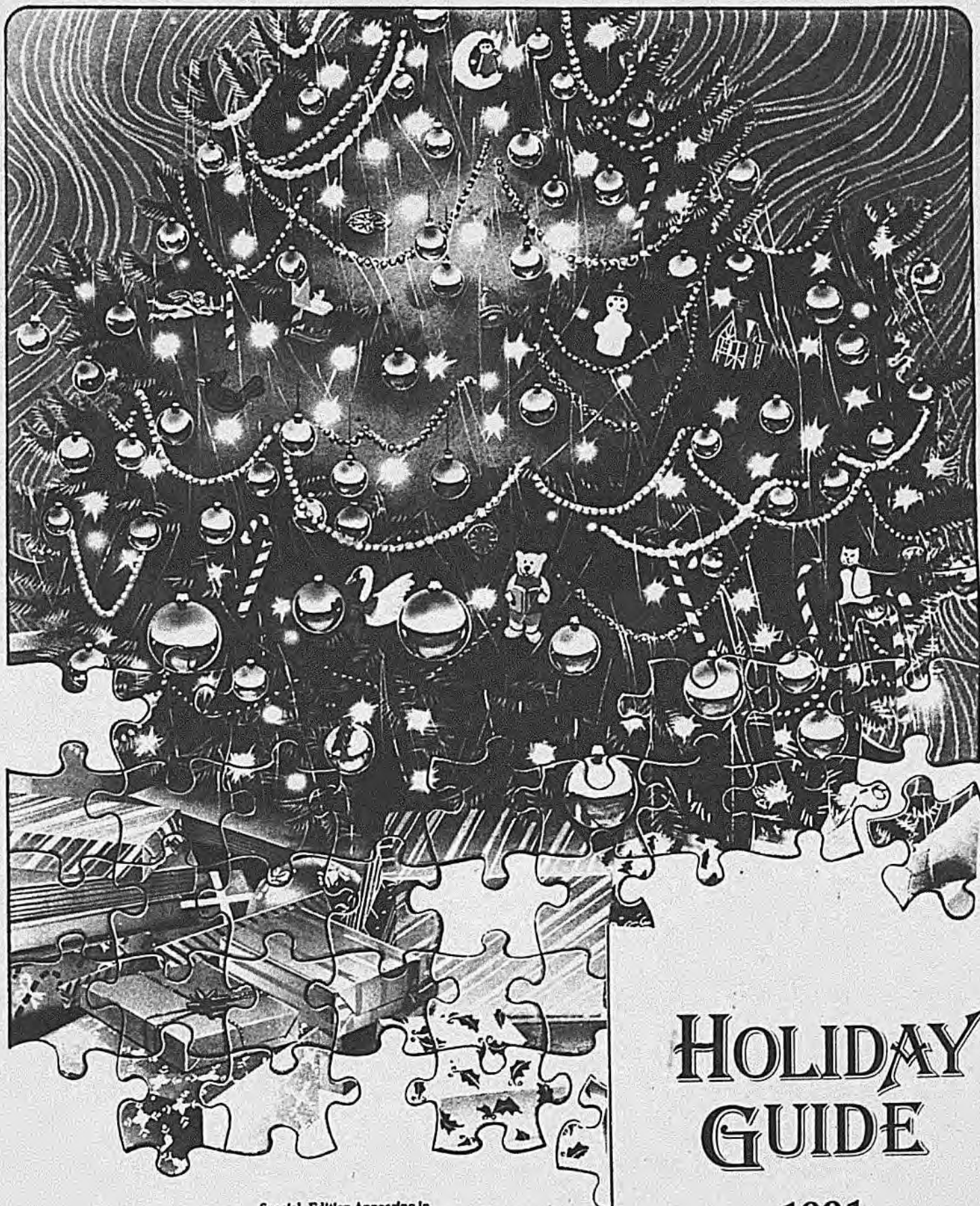
records and state Bureaus of Vital Statistics.

Q. I recently filed for benefits for my child, who is disabled. I can understand why I was asked for the names of the doctors and clinics that had treated her, but why was information needed from day-care centers? — M.T.

A. The new regulations require that we take into account how the child's impairment(s) affects his or her ability to perform activities carried out by healthy children of the same age. Non-medical sources, such as teachers, schools, baby sitters and day-care providers, would be able to supply information.

Questions on Social Security may be sent to William M. Acosta, Social Security Office, 880 Front St., Room 1-N-8, San Diego, CA 92188.

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Wine, spirits as gifts

By Sharon Achatt

A gift of spirited beverages is always in the spirit of the season.

Wine and champagne, liquor and liqueur make great last-minute presents and hostess gifts — just pick up a bottle from the liquor store and place it in a printed paper bag designed specifically to hold such bottles.

For a bit more elaborate gift, many liquors are packaged in special holiday ceramic containers. Liqueurs often come in sampler packs or paired with pretty drinking glasses.

Spirited beverages also make for exquisite homemade baskets. The most simple nestle together a bottle of liquor and the appropriate glasses, such as champagne and flutes or brandy and inhalers.

More elaborate baskets pair all the makings for a favorite drink — gin, vermouth, olives and martini glasses, for example, or tequila, triple sec, lime juice, salt and margarita glasses.

Or pack up an afternoon or evening of relaxation by filling a wicker basket with a bottle of wine, corkscrew, goblets, bread, cheese, knife and napkins — or simply a selection of wines for an impromptu tasting.

Some folks even go so far as to make their own beverages, flavoring vodka with lemon peel or blending up a batch of Irish Cream Liqueur. For gifting such delights, choose decorative bottles with tight-fitting caps.

IRISH CREAM LIQUEUR

- 3 eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 2 teaspoons coconut extract
- 3 tablespoons chocolate syrup
- 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups Irish whiskey

Yields 3 cups.

Combine all ingredients in blender for 3 minutes. Refrigerate in quart jar until thick, approximately 3 to 4 weeks.

Holiday plants

By Allison Ashton

Holiday plants are a gift giver's godsend. A healthy pot of poinsettias in a pretty wicker basket is a welcome gift in any household.

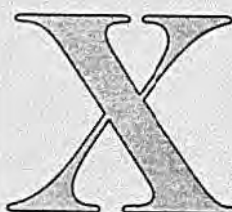
In fact, poinsettias remain the king of the holiday plant crowd. Purists always prefer red, but new varieties are available in yellow, salmon-pink and speckled. Healthy poinsettias have green leaves and tight green buttons in the center of the flower. They fare best in bright indirect light and temperatures between 60 degrees and 72 degrees; the soil should be kept slightly dry.

Other popular holiday plants include sprigs of evergreens, Christmas cactus, Jerusalem Cherry, holly and, of course, mistletoe.

There is always some concern about poisonous plants during the holidays. Contrary to popular belief, poinsettias are not highly poisonous.

XMAS FACTS

'X' In Xmas Is for Christ



The "X" in Xmas is not the "X" of the Roman alphabet, but the Greek letter *chi*, the first letter of the Greek form of Christ, transliterated as Khristos or Christos. The symbol "x" or "X" has long been used as an abbreviation for Christ.

XMAS FACTS

Where are Christmas cards sent?

To: Relatives	26%
To: Families or groups	32%
To: Friends, boss or non-relatives	41%

SOURCE: American Greetings

CHERISHED COOKIES

'Tis the season for
baking and sharing



CHERISHED COOKIES — Welcome a hungry St. Nick with a plate of your favorite cookies.

By Sharon Achatz

Whether left on a plate for Santa's midnight snack, given as gifts, used as ornaments on the tree or just munched throughout the holidays, cookies are as much a part of the season as St. Nick himself.

It seems holidays — the one time of year when we feel a little less guilty about indulging in sweets — brings out the cookie lover in all of us.

Many families and co-workers turn this holiday baking tradition into a social occasion by having cookie exchange parties, where adults and kids get together to trade cookies they've made at home. Children have the satisfaction of giving a gift they've made themselves, and adults amass a collection of cookies to have on hand during the year's heaviest entertaining season.

If baking for an exchange, make plenty of a single kind of cookie so all participants can cart home three or four of your treasures.

If baking to make gifts or for at-home snacking, a wide variety of cookies is called for. Following are recipes for yuletide yummys that range from fruity and chewy to citrusy crisp and ever-so-spicy soft.

Charmin' Cherry Bars offer the best of the holiday's traditional fruitcake — maraschino cherries and nuts — for fruitcake haters. The red-as-Rudolph's-nose filling tops a delightful buttery crust.

Pistachio Pecan Party Cookies bring out the green of the season in tender cookies flavored with pudding and tinged with a bit of food coloring.

Don't be wary of the pepper in **Pfeffernusse**, a Central European Christmas classic — its effect is spicy rather than hot.

Aunt Margaret's Star-Spangled Meringues temper the sweetness of meringue with finely ground bitter chocolate. Piped into a five-point star it reminds of the star of Bethlehem; a six-point star makes this a perfect confection for Hanukkah as well.

Thin and tart Lemon Crisps are icebox cookies, where the dough is mixed, rolled into a cylinder and stored in the freezer before being sliced and baked. As such, they are

perfect for mixing up before the busiest part of the season strikes and thawing out to bake at will.

Of course, it just wouldn't be Christmas without old-fashioned sugar cookies. Roll and cut to your heart's content, then decorate with icing, colored sugar, candy and sprinkles.

Start baking early during the season, and then set baked cookies into freezer boxes to await cheery Christmas packaging.

Whether you're mailing them across country or hand-delivering them as you go caroling, treat cookies with care.

