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Math Bee At Saint Ignatius



Math Bee winners, from left, Cydney Hayes, Joseph Panarelli, Christina Wainer, and John Gooch pose with Miss DeSantis, their math teacher, Miss Giambanco, their school math coordinator and Mrs. MacMelville, the math bee coordinator.

On January 28th, Saint Ignatius Loyola School held its annual Math Bee. The contestants from Grades 4, 5, and 6 had to listen to equations and do the computations mentally.

The Fourth Grade contestants were Jamie Costello, Christina Heredia, Meghan Keohane, Meghan Kenny, Catherine Marengo, Suzanne Smith, and Lauren Sullivan.

The Fifth Grade contestants were Alana Ample, Bridget Donohue, Patricia Montana, John Gooch, Brian Kelly, Joseph Panarelli, and John Vaz.

The Sixth Grade was represented by Michelle Genzale, Cydney Hayes, Jennifer Mais, Jill Post, Jennifer

Przybyszewski, Jonathan Sattler, and Christina Wainer.

These 21 students were a credit to the school. Their hard work showed in the ease with which they could solve the equations.

The First Place winner was John Gooch from Grade 5. Christina Wainer from Grade 6 took Second Place. Third Place went to Joseph Panarelli from Grade 5. Cydney Hayes from Grade 6 was the runner-up.

The winners of the school Math Bee will go on to represent Saint Ignatius at the zone Math Bee to be held on March 30.

Congratulations to all contestants, the winners, and Miss DeSantis, their Math teacher.

Hands On The Real World



Bethpage Public School teachers Dolores McAuliffe and Janet Blohm conducted a workshop for teachers at Central Boulevard School in Bethpage entitled, "Activities That Integrate Mathematics and Science." Their presentation was based upon work that they had done in cooperation with Nassau County BOCES during the summer of 1991. Mrs. McAuliffe and Mrs. Blohm demonstrated experiences that children can have by participating in hands-on activities that help them to interpret and understand mathematical and scientific concepts that can be explored in our world each day.

This Issue

This issue is complete in three sections.

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

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

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

D'Amore Duo To Appear

Winners of the 1990 Baltimore Chamber Music Awards, the D'Amore Duo, William Feasley - guitarist, and Dorothy Darlington - oboist, will perform at the Hicksville Public Library at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 1.

Their music spans 300 years - from early works performed on period instruments to world premieres of contemporary compositions.

This concert is being offered free of charge and is co-sponsored by the Hicksville Public Library and the Town of Oyster Bay, Cultural and Performing Arts Division.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the Hicksville Public School District will be held during the month of March, at the Administration Building, Division Avenue at 6th Street, for children who will be five years of age on or before December 1, 1992. Children who will attend the following schools in September will be registered during the hours and weeks as listed: Burns and Dutch, Week of March 2; East and Fork, Week of March 9; Lee and Old Country, Week of March 16; and Woodland, Week of March 23. Hours, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please note that at the time of registration, parents will have to provide a Certificate of Immunization signed/stamped by their physician. This form will also have to include the date their child had a second measles/MMR immunization which New York State now requires for all children born on or after January 1, 1985 and entering kindergarten.

Library Budget Voting On Apr. 8

Voting on the library budget for the Hicksville Library will take place on April 8. In addition to voting on the library budget for the year, a position of Library Trustee for a five year term will also be on the ballot. The budget for the library is being prepared and will be available at schools in the district after April 1. Details of the budget will be printed in this newspaper.

Voters who are currently registered to vote in regular elections do not have to re-register to vote in the Library election. In addition, any person shall be entitled to have his name placed upon the District register provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he proves to the satisfaction of the Board to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared. Said register will be filed in the office of the District Clerk on April 1, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on any weekday from April 1, up to and including April 8. Residents who voted at an annual meeting of the District within four years prior to the date of the current annual meeting or who registered within that time need not register to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting. Residents otherwise qualified to vote who are registered under the provision of Section 5-612 of the Election Law need not register to be eligible to vote at the meeting.

Applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the Clerk of the District. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available in the office of the Clerk on April 1 through April 8. Such list will also be posted at all polling places at the election.

Sidikman Defeats Cohen In Sp. Election



David Sidikman

Democrat David Sidikman defeated Republican Jeffrey Cohen in a special election Tuesday to fill the 13th Assembly District seat left vacant by fellow Democrat Lewis Yevoli.

Mr. Sidikman garnered over 6000 votes while Mr. Cohen received close to 4000. The special election became necessary when Mr. Yevoli, who had represented the district for close to 20 years, was elected Oyster Bay Town Supervisor in November.

Mr. Sidikman must stand for re-election in November for a full two year term.

David Sidikman was born in 1934 and raised in Brooklyn. He received his B.A. from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and went on to New York University to study law on a full merit scholarship. He received his Juris Doctor degree in 1958 and was admitted to the New York Bar.

In 1989 he ran as the Democratic candidate for the Oyster Bay Town Board and in 1991 was the Democratic candidate for Receiver of Taxes, Town of Oyster Bay. He is a member of the following organizations: Nassau County Democratic Committee, Nassau County Bar Association, Bethpage Jewish Community Center and Mid-Island YM and YWHA.

Mr. Sidikman has also been involved in the Bethpage Community Center, the Cub Scouts and was Scoutmaster of Boy Scouts Troop #13 in Plainview. He served as an adjunct professor at New York Technical College, and has lectured in the law for the Layman Program of the Nassau County Bar Association.

Letters

To the Editor

Vietnam Veteran/Agent Orange Health Study is looking for all Vietnam Veterans, and the families of Vietnam Veterans, to take part in a national health effects study with regards to the Veteran's exposure to Agent Orange, and the un-wanted by-product "Dioxin."

All Vietnam Veterans who request to take part in this health effects study will be required to fill out an eleven (11) page questionnaire, and all information provided by the veteran will be used to try and prove a link of the illness and the veteran's exposure many years ago.

No personal information will ever be released, only the kinds of illnesses and how many veterans are suffering from these illnesses. The study will also look at the health of the veteran's spouse and children.

To become involved, please contact the Vietnam Veteran/Agent Orange Health Study, Post Office Box 1236, Eatontown, N.J. 07724; (908)544-1082.

James H. Burdge, Sr.
National Coordinator/Founder

College Notes

Brian J. Witt, son of Ruth and Barry Witt of Syosset, has been placed on the dean's list for the Fall semester at S.U.N.Y. Farmingdale. Brian is Editor-In-Chief of the college newspaper, *The Rambler*.

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SUPREME COURT
Nassau County
Central Federal Savings, FSB
Pltf. vs.
Winepol & Son Building Corp.
et al**

Def.'s Index # 14965/90

Pursuant to Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated Oct. 1, 1991, I will sell at public auction on the north front steps of the Nassau County Courthouse, 262 Old Country Road, Mineola, N.Y., on Mar. 24, 1992 at 10:00 A.M. Premises known as 120 Old Country Road, Hicksville, N.Y., being on the east side of Division Ave. at the extreme north end of the arc of a curve connecting the east side of Division Ave. with the north side of Old Country Road being a plot 83.18 ft. x 100 ft. x 90.90 ft. x 6.78 ft. x 82.78 ft. x 16.18 ft. as more particularly described in said judgment.

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Hall Of Fame Nominations

If you know of a Hicksville High School graduate who has achieved great success and/or has set an example as an exemplary citizen, please write to us! Your candidate may be eligible for Hicksville's very exclusive Hall of Fame. Nominations will be accepted only until March 31 in the Community Relations Office, Hicksville Public Schools, Administration Building, Division Avenue. All nominations must include a copy of a biographical sketch and a resume.

A committee of current Hicksville High School students will then choose the 1992 Hall of Fame inductees, who will be honored on Graduation Day.

Wins Scholarship



Leslie Quijano

Leslie Quijano, a first-year early childhood major at SUNY, was one of ten recipients of a \$500 Farmingdale Foundation Scholarship for the spring, 1992 semester. Leslie, who resides in Bethpage, is the daughter of Diane and Louis Quijano.

Leslie was recognized for maintaining a 3.0 average or better, and her demonstrated ability through volunteer and work experience to successfully contribute to her field of endeavor.

Photo by Gary Moo Young

Transportation Requests Due March 31

All requests for transportation of students attending private and parochial schools in 1991-92, must submit an application for transportation by March 31, 1992. Registration forms are available in the transportation office located in the Administration Building. For further information, call 933-6518.

Students Experiment, Discover

Fifth grade students in Mrs. Sheila Doischen's, Mrs. Sylvia Secunda's and Mrs. Clare Knoetgen's classes at A.P. Willits Elementary School are learning science by working through hands-on experiments in their Science Lab Book that was developed in the Syosset School District.

Students learn how to use a microscope, prepare a wet mount slide and analyze live plant cells under several powers of magnification. Viewing the cell wall and chloroplasts inside an *Elodea* plant cell proved to be amazing, especially when chloroplasts were seen moving. (The magnification was 400 times the normal size!)



Investigating *Elodea* plant cells under the microscope are, l-r: Lisa Covello, Lisa Hurwitz and Karan Johar.

Another investigation in the fifth grade Science Lab Book involved mapping the ocean floor. Students created models and asked fellow investigators to depict the model without viewing it directly! Using a sinker at the end of a line, measurements were graphed in their data books. Students then compared their graphs with the model. This investigation correlated with Expedition 3 of the Voyage of the Mimi program, also basic to the fifth grade science curriculum.



Investigating mapping the ocean floor are, l-r: Michael Tillman, Greg LaMaina, Elissa Bronchick, Amy Denton and Jennifer Glassman, with Mrs. Sylvia Secunda.

GRANDPARENTS - Send in your grandchildren's photos and enter our "World's Most Beautiful Grandchildren" contest. Just send a photo and a brief description of the child (or children) along with your name and address to: Litmor Publications, Beautiful Grandchildren Contest, 81 East Barclay St., Hicksville, N.Y. 11801. We'll do the rest!

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Jottings From Yesteryear



Post Card - Postmarked 1910 looking east from Broadway and East Barclay Street.



1991 photo, same street, Dental Building at right. Photo by Bill Clark.

By Bill Clark

Washington's birthday. Do you remember they said Washington tossed a dollar across the Delaware River? Do you think he could do that today? They say a dollar doesn't go as far today.

A friend said she liked the old Ford or Chevy roadsters with a front seat for two inside and the outside back was the rumble seat, sometimes called the Mother-in-law or grumble seat. She forgot, if you were outside riding rain or cold windy weather was not appreciated plus the car jack and tools under your feet. Some cars had hand operated wipers by a

handle above the windshield. You could tilt some windshields out at the bottom like a louver, when desired.

Back in those days when you shopped with Mom at Namns, A & S or Loesers and other department stores the elevators had an operator who would call out Mezzanine - Lingerie, 2nd floor linens, curtains, third floor - clothing, etc.

Just recalled that I haven't heard the old ads of a piece of Cherry pie, just stop in at the showroom. Watching TV they were dancing which made me think of a young lady years ago who wanted to dance. My wife said why not. I always had a

problem as she was short and when I took a long step I would goof. Then I realized I kept hitting her low girdle which would bounce my knee back.

College Notes

Dr. Donald Farmer, vice president for academic affairs at King's College, recently announced that 446 of the college's students have qualified for the fall 1991

semester dean's list, signifying a grade point average of 3.4 or higher.

Among those students were James Schneider, and Siobhan Campbell, both of Hicksville.

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Jane Woods

February 3
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Robert Harnett
Rosemarie Jabour
Frank Lambort
Charles Tallman
John-Tuechler

February 4
Kurt Breitfeller
Paul Weber
Dina Winter

February 5
Glenn F. Cisek
James Healy
Joe Johnson
Stan Macner
Tim Richards

February 6
Ruth F. Donolli
Scott Marshall

February 7
Robin Blicker
Cary L. Clarke
Marry De Monaco
Jeanne Maguire



February 8
Paul & Sharon Korman

February 6
Ellen & Frank Ricard

February 8
Carmen & Janet Palmese
Paul & Camille Hauf

February 10
Cathy Doyle
Cathy J. Johnson
Kenneth Lewis
Amy Przybyszewski
Dan Scapperotti
Clo Squillante

February 11
Christopher Carsten
Len DeStefano
Margaret A. Kern
Bill Robeson
Frank Webber
Robbie Walker

February 12
Gregory Latini
Elizabeth Karl
Theresa Moehringer

February 13
Joanne Crown
Stephanie Kern
Sharon Korman
Valerie Lopez

February 14
Joey Agosto
Marc Gottridge
Col. Bill Knudsen
John Latini
Matthew Scally
Joan Weber
Jacquelyn Yonick

February 15
Philip Anglin
George Banos
Helen R. Behan
Violet Dettloff
Faustino Maisonet
Valerie Scapperotti
Anne Marie Seeger
Danny Sheedy
Joy Kathleen Tuechler

February 17
Michael Ednie
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Patrick Gully, Jr.
Paul Hauf
Brian Kurkowski

February 18
Syon Sckebe
Luba Seibert
Tara Lynn Strazzeri
Barbara Uhlich

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Robert Goerke
Jeremy Grand
Thomas Healy
George Seif
Charlotte Skrynecki

February 20
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Peggy Colie
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Michael Uhlich

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February 18
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February 23
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February 11
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February 12
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Notice of Hicksville Public Library Election and Vote On Appropriation Of Funds

**Hicksville Union Free School District
Hicksville, New York**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Hicksville Public Library of Hicksville Union Free School District, Hicksville, New York, adopted January 15, 1992, the Annual District Election of the qualified voters of this School District for the Hicksville Public Library Election and Vote on appropriation of funds will be held on April 8, 1992, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. (E.S.T.) and 9:00 P.M. (E.S.T.) for the seven Election Districts, at the Hicksville Public Library, for the purpose of voting upon the following propositions(s):

Proposition No 1

Shall the Library Budget for the school year 1992-93 adopted by the Library Board be approved and a tax be levied on the taxable property of the District in the amount of such Budget, less sums received in the form of State and Federal Aid and from any other sources, all pursuant to the pertinent provisions of the Education Law?

Notice is further given that nominating petitions for the office of member of the Board of Trustees of the Library must be filed with the Clerk of the School District no later than thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting, said date being Monday, March 9, 1992, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Separate petitions shall be required to nominate a candidate. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the School District, shall be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District (the same being at least 25 qualified voters of the District or two percent (2%) of the number of voters who voted in the previous library election, whichever is greater), shall state the residence of each signer, the name and residence of the candidate. Forms of petitions for Board of Library Trustees may be obtained from the Clerk of the School District and at the Hicksville Public Library.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Library Trustees: 5 year term ending June 30th, 1996

Notice is further given that Personal Registration and Election Districts have been established in the School District, that no person shall be entitled to vote at the Annual District Election whose name does not appear on the register of the School District, unless such person is registered under the provisions of Section 5-612 of the Election Law and that those qualified to register and vote shall do so in the School Election District in which they reside.

Notice is further given that copies of the estimated expenses for the Library for

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the year 1992-93 may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District at each school house in the District daily except Saturday and Sunday on and after April 1, 1992, between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. and that any other propositions to be voted upon are available for inspection by any taxpayer in the District at the Library daily except Saturday and Sunday on and after Wednesday, April 1, 1992, between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Notice is further given that the Board of Registration shall meet in the Hicksville Public Library for the seven (7), Election Districts described below on Wednesday, April 1, 1992, from 3:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. (E.S.T.)

Any person shall be entitled to have his name placed upon such register provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he proves to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared. Said register will be filed in the office of the District Clerk on April 1, 1992, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on any weekday from April 1, 1992 up to and including April 8, 1992. Residents who voted at an Annual Meeting of the District within four years prior to the date of the current Annual Meeting or who registered within that time need not register to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. Residents otherwise qualified to vote who are registered under the provision of Section 5-612 of the Election Law need not register to be eligible to vote at the Meeting.

Notice is further given that during the voting hours on April 8, 1992, the Board of Registration will meet in the various election districts to receive registration for the ensuing year.

Notice is further given that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Office of the Clerk of the District. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available in the office of the Clerk on April 1, 1992 through April 8, 1992. Such list will also be posted at all polling places at the election of members of the Board of Trustees.

**HICKSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ELECTION DISTRICTS**

The boundaries of the School Election Districts, as adopted by resolution of the Board of Education are as follows:

**Election District No. 1
Barns Avenue School**

On the East: Broadway, from the District's North Line, to the intersection of Jerusalem Avenue and Broadway, continuing South along Jerusalem Avenue to the District's West line.

On the West: The District's West line from the Long Island Railroad to the District's North

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line.
On the North: The District's North line from the District's West II Roadway.

**Election District No. 2
East Street School**

On the East and North, Miller Road as projected to the District's North line, South along said Miller Road to Ronald Avenue, then East along Ronald Avenue to Woodbury Road, then North-east along Woodbury Road to Ardsley Gate, then Southeast through Ardsley Gate to Dartmouth Drive, then South-west and South through Dartmouth Drive to its intersection with Haverford Road, then East to the intersection of Haverford Road and Berkshire Road, then East along Berkshire Road to its intersection with Columbia Road, then East along Columbia Road to the District's East line, then South along the District's East line to the Long Island Railroad.

On the South and South-west: Along the Long Island Railroad, from the District's East line southerly point, to the intersection of the Long Island Railroad and Jerusalem Avenue.

On the West: Broadway from Jerusalem Avenue to the District's North line.

On the North: The District's North line from Broadway to Miller Road, as projected to said line.

**Election District No. 3
Woodland Avenue School**

On the North, Northeast and East: Along the District's North line, from Miller Road, as projected to the District's North line, to the District's East line.

On the East: South along the District's East line, West to Berkshire Road, then West along Berkshire Road into Haverford Road, and continuing West of Haverford Road to Dartmouth Drive then North and Northeast along Dartmouth Drive to Ardsley Gate; then Northwest through Ardsley Gate to Woodbury Road, then Southwest along Woodbury Road to Ronald Avenue, then West along Ronald Avenue to Miller Road, then North along Miller Road and continuing thereon as it is projected, to the District's North line.

**Election District No. 4
Leo Avenue School**

On the East-Northeast: The Long Island Railroad, from its intersection with Old Country Road, to the Southerly point of the District's East line.

On the South: the District's South line, from the Long Island Railroad, southwesterly into Michigan Drive, then South along said District line to the Hempstead Township line, then Northwesterly along the District's South line to Jerusalem Avenue.

On the West and North: Along Jerusalem Avenue, from the District's South line, to Salem Gate, then West along Salem Gate to Salem Road, then North to Harkin Lane, then Northwest along Harkin Lane to Division Avenue, then North along Division Avenue to Glenbrook Road, then Northwest along Glenbrook Road to Newbridge Road, then Northwest along Newbridge Road to Old Country Road, then East along

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Old Country Road to the Long Island Railroad.

**Election District No. 5
Fork Lane School**

On the East: Jerusalem Avenue from Salem Gate, to the District's South line.

On the North: Salem Gate, West from Jerusalem Avenue, to Salem Road, then North along Salem Road to Harkin Lane, then Northwest along Harkin Lane to Division Avenue, then Northwesterly along Division Avenue to Glenbrook Road then West along Glenbrook Road to Newbridge Road.

On the West: Newbridge Road, from Glenbrook Road on the North, to the District's South line.

On the South: The District's South Line, from Newbridge Road, on the West, to Jerusalem Avenue on the East.

**Election District No. 6
Dutch Lane School**

On the East: Newbridge Road, from Elmira Street, to the District's South line.

On the South: The District's South line, from Newbridge Road, on the East, to the District's West line.

On the West: The District's West line, from the District's South line to Arrow Lane, as said Lane is projected West to the District's West line.

On the North: From Arrow Lane, as projected to the District's West line, East and along said Arrow Lane, to Levittown Parkway, then South along Levittown Parkway to Beech Lane, then East along Beech Lane to Blueberry Lane, then South along Blueberry Lane to Elmira Street, then East along Elmira Street to Newbridge Road.

**Election District No. 7
Old Country Road School**

On the North and Northeast: The Long Island Railroad from the District's West line to the intersection of the Railroad with Old Country Road.

On the South and East: Old Country Road from its intersection with the Long Island Railroad, Westerly to Newbridge Road, then Southwest along Newbridge Road to Elmira Street to Blueberry Lane, then North along Blueberry Lane to Beech Lane, then West along Beech Lane to Levittown Parkway, then North along Levittown Parkway to Arrow Lane, then West along Arrow Lane, and as projected to the District's West line.

By Order Of The Board Of Trustees
Hicksville Public Library
Hicksville, Town Of
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Alice L. Wilder
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MIT 2561
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Free Resume

A free resume writing and job search workshop for professionals will be held at the Hicksville Public Library on Wednesday, February 26, at 8 p.m. Jonathan Weinstein and Elliott Wasserman, professional career counselors with many years of high level business experience, will discuss resumes, cover letters, letters of reference, the interview, and researching job contacts.

**Open House
At Nursery School**

The Hicksville Nursery School is holding an Open House for fall registration on Wednesday March 25 from 10-11:30 a.m. for parents of 2, 2½, 3 and 4 years olds in the school classrooms at W. Cherry Street and Nelson Avenue.

The Hicksville Nursery School is a non-profit, non-sectarian cooperative located in the back of the United Methodist Church. Founded in 1967, it has offered twenty five years of quality education to hundreds of preschool children as well as serving as field training center for students for S.U.N.Y. Farmingdale, Nassau Community College and Adelphi University.

The school seeks to offer the young child an environment in which he can grow emotionally, socially, intellectually and physically under the careful supervision of a fully trained staff.

The program provides varied activities with an abundance of materials and opportunities for free creative expression under the guidance of skilled, N.Y. State Early childhood, certified teachers. Art, media, wood-working, music and rhythmic movement, language arts, storytelling, dramatics, puzzles, doll corner, books and manipulative toys are all part of the daily program. A huge indoor playground permits daily large muscle activity even in the worst weather. A mid-session snack of milk or juice and crackers or fruits and vegetables is provided. Field trips are included to broaden the child's understanding of the world he lives in.

All parents who wish to, can share in the administration of the school. Monthly business meetings give parents the opportunity to make decisions on administrative needs. There are lectures, films, and "rap groups" to help parents learn more about parenting. Fundraising projects are most often social events helping young families meet other adults who are at the same state in life.

We invite all parents of preschool children to join us for a chance to play and learn together in our spacious well-equipped rooms. For further information, call 681-8246.

**Senior Choir At
Meth. Church**

The Senior choir of the United Methodist Church of Hicksville will present The Seven Words Of Christ On The Cross by Heinrich Schuetz (1585-1672) on Sunday, March 29, 1992 at the 8:30 and 10 a.m. morning services. The group will be accompanied by a string ensemble, organ, and harpsicord. Soloists will be the evangelists, Jesus, thief on the right, and thief on the left. The Offertory will be "Pie Jesu" from John Rutter's Requiem.

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 Program

An overflow crowd attended the 45th Annual Voice of Democracy Program, held at the Wm. M. Gouse, Jr. VFW Post No. 3211, Friday, February 7.

Bill Bennett, Chairman of the V.O.D. Committee and master of ceremony, paid tribute to the three Top Winners of the Voice of Democracy Program by reading a personal letter to each of the winners, by our First Lady, Barbara Bush. "Congratulations! I was pleased to learn that you received First Place honors in the Voice of Democracy 'Meeting America's Challenge' contest. That is a wonderful achievement, and I know how proud you and your family must be. I share the pride, and want you to know that I am encouraged by young people like you who are thinking about its future. It is never too early to be part of the solution and you have made a big contribution already. The President joins me in sending best wishes to you, your family and your classmates. Your interest and concern is vital, so keep up the good work! Warmly, Barbara Bush."

The President also sent his personal "Congratulations on your achievement. You can be justifiably proud of your accomplishment, for it reflects your talent, determination and dedication. Your life is bright with potential, and we encourage you to keep up the good work." George Bush, Barbara Bush, and Vice President Daniel Quayle.

The contest winners, Karen Jendras, of Holy Trinity Diocesan High School, James L. Fitzsimmons, of Hicksville High School, and Shani Saunders, of Trinity Lutheran, also received a Certificate of Merit from Governor Mario Cuomo, in the name of the "entire family of New York" - "as first place winners in the Voice of Democracy essay program sponsored by the VFW Post 3211, with the congratulations of the entire family of New York." Mario Cuomo, Governor.

The 2nd Place winner at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School was Jamie Geell, and the 3rd Place winner was Jackie Farrell. Second Place winner at Hicksville High School was Domenick Freda, and the 3rd Place winner was Guy Carloni. Bill Bennett, and Hicksville School Board President Carole Wolf made the award presentation.

VFW New York State Commander, Mr. Mario M. Raimondi, thanked "all the students that participated in the Contest, and made an award to our three top winners. Our County Executive Mr. Thomas Gulotta gave a meaningful talk, and stated that he, too, was a Voice of Democracy winner."

Many local dignitaries were on hand to give out awards, and

expressed their admiration to "our students" - Assemblyman Fred Parola, a regular participant, along with Councilman Tom Clark. Dennis Dunn, Mr. Gulotta's representative presented a special award, letters of congratulations were sent by Senator Patrick Moynihan, and beautifully prepared "Proclamations" and Citations, were sent by: Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato, Congressman Norman Lent, and our Town Supervisor Lewis Xevoli.

The Wm. M. Gouse, Jr., VFW Post No. 3211 and The Ladies Auxiliary President Joan Chwalisz, Past State Chairman, also made awards and presentations to the winning students.

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Salvatore Mugavero, was the evening's principal speaker, and gave his expectations for a better School District under his care.

The students beamed with delight and expectations when their names were called for award presentations, and we had many good hard working members of our community on hand to make those presentations. To name a few: Commander Vincent Ferrara, his lovely wife Frances - President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Joan Chwalisz, Clara Bennett - President of the Nassau Library System, Marc Herbst - President of the Library, Peggy Thies - President of the PTA Council, Pat Love - President of the PTSA (Hicksville High School), V.O.D. Judges James Black and Ellie Draycott, Board Members Carole Wolf, James Martillo, Arlene Rudin, Bill Collins, James Black, Richard Pfaender, Mr. Joseph DePampa - President of the Hicksville Community Council, and Mr. Vincent Oesterle - Chairman, Nassau County, Voice of Democracy of the VFW.

Well over 200 parents, grandparents, students, teachers, school principals, Library officials, Officers and members of the VFW Post were on hand to cheer the students, and special "Certificates" were awarded to local newspapers. Robert L. Morgan, Editor and Publisher of this newspaper was given recognition for the Mid Island Times contribution to promoting our program, and other articles concerning the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Certificates were awarded to all participating teachers, School Principals, to our V.O.D. Judges Jim Black, Ellie Draycott, Donald Skupinski. Mr. Skupinski was given an American flag, flown over the U.S. Capitol, by Congressman Norman Lent.

The Post said, "On behalf of our Commander, Vincent Ferrara, the V.O.D. Committee, of Bill Bennett, Joan Chwalisz, Frances Ferrara, and Nancy Giacopelli, we thank our participating students, their teachers, principals, parents, and all those that made the evening of February 7, a tremendous success."



Left to right, upper: Commander Vincent T. Ferrara, County Executive Thomas S. Gulotta, V.F.W. V.O.D. Chairman Bill Bennett. Lower: Joan Chwalisz, President Ladies Aux. V.F.W.; Mario Raimondi, V.F.W. State Commander.



Left to right: V.F.W. Commander Vincent Ferrara, Karen Jendras - 1st Place winner, Holy Trinity School.



James L. Fitzsimmons - 1st Place winner, Hicksville High School; Joan Chwalisz - President V.F.W. Ladies Aux.



Left to right: Assemblyman Fred Parola, Shani Saunders - 1st Place winner, Trinity Lutheran School.



Left to right: Assemblyman Fred Parola, Karen Jendras - 1st Place winner, Holy Trinity School; James L. Fitzsimmons - 1st Place winner - Hicksville High School; Shani Saunders - 1st Place winner, Trinity Lutheran School; Bill Bennett, V.O.D. Chairman.



Left to right: John Boglioli - Chairman Social Studies, Trinity High School; Karen Jendras, James Fitzsimmons, Weidon W. Endorf - Principal, Trinity Lutheran; Shani Saunders, Richard Hogan - Principal, Hicksville High School.



