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Woodland Bakes For Worthy Cause

The proceeds from Woodland Elementary School's Annual Election Day Bake Sale were donated to help defray medical expenses for Baby Margaret Delaney, a year-old child who is undergoing treatment for cancer. The Woodland School Community joined together for this worthy cause. Parents baked, fourth grade students handled advertising, including distribution of fliers, and fourth and

fifth grade students assisted at the sale.

Proving that not only Baby Margaret benefitted from the sale, fifth grader Colleen McCormick commented, "When you know you're helping someone, it makes you feel good inside."

Baby Margaret's parents were presented with a check for \$640 from the Woodland School Community.



Woodland Bake Sale Volunteers present sale proceeds to Baby Margaret's parents.

Pictured with Mr. and Mrs. William Delaney are fourth and fifth grade students with Principal, Dr. Manus Clancy, and Mr. Gus Brogle, school coordinator for the project. Missing from the photo: Mrs. Marybeth Krummenacker, PTA President, who assisted with the project.

Indians & Pilgrims Celebrate



Thanksgiving week is a very exciting time around Trinity Lutheran School. Many classes have Thanksgiving feasts, some invite relatives, some dress up as Pilgrims or Indians, still other classes bake pumpkin bread, make apple sauce and stuffing in remembrance of the meal the early settlers shared long ago with the Indians. Pictured are Elena Hoepner, Scott McLain, Patrick Rucker, and Ricky Fama, students in Mrs. Komarnicki's first grade class, making pumpkin bread.

This Issue

This issue is complete in three sections. The first section contains all of the local news and photos. The second section is a Christmas extra with specially prepared material about holiday lifestyles. The third section is the regular Discovery Magazine with news and columns of interest to every member of the family and the largest local classified advertising section in the area.

Election Day Raffle At East St. School

On Tuesday, November 3rd, the 5th Grade Students and their Parents held a raffle for a fruit basket and two gift certificates to purchase turkeys with. The money raised will be put towards their trip to Caumsett State Park.

Congratulations to the winners who are:

1. Mary Ann Haverly - fruit basket
2. Morton Altman - gift certificate
3. Peter Antonelli - gift certificate

A special thank you goes to Jimmy Martillo who donated the fruit basket, and to King Kullen and Foodtown for the gift certificates.

Fundraising Committee for the 5th Graders are June Zounek, Terri Riscica and Rita Liba.

Lutheran Church Organ Concert

The Lutheran Church of St. Stephen will host an Organ Concert by Herb Bradensten on Sunday, December 6, 4 P.M. Mr. Bradensten, who is organist-choirmaster of All Saints Church in Great Neck, will be playing favorites of the Advent-Christmas season. A free-will offering will be received at the concert and a reception will follow. St. Stephen's is located at 270 S. Broadway (Rt. 107) in Hicksville.

The Youth Group of the Lutheran Church of St. Stephen will hold a Christmas Wreath Sale on Saturday, December 12, 9 A.M.-Noon. A table of seasonal crafts will also be available to shoppers in this fundraiser for the Youth Fund of the church.

Board Reviews District Annual Academic Profile

By Maureen Traxler

Assistant Superintendent Robert Durso presented the district-wide academic profile and Superintendent's Comprehensive Assessment Report to the Board of Education and the public at the Board's meeting on November 24. In addition to statistical information, the report contains various test results for elementary, middle and high school level over a three-year span affording a view of any trend that was established.

Mr. Durso disclosed that the data on the students was in the "good to excellent range ... an overall optimistic report."

The Pupil Evaluation Program tests in reading, math and writing given in grades three, five and six show Hicksville's students scoring equal or better than Nassau County and State results, with boys and girls learning at about the same rate. The Program Evaluation Test in Science (Grade 4) shows Hicksville students remaining equal with the County in all areas tested. These results marked a big boost in the manipulative skills area. The Program Evaluation Test in Social Studies (Grade 6) shows a decline in percentile ranking. Mr. Durso said that the district was "not content" with a 59 percentile level. He added that "the social studies curriculum has been standardized with the move of the sixth graders to the middle school in September. The content on this test includes material from Kindergarten to grade 6."

In more than half of the Regents taken in high school, Hicksville students received a higher percentage passing rate than the County or the State, the best subject areas being German, Latin, Italian, Physics and U.S. History and Government. In two subject areas, the district shows a three-year decline in passing grade. Those are Sequential I and Earth Science. In the Global Studies Regents, students have shown a steady climb over the past three years.

The district has a larger number of students taking the Regents exams than does the State or County. This is a direct result of elimination of the standard level at the high school tracking system. Since the district insists on Regents level for virtually all students, Mr. Durso stated, "We can be justly proud" of our students' performances.

In most subject areas, test results are also classified male and female. Mr. Durso reported that results show "no significant differences."

Combined verbal and math SAT scores in 1992 show Hicksville's students scoring slightly higher than the State, but slightly below the national level - Hicksville 884, New York State 881 and National 896. Hicksville's top 15% racked up a combined average score of 1091.

Hicksville High School has awarded fewer Regents diplomas over the past seven years, with 58.3% in 1986, 56.0% in 1987, 60.8% in 1988, 46.7% in 1989, 47% in 1990, 47% in 1991 and 45% in 1992. Conversely, the percentage of local diplomas has risen from 40.7% in 1986 to 53% in 1992. The percentage of students with post-graduate plans (four-year or two-year college, or other schooling) has increased since 1987 (78%) to 92% in 1992. The district admits it has no way at present of tracking these students to see if they have successfully completed their further education.

In the Superintendent's report to the Board, Mr. Mugavero stated that the building utilization committee on East Street School has been formed and that the first meeting will be called in the very near future. The school district will be continuing its school/business partnership with LILCO. Under this program, LILCO provides speakers to the high school, and the school and LILCO work jointly on several projects, including engineering-type curriculum.

As a result of the district's direct and hard-hitting approach to the verification of student enrollments at the high school, 85 youngsters who were non-residents were purged from the high school. The district will continue to seek out those students who do not belong in the system. "We will do everything we have to," said Mr. Mugavero, "in order to educate the youngsters who live in our district."

In other matters, the board approved a carte price increases

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Letters

To the Editor:

On behalf of Cub Pack 382, I would like to thank everyone who donated to our Scouting For Food Program and made it such a huge success. We collected over 1100 cans of food in addition to hundreds of boxes of

stuffing, cake mixes, pasta, etc., which many local hungry families enjoyed.

In this season of thankfulness, we are indeed thankful for so many kind and generous hearts in Hicksville.

Jan Mosebach
Cubmaster, Pack 382

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Re: 1993
GENERAL TAX

The undersigned Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, State of New York, hereby gives notice that he has received the General Tax Roll and Warrant attached thereto, and that he will be in attendance to receive taxes at: TOWN HALL, Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, New York, 11771, on January 1, 1993 and each weekday thereafter from 9 AM to 4:45 PM (Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays excepted). For: State Armory; Court expenses; County (Regular); College Portion of County; Town-General Purposes; Town Highway-Repairs & Improvement of Highway; Town of Oyster Bay Building & Zoning Departments; Memorial Day Assistance; Nassau County Police; Nassau County Sewer Taxes; Special District Taxes.

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When sending for tax bills,

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please state the School District location, Section, Block and Lot numbers in accordance with the Nassau County Tax Map. After November 30th, 1993 the 1993 tax roll will be turned over to the County Treasurer, Mineola, N.Y. and all payments after that date should be made at the Office of the County Treasurer.

Dated:
Oyster Bay, N.Y. 11771
GARY F. MUSIELLO
BETH 3162
1X 12/11

Family Reading Night At Central

Central Boulevard Elementary School Family Reading Night was celebrated on November 4, 1992. Sponsored by the Central Boulevard School PTS, close to one hundred families participated.

Mrs. Janet Valadez, Central Boulevard School Reading Specialist, organized the program designed to encourage parent and child involvement with literature.

Families participated in reading/discussion group activities developed and led by Mrs. Valadez.

Families with children in grades 1 and 2 read the book Dr. DeSoto by William Steig and families with children in grades 3, 4 and 5 read the book Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the UFO by David Adler. David Adler will be a Guest Author at Central Boulevard School this year!

Parents and children had created craft projects at home of Dr. DeSoto and U.F.O.'s. They were brought to Family Reading Night and proudly displayed by all.

Gift certificates to Walden Books donated by the Central Boulevard School PTA were given to five families whose names were randomly selected.

Mr. Gaito, Principal, Mrs. Mendolia, and Mrs. Schuerlein, co-presidents of the PTA presented the winning families with their certificates. The winners were: Ankush Verma Grade 1, Lauren Amorini Grade 2, Dani Heuschneider Grade 3, Marisa Rocco Grade 4 and Rose Ann Kenderes Grade 5.

School Board Covered Many Subjects

The first order of business at the Monthly Meeting of the Bethpage Board of Education was to poll five paper ballots which had been cast at the Library Bond Vote and were determined by the Board of Elections to be valid. There were four "yes" votes and one "no" vote, thus bringing the official vote count on the Library bond proposal to YES - 878; NO - 434.

In personnel actions, the board approved the retirement/resignation of George Nealis as well as the resignation of bus driver Robert Schafer. The effective probationary appointment date of Timothy Voels was rescinded for the period September 1, 1991 through August 31, 1994 and approved for the period September 1, 1991 through August 31, 1993. Various extracurricular appointments were approved, and Flora Zemerling and Kathleen Bielo were approved as Typist Clerks. Marie Neidecker was approved as a school monitor, and Eileen Fliegelman and Valerie Riccardello were placed on Civil Service permanent status.

In other personnel actions, Eric Hagerman, Cleaner, was terminated as of November 13, 1992. Rindi Tarlow and Erica Blau were granted child-rearing leaves. Donna Geric and Judy Gardner were approved as regular substitutes, and Claire Donohue will serve an Administrative Internship in the district.

The Board approved the District's application for the Town of Oyster Bay Recreation Grant in the amount of \$3,750 for the calendar year 1993, towards the anticipated expenditures in the amount of \$15,006.60. The Board also approved the District's membership in the Association of Flat Grant School Districts of New York State. Mr. Nydick noted that the District has been a member of this organization for several years.

The Board approved the following tuition contracts: Survival Skills Program (1 student; \$3,474); School for Language and Communication Development (2 students; total cost \$64,142); Developmental Disabilities Institute (one student; \$27,511); and Help of Retarded Children (one student; \$21,409.) In addition, the health contract with the Syosset Central School District was approved for six students receiving educational services at Our Lady of Mercy Academy, for a total cost of \$1,903.60. The Board approved a district health services fee of \$389 per pupil for health services rendered to children attending parochial schools within the Bethpage School District.

The revision of Policy #6153, Series: Instruction; Subject: Field Trips was given a first reading.

Mr. Nydick then informed those present that he had checked into the policy regarding sports practices and games being held during school vacations. Students who miss such practices and games will be treated no differently than other students and would not be penalized. Mr. Nydick also announced that the Bethpage High School varsity football team would be playing in the championship game against Lynbrook on Thanksgiving Day. The Superintendent noted that the football field will be used for a charity football game on December 13th.

The District is investigating the possibility of contracting with a vendor for cafeteria services. Mr. Nydick noted that the Board has approved a trip to Washington D.C. for the High School band, which will perform on the White House lawn in May. The Board also approved proceeding with the repair of masonry walls at Charles Campagne School. Approval will be applied for from the State, and when that is received, the job will be bid, with work expected to be done during the summer.

Mr. Cotton asked for a report on the cafeteria. Mr. Ranieri reported that based on the first 38 days of school, a deficit of \$80,000 is projected. Once the \$38,000 in the budget and the \$32,000 opening balance are applied, this leaves a projected year-end deficit of \$9,600. This will change during the year.

Mrs. Delio, Mr. LoPinto and several other parents expressed concern at the District's transportation mileage policy at the elementary schools. Currently, students from kindergarten through 2nd grade must live at least 1/4 mile away to be eligible for a bus; from 3rd to 5th grade the distance increases to 1/2 mile. They suggest that a mileage limit of 1/4 mile be set for all elementary grades. Mr. Cotton indicated that he will instruct the Superintendent, along with the Business and Transportation offices, to prepare a report on the impact of any possible change in this policy. It is hoped this report would be completed by January. If the Board deems a Board change is acceptable, it would have to be put up for a vote by the public in June.

Mrs. Jerson also asked about eligibility for late buses. By law, if a student is not eligible for a bus during regular school hours, that student may not take the late bus.

Mrs. Menzer asked for further information on the cafeteria deficit. The Board gave several reasons for the increased expenses and also noted that this projection was based on only 34 days of information. It is probable that the figures will change as the school year progresses.

Mrs. Anselmo asked about the New York Power Authority and the plan to help conserve electricity. The Board is awaiting a contract from the New York Power Authority. At this point, everything seems acceptable, and a prototype has been set up in Room 107 at the High School.

Mr. Kropp questioned why the increase in the tax rate was so much lower than expected. Mr. Cotton indicated that this came about because of assessment changes in the residential and commercial classes.

Mrs. Dams asked about the revision of the field trip policy. This policy may be further revised, and will have a second reading at the December Board meeting. The policy is available for inspection by those who are interested.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. The next Monthly Meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on December 15th in the Little Theater.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the following CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP was filed with the SECRETARY OF

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF

SYOSSET ASSOCIATES, L.P.

(UNDER SECTION 121-201

OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

The undersigned, desiring to form a limited partnership under the Revised Limited Partnership Act of the State of New York does hereby certify:

FIRST: The name of the limited partnership will be Syosset Associates, L.P. (hereinafter referred to as the "Limited Partnership").

SECOND: The county in which the principal office of the Limited Partnership shall be the county of Nassau.

THIRD: The Limited Partnership designates the Secretary of State as the agent upon which service of process against the Limited Partnership may be served upon. The address to which the Secretary of State shall forward a copy of such service shall be c/o Russo Asset Management, Inc., 66 Eagle Chase, Woodbury, New York 11797.

FOURTH: The name and address of the General Partner is as follows:

Name/Address
Wharton Capital Holding Corporation, P.O. Box 531, Syosset, New York 11791
Russo Asset Management, Inc., 66 Eagle Chase, Woodbury, New York 11797
FIFTH: The latest date on which the Limited Partnership is to dissolve is December 31, 2002.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the certificate has been signed this 31 day of July, 1992, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made here in are true under the penalties of perjury.

WHARTON CAPITAL HOLDING CORPORATION
By: /s/ Peter C. Lewis
PETER C. LEWIS,
President
RUSSO ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.
By: /s/ Stuart Russo
STUART RUSSO,
President

The foregoing named Limited Partnership is formed for the purpose of acquiring fee title to certain premises, and to improve mortgage, encumber, develop, construct and sell certain premises located in Syosset, Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, State of New York.
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Troop 3554 Investiture



Girl Scout Brownie Troop 3554 of Lee Avenue School in Hicksville, celebrated their Investiture/Rededication on October 22. Left to right top: Monica Leary, Jennifer Gorman, Jennifer Knudsen, Ursula Simicic, Audrey DiPaola, Emily Gramaglia, Jacklyn Balata. Middle: Kaitlin Bruckner, Elise Gramaglia, Shikha Sharma, Lauren Colantropo, Christine Hilberer, Erin Rogers. Bottom: Carolyn Fitzgerald, Carolyn Kennedy, Joanne Giordano, Chelsea Riccio, Karissa Antonaccl, Melissa Excurra and Alexis Sedoruk - not present.

Book Fair Promotes Reading

Jericho Middle School Library, 99 Cedar Swamp Road, Jericho, New York, is holding a book fair at the school on Friday, December 4. A wide selection of high quality, high interest paperback books for children will be for sale at the school. Profits from the book fair will be used to purchase paperback books to be housed in the English classrooms.

The public is invited to attend the fair during regular school hours, 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Reading Is FUNdamental



Lee Avenue combined their Reading is FUNDamental distribution with their Halloween celebration, and a grand time was had by all. The children dressed up as their favorite book character, paraded in their costumes, and announced the character they represented and the author of their book.

Kiwanis Assists With Flu Shots

On Tuesday morning, Nov. 11, Hicksville Senior Citizens arrived at the VFW building in Hicksville between 8 a.m. and noon to receive their annual flu shots. The program whereby 450 shots were made available, was coordinated by Maureen Bright, Community Coordinator, Hicksville School District.

Hicksville Kiwanian, Ed Kamber, rose to the occasion by assembling a committee to process the innoculants as they arrived for their shots, just days before the injections were to be administered. The rapidly assembled committee consisted of Connie Clark, Tom Bruno, Tony Citrolo, and Don Borkenstein.

The processing proceeded very efficiently; lines were minimal to non-existent, and the nurses were very professional in administering the shots. Their "chairside" manner had the recipients smiling rather than grimacing.

Another Kiwanian, Hicksville Kiwanis immediate past president Marcos Ramirez, performed the indispensable task of delivering the vaccine to the location, and returning the used syringes to Mineola.

**Sister Petronilla
Lynch, 106,
Former Principal**

Sister Petronilla Lynch, 106, former Principal of Holy Family School, Hicksville, died November 30, and was buried on the grounds of the Dominican Convent, Sparkill, N.Y., on December 2.

She was born in County Cork, Ireland, on August 9, 1886, and came to the U.S. in 1913, whereupon she entered the Dominican Congregation of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Sister Petronilla served as principal of various schools in New York City and Nassau County, including St. Mary Magdalen, Springfield Gardens, from 1932-38; St. Theresa's in Woodside, N.Y., from 1943-48, and Holy Family, Hicksville, from 1959-65.

A plaque naming her Founding Principal of Holy Family hangs on the walls of the school. She retired from teaching in 1968, and returned to the mother house where she continued to reside.

LEGAL NOTICE

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**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE**

**Supreme Court, County
of NASSAU, Index
#10591/90, UNITED PENN
BANK, plaintiff, vs.
JEANETTE O'SHEA, et
al., Defendants.**

Pursuant to Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated October 24, 1990, I will sell at public auction on the north front steps of the Nassau County Courthouse, 262 Old Country Road, Mineola, New York, at 9:00 a.m. on December 22, 1992, premises known as 28 Linden Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714, NASSAU County, located on the N/S of Linden Avenue, 100 feet E/O Lincoln Road, being a parcel 187.15' x 100'.

JOSHUA A. ELKIN, ESQ.
Referee
Stanley Beals, Esq.,
Attorney for Plaintiff
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WWII 50th Pearl Harbor Anniv.

By Gregory Bennett

Our nation is commemorating the 50th Anniversary of World War Two between 1991 and 1995. We must honor the brave men and women who defended liberty in its hour of peril. We will remember the homefront - the workers who turned America into the "arsenal of democracy."

As always we pause on December 7th - Pearl Harbor Day - to remember the sacrifices of our fighting forces during the Japanese surprise attack on the United States Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. At 7:55 a.m. the Japanese air attack commenced on battleship row, where most of our fleet layed anchored. In the time you will use to read this page, over a thousand Americans were killed.

And a thousand heroes were born. Author Ed Sheehan writes, "Very ordinary men and women did brave deeds." "They lifted objects it was thought impossible to lift, moved with broken bones, walked with feet shot off and serviced guns with broken backs." "Some fought at battle stations knowing they would drown." "Others swam to rescue comrades in flaming oil." "Messman manned guns, musicians steered boats, machinists tied tourniquets and nurses hauled lines." Eight U.S. battleships, three cruisers, three destroyers and eight other crafts were sunk or badly damaged. Almost half of America's combat aircraft on Oahu were destroyed. In one hour and fifty minutes, ships and air forces of United States' power in the Pacific were crippled.

The only battleship to get underway during the attack, the USS Nevada (BB-35) was caught by enemy planes and had to be beached at Waipio Point losing 50 men. The USS Oklahoma (BB-37) capsized, a victim of five torpedoes, losing 415 men. Fifty-eight sailors were lost on the USS Utah, which capsized on the west side of Ford Island. The USS West Virginia (BB-48) hit by six aerial torpedoes and two bombs lost 105 men. The USS California (BB-44) sunk and the USS Tennessee (BB-43) received moderate damage. The USS Pennsylvania (BB-35) in drydock received one bomb hit. American airmen layed dead at Hickam Field as Hangar Avenue, the post exchange and fire station were strafed by enemy planes. Also attacked by the Japanese were Wheeler Field, Bellows Field, Kaneohe Naval Air Station, Ewa Marine Corps Air Station and Schofield Barracks.

Among the most tragic loss was the USS Arizona (BB-39) which was hit by one aerial torpedo and eight bombs losing 1,177 men, including her commanding officer Captain Franklin Van Valkenburgh. Over 1,000 men were entombed below the water line. In 1962 our nation erected a National Memorial over the USS Arizona.