Crisp and moist cookies should be packaged separately, to prevent flavors from intermingling and the crisp ones from becoming soft. The easiest method is to wrap each type of cookie in plastic tied with red and green ribbon and then place the packets in holiday tins, wicker baskets or decorated cardboard boxes and paper bags.

Line the containers with wrapping paper, snowflake white doilies or holiday-theme dish towels, and cushion the cookie packets with tissue paper or unbuttered popcorn to prevent breakage.

CHARMIN' CHERRY BARS

Crust:

- 1 cup flour
 - ¼ cup powdered sugar
 - ¼ cup margarine, softened
- Filling:**
- ¼ cup flour
 - ¾ cup sugar
 - ½ teaspoon baking powder
 - ¼ teaspoon salt
 - 2 eggs

- ½ cup maraschino cherries, well drained and chopped
- ½ cup coconut
- ½ cup chopped walnuts

Yields 25 bars.

Preheat oven to 350 F. In small bowl, combine flour and powdered sugar. Using fork or pastry blender, cut in margarine until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press crumb mixture firmly in bottom of ungreased 9-inch square pan. Bake 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine ¼ cup flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add eggs; beat well. Stir in cherries, coconut and walnuts. Spread over partially baked crust.

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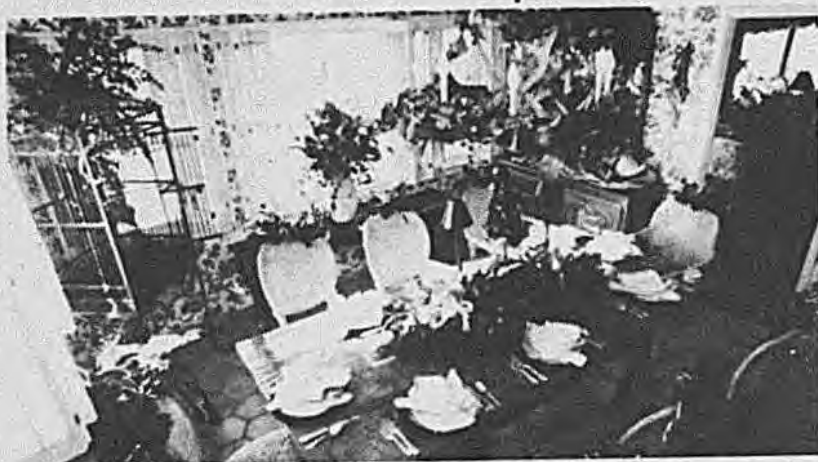
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HOLIDAY DECOR

Tips and trends for decking the halls



HOLIDAY DECOR — Deck your halls with boughs of holly, evergreens, ribbons and glittering ornaments to create a joyous mood.

By Sharon Williams

Never before have there been so many wonderful ways to deck the halls, windows, doors — and really — every corner of your house.

Santa's little elves have worked overtime this year to bring you more choices in holiday decor than ever before.

As a result, you now can decorate everywhere you go — where you eat, sleep, work and play. There even are dozens of ways to festoon passageways and

window treatments.

Sounds a little claustrophobic? While the trend in holiday decorating may lean toward spreading Christmas all around the house, it doesn't mean that a bow or sprig of greenery must fill every nook and cranny.

A better way, say professional Christmas decorators, is to choose a theme, then plan a tasteful scheme around it.

Some of the hottest looks going include Old World themes — tree ornaments and trimmings with

Dickensian, Baroque, Victorian and Renaissance flavor complete with gilded fruits and leaves, Father Christmases and charming motifs.

There's also a lot of gold to be found in the most fashionable holiday homes, thanks to the proliferation of glitzy, sophisticated trims, such as metallic ropes, silver and gold mesh streamers and plenty of glitter.

Does going with a new theme mean in with the new, out with the old every single year — a plan

that could bully even the most bountiful of holiday budgets?

Bah humbug, say many professional Christmas decorators. Instead, they advise the use of a theme to freshen and unify your already existing eclectic collection of decorations.

New bows, for instance, can bring your garlands, centerpieces and wreaths into the new theme, while a few dozen new ornaments in accent colors and motifs will merrily mix with those you already have.

Another idea: Two trees can be better than one. Use a "theme" tree in your living room, and put a family tree adorned with all the heirloom ornaments in the living area of your home.

Don't have the time to fiddle with the tinsel? Call a holiday decorating pro, who can conduct an in-home consultation to help you mesh Christmas Past with Christmas Present, or who will even decorate your house from roof to basement for you.

Another no-hassle way to decorate is to simply exchange some of the things you normally use in your home with their Christmas counterparts.

Replace everyday dinnerware with Christmas china and glassware, for example, or use holiday towels and Christmas soaps in the bathroom. Retire the bedspread for a few months, replacing it with a Christmas quilt, and toss a festive floor cloth in the entryway.

WREATHS

The wreath doesn't begin and end with the evergreen circle and red satin bow anymore — although it will always be one of the most popular and fragrant choices.

In fact, just about anything can be a wreath today: pine cones, stitched or quilted fabric, willow boughs, holly, fresh or dried flowers, wheat, gilded leaves, prickly pear leaves, cookies and seashells. And that's just for starters.

There also are dozens of ways to spruce up a simple wreath. Wire on lights, ornaments, Christmas candies, tin cookie cutters or some glitter. Toss fruit, for instance, or attach a tiny gingerbread house or homemade Christmas doll into the center.

LIGHTS

A sleighful of shapes has illuminated the Christmas light industry and made these glowing strings as interesting as the ornaments on the tree.

Consider, for instance, lights shaped like seashells or roses. There are lights that look like a glowing garden of vegetables, lights that take the forms of fruits, hearts and fish and even theme lights, such as a set that has Dalmatian dog shapes alternating with — you guessed it — fire hydrants.

There are some new light looks outside the house as well. Synchronized lights, for instance, trace twinkling patterns in trees and houses.

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FOODIE FLAIR

Kitchen gadgets, from functional to fancy

By Sharon Achatz

Useful gifts have gotten a bad
wrap over the years.

True, kids often don't appreciate getting clothes instead of toys, but most adults prefer function over frivolity. The key is to find functional items with flair.

Your wife, mom or daughter may not gush over a new ironing board or vacuum cleaner — or other items associated with housework — but she'll go gaga over the latest kitchen gadgets and appliances.

And just as the man in your life won't bubble over a new chamois or shovel, present him with an indoor electric grill, oversize apron and cookbook, and he'll be beaming as he barbecues.

Today's trendiest small appliances are do-it-all-for-you bread-making machines, shut-the-lid sandwich making grills, back-from-the-past pressure cookers, pasta processors and electric rice steamers.

For all-in-one gifting, smart shoppers can't beat this season's multipurpose kitchen center. It combines a mixer, food processor, dough maker and blender in one appliance.

For perennial plug-in pleasers, look to ice cream makers, espresso-cappuccino machines, deep-fat fryers, food processors and any convenience that attaches under the counter.

Other kitchen-useful presents can be selected according to the talents and interests of the giftee.

Home entertainers are sure to rave over party-size coffee percolators, crystal punch bowls, ice buckets and specialty drink glasses. And if you know their patterns, some specialty pieces or completer sets of china, crystal or silver.

Family bakers never seem to have enough pans, so restock his or her supply with extra metal or glass baking sheets, loaf and muffin pans, pie tins and cake squares, rectangles and rounds. For an extra dash of panache, toss in pizza, popover and springform

pans.

Indulge a latent pastry chef with cake decorating supplies from department or craft stores — from how-to-manuals, pans and pastry tubes to figurines and frosting dye.

The family coffee-holic is certain to enjoy receiving a coffeemill and several varieties of flavored coffee from the gourmet coffee store, especially when packaged with fancy or whimsical mugs and an everlasting gold filter that eliminates the need for messy paper filters.

Experimental souls will delight in cookbooks outlining trendy cuisines, such as "Thai Vegetarian Cooking" by Vatcharin Bhumi-chitr (Clarkson Potter) — especially if the books are accompanied by essential utensils and spices.

For set-in-their-ways types who live and breathe a certain cuisine, present a package that honors their obsession.

Pair an Italian cookbook with a package of flavored dried pastas, bottles of oregano and basil, a string of garlic and sun-dried tomatoes. Pack up bottles of cinnamon, cumin, rosemary and olives to accompany a flavors of Greece cookbook.

Still other gustatory gifts are sure to please just about anybody with a kitchen.

A classic cookbook for the masses is "The New Settlement Cookbook" edited by Charles Pierce (Simon & Schuster). This is the newest edition of a cookbook begun in 1901 as an outgrowth of a class that helped immigrants learn American ways. Adapted and updated through the years, it still includes heirloom recipes and foreign favorites from immigrant cultures, but it also provides how-tos for creating cuisine using food processors and microwave ovens.

Nearly every kitchen can use tone-up touches of spice and spice with new cutlery sets and revolving wooden or plastic spice racks.

And no matter what the family chef's other interests, there's certain to be some decorative ceramics that suit his or her style.

CHRISTMASFACTS

What gifts get returned
most often by women?

GIFT RETURN



SOURCE: The Gallup Organization for
The American Floral Marketing Council

CHRISTMASFACTS

When do people prefer to
do their holiday shopping?



SOURCE:
Express stores

THE MALE SEASON Special gifts for a super guy

By Mike Dale

It's not difficult buying presents for the man who has everything — everything hasn't been invented yet. Instead there are plenty of wonderful new gift ideas under the sun this holiday season.

Your first and only rule: Consider giving gifts that reflect a man's interests — be it sports, workstyle or hobbies.

CLOTHES HORSE

Clothes make the man. Traditionalists would love receiving a Pendleton wool sweater, plaid shirt or country coat. New directions in teal, spruce mallard blue and cardinal red are giving Pendleton a rugged Northwest look this season.