Left to right: Karen Jendras, James L. Fitzsimmons, Tom Clark - Councilman, Shani Saunders.



Deanna Ghazati - 1st Place winner, Burns Ave. School; Mr. Salvatore Mugavero, Supt. of Schools.



Left to right: Domenick Freda - 2nd Place winner, Hicksville High School; Carole Wolf - Pres. Bd. of Ed.; Guy Carloni - 3rd Place winner, Hicksville High School.



V.F.W. V.O.D. Chairman Bill Bennett, Jamie Geell - 2nd Place winner, Holy Trinity H.S.; Jackie Farrell - 3rd Place winner, Holy Trinity H.S.



Left to right: Deepak Sreevatsan, Carly Birnham, Deanna Ghozati (Burns Ave. School); William P. Collins - Trustee, Hicksville Board of Ed.



Left to right: Errol Ismail, John Mateer - Principal, Lee Ave. School; Regina Rupolo, Christopher MacKay.



Terence Kraemer, Jeena Easow, Arlene Rudin (Dutch Lane School); Arlene Rudin - Sec., Hicksville Bd. of Ed.; Edward Fong (Dutch Lane).



Left to right: Nancy Calari - Pres., PTA Old Country Road School; Jason Burgoyne, Amle Ghisone, Danielle Dargc.



Left to right: Robert Parker, Kelly Albach (East Street School); James Martillo - Vice Pres., Hicksville Board of Ed.



Left to right: Joe DePompa - Pres., Hicksville Community Council; Joseph Herb, Jonathan Sattler, Christina Wainer, St. Ignatius School.



Left to right: Clara Bennett - Pres., Nassau Library Systems; Pamela Rodriguez, Jossy Thomas, Bobby Alexander (Fork Lane School).



Left to right: Marc Herbst - Pres., Hicksville Library; David Avila, Shani Saunders, Jennifer Hughes; Weldon Endorf - Principal, Trinity Lutheran.



Left to right: Kevin McKinney, Nina Stassi, Megan Mahoney; James Black - Trustee, Hicksville Board of Ed., V.O.D. Judge.



Left to right: Amanda Ayres, Mellisa Sarno, Daniel Voss; Peggy Theis - Pres., P.T.A. Council.

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Hicksville Fire Dept., Tom Bruno from the Hicksville Youth Council, Nassau County Police Dept., Nassau County Medical Center, American Red Cross, LILCO, 4-H Clubs, Woodbury Optical, Automobile Club of N.Y., N.Y. Society for the Deaf, MADD, CHADD, TADA, TOB-Drug Abuse & Community Youth Services, Nassau County Health Dept. & Drug Enforcement and Assn. for Children with Down Syndrome were among the participating organizations.



OCR PTA Moms serve health snacks to students during Health & Safety Fair. (Diane Kruper, Betty Loyer and Mary Shurley)



PTA Mom Mary Beth Becker assists students; Patricia Beh, Julie Pok, Michael Ghisone, Ricky Aceste, Michael Chester and Collin McGuire on a Hicksville Fire Dept. Ambulance Tour by Lt. Efinger.



Our principal, Mrs. Silver and students.



OCR's SNT, Carol Gerard was kept very busy taking blood pressures on Mrs. Michaels, one of our sixth grade teachers.



Automobile Club of N.Y. was on hand with bicycle safety tips.



Sponsors from CHADD and MADD (Children Against Drunk Drivers, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) spoke to Winnie LaGrega, John Lauro & Robert Becker



Hicksville High School Students from TADA (Teens Against Drug Abuse) passed out information to Jill McKee, Kristi Walker and Hana Kabashi (Students Christine Thels & Brian Harkins with OCR PTA President Nancy Callari)

Smoke Detectors Alert 2 Families

Two Hicksville families, in two separate incidents, were alerted to fires by smoke detectors and all escaped unharmed.

Hicksville Fire Departments spokesperson, x-Chief Owen Magee stated that the fires, which both happened on Tuesday, February 1, had the potential to cause serious damage and life threatening injuries.

The first fire at 1:52 a.m. at 50 Alexander Ave. started in a dryer and quickly filled the home with thick smoke. Smoke detectors alerted the family and they escaped unharmed. The fire was quickly extinguished by fire fighters and confined to the room of origin.

A fire at 196 Princess St. at 5:17 p.m. Tuesday caused moderate damage to a basement storeroom. The smoke set off numerous smoke detectors and alerted 3 children and their grandfather who quickly escaped unharmed. The fire, apparently started in a light fixture in a utility room. Fire fighters, hampered by heavy smoke located the fire and confined it to the room of origin, but floor beams on the first floor sustained considerable damage. Chief Patrick Scanlon was in command at both alarms.

Total alarms reported by the Hicksville Fire Dept. in January 1992 are:

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Haz-Mat Calls - 1
Total All Calls - 89



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They gave a short presentation in their classrooms during the morning. The class presentations were attended by many parents and other guests. The children portrayed a wide range of characters, from old favorites like Peter Pan, Rip Van Winkle, Cinderella, and the Cat In The Hat, to newcomers like Ninja Turtles, The Little Mermaid, and Belle from Beauty and the Beast. The parents did a great job with the costumes. The children had a wonderful day learning about many fascinating characters.



The children in K-1 show off their costumes for Character Day.

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Mr. Desmond emphasized that the growing transportation need has resulted in the increased need for volunteers, especially in the eastern Long Island area.

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Inducted Into Lacrosse Hall Of Fame

Richard Kowalchuk a 1970 Hicksville High School graduate, was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame on February 8, 1992, at the Sheraton Towson Hotel, Towson, Maryland.

Rick had an outstanding athletic career in Hicksville. He was a three year varsity player in three sports. As a senior, he was selected as the all-conference center in football. In wrestling, he was a Nassau County champion and state runner-up at 178 lbs. In lacrosse, he was all-conference and all-county and the team's most valuable player.

Rick went on to play lacrosse for John Hopkins University where he was selected as a first team all-American midfielder for three years. His strength and scoring ability made him one of the top offensive middies in the country through his career. In 1974, he led the Blue Jays to the national championship over an outstanding Maryland team. He won the Lt. Raymond Enners Memorial Award as the Division I lacrosse player of the year. He was also a member of the South Team in the annual North-South All-Star Game.

Rick played for the Mt. Washington Lacrosse Club of Baltimore. He made the U.S.C.L.A. All-Star team and was one of the outstanding players on a team that won the club championship in 1975, 1976 and 1977.

He was member of the 1974 United States National Team that won the gold in Melbourne, Australia, and he was selected to the 1978 National Team but was unable to compete.

Rick was also inducted into the Long Island/Metropolitan Lacrosse Hall of Fame in February, 1990. He resides in Midlothian, Virginia, with his wife Charlyce, and their daughter Morgan.

The Hicksville Public School District and Superintendent of Schools, Salvatore Mugavero, extend their congratulations to Mr. Kowalchuk and his family for this prestigious honor.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an order entered by the Supreme Court, Nassau County, on the 11th day of February 1992, bearing Index Number 685/92, a copy of which may be examined at the office of the clerk, located at 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, in room number 106, grants me the right, effective on the 23rd day of March, 1992, to assume the name of Sachin Giani. My present address is 12 Kraemer Street, Hicksville; the date of my birth is July 4, 1975; the place of my birth is India; my present name is Sachin H. Jhangiani. MIT 2562 1X2/1

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Jericho Fire District, Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, shall expend monies to purchase (2) 1992 Chevrolet Suburbans with all associated accessories and equipment, as per specifications. The Board shall expend monies in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. Said funds to be transferred from the Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (AKA Fund B), as authorized by Section 6 G of the General Municipal Law.

This Resolution shall not take effect until 30 days from the date thereof, unless in the meanwhile a Permissive Referendum as provided by the General Municipal Law is required to be held.

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
JERICHO
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Attest: Richard A. Gander
Secretary

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**LEGAL NOTICE
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**FOR AUTHORITY OF
MEENAN OIL CO., L.P.**
Under Section 121-902 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act Meenan Oil Co., L.P., a foreign limited partnership has applied for authority in New York and states the following:

1. The name of the foreign limited partnership is Meenan Oil Co., L.P.
2. The date of filing the application for authority with the Secretary of State is 12/30/91.
3. The jurisdiction and date of the foreign partnership's organization is: Delaware/November 12, 1991.
4. The county within the State of New York where the office of the foreign limited partnership is located is: Nassau.
5. The Secretary of State of the State of New York has been designated as agent for the foreign limited partnership upon whom process against the foreign limited partnership may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State of the State of New York shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership upon him is: 6800 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 100E, Syos-

set, N.Y. 11791-0100.

LEGAL NOTICE

6. The registered agent of the foreign limited partnership is to be the agent of the foreign limited partnership upon whom process against the foreign limited partnership may be served. The name and address within the State of New York of said registered agent are as follows: The Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc., 15 Columbus Circle, New York, N.Y. 10023-7773.

7. The address of the office that the foreign limited partnership is required to maintain under the laws of its jurisdiction or organization, or if not so required, of its principal office is: 32 Lookerman Square, Suite L-100, Dover, Delaware 19001.

8. The list of names of business or residence addresses of all general partners is available from the Secretary of State.

9. The name and address of the authorized officer in its jurisdiction of organization where a copy of its certificate of limited partnership is filed is: Secretary of State, Townsend Building, Dover, Delaware 19901.

10. The character or purpose of the business of the foreign limited partnership is: Retail and wholesale sales of petroleum products and the sale, installation and service of heating equipment.

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that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Jericho Fire District, Jericho, New York, invites sealed bids on a Self air cooling drive line Eddy Current Electric Retarder, Thelma Model Focal 191 or approved equal for a 1988 Mack CF Engine, as per specifications.

Bids will be accepted at Fire Headquarters on North Broadway, Jericho, New York, until 10:00 a.m. on March 6, 1992 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

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**Library Trip To
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The Jericho Public Library has arranged a trip to the New York Flower Show on Thursday, March 19 at 8:45 a.m. The \$21 cost includes transportation and admission. This year's flower show is called "Discover '92." It celebrates the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the Americas and explores the nature of American interest in flowers and gardening. You will be able to stroll through 19th century English conservatory, savor the serenity of a traditional Japanese garden and experience the dynamic design of a modern city garden.

The theme of the day is "Herb Day" and at 11:30 a.m. there will be a free lecture addressing this subject. Browse through the Marketplace where you can purchase unusual plants, new books, garden furniture and accessories not readily available elsewhere. A cafe is also available for lunch or you may wish to wait till approximately 1 p.m. when we will be dropped off at 50th Street and 5th Avenue for browsing or lunch.

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Registration will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 1992, from 9:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. in the Administration Building (Room A248). There is a fee of \$15 per course.

Priority will be given to registration by mail. However, the letter must be postmarked no later than March 2, 1992. Send check and program selection to: After School Elementary Enrichment Program, Hicksville Public Schools, Hicksville High School, Room 147, Hicksville, N.Y. 11801. Please include course selection, day and time when registering. Programs begin on March 9 and run for ten sessions.

Courses include:
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Aerobics
Lee Avenue, Wednesday, 4-5.
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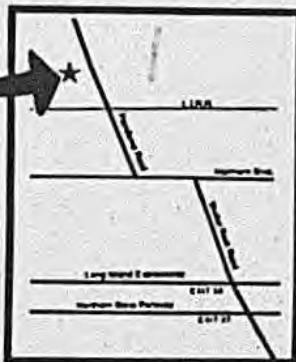
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Hooray for Hat Day! Students at St. Ignatius celebrated Hat Day on January 22. Children from grades Pre-K through Grade 6 sported all sorts of hats last month at this special event.

The hats were homemade or store-bought. They were creative, funny, silly, pretty, handsome, and were shown off in a parade around the school culminating in a gathering in the auditorium. There they were judged and prizes were awarded. The following is a list of Hat Day winners.

Pre-K (A.M.): Alex Lopez, Kristen Lang
Pre-K (P.M.): Lindsey Allen, Samantha Giorgio
K (1): Kyle Delaney, Deanna

Sessions
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1 (2): Sean Kelly, Jaelyn Jonnelly
2 (1): Traci-Barton, Brendan Donohue
2 (2): Michael Cunha, Fabrizio Cerutti
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6: Richard Mirabella, Joseph Herb

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Baylis At Reflections Reception



Holding up their Certificates are (front row): Joseph H. Krlou, Mark Sawicki and Emily Breidbart; (back row): Justin Wein, David Trichter, Sarri Harper, Christine Curcio, Valeri Hamerling and Lindsay Dorf.

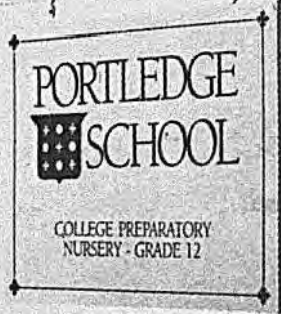
On January 29, the Syosset Council of PTA's held its annual "Reflections Reception" for all the winners from the Syosset schools.

Baylis Elementary School was pleased to have its nine winners attend. The students participated in four different areas of the arts.

The winners in the different categories were as follows:

Photography - Lindsay Dorf (2 winning entries) - 5th grade.; Valeri Hamerling - 4th grade.
 Music - David Trichter - 4th grade.
 Literature - Emily Breidbart - 2nd grade, Christine Curcio - 5th grade, Justin Wein - 4th grade.
 Art - Sarri Harper - 5th grade, Joseph Krlou - 1st grade, Mark Sawicki - 1st grade.

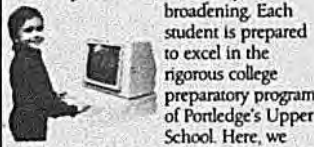
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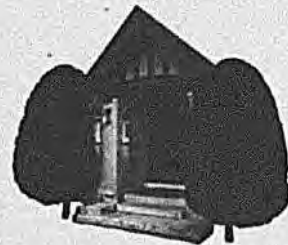


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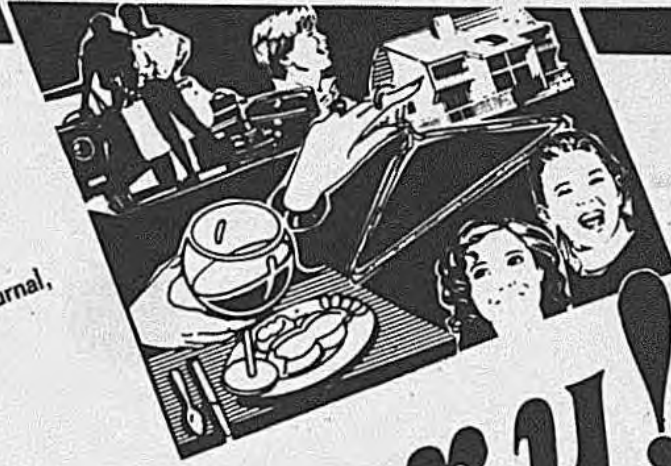
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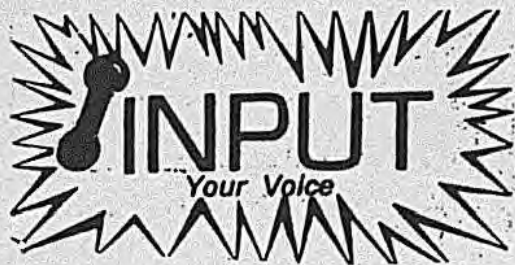


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My Mortgage

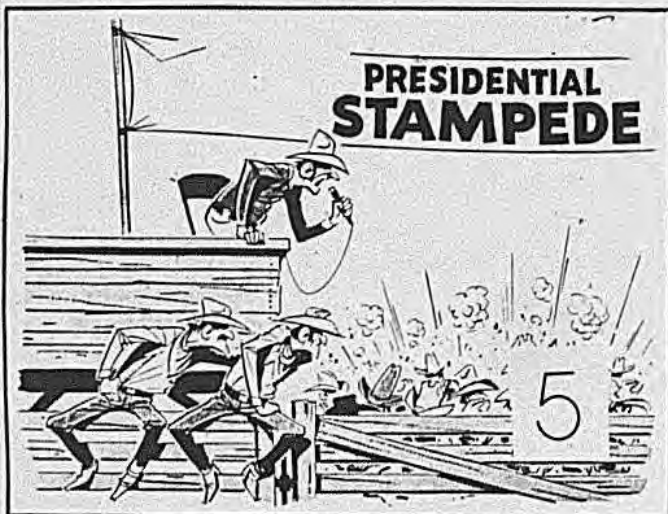


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THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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Input Callers List Research Priorities

Most callers to Input believe that research on cancer and heart problems should command top priority in the allocation of funds in answer to this question: "If there were money available to do government research on serious diseases, what priority would you give cancer, AIDS, heart or other diseases?" Here are some of the answers:

CANCER RESEARCH

I believe that more cancer research should take full priority for any funds. This disease takes the lives of so many people and we have not had much success at all in eliminating it. Aside from the obvious help of people abstaining from smoking there is not much hopeful information coming out on cancer. I think we should take all the money we can get and use it to bombard one disease at a time and then go on to the next problem. J.G.

HEART, CANCER

There are so many diseases and it often depends on what disease runs in your family on what you would prefer funds used for. This is the reason so many private groups are able to get together funds for such diseases as leukemia, lupus and muscular dystrophy. I think the government should fund more research but I think it should not be prone to political pressure such as is shown by the AIDS people. They certainly need research but simply because they are organized is no reason to give to them and limit research on widespread diseases such as heart and cancer. Those two would be my first priorities. H.F.

AIDS RESEARCH

Throughout history people have been effected by disease, suffering and death. Although there have been cures found for a number of illnesses, many remain to continue to plague and kill us. If funds were available I would recommend that the government do as much research as possible on the AIDS epidemic before it is too late. Continued research would also be encouraging for those affected with other life threatening diseases which also demand our full attention. It is difficult to decide how much should be appropriated for each illness but it is certain that good health is priceless. C.P.

RESEARCH OR BEHAVIOR

While there is a great clutter about funding more AIDS projects, it is the only major disease that can be changed by behavior. In other words, it is not found in the air but only through behavior. Unlike other diseases where genetics, and germs have much to do with getting the disease, AIDS could be controlled if behavior would change. Because of this I believe that research there should not be a first priority. But controlling behavior should. Because there are not unlimited funds I would like to see such diseases as diabetes, heart and cancer given the research money first because they have no other way of being stopped than through research and not through behavior. J.G.

A LITTLE SURVEY

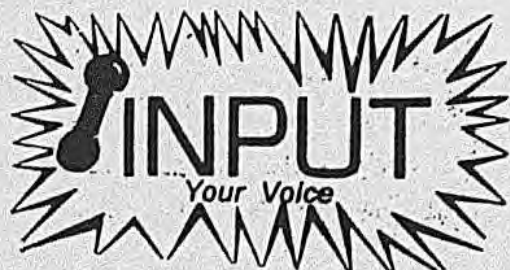
Needless to say, this is a most difficult question to answer even in my case where I have had several operations throughout my life naturally giving me expert status. In any case, I took my preliminary selections along with me on my current visit to my latest surgeon to while away my time and develop an answer. As it happened, there was a backlog of at least ten people waiting their turn and it suddenly occurred to me to grasp the opportunity and capitalize on it by discussing the problem with them and getting their suggestions on the "Question." As I had already given some thought to the matter, it was interesting to find that we agreed on a number of the diseases which we felt should be given priority for government research and melding them together I have come out with the following order of importance:

1. Cancer. 2. AIDS 3. Diabetes 4. Heart 5. Polio 6. Diphtheria. Other diseases discussed included infantile paralysis, muscular dystrophy, and TB. Needless to say, the approach to this problem has been objective. However, I can't help but strongly emphasize

the need for diabetes research. Witnessing the dreadful experiences of a good friend of mine month after month with excruciating pain and dismemberment certainly accentuates the need for serious research attention. P.G.S.

PAST ISSUES

In my answer last week you omitted an important part of my answer and that was to stop lawyers from advertising to sue, sue, sue. The rest of it you have. P.R.



Discovery!

Should I Refinance My Mortgage

By William Campo

One of the shining stars in the present gloomy economy is that the federal government, through its discount rate, has lowered the cost of lending money to banks. In filtering that down to the consumer, the interest rates on home mortgage has decreased to almost unheard of levels. Not only have the rates decreased, but with every corp in rates, the publicity level has risen all the more higher.

Although it is questionable whether or not the drop in rates will stimulate home-buying, it has certainly increased the oft repeated question: "Should I refinance my mortgage?" Not since the mid 1980's has that question been on the minds of so many consumers. However, the reply is quite different now than it was then. Perhaps some thoughts, questions and ideas in the next several paragraphs might provide an answer or spark some interest in determining the proper course of action.

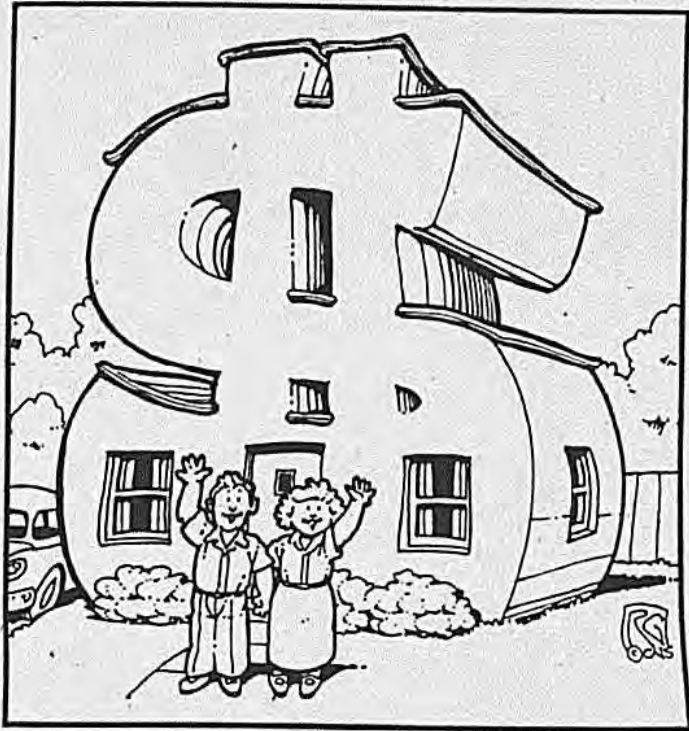
The first consideration in making a decision on whether or not to refinance is whether or not the homeowner has the equity in his/her property to refinance. Simply stated, equity is the difference between what one's house is worth and what the present balance on the mortgage is. Therein lies the problem. While determining the balance of a mortgage is objective and definitive, the value of a parcel is subjective and sometimes difficult to accept. The implication is that in our economy, the value of one's "castle" has unfortunately diminished to a price difficult to believe.

Thus the main and most important difference between a potential 1990's refi and a 1989's refi is the property value. The real estate boom of the 80's combined rising values with declining rates. In the 1990's values and rates are dropping. Therefore, one must ensure that there is sufficient equity. A good rule for guidance here is that to obtain a complete refinance, the balanced of the present liens (first, second or third mortgages) should be lower than 75% of the value of the real estate.

One of the basic theories in the mortgage primer is that to refinance, one should shave at least two points off the current rate of the present mortgage. Although somewhat true, one should not rely on this theory alone. Once again, the difference between 80's thinking and 90's thinking appears. In the 1980's unsecured debt or consumer interest (e.g. credit cards, auto loans, etc.) was tax deductible. Today it is not. Therefore, should someone on the fence (perhaps just under that two point threshold) have consumer debt totalling into five figures, then a refi to include payment of that debt should be considered. In addition, upon consulting with one's tax advisor, the interest paid on the new mortgage for that debt might be tax deductible. Consider that a balance of \$10,000 on charge cards (even at 18% - while most are 21%) totals \$150 per month. By financing that \$10,000 with a conventional 30 year mortgage, the payment would be cut almost in half of what the monthly interest accrual is, let alone the fact that the entire balance is paid! So, the 2 point factor is not a "factor" if one has a high dollar amount of charge card debt. Frankly, personal and car loans where the interest is not as high, but still not tax deductible, should be considered as part of a refinance and consolidation.

Another consideration on determining whether or not to refinance is the existence of a second or even third mortgage on the property. In the 80's, second mortgages had just become regulated. Rarely did they play a part in a decision to refinance. Today, a second mortgage can be utilized as an option to a refi or play a part in decision to refinance. If one does have a second mortgage presently, its rate and balance will determine if a refi is viable. Those home equity lines of credit which use a pen and a checkbook to fuel a potential powderkeg should be examined. Sure they are at low rates now, but they can adjust monthly and produce payment shock in the future. When the economy recovers (and it will someday) and credit controls become tighter, a rise in the prime, the most common index for these loans increases the monthly payment. A refinance consolidating the balance on the home-equity line perhaps in conjunction with the aforementioned payoff of consumer debts may prove to be the deciding factor in refinance.

In the presence of an existing second mortgage, its balance and



rate might be a determination. If the balance on the second is close to, equal to, or more than the balance of the first mortgage, that second mortgage should be the determining factor on a refi. Most second mortgages have shorter terms and higher rates than first mortgages because of the lender's greater risk involved. With the extremely attractive rates presently offered, paying off a second with a consolidation makes sense.

Another determining factor in a refinance is good old fashion money. If you need it (especially plenty of it) a refinance with "cash out" is very viable. If a lender is willing to offer you money at today's low rates with a fixed payment for 30 years (into the 2020's) why not? Taking into consideration the present value of money and the future inflation factor, anyone needing money for the well-publicized "worthwhile purpose" should take advantage.

One of the more difficult decisions in a refi is replacing an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM). With all of the indices (the basis on which a rate change is determined) also as low as rates, adjustables are not only attractive, but create difficult decisions with present holders. The 2 point theory should not be relied upon in the decision process over whether to replace an ARM. But adjustables with negative amortization or with terms that include three plus points over the index or potential annual caps in excess of two points should be scrutinized closely. The existence of any of those terms along with any previously mentioned items (consumer debt, existing second mortgage or need for cash) should be determining factors.

Once a decision is near, closing costs usually are a concern. However, these costs should not be the deciding factor. Usually, they are deducted from proceeds and financed over the term of the loan. Part of those costs include points. Each point is one percent of the loan. These points may be tax deductible. A good rule of thumb is that with the potential savings in a monthly payment, if closing costs can be recaptured within a three year period, with all other factors being equal, one should refinance. For example, if the total closing cost are \$4,500 and one's monthly payment is reduced by at least \$125 in the refinance (\$4,500 divided by \$125), then the savings would be recaptured in 36 months.

Lastly, if none of the above items can prove to be factors in the decision-making process, a second mortgage (not a home-equity line of credit) might be a viable alternative. Although the rates are higher than first, a fixed-rate self-amortizing second mortgage can provide cash, pay consumer debt, extinguish non-amortizing home equity lines or assist in the standard "any worthwhile purpose" loan.

Hopefully, the items in the above paragraphs might be of assistance in making a very important decision. Should one decide to refinance, well, there are primers for shopping rates. Basically, the applicant should keep two things in mind. In today's market, most rates are about the same, and one that stands out from the rest may not prove to be the best. Secondly, with a tedious paper chase and involved process, proper service tends to lend itself to the proper rate.

About the Author:

William Campo lives in Garden City and is engaged in mortgage financing. This is his second contribution to Discovery.

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Vegetarian View

By Margaret Wing-Peterson

At the turn of the century, Dr. John Kellogg, head of the Battle Creek Sanitarium and C.W. Post, his ex-patient and later rival, touted the virtues of flaked, cooked cereal grains to health-hungry consumers.

Now largely thanks to oatmeal, cereal has become the new darling of thousands at the 1990s breakfast table. Working parents and school-bound children favor ready-to-eat grains because of the minimum preparation. Nutritionists like them, too, because these items are a sound alternative to bacon and eggs and far better than the doughnuts-and-coffee routine.

Cereals are outstanding options for a cholesterol-lowering diet, for they are naturally low in saturated fat and cholesterol-free. Kellogg's accidental invention looked nothing like today's offerings, however.

Oats have sprouted up in many products, reflecting the desire of adults who want to evade heart disease. Consumers seemingly forget an important point: the research that examined oats' blood-cholesterol-lowering ability found the grain was most effective when it was part of a low-fat diet. Oats were only one of a series of wise food choices.