Our nation quickly responded to the sneak attack. Young men and women joined the military or worked in defense industries. The greatest naval salvage operation in history was soon underway at Pearl Harbor. The USS Tennessee, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Nevada and Pennsylvania all were salvaged by our "heroes in hardhats" and rejoined the fleet. A gun turret from the USS Arizona was salvaged for use as coastal artillery on Oahu.

On December 7, let's pause to remember those brave Americans who answered the call to battle that changed our world forever. Fifty years later the memorial to World War Two veterans is all around us: an America strong and free, her proud example lighting the way to liberty.

Editors Note: Mr. Bennett is a member of the American Legion and Vietnam Veterans of America. He is an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam Era and is employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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LEGAL NOTICE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF NASSAU

THE DIME SAVINGS
BANK OF NEW YORK,
FSB, Plaintiff against
RICHARD GILBERT et al
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosures and sale entered herein and dated August 4, 1992, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the north front steps of the Nassau County Courthouse, 262 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY, on the 15th day of December, 1992, at 9:00 A.M., premises Beginning at a point on the southeasterly side of Blacksmith Road South 128.94 feet southwesterly from the corner formed by the southeasterly side of Blacksmith Road South with the southerly side of Cool Lane, being a plot 233.42 feet by 166.33 feet by 128.72 feet said premises known as 157 Blacksmith Road, Town of Hempstead, Levittown, New York.

Approximate amount of lien \$196,755.46 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment, Index Number 9252/90.

Dated: November 12, 1992
Les Ruskin, Referee
Thomas Wynne
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
1325 Franklin Avenue
Garden City, NY 11530
MIT 2630
3x11/19, 26; 12/3

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News From VFW Post

By P.P.C. Carmine A. Somma

Vet's Day Services At Middle School

On Wednesday, November 11, Veteran's Day Services were held at the Monuments at Hicksville Middle School. The Host Post was the Masonic War Veterans, Henry Biel Post #46. Also in attendance were the Wm. M. Gouse Jr. VFW Post 3211 and the Ladies Auxiliary, Henry Biel Post #46 of the Masonic War Veterans, Gieir-Levitt Post #655 Jewish War Veterans, American Legion Charles Wagner Post 421 and their Ladies Auxiliary.

Though attendance may be small, these dedicated people attend no matter what the weather, so our veterans will not be forgotten. God Bless them.

On Sunday, November 8, it was a sunny day for Veteran Day Services at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow. The United Veterans Organization of Nassau County hosted the Veterans Day Service. Nassau County Executive Thomas Gulotta and Wallace B. Williams, State Veterans Counselor Regional Office, N.Y., were guest speakers. Both spoke about the Veterans and M.I.A. P.O.W.s will not be forgotten.

The Veterans Organizations participating in the services were Polish Legion American Veterans, United Spanish War Veterans (Honorary), Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Catholic War Veterans' Marine Corps League, National Guard Veterans, American Veterans, 82nd Airborne Veterans, 1st Marine Division Veterans, Pearl Harbor Survivors, WWII Submarine Veterans, 502 Tank Destroyer Veterans Assoc., Military Order of the Purple Heart, Women Marine Assoc., Vietnam of America, American Legion, Veterans of the Vietnam War, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Veterans of WWI (Honorary).

Hicksville War Veterans Posts were well represented again at the town of Oyster Bay Memorial Pilgrimage, and services at the graveside of President Theodore Roosevelt in Youngs Cemetery, Oyster Bay, on October 27. It is the 134th anniversary of his birth. Hicksville Veterans Post participating were Charles Wagner Post 421, A.L. Masonic War Veterans Henry Biel Post #46, V.F.W. Post 3211, Pearl Harbor Survivors, J.W.V. Post 855, A color guard from the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Third grade children from the Oyster Bay School and their teacher.

Oyster Bay Supervisor, Lewis Yevoli, Councilwoman Mrs. Ann Ocker, Comdr. Deborah Hirsch, who placed a wreath in the name of President George Bush and Town Clerk Carl Marcellino.

The Wm. M. Gouse Jr. Post 3211 V.F.W. Hicksville distributed American Flags to the children in attendance.

On Monday, December 7, the Oyster Bay Memorial Post #8033, V.F.W., and The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Inc., Chapter 135, will host the

51st anniversary Pearl Harbor Service at the Teddy Roosevelt

Marine Basin East Pier. Commemorative ceremony will start at 11 a.m.



WWI Monuments - Names of all men and women who were in Armed Forces in WWI from Hicksville.



Left is Korean Monuments, dedicated to men and women of Armed Forces who served in Korean War 1950-1953. Right is Vietnam Monuments, dedicated to men and women of Armed Forces who served in Vietnam War 1965-1975.

Photos taken by Pierre Gasque

Student Interns With D.A.



Nassau County District Attorney Denis Dillon, right, is pictured above with William J. Snyder of Hicksville, a student at Notre Dame Law School. Last summer Snyder worked as an intern in the D.A.'s office, helping the Assistant District Attorneys in the preparation of criminal cases.

Travel To Greece, Turkey

Join world traveler and photographer Irving Bagatelle as he describes his preparations for his trip to Greece and Turkey. He will appear at the Jericho Public Library on Wednesday, December 16, at 1 p.m. Accompany him, via slides to the cities of Athens and Istanbul.

See the Parthenon and the Acropolis of Greece along with the Harem and Topkapi Palace of Turkey. Visit Crete and the Greek Islands. As an extra added attraction, Irving Bagatelle will give you tips for improving your photography when you travel.

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Children's Programs

Holiday Gift Making Workshop with Laura Lorusso; Sat. Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.
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Organ Recital

On Sunday, December 13, at 4 p.m., Carleton Weber will present an organ recital of Christmas music based on carols, at Faith Lutheran Church, 231 Jackson Avenue, Syosset.

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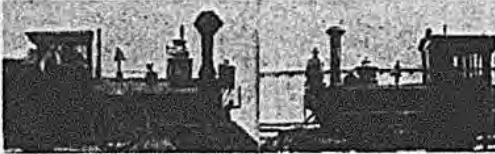
Jottings From Yesteryear

Looking at the leaves to be raked does not seem to fit a saying, a convenient thing about gardening is that if you put it off long enough, eventually it will be too late. I tried it but more seems to come and not go away. After 18 bags of leaves, I wonder if it would be easier Wheeling, W. Virginia.

Tuesday evening Dr. Salvatore LaGumina presented an interesting program as guest speaker for the Hicksville Historical Society meeting. It educated as well as brought us back to years ago when people came to our shores. Speaking of passing time, again Holiday shopping sales and Bazaars are

times you check if your life insurance premium is paid. Never wear a corduroy or suede jacket, you will never get through the pushing, grabbing bargain hunters. Reaching, I had the article in my hand but lost it before my arm got back to my body. I hope the person that bought it enjoyed it. I remember years back before Broadway widening Holiday lights crossed the road from one side to the other and the stores decorated their store windows. Early days there were no meters. Then they later would cover the meters. Hope everyone, had a nice Thanksgiving.

Bill Clark



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Steam engine at Hicksville Depot before Diesels - Water supply for engine just at left of engine.



Present day electric car at now elevated station. Pictures by Bill Clark

Physician Appointed To Surgery



Alfredo G. Kalafatic, M.D., has been appointed to the

Department of Surgery (Colorectal) by the Board of Trustees of Mercy Medical Center, Rockville.

Dr. Kalafatic received both his undergraduate and Medical Degree from the Catholic University of Rome, Italy. Presently, he is a Fellow in the Nassau Academy of Medicine, and a Member of the Nassau Surgical Society, New York Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Dr. Kalafatic's private practice is located in Bethpage.

Dr. Kalafatic resides in Garden City with his wife, Marybeth, and their four children Paul, Jeanne, Gregory and Marybeth.

East Street School Health & Safety Fair

On Monday, Nov. 16, East Street School children were given the opportunity to learn many things at their Health and Safety Fair.

We would like to thank the following companies for their time, talents and literature:

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2. Angela Karman, Linda Lane and Rory Pesale of East St. P.T.A. who worked with the Nassau County Police Dept. Kid Pix Program.
3. Ronald McDonald House
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Center who came with anatomical dolls.

5. American Heart Association
6. Nassau County Police Dept. who brought a drug awareness kit.

7. Department of Health
8. M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)

9. Hicksville Youth Council
10. T.A.D.A. (Hicksville High School Teens Against Drug Abuse)

11. Woodbury Optical
12. Poison Control Center
13. Lilco Electrical & Gas Safety

14. Dorrie Bennardo, Debbie Siegel, John Liba, Irene Marchione, Sherri Cavallo & Karen Matlack who provided Healthy Snacks from the P.T.A.

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Councilwoman Ann R. Ocker (second from left) and Councilman Leonard B. Symons (center) recently attended a ground breaking ceremony for a new extension to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library on Old Country Road. Also on hand for the occasion (L-R) were Library Chairman Mike Polansky, New York State Assemblyman David Sidikman and Library Director Stanley Eddison.

Temple Beth Tora To Hold Annual Bazaar

By Mitchell Kornet

Members of Temple Beth Torah have been busy planning for their annual Bazaar and Rummage sale. The bazaar, which takes place from December 5, to December 9, is a major fundraiser for the synagogue.

Chairmen Howard Liebenstein and Steve Tilzer said that preparation for this year's bazaar actually started last January. They began collecting new merchandise from their business contacts and congregation members, and have been storing the various items ever since. They remarked that even though the recession is an ever present factor, the generosity of the donors is unprecedented.

This year there will be a wide variety of electronic goods, hardware, household aids, clothing, and many items suitable for holiday gifts. Rummage collection at the Temple last week was very successful and there will be a diverse selection of slightly used items. As always, fresh produce and eggs will be available in large quantities.

Bazaar goers are usually amazed at the scope and variety of merchandise at the Temple Beth Torah Bazaar and Rummage sale. Over 180 Temple families contributed either merchandise or their time in order to make the bazaar a success. Congregation members understand the importance of this fundraiser, and they come out in force to help.

The Bazaar and Rummage Sale will be held at Temple Beth Torah, 243 Canisius Road, Jericho Gardens, Westbury, on the following days and times: December 5, 10:30 P.M. to 11 P.M.; December 6, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.; December 7, 7 P.M. to 11 P.M.; December 8, 7 P.M. to 11 P.M.; December 9, 7 P.M. to 11 P.M.

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- Carol Choir - Away in a Manger
- Weasley Choir - One Star - Rogers
- Joyful Noise - Sing Gloria - Hunnicutt
- Solo - O Holy Night - Adam

8 P.M. Postlude

1. The March of the Magi - Listz
- Laurie Schopp, Violin
- Bernice Horowitz, Harp

- 11 P.M. Prelude; Same as 8 P.M.
- Youth Choir - Sing Gloria - Davis;
- O Come, O Come Immanuel - Sleeth
- Youth & Sr. Choir - O Holy Night

- Senior Choir - What Strangers are These? - Purvis;
- Bernice Horowitz, Harp
- And the Glory of the Lord - (Messiah) Handel

- 11 P.M. Postlude; Same as 8 P.M.

In Service

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Larry M. Lipson, son of Jerry P. and Sue A. Lipson of Sleepy Lane, Hicksville, recently participated aboard the destroyer Paul F. Foster, homeported in Long Beach, CA, in exercise Eager Sentry 92-4 while operating in the Persian Gulf.

The exercise stressed basic skills meant to improve readiness and interoperability between the two nations' forces. Eager Sentry also helped develop professional and social ties between the two navies. The Kuwaiti sailors were able to work on basic skills during the exercise, and they highly regarded the operational excellence of the Americans.

The 1989 graduate of Hicksville High School joined the Navy in August 1989.

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Seeing The Museum



Second grade children from Old Country Road School's classes of Ms. Stephanie Kaplan and Mrs. Maureen Magnani were sightseeing on a guided Gregory Museum tour of their Hicksville community's places of interest, this week. Here the kids are visiting the Fire House, with an earlier fire house, Peppercorn's Restaurant building (circa 1910-1930) in the background.

Photo by Richard Evers

Horse Paddock



Old Country Road second graders had fun at the popular Stolz/Duffy family horse paddock, this week. This was the fourth trip (eight Hicksville elementary school classes) to enjoy the educational and enriching exposure to their community's many attractions, during November. The complimentary guided tours are provided as a school service by the Hicksville Gregory Museum.

Photo by Richard Evers

Indian Tools



"Wow - holding real 4,000 year old Indian tools from the Stone Age!" Hicksville primary and Middle School youngsters and parents enjoyed a view of the Long Island Algonkian culture and its pre-history, last week, in a program provided by the Hicksville Public Library. The native artifacts were on loan from the Nassau County Garveys Point Museum, and Richard Evers, library historian, showed his popular "Long Island Indians" slide photos.

Photo by Richard Evers

Library Bd.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Syosset Public Library will be held in the Director's Office at the Library on Tuesday evening December 8, at 8:30 p.m.

Hicksville Students At Disney World

The performing arts department at Hicksville High School is planning a wonderful trip for the students involved in the Band, Orchestra and Chorus.

The students are raising funds for this exciting extravaganza and are looking forward to marching down Main Street in the Magic Kingdom. Our fine Chorus group will be performing in Lake Buena Vista, Dock Stage. The groups will be at Disney World from May 21-24, 1993. Final performance schedules have not been completed.

If you have been thinking about going to see Mickey Mouse in the near future, this would be a great time to be there. You could join in on the fun of cheering our school members on to success.

Senior citizens who have watched these wonderful kids perform in the Jazz Band or the Singing Madrigal or watched them perform on their home field may want to be there too!

Many parents and siblings are already planning to spend a fun-filled weekend in Orlando, Florida. Anne Kessler (band parent) and Demi D'Antuono (band grandparent) work for Quality Travel and have reserved many airline seats, booked rooms at a hotel and offer many new private homes, some with 2 3/4 bedrooms for rent for an entire family. Transfers or car rental will be arranged according to preference. Disney hotels can also be booked.

This is not organized by the school but by parents eager to see the children and the community have some good healthy fun. Everyone is welcome to join us for the great group rates available to all. Please call for the rates.

If you are interested in going with the families or need information to help arrange your own plans to be in Florida, give us a call at Quality Travel, 496-4747. You can also reach us at home - Anne 433-9071, and Demi - 935-7086.

Matisse: Master Of Line & Color

Art historian Carol Duba will be at the Jericho Public Library on Tuesday, December 8, at 1 p.m., to discuss the Museum of Modern Art's major retrospective which includes approximately 450 paintings, cut-outs, drawings and prints by this century's genius of simplification...Henri Matisse. The exhibition has been made possible by our new era of cultural cooperation with Russia. Key loans from the Pushkin and Hermitage Museums are combined with works from private and public collections from around the world to give us a comprehensive insight into Matisse's prolific genius. Join us for a dazzling slide/lecture which will explore the life and art of Henry Matisse. Our lecturer, Carol Duba, is an artist, teacher and art historian.

Board Reviews District Annual Academic Profile

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for the Food Service Program at the high school and middle school. Those items and their price change are: hamburger - \$1.20, cheeseburger - \$1.25 and hot dog - \$1.20. In all schools, milk will be raised to 25 cents.

Noting that "Pure ala carte (buying) is driving the program, instead of the commodity side (full lunches)," Asst. Supt. Stuart Opdahl said that this situation is causing the overall program to lack needed revenues. Mr. Mugavero remarked that it is the hope that the new pricing will drive youngsters into buying what is better for them.

Supporting the new pricing, trustee Richard Pfaender added that the additional revenue will be going back to support the program. Voting against the new pricing, trustee Jim Black said, "The students know what they want and what they don't want," and he added that by being driven to buy the combination lunches, there is a potential for wasting food.

The board approved the authorization of Edward Durell Stone Associates to update the technical survey completed last fall at a cost not to exceed \$8,000. Mr. Opdahl said that this survey update will bring the district in compliance with new state mandates for annual safety (structural) inspection of all buildings in the district. By continuing with the same firm, the district will pay only a percentage of the cost for an upgraded report.

It was pointed out that due to the time constraints placed on the firm last year, some subcontracting work was necessary. This led to the use of differing terminology in the report which the district would like to have cleared up in the new report.

The board accepted donations from the PTA units to be used for specific Arts and Education projects. This will enable the units to acquire cultural arts programs through BOCES at better cost.

The board also accepted dual retirements from the Middle School, effective December 23, 1992. They are Principal Gerald Klein and Asst. Principal Joseph Giambalvo. Mr. Klein has been principal for the past 12 years, and Mr. Giambalvo has served the school district for 38 years. A selection committee comprising parents, teachers, administrators, custodians, teacher aides, students and secretarial personnel has been formed, and final interviews for principal will be held during the second week of December.

Some discussion took place regarding a letter sent to the Board by the Hicksville Council of PTAs. Board President Helen Lafferty noted that the letter conveys that the Council members were unhappy with the redistricting plan. Questioning the ability of the plan to address disparity of class size, the Council writes, "We would like the district to consider alternative measures to achieve an equitable educational environment for all children."

Furthermore, the Council requested clarity on special area teachers in the reorganization, and informed the Board that Council will organize a special committee to study how children get to and from school, including buses, pedestrian crossings and travel distances.

Mrs. Lafferty, as well as several other board members, felt that the board should not seek to make any further adjustments to its redistricting plan in light of the fact that there is a pending petition to the State Education Commissioner on this very question. Supt. Mugavero said, "At some point we can address the issue," but added that no one wishes to "cause more rupture in the community."

With regard to the issue of full time special area teachers, trustee Dave Staton said he believed this was "never stated as something we can realize." Asst. Supt. Durso added that the question is "what can you afford to do."

Trustee Pfaender stated that he believes "What we did will be upheld." Mrs. Lafferty assured the Council, "This matter is still alive and viable and will be addressed."

On December 9, the Board will hold its committee meetings beginning at 7:30 p.m., followed by a work meeting at 9:30. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16, at 8 p.m., in the High School Little Theater.

K of C Citation



Councilman Leonard B. Symons (second from right) presents a citation to Old Bethpage resident Ralph Plaisance (second from left), Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus' St. Plus Columell 10332 in Plainview, also on hand for the occasion (L-R) were Nassau County Executive Thomas S. Gulotta (left) and current Grand Night Jim Maune of Plainview.

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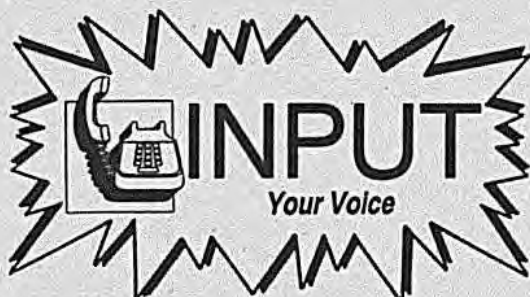


Friday, December 4, 1992



Songs My Mother Sang

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THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you think the Iran Contra scandal has been resolved and was it worth \$40 million to taxpayers for the probe?



THE EMPEROR AND HIS NEW CLOTHES GET ARRESTED ON OBSCENITY CHARGES...

Some Callers Favor Limiting Office Terms

Many callers, but not all, favor limiting terms of office on the Congressional and Senatorial level in answer to this question: "Do you favor a two term limit on Congressional and Senatorial seats?" Here are some of the answers:

NOT IN FAVOR

I cannot understand why anyone would want to partially disenfranchise himself by limiting the men that he can vote for. There is a problem, but this solution is throwing out the baby with the bathwater. The answer is changes and improvements in the whole system including strict ethics, finances and time limits on electioneering. 2. Changing the term in the House to three or four years. 3. Limiting members to a maximum age of 70 years. C.C.

MUST LIMIT

Yes. We must limit the terms in the House and the Senate. The reason is that after just two terms Congress people lose sight of their home district. They become the pawns of lobbyists and the voter gets nothing in return. J.F.

MAKES SENSE

This year we saw a number of long term Congressmen failing to run or defeated. The voters are fed up with the performance of many in the House. Two terms makes sense. It gives others the chance to bring in new ideas and it closes the club atmosphere in Washington where more time is spent on the amenities than in governing. P.L.

LONGER TERM

If we limit the terms I think we should consider making three year terms for the House. The Senate is long enough, but in Congress the election never ends. Just as one election ends the next one begins and there is more time spent on looking good for reelection than in solving the many problems before the nation. K.N.

LIMIT OF TWO

After the Congressional banking and post office scandals it is apparent that many in Congress are not working full time for their constituents. I think terms should be limited to a total of two terms. M.F.

MORE ABILITY

I am not sure that limiting the terms to two is the best solution for a poorly performing Congress. I think we ought to demand more from the nominees we are given to vote on by each party. Many who are selected are put forward as a reward for party service and ability not part of the selection. J.D.

SECURITY BUILDS UP

While I believe that many people think they want a faster turnover of Congress and Senate members I think many people do not understand that seniority builds up in committees and that there are many things learned in the committees. If there would be a constant turnover we would have beginners running the government and things would not run well. It is probably best to let things as they are. When some members do not perform they are replaced by the voters. We had this in the last election. K.D.