For those on the "hip" side, Leggoons sportswear offers a new "Beat Society" line of prints in jackets and tops. Designer Jhane Barnes has created casual wear in vegetable colors (eggplant, celery and sage).

Ralph Lauren's fall line includes an orange poplin bleached coat with a drawstring waist, layered over a ragged ribbed cotton sweater and fleece warm-up pants. Andrew Fezza gives men the "salt-the-earth" styling: navy canvas slouchy field jacket, hooded vests and knit pants. And Joseph Abboud offers quilted lambswool sweaters and toppers, perfect over a sportcoat or sweater, that accommodates multiple clothes layers.

Cost-cutting suggestion: Shop at large discount chains, such as Marshall's and Ross Dress for Less, which offer 50 percent savings on designer labels.

Fragrant men will find three new colognes this season: Mikhail Baryshnikov's Pour Homme; The Paco Morning Collection, and Nothing — Eau de Cologne Imaginaire (a gag gift; the bottle contains air).

In the shoe department, cowboy boots and sandals — of the Birkenstock ilk — are the rage. In the realm of the novel, the Japanese-designed Pithecan Kaisoku thongs from Akaishi Co. stimulate the pressure points between toes to stouth aching feet.

Accessories are wild. Davidoff Cool Water offers an authentic diver's watch. Mondo di Marco boasts hosiery in shades of olive and purple mixed with blue and copper. Others: a Goldpfeil shoe-shine kit; leather driving gloves; Michael Constantini Olive Oil Soap Bars; an AcuSharpe Razor-mate razor sharpener, or a horn-handled shoe horn.

GADGET MAN

You can take the man out of the boy, but you can't take the boy out of the man. So it goes with electronic gadgets as gifts for men.

If a car stereo or component system for the home seem too big a present, perhaps you can go with pocket-sized technology.

The Franklin Concise Columbia Encyclopedia, a little larger than a desktop calculator, scrolls through tens of thousands of entries. Cobra/Dynascan makes a pocket-sized answering machine, which also doubles as an alarm clock and microcassette recorder.

Other high-tech goodies: A Royal ESC 80 spelling checker; a Citizen ET6 electronic cross translator for English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Dutch; a Royal DM 120 databank calculator and telephone directory; a Gemini Videocaster wireless transmitter that doubles as a security system or VCR programming, and a Casio Blood Pressure Watch.

The Persian Gulf War renewed a man's vigor for shortwave radios. Relatively inexpensive models: the Magnavox/Philips AE 3805; the Sangean ATS 800, and the Realistic/Radio Shack DX-370.

All allow tuning in and eavesdropping of 1,100 stations throughout 160 countries.

For the musically inclined, Walkman cassette/radios and clock radios, such as the Panasonic RC-X220, won't break your bank account.

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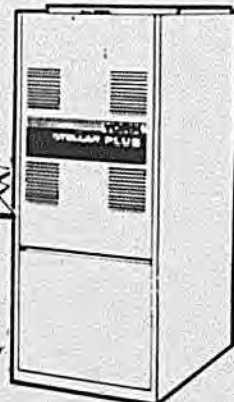
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CHRISTMASFACTS

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Round-the-world celebrations

By Sharon Williams

Traditions, traditions — without them, the holiday season just wouldn't be the same.

From the yule log in your fireplace to the illuminated fir in your living room, these traditions are the ways we choose to celebrate and define this joyous time of year. They're what make holidays such as Christmas, New Year's and Hanukkah more than just one of the 365 days in a year.

Some of our most popular traditions hail from foreign lands. Germany, for instance, can claim the first Christmas tree, while Italy was the birthplace of the Nativity scene.

And, lest you begin to feel too set in your holiday ways, there are hundreds of other, lesser-known traditions from around the world that you can easily add to your holiday repertoire.

THE NETHERLANDS

After all the festivities of Christmas Day, Dec. 26 oftentimes is a letdown — a day filled with fighting the crowds as one rushes to return all those wrong sizes and unwanted gifts.

Instead, why not take a cue from the Dutch, who rank the day right up there with Christmas Day as an occasion in and of itself.

Called Second Christmas Day, Dec. 26 is set aside as a day for calling on friends, dining out and attending choral, instrumental and theatrical performances — both amateur and professional — staged in churches, schools, concert halls and auditoriums throughout the country.

Another Dutch tradition lies in the giving of marzipan at Christmastime. Bakers there aim to please the eyes as well as the palate with these almond-paste candies, and as a result, marzipan is available in every shape and color imaginable — from vegetables and animals to prepared foods and famous people.

Oftentimes the marzipan selection one receives as a gift has a humorous or personal meaning behind it. A marzipan hamburger, for instance, might be given to someone who loves fast food, or dice to a person who takes a lot of chances.

ENGLAND

Worried that you're wasting stamps by mailing all those letters to the north pole?

Consider the British method of getting a message to St. Nick. They correspond with Father Christmas — their counterpart to Santa Claus — by tossing their letters to him into the fireplace. If the letter goes up the chimney, says tradition, the wish will be granted; if not, well, there's always next year.

A noisy, but oh-so-fun British tradition is the practice of snapping crackers during the holiday season. Not saltines, mind you, but ornately decorated tubes with twisted paper ends that produce a loud bang when they are pulled.

With their shiny papers, sometimes with holly, silver bells or paper flowers attached, and lacy paper ends, crackers are lovely to look at. But the real treat is in what lies inside: the "prize" might be a crown, paper hat, tiny toy or

strip of paper inscribed with a riddle, depending on the cracker's size.

Feel like you need a little more affection during the hectic holidays? Hang a kissing bough, a tradition that's tied to the English Christmas.

Shaped in a double hoop with streamers going up to a central point in maypole fashion, and decorated with evergreen boughs, holly, ivy, fruit, ribbons, ornaments, candles and, of course, mistletoe, the Christmas bough once was the primary decoration in English homes.

The person who wandered beneath it had to pay an ancient penalty and allow himself or herself to be kissed.

AUSTRIA

Advent calendars abound in many shapes and sizes, but Austrians and several other European countries also mark the weeks included in the Advent season, which begins on the Sunday nearest Nov. 30 and includes the four Sundays before Christmas, with a special wreath.

Fashioned from evergreen boughs and either placed on a table or suspended from the ceiling with strong red ribbon, the wreath is decorated with four candles — usually red — which represent each Sunday in Advent.

One solo candle is lit on the first Advent Sunday, two on the second Sunday and so on until Golden Sunday — the last Sunday before Christmas — when all four candles are set aglow.

Hoping for a happy new year? Many Austrians have found that

good luck comes in the form of a grout, snout and curly tail — and as a result, the pig is part of their traditional celebration.

Pork, for instance, in the form of a tender roast suckling pig, is a favorite food of the New Year's celebration. And, on New Year's Eve in some Vienna restaurants, chefs and waiters bring a live pig into their dining rooms and allow diners to touch it for good luck, and give them a candy pig afterward as a souvenir.

GERMANY

Think there's just no time to complete all that holiday baking? German cooks begin baking honey and almond cookies called Lebkuchen, shaped and colored Dauergebach and gingerbread known as Pfefferkuchen as early as July.

Magically, these tasty morsels are still edible at Christmastime, when they are gobbled up with other traditional treats such as Springerle, little hard cakes with designs on top, and chocolate pretzels called Brezel.

Fruits such as apples, pineapples and oranges have for decades been used in holiday decorations. But prunes?

In Germany, these wrinkly little plums are the basis for Prune People dolls, which are among the most popular decorations during the holiday season.

The typical prune person has a walnut for a face, fig for a body, and arms and legs made from raisins and prunes. With their hand-painted faces, individual expressions and tiny costumes, each Prune Person has a personality of his or her own. Prune People are

available in a variety of sizes, and are considered true German folk art.

MEXICO

Since you can see a pinata practically any time you walk into a Mexican restaurant, it's easy to forget that these colorful paper sculptures are technically part of the Christmas tradition in Mexico.

Filled with small toys and candy and suspended from the ceiling, these earthenware or papier-mache creations don't last long in most homes once they're hung. The children, who are blindfolded as their respective turns arrive, are more than anxious to take a stick to their pretty pinata in an attempt to bring all the goodies crashing down.

The tradition of the poinsettia also got its start in Mexico. But strangely, the flower is named after Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, who was an American ambassador to Mexico in the 1820s.

His interest in the flower prompted him to bring it back to his home in South Carolina, and soon it became popular as a Christmas plant. Today, poinsettias are so abundant in some American cities that whole towns use them as Christmas decorations. Encinitas, Calif., is considered the poinsettia capital of the world because of the proliferation of this brilliant red flower.

12 Courses On Christmas

By the time of Henry VIII and his daughter, Elizabeth I, the royal Christmas banquet usually began about noon and lasted eight to 12 hours. Often 12 courses were served as a symbolic reminder of the Twelve Apostles. Six or more courses were meat: venison, rabbit, beef, mutton, pork, chicken, goose, swan and even peacock.

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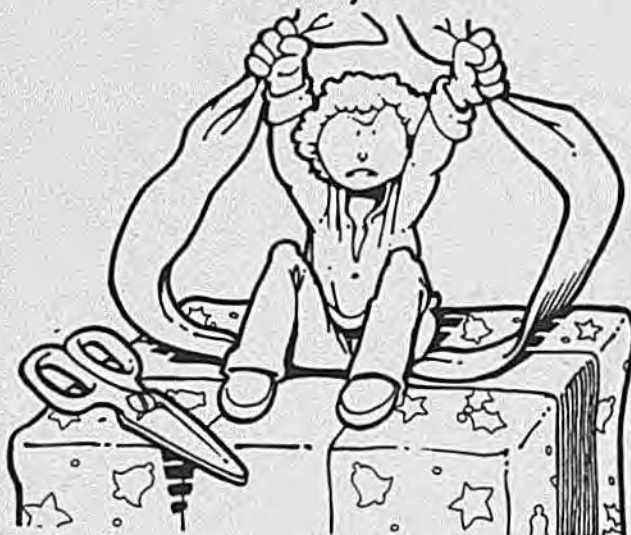
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Tie-up gift ideas for holiday wow!