Sadly, some manufacturers add relatively insignificant amounts of oats to a multi-grain mix and charge exorbitantly for it, nonetheless. What's the lure of oats? Its soluble fiber content, which appears to help remove excess cholesterol through the digestive tract.

But in their quest for soluble fiber, Americans are overlooking the need for insoluble fiber, the kind needed for colon health. In fact, good health requires ample supplies of both soluble and insoluble fiber.

You know insoluble fiber as wheat bran, celery strings and orange membranes, but you'll also find insoluble fiber in any bran (technically, the outer layer of any grain kernel — oats, rice, corn, rye, triticale), fruit and vegetable peels, seeds and nuts. Insoluble fiber helps deter constipation, formation of diverticula (small pockets in the colon wall that develop from insufficient use of intestine) and development of colon cancer.

Cereals are one of the few foods on which nutrition labels widely appear. As you compare products:

- Note whether you normally consume the serving size listed with the nutrient content. An ounce of heavy granolas or multi-grain granules will measure just ¼ cup while 1 ounce of puffed rice might yield nearly 2 cups.

- Refer to the carbohydrate information panel on most boxes for the sugar content hidden in a serving. Look under the section "Sucrose and Other Simple Carbohydrates" or "Simple Carbohydrates" for one serving without milk (milk has its own naturally occurring sugar). Every 4 grams of sucrose or simple carbohydrate amount to a teaspoon of table sugar.

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course. Some manufacturers argue that children will add sugar at the table, anyway. However, parents can exert more control over sweetening at home than at the factory.

Cereals with dried fruit might seem loaded with excess sugar, but the carbohydrate count reflects the natural sugar in the fruit. High-bran products tend to have a lot of added sugar because without it, the bran would taste much like sawdust. Fruit juice as a sugar source offers insignificant advantages over regular sugar, honey or brown sugar.

- Forgo the highly fortified ("100 percent of the USRDA for all nutrients") unless a serving of the cereal is all you plan to eat for the day.

Other foods consumed during the day contain valuable nutrients that often are better utilized by the body and certainly come at a lower cost — the few cents' worth of vitamins and minerals sprayed onto the flakes swells enormously in the cash register. After all, who also pays for the advertising and packaging that extols the value of the fortification?

- Watch for typical granolas, which have fats added as coconut, coconut oil, palm oils or nuts.

- For variety, look for less-familiar grains entering the American mainstream. Amaranth (pronounced A-mah-ranth) and quinoa (KEEN-wa) are native to South America and rich in protein, vitamins and minerals. Triticale, a hybrid of rye and wheat, is a good source of protein.

- Check sodium levels. As the processing applied to a grain increases, its sodium usually creeps up, too. Instant, just-add-boiling-water hot cereals are notorious for high sodium. However, some brands of instant oatmeal contain no added salt nor sodium, so scrutinize labels.

- SHREDDED WHEAT WITH BANANA-MILK**
- 2 cups bite-sized shredded wheat biscuits
 - 2 tablespoons wheat bran (unprocessed miller's bran)
 - 2 tablespoons sliced almonds
 - 1 ripe banana, peeled, cut in chunks and frozen
 - 1½ cups non-fat or 1-percent-fat milk
 - 1 to 2 drops vanilla extract

Yields 2 servings.
 Per serving: 345 calories, 67 grams carbohydrate, 15 grams protein, 6 grams fat, 16 percent calories from fat, 4 milligrams cholesterol, 102 milligrams sodium.

Divide shredded wheat biscuits into two serving bowls. Top with wheat bran and almonds. In jar or blender or food processor, whirl banana, milk and vanilla until slightly frothy. Pour over cereal; serve immediately.



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Go for the green

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You will find this traditional holiday celebrated with parades, green beer and festive feasts held in honor of the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick.

Legend and fact are difficult to separate when it comes to the life and works of the Emerald Isle's famous patron. We do know that St. Patrick was not a native Irishman, but was born in western Britain to an upper-class family.

At the tender age of 16, Patrick was kidnapped by members of an Irish raiding party and brought to County Antrim, Ireland. There he spent six years in servitude as a herdsman, praying devoutly and experiencing strange dreams and visions all the while.

Finally, he escaped bondage and returned to Britain, where he was ordained. His dreams and visions helped to fuel a holy mission when he returned to Ireland to convert Gaelic tribesmen to Christianity.

One of the most popular myths concerning St. Patrick relates to his purported ousting of all snakes from Ireland. He supposedly fashioned a box for the last remaining snake, which was reluctant to leave the island. The wily viper refused the good saint's request to enter the box, saying he was too large for the box to accommodate him.

St. Patrick urged the snake once more to try to fit inside, whereupon the reptile entered the container to prove that the box was indeed too small. St. Patrick quickly closed the lid and tossed both box and snake into the sea. Thus Ireland was free of snakes.

It's "in" to proudly display Irish roots (or Irish roots for a day) by wearing green. To be caught without a swatch of green somewhere on your person is to risk a retaliatory pinch. Yet in Ireland, all three colors of the Irish flag are displayed: green representing Roman Catholic South Ireland, orange representing Protestant Northern Ireland and white signifying the peace between the two Irish states.

Organize your feast in honor of St. Patrick the modern way, with delectable dishes from your microwave, sure to put you in clover. Slice a portion of traditional Irish soda bread to accompany your corned beef and cabbage, and raise your glass of Irish coffee in a traditional Emerald Isle toast:

"May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night and a smooth road all the way to your door."

OLD-FASHIONED IRISH SODA BREAD

4 cups all-purpose flour
½ cup sugar

1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup butter or margarine
1½ cups raisins
½ cup chopped nuts
1½ cups buttermilk
1 egg
1 tablespoon water
1 egg yolk

Yields 1 loaf.

Preparation time: 5 to 10 minutes.

Cooking time: 11 to 13 minutes.

Oven setting: HIGH (100 percent power).

In large bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking powder, soda and salt. Cut in butter or margarine. Add raisins and nuts, and then blend in buttermilk and egg.

Pour mixture into lightly greased microwave-safe 2½-quart casserole. Whip egg yolk and water together and brush surface of bread dough.

Microwave 11 to 13 minutes. Turn out of pan and let cool thoroughly before slicing.

CORNED BEEF

3 pounds corned beef brisket with seasoning packet
2 cups water

Yields 6 to 8 servings.

Preparation time: 10 minutes.

Cooking time: 58 to 60 minutes, plus 15 minutes standing time.

Oven setting: HIGH (100 percent power), MEDIUM (50 percent power).

Set beef brisket in 2-quart microwave-safe casserole and sprinkle with seasonings. Pour water over meat and cover. Microwave 8 to 10 minutes on HIGH or until water rapidly boils.

Microwave on MEDIUM for 50 minutes, or until brisket is fork-tender, turning meat over after 20 minutes.

Let stand in juices, covered, for 15 minutes while preparing cabbage.

CABBAGE

1 large head cabbage, rinsed and quartered
½ teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons water

Yields 6 servings.

Preparation time: 5 minutes.

Cooking time: 15 to 18 minutes, plus 4 minutes standing time.

Oven setting: HIGH (100 percent power).

Place cabbage, water and salt in 2-quart microwave-safe casserole and cover. Microwave for 15 to 18 minutes, or until tender. Let stand in casserole, covered, for 4 minutes.

Serve with corned beef.

FOR TEENS

By Willard Abraham, Ph.D.

Dr. Abraham: I've heard my parents wonder out loud about how different we three kids are from each other even though we are in the same family. I've wondered about that, too.

We differ so much in how we look, the personalities we have, our interests, and almost everything else, and yet we really were born to the same parents.

Can you explain to me how that can be? — Waiting

Waiting: Kids in the same family frequently vary from each other in many ways for many reasons.

Only one child will ever have been the only child, or the middle one or the "baby." Besides, the parents often have different incomes, attitudes and health and relationship conditions when the children are at different ages and which may affect them differently.

In addition, the genes are different, and their heredity as well as total environment can affect characteristics of the three of you. In spite of what they say or think, parents may react differently toward each of their children, often without realizing that they do.

One more thought — If Johnny reminds me of a beloved old aunt (on my side of the family) and Jimmy is the "spitting image" of drunken Uncle Bob (on my wife's side), toward which one do you think I might be partial? It may be subconscious, but could influence the behavior of those two children.

Dr. Abraham: My father keeps saying something that bothers me so much. It goes this way: "What's the matter with you? Are you deaf?"

I know I'm not deaf because I hear everyone else with no trouble at all. I can always hear him, too, but I guess I turn him off because I'm sick and tired of his nagging. It's always, "Do this" or "Do that," and I can't stand it anymore.

How can I get him off my back, but especially to stop that deaf stuff? — Tired

Tired: You seem to have done a good job of analyzing the situation, and the solution may not be too difficult for you.

Try to get him to sit down with you and calmly develop a list of chores that he has in mind for you and that you have time to handle. If he isn't willing to do this, your mother may be able to help out by getting his list (for you to consider) or joining the two of

you in working it out.

If this step can be taken, his nagging may gradually stop or at least be less frequent, although it may take some time for a habit like this to fade away.

The best part of all this is that you know that you aren't deaf. Until he totally drops that kind of statement to you, you can take some satisfaction in knowing that it's not a problem for you.

P.S. Maybe it's a problem he has.

Dr. Abraham: This boy and I have been really close friends for three years, and I'm ready to move on with him. The problem is that he doesn't seem to be ready.

I'm 21 years old, and he is 23. I will be a college graduate at the end of this school year and he already is. In fact, he has a fine job with good pay and future possibilities; it's with a large successful utility company.

He says he loves me and that we will get married someday, but when I ask him when, he always changes the subject. I know he doesn't have another girl, because he spends all the free time with me that he and I have. He is warm, loving and wonderful to me.

But why is he so evasive about our getting married? I really need to know what you think about this. — Impatiently Waiting

Impatiently Waiting: You probably hit the nail on the head with your comment that "he doesn't seem to be ready." Many young men his age just getting started into a career are reluctant about taking the next major step that you would like to take with him.

Because you've indicated his feelings toward you, it may be best for you to try being more patient and continue enjoying each other's company.

When he is "ready," you probably won't have to ask him. He will tell you without any real or implied pressure on your part.

Patience is one of the toughest of human traits to practice, but in the long run it can be so successful in helping reach a mutually satisfying goal.

I hope so much that all the pieces fall into place exactly as you want them to.

Cooking Corner



Creative ways with Tofu

By Charles Britton

"I would rather eat Styrofoam."
"I never eat it."

"I don't like it. Actually, I've never tasted it. I just don't think I would like it."

Those were comments by a few consumers when I asked them to react to the idea of tofu, the soybean product that has been a staple in Asia for centuries and has more recently been taken up by nutrition-conscious Americans.

The sample was grossly unscientific and, to tell the truth, it did bring up a comment or two like this: "I love it. I eat it plain."

But though the opinion sample had no real validity, it probably was not all that unrepresentative. A few years ago, tofu came out on top when the Roper organization asked Americans to pick their most disliked food.

Tofu suffers from a "tremendous negative image," said Art Mio, national sales manager for Morinaga Nutritional Foods, marketer of the Mori-Nu brand. "People who haven't even tried it think they don't like it."

And that statement came in a press kit designed to push the Mori-Nu line.

On the other hand, tofu has long since broken out of ethnic circles. You can find it in virtually any supermarket, which would seem to indicate that somebody eats it. As further evidence of its popularity, tofu shows up as an ingredient in a remarkable array of dishes, from manicotti to pie for dessert.

In the making of tofu, the vast nutritional potential of the soybean is converted into an easily digestible form that, in addition, has the ability to substitute for dairy products with a large saving in calories and in saturated fat.

The Chinese invented the product and call it "dou-fou"; "tofu" is the Japanese pronunciation. It's also called "bean cake," "bean curd," "soybean cheese" and a number of other unappetizing names. The process of making it is, in fact, very much like that of making cheese from animal milk.

Soybeans are ground up with water and then cooked. A milky substance (which can be consumed as a substitute for cow's milk) is then strained out and treated with a coagulant — originally magnesium chloride (or nagiri) distilled from sea water, nowadays frequently calcium sulfate.

The milk separates into solid curds, which then are drained to the favored consistency. In general, Japanese-style tofu has a lighter texture than the Chinese-style. Kinogoshi tofu, for example, has

roughly the consistency of an egg custard. Another common variety comes in the form of cakes, perhaps 1½ inches thick, which are firm enough to stand up to stir-frying.

By extracting still more water, tofu makers can produce firmer varieties, down to thin cakes with about the texture of Cheddar cheese. In all these cases, tofu has very little taste of its own. To me, plain tofu resembles freshly cooked pasta with nothing on it. But like pasta, it takes very well to assertive seasoning and to flavorful sauces.

The parallel between tofu and dairy cheese becomes even more pronounced in the fermented variety, preserved in rice wine and brine. Sometimes it is colored red or spiced with red pepper. Preserved bean curd tastes very much like a Western ripened cheese, and it has a similar creamy consistency. This product is used as a condiment.

In Asian cooking, tofu often is deep fried. It can be found already prepared this way in Asian markets. Yet another form of tofu is pre-seasoned with soy sauce.

With regular grades of tofu, the fresher it is, the better it is. In the old days, Asian neighborhoods had their local tofu makers, and customers would buy it daily. In Japan, many restaurants still specialize in tofu that they make themselves. Connoisseurs eat the soft kinogoshi variety cold, with no more than a sprinkling of chopped green onion and a dash of soy sauce.

Tofu is a perishable product that must be kept in water. Consumers find it in supermarket refrigerator cases packed in plastic tubs. It also can be sealed in aseptic packages, in which form it will keep much longer without the need for cooling.

Nutritionally, tofu ranks as a power plant. It is high in vegetable proteins that combine with grains, such as rice, to provide a full complement of amino acids. It is low in calories, about 325 for a pound.

But tofu is surprisingly high in fat, more than 50 percent by caloric value for common forms. This proportion drops rapidly when tofu is eaten with low-fat foods. And the fat is not of the saturated type, on which most authorities place the strongest strictures.

Among traditional tofu dishes from Asia, perhaps the greatest is Ma Po Dou-Fu — Old Mrs. Ma's Tofu. This dish from Szechwan is

supposed to have been invented in the 1860s, although it's hard to believe it is not much older. Don't stint on the garlic and chili; this dish is supposed to be loaded with flavor.

MA PO DOU-FU

- 4 tablespoons cooking oil
- ½ pound pork, minced
- 4 tablespoons finely chopped fresh ginger
- 2 cloves garlic (or more), minced
- 1 tablespoon fermented black beans (available in Asian markets), rinsed and chopped (optional)
- ¼ cup chopped green onion
- 1 to 2 tablespoons hot bean paste (with chili — available in Asian markets)
- 1 cup chicken stock or water

- 3 or 4 cups of firm tofu, cubed
- Seasonings:
- 2 to 3 tablespoons cornstarch dissolved in 4 to 6 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon Chinese rice wine or dry domestic sherry
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons Asian sesame oil

Cooked rice

Yields 4 to 6 servings.

Heat oil in wok or large frying pan. Add pork and stir briefly, breaking up meat. Add ginger, garlic and black beans. Stir-fry until mixture becomes fragrant. Add green onion, bean paste and water. Carefully add tofu cubes so as not to break them up.

Quickly combine cornstarch and its liquid, wine, soy sauce and sesame oil. (Ideally, this should be done first.) Stir seasoning ingredients to make sure cornstarch is well mixed and pour into tofu mixture. Heat, stirring gently, until mixture thickens. Serve hot. This dish is traditionally served not with but over rice.

Western cooks have used the high-protein, low-calorie character of tofu as a substitute for more traditional ingredients, as these recipes illustrate:

MEATLESS MANICOTTI

- 8 ounces tofu, drained
- 2 egg whites
- ½ cup low-fat or part-skim ricotta cheese (2 ounces)
- ¼ cup grated Romano or Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon minced parsley
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 8 manicotti shells, cooked and drained
- 1 (16-ounce) can tomatoes, undrained and cut up
- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 teaspoons dried basil, crushed
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

Yields 4 servings.

For filling, pat tofu dry with paper towels. In medium mixing bowl, mash tofu with a fork. Light-

ly beat egg whites with a fork. Stir egg whites, ricotta cheese, Romano or Parmesan cheese, parsley, salt and pepper into tofu. Spoon about 3 tablespoons of cheese filling into each manicotti shell. Arrange filled shells in 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish.

In another mixing bowl, stir together undrained tomatoes, tomato sauce, basil, sugar and garlic powder. Pour tomato mixture over shells in baking dish. Bake in a 350-F oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

The next two recipes were adapted from "The Book of Tofu" by William Shurtleff and Akiko Aoyagi (Autumn Press).

BREADED TOFU CUTLETS

- 2 pounds firm or extra-firm tofu, frozen (see note)
- 5 cups water
- ½ cup finely minced fresh ginger
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- ½ cup whole-wheat pastry or white flour
- ¼ cup fine cornmeal
- Soy or other vegetable oil for frying

Dip:

- ½ pound soft tofu
- Additional ½ cup water
- Additional 2 tablespoons soy sauce

Garishes:

- Tofu Tartar Sauce (recipe follows)
- Fresh parsley

Yields 6 servings.

To defrost tofu, place plastic bag filled with frozen tofu into bowl of hot water. After about 15 minutes, drain bowl and add more hot water. Repeat process until tofu is soft.

Remove tofu from plastic bag, rinse and then squeeze out excess water by placing cakes between two plates and pressing plates together while tipping out water. Cut tofu horizontally into ¼-inch-thick slices.

In large, shallow pot, combine water, ginger and soy sauce. Simmer sliced tofu in this marinade for 20 minutes. With large spatula, remove tofu. Gently squeeze out excess liquid by pressing tofu between fingertips. Set aside.

To make dip, combine soft tofu, ½ cup water and 2 tablespoons soy sauce in blender or food processor; pour this batter onto large flat plate.

Place whole-wheat flour on a second flat plate and cornmeal on a third. Dredge each slice of marinated tofu first in flour, then in batter and last in cornmeal.

Heat oil to sizzling in large skillet and deep or shallow fry (as you prefer) each cutlet until both sides are golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Serve with dollop of tartar sauce and sprig of fresh parsley.

Note: To freeze tofu, place in plastic bag, seal and freeze for a minimum of 48 hours before thawing. The color of frozen tofu will be a light amber, and when cooked its texture will be pleasantly chewy.

Garden Talk

When is it time to plant?

By C.Z. Guest

For some reason, some people haven't the slightest idea when to start seeds. If there is a warm day in late February, people get all excited and planting fever sets in! They go out and buy seeds and plant everything — squash, tomatoes, onions, lettuce, beans, etc. — without figuring out when they can get them out in the garden. Then the problems begin!

Rule of thumb: Simply think ahead to when the plants are going out in the garden. If you start too early, you end up with weak, spindly plants, too frail to adjust to outdoor life.

You can use the last frost date for your area for timing, but watch out: Your garden may be warmer or colder. You really should plan according to your own experience of when the frost is out of the soil and the ground becomes workable.

Because crops can go outdoors at different times, and because they all germinate and grow at different phases, it's important to plan for each one, not to try to set them all going on the same day. I divide my crops into hardy, half-hardy and tender.

In my area, I plant seeds outdoors around May 15, and unless we have an unusually cold spell, they get off to a good start. Of course, if you are lucky and have a cold frame to harden off your seedlings (which you started indoors in March), you may be able to get these tougher seedlings into the garden a week or so earlier than that. However, if there is a cold spell, give them some protection.

For best results, when you're ready to start planning your garden, consult a calendar and locate the approximate date on which each crop can go to its bed in your garden.

For example, broccoli can go out a week or two before the last frost date. If that's May 15, you can plan to have your seedlings ready for the first week of that month. Count back 40 days and you'll find out you should start broccoli seeds indoors during the last week of March.

On the other hand, squash only takes three weeks to get ready and should go out only after all danger of frost is out of the ground.

Remember, as days get longer in the spring, plants grow more vigorously. A crop started in late-March (indoors) will grow faster than one started two weeks earlier. If you plant a succession of broccoli seeds to get a staggered crop, you might find the second planting takes three or four days less to prepare for the outdoors than the earlier planting.

In choosing containers to start seed, I say, "Keep it simple." Decide which containers allow you to use your available space to the best advantage. For someone with a small bit of window space and a small garden, there are many new, ingenious shortcuts to this method.

You can buy seed-starter kits that have compact nutrient-filled containers, with the seeds already planted. All you do is remove the lid of the container and water. Everything has been done for you.

You also can buy what are known as Jiffy Pots. Seedlings started in them can be planted, pot and all, in the ground at the proper planting time. The roots will grow right through the soil-like walls of the pot.

I really think that these new methods are the best; they make starting seeds extremely easy, and I suggest that everyone try them. This is what I do.

PUTTING YOUR SEEDLINGS OUT

Hardening off is an important step in getting seedlings ready for outdoor conditions. Cold frames are the ideal spot to do that; another possibility is to simply open your windows for a while to let the seedlings get some mild drafts. Cloches, caps or other protectors help plants adjust to the outdoors, especially if they haven't had much time to harden off.

Once the young plants are in the garden, watch them carefully since it's continued growth that gives you the healthiest and best harvest. Feed and water them regularly, especially the first few weeks, but always keep in mind that your plants need moisture and food all summer long.

For each vegetable, decide when you can plant the crop outdoors and mark that on your calendar. Now use the information below to count backward the total days to when you should start your seeds and when to transplant. Notice that not all crops require a transplanting period.

- HARDY CROPS**
- Onions — To germinate, 10 days; to transplant size, 10-15 days. To garden, 20-30 days; total days, 40-55.
 - Leeks — To germinate, 10 days; to transplant size, 10-15 days. To garden, 20-30 days; total days, 40-55.
 - Parsley — To germinate, 21 days; to transplant size, 21 days. To garden 20-30 days; total days, 62-72.

Our Children

By Willard Abraham, Ph.D.



Creating a parenting partnership

Q. Maybe I expect too much of my husband, but it's all because we have a new baby girl and he doesn't help out with the housework and the baby. We probably should have discussed all this before the baby was born, but we didn't.

In some ways he is really a baby himself, expecting the same kind of pampering I've given him since we've been married. He seemed to need it and I guess I enjoyed indulging him, but I just don't have time anymore.

How about a practical suggestion or two to get a partnership going with him at home? I really need his assistance.

A. We hear a lot these days about "bonding" by both parents with a new baby, and your husband seems to be missing an enjoyable and important involvement. Holding, talking to, diapering and feeding (unless you are breast-feeding and even then perhaps keeping you company at least occasionally) can all be worthwhile activities for him.

If he is working full time, he may not have much freedom with his schedule, but that doesn't mean he should be totally excluded from household and family responsibilities.

How about listing as many as you can think of (with his help) and discussing a fair division between the two of you? And what about working out time for quiet conversations with him and also for both of you to get out of the house together when you can arrange to do so? Such possibilities extend beyond the subject of home responsibilities you brought up, of course, but are so important, too.

Q. Our two small children already are TV junkies, and my wife and I are really upset about this. They can sit and watch it for hours (no matter what is on) and usually howl when we turn it off. Help!

A. Your timing is so good. Here is some possible help that you may welcome. The title of a new 440-page paperback tells the story: "365 TV-Free Activities You Can Do With Your Child" (Bob Adams Inc., Holbrook, Mass.) It was prepared by Steve and Ruth Bennett, parents of two little kids, and its emphasis is on what is free or inexpensive, easy to do, safe, practical, fun and requires limited parental energy.

Their 365 suggestions are pre-

sented alphabetically and clearly, from "Adopt a Tree," "Alphabet Hands" and "Alphabet Zoo" to "Write the President," "Your Favorite Martian" and "Zany Television" (no television set involved). What is required for each topic is stated briefly; "Your Time" is a solitary comment accompanying many of them.

Your local library and bookstore may already have this book on their shelves.

Q. Maybe this is no problem (I hope not), but my husband takes a daily shower with our little girl. She is almost 2 years old and doesn't seem to have noticed that girls and boys (men) are different.

Still, I wonder whether I should be concerned. Should I? What do you think?

A. There is probably no reason for concern right now, but it may be time to begin planning to phase out the shower relationship. It is probably enjoyable for both of them and basically no problem, but there are plenty of other activities that a father and young child can share that are at least as much fun. Reading to her, playing games together and using some of the many ideas in the "365 TV-Free Activities" book mentioned in response to the letter above may be excellent substitutes.



Our Children



Fitness Forum

Better labels for light food products

By Linda Susan Dudley

Everyone's talking about food value these days — what about fun value? Does light make right for most supermarket shoppers these days?

As the U.S. Food and Drug Administration finalizes meaningful definitions of the terms "light" and "lite," manufacturers continue to launch new products with these descriptions.

In the '90s, people shopping for prepared and processed foods are sensitive to health issues and looking for low-salt, low-fat and low-cholesterol items on the shelves, in the freezer case and in the deli case.

And the great proliferation of low-calorie products shows no sign of reversing itself.

The good news is, generally, that light products taste better today than ever before. That's because technology has vastly improved the reduced-calorie category from one with a negative, "diet" connotation to one consisting of high-quality products with a broad-based appeal. Newly introduced fat and sugar substitutes are largely responsible for making light food taste like its high-fat, high-sugar cousins — thus putting more fun into our meals and snacks.

Sales of light food products increased 13 percent in 1990, the last full year for which statistics are available. And, in '91, the momentum continued.

A research firm called Packaged Facts predicts that the market will gain at least 10 percent more this year and reach nearly \$15.5 billion by 1995.

Nutrition-oriented entrees and dinners, in particular, pushed up sales in freezer cases across the country.

Some of the reasons for the increase in the light market include:

- The graying of the population, meaning the increase in consumers over 50 who generally have more health concerns.
- The focus on health and fitness, especially in Spandex gymwear capitals.
- Continued emphasis on nutrition and weight control.

However, probably key to the increase are technological advances that produce better-tasting products. All this is expected to keep totals of light products moving up on sales charts for years.

Light — or lite — typically denotes fewer calories, either through fat or sugar reduction, or both, yet officially these labeling terms have no standards.

Bear in mind, however, that a

"fat-free" endorsement on products does not mean they are calorie-free. As more and more fat alternatives appear on grocery store shelves, consumers watching their calorie intake have more reason than ever to read food labels carefully.

Under the new labeling proposals announced last November, the FDA has narrowed the lexicon of terms manufacturers may use to describe their products. The aim is to make companies more honest and consumers less confused about a food's nutritional pluses and minuses.

If a label claims to be light or lite, it must mean the food has one-third fewer calories than a comparable product. Any other senses of light, such as color, taste or smell, must be clearly explained.

The proposed FDA regulations spell out:

- Health claims that labels may make.
- The nutritional data that food labels must carry.
- Precise meanings for those overworked terms "low fat," "light" and "high fiber".

New labeling will clear up confusion and help shoppers make healthy choices, if that is their goal. For example, virtually every bakery in the nation offers a line of "light" breads, most with 40 calories but some with as few as 35 calories per thin slice.

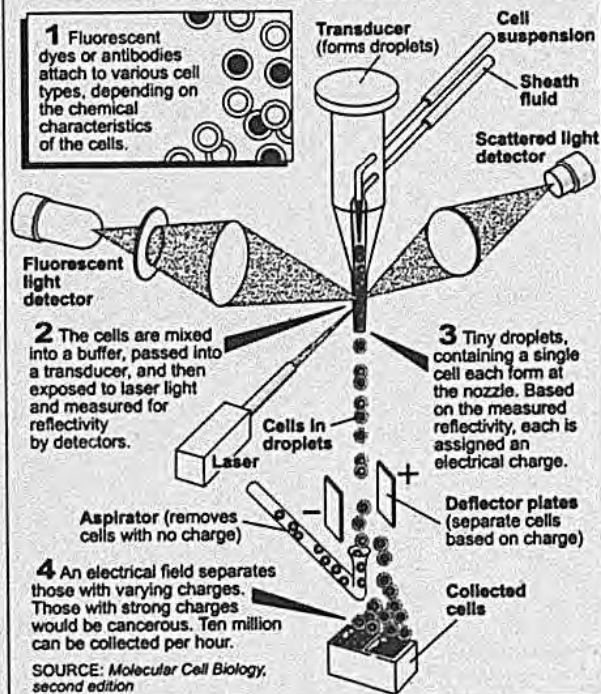
Manufacturers have six months to change labels between November 1992, when final nutrition labeling regulations are expected from the FDA, and May 1993, when enforcement of labeling is to begin.