SOME LIMITS

I believe that the current terms and salaries for Senators and Congressmen are sufficient for a limited duration period. In the case of a Senator this is six years for the Senator with an income of roughly \$98 thousand and the Congressman three years with an income ranging from \$96 thousand to \$120 thousand per annum. In addition, there are a number of side benefits making the positions very attractive. In any case, the positions occupied by members of both Houses are also very attractive to lobbyists who have a great deal to benefit both to the seeker as well as the provider and eventually this can and often does add up to additional costs to the taxpayer. Not only that but the concessions sought and received are often self-perpetuating without challenge by constantly changing circumstances. Obviously, some representatives are more conscientious than others but, on balance, it would seem to me that a two term limit in both Houses would be desirable to attract highly qualified candidates for a limited period of time to provide substantial benefits to the taxpayer without long-term damage to the system. P.G.S.

PAST ISSUE: MADONNA'S SUCCESS

The success of Madonna and her popular book is a reflection of the decline in Western civilization. The deterioration of American Society contributes to her fame and to that of other media celebrities. If art is a representation of life we are now moving in the dark ages. What is needed is a new renaissance. It is hoped that the renaissance will return and that the dark ages will once again be a part of the past. When the quality of life and our culture improves then there will be art created that will be worth remembering. C.P.

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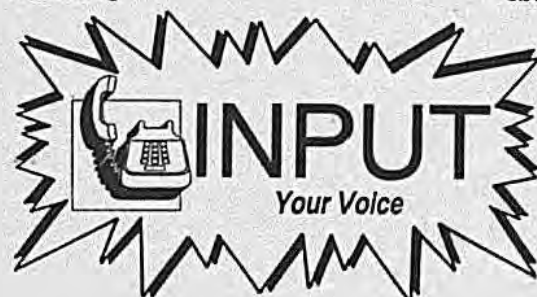
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Songs My Mother Sang

By Dorothy Rettberg Brown

My dad worked for a music publishers in New York City and many nights, he brought home music for my mother to sing. Many were autographed by the composers.

We, kids, would listen to my mother singing her songs such as "Maytime", "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life", "The Rosary", etc. as my father accompanied her on the piano. As soon as dinner was finished and before dishes were done, Dad would sneak off to his piano followed shortly by Mom.

Usually in the middle of their recital, my father would play, "Pony Boy" and my brother, Arthur and I would run around the dining room table singing the words out loud. Chasing us and barking would be our dog, Spotty. My sister, Rita would be sitting in her high chair laughing and clapping her hands. When Arthur and I got too old for this ritual, it was Rita's turn to take over.

When I was about ten, my dad brought home a song called, "Boy of Mine". On the cover was the picture of a beautiful baby. I'd gaze longingly at it and wish we had a baby. One day my sister and I were playing "house" in my parent's bedroom and we discovered baby clothes in a drawer in my father's chifforobe. We ran downstairs and asked my mother if we were going to have a baby. When she said "yes", were all so happy. Every night my mother sang, "Boy of Mine" and we waited patiently for our baby's birth.

When Paul was born, we'd race home from school to gaze lovingly at our baby brother. One day we arrived home to find my mother cradling Paul in her arms and crying. She told us our baby had a hole in the base of his spine and the doctor said he could not survive. At that time, there was no cure for spina bifida. A few days later, we returned home to find that Paul had died and the doctor had made arrangements for his burial. My dad did not play the piano for quite some time nor did my mother sing. We missed their music. After awhile, my father brought home a special song for my mom and once again she started singing.

When I was about fifteen, my mother would sing a song I loved. It went as follows:

"A little boy and a little girl
In an ecstasy of bliss.
Said the little boy to the little girl
'Pray give me just one kiss.'
The girl drew back in great surprise,
'You're a stranger, sir', said she.
'But I will give you just one kiss
When the apples grow on a lilac tree.'

The boy was very sad at heart -
She was the only one.
The girl was quite remorseful
For the terrible wrong she had done.

So bright and early on the very next morn,
He was quite surprised to see.
His little sweetheart standing in the garden
Tying apples on a Lilac Tree."

When my mother sang this, I'd dream about my own special guy and I'd be tying apples on a lilac tree.

My mother was soloist for St. Ignatius Church in Hicksville for funerals and weddings. Her song for funerals was, "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me."

For weddings, she sang, "Ave Maria" or "Because". For wedding receptions, she sang, "I Love You Truly". I remember her singing that at my reception.

About The Author

Dorothy Rettberg Brown is a longtime resident of Hicksville. She has collected many historical items concerning Hicksville and Long Island history into books. This is her second contribution to Discovery.

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By Richard Nalley

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For lovers of red wine who'd also love to pay \$9 or less for a tasty bottle, this fall offers a wealth of options.

AFFORDABLE REDS PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED

Zinfandel: Franciscan 1990; Cline Cellars' 1990; Chateau Sonoma 1989; Preston 1989; Benziger 1989; Setter Home 1990.

American Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot: Columbia Crest 1989 Merlot; Columbia Crest 1989 Cabernet Sauvignon; Villa Mt. Eden 1988 Cabernet Sauvignon; Geyser Peak 1989 Merlot; Vichon 1989 Cabernet Sauvignon "Coastal Selection"; Bandiera 1989 Cabernet Sauvignon; M.G. Vallejo 1990 Cabernet Sauvignon; Robert Mondavi Woodbridge 1990 Cabernet Sauvignon; Garland Ranch 1990 Cabernet Sauvignon; Bel Arbors 1990 Merlot.

Also: Cline Cellars 1990 "Cotes D'Oakley."

Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon: Errazuriz 1989 Reserva; Los Vascos 1989; Callierra 1989; Miguel Torres 1989; Santa Rita 1988 Reserva.

French Wines: Georges Dubouef 1990 Beaujolais Villages; Prosper Maufoux 1991 Beaujolais-Villages; Michel Lynch 1988 Bordeaux; B&G (Barton & Guestier) "Fondation 1725" Bordeaux (red); Chapoutier 1988 Cotes du Ventoux.

Also: Antinori Santa Cristina 1990 (Tuscany); Rosemount 1990 Shiraz (Australia); Conde de Valdemar 1988 Rioja.

FULLER-BODIED WINES

Priced at \$6 and Under:

The best bet here is the Montevineyard 1990 "Classic" Cabernet Sauvignon (see Pick of the Week, below), but another good choice is the Chateau de Beas 1990 "Chateau Rouge," California. It's made from an innovative blend of Pinot Noir, Nebbiolo (the grape of Italy's Barolo) and Petite Sirah, and manages the neat trick of combining some of the Pinot's aromatic berry varietal character with Petite Sirah black pepper flavor.

A wine with a more classic flavor profile is the M.G. Vallejo 1991 Merlot, California, a straightforward, very tasty wine with a lively berry character. It is preferable to two more expensive (\$6 to \$8) Merlots also tasted recently, both of them well-made, but lacking some concentration and flavor excitement: the Corbett Canyon 1991 Merlot, California, and the Louis M. Martini 1989 Merlot, South Coast.

DINING GUIDE

CARVING WHITE MEAT

Hold turkey breast firmly on cutting surface with fork. Place knife parallel and as close to wing as possible. Make deep cut into breast, cutting toward ribs. This makes a base cut. Each breast cut will stop at this horizontal base cut.



1. Slice breast by carving downward, ending at base cut. Keep slices thin and even.

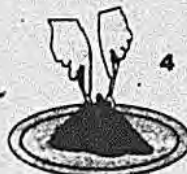
CARVING DARK MEAT

Remove drumstick and thigh by pulling leg away from body. Joint connecting leg to backbone will often snap free or may be severed easily with knife point. Cut dark meat from body by following contour carefully with knife.



2. Place drumstick and thigh on cutting surface and cut through connecting joint.

3. Tilt drumstick to convenient angle, slice down toward cutting surface.



4. hold thigh firmly on cutting surface with fork. Cut slices evenly and parallel to bone.

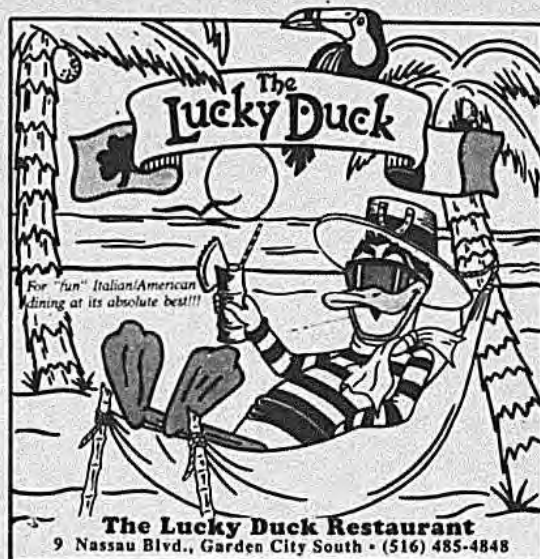
KITCHEN HINTS

Hamburger bun substitute.

1. Keep a bread wrapper in the freezer.
2. Add pairs of bread heels as you finish a loaf of bread.
3. When you have enough for your family, it's time to make hamburgers.
4. For small appetites, cut a circle in each heel with a 3-inch biscuit cutter. Save edges for bread crumbs.



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Vegetarian View

By Margaret Wing-Peterson

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Build mealtime variety on a foundation of flavorful but grease-free basics like vinegar and aromatic, low-salt seasonings such as herbs, onions and garlic. Make dressings and sauces creamy-smooth with cornstarch and water, not oil, egg yolks or mayonnaise.

Experiment with the following ideas to expand your repertoire of heart-wise alternatives.

BASIC VINAIGRETTE
½ cup unseasoned rice vinegar
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A. The best way to eat French fries is to cut them with the side of a fork into bite-size pieces. You are right - food should never be eaten while dangled in the air.

Q. Recently my fiance and I ate in an expensive restaurant. The food was excellent and so was the service. However, our table was located quite near the door and we felt a terrible draft anytime someone entered or left the premises. We were both extremely annoyed and will certainly never return to that particular restaurant. What is your opinion?

A. You should have told the maitre d' politely but firmly about the problem. He would certainly have shown you to another table if one was available. Even at this late date, you should consider sending a letter to the restaurant owner. I'm sure he wants to please his customers and will take your complaint very seriously. It would make good business sense for him to eliminate the draft!



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- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Freshly ground black pepper and salt

Yields about 1/4 cup.
Per scant 2 tablespoons: 32 calories, 2 grams fat, 88 percent fat, no cholesterol, 31 milligrams sodium.
In small bowl, whisk vinegar, mustard and shallots. Add oil; whisk until blended. Serve immediately; mixture can be refrigerated for up to two weeks.

From "Light and Healthy Cookbook" (Lane Publishing).

ITALIAN DRESSING

- 1 cup cold water
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder or minced garlic
- Freshly ground black pepper and salt to taste
- 1 teaspoon dry basil
- 1 teaspoon dry oregano leaves
- 2 tablespoons finely minced red or green bell pepper
- 2 teaspoons oil (preferably canola or olive)

Yields about 1 cup.
Per tablespoon: 8 calories, trace fat, no cholesterol, 9 milligrams sodium.

In small pan, stir together water, vinegar and cornstarch until cornstarch is dissolved. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook, stirring, until slightly thickened, about 1 minute.

Pour into small bowl or cup; refrigerate until cold. Add mustard, garlic, pepper, salt, basil, oregano, bell pepper and oil; whisk until well-blended. Cover and refrigerate for up to one week.

Use as a salad dressing or as a marinade for vegetables and grilled seafood.

From "Light and Healthy Cookbook" (Lane Publishing, 1990.)

MEDIUM WHITE SAUCE

- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 cups non-fat milk
- Freshly ground black pepper, garlic powder and salt to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme (optional)

Yields 2 cups.
Per 1/2 cup (no salt added): 60 calories, trace fat, 3 milligrams cholesterol, 65 milligrams sodium.

In medium-size saucepan, whisk together cornstarch and a small amount of milk until smooth. Gradually whisk in remainder of milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Cook 1 to 2 minutes more, stirring constantly. Season with pepper, garlic powder, salt and thyme.

For variation, add chives, finely chopped onions, tarragon or curry powder.

Note: Instead of 2 cups non-fat milk, 1 cup de-fatted, low-salt chicken broth plus 1 cup non-fat milk can be used.

For cheese sauce, add 1/2 to 3/4 cup (2 to 3 ounces) grated low-fat cheese to hot cooked sauce; stir until melted and smooth.

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Desiree Vivera

December comes and you invariably find yourself shopping, entertaining, getting together with friends you haven't seen in months, making gifts, decorating the house — in addition to everything else you do.

Fun — but it can be exhausting. Your microwave can help to ease the holiday strain by allowing you to prepare dishes and even whole meals ahead of time, when you have the time. Many need only brief reheating just before serving, so you can be ready to eat with minimal last-minute fuss.

Breakfast is easy to plan ahead. If you're having company over in the morning, simply do most of the preparation the night before. Get the coffee set up and ready to go, mix and refrigerate a pitcher of juice, chill a fruit compote or fruit cups, and microwave your favorite muffins or coffee cake.

If you're serving an omelet filled with bacon, go ahead and microwave the bacon the night before, drain on paper towels, and crumble. Refrigerate and it'll be ready when you need it in the morning.

Or try Breakfast Cheese Cups, rich egg and cheese ramekins flavored with mushrooms and basil that you can prepare the night before and simply microwave right at serving time.

Many side dishes are easy to prepare ahead for last-minute warming in your microwave.

For company-delicious and truly easy mashed potatoes to feed five or six, just follow these instructions: Combine 2 cups water, 1/4 cup butter or margarine, 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper in a 1 1/2-quart microwave-safe casserole. Microwave 4 to 6 minutes, or until mixture boils. Stir in 1 cup half-and-half, then blend in 2 1/2 cups mashed potato flakes.

Add 1 lightly beaten egg and half of a (3-ounce) can of french-fried onions. Spread mixture evenly in casserole, cover tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate up to 4 hours. To serve, microwave, covered, at HIGH (100 percent power) setting 5 to 7 minutes, or until heated through.

Sprinkle with remaining french-fried onions and dust with paprika. Microwave again 1 or 2 minutes at HIGH setting; serve immediately.

Double recipes so that you'll have planned leftovers — ready to simply heat and eat after a busy day at the mall.

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

BREAKFAST CHEESE CUPS

1/2 cup chopped green onion
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
1 (4-ounce) can mushroom stems and pieces, drained
1/4 teaspoon dried basil
5 slices lightly buttered bread
1 cup shredded mild Cheddar or Jack cheese

4 large or 5 small eggs, beaten
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons Parmesan or Romano cheese
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Yields: 4 servings.
Preparation time: 10 to 15 minutes.

Cooking time: 9 to 14 minutes (plus 3 minutes standing time).

Oven setting: HIGH (100 percent power); MEDIUM-HIGH (70 percent power).

Combine onion and butter in small microwave-safe bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave at HIGH setting 1 to 2 minutes, or until onions are tender. Add mushrooms and basil; set aside.

Cut bread into 1/4-inch cubes; arrange half of them evenly in bottoms of 4 large (10-ounce) glass custard cups or ramekins. Top bread cubes with mushroom mixture. Sprinkle evenly with Cheddar or Jack cheese, then top with remaining bread cubes.

In small mixing bowl beat together all remaining ingredients. Pour evenly over each prepared bread cube and cheese mixture. Dust lightly with additional paprika, if desired. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

At serving time, remove plastic wrap. Cover each individual dish loosely with wax paper, arrange dishes in a circle in oven, and microwave at MEDIUM-HIGH setting 8 to 12 minutes, rotating dishes 1/4 turn every 4 minutes (if necessary). Let stand on heat-proof surface 3 minutes before serving.

GLAZED HAM SLICES

A L'ORANGE

6 (about 1/4 inch-thick) serving-size slices fully cooked ham
1/2 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/4 cup light brown sugar, packed
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
1 whole orange, thinly sliced and seeded
12 whole cloves

Yields: 6 servings.
Preparation time: 10 minutes.
Cooking time: 10 to 15 minutes (plus 3 minutes standing time).

Oven setting: HIGH (100 percent power).

Arrange ham slices in shallow 1 1/2-quart microwave-safe baking dish, overlapping as necessary.

In small mixing bowl combine orange juice and cornstarch, blending until smooth. Blend in brown sugar, ginger and mustard. Drizzle mixture over ham slices, then top with orange slices. Insert cloves through orange slices into ham.

Cover dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate up to 6 hours.

At serving time, microwave 10 to 15 minutes, or until heated through. Let stand, covered, 3 minutes before serving.

FOR TEENS

By Willard Abraham, Ph.D.

Dr. Abraham: I wonder whether there is something wrong with me or with this fellow I really like. I'm no little kid (will soon be 18), so I feel I'm ready for a serious relationship.

He is my target, and for good reasons, too. We're just plain suited for each other in our likes (long walks, movies, foods, habits of no drinking, smoking or drugs, and others). We both enjoy slow dancing, soft music, being close, doing well in school, and having professional goals (his is medicine, mine law).

The problem is that I want him, but he doesn't seem to know what he wants.

So we don't break up, but we don't "settle into" the kind of relationship in which I think we could both be comfortable. — Betsy.

Betsy: There is probably nothing wrong except that your time clocks are on different schedules. You're apparently "ready," but he isn't, and that's not an unusual state of affairs.

There are no firm rules about whether or which one will lag behind and when (or whether) their time clocks will get in step.

Two key words seem to enter the picture: "Enjoyment" of each other's company, and hoping it will continue; "patience," but hoping that it won't be an endless burden.

Your present situation sounds pretty good, Betsy, possibly providing a firm foundation for the future. Good luck with it.

Dr. Abraham: My parents watch as much and whatever television they want to, but when it comes to me, that's a different story. They set up some strict, and sometimes dumb, rules.

Included are ones like these: homework done and to satisfy them; only one hour a night, regardless of what's on; only programs that they OK; nothing after 10 p.m.

Even though I'm only 14 years old, I'm mature and know what is good for me. My school grades are excellent, I don't fool around, and I resent their bossing me around. Since I'm the only kid in the family, I get it all.

I'm tired of always being told what to do. — Aggie.

Aggie: Although parents sometimes seem to come on too strong, it may be because they see what may happen to other kids when theirs aren't around or aren't interested in them.

Through your grades, choice of friends and

healthy activities you can show yours that you not only can be trusted, but you deserve the chance to talk over, and perhaps even make some compromises on, specific programs and hours.

You might even think about encouraging them to watch some with you, hopefully ones that you and they can enjoy.

I've recently talked to some parents and teens who together watched the fantastic series called "The Civil War" on public television last September. Although it's rare that ones so wonderful are offered, there are others if carefully selected that might satisfy your parents and you — and also get the conversational juices flowing among the three of you.

It isn't easy for teens and their parents to see some situations and decisions through each other's eyes, but it is certainly worth trying.

Dr. Abraham: My girlfriend and I were talking about what we'd like in a boyfriend, and we ended up listing stuff like good looks, fun to be with, nice family (maybe rich, too), sweet, sensitive, good lover (of course!), tall, dark-complexioned, good teeth and smile, and on and on.

Then we started to talk about the boyfriends we had and now have, and realized that they didn't score high on all that we'd written down. It made us laugh when we realized that we liked them for "the whole boy," including some things about them that we had a hard time describing, maybe like being comfortable with them or something about how they looked at us, talked to us or listened to us.

I wonder how other girl teens feel about "perfect boy" lists of characteristics, and whether they'd agree with our hard-to-describe bottom line. — Gerrie.

Gerrie: Those are interesting ideas you and your friend played around with.

Maybe one problem is that there's no such individual as a perfect person, although perfection may be in the eye of the beholder.

If some of you female, as well as male, teens send me your list of characteristics of the perfect boyfriend or girlfriend, I'll include as many as I can in a future column. Please also include your answer to this question: Does the list you send in describe your own best companion, or is it just some pie-in-the-sky dream of yours?

Cooking Corner



Fired up for for the holidays

By Charles Britton

About this time of year, the heady perfume of spices hangs heavy around the old Robinson School in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

"I drive them crazy with this aroma," Patti Garrity said about her neighbors around the former cafeteria kitchen.

She lifted a massive lid to reveal the source of the seductive smell: perhaps three dozen plum puddings, steaming away in what looked to be a galvanized metal laundry sink. These were part of the 7,000 or so that she makes during pudding season from September to December.

A few of the puddings get no farther than the offices next door, for Garrity often gives a taste to those who share the building. But most of them will end up on holiday tables all over the country.

A large batch of them goes to the Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite National Park for the Bracebridge yuletide dinners — an attraction so anticipated that reservations are assigned by lottery every January for the following December.