By Sharon Achatz

It's time again. Come on out of the closet. Bring your unused Christmas wrap from last year. Dust off your recycled bows. Try to find the start of the roll of Scotch tape. Evaluate your box collection to see if you have enough supplies to see you through winter.

It's time to play Santa's elf, and to do so you're going to need all your gifting paraphernalia. Box 'em, wrap 'em, tie 'em, bag 'em — Christmas gifts are piling up, awaiting your attention.

Are you one of those folks who lives for wrapping presents — collecting trinkets and supplies year-round, scouring stationery stores for the latest and greatest wrapping trends? Or are you one of those who gets tangled up in knots, and tape, at the thought of wrapping a gift?

Either way, it comes down to one thing. Dazzling packages under the tree are what Christmas is all about.

Some people will argue that it's what is in the box that counts. Some people loaded with Christmas spirit will suggest that it's not even what's in the box that counts, but the thought behind the gift.

We know deep down, however, that presentation affects the way a gift is perceived — after all, the biggest, brightest gift boxes are the first opened Christmas morn.

The wisest of Santa's elves know that eye-catching, heartwarming, jingle-bell jazzy gift wrapping is in order for this most important of gift-giving holidays — and we must deliver.

Gifts that come preboxed, such as games or personal electronics, or gifts that can easily be placed into boxes, such as clothing, are the easiest to transform into can't-wait-to-open creations. Nice and square or rectangular, these presents are like canvas waiting for the artist's touch.

For perfect, pretty and easy assembly, buy an ensemble of pre-matched paper, card and bow.

Some ensembles include everything needed to wrap a gift in one...

retail package — tape, scissors and all.

If that's a little too structured for your tastes, mix and match yourself. Combine bright solid-color paper with metallic ribbons for a look that practically sings "Jingle Bells."

Choose classic paper of deep forest green with embossed white holly or country-theme paper displaying heart and quilt patterns or a parade of geese, cats and cows. Romance the stuffing out of her stockings with lacy poinsettia paper and a decidedly Victorian flair.

Win over the youthful set — whether chronologically young or just young at heart — with dancing snowmen, candy-cane munching teddy bears and even sled-riding dinosaurs! Kids with an artistic flair can buy color-your-own wrapping paper.

If none of these paper options suits your fancy, substitute left-over fabric, wallpaper, aluminum foil, scarves, kitchen towels — even pages from newspapers and magazines.

Whatever your choice, the paper primes the canvas of the gift for the rest of the decor. It's just the beginning. Next down Santa Claus Lane come bows, ribbons, stickers, tags and whatever personal touches will spread seasonal cheer.

Sometimes the personality of the gift or the person to whom you're giving the gift just screams out a theme.

If your giftee is a jogger, wrap up some new running shorts in flippers from the most recent half-marathon in town. Tie up the package with shoelaces, add a miniature ornament and make a subscription gift coupon to a sports magazine the gift tag.

For your music fan: Wrap the gift with Christmas carol sheet music, tie on a brass trumpet ornament with bright red yarn and use tickets to the symphony as your gift tag.

For your bibliophile: The book review section of the daily newspaper is the wrapper, a bookmark is your tag. Dress up the gift with shiny Mylar curling ribbon.

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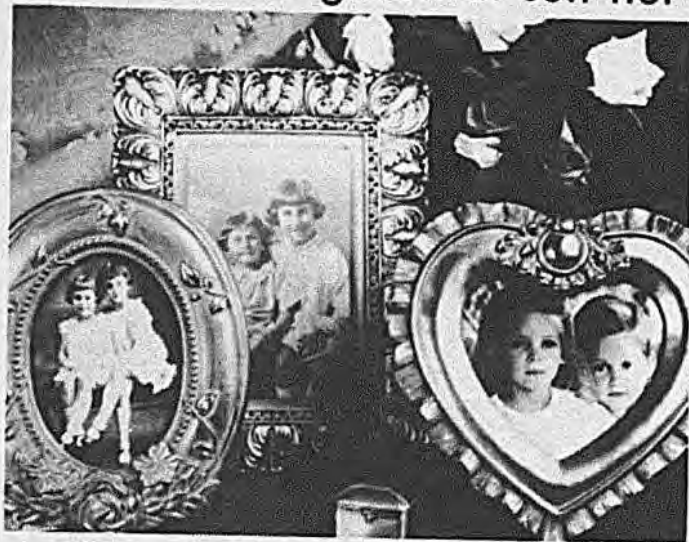
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FEMININE REWARDS

How to select gifts that suit her



FEMININE REWARDS — Victorian-style picture frames are always a welcome gift

By Debra Lee Baldwin

A woman — whether she's a mother, wife, best friend or business associate — is easy to shop for.

All you have to do is browse through boutiques, department stores and gift shops until you see something lovely that reminds you of her.

But there's a drawback to this system. The more appealing the item, the more expensive it's likely to be.

So how do you find a reasonably-priced gift you know she'll like? How can you avoid buying something that's beautiful but not a bargain?

The secret is to be armed with a good idea of what you're looking for before you hit the mall.

SHOP HER HOBBY

You don't think she's a collector? Think again. She may not collect stamps or coins, but chances are she has a particular fondness for ceramic pigs, porcelain dolls, souvenir spoons, cookbooks, exotic flower bulbs, oriental vases, embroidered pillows, unusual spices or ornate photo frames.

Finding out what she collects is as easy as asking her. If that might spoil the surprise, snoop a bit the next time you visit, or consult a mutual friend.

If she's into gardening, you've hit the jackpot. She'll be ecstatic if she receives a good pair of pruning shears, cowhide garden gloves, a tabletop topiary or a bowl of white hyacinths.

A sports or fitness fanatic is a snap, too. Sporting goods stores and activewear boutiques have attractive, practical accessories — everything from tote bags to leggings to pedometers.

Also keep in mind, whatever hobby or pastime she enjoys, chances are there's a book or video on the subject that would make an ideal gift.

MAKE HER FEEL BEAUTIFUL

Look for bath products that are packaged beautifully, will enhance her boudoir and make her feel pampered.

Food, drug and discount stores

carry foam bath, bath beads and effervescent bath tablets in fresh fragrances such as Morning Rain, Summer Meadow, Amber Lace, Oriental Mist, Heather and Victorian Garden.

Speaking of feminine frills and Victoriana, you can't go wrong with a gift set from Yardley of London, Crabtree & Evelyn or Casswell-Massey.

Shops that specialize in bath products offer lovely and unusual items, from decorative soaps to lacy sachets and potpourri. Buy three or four that complement each other, wrap each in colored tissue paper and tuck into a pretty gift basket or tin.

As for the scent scene, L'Air du Temps' dove-topped flacon now comes in three jewel tones; Cover Girl's refreshing Navy is packaged in elegant navy-and-gold; Colors De Benetton's five-sided soap comes in an intriguing origami wrapper; Estee Lauder recently introduced spicy, sandalwood Spellbound; and from Giorgio is RED, a soft, fresh fragrance.

If purity is a priority, Avon's new floral, Lahana, is based on natural essences; also, Botanicals Body Care products from Smith & Vandiver are made from aromatic oils and herbal extracts.

UPDATE HER WARDROBE

Elaborately embroidered clothing makes a perfect gift for the holidays but, unfortunately, costs a small fortune.

If you're handy with a needle, you can transform a sweater or pair of slippers from plain to stunning by adding sequins or beaded appliques. You'll find all you need in craft, hobby and fabric specialty shops.

Fabric paint in iridescent shades also will add dazzle to the most ordinary of T-shirts or sweatshirts.

If she loves beautiful baubles, browse antique and secondhand shops for exquisite accessories, from velvet hats to soft leather belts to ornate stickpins.

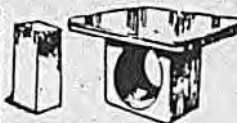
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ORNAMENTAL WHIRL

Planning a holiday party



ORNAMENTAL WHIRL — Merry table settings set a happy mood for any holiday party. Shown here: Table decorations from *Butterick patterns No. 5677 and No. 5678.*

By Sharon Williams

The weather outside may be frightful, dreadful, even beastly. But inside, conversations sparkle, food and drink flow freely, and all is merry and bright.

After all, 'tis the season to be jolly — and to entertain. What better way to celebrate with friends and family than at a holiday gathering?

The quintessential holiday party is so much a part of the season that you'll probably spend as much time rubbing shoulders with fellow guests as you will shopping clerks during your annual gift hunt.

You'll also likely find yourself playing the role of host or hostess at least once during the entertaining season.

Just what shape should your holiday get-together take? In the 1990s, you can go casual or formal, inviting just a few intimate friends, a multitude of acquaintances, or drawing up a guest list that fits somewhere in between.

You can enjoy the same latitude with menus and decorations since, today, it's just as acceptable to have everything brought in by a caterer as it is to stage the whole show single-handedly.

Wondering about the latest trends in holiday shindigs? Following is a look at several parties, menus, decorations and tips for pulling them off.

