GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA 27834

THURSDAY DECEMBER 22-WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1988-THE 'M' VOICE



David Payton joins The 'M' Voice as Accountant Executive

Mr. Jim Rouse, Owner and General Manager of The Minority Voice, Incorporated announces the addition of Mr. David Payton, Jr. as Account Executive with the company

Mr. Payton is a native of Pitt County and formerly a resident of Danbury, Connecticut until his return to Greenville. Before returning, Mr. Payton had become an accomplished musician, an actor, a director and a song-writer. He also has starred in many off-broadway plays; held roles in many widely acclaimed films such as "Death

Wish" starring Charles Bronson; and also recorded several records. Mr. Payton earned his B.A. Degree from West Connecticut State College at Danbury and further studies at the prestigious Powell Studio of New York.

The Minority Voice, Inc. is a communications firm which publishes "The 'M' Voice" newspaper and owns radio station WOOW that is known as "JOY 1340 AM". The firm employs eight full-time and three part-time employees.



Run-DMC illin' or chillin'?

By CHARLES E. ROGERS 1988 has not been the great year Run-DMC expected it to be. Sure the group sold a million copies of its "Tougher Than Leather" album, and finally released the movie of the same name. But selling only a million LPs is a failure for rap's so-

called Number-One act. Plus, the stiff acted and violent "Tougher Than Leather" film was a box office bomb.

What happen? Why does the stem seem to have run out of the Run- DMC superstar machine? "They just got too commercial for me," says a

tired, just going through the



APPRECIATION . . . Last Monday, a special appreciation fellowship and dinner took place at Marguax's, a very elegant restaurant located in the heart of Greenville on Evans Street. The members of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church enjoyed a relaxing evening with their Pastor, Rev. Howard Parker and his many members of his church. Shown above, left to right is Rev. Parker and member. Shown, below them, is Mr. and Mrs. Cookie Williams and their lovely daughter. They wish you a safe holiday. (Photo by Jim Rouse)

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EASTERN N.C. REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK SOCIAL WORKERS

The Eastern North Carolina Regional Association of B lack Social Workers (ENCR-ABSW), will hold its annual Kwanza "Community Feast" on Saturday, December 31, 1988 between the hours of 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. at the South Greenville Recreation Center on Howell Street in Greenville.

Kwanza, a seven-day celebration is observed December 26 - January 1, and is based on seven fundamental principles that serve as guides for daily living.

The community is invited to share in this glorious experience!!

For further information, contact Mrs. Barbara Fenner at 757-3397.

Business Notes -

Jo-Linda Sanders, president of Landmasters Real Estate Cor-Greetings!, poration, Taskmasters, Business Images and Distinctive Framing and Fine Art, has been named Entrepreneur of The Year for 1988 by Women Business Owners Association of Pitt County. She has given several seminars on real estate investing and adding other profit centers to your existing business and serves as consultant to Pitt Community College Small Business Center. She has played an active role in the community serving as vicepresident of the Greenville-Pitt County Board of Realtors, president of the Eastern North Carolina Business Network, Board Member of Women **Business Owners, State Director** of the N.C. Association of Realtors, Board Member of the

popular rapper who demanded his name be kept out of this story--a sign Run-DMC's power isn't completely lost.

"After they put out 'Walk This Way' with that white group Aerosmith," our nameless rapper added, "they thought they could get away with anything. They were wrong. The 'Tougher Than Leather' album was weak and the movie was truly illin'."

Are they illin' or chillin'? That

is the question. "I saw them at Nassau Coliseum," said a former Run-DMC fan, "and they seemed

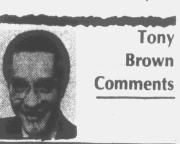


hand for the appreciation fellowship and dinner at Marguax's Restaurant were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gorham and their lovely daughters. They send greetings to each of you and wish you a very prosperous New Year.

Our leaders need to come from among the unsung heroes

One of my favorite newspapers ran a letter to the editor by a James E. Barnett that sounded a lot like my column ("The Black Leadership Syndrome") that appeared on the same editorial pages the following week.

"Black leaders need to stop meeting and telling



Downtown Greenville Associa-

tion and Incoming Treasurer of Evergreen of Greenville.

> us what we already know The thing about this is: If any one of us at the grassroots level puts

together a

program that would bring about self-help, we would not get 10 pastors or five of the people who make up the North Carolina Black Political Caucus to support it," Barnett's letter explained in The Charlotte Post.