Plum puddings were hardly a part of the Garrity-Christmas tradition — not at first.

"I read about them in Dickens as a child, and I always wondered what they were," she said. "One year I came across a recipe, and I made one. And it was the worst thing I ever tasted."

The truth, as Garrity discovered, is that plum pudding can be pretty awful. Some recipes call for the bitter addition of stout, and the flavor of the finished product can have a horrid resemblance to cough syrup. But, she felt, there must be some reason for eating them.

The next year she found another recipe and tried again. The result was the same. But Garrity was nothing if not persistent, a trait that stood her in good stead when she went into business.

"I kept trying for seven years," she said, "and on the eighth year — jackpot."

This recipe was a success. Garrity will say only that she found it in a well-known source and that she has since modified it into her commercial formula, which remains secret.

As dreadful as many plum puddings can be, good examples can delight — similar in many ways to mince-pie filling or a fine fruitcake. Even to people who have never before tasted the dish, it says "Christmas" like little else.

Garrity's discovery of a tasty plum pudding came some 15 years

ago, and at first she scarcely suspected that it would turn into a business that has her tending restaurant-size steamers more than three months out of every year. She started out making plum puddings for friends on her holiday gift list.

Garrity can start the plum pudding season in September because the dish not only keeps well, it positively needs time to age.

"My plum pudding will keep indefinitely," she said. "I think they're best after being stored at room temperature for several weeks."

"After Christmas, they should be kept in the fridge. Every year I hear about people finding one in the back of the refrigerator, where it has been for years. And it's still good."

Culinary lore tells of cooks who traditionally make plum puddings only every other year, even once in five years, carrying over a batch from one Christmas to the next.

Two factors contribute to the self-preserving qualities of the plum pudding: First of all, the dish is steamed far longer than the novice thinks probable, four hours or so for a typical size, all day long for a really big example. Then the recipe calls for suet, beef fat, preferably from around the kidney, perhaps the most characteristic ingredient of British cookery.

Suet is noted for keeping extremely well. The long steaming, Garrity says, causes the gluten in the flour to combine with the suet in a way that keeps longer still.

Puddings once were wrapped in clean dish towels and simply dropped into boiling water. Nowadays, the mixture goes into a mold of some kind — the traditional British "pudding basin" looks like a glazed version of a flower pot — and then either steamed above boiling water or half immersed in the water, like a custard.

Once cool, the pudding can be wrapped in brandy- or rum-soaked cheesecloth, the alcohol adding another measure of preservative effect. Then the dish can be doused with more brandy or rum while awaiting the big day. The pudding traditionally has brandy or rum poured over it and is set alight.

The traditional accompaniment is hard sauce, butter beaten with powdered sugar and, again, more brandy or rum.

Where are the plums in plum pudding? They're there in the

form of dried and candied fruit. Originally, plums in this sense referred to dried plums — what today we call prunes.

By the 17th century, the word "plum" had been extended to cover dried and candied fruit in general, the latter often being called "sugarplums."

Up until the introduction of canning in the 19th century, drying and candying were among the few methods by which fruit could be preserved so that it could be enjoyed later. Hence the prevalence of such ingredients in older recipes.

Although Garrity's plum pudding formula remains a trade secret, we have another recipe that produces a result we can vouch for. Make it soon, and it will be ready to provide the grand finale for your Christmas dinner. This recipe is attributed to a cook for George V of England.

The recipe seems somewhat darker in taste than Garrity's, but it has been a success when served at the end of a holiday dinner. It appeared in a 1976 book by Craig Claiborne, former food editor of *The New York Times*, credited to Mrs. Sam Emison of Houston.

Perhaps the hardest aspect of this recipe is figuring out how to cook it. The formula makes about 18 cups of batter, enough for three 6-cup molds.

You can find British "pudding basins" at some specialty stores, but you can press almost anything into service: Hemispherical mixing bowls do very well. You can also use gelatin molds or even tube cake pans. The only proviso is that the mold should be tall in relation to its width, not flat like a cake tin.

The recipe can also be cut in half, but seeing how well plum puddings keep, you may as well make plenty as long as you're at it.

For steaming the pudding, a large turkey roaster works well. Place a rack on the bottom; the molds should not rest on the floor of the pan. You can steam the pudding in batches if you have to. The recipes call for the puddings to be steamed eight hours. Unless you use a very large mold — say, 10 cups or so — this seems unreasonable. I steamed 6-cup molds for six hours and called it a day.

The puddings need little attention during steaming, but you have to monitor the progress to replenish the water, as necessary. The pan should never come near boiling dry.

GEORGE V PLUM PUDDING

- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon ground allspice
- 4 teaspoons ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon grated nutmeg
- ½ pound (2 cups) flour
- 1 pound raisins (seedless)
- 4 ounces mixed candied fruit, cut up (see note)
- 1 pound currants
- 1 pound golden raisins (sultanas)
- 6 ounces sliced, blanched almonds
- 1 pound dry bread crumbs, preferably freshly made
- 1 pound ground suet (see note)
- 1 pound brown sugar

1 pound tart apples, cored and finely cubed (about 1½ pounds whole)

Grated zest of 1 lemon

¼ cup dark rum (or bourbon, although it's not traditional)

6 to 8 eggs (1½ cups), well beaten

Rum, brandy or bourbon for flaming

Hard Sauce (recipe follows)

Yields 10 to 12 servings.

In mixing bowl, combine salt, baking powder, allspice, ginger, nutmeg and flour. Sift 7 times, or until spices are evenly distributed. Drop raisins into flour mixture. Mix and toss until all raisins are coated. Add candied fruit, again mix and toss until all fruit is coated.

In large bowl or soup kettle of about 4-gallon capacity, place currants, sultanas, almonds, bread crumbs, suet, brown sugar, cubed apples, lemon zest and flour mixture. Using your hands, mix thoroughly, reaching all the way to bottom. Add rum and again mix thoroughly; let stand for several hours or overnight.

When ready to cook puddings, mix in eggs, stirring to bottom to assure an even distribution. Butter molds you are going to use and fill with batter. It doesn't really matter that one isn't full all the way, but most molds should be rounded a bit over top because mixture will shrink as it cooks.

Cover each mold tightly with a double layer of foil. Tie foil into place with a length of string around rim of mold. Place each mold on a rack or trivet in the implement you have chosen for steaming. Add an inch or two of water. Start cooking with high heat, lowering it to a gentle simmer as the steam begins to escape. Steam, covered, 6 to 8 hours, depending on the size of the molds, replenishing water as needed. After steaming, set aside at room temperature for several hours. Remove from molds.

If liked, you can wrap puddings in rinsed cheesecloth that has been thoroughly moistened in brandy. Wrap well in foil. Although puddings should keep at room temperature, you can refrigerate them. For longer storage, freeze.

To serve, steam each pudding again for about 2 hours. Turn onto serving plate, decorate with holly, if available. Pour over about 4 tablespoonsful of rum, brandy or bourbon. (High-proof liquor works best for this.) Standing well back, set alight and present to guests.

Note on candied fruit: Many people who profess to dislike fruitcake actually can't stand citron, a citrus peel included in prepared fruit mixtures. You can make your own mixture by combining chopped candied cherries, pineapple and orange peel in roughly equal quantities.

Note on suet: Suet may be available on meat counters at this time of year. Otherwise, you can ask the butcher for it.



Garden Talk

By C.Z. Guest

Nearly 2,000 years ago, the Chinese, who believed chrysanthemums had the final power of life, made the plants a part of their everyday culture.

Boiled roots relieved headaches, sprouts and petals made salads, and brewed leaves became a drink for gala celebrations. The city of Chu-Hsien (Chrysanthemum City) was named after the plant.

Discovered in Japan around in the eighth century, the plant was adopted wholeheartedly by the Japanese. The chrysanthemum became the crest and official seal of the emperor, and prominent families today still use some type of mum on their seals. The country also celebrates National Mum Day — the Festival of Happiness.

In 1753, the Swedish botanist Linnaeus illustrated and named a small, yellow, daisylike flower, "chrysos," meaning gold, and "antheon," meaning flower. Forty-five years later, a U.S. scientist imported "dark purple," the first mum to arrive in America.

Ancient growers probably wouldn't recognize today's mums, with more than 50 different flower types, because hybridizers in England, France, Japan and the United States have developed a phenomenal number of shapes, colors and sizes that have increased the popularity of the mum — and cleared the way for a blooming future.

Today, chrysanthemums are hardy plants that flourish profusely in gardens all over the United States as well as inside and out-

side the house.

Normally classified by plant shape — upright or cascade — chrysanthemums are easily divided by flower form. Many people concentrate on the "anemone" and "daisy" cascade varieties, since they provide the abundant flowering that's necessary for fabulous arrangements.

Each petal of a plant is actually a whole flower, complete with stamen, pistil and seed. Think of it, the cascading varieties grown in 7-gallon pots produce more than 1,000 blooms, producing more than 1,000 times that number of flowers!

Although there are more than a dozen types of chrysanthemums, the most popular are listed below.

- Pompons have profuse clusters and blossoms. The disk of each flower is yellow, or at least distinct from the surrounding petals. Flowers average 1 to 2 inches in diameter. Plants are compact, ranging from 15 to 24 inches tall.

- Spoon mums have spoon-shaped petals with flowers ranging from 3 to 5 inches in diameter. Plants usually grow 18 to 24 inches tall.

- Decorative mums produce larger plants with flowers measuring 2 to 4 inches across and nearly 3 feet tall.

- Single-flowered mums have daisylike blossoms with a single row of petals surrounding a prominent center. Petals are long and slender; flowers are approximately 2 to 3 inches in diameter.

GARDEN TIPS

Chrysanthemum's the word

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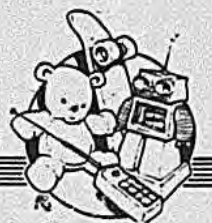
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Our Children

By Willard Abraham, Ph.D.



Preschoolers shouldn't be subjected to smoking

Q. Our 3-year-old daughter is enrolled in a fine preschool — excellent program, skilled teachers and clean, well-kept, safe facilities. But one thing does bother me, and I'd like to ask you whether I'm wrong to worry about it.

The teachers take breaks at different times and go to a special room near where the children are. Some of them smoke, either with the door open or closed.

Is this a problem? I tend to think that it is.

A. I do, too. I really don't think there should be any smoking on the premises, with or without closed doors.

You might try to get a few of the other parents to go with you to the preschool director, requesting that a strict "no smoking" rule be set up.

If the practice continues, think about finding another preschool for your little girl, one that has the quality personnel, program and facilities possessed by this one — plus a smoking ban. They are available, but it will take some visits to check them out.

Q. Our little kids want a pet so much for Christmas, but my husband and I don't think it is a good idea. They want a big dog like two of their friends have.

We both work and don't have time to take care of it, but I promised them that we would get them one when they can take care of it themselves.

We told them that for now maybe a smaller pet, like a bird or goldfish, might be better. They are thinking that over, but not very enthusiastically. I hope they will forget about their real desire or remember the presents they received for Christmas and love so much. We often remind them of those gifts that we often use with them and which they enjoy a great deal.

Does our approach make sense to you?

A. Yes, because I agree with you that too often the responsibility for pets lies directly on parents

when the children are young.

Many who give in to pressure from little children have frequently been sorry that they did. Not all of them, of course, especially those parents who develop a strong attachment to the pet and are willing and able to carry the burden.

Distractions often work quite well with young children, but it's important to realize that their time frame is different from time factors for adults. For example, for them an hour may feel like a day, a day like a week, and so on.

And, not so incidentally, try to remember that promises are meant to be kept.

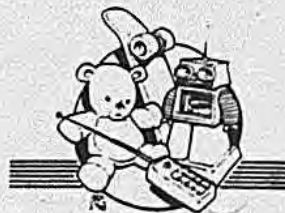
Q. I am writing related to a letter you received about a couple whose daughter was tickled excessively by a family friend.

When I was young, my brother and I went to a friend's house to visit where his father would hold us down and tickle us silly. And as soon as he let us go we would provoke him to do it again, returning the next day for more. To this day I admire the man and would not exchange those times for being elsewhere.

So please advise those people to seek their daughter's feelings about the subject before rejecting a man's love.

A. Your response is a good example of there sometimes being exceptions. The key word in your letter is "excessively" because when the tickling is excessive, it can lead to pain and resentment.

Fun and limited playfulness are one thing. "Too much" can usually be determined by a child's reactions. An adult's sensitivity level is also a guide to a proper adult-child relationship.



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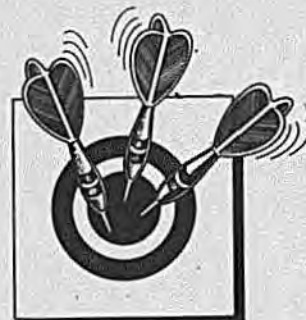
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Fitness Forum

By Judy Miller

Once a businesswoman who traveled 40 weeks a year, Carol Ross now needs help getting into a swimming pool.

A wrong move pulling luggage from the trunk of a car in 1986 resulted in nerve damage to her back. Ross walks with a cane, cannot put on her own shoes and needs help turning from her stomach to her back.

But, as she immerses herself in the 90-degree water, the pain lines around her eyes relax. In the water, her body regains its flexibility and her pain subsides.

"On land, I'm awkward and in pain; in the water, I look like a dancer," Ross says. "I can walk faster and better, and I fall only twice a day now, instead of five or six times."

The improvements are due to her hydrotherapy sessions with Australian native, Jennifer Burns, she says.

Burns, 29, is a licensed physical therapist and works part time as the out-patient physical therapist at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill.

In Australia, she obtained a bachelor's degree in physiotherapy, which entails a more detailed level of training than conventional physical therapy, she says.

"I was taught the physics of water," Burns says. "I take my on-land skills and adapt them to the water."

Hydrotherapy is not to be confused with water aerobics or other exercises performed in water, Burns says.

"Comparing hydrotherapy to 'aqua-therapy' is like comparing a structured therapeutic rehabilitation program to aerobics at the YMCA," she says.

Burns uses the properties of the water — warmth, buoyancy and weightlessness — with manipulation of the body, as well as specific exercises to help increase a patient's flexibility and range of motion.

The warmth and weightlessness contribute to a patient's relaxation. The heat helps relieve pain and muscle spasms, and the buoyancy provides a gravity-free environment so patients can build strength and gain mobility.

Hydrotherapy was refined in Bath, England, and pioneered in England and Australia. Though in use throughout Europe, hydrotherapy is a relative newcomer to health care in the United States.

Some doctors have been slow in warming to the idea of referring patients for hydrotherapy, but the physicians who have sent patients to Burns are convinced the treatment has merit.

For the most part, the doctors who have referred patients to Burns have done so after long-term conventional physical therapy failed to show results. However, physicians now say they are beginning to view hydrotherapy as a "first-line" treatment method.

Dr. Eugene Wenthe says the patients seem to get better faster.

Wenthe says he first got involved in hydrotherapy by sending patients who had seen little improvement after months of physical therapy, including heat packs, ultrasound and electrical stimulation.

"I have sent (Burns) some tough patients," Wenthe said, "but she's made progress with them."

Dr. Janet Albers says she has noticed a marked improvement in the patients she has referred to Burns.

"People get frustrated with conventional (therapy) when they don't see any results," she said. "This improves (patients') pain, flexibility and strength. This isn't for everyone, but it's wonderful when it works."

Dr. John Sutherland said his patients undergoing hydrotherapy have reported substantial gains over conventional physical therapy. Sutherland, a family practitioner with Southern Illinois School of Medicine, said he was impressed enough with the method that he had Burns give an educational session on hydrotherapy to the other family practice doctors at SIU.

In Springfield, Burns has approached the medical establishment, doctor by doctor, in an attempt to convince them of her method's merits.

She works with people who have all sorts of ailments, such as arthritis or osteoporosis, as well as muscular, skeletal or neurological pain. But her area of expertise is back and neck pain.

Many of the patients Burns sees also participate in conventional physical therapy, but many say they saw little change until they began hydrotherapy.

Hydrotherapy patients must be referred to Burns by a physician and receive a medical clearance because some people can't tolerate immersion in 90-degree water for an hour.

She allows a maximum of five patients in the pool at a time because she wants to work with each one individually.

"The days I have two (patients), I consider it a luxury," Burns says.

She sees some patients twice a week, others just once. Burns keeps notes on what therapies each patient received and sends monthly reports on her treatment and the patient's progress to the referring physician.

Burns is no taskmaster, but she does make her patients work in the water. To some she assigns exercises, such as goose-stepping through waist-deep water or performing a series of leg lifts by the side of the pool, while she employs manual traction to another.

Burns offers her patients encouragement in the water and patient support group meetings on land.

After Work Gourmet



Fruity desserts enliven mundane meals

By Sharon Achatz

Many an after-work chef is satisfied simply to get something filling that makes even a modicum of nutritional sense onto the dinner table. That often means falling back on old standbys — preparing the same meals again and again, as it's easier to make recipes with which the cook already is familiar.

Unfortunately, those time-honored timesavers often make for humdrum dining.

Even dinner-time ruts, however, can become delights with the addition of delicious desserts.

Since dessert is the last morsel that passes a person's lips at mealtime, it can leave lingering satisfaction even after an otherwise mundane meal.

It's never easier — or quicker — to make mouthwatering mouthfuls than in the summertime, with its staggering array of fresh and flavorful fruits.

Peach Melba is a summertime classic, with its combination of rosy peaches and bright red raspberry puree.

Peaches also pair well with blueberries in an easy Peach and Blueberry Topping — fruits lightly broiled with brown sugar and liqueur — that transforms store-bought vanilla ice cream into elegant eating.

The trickiest part of each of these recipes is removing the peel from ripe-and-juicy peaches. To simplify the process, just immerse the fruit into boiling water for about 10 seconds, then remove with a slotted spoon to a bowl filled with ice water prior to peeling.

For folks who prefer summer's cantaloupe and honeydew, there's oh-so-simple Citrusy Broiled Melon.

Summer Berry Bowl, however, is the simplest celebration of summer. It requires no cooking, and since it uses whole berries — which require no peeling — it's a real boon for hurry-up chefs.

PEACH MELBA

- 1 cup raspberries
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon water
- 3 peaches, peeled, pitted and halved
- 6 tablespoons low-fat vanilla yogurt

Yields 6 servings.

Preparation time: 10 minutes.

In blender, puree raspberries with lemon juice and water.

Place peach half in each of six individual dessert dishes. Put 1 tablespoon raspberry puree on each peach. Top each with 1 table-

spoon yogurt.

PEACH AND BLUEBERRY TOPPING

- 1½ cups fresh blueberries
- 1½ cups peaches, peeled and sliced
- 2 tablespoons orange-flavor liqueur
- ½ cup brown sugar, packed

Yields 8 servings.

Preparation time: 15 minutes.

Preheat broiler.

Place blueberries evenly in 1-quart oven-proof dish. Arrange peaches in even layer over berries. Sprinkle liqueur and brown sugar evenly over fruit.

Broil 3 to 4 inches away from heat source about 4 minutes, or until sugar is melted evenly. Remove from broiler and serve while still warm as topping over scoops of vanilla ice cream.

CITRUSY BROILED MELONS

- ¼ cup orange-flavor liqueur or orange juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
- ½ cantaloupe, cut into 2-inch chunks
- ½ honeydew, cut into 2-inch chunks
- 4 lemon slices, for garnish

Yields 4 servings.

Preparation time: 15 minutes.

Preheat broiler. In large bowl, combine orange-flavor liqueur, honey and lemon peel. Add melon and toss to coat. Broil 5 minutes until just tender and lightly browned, turning once during cooking.

To serve, spoon into individual dessert dishes and garnish with lemon slices.

SUMMER BERRY BOWL

- 2 tablespoons honey
- ¼ cup white grape juice
- ¼ cup apricot nectar
- 2 cups blueberries
- 2 cups raspberries
- 2 cups strawberries
- 1 cup blackberries

Yields 6 servings.

Preparation time: 5 minutes.

Whisk together honey, juice and nectar in small mixing bowl. Place all berries in large serving bowl. Pour honey-nectar mixture over all and toss carefully.

Spoon fruits into individual dessert dishes and serve.

QUICK TIP

To save on chopping and shopping time, substitute dried herbs for fresh. Just use one-third of the amount called for in the recipe.

Here's How

By Gene Gary



Q. I am in the process of restoring a rental property where the previous tenants did considerable damage to the house, including some sizable holes in the plaster walls.

I started to make repairs and I am very unhappy with the results. Where I patched the wall damage in one room, the plaster shrank upon drying and I have had a difficult time adding another coating to make a smooth, paintable surface.

Since I have considerable more work of this type to complete, do you have any suggestions on products or procedures to assure a better finished surface?