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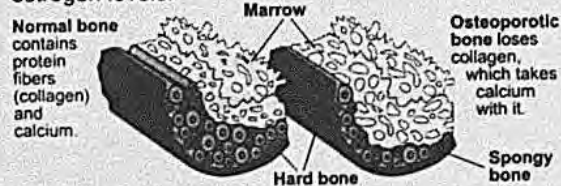
Cancer cell sorter

Cancer cells can be sorted from normal cells by a process called flow cytometry. The process has allowed researchers to discover that cancer cells have different daily division cycles from normal cells.

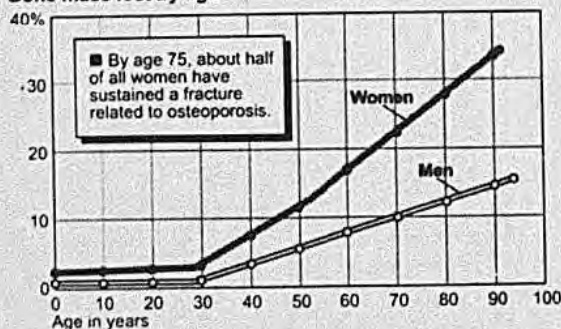


Battle for bone mass

In osteoporosis the bones lose mass, and their brittleness increases. Post-menopausal women are the chief victims of the effects, due to a reduction in estrogen levels.



Bone mass lost by age



Osteoporosis facts

- Lost bone mass cannot be replaced, but existing mass may be kept.
- High-calcium foods are recommended: milk, green leafy vegetables, citrus fruit, sardines and shellfish.
- Good exercise is helpful. Drinking and smoking add to bone loss.
- Hormone replacement therapy is an option.

SOURCE: *AMA Encyclopedia of Medicine*



By Kit Snedaker

New cookbook yields smart recipes

Diabetics are wise eaters. They have to be. Using a food exchange program, they eat a variety of dishes from the four food groups that are always low in fat and salt as well as sugar. It's the way we all should go.

So when the American Diabetes Association and The American Dietetic Association combine forces in a cookbook, I pay attention. This new one is called "Family Cookbook, Volume IV, the American Tradition" (Prentice-Hall).

Both associations agreed this volume would have a lot of regional dishes, such as Yukon Stew, Golden Gate Bean Salad, Wisconsin Onion Beer Soup, Deep South Barbecue Chicken and New Hampshire Mussels in Broth. Any one of those is worth a try.

What I liked best about it, though, is the variety, and the wonderful chapter on "Side Dishes: Grains, Potatoes and Pasta." It was hard to pick just three recipes, but I decided on grits, polenta and black beans. All three are wonderful.

GRITS AND CHEESE CHILI PIE

- 3 cups water
- ¾ cup quick-cooking hominy grits
- 1 cup reduced-cholesterol Monterey Jack cheese
- ½ cup thinly sliced green onions with tops
- ¼ cup egg substitute or 1 egg, beaten
- ¼ teaspoon hot pepper sauce (optional)
- 2 (4-ounce) cans whole green chilies, drained and patted dry

Yields 6 to 8 servings.

Each serving has about 110 calories, 3 grams fat, 10 milligrams cholesterol and 90 milligrams sodium.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Bring water to boil in medium saucepan. Slowly stir in grits; simmer until thickened, about 3 to 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from heat. Stir in cheese, onions, egg substitute and hot pepper sauce, if used.

Arrange chilies in a 9-inch pie plate spoke fashion, with larger ends against edges of plate and tips toward center. Pour grits mixture evenly over chilies. Bake 30 minutes or until set. Let stand 5 minutes. Cut into wedges and serve warm.

CREAMY POLENTA

- 2 cups low-sodium chicken broth or homemade
- ½ cup yellow or white cornmeal
- ¼ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Yields 2 to 4 servings.
Each serving has about 100 calories, 2½ grams fat, 3 milligrams cholesterol and 120 milligrams sodium.

Combine broth and cornmeal in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Reduce heat and simmer over low heat until thickened, but creamy, about 12 to 15 minutes. Stir often to prevent sticking. Remove from heat. Sprinkle with cheese.

To Microwave: Combine broth and cornmeal in 2-quart microwavable bowl. Cook uncovered on HIGH 7 to 9 minutes or until thickened, but creamy, stirring every 2 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese.

SPICY BLACK BEANS

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 (16-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- ½ cup salsa (canned or homemade)
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tomato, seeded and chopped
- ¼ cup coarsely chopped cilantro

Yields 2 to 4 servings.

Each serving has about 140 calories, 3 grams fat, no cholesterol and 225 milligrams sodium.

Heat oil in medium saucepan. Sauté garlic until tender, about 2 minutes. Add beans, salsa and lime juice. Simmer until heated through, about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in tomato and sprinkle with cilantro.

To Microwave: Combine oil and garlic in 1½-quart microwavable casserole. Cook uncovered on HIGH 1 minute. Add beans, salsa and lime juice. Cover and cook on HIGH 4 to 6 minutes or until heated through, stirring once. Stir in tomato and sprinkle with cilantro.

HEALTH WATCH

Simple keys to portion control

Dieters sometimes find it hard to estimate sizes of portions that they are consuming. Here are a few easy tips to estimate portions.



Deck of cards = 3 oz. of meat

One dice = 1 oz. of cheese



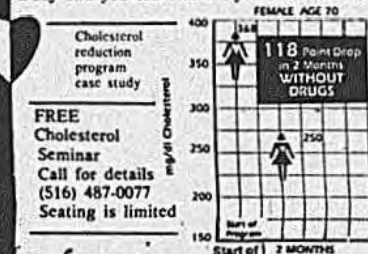
A tennis ball = 1/2 cup of pasta, vegetables or potatoes

SOURCE: Family Circle magazine

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HEALTHY GOURMET



Here's How



By Gene Gary

'Tamperproof' screws key to removing locks

Q. I have a problem that concerns the window locks and dead-bolt door locks that were installed with "tamperproof" screws. Is there any way to remove this hardware so that the cylinders can be serviced?

A. If you are replacing the locks, they can be removed in the following manner. If the screw heads are flush with the hardware, use a power drill with a drill bit that is slightly smaller than the screw head.

Drill a pilot hole in the center of the screw head. Then insert an "easy out" corkscrew type of tool that, when placed in the pilot hole, will tighten as you turn it counter-clockwise and back the existing screw out.

If the heads on the one-way screws are not flush, you may be

able to get a firm grip on the heads with locking pliers and back them out that way.

A good hardware store will have the proper materials and should be able to provide additional instructions.

If you are just interested in having a change in the keying, contact a locksmith who can come to your home to do the work. This does not require removal of the lock hardware itself.

Q. I am having a constant problem with mildew during the rainy season. The problem is basically along one wall where mildew starts at the baseboard and creeps up the wall. We have used household bleach and trisodium phosphate to remove this staining and have repainted the wall, but the

condition has begun again. Do you know of a way to solve this problem without extensive wall preparation and repainting yearly?

A. It is important to find the source of excess moisture, which causes the mildew. First inspect the ground area around the foundation. Be sure the ground slopes away from the foundation and provides for drainage away from the house.

Inspect the roof gutters; make sure they extend beyond the house and empty where the ground slopes away from the foundation. If you have a crawl space underneath the house, inspect this area for moisture problems.

One method of preventing excessive moisture from this area is to cover the ground with heavy plastic or roofing paper. Be sure to overlap the seams of the material you use to cover the ground. Use bricks to hold down the mate-

rial along the overlapping seams, or use roofing cement. This should prevent moisture from the ground seeping through the foundation and the flooring.

In addition, you can use a waterproof sealer applied to the interior side of the exterior walls. And be sure to use a mildewcide additive to a quality paint for the final interior finish.

Adequate ventilation is a must. Too much moisture trapped inside the house will add to your problem. You can get window ventilators or even install small vents in the side of the house.

If moisture has a way to get out, it won't condense on cool surfaces. Sometimes, just opening windows a crack will solve the problem. An alternative is to invest in a dehumidifier, which will trap moist air.



"... and according to a recent poll this reporter conducted, 52 percent of the people asked, told me: 'Mind your own beeswax, nosy pants.'"

Q. Every magazine I look through these days is showing enormous sunflowers in vases. I mean, these things are the size of

dinner plates! Why all of a sudden are we seeing sunflowers? — M.C.
A. Why not?

Decor Score

By Rose Bennett Gilbert



Q. How would two islands look in a kitchen? We're remodeling and taking down the wall to the breakfast room, so there's plenty of space for an eat-on counter separate from the work island. — P.O.

A. Lucky you to have such luxurious space. Just remember, there is such a thing as too much room, especially in a kitchen where you want to conserve steps between activity areas.

You might consider combining two activities, say, eating and specialty cooking, on that second island.

The kitchen we show here may offer novel inspiration: Shingo Mito and Rich Walton designed it for the Tokyo Dream House in Seattle, Wash., and included a hibachi-type grill in the center of the island that divides the kitchen from the family living area. Wide, overhanging wings made of Avonite provide ample countertop space for eaters and kibitzers alike.

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P/T SECRETARY, WORD processor, 2-3 days a week. 739-0111. gcf3

Help Wanted

P/T RECEPTIONIST / SECRETARY busy Floral park medical doctor's office. Mon., Wed., Fri., 3:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Tues., Thurs., 3:30-8:30 p.m. Good interpersonal skills. Must be reliable. Willing to train. Call 354-4047. Ltr. gcf3

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Weekly newspaper office. Must be capable of learning systems and adapting to office routines. Should be self-starter and have some familiarity with computers. Office skills. Three days per week. Work in Garden City. Call 294-8900. Immediate opening.

BABYSITTER. INFANT, OUR home Cathedral Gardens area, 3-4 days a week, experience with children. 489-1369 eves. hm2

TRANSPORTERS/DRIVER. NO experience necessary. Local-nationwide. Start up to \$35K. 1-800-992-8005. hm2

GIRL/GUY FRIDAY - 20 hours per week in Hicksville. Self starter, needs office skills. Permanent. Immediate opening. 294-8900.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST P/T, computer knowledge helpful, 4 mornings a week, 486-4909. gcf3

Situation Wanted

GARDEN CITY HOUSE & Office Cleaning Corp. Bonded and insured, serving all Nassau County. We will sparkle clean your house or office with a team of experienced, honest and reliable persons who will be in and out in no time until your heart is contented. Cleaning process is supervised by owners, who are Garden City residents. We use our own cleaning tools and detergents. Call for a free estimate 248-8690, leave message and we will promptly call you. gcap2

MATURE GARDEN CITY resident will care for your child vicinity Hemlock Park. 248-5404. gcf4

CHILD CARE SERVICES available. I will care for your child in my home. References upon request. 3 yrs. experience, all ages, FT, PT, activities, toys, fenced-in yard. 775-0399. gcf4

QUALIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT with experience seeks position to take care of the elderly or handicapped at night. FT or PT. Call 483-5488, weekends, weekdays. Leave message. gcf4

Situations Wanted

RESPONSIBLE, GRAND-MOTHER WILL babysit your infant or small child in my Williston Park home, F/T. References available. 747-6726. wf4

EXPERIENCED NURSE'S AIDE with good references wishes work P/T, 4 to 6 hrs. per day. Good cook. Will do chores. Have car. 742-9498. wf4

FULL TIME LOVING CARE available for your infant or child in my Williston Park home. Mom with many years experience. 747-2183. wf4

ATTENTION VACATIONERS - WOULD you like to go away and know that your dog or cat is well taken care of? Mature woman who loves animals will give your pet lots of TLC. Fenced in yard. 352-9113. gcf4

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

GARDEN CITY COLLEGE student available for child care Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. afternoons. Two years early ed. training, excellent references, experience, own transportation, non-smoker, 248-8106. gcf4

HOUSECLEANING AVAILABLE - References, experience and own transportation. 486-0086. gcf3

POLISH WOMAN LOOKING for job cleaning houses, housekeeping 4-6 hours per day in Garden City, Stewart Manor, Franklin Square or nearby vicinity. Call 327-0259, 7-11 p.m. gcf3

EXPERIENCED, MATURE WOMAN seeking position to take care of elderly person or child care, housekeeping. Live in, good references. (718) 773-1474. gcf3

CERTIFIED NURSE'S AIDE will care for your elderly loved one, weekends in your home, hospital or nursing home. Professional, compassionate and pleasant. Call Julianna (718) 345-6579. gcf3

PERSON AVAILABLE FOR HAA & PCA night cases or babysitting/housecleaning. 292-8130. gcf3

VEGETARIAN COOK / HOUSEKEEPER to purchase and prepare dishes. Will do house cleaning and other misc. duties. Please call Winston (718) 712-8363. gcf3

Situations Wanted

I AM AN EXPERIENCED Nurse's Aide. I am seeking a job to work in the home taking care of a sick or elderly person. I have excellent checkable references. I drive. I'll work long hours or P/T. Please call me at (718) 658-3739. gcf3

HOUSECLEANER WANTS DAY Work. Mon.-Fri. I have experience & reference 489-5890. gcf3

MATURE, EXPERIENCED NURSE'S AIDE seeks position as day worker or live in. Reference available. 486-4917. gcf3

HOUSEKEEPER WITH EXPERIENCE, own transportation and references available. Days available Wed. and Thurs. 746-4636. gcf3

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE NYS certified early childhood teacher with master's degree will care for your child in my Mineola Home. Enriched environment. Playmates. Certified program. Excellent extensive references. 747-5350. wml

NURSE'S AIDE FULLY experienced in hospital, nursing home and private duty. We will work day shift or overnight shift. References. 475-7966. \$10 per hour. gcm1

BABYSITTER, GARDEN CITY mother with older children wanting to babysit occasionally in your home, daytime. 248-5896. gca2

POLISH WOMAN IS Available for housecleaning. Please call 432-8722. jf3

LOOKING FOR HOUSE cleaner not housekeeper. Cleanhouse per day. Call (516) 868-3196 ask for Maria Lazo. hf3

WILL BABYSIT YOUR child in my New Hyde Park home, Monday to Friday. References. 516-746-7773. WF3

COMPETENT & RELIABLE Nurse's Aide & home health care with excellent references to work as companion or home health care for the convalescent or aged. Call Lucille Hines - (718) 481-7635. WF3

HONEST & RELIABLE L.P.N. seeks part time or full time position. Own transportation. 546-2264. gcf3

EXPERIENCED POLISH WOMAN with reference & own transportation is looking for housekeeping job. 794-6202 or 328-3033. gcf3

Situation Wanted

POLISH WOMAN LOOKING for room with board exchange for work or taking care of older person after 4 pm. Mon.-Fri. and Sat.-Sun. all day. Please call Mon.-Fri. 516-579-4227 from 9-5. hf3

MATURE WOMAN SEEKS position as nurse's aide, companion. Will live in. Call Naida (718) 493-6244. gcf4

POLISH WOMAN AVAILABLE for housekeeping. Syosset/Huntington area. References available. Mon.-Sat. Call 549-7513 or 741-6347. gcf4

HOUSECLEANING LADY available with reference & experience. Please call from 3:30 on 489-2666. Ask for Jeannette. gcf4

CERTIFIED N.A., HHA, PCA seeking to work with the elderly. Recent references. Barbara Crawford Williams. 378-4695, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. gcf4

HOUSECLEANER AVAILABLE - Experienced, references, own transportation. Available Monday to Friday. Garden City area preferred. 538-1713 gcm1

HOUSECLEANER AVAILABLE - Experienced with reference & own transportation. Call anytime. 485-3825. gcf4

RESPONSIBLE YOUNG WOMAN seeking FT/PT babysitting position in your home 7:30-4:30, Mon.-Fri. Own transportation. Call Deanna at 775-6971. gcf4

HOUSECLEANER AVAILABLE - Two Responsible women will clean your house for a reasonable price. Call for more information at 868-4790. gcf4

HONEST, RELIABLE MATURE woman seeks live in or out job to take care of elderly person or child care with light housework. Have references. Call Elaine (718) 525-3320. gcf4

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE NYS Certified early childhood teacher with Master's degree will care for your child in my Mineola Home. Enriched environment. Playmates. Certified program. Excellent extensive references. 747-5350. wm1

IRISH GIRL SEEKS extra babysitting jobs Mon.-Thurs. Also will clean on Sat. mornings 248-5663. gcm1

NURSE'S AIDE WITH experience of hospital rehab & private home wants to work with elderly and sick person. FT or P/T. 248-4029. gcm1

GOOD HOUSECLEANER WITH experience looking for sleep-out position. Good reference and own transportation. 538-9415. gcm1

EUROPEAN WOMAN AVAILABLE for cleaning house. References and own transportation. For additional information call 292-2420. gcm1

Situations Wanted

LIVE IN/LIVE OUT, experienced housekeeper, 379-0765. gcm1

RELIABLE PERSON LOOKING for job to take care of elderly person. 292-7268. gcm1

CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH Aide can provide live-in care for the elderly. Available 7 days a week, has certification. I am experienced in many phases of health care equipment (wheelchair, hospital bed, hover lifter). 753-2094. gcm1

HOUSECLEANING AND BABYSITTING available Saturday - Monday or every weekday after 6 p.m. Own transportation, experience and references. Please call 565-5071. gcm1

IRONING LADY AVAILABLE Sat. Will do cleaning and laundry, references available, experience. Call after 6 p.m. 248-3035. Ask for Maria. gcm1

HONEST, HARD WORKING, Reliable cleaning woman available for daily work. \$50 per diem. Excellent references (living with Garden City family) 489-2788. gcm1

HOUSECLEANER LOOKING FOR Job every day. Experience, references. 746-6850. gcm1

RELIABLE YOUNG WOMAN looking for work as companion to the elderly or child care. I can live in or out six days per week. Recent references are available. Please call Lyn at (718) 253-6312. gcm2

HONEST, RELIABLE LADY seeks position as a companion, housekeeper or babysitting. Live in or out. References available. Call Jennifer (718) 342-0576. gcm2

CHILD CARE / HOUSE KEEPING, also taking care of the elderly, afternoons and weekends. Own transportation, good references. Call 292-8061. gcm2

IRISH GIRL-NURSE'S Aide or housecleaning, available to work 3 afternoons a week or night work. References and own transportation. Call (718) 470-6275. gcm2

EXPERIENCED CERTIFIED NURSE'S Aide seeking job taking care of sick or elderly. Call anytime. 483-1190. gcm2

RELIABLE HOME OR OFFICE cleaning available daily, weekly or monthly. Reasonable rates. Excellent references. No job too big or too small. 248-6037. Leave message. gcm2

HOUSECLEANING JOB Wanted. 8 years experience & references & own transportation. 623-6954. gcm2

HOUSECLEANER AVAILABLE. Experienced, references & own transportation. 292-7736. gcm2

Situation Wanted

I DO HOUSECLEANING. I'm available some afternoons for small houses. Own transportation, references. Call eve. till 11 p.m. Leave message. M.J. 742-6519. gcm2

EXPERIENCED, MATURE, Reliable and Honest Nurse's Aide seeks position taking care of elderly. Non-smoker. Drive. References. 485-6276. wm2

EXPERIENCED, CERTIFIED Nurse's Aide seeking job taking care of sick or elderly on weekends. 842-1198. Call anytime. gcm2

Real Estate for Sale

ALBERTSON/ROSLYN HTS. Adult Condo - 1 BR, living/dining area, 1½ baths, 4 closets. own laundry & storage rm. Indoor parking, terrace, walk to all. 6 yrs. old. Asking \$169,000. Owner. 747-4221. gcm2

FLORAL PARK SACRIFICE - Legal two family, excellent location, extra large yard, income producing, 2 car garage. Aluminum siding, newly painted inside. Three meters, walk all, oil heat, 3½ over 4½. Income over \$19,000. Taxes \$3415. Currently vacant. By owner. Priced \$188,000. 741-4198. No brokers. wf3

GARDEN CITY PRIME Estates Section. Immaculate English Tudor, large living room with stone fireplace, formal dining room, large kitchen/family room, 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths, 4th bedroom on 3rd floor - huge room, finished basement, terrace, gas heat, sprinkler system. Offered by owner at \$470,000. Principals only 747-3370. gcm1

GARDEN CITY ESTATES Full Ranch on Whitehall Blvd., 3 BRs, LR, DR, den, 2 baths, gas heat, large plot. Five minute walk to RR. By appointment only. \$385,000. 746-1121. gcf4

GARDEN CITY BEAUTIFUL spacious home, 80x100, 5 BRs, 3 baths, scr. porch, fin. rec. rm., walk RR. Asking \$315K. By appt. Princ. only. 775-5974. gcm2

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

HICKSVILLE: 4 BR Levitt Ranch. New Euro kit and bath. 60 x 100. Taxes \$2900. 2 zone heating and ceiling fans throughout the house. Asking \$156K. Principals only. 735-0793. hfjn

GARDEN CITY ESTATES Brick CH Colonial. 3 BRs, 3 baths, LR/fpl, FDR, den, bsmt., rec. rm, screened porch, attached 2 car garage. Low \$400's. Owner 248-8425. gcf4

Real Estate for Sale

WESTERN 5 BEDROOM 2 bath, Colonial. Vinyl sided with canvas awnings. New Kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances, adjoins large family room and eating area, all with imported tile floors. Formal dining room, elegant living room with fireplace. Exquisite oak floors throughout. Five large bedrooms upstairs with second family room. Finished basement with spacious laundry room and cedar storage closets. Attached oversized garage. Two zone electric, new gas heat and hot water. AC. Walk to RR and shopping. Low taxes. Mint move-in condition. Best neighbors in town. Principals only. \$390,000. Call 354-5186. gcf4

GARDEN CITY PRINCETON St. Lovely 4 BR, 2½ bath brick Cape. LR/fpl, FDR, new EIK, fin. bsmt., new windows, landscaped yard with deck. Walk to all. \$339,000. Owner. 488-5847. gcf4

GARDEN CITY. LET'S make a deal on this N.E. Split Level home. Owner relocating. Move-in condition, low taxes, aluminum siding, CAC, 3 BRs, 2 baths, full patio. 60x125. Principals only. \$265,000. gcm2

MINEOLA - BRICK CAPE. 4 BRs, 2 baths. Move-in condition. Many extras. Near all. Owner asking \$219,990. 747-4061. wf4

GARDEN CITY ESTATES 4 BR CH brick colonial, large country kit with breakfast rm., beamed fam rm. LR/fpl, FDR, maid's rm., huge fenced-in back yard, 1 block to RR. By owner \$400's 248-7292. gcf4

GARDEN CITY SOUTH. Mint maintenance free brick Split near golf course. Mod. EIK, 3 BRs, FDR, 2½ baths, fam. rm., plus 2 rm. prof. suite with private entrance, skylights, new windows, sprinklers. \$269,000. Owner 485-7880. gcm1

GARDEN CITY EXPANDED ranch on John St. 5 BRs, 3 baths, den, CAC, Anderson windows, sprinkler, ½ acre, mint. Owner \$550,000. 741-0451. gcf3

GARDEN CITY ESTATES Large CH Colonial, 100x160, quality home, extended back, oversized rms., 4 BRs, 3 tiled baths, 2 fpls, den, patio, hardwood floors, circular drive. Walk to RR, etc. \$555,000. Principals 248-4963. gcm2

GARDEN CITY WESTERN Section large brick Cape, LR/fpl, DR, EIK, 4 BRs, 2 bath, deck, sprinklers, oversized corner property. Mint. Walk to all. Must sell. Owner 775-4113 or 212-988-8088. gcm2

Real Estate for Sale

MARYLAND HOUSE LOT in Bel Air, 20 miles north of Baltimore. Beautifully landscaped ¼ acre lot in established neighborhood of exclusive stone homes. Only 4 miles to I-95, \$85,000. Call owner in Florida (407) 283-9673. gcm2

SANFORD, SOUTHERN MAINE lakefront Cape. 3 yrs. old, 3 BRs, 2 full baths, laundry rm, screened porch, skylights, Anderson windows, winterized & furnished. 120 ft. frontage on sandy spring fed lake. Close to shopping. Located only 20 min. from coastal area of Ogunquit & Kennebunkport. \$139,000. Call owner in Florida (407) 283-9673. gcm2

GARDEN CITY BY OWNER \$850,000. 4½ brs, 5½ baths, magnificent Tudor on shy acre. Detached 2 car garage with 2 BR, 1½ bath apartment. 742-5149. gcf3

DEL RAY BEACH, FI Barr Terrace - Furnished 1 BR, 1½ bath Condo, 10th floor, EIK, enclosed porch, under-cover parking, inter coastal & ocean views. Many extras. \$85,500 by owner 742-5149. gcf3

GARDEN CITY WESTERN all brick Cape on quiet street. Modern EIK, 2½ baths, CAC, central vac, new heating, finished basement, LR/FPI, FDR, walk to LIRR. Owner 326-8154 \$289,000. gcf3

VACATION OR STARTER HOME: Rocky Point cape. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, country kitchen, skylight, low taxes, 80x100 lot. Walk to beach. By owner \$110,000. (516) 744-4241. gcf3

GARDEN CITY WESTERN Section, bright, cheery, Split. Walk to RR, close to shopping & churches. 4 BRs, 3 full baths, LR/cathedral ceiling. FDR, EIK, finished paneled bsmt., CAC, thermal windows, alarm system, low \$300's. Principals only. Call 352-0208. gcf3

SACRIFICE. LEGAL TWO family. Mineola Park section. 3 BR & 2 BR apts. New kit, fpl, fin. bsmt., detached garage. 60x100. Excellent condition. Asking \$230's. Call owner. 746-3141. wf4

ROSLYN HARBOR. HI-Ranch, 1 acre, 6 BRs, 4 baths, CAC, fam. rm/fpl, playroom, in-ground pool with cabana. North Shore School District. Reduced \$575,000. Owner 621-8959. wf4

CUTCHOGUE/NASSAU POINT First show, HI Ranch, LR/FPL, 3 BRs, sunny den with wood burning stove, 2 baths, CAC, beach & mooring rights, outdoor shower, garage, ¼ of an acre. High \$100's. Owner 734-7762. gcf3

Real Estate for Sale

GARDEN CITY - COUNTRY LIFE area. Barnes built CH Colonial. Brick/cedar. Mint, 3 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, LR, FDR, cedar & brick family room/FPL, cathedral ceiling, skylight. Cedar wrap around deck, new kitchen, oak floors throughout. \$339,000. Principals only. 873-0936. gcf3

GARDEN CITY ESTATES Delightfully charming English Cottage 4 BRs, 2 baths second floor, LR/FPL, den, Formal DR, large EIK, 1/2 bath & screened porch first floor. Asking \$300's principals (516) 378-3802. gcm3

GARDEN CITY 3 BR MOTT Colonial. New windows, siding, roof, applicances, underground sprinklers, gas heat. Mid \$300's. Owner, 746-3241 gcf4

NEW HYDE PARK 4 BR Cape. Possible mother / daughter. 3 baths, 3 kitchens, fin. bsmt., garage, gas heat. Move-in condition. Near all. \$239,000 neg. 488-5497. wf4

SOUTHOLD ELEGANT CUSTOM Farm Ranch. Maintenance free. 2 large BRs, 2 1/2 baths, LR/FPL, 16x20 family room, FDR, kitchen, breakfast room, deck, finished basement, CAC. Move in condition. \$275,000. Owner 765-4180 gcf3

NEW HYDE PARK Legal two family - 3 over 8. Three full baths, 2 car garage, close to all. 352-0799. \$239,000. wf3

FLORAL PARK SACRIFICE Legal two family, excellent location, extra large yard. Income producing, 2 car garage. Aluminum siding, newly painted inside. Three meters, walk all, oil heat, 3 1/2 over 4 1/2 income over \$19,000. Taxes \$3416. Currently vacant. By owner. Priced \$195,000. 741-4198. No brokers. wf3

MINEOLA EXPANDED CAPE 4 bedrooms, 2 bath, new eat-in kitchen, good location, move-in condition, low taxes, many extras. \$199,900. Call 747-4046. hf3