THE CASUAL OPEN HOUSE

Everyone knows it's no fun to sing alone. This explains the popularity of the caroling party, where guests come to your home to sing around the piano or venture out into the cold to serenade the neighborhood, then meet at your place afterward for warm food and drink.

Another take on the informal get-together is the tree decorating party, where guests can socialize while they hang ornaments on the fir, string popcorn and cranberry garlands or decorate gingerbread men.

Either way, the atmosphere is casual, the mood light and guests are free to roam around the house

as they socialize, stroll by the fire or take in the holiday decorations.

• **Menu:** Shoot for simple, serve yourself fare, such as a buffet table filled with fruit, cheese, dips, crackers, chips, crudites, easy appetizers and plates full of cookies. A heartier menu might include an assortment of soups, sliced ham and rolls, spreads and chutneys or even a salad bar.

Of utmost importance, of course, is the beverage. Warm everyone up with hot chocolate or traditional wassail.

• **Decorations:** Keep them homey and simple, beginning with your invitations. Invite your guests with a homemade tree ornament, or by baking tree cookies with the invitation message inscribed with frosting. Have your favorite baker do the work if you're all thumbs with the decorating tip.

Since you'll already have your tree, holiday decorations and lights up and running, you need only supplement with a few minor additions. Scent your home's entrance with fragrant potpourri, and decorate the mantels and banisters with pine boughs and ribbon. Votive candles placed in strategic spots will create a romantic, magical atmosphere.

For the serving table, consider a tartan table runner and a centerpiece created from ribbon, foliage and tin cookie cutters that will double as favors for departing guests. Holiday paper ware will add to the festive feeling and make for simple cleanup afterward.

• **Tips:** Feeding such a crowd doesn't have to be painful. If time's at a premium, order pates, cheese, meat and vegetable platters, prepared salads and soups, and barbecued chicken wings from your favorite deli, then dress them up by garnishing and serving them on attractive platters.

Let your favorite bakery supply the rolls, while appetizers, such as egg rolls and boiled shrimp, can come from your favorite restaurant.

Bing Crosby may have dreamed of a white Christmas, but the holidays will definitely be green this year.

Manufacturers have found a gold mine in green marketing, so you won't have to go far to find gifts with an environmental theme.

Your local natural-food store probably has a host of cards printed on recycled paper, as well as recycled-paper gift wrap and other goodies. Home improvement centers, nurseries and upscale home stores, such as Crate & Barrel, have items to make recycling easy.

You also can try those purveyors of nature and natural products, The Nature Company and The Body Shop. You'll find nature-themed mugs, T-shirts, games and books at The Nature Company, while The Body Shop features every imaginable cosmetic, from bath oil to mascara, that is cruelty-free (none of the products were tested on animals or contain animal products).

For ideas on how to make this a truly green holiday, pick up a copy of "The First Green Christmas: How to Make This Holiday an Ecological Celebration" by The Evergreen Alliance (Halo Books). It includes gift ideas and tips for throwing the most planet-friendly party you'll ever attend.

The good thing about environmental gifts is that they can be as affordable or as extravagant as your budget allows. Consider these ideas from "The First Green Christmas" and other sources.

- Rechargeable batteries, preferably solar-powered.
- A reusable mesh or canvas shopping bag.
- A down comforter to use instead of an electric blanket. This is a luxury people love but don't often buy for themselves. If your recipient already owns a comforter, give a high-quality unbleached cotton duvet cover.
- A subscription to a nature magazine, such as *National Geographic*, *E The Environment* or *Outside*.
- Memberships at local zoos, aquariums or natural history museums are an ideal gift for families — it's a great way for kids to learn about nature firsthand.
- Biodegradable soaps, shampoos and cosmetics. The Body Shop specializes in these, but health-food stores also offer a good selection. Upscale department stores offer Origins, a line of botanical, cruelty-free cosmetics produced by Estée Lauder.
- Recycling materials. You can purchase ready-made recycling containers or make your own with bins purchased from a home-improvement store. Remember to label separate containers for glass, plastic, aluminum and newspaper.
- A water-saving shower head.
- Field guides, hiking and bicycling maps. These are available from outdoor outfitters.
- An insulated reusable lunch bag or lunch box. Available in bright or muted colors, these are a good gift for kids or adults.
- Stationery items made of recycled paper, such as notebooks,

pens and letter paper. These are available through mail-order sources, such as Real Goods (966 Maxxoni St., Ukiah, CA 95482).

- For new parents, enrollment in a diaper service. Another alternative is Terra Tot, a cotton reusable diaper that features Velcro tabs and elasticized legs and can be used up to 100 times.
 - Purchase products from companies that contribute to environmental causes.
 - Nature appreciation gifts. Sarut Inc. offers its Miniature Garden, a compact Stellarscope and a Zen Rock Garden. This is also a host of games and toys available to teach children about the environment.
- When you're out shopping, it's also important to know what not to give. Some items to avoid, according to The Evergreen Alliance, are tropical hardwoods (mahogany, teak, rosewood, satinwood), ivory, single-use items (such as disposable cameras or razors), fur and plastic trinkets.

One option is to give money to people and causes that work at saving endangered species and

land. Here are just a few groups that promote conservation around the planet.

- The Audubon Society, 645 Pennsylvania Ave. S.E., Washington, DC 20003.
 - Sierra Club, 730 Polk St., San Francisco, CA 94109.
 - The Nature Conservancy, 181 N. Lynn St., Arlington, VA 22209.
 - Friends of Earth, 530 Seventh St. S.E., Washington, DC 20003.
 - Greenpeace, 1436 U St. N.W., Washington, DC 20009.
- If your friends would prefer more personal involvement, several groups offer whale adoptions. Adoptions generally include a photograph of the adopted whale, an adoption certificate and a newsletter.
- Two groups that offer whale adoptions are Earthtrust (Aikahi Mall Garden Court, 25 Kaneohe Bay Drive, Kailua, HI 96817) and the International Wildlife Coalition (P.O. Box 388, Dept. 91THM, North Falmouth, MA 02556).
- Or treat someone you love to an eco-tourism vacation. Museums, universities, environmental groups (such as the Sierra Club) and tour outfitters offer a variety of trips, ranging from journeys

following in Darwin's footsteps to the Galapagos Islands to helping maintain trails at national parks.

There's no point in giving a planet-friendly gift only to wrap it up in excessive packaging that isn't recyclable.

Try to use sturdy wrappings that can be reused, such as cookie tins and cloth bags. Buckets, scarfs, flower pots and mugs also make good reusable containers. Opt for recyclable gift wrap (preferably made from recycled paper) and avoid foil or Mylar papers, which aren't biodegradable.

Gifts can be wrapped in old posters, maps or the colorful comics page from the Sunday paper. Create a project for kids by wrapping gifts in brown paper grocery bags or butcher paper to be decorated with rubber stamps, crayons or a collage of old holiday greeting cards. You can eliminate gift wrap altogether by using decorated gift boxes.

Packages can be dressed up with pine cones, sprigs of red juniper, dried flowers, biodegradable twine.

When you're sending fragile

gifts, cushion them with balled-up newspaper or catalogs or even air-popped popcorn.

To people throughout pre-Christian Europe, the evergreen, amazingly lush, even in the dead of winter, symbolized the coming rebirth of the earth in springtime.

■ Tips for holiday shopping with credit cards

1. Draw up and stick to a budget.
2. Try to use lower-rate bank cards, instead of higher-rate store cards.
3. Be careful about giving out your credit card number on purchase made over the telephone.
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5. Remember to keep and destroy the carbon copies from all your credit cards.

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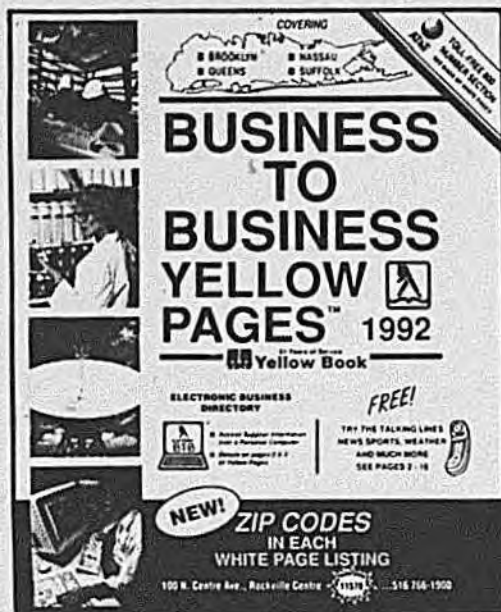
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HOLIDAY MEMORIES

Photographic keepsakes, from albums to videos

By Sharon Williams

Ask any nostalgia buff, and he'll tell you the family photographer carries as much weight at Christmastime as old Saint Nick himself.

For yesterday's shutterbug, that weight meant pounds of gear — hot floodlights, top-heavy flashes and cumbersome cameras.

And because his equipment was so difficult to lug around, time-consuming to operate and the results sometimes unflattering, he often had trouble getting the family to sit still long enough to smile and say "cheese" around the Christmas tree.

Photographic options have lightened up a lot during the last decade — so much so that the "weight" now translates into influence for today's camcorder-carriers and automatic 35mm mavers.

With their lightweight, high-tech, you-won't-notice-me equipment, photographers are given carte blanche at just about any holiday happening — from stocking stuffing to stuffing the turkey. And they are taking better pictures.

Whether you're an amateur or an expert, there now are as many ways to spread holiday cheer with photography as there are types of cameras. Following are a few ideas:

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

If the grandparents can't make the trip to your house for the holidays, send Christmas to them via videotape. Use your own camcorder, or rent or borrow one to make a family video.