A. When repairing holes in a plaster wall, you need to take the

shrinkage factor into consideration when you first tackle the job. Doing the job in two stages should assure you of a satisfactory repair job.

First, wet the area to be worked on thoroughly. Proceed by applying the patching plaster, pressing it into the crevices firmly. However, do not fill the patching material to the top and do not smooth out the surface.

Now, let this dry completely before adding a second patching layer. As the plaster hardens, it will shrink some. But, by leaving the first patching layer in a rough state, you will have an adequate bonding surface for the final layer.

When you apply the second lay-

er be sure to fill the area a fraction of an inch above the level of the surrounding area. Smooth this out, feathering the patching material into the surrounding area. When this layer dries it should be even with the wall.

If you still have some excess patching, level it off with a light sanding. Remove any residue left by sanding, prior to sealing the surface with a coat of thin shellac or glue sizing. When this dries, you are ready to paint.

Q. I have inherited a lovely wrought-iron bench that I would like to use at the foot of the bed. It appears to have several coats of paint on it and is rusted in some areas. I would like to repaint it.

What could I use to remove the paint and what is the best kind of paint to use when repainting? Should there be some kind of base coat?

A. Use a commercial paint stripper to remove the previous paint coatings. There are numerous brands on the market that are non-toxic and easy to use. Your

paint dealer can make recommendations.

Be sure that you remove any rust or corroded spots with wire-brushing or with coarse sandpaper. Chemical rust removers are also available from paint and hardware stores. Paint will not adhere well when applied over rusted or corroded surfaces.

You can use a new one-step product, RUST RX, which works as both a rust converter and paint primer. It destroys the rust and, at the same time, seals the surface, preparing it for your final coat of paint.

Select a paint that is recommended for metal surfaces. Use either the RUST RX or another suitable metal primer. Rust-Oleum offers a complete line of paint products recommended for metals, including a special wrought-iron paint.

Decor Score

By Rose Bennett Gilbert



The easy life in a log cabin

Q. We are buying a large log cabin on the lake for summers now and retirement eventually. I'm having a hard time trying to decorate to meet both needs: durability now (we have three teenagers), and things we won't mind living with every day later.

What should I buy? What's appropriate? — E.W.

A. While you are planning your Great Escape into the arms of Mother Nature, don't lose sight of what civilization has to offer in terms of the easy life — little modern miracles like stain-repellant surfaces and man-made fibers work as well in the woods as in the most sophisticated city surroundings.

Spend your money where it counts: on well-made seating pieces that can be slipcovered ad infinitum, on sturdy tables, flexible lighting fixtures and quality floor coverings, all of which will be a joy to live with both now and then.

The log home we show here is rich with the kind of bold fabrics, rugged textures and long-lived furnishings that look very much at home in their natural wood-and-stone setting. (They represent one-stop shopping, too: Everything is from an Ethan Allen store.)

Q. We live in a high-rise downtown condo. We now are talking about new floor covering. We have wall-to-wall carpet everywhere except the dining room, entry hall and bathrooms, which are wood parquet tile.

I would like to go to a hard surface throughout. Can you give me your pros/cons and ideas on materials? — R.M.

A. Topping the list of choices in hard-surface flooring are wood, marble and other stones, and ceramic tiles. Your choice depends on several factors, including (1) individual taste — what effect are you after? (2) budget and (3) weight. Natural materials such as marble, stone and ceramic tiles are heavy (weighing as much as 6 pounds per square foot).

The pros/cons of the various materials?

• **Wood.** Always in good taste for any style decor. You'll be surprised, no doubt, at the designs and colors — yes, colors! — now available in wood floors, everything from chic bleached planking to wide, pegged-look boards, to soft and stenciled pastels.

• **Marble and stone.** Wildly popular in our neoclassical era, marble cracks and stains easily. Stone, such as granite, is very durable, scratch-resistant and stain-proof when properly treated. But it is also expensive and heavy.

• **Ceramic tile** is no lightweight, either, but it's highly versatile, style-wise, and easy to keep.



LODGE LOOK — Bold fabrics and rugged textures on the carpet, iron table base and wicker chair are at home in a Rocky Mountain log home.

The news in this category is porcelain tile, now available in splendid homey colors and in stylish large squares (as opposed to the small hexagonals that have endured for years on the world's bathroom floors).

Porcelain also comes in a variety of surface finishes, including polished, which will add real sparkle underfoot. Here, the beauty is not only in the eye of the beholder: Porcelain actually is harder than natural stone and refuses to scratch, fade or stain.



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BABYSITTER - SEEK QUALIFIED, Responsible woman with checkable reference to babysit for toddler in my home. Must be reliable & willing to work 10-20 hours per week, Mon.-Fri., 9-5, hours vary. Garden City area. call 437-0609. gcD3

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Situation Wanted

EXPERIENCED CERTIFIED WOMAN seeks position as a nurse's aide, HHA or companion. P/T, F/T, live in or out. Clover (718) 927-0029. gcD2

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Situation Wanted

MATURE WOMAN SEEKS Position as a nurse's aide, companion or homemaker. References available. Please call Hortense at 379-4677. gcD1

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LOVING & KIND, responsible person needs a job as a babysitter or companion to elderly. Good references, live in. (718) 826-1254. Call any time. Nicole Douglas. gcD2

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Real Estate for Sale

SOUTHOLD 2 BR COTTAGE, screened porch, heated, private road & beach. Lrg. lot. Asking \$105,000. Owner. 763-1547, 477-8681. **gcD1**

GARDEN CITY WESTERN expanded Ranch - 3 BR plus Master suite, 3 1/2 Bths., LR/Fpl., DR, Lrg. EIK, Den, finished basmt with entrance, 1 car garage, gas heat. Call owner Low \$300's. 328-2919. **gcD1**

SOUTHOLD WATERFRONT MAGNIFICENT 1.3 land-scaped acres. 250 feet waterfront w/dock, in-ground pool w/slide, 60 foot entertainment deck off DR & LR/Fpl. Large kitchen with brick wall barbecue & bay window dining area, laundry room, der., 4 BRS, 3 1/2 baths, finished lower level, Fpl., 4 zone heat, CAC & Central Vac., 2 car garage, sprinklers, much more. \$495,000 firm. By owner. 765-9296. **gcD2**

GARDEN CITY PRIME Estates Ranch. 4 BR, 3 full new baths, new country kitchen, fully alarmed, sprinklers. \$450K. No brokers. Days 746-3010. Eves & Weekends 741-5477. **gcJ4**

CUTCHOGUE/NASSAU POINT AREA Heated in-ground 20'x40' pool, 2 cabanas, jacuzzi, steam rm., sauna, finished basmt., 4 BR, 2 1/2 Bths. LR, EIK, 2 car garage, acre+ landscaped, deck, \$325K. call Bill Kavan 294-0220. **gcJ3**

SO. JAMESPORT 3 BR Ranch. 17x17 fin. den plus 15x15 fin. rm. in basmt., LR/wood burning stove, in-ground pool, walk to beach, marina close by. In-ground irrigation, landscaped 1/2 acre. \$180,000. 722-4784. **gcD3**

MINEOLA/E. WILLISTON Schools. Expanded cape for sale. Move in condition. 4 BRS, 2 Baths, carpeted, finished basement, detached garage, 50 x 100. Low taxes. \$229,990. Call owner 746-3141. **wd2**

G.C. PRIME ESTATES, CH. Dutch Colonial. 4 BRS, 2 new full Baths, completely renovated in and out. Charm and workmanship of a bygone era. A must see. Magnificent and spacious interior, boasts detailed parquet oak floors, large moldings and French doors throughout. Low Taxes. owner asks \$598 K, 741-7378. **gcD2**

Real Estate for Sale

WEXFORD, 3 ACRES land. Make me an offer. 775-6904. **gcD3**

COMPLETELY REFURBISHED HOME on one acre, pool, four car garage, FPL, many extras. Pine Ridge Area, Naples, Florida. Priced to sell (603) 778-9106, P.O. Box 954, Exeter, N.H. 03833. **gcD2**

PECONIC, MINT COUNTRY home on private lane features LR w/fpl, full DR, customized KIT, 3 BRS, 2 Baths, screened porch, landscaped for privacy. \$325,000. New Suffolk waterfront home steps from sandy beach. LR/Fpl., Cathedral ceiling, 3 BR, needs some finishing. Low taxes. \$149,000. Mattituck Waterfront Traditional home in private community, features LR w/cathedral ceiling, Fm. Rm., DR, master BR & Bth + 2 BR's & Bth, outbuildings, deep water dock. Designed for privacy. \$439,000. Lewis Realty Group. 298-4600, 734-5533, 765-5810. **gcD1**

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GARDEN CITY SOUTH - Builder's Split level home on 60x100, deadend, bordering golf course, extra large rooms. 3 BR's, 2 1/2 baths. \$375K. Schimkus Realty 485-1822. **gcD2**

GARDEN CITY JUST In - Fantastic Estates Contemp. 3 BRS, 2 1/2 baths, marble Fpl., lgr. LR & DR, modern EIK, Fm. Rm., over 1/4 acre. \$300's. Gracious Estates Colonial 5 BRS, 3 1/2 baths, Fm. Rm., 2 Fpls., CAC, 2 car, 1/2 acre. \$600's. Central Section Young Colonial. Shades of yesteryear, beamed ceilings, 4 BRS, 3 1/2 baths, modern EIK, with breakfast room, CAC, 2 car, 2/3 acre. \$800's. Vera Atamian 354-1994. **gcD1**

NORTHVILLE CONTEMP SHOWPLACE sedately set on wooded 1 acre pond-front plot with gorgeous permanent water view. This near new architecturally designed, well built home offers massive great room, hi-tech kitchen, 3 oversized BRS, den, 3 baths, outside hot tub, 2 stone Fpls., 5 appliances, CAC, central vac., 2 decks, double garage, skylights, in-ground pool. Many unique home building features. Asking \$599,000. Bookmiller Realty 722-4423. **gcD1**

Real Estate for Sale

GARDEN CITY BEAUTIFUL spacious home, 5 BRS, 3 baths, screened porch, finished rec. room, 80x100. Walk RR. Asking \$315K. By appointment. Principals only. 775-5974. **gcD4**

FLORIDA OCEAN FRONT Condo. Beautiful Vero Beach, many former Garden City residents, Sea Oaks Beach & Tennis Club, 16 Har-tru courts, top floor 3 story building. 1500 sq. ft., 2 BRS, 2 Bths, screened deck, underground parking, public golf courses nearby. \$225,000. Owner (407) 234-1597 or (516) 742-8450. **gcD1**

CUTCHOGUE 4 BR CAPE Cod. 2 baths, LR/Fpl., DR, new Kitchen. 2 car plus garage. Water view & beach rights, fin. basmt., OHW heat. M/D idea. \$189,000. Pat Gorman Real Estate, Box 196 RD2, 3375 Depot Lane, Cutchogue, N.Y. 734-6106. **gcD1**

EAST WILLISTON - MAGNIFICENT Colonial with old world charm, on almost 1/2 acre treed property. 3/4 BRS, 2 1/2 Baths, LR with marble fireplace, large EIK, banquet R, sunny den, finished basement, CAC, Low taxes. Move in condition. \$499 K. 294-8357. **wd2**

GARDEN CITY ESTATES section. Updated 4 BR Colonial, 3 baths, EIK, CAC \$415,000. Principals only. 747-2794. **gcD1**

GARDEN CITY ESTATES. Spacious Oxford Blvd. Colonial, 5 BRS, 4 1/2 baths, LR/Fpl., FDR, den, huge mod. EIK, full basmt., attached 2 car garage, 1/2 acre. Great value at \$795,000. Very flexible owner financing. 248-2450. **gcD1**

BOCA RATON, FLORIDA ocean front. One of Boca's finest buildings, 2 BR, 2 Bath, completely furnished apartment, 24 hour security, garage parking, heated pool. Priced to sell. Contact the Kents. (407) 391-4524. **gcD2**

GARDEN CITY MINT split, Hemlock Park area. 3/4 BRS, 2 baths, Cath. LR w/Fpl. DR, new EIK, Den, Fin. Basmt., 2 car, lge. landscaped lot. Low taxes/maintenance, move-in condition. \$354K. Owner 747-6386 (leave message.) **gcD2**

CUTCHOGUE WATER VIEW Of Peconic Bay. Designers charming 4 Bedrooms, 3 full Baths. Country Kitchen. Lg. Living and Dining area. Upper and Lower decks, landscaped grounds. Move right in. Meticulous. \$269,000. 724-8917 or 248-3770 after 6 p.m. **hd2**

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CATHEDRAL GARDENS - UNIQUE Georgian cottage. 3 BRS, 2 1/2 Baths, 70 x 125 corner property. \$229K. Owner. 538-2082. **gcD2**

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SOUTHOLD MINT CONDITION Custom Hi Ranch. 4 BRS, 3 Baths, EIK, LR/Fpl, large den & deck. Walk to beach and town. 2 1/2 Car Garage. \$250,000. Owner. 765-2703. **gcD2**

GARDEN CITY VICINITY / Cathedral Gardens - Stunning Tudor totally renovated, 4 BRS, 2 new Baths, new light oak EIK, FDR, huge Fam. Rm., LR/Fpl., all new Andersen windows, hardwood fls., gas HW heat, manicured property, 2 car garage. Owner relocated \$185,000. 481-3502. **gcD3**

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SOUTHOLD ATTRACTIVE Cape nestled on treed 1/2 acre in private community. 4 BRS plus loft, 2 1/2 baths, great room/Fpl. (Go to contract now, close June 1, 1993.) \$185,000. Orient. Beautiful Old Colonial circa 1840 completely updated with original details preserved. 3 BRS, 2 1/2 baths plus lovely guest house. Reduced to sell \$295,000. Southold. Picture Perfect 2 BR home with oak floors, full basmt. & OHW heat. Ideal starter &/or vacation. Steps to private bay beach. Reduced to \$139,000. Cutchogue. Step back in time in this Dutch Colonial farmhouse. Excellent family home plus wonderful old barn on shy acre. Original details preserved. Our exclusive \$159,000. Southold Creekfront Cape for the active family features dock, IGP, LR/Fpl., den/wood stove, 4 BRS, 2 baths & 2 car garage. Reduced \$264,500. Mattituck Waterfront with deep water dock. 3 BRS, 2 baths, Ranch with guest quarters on lower level situated on .8 acre on inlet to sound. To settle estate \$280,000. Marion King Realty 734-5657. **gcD1**

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GARDEN CITY, HAMILTON House, 101 Second Street, Unique 1 BR, Co-Op. New Kitchen, lots of extras. A steal at \$70,000. Seller Financing Available. (Days) (718) 641-4945, (eves.) (516) 741-8894. **gcD3**

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of this newspaper

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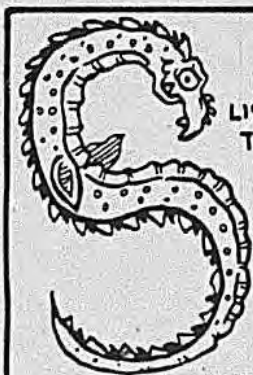


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By J.R. Rose -

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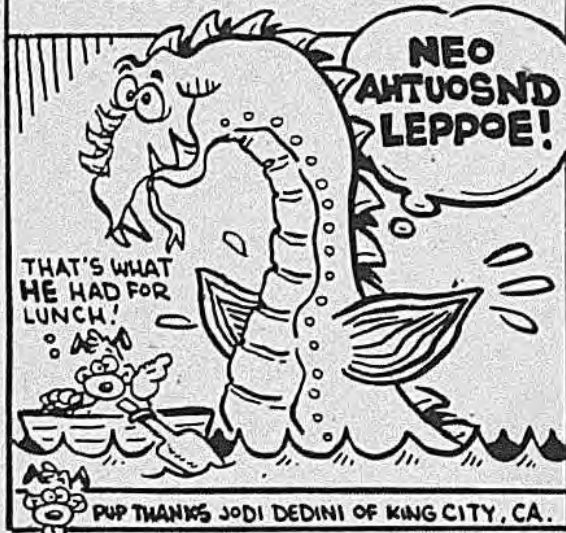


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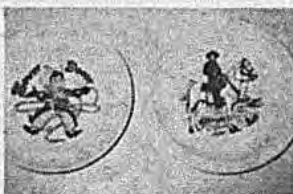
By James G. McCollam



Hang on to Howdy Doody and Hopalong Cassidy

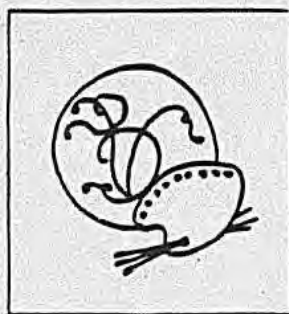
Q. I am enclosing a picture of two plates from childhood that may be of value. The Howdy Doody plate was made by Taylor, Smith & Taylor in East Liverpool, Ohio, and the Hopalong Cassidy plate was made by the W.S. George Co. in Kittanig, Pa.

I would appreciate any information you can give me.



A. As you know, these were made in the 1950s. Either one might sell in the \$35 to \$45 range.

Q. Can you provide some information about my porcelain pitcher. It is about 8 inches tall and 3 1/2 inches in diameter. It is cylindrical in shape and decorated with stylized fruit designs in cream-colored panels with dark-blue borders.



A. This pitcher was made by the Ceramic Art Co. in Trenton, N.J., between 1889 and 1906, when the company was renamed the Lenox Co.

This would probably sell for about \$125 to \$135.

Q. Since reading your column in our local newspaper, I have become aware of an item that has been in our family for a long time. It is a cookie jar.

It is in the shape of a young lady; the part from her waist up forms the lid. On the bottom it says, "Hand Painted — Pottery Guild of America."

Could you please tell me if this

has any value as an antique.

A. Your cookie jar was made by the Pottery Guild in New York between 1937 and 1946. It would probably sell for about \$65 to \$75 in good condition.

Q. I have some sterling-silver teaspoons engraved with the letters "K.G.," the initials of my great-grandfather's first wife; she died in the early 1870s. The silver-smith's mark is "J.H. Clark."

Can you tell me when and where these were made, and their value?

A. J.H. Clark is known to have worked between 1812 and 1815 in Portsmouth, N.H. These spoons might sell for about \$35 to \$45 each.



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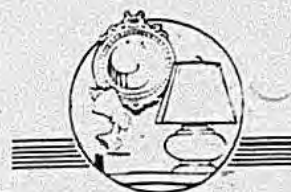
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Points on Pets

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

Q. Our 3-year-old Manchester terrier has been very sick. Her abdomen is very painful, and she has a white discharge from her vulva. She was bred several weeks ago. Is it likely that she has an infection of the reproductive system? If so, what is the best treatment?

A. Infections of the uterus in dogs are a fairly common occurrence. Occasionally, these infections progress to a serious condition called "pyometra." Pus accumulates in the uterus and the uterine wall becomes very inflamed.

This disease may be due to both hormonal imbalances and to abnormal bacteria in the uterus.

Most dogs with pyometra do not eat well and drink excessive amounts of water. Vomiting frequently follows drinking, and many of these dogs produce larger than usual amounts of urine. Diarrhea is often seen in dogs with pyometra.

Early in the development of pyometra, many dogs have fevers. As the disease progresses, the dog's temperature decreases and

eventually becomes lower than normal. The affected dog becomes increasingly weak and eventually is unable to stand.

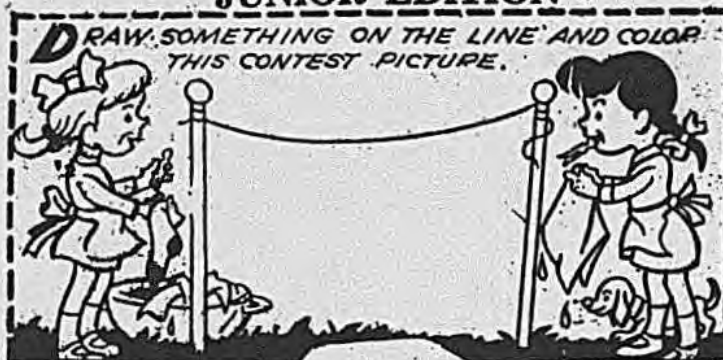
Dogs with pyometra usually have very sore, distended abdomens. Touching the abdomen or picking up the dog causes a great amount of pain. The discharge from the vulva has a sickly-sweet odor and may accumulate on the hair around the vulva and tail.

The diagnosis of pyometra is usually based on the history of the dog's behavior and signs, characteristic changes in the dog's white blood cell count and X-rays of the abdomen to detect the enlarged uterus.

Usually, the best treatment for pyometra is a complete spay, surgical removal of the entire genital tract, including the ovaries and uterus. If the dog is spayed prior to becoming toxic, the chance of recovery is very good.