EDGEMERE PARK WESTERN Section Ranch, newly decorated 3 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, large LR/fpl, with cathedral ceiling, new den with skylight, DR, new ultra mod. EIK with skylight, fin. bsmt., fam. rm/fpl & wet bar, playroom/laundry, 1 car attached, A/C, alarm, in-ground sprinklers, patio & fenced yard, 80x100. Walk to RR. Taxes \$5,600. Principals only. \$389,500. 437-2517. gcf4

GARDEN CITY 1 BR Condo, Tudor Gardens. Mod. EIK & bath, A/C. Walk to all. Low, low maintenance \$160's by owner. 742-8342. gcf4

Real Estate for Sale

GARDEN CITY MINT Mott, 3 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, new kit, LR/fpl, DR, rec. rm. \$350K by owner 746-6498. gcf4

GARDEN CITY FIRST offering. Western Colonial. 3-4 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, LR/fpl, FDR, EIK, with sliders to deck, rec. rm, low taxes. Walk shops, church, LIRR. Principals only. \$279,000. 354-0544. gcf4

SOUTHOLD 5 YR. OLD Contemp. Master BR & bath downstairs. Walk to bay beach, extras. Beautiful neighborhood, sprinkler system, water purification system, large deck. \$259,000. 765-2720. gcf4

SOUTHOLD BAYFRONT. 1 plus acre cul de sac, permits, prestigious neighborhood. Drastically reduced \$360,000. 765-2720. gcf4

WEST HEMPSTEAD. NO. of Hempstead Tpke. Fieldstone / alum. Cape. Ideal M/D. 2 BRs on first, full Studio on second with separate entrance, detached 1 1/2 car garage, 2 zone gas heat. Large EIK, 1/4 mile Garden City border. Excellent starter home. Owner. \$165,000. 481-7476. gcf4

QUEENS VILLAGE N/BELLEROSE vicinity. Detached legal 2 family dwelling on 40x100, landscaped plot. Move-in condition, 5 rms. first floor, 5 1/2 rms. second floor, 3 rms third floor. Fin. bsmt., 2 decks & patio. \$280's. Owner's agent. (718) 776-7474. gcf4

SOUTHOLD. LIKE NEW Contemp features LR/fpl, cathedral ceiling, large fam. rm., EIK, master BR suite plus 2 BRs, 1 1/2 baths & loft, professionally landscaped, large deck. Walk to bay beach. \$279,000. Orient Sound Front Estate on 6 acres, large great room/fpl, deluxe views from every room. Reduced, \$880,000. Southold Waterfront Contemp with boat deck & beach rights in private community. LR/fpl, fam. rm/fpl, master BR & bath plus 2 BRs, 1 1/2 baths on a private lot. \$425,000. Mattituck. Mint cedar Ranch on 2 plus private wooded acres. LR, DR, fam. rm., 3 BRs, 2 baths, oversized 2 car garage, room for pool & tennis. \$199,000. Mattituck Waterfront Contemp featuring 2 story Atrium. LR/marble fpl, cathedral ceiling, FDR, deluxe EIK, grand master suite with jacuzzi & shower plus 2 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, IGP, CAC, professionally landscaped. A must see! \$397,500. Burt Lewis Realty 765-5810, 298-4600, 734-5533. gcf3

SINGER ISLAND, FLORIDA Luxurious ocean front Condo. 2 BRs, 2 baths, 1600 sq. ft. plus 200 sq. ft. wrap around balcony. \$149,900. 488-3250. gcm2

Real Estate for Sale

CUTCHOGUE. KING SIZE suburban home with space to spare. 8 giant rms., 4 BRs, 3 baths, sauna, fpl, 5 appliances, A/C, generator hookup, bsmt., double garage. See soon \$170,000. Bookmiller Real Estate 722-4423. gcf3

SOUTHOLD. FIRST HOME or retirement Ranch. Private beach community. LR/sliding doors to screened porch, 3 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, EIK, den, attached garage. \$185,000. Call 477-2150. gcm2

MANHASSET. MINT CAPE. 4 BRs, new gas heat, windows, deck, cornerway, 2 baths, low taxes. Walk to RR. Moving, must sell. Principals only. \$345,000. Eves. & weekends. 627-7675. gm2

STEWART MANOR BRICK & aluminum 3 BR Colonial, skylight den with cathedral ceiling, beautifully tiled new kit & baths, vinyl windows/alerts, quiet, dead end \$249,000. 437-2055 after 4 or leave message. gcf4

WEST HEMPSTEAD. WIDE-LINE Cape. 4 BRs, LR, FDR, EIK, 2 baths, Florida rm, fenced yard, alarm. Walk to worship. Move-in condition. \$185,000. Owner 488-8338. gcf4

SOUTHOLD DISTRESS SALE! Almost new large 4 BR, 2 1/2 bath Colonial on 2.4 acres. Perfect for gentleman farmer, kids & horses. Reduced to sell. \$199,000. Southold Waterfront. Private bay beach community. Cedar shake Ranch with 3 BRs, 2 baths plus lower level fam. rm & BR, 2 decks & 2 car garage. Good value at \$210,000. Cutchogue Exclusive Century old classic farmhouse on mature landscaped acre. 9 spacious rms., beautiful woodwork. A rare find. \$185,000. Southold Exclusive. Deluxe Country home. New custom kit & new fam. rm. OHA heat/CAC, fin. bsmt., professionally landscaped. A must see. \$275,000. Orient Bayfront. Historic area, lovely cedar shake 2 story with cottage. Beautiful views. Reduced to \$389,000. Marion King Realty 734-6657. gcf3

WILLISTON PARK DOCTOR'S Row. Stunning Brick Colonial, 3/4 BR, 3 full baths. Extras include 11,000 sq. ft. prof. office of 6 rooms & bath. \$399,000. Exclusive showing. Valentine Agency. 746-7200. wf4

EAST WILLISTON. MAGNIFICENT Robbins Hill Colonial on 90' x 175' property. 3/4 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, large EIK, banquet DR, LR/marble fpl, sunny den, fin. bsmt. Separate playroom. Central A/C. Low taxes. Loaded with charm. Mint cond. \$500's. 294-8357. Owner. wml

Real Estate for Sale

GARDEN CITY ESTATES Section. Colonial north of Stewart Ave., 4 BRs, 3 baths, fin. bsmt., CAC, gas heat, 2 car garage, 60 x 110. Asking \$415,000. Principals only. 747-2794. gcm1

MONTAUK, PRES-TIGIOUS HITHER Hills, year round, cedar shingle home on secluded half acre. Ocean view, 200 ft. to private beach. Six BRs, 2 1/2 baths. Many addl. features. Principals only. \$265,000. 668-5292. hml

ROCKVILLE CENTRE SO. Charming Dutch Col. 2 BR, new kit/bath/windows/vinyl, LR/fpl, DR, low taxes, \$169,000. Owner 536-4074. hm2

GARDEN CITY WEST. Mint Tudor. Slate roof, 4 BRs, 2 1/2 baths/brand new, LR/fpl, DR, EIK, den, full bsmt. Taxes \$3932. Gas heat. Principals, \$352,900. 354-5417. wml

CUTCHOGUE SOUND-FRONT. STROLL the beach & enjoy spectacular views from this secluded parcel. \$325,000. Peconic. Secluded Soundfront. This tree shadowed American Barnes style home is surrounded by nature's handiwork. 2 BRs, bath with jacuzzi. Great rm/deck. Vaulted, beamed ceilings throughout. Pickled pine floors. Garage. On 2 plus acres. Stairs to the beach. \$425,000. Nassau Point Bayfront. Relax, revel & rejuvenate in this 1 story 3 BR, 2 bath home. Savor spectacular views of Cutchogue Harbor from all living areas. New kit, FDR, cathedralled ceiling, LR/fpl. Room for pool & tennis on 1 plus acres. \$789,000. Aquebogue Exclusive. "Designer Barn" on shy 10 acres has dramatic great room, soaring cathedral ceiling, library, large Master BR with bath, addl. 2 BRs & 1 1/2 baths. Kit/pantry, screened porch & deck overlook landscaped acreage. Outbuildings include 30x60 barn, sheds, gazebo. Be a gentleman farmer for \$695,000. Act now, summer is coming. We have summer rentals galore! Marly Lang Realty 734-6472, 734-6690. gcf3

GARDEN CITY NORTH-EAST side hall Colonial. 3 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, FDR, large new EIK, new windows, vinyl siding, convenient location, 40x100. Very low taxes. Principals only. 35 Prescott St. 741-7826. Asking \$269K. gcm2

GARDEN CITY ESTATES. Center hall brick & slate Colonial. LR/fpl, FDR, mod. EIK, 4 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, den, fin. playrm., 2 car garage. Walk to schools, shopping & transportation. Greatly reduced. Ask \$399,000. 248-2966 by appointment. gcm2

Real Estate for Sale

EXCLUSIVES. SPA-CIOUS SPLIT. 3 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, fam. rm., large EIK, 2 car \$300's. Mint Contemp. Brick & stone, 3 BRs, 3 1/2 baths, fam. rm., guest quarters, CAC, 2 car, owner financing. \$400's. Charming Solid Brick Colonial. 4 BRs, 2 baths, fam. rm \$300's. Center Hall Estates Tudor, 4 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, fam. rm., sunporch, 2 fpls., 2 car garage \$500's Vera Atamian 354-1994. gcf3



GARDEN CITY CHERRY Valley Co-op. 2 BRs, second floor, new EIK, CAC. Walk to RR. \$115,000. 747-8850, 747-1771. gcf4

GARDEN CITY CO-OP 2 BR second floor unit. Center of Village. One block to LIRR and all shopping. Refinished floors, new windows. owner \$139,900. 873-9469, leave message. gcm1

STEWART AVENUE - BEST Apartment in town. 3 BR, 2 bath, FDR, LR/FPL, view of Christmas tree. Maintenance \$990/mo. 70% tax deductible. Asking \$235,000. weekdays, 212-841-7887; eves. and weekends 516-746-4165 gcf3

G.C. HAMILTON GARDENS Gorgeous, oversized 1 BR Co-op. Renovated, new Euro style EIK, separate DR, new bath, refin. hardwood floors. California closets. Extra large rms, heated garage. Close to all. Reduced to \$115,000. 747-3607. gcf3

MINEOLA - HORTON House, 1 BR, large LR, secure building, convenient to RR, hospital, stores. Must sell \$79,000. By owner. 747-8711. gcf3

OWNER TRANSFERRED. For sale - sunny 1 BR, neutral decor, wall to wall, new kitchen & bath. Must see. Heated garage available. Leave message. (516) 565-9667. gcf3

MINEOLA CLINTON ARMS Incredibly spacious 1 BR, 1 1/2 bath, terrace, EIK, separate living/dining area. Closets galore, heated garage. Walk to all \$99,000. 747-8919 Owner gcf3

MINEOLA CO-OP 1 BEDROOM 1 bath, ultra modern kitchen, low maintenance, walk to rr and shopping. \$89,000. Also, Garden City co-op, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, duplex, ultra modern kitchen plus terrace. \$149,000. Call 747-4045. hf3

FLORAL PARK IMMACULATE, renovated, one BR Co-op. Wall to wall carpet, Euro-style kit/bath. Walk to RR, bus, stores. \$92,000 negotiable, low maintenance. Must see! 775-7820. hml

Real Estate for Sale

BAYSIDE, ROCKY HILL Terrace, bright, oversized, one BR corner apt. Large LR & DR, Has 3 sided exposure. Fully renovated. Beautifully landscaped complex. Walk to shops, LIRR (20 min. express to NYC). Great buy! \$70's. Call owner 718-225-9210. hml

FLORAL PARK CO-OP Large 1 BR, new EIK, new bath. Walk to all, large closets. \$94,900 neg. 775-1353. gcm1

GARDEN CITY 3 BR Co-op on 7th St. Oversized LR & DR. Fpl, Country EIK, 2 full baths, foyer, A/C, new windows. Walk to RR, shops, schools. Mint condition. Must sell. Also available for rent. \$189,000. Call 742-1268. gcm2

MINEOLA HORTON HOUSE CO-OP: Front apartment, 1 BR, new kitchen, updated bath, loads of closet space, air conditioning. Parking available on and off premises. Maintenance \$491. Principals only. \$99,000. 741-5210. gcf4

MINEOLA, HORTON HOUSE, sunny 1 bedroom, new wall-to-wall A/C, lots of closets, live-in superintendent. Walk LIRR/hospital/courts. Must sell \$89,500. Owner (516) 294-0924. gcf4

SUNNY MANHATTAN STUDIO located in Murray Hill section at Lexington & 36 St. Doorman building, new kit, laundry facility. Near all subways. Asking \$85,000. Owner 212-213-1473. gcf4

GARDEN PLAZA. MUST sell. Large Studio, sleeping alcove, new carpet, A/C, new tiles. Walk to RR, security. \$59,900 or best offer 294-5063. gcf4

HORTON HOUSE, MINEOLA - Large 1 BR, sunny corner apt. Walk to RR, hospital, courts & shopping. Principals only. Eves 248-4171. gcf4

GARDEN PLAZA CO-OP, 1 BR "Livingston," upgraded appliances, new carpeting & A/C. Excellent location, Bldg. 1, 2nd floor facing courtyard. Priced to sell. Highest offer over \$85,000. 742-7279. gcm2

GARDEN CITY CHERRY Valley. Mint 2nd floor, 2 BRs, new kit, bath/carpet. Private corner, large garden. Maintenance 81% deductible. \$119,000. 742-8659. gom2

GARDEN CITY / HEMPSTEAD. I'll pay you \$5,000 to buy my co-op. Must move. 1 BR, top floor, has all. 80% deductible maintenance. Asking \$57,000 or rent \$775. Call 292-1516. gcm2

TOP LOCATION in prestigious Garden City, 2 BRs, 3 exposures, CAC, updated kit. Ideal starter for young commuters or retirees, tax break. \$114,000 neg. 223-7760. gcm2

THE MULFORD. JUST reduced. Must sell 2 BR, 2 bath, LR/fpl, sun rm., dining area, hardwood floors & much more. \$99,000. Owner 565-2963. gcm2

Real Estate for Sale

HAMILTON GARDENS. EXCITING 1 BR Co-op with new custom EIK, plenty of closet space. Available for immediate occupancy. \$100,000. Call now 742-4387. gcm1

HAMILTON GARDENS CO-OP in Garden City. Charming 1 BR, new Country kit. Best offer over \$79,500 takes it. Call Patrick for appointment after 7 p.m. 741-2646. gcm1

Real Estate For Rent

ROOMATE WANTED TO share house in Williston Park. Walk to everything. \$450 per month, includes utilities. Call days. 248-5278. wf3

HICKSVILLE 2 BR APT 2nd Fl LR w/Skylite DR, KIT, Full Bath, \$900. Call 935-0856. htfn

GARDEN CITY ROOM for rent. Non-smoker, private entrance, appliances available, walk to station, share bath. \$500. 742-7706. gcf4

GARDEN CITY VICINITY Co-op for rent by owner. Security building, large sunny L shaped Studio, EIK, full bath, parking on premises \$700 a month plus utilities. Heat included, close to Rr 742-3278. gcf3

SUNNY, LARGE ROOM, big closet, private entrance and bath. 5 blocks from RR. Mineola. 746-4065. gcf3

NEW HYDE PARK - 1 BR. Apt. for single non-smoking business person. No pets. Private entrance. Kitchen, full bath & separate heating. Walk to stores & public transportation. Call 354-0114. wf4

FLORAL PARK - 3 RMS Garden Apartment, prime area. Modern newly painted, garage plus parking space. Storage, use of yard, near LIRR and all shopping. \$785. Eves. 354-2926. gcf3

WEST HEMPSTEAD - 1 BR, LR/Kitchen combo, full bath, upstairs, private entrance, wall to wall carpeting \$600 a month. 248-7508, 481-1496. gcf4

STEWART AVE. - HUGE unfurnished room. Private bath. Private entrance. Very private and spacious. Walk RR/Bus. Prefer quiet mature non-smoker. Gorgeous! \$525 including utilities. Call 328-1212. gcf4

GARDEN CITY EAST, lovely 1 BR apartment. Walk to all. Excellent location. Professional couple, no children, no dogs. Call 741-6347. gcf4

GARDEN CITY UNFURNISHED room. Share kitchen, laundry, living/dining areas. Near all transportation. Professional or business person. References 437-8001 or 747-6420. gcf4

EAST WILLISTON GARAGE for rent for storage. Antique car, not for frequent in or out. \$60.00 per month. 741-3057. wf4

Real Estate For Rent

GARDEN CITY FURNISHED room to rent. Convenient to stores & transportation. Ideal for business adults, kit, privileges available. Immediate occupancy. 747-6589. gcf4

FOR RENT by owner. Western section, 4 BR, 2 bath Cape. \$2000 per month. No dogs. 747-6247. gcf4

WEST HEMPSTEAD 3 room apartment, \$575, includes all. Separate entry, walk to RR, working female preferred. Please leave message, 538-1512, will call back after 3 p.m. gcf4

MINEOLA. LARGE FURNISHED room available. Non-smoking, professional female only. Share bath. \$85.00 a week. Two weeks security. Call anytime. 746-2138. wml

MINEOLA/WESTBURY APTS: Beautiful Studios. \$575 to \$600 a month. Large 1 BR Apt. \$600. Luxury Garden Apts. \$795 & \$825 a month. Beautiful 2 BR Apts. \$750 & \$800 a month. Available now. Royal 742-3355 - 795-7707. wf3

HOUSE FOR RENT in East Williston. 7 rm. Dutch Colonial, 24' LR/fpl, FDR, Master BR with 4 closets. Immediate occupancy. \$1500. Exclusive with The Valentine Agency. 746-7200. wf3

ROOMATE WANTED. WESTBURY. Near everything, \$310 a month plus phone, utilities & cable. Five minutes to Hofstra, Nassau. Prefer non-smoker. 997-7814. wml

GARDEN CITY HOUSE to share. Share large Garden City house with young professionals. Includes entire use of house with washer, dryer, walk to two RR stations. Great location. \$390 includes all. 775-4256. hml

PSYCHOLOGISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS & related fields office space. Prime area. Mineola. Part time/full time established center. Possible referrals. Reasonable rates. Call C. Bernacchio 741-5141. gcm1

MIAMI GOLF VILLA, by wk or mo. 2 BR, 2 bath, beautiful water view. 54 holes. Available April 1. \$850/week, or \$3,000/month. 516-294-4668 or 305-556-3951. gcm1

GARAGE FOR RENT. Floral Park Crest \$60 a month. 746-1776. gcm1

GARDEN CITY PARK. Sunny 2 BRs, second floor, large EIK, driveway parking. \$825 includes heat. Sedacca Realty 747-0020. hf3

GREAT NECK. LARGE house to share. Separate BR, close to RR station, market. 482-5203. Rent \$500 plus utilities. Leave message. hm2

GARDEN CITY STORE. 1200 sq. ft., full bsmt., immediately available, great rent. Ray Polley Enterprises 747-2900. hf3

Real Estate for Rent

MINEOLA/GARDEN PLAZA. Huge 1 BR, DR, den, LR, 2 A/Cs, wall to wall, updated kit & bath, 24 hr. security. Walk to RR & shops. Parking included. Available immediately \$900 - 248-8233. gcm1

GREAT HOME FOR large extended family. 5 BRs, 3 baths, LR/fpl, FDR, EIK. Asking \$1,975 per month. Abbott Manor Realty 352-7333. gcf3

GARDEN CITY BORDER. Luxury apartment bldg, two 1 BR apartments. Bright, large rooms. \$750 & \$850. No fee. 489-3010. gcf3

MINEOLA FURNISHED ROOM, occupancy for one. Share bath, no smoking. 747-1110. gcm2

FRANKLIN SQUARE BASEMENT apartment. EIK, single professional preferred, non-smoker, no pets. One month's security \$600 includes all. 488-3079. gcm2

GARDEN CITY PARK/New Hyde Park area. 5 large, sunny rms., many closets, second floor, private entrance in nice neighborhood. Walk to RR & shopping. Business couple preferred. No children, no pets. References & security. \$775 plus electric. 741-5154. Owner. gcm2

GARDEN CITY LOVELY, quiet, furnished rm. Private entrance, bath. Mature, non-smoker preferred. References. 746-0018. gcm2

GARDEN CITY & vicinity. In the heart of the village: 3 BRs, 2 baths, EIK, fpl, parking, A/C. Immediate. \$1800. Hempstead Cathedral Garden: Spacious studio, good closet space. Available Mar. 15. \$650. 1 BR, 16x14 LR, Dining alcove, kit. \$750. 1 BR, large LR, first floor. Walk all. \$815. House for rent. Country Club Estates. 3 BR Charming Colonial, 1 1/2 baths, EIK, LR/fpl, gas heat. Fenced yard. Pets OK. \$1300. Elaine J. Nolan. 485-7054, 292-9749. wf3

GARDEN CITY TEMPORARY room for working male, non-smoking, 4-6 months. \$400 a month. 741-1098. gcm1

GARDEN CITY SOUTH / Franklin Square. Large 2 BR apartment in 2 fam. home. LR, DR, EIK plus large bsmt. with washer/dryer. Also included: garage & parking area, fenced & private backyard. Quiet safe area. \$1,000 per month. Business couple preferred. References required. 486-1534. gcm2

GARDEN CITY. PRESTIGIOUS office space next to RR station & hotel. 1000 sq. ft. to 2300 sq. ft. Ray Polley Enterprises 747-2900. hf3

Vacation Rental

SOUTHAMPTON SUMMER Rentals - 4 BRs, pool, tennis, near bay \$20,000-\$35,000. 2BR Cottage \$6,500... & many more. Please call ahead for appointment. South Fork Realty, 283-8282. gcf3

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FLORIDA - PALM BEACH Studio & 1 BR apts. The Palm Beach Hotel. Pool, spa, one block to beach, ner restaurants, shops, maid service, day/week/month. Affordable 407-758-3942. gcf4

SHELTER ISLAND. THINK summer from \$4,500-\$45,000. Call now for best selection. Foxfire Realty, 21 North Ferry Rd., 749-3080, 749-3288. gcm1

WESTHAMPTON. CHARMING OLDER redecorated 3 BR, 2 baths, fpl, quiet neighborhood, enclosed front porch South of Montauk Highway. \$10,000 season. Owner 212-988-8088. gcm1

MT. SNOW VERMONT Beautiful luxury condo, sleeps 8. Hot tub & sauna in condo. Club house on premises with swimming, racquet ball & gym. Free shuttle bus to mountain. Cross country & downhill skiing. Less than 1 mile from slopes & beautiful view of mountain from condo. Short & long term rentals. Call 741-1824. GC4

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Vacation Rental

VACATION HOME WITH POOL, Westhampton, walk to Main Street. 3 BRs, 2 Baths, LR/fpl, DR, EIK, 20 x 40 in-ground swimming pool. All appliances, stereo, TV with VCR, 741-1443. gcm1

MATTITUCK WATER FRONT, 4 BR house sleeps 10, private beach, Peconic Bay. Season/month. May-Oct. 485-7923 gcm2

SOUTHOLD COUNTRY HOME. 3BR, fully equipped, large, screened porch. Walk private beach. Washer/dryer, cable, immaculate. By season or \$1300 monthly, May, June Sept. \$1800 for July or Aug. 334-0196. gcm2

Real Estate Wanted

QUALIFIED MATURE COUPLE seeks Garden City Cape or Ranch, St. Anne's Parish, south of Stewart Ave., no main streets or corners. 2 BRs, first floor, 2 car garage or space for 2. \$300,000. 358-9768. gcf3

GARDEN CITY HOUSE rentals & sales needed for qualified prospects. Call Fennessy Realty 746-6245. gcf4

GARDEN CITY PROFESSIONAL couple seeks a four bedroom, 3 bath, 2 car garage, full basement, ranch or colonial. Have pre-approved mortgage; ready to move immediately. Principals only. Leave message. 731-5123. gcm1

FAMILY ACTIVELY SEEKING home in numbered/central area of Garden City. Will consider listings up to \$600,000. All conditions OK. Prefer principals, executors, broker's exclusives only. Able to go to contract immediately. Eves. & weekends 627-7675. gcm2

FAMILY WISHES TO move to Garden City. Seeks 5 or 6 BR home to purchase. Would like owner to hold mortgage. Can make very large monthly payments. Call 269-5404 evenings please. wm2

GARDEN CITY FAMILY seeks Tudor or Colonial, Estates or Central Section. Minimum 4 BRs, \$500,000 - \$550,000. Principals only 747-2794. gcm1

MATURE GARDEN CITY business couple seeking 2 BR apartment in Garden City area. Careful & considerate. 746-2151. gcm1

STEWART MANOR HOUSE wanted by young professional couple. 3 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, fpl, den. Colonial only, not near RR. Good condition. Low to mid \$200's. Principals only. 741-0261. gcm1

RENTAL. FAMILY OF 3 seeks short term house for rent, approx. six months. If your house is for sale, we are willing to make your house available to brokers during our stay. Principals only. 742-3956. hml

Real Estate Wanted

HOUSE WANTED IN Garden City or western sections. Trade for a midtown Manhattan brand new luxury condo w/2 BR, 2 marble baths, 1 balcony, City/river view. Pool/health club included on top of the roof, 42nd floor. Value \$250,000. Call owner 212-989-3960 or 212-268-4728. gcm1

GARDEN CITY YEAH. We sold our house. We want to buy yours. Price range \$300's. Pre-approved mortgage. Sizable down payment. Principals only. Call 742-3956. hml

Car For Sale

1986 CHEVY CAMARO V6, 26,000 miles, loaded, white, black interior, T-tops, tint, mint condition. Must see! \$6500, neg. Evenings 741-9545, ask for Connie. hf4

1988 CHEVROLET SPRINT 4 door, hatch back, A/C, auto, AM/FM, 36K miles. Excellent condition. \$2,900. Must sell. 741-6254. gcf4

1985 ISUZU IMPULSE AT, A/C, ps, pw, excellent running condition. Must sell. \$2,850. 437-1630. gcf4

1988 JEEP WRANGLER Laredo, 5 speed, 22,000 miles. Black/tan, custom interior, immaculate in and out. Must sell, moving. Floral Park. 718-347-3705. wf4

1978 BUICK ELECTRA, all options, excellent running condition. No rust. Best offer. 248-4328. gcf4

1981 DATSUN 210 mechanically excellent, A/C, radio, P/S, P/B, 87K miles. Body needs some work. \$650 firm. 742-8037. gcf4

1990 HYUNDAI SONATA GLS, 4 door sedan, 14,000 miles, leather interior, sunroof, CD player, tilt steering, cruise control, power everything, alarm. Asking \$11,500. 887-0358. gcm2

1986 HONDA PRELUDE SI, red, 4 door, mint condition, sunroof, new tires, low mileage. Asking \$5,900. 741-0284. gcm2

1991 ESCORT GT ultra blue with sporty graphics. AM/FM cassette, A/C, cruise control, power steering, custom wheels, auto. \$9,800. 248-4328 gcf3

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1980 CHEVY MALIBU, 4 door, V6, 90,000 miles, reliable station car. \$750. 746-4680. gcf3

Car For Sale

1991 MAZDA MIATA convertible, MX5, 9200 miles, not even 1 year old. A/C, pull out stereo CD, asking \$14,500 or best offer. (516)487-8406. hf5

DODGE COLT DL 1988, 4 door, 5 speed, a/c, AM/FM, very good condition with 21,000 miles. Must see \$4,795. 294-5696. gcf3

1984 VOLVO - 760 GLE 103,000 miles, loaded. Climate control. Power sun roof, power windows, power mirrors, power door locks, new interior, garaged. \$5300. 741-0972. wml

1986 CHEVY IROC CAMARO, V-8, low miles. Red. Loaded. T-Tops, mint condition. Must see. \$6500. Negotiable / offer. 747-3868. wml

DODGE '84 CHARGER Hatchback, 52,000 miles, new tires, new brakes, AM/FM, runs well. \$1,800. Neg. 248-7508. Leave message. gcm1

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1982 OLDSMOBILE DELTA 88 Brougham, 4 door, V-8 engine, automatic with overdrive, A/C, power steering & brakes, garage kept, excellent condition. Asking \$2,200 neg. 938-6439. hf3