Capture moments such as caroling around the piano, hanging stockings on the mantle and, of course, unwrapping presents Christmas morning. Don't worry if your skills don't quite match up to the smooth cinematography of an Oliver Stone film; your loved ones are sure to laud your efforts — imperfections and all.

Christmastime is often the only time of year when the whole clan is together, making it an ideal op-

portunity to stage a group portrait. Many photographers offer special economy packages during the holiday season that include a variety of poses and portrait sizes. This puts the cost within reach of those who have overspent their Christmas coffers.

The bonus is that everyone gets to dress up in their holiday finery for the camera. And, taken annually, these portraits can serve as a visual family record.

When preparing to take your own Christmas photographs, make sure you install fresh batteries, stock up on plenty of film and clean your lens before shooting. And don't wait until after the holidays to get your photos developed.

With a little help from a one-hour or one-day photo stop, you can have your prints developed, inserted into a new album and on the coffee table to be enjoyed throughout the week between Christmas and New Year's.

Order double prints, and you can send mementos home with visitors who want copies of your work.

Relive Christmases past by having super 8mm or 16mm home movies transferred onto videotape by a professional. Instead of fighting with a projector and roll after roll of film, you'll have plenty of time to light the fire and pop some corn before inserting the cassette into your Beta, VHS or 8mm VCR for an audio/video celebration of holidays gone by.

PHOTOGENIC GIFTS

Christmas snapshots and others taken over the years often make the best gifts and decorations around.

Do you need ornaments for the tree in a hurry? Get out your camera and photograph everybody building a snowman or making a batch of Christmas cookies.

Rush the film to a one-hour lab, and voila — with a little construction paper, glue and imagination, you've got the makings for a mini-photo gallery to hang on your Scotch pine.

XMASFACTS

- Giving Christmas cards began in England almost 150 years ago.



Christmas cards as we know them began in 1843, the same year that *A Christmas Carol* was written.

SOURCE: Hallmark Cards Inc.

XMASFACTS

- Fewer suicides are recorded around holiday periods.



A University of California study of 180,000 recorded suicides in the United States between 1973 and 1979 indicated that the holiday periods averaged fewer suicides than other times of the year. The findings of the study run contrary to popular wisdom, and the researchers suggest that "holidays appear to be providing some psychological and social protection against suicide."

SOURCE: *Psychology Today* magazine

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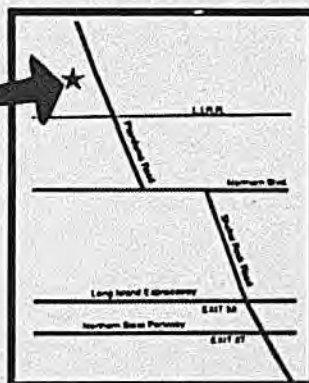
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TREE TIME

Tips for finding the top *tannenbaum*



TREE TIME — A festively bedecked tree is the focal point of the holidays in many homes. *Shown here: Ornaments from Butterick patterns No. 5277 and No. 5278.*

Alison Ashton

Ever since the Middle Ages, when evergreens were adorned with apples, trees have been the focal point of holiday decor.

The custom spread throughout England in the 1840s when Queen Victoria and her German husband,

Prince Albert, put a tree up in their palace. Historians think that the first Christmas trees came to America when homesick Hessian mercenaries decorated trees during the Revolutionary War.

Now, more than 80 percent of households decorate a tree during the holidays.

TREE TIPS

Decide where the tree will go before you go shopping, so you can find a tree to fit the space rather than try to find a space to fit a huge tree.

Temporary tree lots sprout up on every vacant lot during the holidays, but home-improvement centers, nurseries and tree farms are also good sources. If you go early in the season, you'll get a good selection of fresh trees.

You want to find a well-trimmed, healthy tree with pliable needles. It should look and smell good. Shake or bounce the tree lightly to check for falling needles. If only a few drop off, the tree is fresh. Make sure the limbs are strong enough to hold your ornaments.

Store the tree in a cool spot if you're going to wait a few days before decorating it. Make a diagonal cut 1 inch above the butt and put the tree in a bucket of water. Spray it with water to keep the needles fresh. When you're ready to set the tree up, make another diagonal cut an inch above the butt and put it in a water-bearing tree stand (add water daily).

Douglas, balsam and noble firs and spruce varieties, such as blue spruce, are the most popular cut trees because their branch arrangement is the best for holding ornaments. Monterey pines are popular at cut-your-own tree farms.

With growing concern for the environment, more families are opting for artificial trees that can be used year after year or living

trees that can be planted outdoors after the holiday season.

Look for high-quality artificial trees at nurseries or floral shops that specialize in silk plants.

When selecting a live tree, you'll also want to consider freshness and resiliency. Also make sure it's a size that you can handle when you're ready to plant it outdoors (have the planting site picked out before you shop, and keep in mind that live trees grow) and that it's a species that will fare well in your climate.

TRIMMING TIPS

Every family has special ornaments that remind them of Christmases past. Perhaps the most popular, according to American Greetings, are those that commemorate special events, such as "Baby's First Christmas" or "Our First Christmas Together."

"Ornaments have a lot of sentimental value," says Scott Helm, seasonal program manager for American Greetings. "People enjoy keeping souvenirs of the milestone events in their lives."

People also like fanciful ornaments that reflect special interests, such as Santas skiing or swinging a golf club. Hallmark has ornaments featuring Dickens characters and a "Starship Enterprise" ornament for "Star Trek" fans.

Trees decorated with a theme are always popular, and those with a family-oriented country motif are especially popular this year. Try dressing your tree in

grape vines, berries, small toys, gingerbread men and, of course, homemade paper chains and garlands of popcorn.

An unusual option offered by *Sunset* magazine is a tree trimmed with fresh winter-blooming flowers and greenery. The flowers are kept in water-filled vials (check with your florist for the longest-lasting blossoms). Complete the look with greens of ivy and holly.

SAFETY FIRST

Live, cut or artificial, bringing a tree into the house is a safety hazard. We've all heard stories about combustible trees catching fire and burning a house to the ground.

Smart tips include keeping the tree moist by placing it in a water-bearing stand. Keep it away from sources of heat, such as a fireplace, radiator, heating duct or appliances that generate heat. Don't use any lights that have frayed or worn cords, and keep electrical cords away from the water stand. Of course, don't use candles on or near the tree. Lit trees should never be left unattended.

Keep an eye on small children and pets; both might be tempted to climb the tree, knock it down or eat its ornaments. Cats are famous for mistaking Christmas trees for scratching posts.

When it's time to pull the tree down, don't try to burn it in the fireplace. Dry trees are highly flammable, and the fire could easily rage out of control. Avid gardeners can turn their trees into compost, or you can contact a nursery about disposal. Community groups sometimes collect or set up a drop site for trees.

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GROWN-UP GADGETS

Tech, sports and fitness gifts for all

By Sharon Achatz

Grown-up play calls for grown-up toys — and two of the favored domains for adult amusement are in the arena of sports and the realm of technology.

From radio-control cars to rowing machines and from portable faxes to personal TVs, there's a wide range of potential presents for fun-seeking adults.

STRICTLY FOR PLAY

Tech toys begin with the basics of hand-held electronic games perfect for armchair sportsmen — and women. From car racing to chess and from pigskin to poker, there are games to suit every interest and skill level.

Electronics also can take the giftee to the great outdoors or make the indoors great. Radio-control vehicles take devotees off-road or out to sea in miniature with powerful cars, trucks, boats and submarines. And the indoors at home becomes more fashionable with plug-in knickknacks such as lava lamps and strobe lights. Electricity bulbs and electronic kaleidoscopes react to music, voice or touch to shine and sparkle in countless light patterns.

Tech toys also can be cultured. Voyager Co., for example, offers laser videodisks — basically CDs with sound and sights — about The Louvre, Musée D'Orsay and specific artists such as Michaelangelo and Vincent van Gogh. Each disk comes with thousands of photos of the objects d'art in question, and each photo can be accessed individually to give the viewer unlimited time to admire the displays.

GOOD SPORTS

A good sportsman or woman is never without the right equipment — from large-scale exercise machines that simulate cross-country skiing, bicycling, stair climbing or rowing to portable devices that help them keep pace. Popular portables range from basic stopwatches and pedometers to bicycle computers that track speed and distance.

Functional footwear is essential to every sport, from colorful rollerblades to rugged hiking boots to versatile pump-style cross-trainers.

Traveling golf enthusiasts will swear by ATI's Voyager MC, a two-piece shaft that fits onto a set of heads — two woods, two irons and a putter. The entire kit folds into a bag measuring 18-by-8-by-seven-and-one-half inches.

Fans of stadium sports will cheer over a compact and rugged AM-FM radio or personal-size TV for monitoring the game broadcast, as well as powerful binoculars and perhaps their favorite team's jersey or cap.

Walkie-talkies are big for communications while biking, hiking or camping. More genteel folks might enjoy at-home croquet, volleyball or badminton sets.

WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK

For workaholics whose work is their play, consider a gift of a fashionable phone for office or

home or a cellular phone for pocketbook or car.

An electronic data-time manager packs the power of a huge Rolodex, appointment book and calendar, alarm and calculator into a single compact packet.

Some electronic organizers, such as Sharp Electronics' Wizard, have small add-on fax attachments. Just plug into a phone line and, presto, the Wizard becomes a fax transmission unit.

A micro tape recorder — with a healthy supply of cassette tapes — is perfect for recording important thoughts or composing letters in transit.

Mailing gifts

By Debra Lee Baldwin

Planning to send gifts by mail? Better get hopping.