"If anyone of us gets up and tries to do something, we are given no support by most of those who call for self-help," he added.

Barnett's remarks were precipitated by a recent meeting in Charlotte of the North Carolina Black Legislative Caucus, an organization of elected officials that Barnett called the "Political" Caucus. A Post article had previously criticized the group's lack of a specific agenda and "bickering."

"When we cut through the dense haze of black leadership rhetoric, do we find anything being done? Not likely," Post editor Jalyne Strong wrote in her column.

I know the feeling. I've been promoting Buy Freedom, an economic self-help campaign to keep 50 percent of our \$230 billion in black hands, for the last three years. With few exceptions, blacks in leadership positions have been indifferent and polite, but have avoided being of any substantial help.

And, as Barnett points out, they are the very ones who say we should help one another, But please don't think this is a case of sour grapes. I never expected them to live up to their rhetoric, therefore I do not share Barnett's frustration or disappointment.

I've learned to be more selective. Some blacks are simply insincere. But those with a commitment are real jewels. Which leads me to a young lawyer in Wilmington, North Carolina, named Peter

When we started Buy Freedom three years ago, Peter Grear came to my attention because he was spending his own money to buy advertising in The Wilmington Journal to solicit help for the campaign. He now heads our North Carolina Buy Freedom campaign.

Grear is also chairman of the North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus — not to be confused with the aforementioned "Legislative" Caucus that Barnett's letter referred to. And, through the considerable influence of Grear and his membership, both the North Carolina Democratic Party and the Republican Party have endorsed the Buy Freedom philosophy of circulating more money in black hands.

When we produced our first Buy Freedom motion picture ("The White Girl"), it was Peter Grear who made it possible for hundreds of North Carolinians to get jobs as extras and others to secure speaking parts and technical jobs.

In Wilmington, Grear and the Buy Fredom businesses have created a Buy Freedom Scholarship Fund to assist underprivileged students.

I don't want this to sound like a eulogy, but I hope we don't throw out the baby with the bath water. While many (too many) black organizations and leaders are rhetorical gymnasts, Peter Grear and the North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus (leaders who do not necessarily hold office) are not.

So far, the Pete Grears, the AKA's, the Deltas. the 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Meharry Medical College, the Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Norfolk Community Hospital, the Black MBA's, etc. — and many other grassroots groups - have raised over \$600,000 utilizing our first Buy Freedom motion picture.

In my opinion the leaders are only as good as the followers. The kind of leaders we need can only come from the unsung heroes like Peter Grear - those whose rhetoric is matched by commit-



BLACK ATHLETES SHOW SUPPORT . . . Last Friday night at Care Superstars were in town to fight drugs in our community. Shown with Greenville City Mayor Ed Carter is Wade Johnson, Coordinator of Greenville's fight against drugs, Sam Jones, former Boston Celtic, Mayor Carter, Former heavy weight chapion of the world Floyd Patterson, Track star Mr. Tate and other members against Drugs and Black Hall of Fame Founders.



MRS. MAYE

CHRISTMAS POTPOURRI

1. Christmas is a Christian Holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.

2. The story of Christmas comes chiefly from the Gospels of Saint Luke and Saint Matthew in the New Testament. According to Luke, an angel appeared to shepherds outside the town of Bethlehem and told them of Jesus' birth. Matthew tells how the wise man, called Magi, followed a bright start that led them to Jesus.

3. The word Xmas is sometimes used instead of Christmas. This tradition began in the early Christian Church. In Greek, X is the first letter of Christ's name. It was prequently used as a holy symbol.

4. Eggnog is a popular Christmas beverage in many

5. Christmas carolers provide holiday entertainment in many public places.

6. During the Christmas season, many churches display a 'Creche' (nativity scene). It shows figures of Mary and Joseph praying over the infant Jesus in the stable. Figures of the Magi, Angels, Shepherds, and various animals surround the holy family.

7. A visit with Santa is a Christmas treat for children throughout the world. In many department stores, youngsters wait in line to tell Santa what presents they would like for Christmas.

8. The traditional colors of Christmas are green and red. Green represents the conti-

nuance of life through the winter and the Christian belief in eternal life through Christ. Red symbolizes the blood that Jesus shed at his crucifixion. Christmas decorations that feature these colors include the Christmas Tree, the Christmas Wreath, Holly, and Mistletoe.