Drugs to cause drainage of the uterus are often used in brood dogs with pyometra. However, many of these dogs have repeated bouts with pyometra.

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Holidays are great times for families to get together. Many people have relatives who live nearby and get to see each other often. But a growing number of people are finding their relatives are spread out across our country and live long distances from each other. We must rely on special occasions to see brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins.

In the next few weeks many of us will be planning special treats, fun activities and decorating our homes in the advent of being with friends and family at this festive time of the year. What special plans do you have this season? Are you expecting company or will you be the one visiting?

Your friend
Aunt Tilly

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Payee's representative must return savings

By William M. Acosta

Q. I no longer want to be the representative payee for a friend who no longer lives with me. What should I do with the money that has been saved? — M.H.

A. If you no longer wish to be payee, you must notify Social Security immediately. This is important because a new payee will have to be selected as soon as possible.

You must turn over to the Social Security Administration any benefits remaining after you are no longer responsible for the beneficiary, including interest and cash on hand. In some cases, we will ask you to turn over the funds to the beneficiary or to the new payee.

Q. Are there any occasions when health care providers who do not participate in Medicare are required by law to accept assignment of a Medicare claim? C.E.

A. All physicians and qualified laboratories must accept assignment for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests covered by Medicare. Physicians also must accept assignment for covered services provided to beneficiaries who are enrolled in the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program.

Medicare law also requires physicians who do not take assign-

ment for elective surgery to give you a written estimate; you are entitled to a refund of any amount you paid in excess of the Medicare-approved amount for the surgery.

Q. My son receives Supplemental Security Income. In the event of my death, I would like to set up a trust for my son so it won't affect his SSI check. Can you help me in setting up a trust? — L.C.

A. Social Security cannot tell you how to set up a trust, but your local Social Security office has a list of groups that can find you a lawyer or give you free legal services if you qualify.

A lawyer or financial adviser can help you find out more about trusts.

Q. I recently read that Social Security beneficiaries would be getting a 3 percent increase. Will we be notified by Social Security? — D.B.

A. Each January, your benefits will increase automatically if the cost of living has increased. In 1993, the increase will be 3 percent. We will notify you of your new benefit amount in January.

The World's Most Beautiful Grandchildren



This is Matthew Christopher Dunn, born December 19, 1991. He is our latest grandchild, our seventh. He is the delight of his mom and dad, Kevin and Tina Dunn of Williston Park, and his grandparents, Jack and Billie Dunn, also of Williston Park, and his grandmother Tina Lama of Levittown; also of his 5 aunts, 9 uncles, and 8 cousins. We're all nuts about him. Thanks again, God!

Mrs. Billie Dunn
Williston Park



HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Friday, December 4, 1992

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

By Patricia Dibsie

The minutes are ticking away and it's almost time to offer that perfect New Year's toast. Or perhaps it's New Year's Day and friends have dropped by with a bottle of chilled champagne to toast the first day of the year. The table is set with lavish foods, but first a few words.

Glasses are full and all eyes are on you. The toast is in your court. But then you knew that it might be and you had the forethought to find a few New Year's toasts.

The toast can be sentimental, cynical, lyric, comic, defiant, long or short, even a single word. The idea of clinking glasses is said to have begun to produce a bell-like noise to banish the devil (who was repelled by bells).

Another legendary explanation for glass-clinking is that all five senses should come into play to get the greatest pleasure from a drink. It is tasted, touched, seen, smelled and — with the clink — heard.

If you're long on pouring but short on words, here are some sobering and not-so-sobering thoughts on a proper New Year's toast:

May all your troubles during the coming year be as short as your New Year's resolutions. — Irish

On a more serious note:
*As we start the New Year,
Let's get down on our knees
To thank God we're on our feet.*
— Irish

Perhaps humor is more your style:

As you slide down the banister of life

May the splinters never face the wrong way. — Oliver Marble

Or a play on words:

May Dame Fortune ever smile on you;

But never her daughter — Miss Fortune. — James Monroe McLean

Once glasses are clinked, thoughts turn to food. And good food is as much a part of the New Year celebration as good drink.

The effervescence in champagne gets the palate ready for most any food. It's a lighter wine so it doesn't compete with food flavors. In fact, with good food, even the best champagnes are made better.

Some of our favorite food and champagne combinations include crab cakes, pasta dishes, smoked pork chops and even cheeseburgers teamed with blanc de noir and brut champagne or sparkling burgundy.

If you're having friends and family over for a special dinner New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, you might want to try a family favorite:

OSSO BUCO WITH CHAMPAGNE

6 thick, meaty veal shanks,
trimmed of fat
Salt and pepper
Flour for dredging

6 tablespoons good Italian olive oil

1 onion, finely chopped

1½ cups finely chopped carrots

6 cloves garlic, minced

1 (28-ounce) can Italian tomatoes with juice

4 tablespoons tomato paste

½ cup chicken stock

1 cup blanc de noir

6 tablespoons parsley, chopped very fine

Yields 4 to 6 servings.

Salt and pepper veal shanks and dredge in flour. Put olive oil in heavy, deep pan, such as Dutch oven or deep skillet and heat. Brown veal chops well on both sides. Remove from pan and set aside.

Saute onions and carrots in same pan until onions are translucent and carrots are soft. Place veal shanks in pan on top of vegetables and add garlic, tomatoes, tomato paste, chicken stock and champagne. Mix as well as you can.

Cover pan and reduce heat. Simmer for about 2 hours until veal shanks are very tender.

Remove veal shanks, cover and keep warm. Reduce liquid in pan until slightly thick. Place shanks on warm platter, pour sauce around and sprinkle generously with chopped parsley.

Serve with *cuvée rouge* champagne if desired.

Whether it's a four-course dinner, buffet or breakfast, there's a food waiting to be paired with champagne, according to the food mavens at Korbel Champagne. Many people associate champagne with caviar but food choices are numerous.

You can make it as easy or as complicated as your budget and gourmet cooking talents allow.

Caviar, pate, smoked meats, goat and brie cheeses and smoked salmon make people feel special, even though it's obvious you didn't cook them from scratch. Beer and chips just don't say party.

For a brunch or half-time snack while watching football games New Year's Day, try this easy-to-make dish.

HAM AND CHEESE BRUNCH STRATA

1 tablespoon butter or margarine
12 to 14 thin slices of white bread
12 ounces thinly sliced mozzarella cheese
8 ounces boiled or baked ham, chopped
1 cup cooked broccoli, finely
5 minutes more.

Turn popcorn mixture onto large piece of foil. Cool completely. Break popcorn mixture into small pieces. Stir in candy-coated chocolate pieces and nuts. Store in tightly covered container.

For the person who likes savory flavors instead of sweet, this marinated cheese is a welcome change from holiday traditions such as fudge or cookies.

MARINATED MOZZARELLA

1 pound mozzarella cheese, cut in 1-inch cubes

1 (7-ounce) jar roasted red peppers, drained, cut in strips

2 cloves garlic, peeled and cut in halves lengthwise

1½ cups olive oil

4 teaspoons Italian seasoning, crushed

1 teaspoon rosemary leaves, crushed

½ teaspoon crushed red pepper

Fresh rosemary or thyme sprigs (optional)

Yields 1 (1-quart) jar.

In 1-quart jar, combine cheese, roasted peppers and garlic. In small bowl, combine olive oil, Italian seasoning, rosemary and crushed red pepper. Pour over cheese mixture. Add a few sprigs fresh herbs, if desired. Cover tightly; turn jar upside down several times to blend ingredients. Refrigerate at least 4 hours. Before serving, let stand at room temperature for about 1 hour. Remove cheese and peppers from oil; serve with crackers. Refrigerate marinated cheese for up to 2 weeks.

It only takes about five minutes to prepare these flavorful nuts. But, beware, family members have been known to devour them before you have a chance to package them as gifts.

SPICED PECANS

2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon sugar
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
¼ teaspoon ground allspice
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
2 cups (8 ounces) pecan halves
Yields 2 cups.

Preheat oven to 325 F. In small pan (or in microwave oven in a bowl), melt butter. Stir in sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice and cloves. Add pecans and toss to coat well.

Spread pecans on baking sheet and bake about 15 minutes, stirring 2 or 3 times, until fragrant and toasted. Watch carefully to prevent burning. Cool. Store up to a week in tightly covered container.

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TREE TIPS

How to select the right tannenbaum

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TREE TIPS — The first step to finding the perfect tree is to measure the space available and choose a tree to fit the space.

The Christmas tree, a beloved ornament of the holiday season, came to use by way of Germany, where religious plays featured wreaths decorated with roses, wafers and apples. England adopted and adapted the custom.

There are about 40 different types of Christmas trees. Which one will grace your home is up to you, but here are some tips to keep in mind when selecting your tree:

- Red pine, white pine, Scotch pine, Douglas fir, balsam fir and white fir are the best for needle retention and longevity.

- The tree should be a healthy green with no brown patches and should smell fresh. To test for freshness, gently bend the needles back; if they break, the tree is too dry.

- Run your hand along the bottom of the stump. If the tree has been freshly cut, it should feel wet and sticky.

- Always keep an indoor tree in a stand that has a well for water and keep the well filled. Water helps replace the moisture given off by needles in a warm room.

- If you choose a live tree or an uncut tree that has been uprooted and wrapped in burlap, remember to dig a hole for it before the ground freezes and cover the hole with straw, leaves or other insulating material. Do not keep it in the house for more than a few days after New Year's, and then put it in a cool basement or garage to harden off until spring (or when weather permits).

Transferring the tree directly from a warm house to frozen ground can kill it. The tree should be kept moist during the winter months. Proper planting will have to wait for the spring thaw.

OTHER OPTIONS

Like a lot of people, you love

Christmas trees, but you're concerned about the environment. Remember that most cut trees are harvested at reputable tree plantations (when in doubt, ask before you buy) and can be made into mulch for your garden after the holidays.

If you don't want a cut tree and planting a live tree isn't feasible, consider investing in an artificial tree. They've come a long way from the harsh-looking aluminum trees of '60s.

For example, Mr. Christmas offers a line of Insta-Shape trees with natural wood trunks. The advantage is that they can be used from year to year, and you never have to worry about getting a tree that's just the right shape and size.

SILVER BELLS

Of course, the real fun of having a tree, whether it's real or artificial, is decorating it. Once you have the tree set up, pick a night when the whole family will be home and make a party of it.

Start with strings of lights and garlands of tinsel, and put ornaments on last. Look for unusual lights, such as red chili peppers for a Southwestern touch or a string of brass bells that plays holiday tunes. For a Victorian-style tree, look for garlands of jeweled beads and pearls. For a Colonial tree, make strings of popcorn or dried cranberries.

As a safety tip, inspect all lights before you put them on the tree. Replace bulbs that have burned out, and retire any lights with frayed electrical cords.

If pets and small children are members of the household, decorate the tree with them in mind. Place precious and breakable ornaments out of reach, near the top of the tree. Avoid strings of tinsel that might be eaten by Fang and Fluffy.

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HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

By Letitia Baldrige

The holidays are a time for people to come together — to answer the human need for get-togethers of one's close family members and friends, or of people one hasn't seen for a long time.

The holidays are, therefore, not only for children, but for adults who enjoy the advent of joyous reunions. The holidays may also be the loneliest, saddest time of the whole year for those who don't have the great fortune to be a member of a loving family.

During the holidays, we should particularly reach out to those who are lonely, without a family or who have had bad news during the past year (illness, a death in the family, a job loss and the like). How I wish I could finance a vast fleet of skywriting planes to spell out a message overhead all over the country: "Entertain your friends — now."

There are numerous entertaining ideas for the holiday season, and these are but a few:

• A trim-the-tree party in your home from 3 to 6 on a Sunday afternoon for people of all ages. Coffee, tea and soft drinks would be served (in cold climates, hot chocolate for the children, too). Also popcorn, cookies, candy canes and little gingerbread men.

Everyone would be made to "work," which might consist of putting one ornament on the tree, but the tree decor would be a com-

munal effort with, of course, guaranteed splendid results.

• A cocktail party at home for everyone in your office if there is no office Christmas party this year. You would invite everyone in your section, from the mail-room clerk to your divisional head, and have people bring their spouses or dates.

Many companies are doing without office parties this year, so you will become a big hero if you — alone or with a group of colleagues — carry on the tradition. Hold the party in the home of whoever has the most space or lives the closest to the office.

You can serve a minimum of food (just some munchies will do it) — and only eggnog or wine punch if an open bar is too expensive.

Make the hours of your party short ("from 5:30 to 7"). Make it a simple affair that is not too close to Christmas. (Later everyone becomes too busy.) If you want more lavish food than you can afford to serve, ask colleagues to pitch in and bring some hors d'oeuvres.

• A caroling party held for your friends and their children. Have them come to your home by 4 o'clock, go through a rehearsal, hand them the lyrics, give them their marching orders, and then go out to sing in a group throughout the neighborhood.

Return by 6:30 to your home for

hot soup and sandwiches (cocktails for the parents), and then everyone can go home by 7:30.

• A Christmas Eve supper, for which people dress in "casual attire" (which could be anything from jeans and sweaters to warm bathrobes). Give each guest a gaily wrapped little present at his or her place at the table (anything from a tiny jar of strawberry jam to a new kind of inexpensive pen).

Keep the menu simple, manageable and inexpensive (a heaping bowl of hot pasta, for example, plus a big green salad, a gooey dessert, wine and coffee).

• A dress-up (black-tie) Christmas Eve dinner for people who are old enough not to have the problem of excited children at home in the care of reluctant baby sitters. Have lots of candles around, champagne and a caterer to serve a rather grand meal.

Do something dramatic like buy some gold lame, have it made into a shimmering tablecloth, and watch how beautiful the china, silver, crystal and holiday decorations look against it.

• A Christmas Day lunch after church for family and/or friends, complete with a tiny gift at each place, a festive place card, table decorations galore and a wonderful big turkey with all the fixings.

An invitation for this meal is perhaps the biggest compliment of all to a non-family member. For someone who is feeling blue, it is

instant and effective therapy.

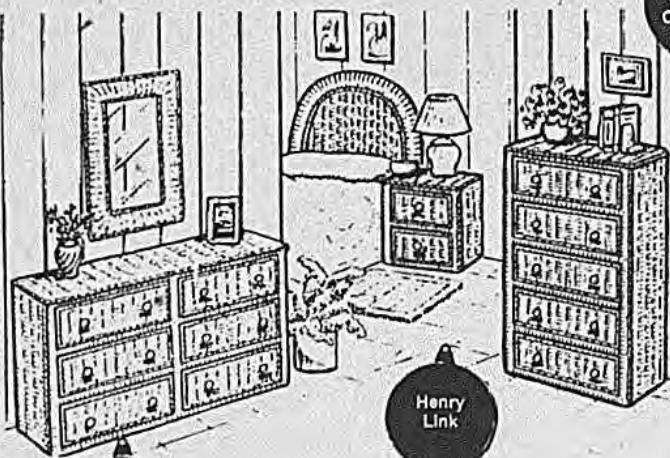
• A Saturday night cocktail party in late December for everyone in the neighborhood or in your apartment complex or whatever. There is a steep mood letdown right after Dec. 25, so a "cheer-up cocktail party" soon after Christmas is great fun for everyone.

For any and all holiday parties you organize you may certainly appropriately invite your best friends to help you — perhaps to bring some food or contribute to the bar. It's the end of the year, and we should all gather to celebrate the fact that next year will probably be much better than this one was.

At times like these, for people who have had a really tough time, I remember the song from Walt Disney's movie, "Snow White," titled "Wishing Will Make It So." Let's all wish one another a great holiday season and a fantastic new year!



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HECTIC HOLIDAYS Smart tips for a safe season

By R.J. Ignelzi

The holidays are a potentially hazardous time of year. To safeguard your home and family, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Fire Safety Council and the National Automobile Club offer these tips.

CHILD SAFETY

Keep gift wrapping and holiday decorations away from children. Ornaments that are breakable or have detachable parts are especially hazardous. Children may be tempted to eat decorative items that look like candy or food.

Some holiday plants are poisonous if chewed or swallowed. Make sure children can't reach holly berries, mistletoe, Jerusalem cherry or amaryllis. Even fallen pine needles can be dangerous.

Inspect toys carefully before buying them. Pay attention to any manufacturers' age recommendations. Toys that come apart easily or have removable parts can present a choking hazard to children.

Keep batteries away from children. Shiny batteries can be appealing but are dangerous if swallowed. Children have been known to push them into their noses or ears.

Plan a family meeting where regular safety rules are reinforced and special holiday safety instructions are explained.

SAFE SHOPPING

Keep a low profile when you shop. If you're carrying cash, don't flash it. It's better to carry only the credit cards you'll need. Leave other valuables, furs or expensive jewelry at home.

Don't overload yourself with packages. This puts you at risk to bump into things or slip and fall. Tired and overburdened shoppers also are vulnerable to thieves.

Pickpockets are very active during the holidays. Women should keep purses tucked firmly under their arms. Men should carry their wallets in the front or inside pockets.

Park in well-lighted, high-traffic areas close to stores. Always lock your car.

Never leave packages in plain sight in your car.

Be alert when returning to your car; have your keys out and ready. Check the back seat before getting in. Lock the door after you get in.

SAFEGUARD YOUR HOME

Discourage burglars by making your home look occupied. Use automatic devices to turn on the television, radio or lamps in different areas of the house.

Don't tempt thieves. Keep items such as computers, stereos and compact disk players where they can't be seen from a window. Don't leave piles of holiday gifts in plain sight.

When you leave home, make sure all doors and windows are locked. Consider replacing easily jimmied locks with deadbolts.

If you'll be away from home for a week or more, stop mail and newspaper deliveries so they won't pile up and signal thieves you're away. Have someone check on your home every few days.

SEASONAL FIRE SAFETY

Buy as fresh a tree as possible, or if buying an artificial tree, look for a fire-resistant one.

Be sure your tree is anchored in a stand so it won't tip over.

Check the water container daily, and refill it frequently.

Keep the tree away from radiators, stoves, heat vents or open flames.

Carefully check tree lights. Discard any light strings that are worn or damaged. For outdoor decorations, use only lights made for that purpose.

When the tree stops absorbing water from the stand, it's time to discard it. A dry tree catches fire easily.

Never leave tree or other decorative lights on when you leave the house.

Never burn gift wrapping or greenery in the fireplace.

Use flame-resistant decorations around the house and on your tree.

If using lighted candles, be extra cautious and never leave them burning unattended.

Limit use of extension cords and don't overload them. Always unplug them when not in use.

Keep a fire extinguisher in your home and see that your family knows how to use it. Make sure smoke alarms work properly.

CHRISTMASFACTS

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Here's how to say "Merry Christmas" around the world:

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HAPPY HANUKKAH

By Sharon Achatz

Hanukkah, O Hanukkah, come light the menorah. Let's have a party, we'll all dance the borah. Gather 'round the table, we'll give you a treat. Dreidels to play with and latkes to eat.

These words to a popular Hanukkah song capture the spirit of this joyous Jewish holiday, according to authors Rabbi Karen L. Fox and Phyllis Zimble Miller of "Seasons for Celebration: A Guide to Jewish Holidays" (Perigee).

While other holidays carry more weight in Jewish tradition, Hanukkah is perhaps the most merry with its emphasis on food and song, gifts and games.

This festival celebrates the Jewish victory over the Syrians in 165 B.C. and commemorates their triumph in regaining political and religious freedom.

After their victory, the Jews restored the Jerusalem temple, which had been defiled. At its rededication, a sacred lamp burned for eight days on one day's supply of oil — the miracle commemorated during Hanukkah and the source of the holiday's nickname, the Festival of Lights.

Celebrated for eight days beginning on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev — which usually falls sometime in November or December — Hanukkah is celebrated in a wide variety of ways.

Some families adhere closely to tradition, gathering each night to light the menorah candles, ex-

change modest gifts, play with dreidels (four-sided tops) and eat special dinners.

At the other end of the spectrum are families who incorporate a Hanukkah bush to approximate the Christmas tree, hang blue-and-white stockings by the mantel and exchange elaborate gifts nightly.

Whatever other customs are included, the kindling of lights is the foundation of the holiday. In days of yore, people used oil lamps. Today, menorahs with candles are more common.

The menorah can vary in size and shape and be made from ceramics, metals, stone or glass. Its design may be that of a classic candelabra or a modern work of art. Menorahs may be found for purchase at craft fairs, Jewish specialty shops or synagogues.

To light the menorah, the family gathers 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.

In addition to the prominent placement of the menorah somewhere in the home, many families choose to decorate — especially for the neighborhood parties that Hanukkah seems to inspire — with blue-and-white banners and streamers, balloons and table linens. Stationery stores stock entire lines of Hanukkah decorations and

wrapping paper, greeting cards, party invitations and paper plates.