BMW 320 I '81, 5 speed, silver/blue interior, sunroof, Benz box, high mileage & garaged. \$2,700. 741-5824. gcf3

1988 MERCEDES BENZ 250S. Excellent condition, must see. Asking \$5,000. 326-4933 gcf3

Car Wanted

WANTED: INEXPENSIVE STATION car. Excellent running condition a must. Late 1970, early 1980 model Honda preferred. Call 746-4154 between 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. gcf3

For Sale

ETHAN ALLEN - PERFECT condition, 1 pc. pine china closet/buffet, pine etagiere and Queen Anne salmon velour chair. Moving south. Best offer. After 7:30 p.m. (718) 426-1337. gcf4

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For Sale

GOLDEN OAK ENCLOSED Bar. Excellent condition. 5 ft. x 3 ft. Must see! Oak kitchen set with formica top, 4 1/2 ft. x 3 ft., six chairs - 2 captain & 4 Hi-back \$400. 437-8123. wf3

SIDEBOARD, QUEEN ANNE style, cherry mahogany, excellent condition. Originally \$1100 Ethan Allen. Now \$500. Call 248-8227 or 747-2673. gcf4

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STEREO EQUIPMENT INCLUDING Dynakit PAS - 2 preamp & stereo 70 amp. Fischer 100A tuner, TEAC-A 170 cassette deck & Technics ST-CO3 micro tuner. Call 741-0121 after 7 p.m. gcf4

BALDWIN ORGAN MODEL Bravo double keyboard, full pedals, automatic rhythms, different sounds. Excellent condition. Asking \$1,000. 742-1985. gcf4

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HOUSEHOLD ITEMS; MAHOGANY Sheridan chest, 6 piece Dining set, bookcase, Grundig AM/FM Console, Delmonaco Console, oak bookcase, maple hutch, deacon bench, Winthrop walnut desk, books, china, crystal, linens. February 19 to 22. 10 a.m. 179 Capitol Ave. Williston Park. 742-0256. wf4

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For Sale

3 PIECE SECTIONAL Italian Provincial, 2 chairs, 2 marble lamp tables. Excellent condition. Call after 4 p.m. 485-6359. gcm1

AUTHENTIC HITCHCOCK DR set, autumn finish. Table 42 x 54" with two 12" leaves - pads. Buffet base/side board 19 x 54". Six black and autumn chairs. Excellent condition, \$1300. Also Childcraft 6 Room Dollhouse with furniture. \$95. 741-6188, evenings. gcm1

TWIN SIZE ALLISON Castro Convertible with bedframe. Never used. Cream colored with arched sleeves. Excellent condition. \$525. Evenings 741-0711. gcm2

DARK OAK TRUNDLE BED & night table. Curio cabinet, chinese black, glass doors, sides & shelves. Back is mirrored, 6 ft high 15" deep, 28" wide. Extra long white sofa, pair of blue loveseats (one of which is a queen size Sealy Sleeper). Call evenings. 248-9286. wm2

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Wanted

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FURNITURE GENTLY USED. Young professional couple with child seeking sofa/love seat combo, sectional/modular sofa, Castro sofa bed/day bed/love seat, twin size mattress/box spring, Harvard frame, coffee table and end table in good condition for our home. 294-1994. gcm1

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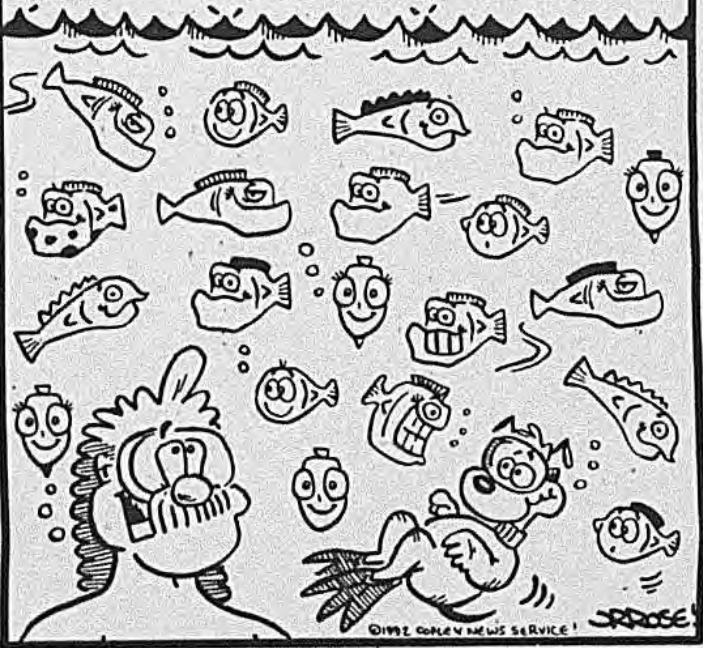


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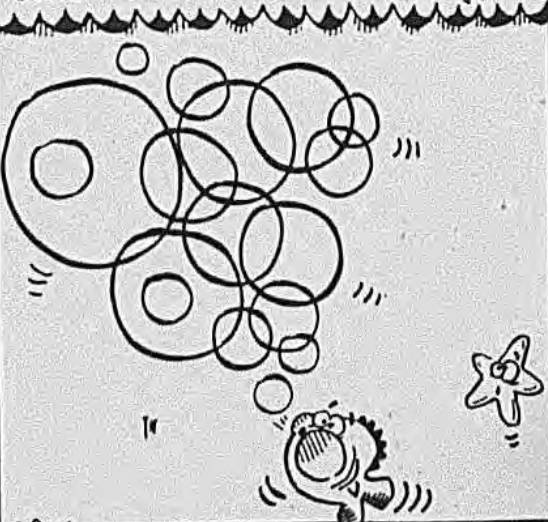
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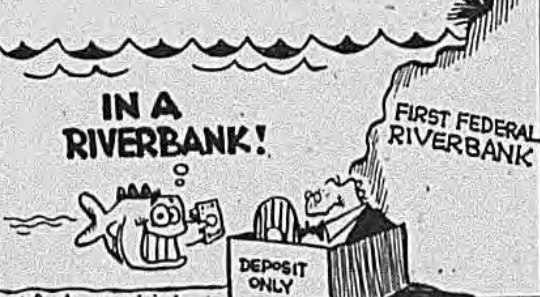
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By James G. McCollam



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Q. Enclosed is a picture of a jug that belonged to my grandmother. She lived to be 112 years old. This was supposed to be one of her wedding gifts. It is marked "Sitka — T. Hughes, Burslem."

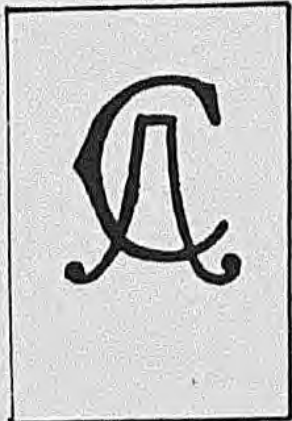
Can you supply any information about its age and value?



A. This pitcher was made in Burslem, England, by Thomas Hughes about 1900. It would probably sell for \$50 to \$60. "Sitka" is the name of the pattern.

Q. The enclosed mark is on the bottom of a three-piece dresser set. It consists of a tray, hair receiver and covered powder jar.

Can you provide information as to its origin and value?



A. This porcelain set was made in Limoges, France, by Charles Ahrenfeldt about 1900. A dealer

would price a set like this in the \$250-\$275 range.

Q. I have in my possession a four-piece chamber set consisting of a covered chamber pot, mug, toothbrush holder and a covered soap dish. These are white china rimmed in gold. They are marked "Dresden."

When were these made, and how much are they worth? Where can I sell them?

A. These were made by the Dresden Pottery Co. in East Liverpool, Ohio, between 1875 and 1882. They would sell for about \$165 to \$185 in an antique shop.

I don't have a list of buyers.

Q. Can you put a value on a souvenir pewter plate? It advertises Planter's Peanuts and is marked "Super Bowl XIII."

A. Your 18-year-old plate is a choice collectible. It would probably sell for about \$75 to \$85.

Q. I would like to know something about my Belleek sugar and creamer. They are marked "Belleek — A Colled Snake — Willets." They are made of very thin porcelain and decorated with pink flowers.

A. These were American versions of Irish Belleek made by the Willetts Manufacturing Co. in Trenton, N.J., around the turn of the century. They would probably sell for \$225 to \$235.

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Points on Pets

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

Q. Our new peach-faced lovebird died very suddenly. The only sign of illness it had before dying was runny eyes. The bird looked healthy at the time we purchased it. What killed our bird?

A. There is an eye disease called "lovebird eye disease." It is most commonly seen in peach-faced birds bred in captivity.

The first signs of the disease are depression, blinking and a clear discharge from the eyes. As the disease progresses, the lids become swollen and the discharge becomes more severe. Weight loss and severe depression usually occur. If kept in a flock, the affected bird is usually picked on by cage mates.

Most birds with lovebird eye disease die within a few days after

exhibiting signs of illness. There is no known successful treatment. It is thought by some authorities that this disease is caused by a virus.

The disease also seems to be stress-related since birds often develop the disease one to two weeks following shipping. Birds from flocks with lovebird eye disease should not be used as breeders.



JUNIOR EDITION



Aunt Tilly's Corner

My family has a big friendly German Shepard dog. She is about six years old, and she loves to go for long walks in the field near our house. She runs around, nosing through the tall grass, sniffing after squirrels and rabbits. We bring dog biscuits with us to feed her along the way. By the time we get home, she is so tired that she just lies down on the rug for hours, resting. Do you have pets in your family? Write and tell me about them.

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Grandma Helen Martonik
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YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Disabled children may benefit from ruling

By William M. Acosta

Q. I recently saw a poster about Social Security trying to locate children with disabilities. What is this all about? — A.C.

A. A Supreme Court decision resulted in new rules for determining if a child is disabled. It also mandated that individuals whose claims for Supplemental Security Income childhood disability benefits were not approved (or suspended because of medical reasons) between Jan. 1, 1980, and Feb. 27, 1990, be contacted.

These individuals may request a review of their claims under a new rule that takes into account how a child's impairment affects his or her ability to perform everyday activities.

Q. How much did the Medicare hospital insurance (Part A) deductible and co-insurance increase in 1992? — M.B.

A. The amounts increased as follows:

- From \$628 to \$652 for the first 60 days of inpatient care in a benefit period.

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- From \$314 to \$326 a day for the 60 hospital reserve days.

- From \$78.50 to \$81.50 for the 21st through the 100th day of care in a skilled-nursing facility.

Q. In January, I received Form SSA 1099 and an Internal Revenue Service work sheet. What is this for? — T.P.

A. Form SSA 1099 is a statement showing the Social Security benefits you received in 1991 and is used to determine if any benefits are subject to federal income tax.

The work sheet shows you how to determine if your Social Security benefits are subject to tax. If you receive Social Security benefits as your only source of income, you are unlikely to owe federal taxes on the benefits.

Q. My mother, who has Medicare coverage, needs help with her medical expenses. Is there some other program for which she could qualify? — W.D.

A. There is a program that helps the low-income elderly with their Medicare expenses. Generally, an applicant for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program qualifies if he or she has Medicare and his or her income and resources are limited.

Rules vary from state to state. Your mother should contact the local medical assistance (Medicaid) agency, social service or welfare office in her state.



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Pre-wedding parties before the big day

By Sharon Achatz

As the groom slips the engagement ring on his intended's finger, the wise bride-to-be will have her other hand on her datebook.

For almost as soon as the groom pops the question, the celebrations begin — from engagement parties and showers to bachelor bashes and rehearsal dinners.

A typical schedule might include an engagement party hosted by the bride's parents, several showers and bachelor parties hosted by close friends or co-workers, a bridesmaids' luncheon hosted by the bride and a rehearsal dinner given by the groom's parents.

One not-so-traditional twist to the pre-wedding party scene could include a tasting party hosted by the bridal couple — at which they have guests sample goods such as champagne and hors d'oeuvres, for example, to help them select which will be served at the wedding.

Gathered friends can help with other wedding tasks, too, such as addressing invitations, lettering place cards or preparing rice bundles.

Following are additional suggestions from party pros for scintillating celebrations.

STRIKING SHOWERS

The traditional no-males-allowed bridal shower — gifts wrapped in silver-and-white, some for the kitchen, others for the bedroom — takes place a month or so before the wedding and is hosted by a close friend or relative of the bride.

Now, however, it's not uncommon for a shower to be held in honor of both the bride and groom. And in instances where the bride or groom already has acquired many of the household items once considered shower staples, it's likely that the hostess will choose a party theme to designate the types of gifts to be given.

For workaholics who shun an active social life in favor of collapsing on the sofa at home, the hostess responds with a couch potato shower. Guests furnish the couple with videotapes of movies, cassettes, CDs, books and board games.

For couples who like to get out and about, consider an entertainment shower, with guests supplying pairs of tickets to movies, concerts, the theater or sports events.

Folks who purchase a fixer-upper home along with their marriage license are perfect candidates for a home renovation shower, with ladders, tools and do-it-yourself books as gifts.

If the honeymoon destination is known, a bon-voyage shower would be an appropriate time for gifts such as travel guides or dictionaries, luggage, packets of foreign money or a cookbook featuring dishes of the region to which they'll travel.

Of course, the all-women party is still a popular option — particularly for lingerie gifting or a shower that pamperers. Aside from the obvious, the lingerie shower also is an opportune time to pre-

ent bathrobes, camisoles or slips, as well as scented sachets and pretty padded hangers.

For a pampered shower, have each guest bring something soothing: a gift certificate for a massage or facial, flannel pajamas, CDs of love songs, scented candles and bath oils.

BACHELOR'S BASH

The bachelor's party, usually hosted by the best man or a close friend of the groom, traditionally has been a night of whiskey and wild women at a hotel, bar or friend's home.

Today, however, it can instead be any type of gathering the groom enjoys: a night at the ball park, a day of beach volleyball, a weekend of fishing.

It's not unusual now for the maid of honor to host a bachelorette party for the bride, as well. This can be an evening at a favorite single's hangout or an intimate cafe.

Traditionally held the night before the wedding, most folks have wised up to the fact that they enjoy their wedding day more if the bachelor/bachelorette bash is at least a week before the big day.

BRIDESMAIDS' DAY

Sometime prior to the wedding, many brides host a gathering to honor their bridesmaids — traditionally a luncheon at a favorite eatery after the final dress fitting, but now anything goes.

Stay up all night with junk food and favorite movies on video, dress in your best for a night at the ballet or rent horses at a stable and ride off for a cozy picnic.

PERFECT PRACTICE

Traditionally hosted by the groom's parents, the rehearsal dinner follows the wedding rehearsal, usually the night before the wedding. To contrast with the more formal wedding-day events, make the evening informal and fun.

In fact, it doesn't even have to be a sit-down dinner. Hectic schedules often make drinks and simple hors d'oeuvres a more viable option.

Festive up the event by asking guests to bring photographs of themselves with the bride or groom, and then arrange them in a montage. Note on the back of each where and when it was taken — along with any special memory.

For flat-out fun, consider an outdoor barbecue with bandannas as napkins, classic country music and square-dancing; a Mexican fiesta complete with sombreros, margaritas, a pinata and mariachi music; a German polka fest with kielbasa, sauerkraut and a selection of hearty beers.

Groom's Parents

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TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

How to avoid pre-wedding jitters

By Debra Lee Baldwin

"I can't wait until our honeymoon," Maria told a friend at work. "Maybe I'll finally get some sleep."

Maria wasn't trying to be funny, she was simply dog tired from lying awake at night, worrying about what might go wrong at her wedding.

Sound familiar?

Relax. Pre-wedding jitters can be avoided. The following nuggets of advice will help any nervous bride preserve her peace of mind.

First and foremost, be realistic. Nothing in life is perfect, and your wedding probably won't be, either. Promise yourself you'll cherish the best parts and laugh at the worst.

If your brain is abuzz with things to remember, write them down. Keep checklists of things that must be done, and make deadlines for doing them.

Comfortable using a computer? "The Wedding Planner" from Ninga Software can help you keep track of everything from invitations to thank-you notes to cater-

ers and flower girls.

If you feel overwhelmed, get help. Ask your mother, siblings, best friend, a party planner or a professional wedding consultant for assistance.

Don't hesitate to delegate. A calligrapher can address invitations, a travel agent can make honeymoon arrangements, your fiancé can make phone calls.

Resist the temptation to do your wedding planning at work. In fact, it's a good idea to reassure your boss that your performance won't slide as the big day approaches.

Reserve weekends to visit clergy members, scout reception sites, compare florists — or, if your hours are flexible, work a later shift and do these tasks on weekdays.

As much as possible, involve your fiancé in the decision-making. If a bridal fair is scheduled for your area, both of you should attend; it's a great timesaver and opportunity to compare numerous wedding services.

Should you invite your boss and

co-workers to the wedding?

"Only if your relationship is particularly cordial," advises *Modern Bride* magazine. "Unless you socialize with them for lunch or outside of the office, they should not expect an invitation." You needn't try to please everyone.

"Those who are underwriting the cost frequently believe that their wishes should be fulfilled in direct proportion to their contribution," says *Modern Bride*.

"Wrong! They should be taken into consideration, but not at the expense of the couple's friends or taste in terms of wedding style."

Worried about divorced parents? They may dislike each other, but chances are they'll make an effort to get along for your sake at your wedding (especially if you ask them to).

"Anticipate 'feelings,'" advises *Bride's & Your New Home*. "If your mother will be facing your father's new wife, ask her to bring a date, seat her with close family and friends at the reception."

Also, explain your parents' mar-

ital status to wedding professionals (caterer, photographer, clergy), and you'll avoid awkward situations.

What if his relatives are abrasive?

"Settle disputes between yourselves first," advises *Bride's and Your New Home*. "Then, let him deal with his relatives; you negotiate with yours."

Cultivate the skill of viewing situations from other people's perspectives. If your future mother-in-law (or an attendant) resists wearing what you want her to, it may be she can't find it in her size, or the color makes her look awful. You're queen for the day; be a compassionate one.

Ethnic and interfaith marriages are not problems, they're opportunities. Friends and relatives may need to be reassured that the two of you are not blinded by love, but are totally committed to the future you will share together.

Rather than playing down your diverse religious or cultural upbringings, emphasize them — beautifully and meaningfully — at your wedding and reception.

Keep in mind that invitations, location, ceremony, music, food and even the cake can symbolize the harmonious blending of your backgrounds. These personalized touches also will enhance the wedding and make it memorable.

You might wear different colored ribbons in your hair, for example, to acknowledge your Italian ancestry. If his heritage is Chinese, you might use red — which symbolizes love and joy — for an accent color.

Short on money? Focus on priorities. Narrow down your guest list; opt for a single-entree buffet and simple hors d'oeuvres; have an afternoon rather than evening reception; serve punch instead of cocktails; rent silk flowers or potted plants from a florist; reduce the number of musicians.

But don't skimp on the photographer and/or videographer.

"Since your pictures and video will be all that's left of your wedding once it's over, this is one area where it pays to hire a professional," advises *Bride's and Your New Home*.

The magazine also says that bridal consultants can sometimes double as financial managers — helping couples fight the "urge to splurge."

If you and your fiancé need to work out financial arrangements concerning children from a previous marriage, are putting each other through school, or if one of you owns large assets, a prenuptial agreement might provide peace of mind.

What if you love each other and are committed to your relationship but you have trouble agreeing? You've heard the statistics on divorce, how can you make sure it doesn't happen to you?

Pay attention to warning signs: frequent, unproductive arguments; not sharing important decisions; finding little pleasure in each other's company; feeling isolated and lonely; verbal or physical abuse; dependence on drugs or alcohol.

Next, take action.

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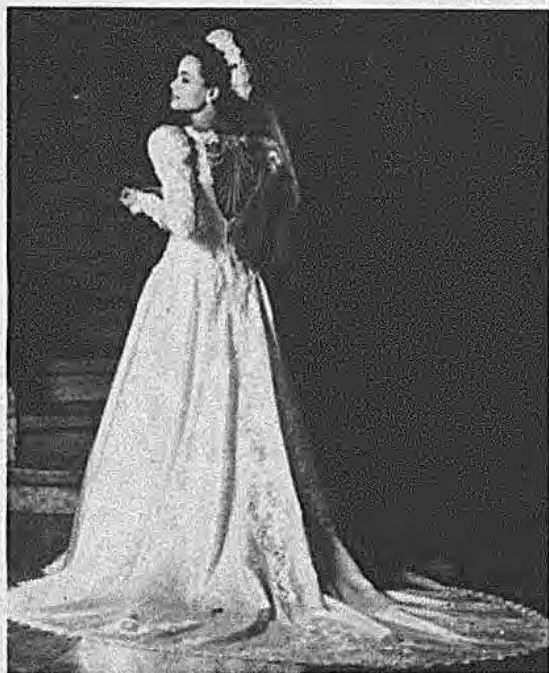
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BEAUTIFUL BRIDES — When picking your wedding gown, remember that the back view is an important element. *Shown here: Gown by Bridal Originals.*

By Sharon Williams

Your fiance is handsome and charming, but he's no blue-blooded prince.

And the engagement diamond on your hand weighs only a fraction of a carat — as opposed to the rock you had once imagined.

It's not that you've settled for less. It's just that you're taking a practical, commonsense approach to marrying in the frugal, value-oriented 1990s.

Except, of course, where your wedding dress is concerned.

After all, the bridal gown traditionally is a dress to die for — a fantasy frock that flatters you like no other as you bask in the wedding-day spotlight.

And today there's no reason to compromise your version of this sartorial icon since there are dresses to fit every budget and dimension of personal style.

Indeed, the wedding dress is alive, well and as embellished as ever — even in this decade of prudence and providence.

In fact, you have more lavish treatments and ornate trims to choose from than the brides who walked down the aisle before you. Here are some of today's hottest trends.

SOPHISTICATED SHAPES

Designers are romancing the figure with the most flattering, sophisticated looks around. Details worth watching for: bodices that follow the natural waist; controlled, full hems; draping; A-line, flared and forced silhouettes; and the emergence of the Watteau train.

Next to the silhouette itself, necklines and sleeves are garnering major attention. Often slipping off the shoulders, necklines are open and sexy, while sleeves get

every type of treatment imaginable — making them almost as much a focal point as the wedding ring itself.

BREEZY, BEAUTIFUL FABRICS

Brocades, damasks and jacquards bring texture to the simple, soft, airy fabrics with which designers seem to have fallen in love.

You'll find yards and yards of sheer organza, chiffon and voile along with tulle, silk taffeta and silk shantung in the most beautiful gowns — often accompanied by lace that's placed with precision rather than strewn all around.

Shirring and pleating are plentiful, playing up fabrics to their fullest.

DYNAMIC DETAILS

It's a garden out there with all the dimensional blossoms and petals blooming on sleeves, collars, necklines, waistlines and skirts that enhance the simplest silhouettes without overwhelming.

Other important embellishments include bows, ties, pearls, lace — plain or beaded with pearls and sequins — cutouts and Italian crystals.

TRUE COLORS

Of course, white still rules, but today's dresses offer some other acceptable alternatives.

Ivory, champagne, cream, salmon and blush pink are tasteful tints for the dress itself. Colorful accents — such as yellow roses blooming around a plunging V-neckline, a baby blue sash or silver and gold trims — add adornment without detracting from the overall look.

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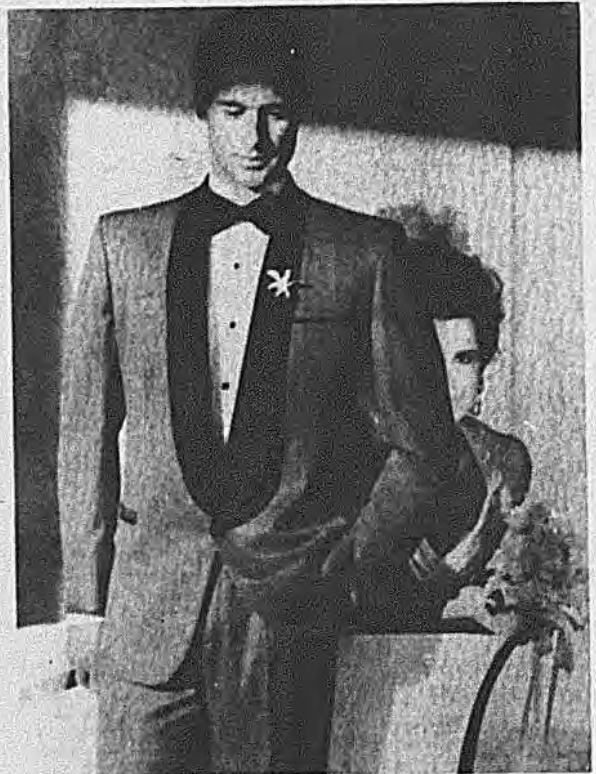


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GORGEOUS GROOMS Tuxedos and ties for wedding swells



GORGEOUS GROOMS — The wedding day is a time for grooms to shine in elegant formalwear. Shown here: Single-breasted shawl tuxedo from Raffinati Formalwear.

By Mike Dale

Grooms choosing a smashing ensemble for their wedding day need not be traumatized by overwhelming choices. The decision falls into place quite handily when you consider: Is the wedding in spring, summer, winter or fall? What time of day will the ceremony be held? Will you include a wedding party? How big? What kind of wedding will it be — traditional, eccentric or simple?

FORMAL WEDDINGS

For very formal daytime weddings, grooms could wear a long jacket, cutaway-style, in black or gray. Trousers could boast a classic side stripe. A white shirt should have wing collars and French cuffs, with studs, a vest, cummerbund, an ascot or four-in-one hand tie, black dress shoes and matching hat/gloves and overcoat.

Grooms with formal evening weddings (ceremony after 6 p.m.) could wear black trousers and coat with a white vest, cummerbund and tie. Donning a black top hat and white gloves tied together by a black or gray overcoat would add *joie de vivre*.

SEMIFORMAL WEDDINGS

This becomes a process of elimination from formal weddings. Matching or contrasting jackets, trousers, shirts, cummerbunds, vests and ties are standard semiformal wedding fare.

However, delete haute couture accessories such as hats, gloves, overcoats, ascots, etc.

INFORMAL WEDDINGS

Two styles of dress distinguish this category: the business suit for the conservative set and the "anything goes" look for eccentrics.

Should you opt for a simple wedding in your back yard — or perhaps a civil ceremony at the county courthouse — a business suit will suffice for most grooms. Choose black, gray, navy, dark blue or white, with coordinating tie.

Eccentric bashes are limited only by the imagination. A skydiver tying the knot could wear a tux under his jumping regalia; surfers could wear sandals and shorts, with a white shirt and long, cutaway jacket.

FASHION SENSE

Fortunately, formal wear is following the fashion world these days. The '90s have ushered in a more relaxed look. Shoulders are softer, fabrics are sensual to the touch, lines are easy on the eye, the fit is less than stuffy than traditional English wear, and the look is elegant.

Consider the shawl tuxedo. Popular among members of "high society" in the 1920s and '30s, it's ever-so-slightly casual look is made for today's softer styles: jackets with rounded shoulders; fabric draped around the chest, and trousers with a fuller cut.

Some unusual entries in the formal wear race? The Ze Tux! by Pierre Cardin has a pseudo V-line from shoulder to pocket. The Grief

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FLOWER POWER — Brides who wear contemporary gowns will love simple bouquets of exotic blooms. Photo courtesy of the Diamond Information Center.

By Teresia d'Elgin

All weddings are, in their way, garden weddings. Adam and Eve gallivanted in Eden. Juno made a blossom offering to Jupiter. Pungent bundles of herbs, designed to fend away evil, were part of medieval marriage ceremonies.

By now the floral tradition is as inherent to weddings as white dresses. From altar through reception, everywhere and everybody is studded with fragrant arrangements and bouquets. All contribute to an atmosphere of ritual and celebration.

In this, our broad-minded pres-

ent, couples are not locked into a limited style. Every trend since prehistory avails itself — from the traditional ensembles of white roses and stephanotis to branches from flowering trees.

Floral aspects of your wedding will dovetail more easily with gowns and decor if you research first, make decisions later. Collect tear sheets from bride's magazines and fabric swatches. Paging through wedding guides such as Martha Stewart's "Weddings" (Clarkson Potter) will help brides visualize the possibilities.