The holiday season is the heaviest shipping time of the year. Plan to send packages via regular mail or UPS by Dec. 15. Last-minute shoppers can wait until Dec. 22 to send packages next-day air through a variety of carriers (DHL, Emery, Federal Express) for delivery by Dec. 24. As a backup, United States Postal Service Express Mail next-day delivery will get packages to their destinations on Dec. 25.

How do you ensure that presents are not broken or damaged during shipping? According to Sandy Greenberg, representative for Mail Boxes Etc., a 1,200 outlet national franchise network of business and postal services, the majority of shipping damage occurs because of careless or improper packaging.

"Your parcel should be able to withstand stacking, bumping or even a 30-foot drop," says Greenberg. They offer the following suggestions:

- Always use a rigid, corrugated cardboard box. Containers should be in good condition, with all flaps intact. Select a carton large enough to allow room for adequate cushioning material on all sides of the product. Beware of using boxes more than once, since they lose resiliency in travel.

- Be sure the contents of your package are properly protected. Wrap each item separately, stuffing cushioning material firmly around, over and between items. Pack glass and china in a smaller box with 2 to 4 inches of packing materials on all sides. Place the smaller box in a larger one and pack materials between the two; the box shouldn't rattle. Foam peanuts are better than crumpled newspaper.

- Close the carton securely using strong tape, 2 inches or wider. Do not use masking or cellophane tape because they crack and peel when exposed to heat or cold and don't provide necessary strength. Instead, use pressure-sensitive plastic tape, water-activated paper tape or water-activated reinforced tape. Do not use string or paper on packages; these can get snagged on conveyor belts.

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Christmas carols

By Sharon Williams

Christmas music is sweet, soothing and familiar, whether it's performed by a world-class orchestra, a budding violinist, a famous country-western singer or an opera diva.

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And that's not even mentioning the barking dog rendition of "Jingle Bells."

Aspiring musicians, meanwhile, can find the sounds of Christmas in sheet form, so they're easily equipped with all the notes and words needed for an evening of caroling, a performance in church or a solo in front of the relatives.

Following are some interesting facts about a few Christmas selections from "The Christmas Almanack" by Gerard and Patricia Del Re (Doubleday & Co.).

CAROLS

• "Angels We Have Heard on High": Although its author is unknown, musicologists have determined that this French tune was probably created around the 18th century.

• "Deck the Halls With Boughs of Holly": A purely secular song, this Welsh carol was well-known enough by the 18th century to appear in a composition by Mozart.

• "I Heard the Bells on Christ-

mas Day": Great American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow would probably be surprised that his poem is now one of our most popular carols.

• "What Child Is This?": The first reference to the haunting folk song "Greensleeves" was made in the 1500s, and it has since been used for many purposes. There is even mention of it in Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

CLASSICAL

• "The Messiah": During the weeks when he was writing this three-hour oratorio, George Friedrich Handel behaved like a madman. He shut himself into his room and barely ate and slept for three weeks. When he did eat, he continued to write with the hand that wasn't holding the bread. The masterpiece was completed in 24 days.

• "Hansel and Gretel": Engelbert Humperdinck began this well-known, full-length Christmas opera when he created some songs to accompany a little play his sister had written for her children to perform at home, which was based on the familiar story by the Brothers Grimm. He then expanded his simple tunes into an opera that was first performed a few days before Christmas in 1893 in Weimar, Germany ... and that continues to be a hit today.

POPULAR

• "Frosty the Snowman": Written by Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins in 1950, this story of a song

was recorded by Gene Autry, and was the best-selling Christmas record of 1951.

• "Blue Christmas": This Christmas tune was written in 1945 and recorded several times. But it was Elvis the King who made it a big hit in the 1950s.

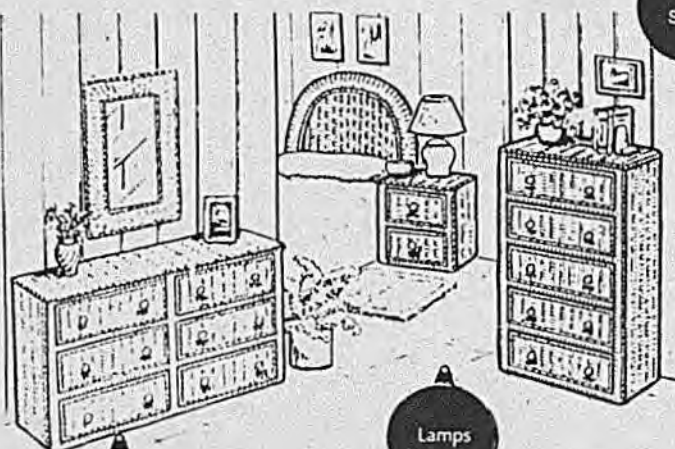
• "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas": Like "White Christmas" and "Silver Bells," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christ-

mas" was performed on the silver screen — in this case by Judy Garland in the 1944 feature film, "Meet Me in St. Louis."

• "All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth": Don Gardner wrote this first major-selling Christmas novelty record in 1946. It found fame two years later when it was recorded by Spike Jones and his City Slickers.



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By Sharon Achatz

Of Jewish holidays, Yom Kippur is perhaps the most holy and Hanukkah the most joyous with its food and song, gifts and games — which helps explain its enormous popularity. That, and the fact that it often falls during the Christmas season, which makes it a natural for helping Jewish children — as a minority in a Christian culture — feel a part of the festivities and lavish gifting while still retaining Jewish custom and culture.

After their victory, the Jews sought to restore their Jerusalem temple, which had been defiled. To rededicate the temple, they needed pure oil to light the lamp. As the story goes, a boy found only enough oil in the temple to light the lamp for one night. However, the lamp miraculously burned for eight nights — the miracle commemorated during Hanukkah and the source of the holiday's nickname, the Festival of Lights.

Some families adhere closely to tradition, lighting the menorah candles each night, exchanging modest gifts and gathering family and friends to play games and eat special dinners.

At the other end of the spectrum are families who incorporate a Hanukkah bush to approximate the Christmas tree and hang blue-and-white stockings by the mantel.

where in between.

Since Hanukkah isn't a major Jewish holiday, gifts traditionally were simple, such as *gelt* — small bags of pennies or chocolate coins — and perhaps some needed personal items such small articles of clothing, grooming items or a children's book.

Today, many families are just as likely to buy a Nintendo set as a necktie. While high-price toys are hit items, there also is a new wealth of Jewish specialty shops that carry items such as cassette tapes of Jewish stories and songs, plastic dreidels (spinning tops) with flashing lights, Hanukkah stickers and menorahs of all styles and sizes.

Most families incorporate a blend of gift-giving. For the first nights, many give children simple items such as Hanukkah candy, books, dreidels or cookie cutters in Hanukkah shapes. Then, on the last day, adults and children alike exchange expensive presents.

Some parents strive to mitigate the commercialism of Hanukkah by encouraging children to designate a charity to receive a gift one or two nights during the holiday.

Whatever other customs are included, the kindling of lights is the foundation of the holiday. In older days, people used little oil lamps. Today, menorahs with candles are more common, and the family gathers round and chants a blessing as the *shamash* (servant candle) is kindled. It then is used to light the first Hanukkah candle. On the second night, the *shamash* and two candles burn, and so on, until all eight Hanukkah candles burn bright and clear.

Many families let children choose the color of candles to be burned in the menorah each night, others let each child have his own menorah to burn in addition to the family lights.

Some menorahs are of classic candelabra design, others are modern works of art. Still others are simple handcrafted items. In fact, creating personalized menorahs is a great way to recognize another tenet of the holiday — family time together.

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Non-alcoholic punches

By Sharon Williams
Eat, drink and be merry, it seems, is the battle cry of the holidays.

Wonderful beverages, after all, are essential for toasting the Christmas season and New Year.

Traditionally, the raising of glasses has been associated with wine and other spirits. But a new trend of serving festive non-alcoholic drinks that has emerged in recent years allows all your guests to raise their cups in a hearty cry of "cheers."

The drinks are delicious and easy to prepare, especially when one considers the wide array of recipes, mixes and mulling spices available today.

Another benefit: No one has to worry about who will be the designated driver.

Following are some sample recipes to try:

HOT CURRIED TOMATO JUICE

1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon curry powder
1 quart tomato juice
¼ cup plain yogurt
Ground cumin

Yields 4 servings.

Heat butter in saucepan over medium heat until melted. Stir in curry powder and saute 30 seconds. Add tomato juice and heat to simmering. Ladle into 4 mugs and top with dollop of yogurt and sprinkle of cumin.

GOLDEN GLOW

4 cups unsweetened pineapple juice
1 (12-ounce) can apricot nectar

1 quart apple cider
1 cup orange juice
2 cinnamon sticks
1 teaspoon cloves

Yields 10 servings.

Combine all ingredients in large pot and simmer over medium-low heat for 10 minutes. Remove spices and serve.

HOT CHOCOLATE

6 ounces dark, semisweet chocolate
½ cup water (or coffee if you want mocha flavor)
2 cups rich milk (not skim or low-fat)
1 cup cream, whipped
Peppermint sticks

Yields 4 servings

Chop up chocolate if not using chips. Add water or coffee. Melt in microwave or over low heat in saucepan. Add milk. Continue heating over low heat until nearly boiling. Serve in mugs with dollop of whipped cream and peppermint stick.

CHOCOLATE EGGNOG

1 cup prepared eggnog
¼ cup chocolate syrup
1 cup whipping cream
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons cocoa

Yields 7 (½-cup) servings.

Recipe may be doubled or tripled to fill a punch bowl.

Blend eggnog and chocolate syrup. Chill. Whip cream with sugar and cocoa. Fold into eggnog mixture.

The holiday stretch

By Allison Ashton

What do you do during that quiet lull between Christmas and New Year's?