9. In the United States, a star is mounted on top of many Christmas trees and others Christmas displays. It represents the star that led the wise men to the stable in Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

10. The Christmas Wreath, like the evergreens used as Christmas Trees, symbolizes the strength of life overcoming the forces of winter.

11. The pointed Holly leaves supposedly resembles the crown of thorns that Jesus wore when he was crucified. The red berries symbolize the drops of blood he

12. The "mistletoe", an evergreen plant with dark leaves and shiny white berries, is considered the plant sacred.

13. Christmas carols, originally considered hymns, were composed in the 1800's. They include "O Little Town of Bethlehem", "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", "Silent Night"

14. Popular nonreligious carols include "Jingle Bells" and "White Christmas".

15. The poem, "A visit from St. Nicholas' is read aloud in many homes. "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens is one of the most famous tales ever written.

16. Several musical productions are also Christmas traditions. They include "The Nut-cracker", a ballet by Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky of Russia, and "Amahl and the Night Visitors", an opera by Gian Carlo Manotti of Italy.

17. Handel's "Messiah" is one of the most popular works in music and it is usually sung at a Christmas Church Service for it is a sacred anthem.

18. The names of the three kings of Orient who brought gifts to Baby Jesus are Gaspar, Melchoir, and Balthazar. The gifts were Gold, Frankingense, and Myrrh.

Brightest

Day!

Sincere best wishes

of the season,

along with our

thoughts of

thanks for your

delightful

friendship

and goodwill.

Eddie YARREll

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19. Let us remember that the greatest love of all was born in a

lowly manger. 20. There can be no love of God which is unattended with love for man. The final test of a Christian life is not the worship by God, but always the love of man for man.

21. Clement Clarke Moore wrote "Twas The Night Before Christmas". The poem's proper title is 'A Visit from St. Nicholas'.

22. Santa's eight reindeer names are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder and Blitzen.

23. The last line of "A Visit from St. Nicholas" is "Happy Christmas To All, and To All a Good-Night!"

Merry Christmas!

FRIENDSHIPS: HANDLE WITH CARE . . .

There are so many fine people in Greenville/Pitt County, I think. Mr. Matthew Lewis who never likes a compliment or he shies away from praise, but he never, seemingly, gets upset, and he never says any negative words about anyone. He is at his post each Sunday morning at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church and on time. All of us admire and respect you, Mr. Lewis.

There is my beautician, Mrs. Bessie Simpson—quiet, calm, an unusually good listener, and she guards her lips carefully.

Mr. George Davies, newcomer in our city. What he is shows on his face and in his actions and deeds. He is the essence of the "perfect" gentleman.

Who could ever forget the Christian gentleman, Mr. Wade Johnson, Pitt County School's substance abuse educator, an upright man, full of integrity, with values and morals. The job

fits the man. Congratulations!
I admire the strength and courage of our mayor, Mr. Ed Carter.

Many of our youngsters would do themselves a favor if they'd follow the example of Derek Dickens. That young man is going places.

Surely there are many more fine folks. Let's talk about others



ing affection.

5. Look at your own conduct and motives. Do you set good examples?

6. Recognize the trouble spots such as mealtimes, weekends BANISHING FEAR

Turn to prayer. Try controlling the fear. Meet the fear head on. Build your confidence. Act decisively. Talk through your fear. Join a support group. Seek professional help. Fear is the

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enemy of happiness.

Tony Moore, Imani Shahid-El, Elizabeth Betts and Queney Hawkins were installed during the 1988 Annual 4-H Achievement night Monday.

Lucy Jones and Jean Darden were appointed by the Pitt County Commissioners to seats on the Women's Commission

Dr. Zubie W. Metcalf was appointed to the Sheppard Memorial Library Board effective December 31, 1988.

As of January 3, 1989, Dr. Velma Speight of Snow Hill becomes the chairperson of the Department of Counselor Education and Adult Education at East Carolina University in the School of Education. She is the first minority to attain this rank. Formerly, she was Associate Superintendent of the Maryland

and bedtimes.

family matters.

down in public.

basic rules.

few years.

7. Respect a teenager's wish for

privacy as well as his wish to be

kept informed about important

8. Be friendly to his chums and

make them welcome in the home.