As Hanukkah is a family-centered holiday, there are numerous ways to spend time together through songs, stories, skits and games, according to "Seasons for Celebration."

CELEBRATION IDEAS

Some ideas:

- **Craft a keepsake.** Set aside one evening as an arts night when you make dreidels and menorahs of wood or clay, or craft construction-paper chain links, banners and Star of David mobiles to hang from the ceiling. With a booklet such as "Color Your Own Chanukah Postcards" by Jill Dubin (Dover Publications), children can spend the first night of Hanukkah creating greetings to mail to family and friends.

- **Read a book.** Set aside at least one night to enjoy reading children's books such as "A Family Hanukkah" by Bobbi Katz (Random House) or "In the Month of Kislev" by Nina Jaffe (Viking). Or plan on reading a story each night of Hanukkah with a book such as "Eight Tales for Eight Nights" by Penina Schram and Steven M. Rosman (Jason Aronson Inc.).

- **Attend a cultural event.** On one night of Hanukkah, go to a concert or play with another family. You can light candles, sing, have a simple dinner and then enjoy a little culture together.

- **Select an heirloom.** Set aside time to select and collect a piece of Jewish art: Menorahs, dreidels, lithographs or paintings from Israel can be found on display at Jewish specialty shops and in mainstream galleries of metropolitan areas.

One option for families pressed for time or in areas without Jewish art centers is to peruse a catalog such as that distributed by D'vorah Galleries of Lomita, Calif. This full-color catalog presents more than 100 pieces of Jewish-theme art that can be ordered simply by dialing a telephone number.

- **Play games.** Aside from spinning the dreidel, everyday games can be tailored to Hanukkah, such as chess or checkers in which opposing sides become Jews battling Syrians, or Scrabble in which players are awarded bonus points for Hanukkah-related words such as "candle," "miracle" or "oil."

- **Exchange gifts.** The most traditional are gelt — small bags of pennies or chocolate coins — and small personal items such as articles of clothing, grooming items or a children's book.

Although high-price gifts now are popular, most families incorporate a blend of gift-giving. Simple items such as bookmarks, seed packets or cookie cutters in Hanukkah shapes are presented on the first nights of Hanukkah, with more expensive presents exchanged on the final night — anything from Nintendo or a new bike to jewelry or a jigsaw.

For gifts centered on a Hanukkah theme, consider visiting bookstores and specialty shops that stock everything from Hebrew alphabet coloring books and Hanukkah stickers to Jewish-song cassette tapes.

For an elegant interpretation of the candy gelt theme, consider the Chanukah Tower of confections from Las Vegas-based Ethel M Chocolates. It includes not only foil-wrapped coins but also deluxe chocolates, butter creams and a pecan patty.

- **Act charitably.** Some families strive to mitigate commercialism by encouraging children to designate a charity to receive a gift on one or two nights during the holiday.

"On one night of Hanukkah" write Fox and Miller, "collect the money that might have been used for gifts and decide as a family: Where can we make a difference? What individual or agency could benefit from this gift?"

- **Cook together.** Nothing says "Hanukkah" more than latkes — especially those prepared together as a family. These potato pancakes, fried in oil and then slathered with applesauce or sour cream, are the quintessential holiday food — but any food cooked in oil, or containing a lot of butter, is an appropriate reminder of the oil that miraculously burned in the temple.

HANUKKAH FOODS

Other traditional Hanukkah foods are apple fritters, doughnuts and buttery treats such as Nut Horn Cookies or sugar cookies cut into the shape of menorahs, dreidels and Stars of David and decorated with blue-and-white icing.

Other foods typical to Hanukkah gatherings include roast beef or grilled beef brisket, Stuffed Cabbage Rolls, kugel (a pudding made with noodles) and a big, beautiful braided loaf of challah from the bakery.

EASY POTATO LATKES

5 potatoes, peeled
1 onion, peeled
2 eggs
¼ cup matzo meal or flour
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
Vegetable oil for frying
Yields 30 latkes.

Grate potatoes into large mixing bowl; drain excess liquid. Grate onion into potatoes; stir together. Add eggs, matzo meal or flour, salt and pepper and stir until batter is well mixed.

In large skillet, heat ¼ inch oil; drop heaping tablespoonfuls of batter into oil. Fry 6 to 7 minutes, turning once, until pancakes are golden on both sides. Drain on paper towels. Eat immediately or keep warm in 200 F oven.



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HOLIDAY DECOR **Getting your home in spirited shape**

By Sharon Williams

Holiday gifts and goodies aren't the only things getting the royal treatment in terms of ribbons, wrappings and other seasonal adornments.

This year, it's chic to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year's, Twelfth Night and other winter holidays by decking out the entire house and yard with the beloved signs of the season.

Twinkling lights, fragrant garlands, fresh wreaths, glowing menorahs, festive table appointments and whimsical ornaments top a long list of decorations that can help you festively festoon and spread the holiday spirit throughout your home.

Following is a rundown of tips and trends that can help you get your home in spirited shape for the holidays ahead:

TERRIFIC THEMES

An artfully chosen theme can make the difference between a tastefully decorated home and a horrid holiday hodgepodge, say decorators.

Such a theme will tie everything together — from the trimmed tree in the corner to the centerpiece on the table. The end result is a magnificent presentation that flows as easily as holiday champagne.

One of the most popular looks going centers around a back-to-nature theme.

Hand-carved animals, fish, birds and birdhouses for the tree, dried apple garlands, rustic wreaths and wall hangings made of twigs, green lights, berries and dried flowers, raffia bows and miniature trees constructed of pine cones, sticks or moss are but a few of the elements required to achieve this simple and cozy feeling.

Old World themes with Dickensian, baroque, Victorian and renaissance flavor have enjoyed popularity during Christmases past, and promise to be equally strong this Christmas present.

Gilded fruits and leaves, hand-carved Father Christmases, ornate bows and lavish ornaments are a few of the decorations needed to create such looks.

LIGHTS FANTASTIC

Something illuminating is going

on in the world of holiday lights, and you're invited to plug into the latest happenings.

Now, for instance, you can find strings of lights that resemble herds of cows, schools of fish or a variety of other objects such as hearts, vegetables or red hot chili peppers.

Other lights bubble or blink, follow synchronized patterns or simply shine in a variety of sizes and colors.

And, if a lowly bulb isn't dressy enough for your holiday scheme, simply remove one from a string and attach an ornament that borrows wattage to power an illuminated or moving Christmas scene. There also are whimsical light bulb covers that can be used to dress up a standard set.

HOLIDAY HOUSE

With so many festive motifs and fabrics adorning everything from dinnerware to linens, you don't have to settle for everyday during the holiday season.

Instead, replace what you have with holiday-inspired china, glassware, mugs, aprons, towels, guest soaps, floor cloths, candlesticks, placemats, tablecloths, napkins and holders and table runners for the month of December.

In some cases, creative decorators can make what they want themselves with cloth and holiday patterns.

Among the hottest at-home looks are red and green tartan table linens, gilded picture frames, cozy throws sporting holiday motifs and guest towels or table runners decorated with counted-cross stitch candy canes, pine trees, stars or Santas.

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PRESENTS WITH PANACHE

Tech, sports and fitness gifts

By Mike Dale

Big boys and mature girls get bigger toys. In the case of adults, sports, fitness and high-tech gizmos remain popular items of amusement in the business of gift-giving.

Grown-up toys include everything from radio-controlled cars to rowing machines and from portable faxes to hand-held color TVs. They also can be dazzling games, gizmos with a function, pieces of art, puzzles, cards, kaleidoscopes or variations of classic games such as tic-tac-toe, chess, checkers and billiards.

The fitness boom never proves a bust when deciding what to buy friends and family during the holidays; almost everyone is serious about staying in shape. The focus on fitness equipment continues this season with the interest in home gyms and family style workout gear.

The big-ticket items — treadmills, cross-country ski simulators and stationary bicycles — provide

the technology for strengthening and conditioning in your spare room, office or den. Ranging in price from \$200 to \$1,500, these full-service machines give you both upper- and lower-body workouts, and they monitor your cardiovascular output (pulse rate) along with the amount of calories burned.

Another trend is installing mini weight rooms in a spare room or the garage. Home gym models allow users to lift weights in many ways, usually operating with a weight and pulley system. Soloflex home gym machines, which cost more than weight machines, use a resistance system rather than weights and ropes.

Staying in shape doesn't cost an arm and leg, however. Budget-minded fitness gifts include a \$30 set of chrome dumbbells, Heavy Hands weights for aerobics or walking, a pair of leather gloves and a belt for weightlifting, or even a body fat tester.

Subscriptions to magazines and

health clubs are welcome gifts. Publications such as *American Health*, *Longevity*, *Prevention*, *In Health*, *Men's Health* and *Health* could make even the most sedentary relative initiate a fitness and nutrition program.

For the sports minded, gift-giving ideas are endless. Just walk into any sporting goods store. They seem to pack a holiday punch year-round. Rollerblades, racquetball regalia, tennis equipment, baseball gear, jogging junk, athletic apparel, accessories galore — you're limited only by your imagination.

Some gift ideas for less than \$50: wrist guards for rollerblades; reflective vests for runners; nylon jackets for skiers; athletic sunglasses; a jump rope; collapsible boat seat; waterproof knife set; a fishing reel; Velcro bat-mitts-ball set, or a fishing license.

Electronic goodies afforded by high-technology — our version of high culture — make picking gifts as exciting as eating candy on

Halloween.

Radio-controlled miniature vehicles — cars, trucks, boats, submarines and airplanes — bring out the Walter Mitty in adults. Plug-in knickknacks such as lava lamps, strobes and kaleidoscopes reacting to music, voice or touch in thought-provoking light patterns harken back to the '60s. And smart appliances like "talking toasters" bring unexpected conveniences to life.

Home-entertainment gizmos have more bells and whistles than ever — VCRs with special editing/special effects controls, surround-sound stereo amplifiers, laserdisk video players, compact discs that store written as well as picture information, and talking alarm clocks. Musicmakers would enjoy an electronic keyboard (midi) synthesizer or digital drum kit.

Pragmatic electronic gifts may include a wireless home security system, an electronic organizer/notebook/phone book, an electronic air filtration device, or a radar detector for the car.

Computer accessories are plentiful. Traditional ideas include hardware and software such as disks, additional programs and mouses. But how about something offbeat, like a Suncom Technologies Computer Cleaning and Vacuum Kit? Or a subscription to a data base service such as Prodigy or CompuServe?

Some toys are beautiful. Others are collectibles. Call them the FAO Schwartz goodies for adults. They include artsy variations of classic games like tic-tac-toe, chess and checkers. Or they could be vintage glass marbles or a replica of a 1930s dirt track racer from Hammacher-Schlemmer.

Whimsical and collectible gifts appeal to adults for two reasons: the game itself recalls our youth — the artsy design celebrates our maturity.

One variation of tic-tac-toe, for example, features cats as the X's and balls of yarn as the O's. Made of Philippine hardwood and hand painted, it's a veritable piece of folk art.

Just like kids, adults now collect cards. The sports card trading game is a multimillion-dollar business. Art connoisseurs can collect cards from noted architects and furniture designers. One 54-card deck issued several years ago by the New York Museum of Modern Art evoked images of the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms.

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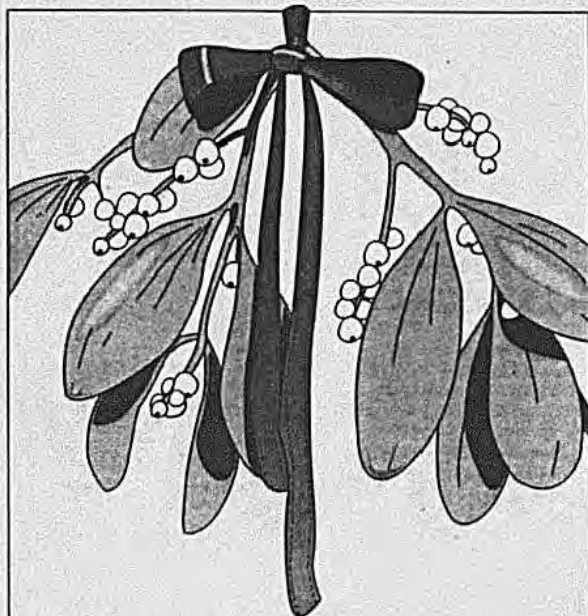


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- **Propagation:** Seed must be inserted beneath young bark of host tree.
- **Flowering time:** Spring, with yellowish flowers, followed by white berries.
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TRADITIONAL TIMES

By Alison Ashton

How does your family celebrate the holidays?

If you adorn the house with evergreen boughs, you're observing a tradition that goes back to the Romans. Decorating trees probably started in Alsace in 1605.

Even if your family doesn't opt for a traditional celebration, chances are you observe certain regional customs. In the South-

west, you might light a walkway with cheerful *luminarias* (which are easy to make by nestling a candle in sand in a paper bag).

In Louisiana, where French traditions are strong, children anxiously await the arrival of *Pere Noel* in a sled drawn by alligators. Other Southern families incorporate magnolia leaves in their decorations. In the Midwest, trees are hung with fragrant applesauce-and-cinnamon ornaments.

If you want to investigate holiday history or incorporate regional customs into your celebrations, there are a number of books to help.

"An Old-Fashioned Christmas" by the editors of *Country Home* magazine (Meredith Books) highlights regional celebrations, as well as history. "Christmas in the Heartland" by Marcia Adams (Potter) focuses on Midwestern traditions, while "Southern Christmas" by Emyl Jenkins (Crown) honors the holiday in Dixie.

family attends midnight Mass, followed by a late meal called *Le reveillon*.

Russian children look forward to visits from Grandfather Frost.

In Germany, children receive sweet treats from St. Nicholas on Dec. 6. St. Nicholas also visits children in the Netherlands on Dec. 6, but he is accompanied by a rather nefarious sidekick, *Swarte Piet* (Black Pete), who serves as a reminder of Holland's past occupation by Spain.

Epiphany (Jan. 6) is gift-giving time in Spain and Italy. On Jan. 5, Spanish kids leave their shoes by a window and wake in the morning to find the Wise Men have left them small gifts (it helps help if they leave treats for the Wise Men's hungry camels). *Le Befana*, a kind old witch, brings presents to children in Italy.

OTHER CELEBRATIONS

There are plenty of related celebrations throughout the holidays. The Swedes honor St. Lucia on Dec. 13 as a celebration of light at the beginning of a long, dark winter. At daybreak, the family's youngest daughter dons a crown of candles and serves the family St. Lucia buns.

Almost 15 million African-Americans observe Kwanzaa, a seven-day holiday that honors family, community and culture. It starts Dec. 26 and ends New Year's Day.

Started in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa is an adaptation of African first-fruit celebrations. Families gather for seven nights to discuss principles to live by (unity, self-determination, collective work, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith), exchange small gifts and light a candle on the seven-branch *kinara*.

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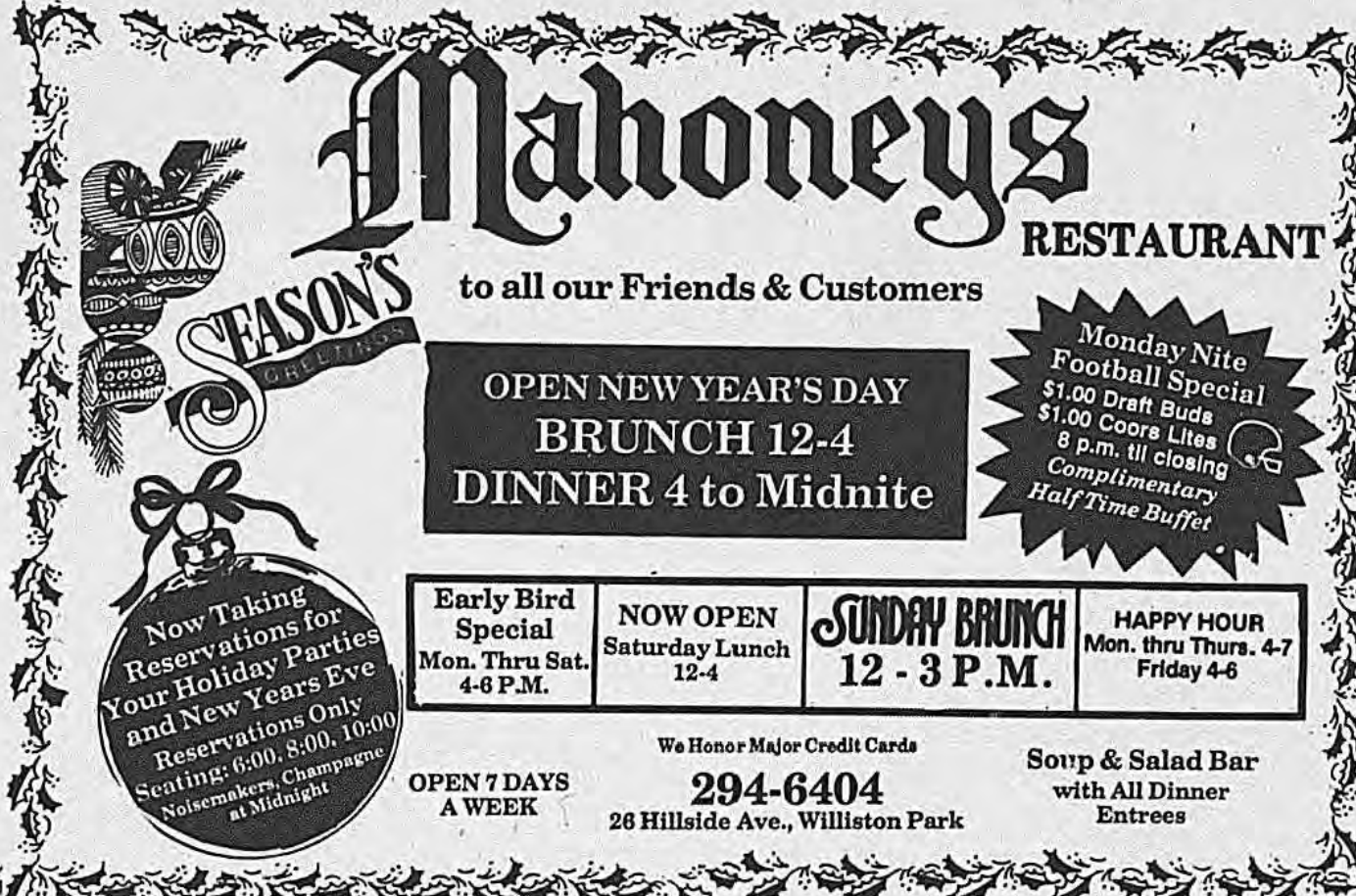

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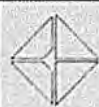
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STOCKING STUFFERS

Affordable extras brighten the holiday

By Allison Ashton

We hang them by the chimney with the greatest of care. Big ones, small ones, new ones, old ones. Stockings filled with small goodies are one of the best treats of the holiday.

All the more reason not to leave stocking stuffers for the last minute. Usually filled with inexpensive treats, stuffers are a good way to give small but useful items, or to splurge on an array of silly toys.

Following are some ideas for stuffers with a theme. A little advance planning makes it easy to fill a stocking with themed gifts. For example, new gloves, packets of seeds, spades and other small tools are perfect for a green thumb.

And stockings aren't the only way to present these inexpensive items. Use a wicker basket to hold goodies for the cook, or fill a new gym bag with gifts for the family athlete.

Finally, if time allows, wrap each item individually. Kids young and old can't resist a wrapped gift. If possible, keep stocking stuffers inexpensive — \$10 or less.

FOR THE COOK

This is a great idea for veteran cooks, as well as newlyweds or anyone who is starting a new household.

Start with wooden spoons and other utensils, and fill the stocking with oven mitts, pretty dish towels, a small whisk, a vegetable grater, potato masher, measuring spoons, a paring knife and any other small gadget you can find. Cookie cutters, a cookie-dough scoop, spice jars and pizza cutters are a few more ideas.

Cook's stockings also are a good way to introduce someone to a new cuisine. Start with a small cookbook, adding specialty items as needed. For breakfasts in bed, give recipes for your favorite muffins, a tin of tea or coffee, small jars of jam and perhaps a mix for gourmet scones.

Themes are ideal for coffee lovers, tea drinkers or anyone else with a special culinary passion.

FOR KIDS

It's true. Stockings are the rightful domain of the junior set, and it's easy to fill a holiday sock with inexpensive items.

Stimulate their creativity with small pads, stickers, boxes of crayons, bright felt-tip pens, small books and puzzles. Round out the selection with miniature dolls and Matchbox cars.

Don't forget silly games and toys. The old paddle with a rubber ball is a favorite standby. For kids who like their toys to have a certain "yuck" factor, stock up on rubber insects and snakes.