"Clean my closets," answered one organized woman.

Others of us while away the time sleeping, watching videos or just hanging out. Even if you go work, it's probably a quiet week — unless you work in retail.

Why not do something a little different this year? Here are a few ideas to perk up what might be a dull stretch.

• **Leave town.** Escape for a few days of skiing or sunning in a warm locale. Or slip away to a spa to atone for your eating sins during the holidays.

• **Stay home.** If the whirlwind of holiday parties or travel to Grandmother's house have made you a stranger in your own home, curl up with a good book, a few videos and a warm fire.

• **Visit local attractions.** Be honest — how often do you to the local zoo or stop by the museums? Take time to see what cultural attractions your city has to offer. There's bound to be a production of "The Nutcracker" playing somewhere.

• **Shop.** Everything, but everything, is on sale. The very organized among us snap up boxes of greeting cards, rolls of gift wrap

and holiday decorations at half-price to use next year. This also is a good opportunity to pick up something (workout clothes? sports gear?) that will help you stick to healthy New Year's resolutions.

• **Make resolutions.** OK, OK, everybody makes resolutions only to break them by February, but try sitting down this year with a paper and pen (or computer) and writing down *reasonable* goals.

Instead of resolving to lose 25 pounds by March, promise yourself to exercise at least 30 minutes a day. Instead of simply resolving to get a new job, write down specific steps to follow, such as updating a resume or getting more involved in professional associations.

• **Get organized.** Come to think of it, cleaning your closets isn't such a bad idea. Why take the clutter of the old year into the new?

• **Feed your friends.** Everyone has leftover food from the holiday parties, so throw a potluck party to share your leftover bounty. If leftovers are scarce, serve cold cuts and store-bought goodies.

• **Play games.** Board games for players of all ages are one of the hottest gifts this year, so invite friends to bring their games to play. Kids can spend an afternoon trying out each other's Nintendo games.



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return to oven and bake an additional 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely before cutting into bars.

From "Bake-Off Cookies & Cakes" (Pillsbury Classic Cookbooks).

PISTACHIO PECAN PARTY COOKIES

- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 eggs
- 1 (3 1/2-ounce) package instant pistachio pudding mix
- 3 drops green food coloring
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar

CHERISHED COOKIES

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- Sugar for coating

Yields 4 dozen cookies.

In large bowl, combine powdered sugar, margarine, oil, almond extract, eggs, pudding mix and food coloring; mix well.

In separate bowl, mix together flour, baking soda, cream of tartar and salt; mix well.

Add dry ingredients to egg mixture; mix well. Stir in pecans. Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate 1 hour for easier handling.

Heat oven to 375 F. Shape dough into 1-inch balls; roll in sugar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 10 to 15 minutes or until edges are light golden brown.

From "Bake-Off Cookies & Cakes."

PEFFERNUSSE

- 1 1/2 cups honey
- 1/4 cup margarine
- 1 egg
- 4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed aniseed
- 1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

- Glaze:
- 3 tablespoons warm milk
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups powdered sugar

Colored candy sprinkles for garnish

Yields 4 dozen.

Preheat oven to 350 F. In large, heavy saucepan, heat honey and margarine until honey is thin and margarine has melted; be careful not to boil mixture. Cool to lukewarm. Add egg and beat until well mixed.

In large bowl, sift flour with baking powder, spices and pepper. Gradually mix dry mixture into honey mixture until well blended. Cover with plastic wrap; chill dough in refrigerator 30 minutes for easier handling.

Gather dough into a ball and roll it out on lightly floured surface to half-inch thickness. Cut cookies into Christmas shapes, diamonds, circles or hearts.

Place cookies on lightly oiled baking sheet and bake 15 minutes, until barely firm to touch. Cool completely on wire racks before glazing.

For the glaze: Combine milk, honey and vanilla in mixing bowl. Gradually add sugar, beating well after each addition.

Using fingers, dip each cookie into glaze to coat all sides. Hold dipped cookies over mixing bowl to let any excess glaze drip back in. Return to wire rack and drizzle each cookie with candy sprinkles. Allow cookies to dry completely before serving.

AUNT MARGARET'S STAR-SPANGLED MERINGUES

- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 4 egg whites, room temperature
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

Yields 15 stars.

Fit large pastry bag with a No. 6 (1/4-inch diameter) star pastry tube. Set aside.

Line two cookie sheets with aluminum foil. Place a 3-inch star cookie cutter on lower left corner of foil and, with the tip of a knife, lightly mark the points as a piping guide. Leaving about 3 inches between stars, mark points for 15 stars.

In food processor, process sugar for several minutes. Empty into small bowl and set aside.

Process chocolate and powdered sugar until chocolate is powder fine. Keep chocolate refrigerated until ready to add to meringue.

In mixing bowl, beat egg whites until frothy. Add cream of tartar and beat at medium speed, gradually adding 2 tablespoons processed sugar. When soft peaks form when beater is raised slowly, add another tablespoon sugar and increase speed to high. When stiff peaks form when beater is raised slowly, gradually beat in remaining sugar and beat until meringue is very stiff and glossy. Use whisk to fold chocolate mixture into meringue until evenly incorporated.

Scoop mixture into pastry bag and make stars by piping ridged mounds to connect the points of the star's marked guides. Allow stars to dry 30 minutes or until set.

Meanwhile, preheat oven to 200 F. Bake 2 hours or until crisp throughout but not beginning to color. For even baking, rotate cookie sheets from top to bottom racks of oven 1/4 through baking period. Transfer to wire rack to cool completely.

Adapted from "Rose's Christmas Cookies" by Rose Levy Beranbaum (William Morrow and

Co.)

LEMON CRISPS

- 1/2 cup margarine, room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract
- 2 cups flour
- 3 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- Glaze:
- Two-thirds cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 1/4 tablespoons lemon juice

Yields 4 dozen.

In large bowl, beat together margarine and sugar until well blended and creamy. Add egg, lemon zest, juice and extract; beat well.

In separate bowl, combine flour, sugar, cornstarch and soda and sift over margarine mixture; mix well.

Divide dough into 4 equal portions. Turn each portion out onto piece of waxed paper, shape into logs about 2 inches thick and wrap well. Set in plastic bag and freeze 45 minutes, or until needed.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly grease baking sheets. Let dough sit for a minute if it is too hard to slice. With a knife, cut 1/4-inch thick slices and set them 1 1/2 inches apart on baking sheets.

Bake 10 minutes, or just until golden brown around edges. Lift cookies to wire rack set over sheet of waxed paper to catch drips when cookies are glazed.

While cookies are baking, make glaze by stirring together all ingredients. Use pastry brush to coat hot cookies with glaze.

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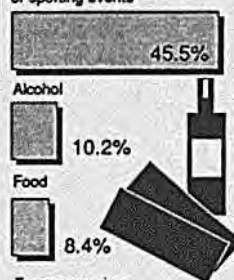
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SOURCE: The Gallup Organization for The American Floral Marketing Council

Light up recipes

By Sharon Achatz

Hanukkah means *latkes* just as Thanksgiving means turkey.

No matter what other foods are served during Hanukkah, these fried potato pancakes are the staple — often served every night of the eight-day holiday.

A classic Potato Latkes recipe follows, but many folks vary *latkes* selections by replacing the potatoes with sweet potatoes or adding some grated zucchini or cheese to the pancake batter.

Latkes are special not for their ingredients, but for the fact that they're fried in oil — which commemorates the temple miracle of old when one day's supply of oil burned for eight. Hence, any fried food fits in the festivities.

Other favorite fried foods are apple fritters or orange-flavored doughnuts called *Sufganiyyot*.

The traditional meal for a large Hanukkah gathering includes Grilled Beef Brisket, although smoked salmon or smoked whitefish from the deli are wonderful selections as well. Accompany the main dish with a tangy relish or chutney and a big, beautiful braided loaf of *challah* from the bakery.

For dessert, serve Edible Dreidels and buttery sugar cookies cut into the shape of menorahs, dreidels and stars and decorated with blue-and-white icing.

POTATO LATKES

4 eggs
2 onions, minced
4 potatoes, peeled
½ cup matzo meal or flour
½ cup salad oil
Salt to taste
Pepper to taste

Yields 24 latkes.

In large bowl, mix eggs and onion; set aside. Coarsely shred potatoes. At same time, add potatoes and matzo meal to egg mixture; stir.

Put about 1 tablespoon oil in non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Into hot pan, ladle ¼ cup potato mixture for each latke; flatten and spread into 3-inch round. Cook 2 or 3 latkes at a time until golden and crisp on both sides, 6 to 8 minutes total; add oil as needed to prevent sticking. Drain on paper towels.

When all are cooked, lay in single layer on baking sheets. If made ahead, cover and chill up until next day. To reheat and crisp, bake latkes, uncovered, in 425 F oven until sizzling hot, 10 to 20 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

EDIBLE DREIDEL

1 marshmallow
1 toothpick
1 chocolate candy kiss

Makes 1 candy.

Thread toothpick through marshmallow. Add kiss to the end.

From "The Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen" by Joan Nathan (Schocken).



Mixed marriages

By Allison Ashton

According to the American Jewish Committee, a third of all Jews marry non-Jews. That leaves a lot of families facing the dilemma of how to celebrate the holidays in a fair and equitable fashion.

Experts on the subject (including therapists and interfaith families) advise discussing your different faiths and the holiday tradi-

tions you cherish most.

Some couples happily opt for one celebration over another. Others make arrangements to incorporate traditions of both into the season. That might mean having both a Christmas tree and a menorah or playing dreidel on Christmas Eve or exchanging Christmas gifts during Hanukkah.

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