To achieve a real bothouse effect, you'll need a good florist or a very gifted and dedicated friend or relative. It's a lot to ask. Wedding experts recommend either professionals of your own experience or referrals. Be sure to ask for references as part of your consultation.

Your chosen tone and color scheme can help determine your flowers. Will your wedding be normal, country, contemporary, traditional or ethnic? Experiencing fresh combinations at your florist may redirect your thinking.

Getting an accurate count of floral needs can involve a pretty complex equation. Immerse yourself in a comprehensive how-to such as Edith Gilbert's "The Complete Wedding Planner" (Warner) or Yetta Fisher Gruen's "Your Wedding: Making It Perfect" (Penguin).

A realistic assessment of both the ceremony and reception sites will determine the extent of flowers you'll need. For example, efforts for a garden wedding would differ greatly from a hotel reception room.

You'll need to settle on pew and altar arrangements or the *huppah* if the ceremony is Jewish, centerpieces for the reception, the bridal and attendants' bouquets, groom, groomsmen, and father-of-the-bride boutonnières, plus smaller bouquets or corsages for mothers and grandmothers.

Many brides elect to decorate their wedding cakes with live flowers or petals, then tie a flower to the cake knife.

The all-important bridal bouquet is dictated by the style and fabric of bride's dress. Full, ornate gowns look better with a smaller more understated bouquet. Sleeker, simpler gowns seem to demand a more dramatic cascade. Florists construct wreaths and even stoles of flowers for brides.

One no longer needs a June wedding to assure an abundance of fresh blossoms. A global economy and modern transportation put blooms at the ready year-round.

But varieties in-season on your wedding date will be less expensive. Carnations, hybrid roses and alstroemeria are available all year, whereas peonies, delphinium and canterbury bells are seasonal.

Greenery, ribbon and tulle can help "fill out" bouquets so you'll need fewer flowers. Growing your own flowers is another way to cut expenses.

Don't think your arrangements need be lavish to be elegant. Simple, spare centerpieces can be exquisite. Most florists will rent vases that will further reduce the cost.

Many churches book more than one wedding a day. You may want to consider sharing pew and altar with other brides to save money.

Today's environmental focus has loosened the constraints on carefully constructed bouquets and arrangements. We're seeing more loose, natural looking bouquets of long stemmed garden or wildflowers, herbs and grasses. Some centerpieces are arranged in flat containers and covered with moss so they appear to have been dug up.

Flowers have their own language, developed over time. Forget-me-nots mean true love, daisies imply innocence, violets promise faithfulness and so forth. By doing a little research, you can convey a romantic message with your floral combinations. This Persian custom was popularized in Victorian England.

Posy-giving doesn't stop when the bride tosses her bouquet. Many couples send flowers to their parents the next day to thank them for their generosity or arrangements to close relatives who weren't able to attend.

Roses Have Tongues That Speak Of Love

A single thornless rose meant "Love at first sight." Today a single rose still means "I love you."

Let's toast

By Carol Cutler

Toast invariably involves a slice of bread. Far less often do we experience that other form of a warm toast — the one that accompanies raised glasses and salutatory greetings.

Toasts often revolve around two people deciding to get married.

First, there is the engagement party, when the happiness of the couple is toasted. A few days before the wedding, many ribald toasts flow throughout the course of the bachelor's dinner.

The first toast at the wedding is always given by the best man to the bride. Often, the groom follows with a toast to the bride's mother. We take the couple one step further to a christening, when the godfather toasts the health of the infant.

Unfortunately, not all marriages are viewed in the same smooth-flowing light.

For example, Paul Dickson in his pithy little tome, "Toasts — The Complete Book of the Best Toasts, Sentiments, Blessings, Curses, and Graces" (Delacorte Press), cites that great Groucho Marx line, "Marriage is a wonderful institution, but who wants to live in an institution?"

Or Ambrose Bierce's mean-spirited definition, "Marriage: A community consisting of a master, a mistress and two slaves — making in all, two."

Toasting generally takes place toward the end of the meal, usually just before dessert. The beverage used for toasting could be champagne, wine, beer or even a non-alcoholic liquid.

If the toast given is a general one, that is, to all here assembled, then everyone drinks.

If someone in particular is saluted, he or she, alas, does not drink, but smiles, bobs the head in a little thank-you gesture and tries to look coolly sophisticated.

MARRIAGEFACTS

■ Percent of new brides who have never lived away from their parents



SOURCE: Bride's magazine

Fine tableware is important to plans of most new brides.

Percent of new brides surveyed who expect to receive fine tableware (fine china, crystal or sterling flatware) for their wedding.

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Respondents who said that fine tableware would be a part of their after-marriage lifestyle.

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SOURCE: Modern Bride survey

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Incredible cakes



RECEPTION REVIEW — After-wedding celebrations should reflect the couple's taste. Personal touches might include an out-of-the-ordinary cake such as this Kahlua-flavored creation.

By Sharon Achatz

No wedding is complete without the bride, her groom — and a cake.

But while etiquette used to call for a tiered, all-white confection, today it can come in any flavor, color or shape. And the topper no

longer need be the traditional bride-and-groom figurine.

Today's wedding cake is just as likely to be a fondant frosted chocolate cake as it is to be a lemon sponge cake with custard filling as it is to be a spice cake with coco-

nut filling.

Its frosting frills are just as likely to be black-and-white as pastel, and it's more than possible that the flowers adorning the cake will be real rather than a confection.

For show-stopping surprise, the cake may be shaped as an airplane, castle or the state of Texas rather than a tiered tower.

The choices and potential combinations are endless, and there are as many different cake ornaments as there are kinds and styles of cakes — just check out the profusion at various party stores, stationery shops or bakeries.

One bride may select the classic plastic bride and groom standing side by side, enveloped by pastel netting. Another may opt for the whimsy of cartoonlike ceramic figures or stuffed toy animals.

Couples who share special interests top cakes with tiny scuba divers, skiers, elephants, dinosaurs or seashells; nostalgic couples may borrow the toppers from a parent's cake or have a crystal work of art created to become a new family heirloom.

Those who relish the idea of an iced, white wedding cake topped with bride and groom can go for the unusual with the tradition of a groom's cake, generally a spice or chocolate cake sculpted in an imaginative shape. Current custom holds that it is cut and served along with the wedding cake to give guests an option of flavor.

Wedding Expenses Shared

People are more relaxed today when it comes to wedding etiquette, and many brides and grooms share the cost of the wedding celebration. Even more common is the sharing of wedding expenses by the parents of both bride and groom.

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By Debra Lee Baldwin

Love, in many cases, is better the second time around.

As mature adults, you know what you want, and you know how to go about getting it.

Naturally you want your wedding to reflect your good sense as well as your new-found happiness.

ETIQUETTE

Most couples would like a simple second wedding, but things often get complicated.

Should you, for example, invite your former in-laws? If his divorce is not final, is it OK to wear your engagement ring? And who pays for what?

Let common sense reign. If you're fond of your former husband's parents (after all, they're your children's grandparents), by all means invite them — providing you're confident they'll feel at ease and wish you joy.

Be sensitive to the feelings of people from past relationships. You can accept this ring, but not wear it in public as long as he's legally someone else's husband.

As for wedding expenses, spare your parents — especially if your first was lavish. Couples who remarry typically plan and pay for the wedding themselves.

New etiquette books address issues common to second-timers. You'll find advice on everything from the wording of invitations to whether bridal showers are appropriate (they're not; but "parties in honor of ..." are OK).

"Emily Post's Etiquette: A Guide to Modern Manners" by

Elizabeth L. Post (Harper & Row) even suggests what to do with the diamonds in your first wedding ring.

BRIDAL ATTIRE

"Although the wardrobe departments of Hollywood and TV-land often don't seem to realize it, a woman marrying even for the fourth time should exude a sense of dignity appropriate for the occasion," advises Letitia Baldrige in her "Complete Guide to the New Manners for the '90s" (Rawson Associates).

Second-time brides will want to avoid a face veil and train. Wearing white is OK, but ivory or shades of pastel are preferable; Elizabeth Taylor, you may recall, recently wore yellow. Red and black are inappropriate for all but the avant-garde.

Gowns for remarrying brides may be short or long, depending on the time of day and formality of the occasion. Crisply tailored styles seem to be replacing those that are ornate, beaded and body-hugging. Think classical: fitted bodices, full skirts, sparing use of beads and lace.

In general, dresses are elegant, feminine and above all, flattering to the bride. The attire of the groom and attendants should harmonize with the bride's.

Where do you shop for your dress? Bridal boutiques, department stores (check the formalwear department), resale boutiques and, for creative sew-it-yourselfers, yardage shops.

Bridal fairs offer showings of the latest in bridal attire, plus displays and exhibits by wedding consultants, hotels, bands, banquet facilities, jewelers, stationers, travel agents and more.

THE KID QUESTION

His children know all about evil stepmothers. You'd rather be perceived as a modern Mary Poppins.

Start off right: Involve the children, yours and his, in the wedding ceremony.

Here's a suggestion from *Bride's & Your New Home* magazine; it's called the "Family Medallion Ceremony," and was developed by the Rev. Roger Coleman of Kansas City, Mo.:

"After the newlyweds exchange rings, their children join them at the altar. During the five-minute ceremony that follows, the couple places a medal around the neck of each child, while pledging to love and care for them."

Children should be reassured before the wedding about things that concern them: where they'll live, whether they'll have to share a room, how often they'll see the other parent, how discipline will be handled.

Don't feel guilty if the kids want to go along on your honeymoon but you'd rather they didn't. (According to Post, one 3-year-old pleaded with his mother, "I'll sit very quietly on the end of the moon.")

You might compromise, if you like, and include the children in the second half of your trip.

THE INTERFERING EX

You've announced your nuptials and suddenly your ex-spouse seems to have no end of problems and wants you to help.

"Nurturing an ex-spouse is no longer your responsibility," advises *Bride's & Your New Home*. "The less involved you are, the better you'll feel. Recognize the meddling for what it is: an inability or unwillingness to let go of you and your past."

If your ex behaves self-destructively, take steps to protect your children until professional help — for drugs, alcohol, depression, whatever — is obtained.

BRIDE FACTS

"Secrets of a Successful Marriage, Part One"



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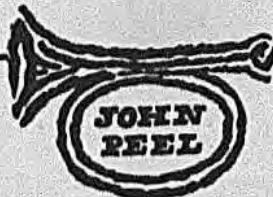
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GUY TALK

A man's guide to wedding plans

By Mike Dale

Grooms may think the pomp and circumstance of a wedding — and the frenetic planning beforehand — are silly stuff.

Many men become chagrined and frustrated, then throw in the towel and say, "Tell me what to do and I'll do it!"

But weddings are an emotional mix of religion, legal issues and family tidings. Such formalities shouldn't be taken lightly.

BOARD CHAIRMAN

Planning a wedding of any size is like running a large corporation. Your fiancée will handle most of the details. So think of yourself as chairman of the board.

Talk with your future wife about the general plan. Give advice. Listen and push her in the proper direction when necessary.

Share decisions and divide the work according to strengths and weaknesses.

Who's better at negotiations? If the groom is the salesman, then he should contact various services such as catering, photographers, florists, musical entertainment, etc.

Who's better at details? The detail person can write the master plan, ensuring all the pieces to the puzzle fit properly.

WEDDING BUDGET

Whether you desire a small wedding or a formal, lavish ceremony with all the trimmings, it's important to discuss with your intended exactly how much money the matrimonial coffer offers.

Set priorities when making a

budget. A simple example: Do you want a sumptuous sit-down feast? Or a simple buffet-style tableau with plenty of partying?

Professional wedding planners provide this breakdown of a typical formal reading: reception site/catering (33 percent); rings (12 percent); gratuities (11 percent); photographer (10 percent); bride's attire (9 percent); flowers (6 percent); invitations (5 percent); and ceremony site/officiant fee (2 percent).

If possible, also allow an additional 10 percent in your budget for surprise expenditures. And if you don't use it? There's more for your honeymoon.

BRIDE AMBITION

Having said that grooms should be active in wedding plans, be forewarned: there's a difference between being helpful and becoming overbearing.

Remember, there has evolved over the last 100 years "the wedding industry," and it's geared primarily toward brides. One only has to look at the number of magazines and books bearing the name "bride" in their title (there were 14 at last count).

The traditional wedding is hosted by the bride's family; the bride is the center of attention.

Watch your fiancée and listen to her wishes. Whether she admits it or not, this is her day more than your own.

IN-LAWS OVER OUTLAWS

How many in-law jokes can you

recite as you read this? Right. There's an ounce of truth in each of them.

Grooms should acknowledge that joyous cries of, "Hear comes the bride!" are echoed with, "There but for the grace of God go the in-laws."

How does one prevent the in-laws from becoming outlaws? Plan a strategy with your fiancée. Realize that you will not be able to resolve every problem with the in-laws.

In short, people sometimes have to agree to disagree.

Still, establish your independence early. During the holidays, for example, let each family know which timetable you have worked out for visitations (Christmas at one home; Thanksgiving at the other).

GROOM'S FAMILY

In some cases, the families of both the bride and groom help set wedding plans in motion. Traditionally this is not the case.

The groom's family should act as support for the bride's organization. They can write her parents, or call, and offer assistance, not suggestions.

Like the groom himself, his family should watch that fine line between helping out and meddling.

The groom's family is responsible for the rehearsal dinner. Ideally it's a small shindig and allows everyone in the wedding party to relax before the big day.

WEDDING COUNTDOWN

Before the Big Day, of course, comes the wedding timetable. The groom's "hit-list" includes:

- Picking the best man, ushers and groomsmen.
- Selecting a tuxedo style.
- Securing new living arrangements.
- Helping address invitations and announcements.
- Planning the rehearsal dinner.
- Choosing wedding rings.
- Confirming accommodations for out-of-town guests.
- Making/confirming honeymoon plans.

The day of the wedding? Shave carefully. Take a deep breath. Be sure to look at the bride. Eat before drinking alcohol. And enjoy.

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GROOM GARB — Dapper grooms want distinctive details for their wedding day clothes. Shown here: Tuxedo with plaid vest and bow tie from Chaps by Ralph Lauren for Greif.

Companies offer a houndstooth dinner jacket. Henry Grethel boasts a double-breasted tux with matching waistcoat. Raffinati sports a black-and-white bird's-eye fabric.

TUXEDO HUNTING

Making the correct choice in formal wear takes persistence, patience and the help of a professional. Learn the difference between single-breasted vs. double-breasted jackets.

Collars come in various flavors: shawl, peaked and notched. Bow ties, ascots and four-in-hand neckwear purvey certain feels.

Cuff links, studs, pocket squares, cummerbunds and suspenders add the spice to your ensemble.

Also take into consideration the fathers of the bride and groom. Today's weddings see them matching formal attire with groom and attendants. When hunting for a formal wear shop, make sure it offers national labels.

Visit several shops and try on different styles. Ask plenty of questions. Gather information.

Do initial scouting three to six months before the wedding day. In terms of fit, jackets should feel comfortable at the neck and shoulders; stand and sit with the jacket buttoned.

Shirts should cuff up to 1 inch below the jacket line. Vest should line up with front of the coat. Trousers should fasten comfortably. Shoes should match or complement the rest of the ensemble. When picking up the tux — two to three days in advance of the wedding — make sure there are no stains, cigarette burns, fabric snags, and the like. Also count the buttons on the jacket.

ACCESSORIZING

Cummerbunds, bow ties and vests can add zest and zing to otherwise traditional formal wear.

Why? Because they reflect more temporal (or fads, if you prefer) styles of dress. Embroidery and tapestry, for example, adds contrast and punch to basic black tuxedos and white formal shirts.

Suggestions: The Fireworks series cummerbunds boast purple-silver and red silver lame stripes. And Raffinati offers colorful and bold tie-and-cummerbund combinations in fun polka dot prints or paisley motifs.

FORMAL DO-DON'TS

Brides may be under a higher powered microscope on the wedding day, but that doesn't mean Uncle Miltie and Aunt Polly aren't examining their nephew-the-groom.

Looking your best when in a tuxedo goes to a higher plateau when adhering to formal wear "rules." Cummerbunds should be worn with pleats face up. The wing collar is worn behind the bow tie rather than in front.

Pleated white shirts are the classic choice; ruffled or pastel shirts look dated. Black patent pumps or oxfords are the only shoes appropriate for a formal affair. Black silk hosiery should be worn, except with a white tuxedo.

Boutonnieres should be placed on the left lapel; a silk pocket square makes a smart alternative. When it comes to jewelry, less is more.

THE GROOM'S GROOM

Want to look your best for the first day of the rest of your life? Get a haircut a few days to one week before the wedding. Hair should look controlled but not shiny.

Leave shaving for the last possible minute. Take it slow and steady when shaving to avoid nicks.

Splurge on a manicure. Hands will be noticed in photographs.

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AFFORDABLE OPTIONS

There's no need to skimp on the satin. So go ahead and pile on the seed pearls if you wish, even if your wedding purse is limited.

The reason: Since more designers are creating wonderful gowns in the lesser price ranges, a wonderful wedding dress oftentimes can be had for less than \$500. You also can find reasonably priced wedding dresses in mainstream department stores.

Another option: Pattern companies now offer complete wedding lines, so you can stitch up a dress that looks as beautiful — yet is less expensive — than one just off the rack.

INFORMAL TAKES

Informal fashions are increasingly popular with brides planning an equally casual celebration, mature brides who want their dresses to be expressions of their personal style or those marrying for the second time around.

Taking their inspiration from ready-to-wear, an informal dress might translate into short and smart separates that the bride can wear again.

Another hot concept: The bridal mini. More sexy than sweet, this abbreviated number is twisted and turned in a variety of flattering ways, such as a minidress with a bustier bodice topped with an elegant floor-length coat and chapel train for a happy mix of contemporary and traditional.

And, that's just the tip of the wedding cake. Additionally, there are dresses that celebrate tradition, those that follow time-tested themes such as country or Southern belle and gowns that tread on the heels of haute couture.

SMART SHOPPING

There are so many dresses and so little time, in fact, that a bride-to-be might find herself scrambling to find the dress of her dreams and still make it to the church on time — unless she embarks on her search with a plan.

Following are some tips that will help make your wedding dress wanderings as pleasurable as falling in love.

• **Research, research:** Time spent poring over bridal magazines, planners and books is a necessary pleasure. As you review literally hundreds of dresses in the comfort of your home, keep in mind the theme and degree of formality of your celebration, as well as your own personal style.

Cut out the pictures you like — even if it's just a sleeve here or a bodice there — to take along on your shopping trip later. This will save you loads of legwork once you start combing the racks.

You also can gain a flair for bridal fashions by attending a bridal fair; many feature fashion shows for an up-close-and-personal look at the dresses themselves.

Another idea: Keep an eye on the runways. Wedding designers often take their inspiration from haute couture, and the world's top designers usually feature a bride in their collections.

• **Stick to a schedule:** You've heard the sartorial nightmares. The dress that arrived three days before the wedding three sizes too small. Mixed-up deliveries that put the wrong dress at the wrong wedding. The bride who gained 20 pounds between fittings.

Fortunately, such disasters are few and far between, thanks to today's emphasis on customer service. But just to play it safe, wedding experts advise that you order your dress a good six months before the wedding.

Confirm the delivery date three months before your trip down the aisle, and have your final dress fitting six to eight weeks before the big day.

And once it arrives, you should try on your dress at least once or twice just for safety's sake. Just make sure the groom-to-be's not around.

• **Shop smart:** Get recommendations for the best bridal boutiques and department stores from friends, relatives or a reliable bridal consultant.

Once you've drawn up a list, make some phone calls and schedule appointments with the ones you plan to visit so you'll be guaranteed some personal attention.

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BRIDE FACTS

- Timesaving tips for planning a wedding
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 - Get organized. (Tip: Use your personal computer.)
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 - Delegate. You can't do it all by yourself.
 - Research. Get ideas from bridal magazines, attend bridal fairs and special events.
 - Use your lunch hour to get wedding errands done.
 - Get an answering machine. Don't miss calls or interrupt work.
 - Fax orders to suppliers.
- SOURCE: Bridal Guide magazine

THE BUDGET BRIDE

Letitia Baldrige's best wedding bets

By Letitia Baldrige

Weddings are admittedly very expensive, but no one should be threatened with debtors' prison because of overdoing it. A lavish wedding often is the result of the bride's parents' egos, stretched far in order to make a big impression on the community.

A strictly budgeted wedding, on the other hand, can be every bit as lovely and as romantic as an overblown extravaganza. The intimacy and warmth emanating from a small, simple wedding make it very special for those close to the bride and groom. In fact, such a wedding becomes unforgettable.

When decorating for a church or at-home wedding, use a minimum of fresh flowers and a maximum of fresh greenery in the vases. No fake flowers or plants, please. Use materials like tall branches of rhododendron leaves in conjunction with very few blossoms.

Don't spend a great deal on the bride's bouquet. She can carry two long-stemmed white lilies or a pair of beautiful roses in the crook of her arm, tied with a pretty satin bow and streamers.

Perhaps you have a close friend or relative with a large house. This is the one time in your life to ask the owner a big favor — if you can hold the wedding reception there. In order to save on the cost of constructing a tent outside, invite fewer people, so that in case of rain, they can fit inside the house.

Keep your liquor bill down. You might serve a wonderful fruit punch (with wine or some other kind of alcohol). For people who don't drink, and today there are many of those, serve a non-alcoholic punch, too.

If you wish to have an open bar in order to save on costs, keep your menu of drinks simple. For example, serve vodka or gin, scotch or bourbon or rum and only one kind of wine. Always sodas, of course.

Hold down the food costs by planning your wedding reception menu carefully. If you are having a seated or buffet meal, you might offer something like melon with prosciutto as a first course, chicken with a green vegetable and rice, potatoes or pasta and a compote of fresh fruit or a simple ice cream to go with the wedding cake.

Conserve on transportation costs. Use a limo only for the bride and groom. To transport the rest of the wedding party to and from the festivities, ask close friends to lend their cars and even to act as the drivers for the wedding day.

Hire a disc jockey or a pop-playing pianist instead of a band for the reception.

Make a well-thought-out, written-down deal with your professional photographer to take only certain pictures and thus save you

money. (Don't rely on Aunt Suzy, who claims she's an expert photographer, to do the job well — because when the most important pictures should be made, Aunt Suzy often is gabbing with Uncle John and Cousin Mary and misses the whole thing.)

Let Aunt Suzy take random candid photos of the wedding guests, and assign to the photographer specific "must-have" shots such as these:

- Bride getting dressed, with her bridesmaids in attendance.
- Groom and best man in church vestry.
- Bride arriving at church with her father and mother.
- Bride and her father going up the aisle.
- Attendant(s) coming up the aisle.
- Wedding party at the altar.
- Bride and groom exchanging rings.
- Bride and groom exiting the church.
- Bride and groom looking through rear window of their car at photographer.
- Posed shot of the wedding party *en toto*.
- Bride and groom having the first dance.
- Bride and groom dancing with their parents.
- Cutting the cake.
- Throwing the bouquet (and garter, if there is one).

A wedding with its expenses firmly controlled can be top quality. It's a question of how much heart goes into the plans, along with the budget cuts.

Nineties Newlyweds

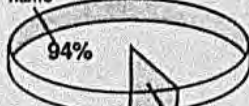
This decade's newlyweds are a committed group. Sociologists say they are more likely to seek solutions to their marital problems, even seeking professional counseling when it's needed.

MARRIAGEFACTS

- Few new brides intend to keep their maiden name

Brides under age 25

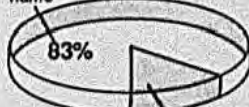
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BRIDAL BIJOUX

Keepsake jewelry for brides and grooms



BRIDAL BIJOUX — Bold, contemporary designs are among the favorites for engagement rings. Photo courtesy of the Diamond Information Center.

By Alison Ashton

When Maximilian, Archduke of Austria, slipped a diamond engagement ring on Mary of Burgundy's finger in 1477, he had no idea what a trend he was starting.

Until then, a man gave his betrothed a plain gold band (or some other metal, depending on his wealth) that also served as a wedding band. In ancient times, Jewish grooms gave their brides a coin to demonstrate their financial worth, and the Egyptians believed that a ring's circular shape symbolized eternal love.

Today, brides often get two rings. More than 70 percent of all brides receive a gem-studded ring for their engagement and nearly all get a band on their wedding day.

What's more, 90 percent of grooms choose to wear a wedding band, and nearly 20 percent of those want one with diamonds.

Although it's mired in legend, like all things, nuptial jewelry follows trends. These days your options are myriad, and prices run from modest to astronomical. Some jewelers' associations say that two months' salary is about right for grooms to spend on engagement rings. Your own financial standing and goals, however, should be the real guidelines.

DIAMOND DESIGNS

Only about a third of grooms have the engagement ring in hand when they pop the big question, and many couples shop for the ring together. That makes sense, since more than 70 percent of brides wear a diamond ring and the ring represents a sizable investment.

If you have your heart set on a diamond, it pays to be a knowledgeable shopper. There are four factors that determine a diamond's value.

- **Cut.** A well-cut diamond is worth more than a poorly cut one because cut reveals the stone's natural fire and brilliance. Cut is also the only factor determined by man, so bad cutting can ruin an otherwise perfect stone. If a stone's cut is too deep or too shallow, it won't reflect light and sparkle.

- **Color.** A diamond's color is actually determined by the degree to which it approaches colorlessness. The absence of color allows it to reflect and refract light.

- **Clarity.** This refers to the lack of natural internal inclusions, which jewelers call "nature's fingerprints." Inclusions obstruct the flow of light within the stone, so the fewer there are, the better.

- **Carat.** Think about it this way: Approximately 250 tons of ore must be mined to yield a one-carat polished diamond. That helps explain the rarity of large diamonds. However, bigger isn't always better, which is why smaller stones with a better cut, color and clarity can be more expensive.

As engagement rings go, the favorite remains the brilliant-cut diamond solitaire. But don't overlook other shapes, such as oval, pear, marquise or emerald.

As with any jewelry, you'll want to consider its function when you choose a setting. If you'll be wearing the ring all the time, opt for a low-profile setting that helps protect the stone. If it's something you'll wear mostly on special occasions, you can choose a high-pronged setting that shows off your treasure.

Since a diamond engagement ring is often the most valuable piece of jewelry a young bride owns, it's wise to have the ring properly insured. Make sure it's covered for its full replacement value, and have the policy updated as the years go by.

By Nanette Wisser

Who knows traveling better than Arthur Frommer? When interviewed by Jennifer Rogers for her "Tried and True" bridal guide (Simon & Schuster), Frommer advised against leaving the honeymoon out of your bridal budget.

"It's important to get away. Don't skip it, and don't stay too close to home either. Anyone who has just been through the emotions and strain of a wedding needs time to rest and relax — and people beginning a life together need to focus on each other without the usual distractions."

Frommer dismisses hot spots, suggesting you find the best deals by planning ahead, shopping around, going off-season, using a travel agent and consulting *Brides & Your New Home* for a domestic hotel package.

Keeping all this in mind, we've selected a cornucopia of unusual and divinely romantic retreats for all budgets. Whether you take off for a weekend or a meandering month, make sure you go. No matter the cost, the most expensive thing you can buy isn't for sale: the love you have for each other.

Consult your travel agent for addresses, phone numbers and prices for each resort. Keep in mind that a location with oodles of sightseeing will be too exhausting after the wedding whirl. Ditto for a mega resort with lagoons and dolphins and lots of action, such as a Club Med. You simply want to be with each other, not hundreds of lounging strangers and strenuous activities.

Most importantly, ask your spouse-to-be what sounds like a great honeymoon and vacation to him (or her). Is it a hotel with 18 holes of golf or a sartorian spa? Is it a cozy chateau nestled in the Sonoma wine country or tucked back along the best ski run on Whistler mountain? Is it the high season in Aspen, noodling with celebrities in between late night sambas at Tatou?

Once you've decided on a location, keep *Modern Bride's* advice in mind and avoid the honeymoon jitters:

- Know that you're both in transition and give a little extra room for moody behavior.
- Be flexible and assume delays and a lack of hot water are part of the good time.
- Plan your honeymoon pace by imagining an ideal day in detail each day, then compare your expectations and go from there.
- Budget before you go and review what you splurge on before you buy.
- Be independent from each other. You don't need to spend every minute together to prove you are in love.