For little girls, get hair accessories and inexpensive jewelry; for little sports buffs, pick up trading

cards. Small children learning to tell the time will appreciate a watch (opt for an analog face, like the Swiss Flik Flak, instead of digital).

SPORTS FUN

If your recipient has a favorite sport, you're in luck. Visit a sporting-goods store to stock up on affordable extras.

Runners can always use socks; opt for quality booties made of wool and acrylic blends. A running diary for the coming year is another thought, so is a shoe pocket to hold identification. To keep time, give an inexpensive stopwatch, or maybe just a new watchband to replace an old one.

For tennis players, give a can of balls, non-slip tape for a racket handle, or any novelty item with a tennis theme. Golfers also can use balls — look for some in a bright color — and handmade club covers add a special touch.

Look for affordable basics for any athlete. Lycra shorts, T-shirts and sweat bands can be rolled up to fit into any stocking.

SMALL INDULGENCES

Stocking-stuffer treats for grown-ups are easy to come by. Save up free gifts from cosmetics companies to put in a woman's stocking. For men, the stocking is the perfect place to put things like a new hairbrush, a key chain or a Swiss Army knife.

The stocking also is the perfect place for a CD or cassette of holiday songs. It's also the ideal spot for a set of rechargeable batteries.

For her, include scarves, belts, a cap, button covers, hair accessories and costume jewelry. For him, tuck in a bottle of cologne, a manicure set, a new wallet or a high-quality razor.

Personal-care products can also find their way into stockings. Look for high-end soaps, bath gels, back scrubbers and loofahs.

FOR PETS

No true pet lover would dream of leaving out the family's four-legged (or winged or finned) members. And this time of year pet stores are filled with small treats for furry friends.

Fang and Fluffy could need new collars, but they'll love toys even more. Dogs like large rubber squeaky toys, as well as rawhide chew toys and even old tennis balls. Entertain cats with anything filled with catnip, as well as small windup toys and, of course, furry mice.

And don't forget your feathered friends. Birds love mirrors and bells, as well as seed sticks to peck. For fish, look for new items for the aquarium, such as castles they can swim through.

Politically correct gifts

By Jeanne Beach Elgner
and Allison Ashton

Can you save the rain forest with \$2.19? Maybe not, but it will get you a box of Dare's Rain Forest cookies. These are cookies made with nuts grown in the protected and productive Amazon rain forest, harvested by native inhabitants and sold through a collective.

Politically correct cookies.

And that, or other earth-friendly and socially aware purchases, is the trend this season. Demand and response comes from both sides of the counter, with consumers, activists and retailers all putting in their dollars and sense.

Color this season green, and picture shoppers concerned about recycling, endangered species, global warming, economic viability for Third World populations and, of course, looking hip.

How do you tell if that gift is made from non-polluting materials and free from endangered species' leather, feathers, fur or wood?

"Be careful, learn and ask, ask, ask. If the shopkeeper doesn't know, don't buy," said Dana West, spokeswoman for the World Wildlife Federation in Washington D.C.

There are lots of smart, easy ways to make the holiday greener.

- Opt for a live Christmas tree, which can be planted after the holidays to provide oxygen.

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- Gifts can be wrapped in brown, recycleable paper that is personalized with stamps, stickers and cut-outs from old holiday greeting cards; better still, send gifts in reusable tins and baskets.

"The New Green Christmas: How to Make This and Every Holiday an Environmental Celebration" by the Evergreen Alliance (Halo Books) is full of tips on everything from green gifts to recycling tips.

Environmentally correct gifts are easy to find. Large health-food stores sell everything from ethnic jewelry made by collectives to cruelty-free cosmetics. Other options are found in catalogs like Real Goods or Smith & Hawken.

So, with your shopping list in hand, here are a few earth-loving gift ideas.

- Give a membership in an organization that works to protect the environment, such as The Nature Conservancy, Greenpeace or the Sierra Club.

Another idea is a membership in an organization that protects people, like Amnesty International. You can find names and addresses at the library or through stores like The Body Shop.

- Buy clothing and household items made of unbleached cotton. Esprit's E collection is a line of clothing made of recycled and untreated fibers.

- Give a flowering plant in a pretty pot.

- Indulge your recipient with organically based, cruelty-free (no animal testing) skin-care products and cosmetics. The Body Shop specializes in these items, so do companies like Tom's of Maine (available in health-food stores) and Aveda (available at beauty salons).

- Equip electronic gifts with rechargeable batteries.

- Buy gifts from companies that support environmental causes.

- For an extravagant present,

pay someone's way on a volunteer vacation. These range from building trails at national parks to accompanying an archaeological dig in an exotic location. Contact travel agents, universities and nature-preservation organizations.

- Don't forget people. While green gifts can support causes in other parts of the world, don't forget to support human and environmental causes at home.

How? Help a friend who's out of work by offering to do his resume, for example, or volunteer your time support a friend's favorite local cause.

Non-alcoholic punches

Here's a non-alcoholic punch that's sure to please, appropriately named for Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD).

SADDISFACTION PUNCH

5 cups fresh orange juice, chilled
2 cups apricot nectar, chilled
1 cup fresh grapefruit juice, chilled
2 cups unsweetened cherry-flavored or lemon-flavored sparkling water, chilled
Ice cubes or ice ring
2 unpeeled oranges, sliced (for garnish)

Yields about 20 half-cup servings.

In large bowl, combine orange juice, apricot nectar and grapefruit juice. Add sparkling water, ice cubes or ice ring and orange slices. Stir gently.

HOUDINI COCKTAIL

1/2 pint (1 cup) strawberry ice cream
1 cup milk
4 teaspoons bottled grenadine syrup
4 whole strawberries
Yields 2 servings.

Put ice cream and milk in blender and whip until mixture is foamy and thick. Pour into 4 glasses. Spoon grenadine syrup on top and garnish with whole strawberries.

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Easy ornaments

By Sharon Williams

Given the vast selection of baubles, balls and other bijoux, one might say deciding what to put on the holiday tree is tougher than finding a gift for Great-Aunt Martha.

Maybe you're just seeking a few ornaments to add to your already vast collection. Then again, you might want your tree to sport an entirely different look this holiday season.

Whatever your purpose, the following guide can help you zero in on the right ornaments:

- **Go with a theme:** You can find ornaments inspired by practically every theme imaginable. A few examples include regional themes — such as country or Southwestern, storybook themes such as “The Nutcracker,” foreign themes, animal themes and color themes.

- **Think unique:** If you're purchasing just one or two new ornaments this year, consider an antique or one-of-a-kind bauble. Search secondhand emporiums, off-the-beaten-path boutiques, fine gift shops, flea markets and craft fairs for possibilities.

- **Create a collection:** An ornament collection displayed on a tree not only makes for a put-together tree, but offers its owner an easy way to update every year. Glass blowings and dolls are among the many possibilities.

some manufacturers offer new ornaments every year for collections they've created.

- **Go for flash:** Ornaments that use lights, motion, music and even synthesized sound to create cute and clever holiday scenes can be found in many gift shops.

● **Trim the treetop:** Since the top of the tree is often forgotten in the midst of furious decorating, why not make an effort to find the perfect ornament for this celebrated spot? Angels and stars, of course, are traditional, but there are many other options from which to choose.

● **Ornaments to make:** Whether you're tightening your belt on Christmas spending or simply getting back to basics, this may be the best year yet to make your own holiday decorations. Craft stores and fabric shops are full of ideas for ornaments that can be stitched, quilted, embroidered, painted or even folded.

• **Ornamental feast:** The traditional gingerbread man still holds a lot of clout in the 1990s. Other edible possibilities include chocolate ornaments wrapped in colorful foil and whimsical hand-painted cookies to hang that are either made or purchased.

- **Become bowed over:** If you have plenty of ornaments, why not acquire a bevy of bows to use as filler for the bare spots? Learn the ins and outs in a craft class or let your nearby florist do the job.

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Holiday stress

By Alison Ashton

For a lot of us, the holidays are more frantic than they are fun. Between parties, planning, gift-buying, card-sending and all the other trimmings, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that the season is supposed to be the year's most cheerful.

PLAN AHEAD

Give yourself a break by planning ahead. Get a calendar and schedule everything that needs to get done during the season. That means allotting time to purchase and write greeting cards, planning an afternoon to bake cookies and figuring out when to shop for gifts (odd hours, like weekday mornings, are the least crowded).

If you're hosting any gatherings during the holidays, pencil in time to do everything from mailing invitations to preparing food ahead of time. Make things easier by serving simple food and store-bought items.

You even can establish a holiday headquarters in a spare bedroom, utility room or quiet corner. Keep all holiday supplies — gift wrapping supplies, cards, stamps, calendar, catalogs — in one place.

GIFT GAB

Fun as they are to open, gifts are one of the biggest headaches of the season. Start by establishing a firm budget, then make a list of

everyone who should get a gift. Then think of items for each one so you avoid time wandering aimlessly through stores.

After shopping, avoid a time crunch by wrapping gifts as you buy them.

There are plenty of ways to save money, as well. Shop for bargains, or have family members draw names out of a hat to buy a special gift for just one family member. Families with lots of children can agree to splurge on just the kids.

Children often are disappointed during the holidays when their gifts don't live up to their expectations. Have children make lists of what they really want as opposed to what they sort of want.

If finances are limited this year, let your children know. And plan a lot of fun family time doing everything from baking holiday goodies and reading a story to decorating the tree, caroling or planning a party.

When time is even more precious than money, look for help with your shopping. Divide shopping chores among family members — a husband can help shop for the kids, older kids can find items for cousins, etc. Personal shoppers at department stores also can help run through a big list in a hurry.

BETTER RELATIONS



The holidays can be a stressful time for families. It's also a good time to call a truce among feuding family members.

If a huge gathering on Christmas Day is too intense, arrange for smaller, less formal celebrations with various family members throughout the holidays.

In particular, newlyweds have difficulty meshing the holiday celebrations of two families, and it's not uncommon to find couples madly dashing from household to household, trying to satisfy the demands of two families. One way to avoid this is to discuss your expect-

tations before the holidays; perhaps you'll spend Christmas Eve with her family and enjoy Christmas brunch with his.

Mixed marriages are another area that can cause problems during the holiday season. Again, it's important to discuss holiday rituals and to incorporate what's important to both of you.

STAY HEALTHY

From boxes of chocolates at the office to party buffets laden with rich food, the holidays are the prime time to indulge.

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Name an interest, and there's a lavishly illustrated gift book on the subject.

Some examples: "Baseball, The Perfect Game" by Peter Richmond (photos by Danielle Weil, published by Rizzoli); "Let There Be Clothes: 40,000 Years of Fashion" by Lynn Schnurnberger (Workman); "Volkswagen: A Week at the Factory" by Peter Keetman (Chronicle).

Publishers know a gift market when they see one; they're now providing volumes in gift boxes. From Penguin are boxed sets of the works of Ken Follet, Robin Cook and Stephen King — among many others.

Animal lovers will revel in the new James Herriot book, "Every Living Thing" (St. Martin's Press), plus these two cookbooks from Berkeley: "Cat Nips! Feline Cuisine" and "Dog Bites! Canine Cuisine," both by Rick and Martha Reynolds.

For stocking stuffers, consider one of Running Press' elegant miniature editions; titles include "The Sonnets of Shakespeare," "Quotable Women," "The Wit and Wisdom of Mark Twain" and Clement C. Moore's "The Night Before Christmas."

From Lombard Marketing are mystery jigsaw puzzles packaged with matching short stories — such as “Death by Diet” and “Murder Most Artful,” both by R.D. Zimmerman. Clues in the puzzles solve the mysteries.

Two must-haves for parents (or whoever hosts family gatherings): "101 Ideas for the Best-Ever Christmas" and "1001 Things to Do With Your Kids," both by Caryl Waller Krueger (Dimensions for Living).

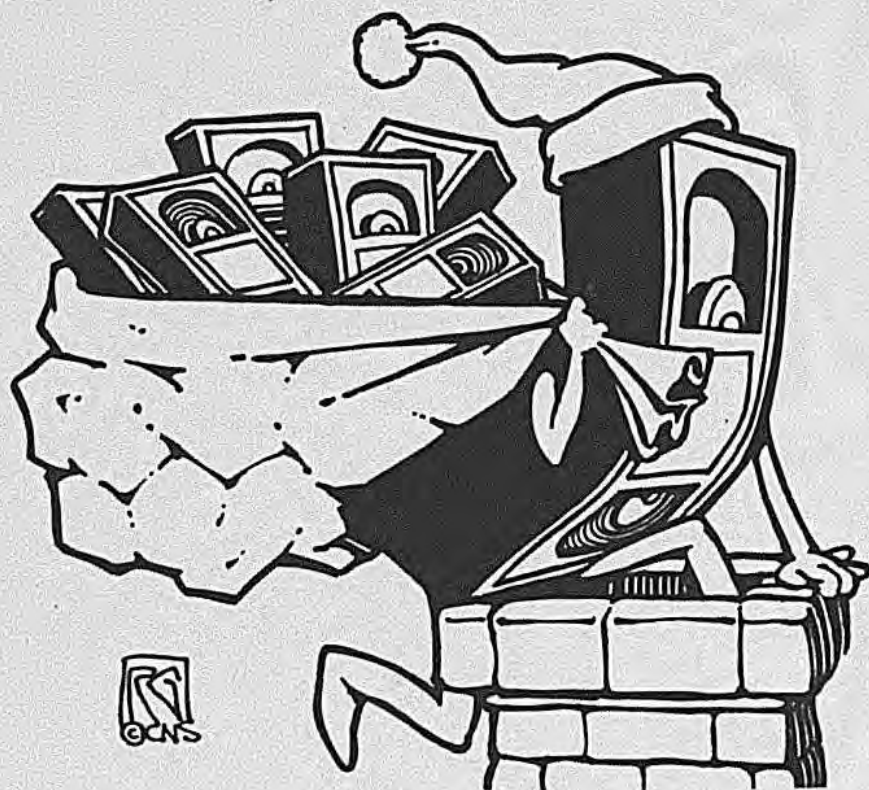
Also for the holidays: "Wreaths 'Round the Year Book & Kit" by Dawn Cusick (Sterling/Lark); "My Christmas Treasury" by Norman Vincent Peale (HarperCollins) and "Gourmet's Holidays and Celebrations" by the editors of *Gourmet* magazine (Random House).

Stores that rent and/or sell movies are everywhere; the gift potential they offer is limitless.

The MGM/UA 1992 Home Video Catalog, available at many video vendors, lists more than 1,000 titles dating from 1924 to the present.

Look for boxed gift sets of series, such as the thrpe "Godfather" movies and the five "Star Trek" adventures (both from Paramount) — and for gift sets featuring stars (Audrey Hepburn, John Wayne, Jerry Lewis, more).

For romantics: MGM/UA Home



Video is honoring "Casablanca" with a special 50th anniversary edition. For the holidays, how about "It's a Wonderful Life" (Republic Pictures Home Video).

How about TV on tape? Paramount now offers "Star Trek: The Next Generation," episodes 1 through 22. And CBS Video has a clever idea: video greeting cards. This season, Television Video Cards incorporate a Christmas episode from "I Love Lucy," "The Honeymooners," "The Twilight Zone" or "The Beverly Hills'lies" along with a built-in card.

Send someone on a world tour with vacation/travel guide tapes from Fodor's, Reader's Digest Video, Rand McNally, Travelogue and Video Visits (to name a few).

Even Berlitz now teaches French, Italian, German and Spanish via video.

For golfers, there's PGA Home Video (MPI Home Video); for bird-watchers, Bird Watching Guides (National Audubon Society); for royal-watchers, "Tears of a Princess: The Inside Story of Princess Diana's Life and Heartbreak" (Strand Home Video).

Know someone who uses a portable tape player or has a tape deck in the car? Give 'em a new audiocassette or two.

You might buy some blank tapes and, using your own stereo system, create special tapes with customized selections — for example, all the gentle music (skip the ponderous, crashing pieces) from John Barry's "Dances With Wolves." Let the recipient's tastes be your guide.

You'll find a huge selection and great deals on music tapes at record stores, but keep in mind that much more than music is on tape.

Almost any popular book title, past or present, is available; newly released audiocassettes are even rated according to demand, just like new songs and best-selling books.

Publisher's Weekly lists volumes 1 and 2 of "Star Wars" ("Heir to the Empire" and "Dark Force Rising," from Bantam) as top-ten hits; another fiction best seller is Tom Clancy's "The Sum of All Fears" (Simon & Schuster), read by David Ogden Stiers.

Non-fiction best sellers include "Me: Stories of My Life" by Katharine Hepburn (Random House) and Gloria Steinem's "Revolution From Within" (Dove Audio). Here's a bonus: Both are read by their authors.

Capitol has just released a special limited edition compact disc of the Beatles' first single, "Love Me Do," with two versions of the song and flip-side hit, "P.S. I Love You."

New releases from Rhino include three additions to the popular "Disco Years" series (for a total of five): "The Very Best of Buddy Guy"; "Bo Diddley Beats"; "The Best of Tracey Ullman" "Alice Cooper Live at the Whiskey"; and "Otis Redding: Love Man and Tell the Truth."

Rhino also recently released an Aretha Franklin "Queen of Soul" box set (four 70-minute CDs plus an illustrated, 80-page career-overview booklet).

As for holiday tunes, the new

"Hallmark Christmas Album" (in Hallmark stores) features Harry Belafonte and 12 classic songs.

Totally non-traditional are Mojo Nixon's "Horny Holidays" (Triple NiXXXon Records) and the finger-snappin', hand-clappin' "Street Carols" doo-wop album from Street Gold Entertainment.

Maria Tuthill of the Calendar Marketing Association says hot new calendars feature Garth Brooks, Cindy Crawford, Arnold Schwarzenegger and "Northern Exposure"; perennial favorites include "Far Side," *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit calendars and "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Humor also is hot; two to look for are "Farmer Johnson's Psycho-Dairy Farm" and "The Cat Made Me Buy It."

There are dozens and dozens of new calendars for 1993. Here's the CMA's A-to-Z cross section: "All Cow," "Book Lovers Calendar," "Cars Detroit Never Built," "Dear Abby," "Elvis," "French for Cats," "Gardens of Paris," "Hey! Diddle, Diddle...," "Iditarod Trail," "Jay Leno's Headlines," "Kitchen Diary," "Let's Make Fun of Lawyers," "Museums of the World," "Native American Portraits," "Our Town Remembered," "Professional Beach Volleyball," "Quiet Places," "Radical Windsurfing," "Scream Gems," "Tips for Planet Earth," "Unpleasant Ways to Die," "Vanishing South," "Wild America," "Extremely Weird Animals," "Young Indiana Jones," "Zig Zagar's 365 Secrets of Success."

DOLLS DELIGHT

From Cabbage Patch to Momma dolls, what's in

By Molly Woulfe

Well, hello, Dolly, you're looking, uh, radiant, Dolly...

Yipes, the birds and the bees are chic this holiday season, a development illustrated most visibly by the Mommy-To-Be Doll (Judith Corp.).

The girlish, 11½-inch doll flaunts a pregnant belly, which, when snapped off, reveals an anatomically correct newborn. The proud mama's name is Judith and she's available in white and ethnic versions.

Parents who credit storks with the whole business will beat hasty retreats, but Judith Corp. in Illinois, which imports the dolls from Denmark, has great expectations for Christmas.

"We got her married," president Egil Wigert said, noting that the plastic figure sports a wedding ring and the line includes a father-to-be doll named Charlie. "We thought that was important. We're promoting family unity."

Steering clear of a "Murphy Brown" uproar, however, has failed to quell criticism from Judith's belly. Some critics charge the toy is too explicit for its target audience of children ages 3 to 11, while others complain the birthing process depicted is inaccurate. Feminists fret that Judith falsely

glamorizes childbirth because a flat-as-a-board belly springs into place once the baby is removed.

"We're promoting it as a toy, not an educational tool, though we have a lot of people who want it for that reason," Wigert said.

Parents expecting their second or third child are snapping the doll up like crazy, he explained, "to show kids how mom is going to look pregnant."

Mattel Toys is also taking a pro-educational stance with My Bundle Baby, a toy that simulates the pleasanter aspects of pregnancy. This soft, battery-operated pouch mimicks a fetal heartbeat, and kicks and is worn by a child. Open the bundle and fully clothed boy or girl doll pops out, along with a congratulatory banner, little details that may invite big confusion. One in 36 pouches bears twins.

Not to belabor the point, animals also are getting into the act, like Puppy Surprise, a plush toy dog with a Velcro clasp on its tummy (Hasbro). Reach inside and there are three, four or five removable puppies in a pouch. The number of offspring is a surprise. Cat lovers can buy Kitty Surprise.

Traditionalists — and the squeamish — will be pleased to hear Cabbage Patch Kids still originate from the cabbage patch.

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