TRAVELING TIPS

Visiting a wonderful dream destination can go awry if you don't pack the right trousseau. Coordinate your wardrobe around a single color so you don't pack too much. Look for lightweight luggage that's durable, with a built-in luggage cart. Be prepared for unusual weather and take two of everything medical, including contact lenses.

If you fly, order a special menu 24 hours in advance and avoid the airline trivial cuisine. Carry on anything valuable, fragile or perishable, including medication, jewelry and cameras as well as hotel and rental car confirmations. Airplane air is dry, so bring along bottled water and moisturiz-

er.

Remember, if you're leaving home, notify police and neighbors that you'll be gone, suspend all deliveries and arrange for the care of your house and mail. If you travel abroad, bring along a medical report and consider joining a special travelers' aid program that can assist with health and other emergencies when your abroad.

RECIPE FOR ROMANCE

Ellen Kreidman, author of "How to Have a Romantic Vacation" (Villard Books) offers these tips for your honeymoon voyage. With these in mind, even a weekend in the Poconos or Catskills can create memories to last a lifetime.

- Order room service and use no utensils; instead, feed each other with your hands. Reprise the wedding cake scenario, your way. (Revenge is sweet.)
- Plan on giving your partner a one-hour massage.

• Add bubblebath to your list of essential toiletries to bring, and service the bubblebath with two glasses of champagne.

• Arrange to meet in the hotel lobby bar and pretend you are strangers meeting for the first time, wildly attracted to each other.

• Have an intimate dinner in your room, complete with two long candles you bring from home and a Harry Connick Jr. tape, such as "We Are Love."

• Bring along a beautiful book of poetry and read some of your favorite poems that you think apply to you and how you feel. Pablo Neruda is always good if you don't know something else.

• If you're traveling by car, kiss every time you see the car color you chose as yours.

• At the end of your trip, use the hotel stationery to write your new spouse a love letter. Tell them how much they mean to you and how wonderful it has been spending time together this honeymoon.

FROMMER'S FAVORITES

Frommer's six picks include some of our best bets as well. RockResorts on Caneel Bay in St. John and Little Dix Bay in Virgin Gorda offers the pristine sea and sands of the Caribbean and the anonymity the Rockefeller, who own the resorts, are known to protect.

On the other side of the dollar are the Maho Bay Camps of St. John in the Virgin Islands, a canvas-sided tent cottage set in a hill lush with foliage.

Sandals Resorts in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, offers an all-inclusive package complete with drinks and strolling peacocks and, best of all, no children allowed on the resort premises. Renaissance Cruises or any cruise line is also among Frommer's picks as are Bermuda and Orlando, Florida, if you promise to avoid the Disneyland roll and stick to the super hotels, water-skiing and tennis facilities.

THE BUDGET HONEYMOONER

Not everyone can afford a week in Hawaii, the Caribbean, a ski vacation or the European adventure. Nor do you have to. Every state has a dozen or more bed-and-breakfast or small inns just right for the honeymooner. For less



ROMANTIC RETREATS — Many large resorts offer wedding facilities, which makes it easy to combine the ceremony and honeymoon. Shown here: The chapel at Hawaii's Grand Hyatt in Wailea, Maui.

than \$1,000, you can travel and be in love in your own state.

Check your local bookstore or travel accessory boutique. There are at least 20 guides to your local places. Look for the ones with a private bath and breakfast as part of the package. Choose a canopy bed and wood-burning stove for

your room or maybe a claw-footed bathtub. Plan your drive down the byways as opposed to the highways, and pack a hamper full of your loved one's favorite desserts and dishes.

Check with your friends and see if they or a family member have a

condo or a vacation home you can rent. Skiing in Aspen isn't so expensive when you can eat at home. If you are near the sea or a lake, look for a weekend cruise. Or consider the train, complete with an old-fashioned dining car and sleeper bunk for two.

PAPER PRIMER

Perfect words, paper for invites, etc.

By Debra Lee Baldwin

Your wedding invitations — along with the thank-you notes you mail later — do require careful attention; they'll be kept long afterwards as tangible reminders of the occasion.

DESIGN OPTIONS

Think of your wedding invitations as introductions to the event because they should set the tone for what is to come.

As soon as you and your fiancé decide whether your nuptials will be formal, informal, traditional, contemporary, small or large, you're ready to choose your wedding stationery.

"The style and formality of the wedding invitations usually let the guests know what type of wedding to expect," says Susan Tatsu-D'Arcy, author of "The Working Woman's Wedding Planner" (Prentice Hall).

If your wedding will be traditional, choose white with black lettering.

If contemporary, you have many options. You might include photographs, poems, festive colors and/or embossed designs.

"If you have a large budget, have a graphic artist design your invitations," suggests Tatsu-D'Arcy.

The latest styles of wedding stationery are appealing, romantic and elegant. They have embossed pastel roses, white-on-white interlocking hearts; old-fashioned silhouettes of bridal couples; delicate raised patterns reminiscent of Laura Ashley prints; black script with cream-colored borders, and more.

You'll find an extensive selec-

tion of wedding invitations in catalogs available at print shops and stationery stores.

INSIDE STORY

Exactly how to word the wedding invitation can get tricky, especially if step-parents, divorced parents, or no parents will be mentioned.

Here again, etiquette books can be invaluable; larger ones include so many variations you'll wonder how the authors came up with them all. Your wedding consultant or printer also can offer suggestions.

You'll need a separate invitation for guests invited to the reception only, plus announcements for friends and family invited to neither ceremony nor reception (if you elope, simply send announcements to everyone).

A response card to prompt guests to R.S.V.P. is a good idea;

incidentally, you'll probably have better luck with "Please respond" instead of the traditional French abbreviation.

Include a map showing how to get to the ceremony and reception — especially if guests are coming from out of town.

TIMING

Give your guests plenty of advance notice. Mail the invitations four to six weeks before the wedding — eight weeks if the ceremony will take place on a holiday weekend.

Since printing may take up to four weeks, order your invitations at least three months before you plan to mail them.

If you're pressed for time, ask your printer if you can pick up the envelopes early so you can begin

addressing them or give them to a calligrapher. Resist the temptation to use computer-printed labels, or to type the addresses.

Barbara Tober, editor of *Brides & Your New Home* advises: "At the post office, weigh a completely assembled invitation. You may find that extra enclosures increase postage. More than one bride has had her invitations delayed — and finally returned — postage due!" Speaking of postage, stamps that say "Love" add a nice touch; floral stamps also are available.

THANK-YOU NOTES

"Thank-you notes traditionally are sent on white paper with black or blue ink," says Tatsu-D'Arcy. "They are usually about 4-by-5 inches and folded once. Some notes have your name or your initials printed or engraved."

But they shouldn't include a printed message. If you're worried about what to write, heed this advice:

- Keep track of each gift. As it is opened, add it to a detailed list. Refer to the list as you write your notes.
- Be specific about the present. Don't say you love "the wonderful gift." That gives the impression you've forgotten what the item was.

• Praise each gift, describing its qualities or craftsmanship, and mention the giver's thoughtfulness and generosity.

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Check with the parish for rules on taking pictures

In checking with the priest on the date and time of the wedding, also check on the rules for picture taking at that time. They do change.

Each church has different rules. Most parishes will allow pictures but the photographer can't stop the wedding ceremony at any time and may not go into the sanctuary area. Sometimes the photographer will be told when, where and how many pictures can be taken. Also when and if flash can be used or if existing light is all that can be used.

With video cameras becoming more

the norm, many parishes have separate rules for their use in church. Some parishes have more restrictive policies concerning video recording, while others prohibit videotaping altogether.

Make sure you know the rules and that you tell them to the photographer. Also tell him that it is important that he talks

to the priest before the ceremony. Almost all do, but it is the exception that is always remembered. Some priests have said they will not start the ceremony until they have talked with the photographer and he knows and will follow the rules. Other priests say they will stop the wedding and make the photographer leave

if he doesn't conform to the rules of the parish.

The priest wants to keep the dignity of the Sacrament and the photographer wants to record the important moment of the ceremony. With understanding and cooperation, the pictures should be a happy reminder of the important day.

Do-it-yourself video rules

(AP) — Professionals can be hired to shoot the wedding video along with the album pictures, but if a family member volunteers to make it, here are a few

things to keep in mind, suggested by Yashica:

—First contact the church or other wedding site to make sure shooting is permitted.

—Scout the site, preferably the day before the wedding, to note lighting conditions and good shooting positions. Check the availability and location of outlets.

—Coordinate your plans with the still photographer. Also go over the agenda with the principals. Ask one of them to serve as a spotter to point out key family members and friends.

—Check your equipment to be sure batteries are fully charged. Pack extra batteries and tapes. If possible, use two camcorders to cover both wide angle and closeup shots.

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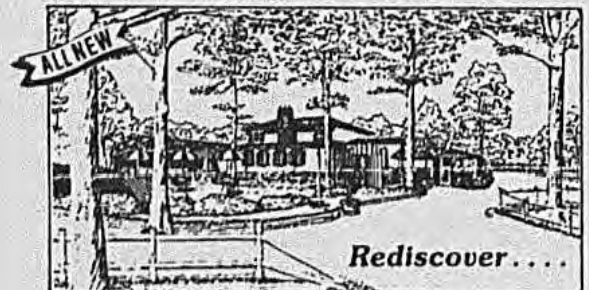
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NY State has requirements for marriage license

Hempstead — New York State marriage licenses may be obtained from any town or city clerk in the state regardless of the residence of either applicant for a fee of \$20. Both applicants must appear in person to obtain the license.

The license is valid for 60 days, but the ceremony may not be performed within 24 hours of issuance. A blood test is not required.

If either applicant is under 18 years of age, or if the applicant claims to be 18 and the clerk has reason to doubt this statement, the applicant must submit one of the following documentary proofs of age: original or certified copy of a birth record, baptismal record, passport, driver's license, employment certificate, school record, immigration record, naturalization record, or court record. Any other forms of proof, including parental statements, will not be accepted.

A marriage license may not be issued if either applicant is under 14 years of age. If either applicant is 14 or 15 years of age, that applicant must present the written consent and approval of a justice of the Supreme Court or a judge of the Family Court having jurisdiction over the town where the license application is made.

If either of the applicants is 16 or 17 years of age, that applicant must present the written consent of both parents. One parent alone may consent to the marriage if:

- the other parent is deceased;
- the other parent has been missing for at least one year prior to the application;
- the parents have been divorced and the consenting parent was given full custody of the child; or
- the other parent has been declared incompetent.

The clerk can ask for documentary proof to verify the validity of the applicant's statement.

Parents or guardians consenting to the marriage of a minor must personally appear and acknowledge their consent before the town or city clerk. If the affidavit is made by an official outside of the state, it must be accompanied by a certificate of authentication. If either applicant is 18 years of age or older, no consents are required for that applicant.

A justice of the Supreme Court or the county judge of the county in which the woman to be married resides, can modify or waive any marriage requirement.

The 24-hour waiting period between issuance of the license and marriage may be waived by order of a Family Court judge of the county in which either party under the age of 16 resides.

Marriage documents should be typewritten, printed by hand, or written legibly in permanent blue or black ink. Colored ink or pencils should not be used.

Engagement

McTaggart-Stone

Shelly Beth McTaggart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. McTaggart of East Amhurst, NY, has become engaged to **Gerald Allen Stone**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Stone of Baldwin. Miss McTaggart is a graduate of New Hartford High School, New Hartford, NY, and a 1990 graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY. She received a bachelor of science degree as a bio-technology major and is presently working as a research assistant for Stratagene Company, La Jolla, California. Mr. Stone is a graduate of Chaminade High School, Mineola, and Rochester Institute of Technology and is presently working as a packaging engineer for Sealed Air Corporation, Chula Vista, California. A September, 1992, wedding is planned at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Williamsville, NY.



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'Sacraments' statement sets general principles

Rockville Centre — The revised edition of the diocese's "Readiness for the Sacraments" statement sets forth general principles on the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), reception of the Eucharist by persons with developmental disabilities, Penance, the first Sacraments, Anointing of the Sick, and marriage.

Here are highlights from the section on marriage:

For the majority of Catholic people, the context of Christian life is the Sacrament of Marriage. Preparation for the celebration of the sacrament should deepen the understanding of Christian love binding persons together in mutual self-giving, leading them to a more profound understanding of themselves, each other and the Church which they are.

Preparation for marriage should start from the reality of the situation. This preparation should be one of the most positive decision-making processes of adult life.

The purpose of the preparation is to aid the couple in their spiritual and

practical evaluation of that choice so that they may prudently improve and deepen the quality of their commitment. Marriage preparation is to be seen as a discernment process in which the irreversible life decision of the Sacrament of Matrimony may be clearly understood, maturely considered and freely chosen. Accordingly, preparation for marriage should include:

1. development of a spirituality of marriage;
2. examination of motives for marriage;
3. consideration of the need to develop individual objectives into mutual goals;
4. recognition of the responsibilities of married life;
5. appreciation of interrelated love-giving and life-giving aspects of sexual relationship;
6. reflection on the responsibilities involved in parenthood.

The responsibility for marriage preparation rests primarily with the parish pastoral team. . . . Every parish

is strongly urged to begin or further develop a parish marriage preparation program in conjunction with the diocesan training for such programs. Participation in the Engaged Encounter Weekend is encouraged as an alternative or additional form of marriage preparation.

The diocese continues to provide marriage preparation programs for those couples unable to participate in their parish marriage preparation program. The diocese also makes available special marriage preparation programs to assist interfaith couples, those entering second marriages and the hearing impaired. Because of the importance of marriage preparation, the initial arrangements for a marriage should be done by the clergy assigned to the parish and not by priests assisting temporarily in the parish.

Persons considering marriage ought to be made aware that they should begin the spiritual preparation early so that it can assist them in deepening their commitment and not become simply one of the formalities prior to the wedding. It is strongly encouraged that every parish indicate to its parishioners that couples

who wish to marry should consult their parish clergy at least six months (or more) before their prospective wedding date and before they have made their social arrangements. . . . Each parish should publish and regularly call attention to its marriage preparation policy . . . couples should know that they will have an initial interview during which a pre-nuptial investigation will determine their freedom to marry, and that their acceptance of the basic elements of Christian marriage will be sought. Without such a pre-nuptial investigation, the date of the marriage cannot be set. . . .

The planning of the wedding liturgy must be an integral part of the marriage preparation.

Except for interfaith marriages which are best celebrated outside Mass, marriage should be celebrated in the context of the Eucharist. For a man and a woman who understand the meaning of the sacrament which they are about to enter, matrimony is a profound revelation of Christ's love. The proper response to this reality of the love of Christ for the couple is the whole Christian community celebrating with the couple by participating in the Eucharist.

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Planning an economical wedding

(AP) — It's possible to have a wonderful wedding without breaking the bank. Planning and creativity can make up for less cash. Here are some tips from bridal party experts:

— Food charges make up a third to half of a wedding budget and represent the most obvious way to cut costs substantially, says wedding planner Marcy Blum. To save a lot, have a wedding breakfast or luncheon. For moderate savings, plan a cocktail reception instead of a sit-down dinner.

—Skip hard liquor and serve only wine, beer and soft drinks.

—Schedule the wedding on Friday or Sunday night. At New York area hotels, an off-night booking can knock \$50 per plate off the price of dinner.

—Choose a location that will permit you to bring in your own food and beverages, such as a church basement or a loft space. Make some items yourself.

—Don't order engraved invitations. Thermographed invitations are less expensive. Or have a calligrapher do a mas-

ter invitation and have it reproduced by offset lithography.

—Select a ceremony-only package for photography and videography and you might save 40 to 50 percent of the cost of these services, according to Denise and Alan Fields, co-authors of the book, "Bridal Bargains." Let guests take candid shots at the reception and offer to pay for processing. Or have them drop rolls of film in a basket as they leave.

—Look for photographers and florists who work from their home; their lower overhead should be reflected in the price. Some photographers may offer lower-priced packages for weddings scheduled at non-peak times.

—Buying by mail order can also produce savings, say the Fields. Discount Bridal Service of Silver Springs, Md., for example, sells nationally advertised bridal and bridesmaids' gowns by mail at 20 to 40 percent off retail prices. For information call (800) 874-8794. Invitations also can be ordered through the mail; one company promises savings of

20 percent.

—Select a color scheme for flowers and let the florist choose varieties with currently favorable market prices. Party decorator Valerie Hart points out that flower prices fluctuate according to season and weather conditions.

—Don't overdecorate the church. A moderate-cost church decoration is to rent floor-height candelabra and decorate them with ivy and lighted candles.

—A moderate-cost table centerpiece suggested by Ms. Hart might be a five-branch candelabrum with lighted candles, gilded ivy and a few roses in white or champagne color. At each place, one giant gold ivy leaf can be tucked into a napkin tied with ribbon. Ask the florist to augment fresh flowers with artificial decorations such as tulle bows.

—Hire a floral designer to do a few important pieces such as an entrance arrangement, which can be used as a background for photos. Then do the table flowers yourself or buy plants at a gar-

den center.

—Interesting decorations that can be executed even on small budgets include ribbon garlands, bud vases on the dining tables and small Victorian style nosegays known as tussie musses for the bride's and bridesmaids' bouquets.

—If you're going to manage your own wedding, it might be a good idea to set up a special bank account and designate one person as treasurer to pay bills as they arrive. Set up a budget that everyone who is contributing to costs agrees to. Then make sure to get estimates before planning the overall budget. Alternatively, allocate specific expenses to each contributor.

—If you're short of time or feel overwhelmed by details of organizing, turn to a professional wedding consultant. The right one has experience and contacts that can save you money and trouble. A consultant will charge either a flat fee, a percentage of the costs, or a combination of the two.

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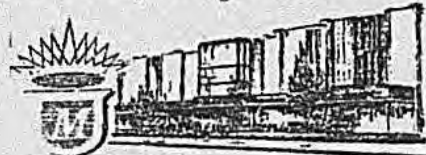
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Schedule for 1992 marriage preparation

Rockville Centre — Couples must register well in advance of their wedding for one of the marriage preparation programs so they may obtain a date convenient for them.

Most sessions need at least a six month in advance registration.

There are many types of marriage preparation offered through the diocese. Choose one:

Parish In-home Pre-Cana: multiple weekly sessions. Contact home parish for registration.

Diocesan Pre-Cana: one night a week for three weeks. See listing for dates.

Engaged Encounter Weekend: A weekend retreat held in a retreat house on Long Island. Friday evening at 8 p.m. until Sunday afternoon. Meals and boarding are provided. See separate box

Diocesan guidelines for interfaith

Rockville Centre — The diocesan guidelines for interfaith weddings include these regulations:

A petition for a dispensation for a mixed marriage carrying the signature of the priest recommending the dispensation and of the Catholic person requesting it must be sent to the Pastoral Center.

The petition includes the Catholic partner's promise to continue to practice the faith as well as to "do all in my power to share the faith" with the children born of the marriage.

The priest makes a declaration that he has instructed the couple in the nature and purpose of marriage and that the non-Catholic is aware of the promise

and obligations agreed to by the Catholic party.

The declaration by the Catholic, notes the guidelines, "clearly involves a decision by the Catholic party to participate actively in the Church's life and to care for the Catholic upbringing of any children born to this union."

In regard to a non-practicing Catholic, the parish priest must make a pastoral judgment. "There should be an opportunity for discussion, more detailed doctrinal preparation, and some concrete sign of spiritual renewal on the part of the Catholic" before the priest can send the petition to the Pastoral Center with the favorable recommendation.

"Dual consent" — with two

clergymen, each receiving the marriage promises from the party of his faith — is not permitted, nor are "dual ceremonies" — a wedding taking place twice, once in a Catholic church and again elsewhere. A dispensation may, however, be obtained to permit a couple to be married by a non-Catholic clergyman.

The wedding of a Catholic and a non-

Catholic may be celebrated in the parish church of either party. However, a non-Catholic clergyman may not officiate at the ceremony in a Catholic church, but a Catholic priest can get permission to officiate at a wedding that takes place in a Protestant church. The guidelines note, though, that from an ecumenical point of view, it's preferable that the Protestant minister be the officiant when

Engaged Encounter Weekend dates

Here are Engaged Encounter Weekend dates (weekend begins at 7:45 p.m. on Friday and ends with Mass on Sunday about 3 p.m.):

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Feb. 21, 22, 23 — Glen Cove; 28, 29, Mar. 1 — Glen Cove.

Mar. 13, 14, 15 — Glen Cove.

Apr. 3, 4, 5 — Glen Cove; 10, 11, 12 — Brentwood; 24, 25, 26 — Glen Cove.

May 1, 2, 3 — Glen Cove; 8, 9, 10

— Brentwood; 29, 30, 31 — Brentwood.

June 5, 6, 7 — Blue Point; 12, 13, 14

— Blue Point; 26, 27, 28 — Glen Cove.

July 24, 25, 26 — Glen Cove; 31,

Aug. 1, 2 — Glen Cove.

Aug. 7, 8, 9 — Blue Point; 14, 15, 16

— Glen Cove.

Sept. 11, 12, 13 — Glen Cove; 19, 20,

21 — Glen Cove.

Rockville Centre diocesan youthful

Rockville Centre — The diocesan policy and procedure for youthful marriages was established in 1975.

The promulgated letter noted that the purpose of the diocese policy "is not to deny the right of our people to marry but to introduce them to an in-depth assessment of the meaning of Christian marriage."

Under the policy, whenever one or

both parties of the marriage are under 19 years of age at the time of their proposed marriage, only a tentative date for the wedding may be accepted until:

- Each party to the marriage is interviewed by the priest separately according to diocesan guidelines.

- The parents or guardians of the underage party or parties are also to be interviewed.

USCC has produced a series of five books on 'Marriage is a Sacrament'

Washington (CNS) — The U.S. Catholic Conference has a series of books designed for those preparing for marriage, the newly married and others interested in making their marriages better.

The "Marriage is a Sacrament" series, which includes five books, "takes a close look at the daily questions, joys, and challenges couples face in preparing for and living out their wedding vows," according to Father Michael Walsh, executive director of the bishops' Secretariat for Pastoral Research and Practices. The books are excerpted from the marriage preparation manual "Faithful to Each Other Forever," prepared by the bishops' Committee on Pastoral Research and Practices.

"It's our belief that the 'Marriage is a Sacrament' series will prove to be a valuable asset and resource to both those in ministry and the couples who benefit from their efforts," Father Walsh added.

The marriage preparation manual entitled "Faithful to Each Other Forever," is designed for pastors, teachers, and those involved in marriage preparation work.

The handbook should assist Church workers in reassuring and helping couples who "dream of a satisfying marriage and of being faithful to each other forever," but also recognize the "sober realities of modern society — seemingly countless obstacles to successful mar-

riages and the huge number of marital disruptions."

Some of the topics in the handbook include pastoral approaches to couples living together but not married, discerning the readiness of couples for marriage, interreligious marriages, natural family planning, clergy and lay collaboration in marriage preparation programs and pastoral care of infertile couples.

The books in the "Marriage is a Sacrament" series and their costs are: "Our Future Together," No. 351-5, \$3.95; "Planning Your Wedding Ceremony," No. 354-X, \$2.95; "Making Marriage Work," No. 355-8, \$2.95; "Parent-hood," No. 352-3, \$3.50; and "Growing Together in Spirit," No. 353-1, \$2.95.

The handbook "Faithful to Each Other Forever," publication No. 252-7, may be ordered for \$22.95 plus \$2.50 postage and handling, from the USCC Office of Publishing and Promotion Services, 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1194, or by calling 800-235-8722.

Other publications on marriage and family life include:

- "A Positive Vision for Family Life: a Resource Guide for Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation 'Familiaris Consortio,'" No. 938-6, \$3.95.

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olic's parish church, an interfaith chapel, or the church or synagogue of the non-baptized partner.

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If the parish priest cannot be with the couple at a wedding ceremony taking place other than in the parish church, he should help the couple find a priest who can attend as a representative of the Church. A laicized or suspended priest cannot serve this function.

Petitions for dispensation to permit a wedding ceremony by a clergyman other than a Catholic priest in other than the parish church should be made several months before the ceremony.

l marriage policy

• The priest forwards his summary of the interviews to the Chancery Office here. The summary should include his own recommendation as to whether or not the marriage should be delayed along with his reasons for such a recommendation.

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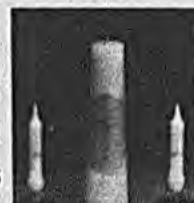
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- Work together to create a monthly budget listing income and expenses. Decide now how you will share both expenses and paperwork, and then stick with the plan. Write down your financial goals. Take note: It's important that each partner keep some accounts in his or her own name to maintain individual credit history.

- Save a portion of your income on a systematic basis. Two-income couples should strive to set aside one partner's paycheck from the time they marry.

- The younger you are, the more aggressive your investments can be, in particular if they are earmarked for long-term goals. However, for older couples, especially those combining two households in a second marriage, a less aggressive approach with more conservative investments might be more appropriate.

- Update your records. Make a list of records that will require name changes — beneficiary on life insurance policies, pension plans and profit-sharing plans. Notify the Social Security Administration of your marriage so you'll become eligible for spouse's benefits. You may be able to adjust your auto insurance

policy to take advantage of more favorable rates due to your marital status. Reevaluate your property insurance coverage.

- For specific advice about financial planning, couples can consider a professional advisor.

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Diocesan guidelines cover selection of music

Rockville Centre — Selection of music for weddings is set by diocesan guidelines for wedding liturgies designed to provide parameters for parish staffs in setting parish policies.

A key element in such guidance is helping couples understand the wedding as a celebration of the Church's liturgy — overcoming the "my wedding" syndrome, according to Father Ronald E. Hayde, director of liturgy for the diocese.

The guidelines, prepared and distributed by the Diocesan Music Committee and the Liturgy Commission, point out, "The marriage of two Christians is at the same time a personal and ecclesial event. The wedding liturgy is primarily a worship service — the worship of the God of love who manifests his presence in the marriage covenant of a particular couple. All the elements of the liturgy should reflect in a tangible way what is taking place: a sacramental encounter with Christ in the midst of the assembly."

Father Hayde has said it is important that couples be made aware of all the options within the rite so that they have the greatest possible freedom. In choosing the Scripture readings, for example, the couple has a chance to share their values with each other and with the assembly. On a more mundane level, the processional may be traditional with the bride on the arm of her father or another male relative, or it may include the bride and her parents and the groom and his parents and other ministers of the liturgy.

The question of whether or not to have a nuptial Mass is addressed in the guidelines. While the marriage of two Catholics is "most fittingly celebrated within the context of the Eucharist," it is suggested that couples who do not regularly participate in the Eucharist might be

discouraged from having a nuptial Mass — although "they should not be prohibited from having their marriage celebrated in the context of the Eucharist."

The time of preparing for marriage, the guidelines say, certainly "would be an opportunity to question the relationship between (the couple's) lack of participation at the Sunday Eucharist and their wish for their marriage to be celebrated in the context of Eucharist."

Weddings at which a large number of persons present would not be Catholics may also be better celebrated in a prayer service, the guidelines suggest, and parishes may also wish to avoid wedding Masses on Sundays.

The guidelines urge that secondary symbols such as a wedding candle, or gifts of flowers be kept in perspective.

Parish policies can cover such matters as photography and videotaping, children in wedding parties and fees for the church and musicians.

With regard to music, the guidelines purposely don't blacklist or canonize any music, but set forth the three judgments which must be made in deciding whether a piece of music is appropriate: the musical, liturgical and pastoral criteria.

"Most couples are unfamiliar with the wealth of musical possibilities that are available to them," the guidelines say, urging pastoral musicians to acquaint couples with their many options. The guidelines note that "live music should be used at every liturgical celebration. Recorded music is prohibited."

If family members or friends take on liturgical ministries at the wedding, the guidelines say, "care should be taken that the person or persons proclaiming the Scriptures have the ability to read publicly and are prepared to read." Those who wish to serve as special ministers of the Eucharist who are not parishioners of the Church where the wedding is celebrated should seek permission from the parish priest.

The guidelines were published with Bishop McGann's approval and are policy for the diocese.

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