Never humiliate him by dressing

9. Be firm and consistent in en-

forcing discipline, but flexible

within the broad framework of

10. And finally, take heart in

the knowledge that most teenage

problems will straighten out in a

Arthur Stein, "Ten Command-

ments for Parents", Coronet,

(March 1961), p. 169.

Folk, your walking must do the

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR

PARENTS

(A research report by Barbara Ann Smith-Atkinson, an English

student under Mrs. Beatrice

Maye, Robinson Union School,

May 14, 1963) She is now a secretary for the Pitt County Board of Education.

1. Accept the fact that each

2. Keep the lines of com-

munication open. Don't laugh off

the teenager's troubles. Be ready

to listen.

child will be different from you

and from your other children.

Mrs. Reba Wilkes of J.H. Rose High School was one of four teachers from Pitt County who attended the 1988 regional meeting of the National Society Teachers Association, sponsored by DuPont's Kinston plant. This three-day meeting included ledtures, workshops, short courses and exhibits.

Lillian Outterbridge, social studies teacher for eight years at D.H. Conley High School, was selected the 1988-89 Teacher of

The Davenport Street Community Club held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Mable Lang, Friday night Games, delicious food and gifts were the highlights. Thirty members and friends attended. Mrs. Mildred Williams is the club's president.

Rebecca Norcott has been named Teacher-of-the-Year at Ayden Elementary School. Mrs. Norcott is a graduate of Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Bernadette Gregory Atts of Durham, a native of Greenville, has received one of two George Hyatt scholarships from the North Carolina Agricultural Extention Service.

Jo-Linda Sanders has been named 1988 Entrepreneur-of-the-Year by the Women Business Owners Association of Pitt

Ann Brown, Sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc., recently attended a session in Monterey, Mexico marking the establishment of Mary Kay Cosmetics in Mexico.

Tiffany, the eighth grade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Smith, Aycock Jr. High School's principal, was named "Miss Fashionetta", in a scholarship pageant recently, sponsored by the Beta Kappa Omega Chapter

of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

First runner-up was Luchara
Sayles, the daughter of Mrs. Lucille Gorham Sayles, a student at St. Peter's Catholic School while Shaunda Hill of Enfield was second runner-up.

"The Nativity", a musical/necitative pageant was "The presented at Sycamore Hill Bap-tist Church, Sunday, December 18, 3 p.m. directed by Danny Dupree, a talented and versatile uprising senior at N.C.A.&T. State University. Danny is the son of Mrs. Imagene Dupree and the late Andrew Dupree.

William Harrison, IV, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison Bryan, III of Omaha, Nebraska, will be "blessed" in Sunday morning services by the Reverend Howard Parker, pastor, Sycamore Hill Baptist Church. Mrs. Bryan is the former Miss Mamie Ellene Maye, the daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Maye and the late J.W. Maye, Sr.



The Associated Press

New Commemorative Stamp

A new commemorative stamp honoring A. Philip Randolph will be issued February 3 in conjunction with Black History Month. A ceremony dedicating the new stamp will be held in New York City, for many years Randolph's home and headquarters of the A. Philip Randolph Institute.



The entire work force of the year 2000 is alive right now and given the swift pace of technological change, government and industry had better make sure that it has the education, skills, and training to ensure America's economic sur-

And that is doubly important for black people,

whose futures depend on achieving educational excellence. The bot-



community is that the kids just entering school will be in the high school graduating class of the year 2000.

If current patterns hold, a fourth of them won't stay in school long enough to get a high school diploma, and another fourth will graduate without the skills required to hold entry level jobs. And many who go on to college will not have the credentials required by a high tech economy.

Black economic survival depends on changing those patterns, so that today's first-graders stay in school and graduate with the knowledge and skills that equip them for the jobs of the future.

That is behind today's emphasis on education

by virtually every black organization and community group, especially since the National Urban League kicked off its Education Initiative aimed at bringing black educational achievement to parity with national standards.

Fortunately, the private sector is also involved in improving minority education. A number of major corporations, foundations, and individual philanthropists are helping the cause of black educational excellence. They range from the extraordinary gift of \$20 million to historicallyblack Spelman College by the Bill Cosby family to the new Scholarship Builder program of the Lynch Foundation.

That program is an imaginative way to ensure that at least some kids get full financial scholarships for college or advanced training while inspiring others to strive for success and encouraging other corporations to become involved.

The program benefits 25 first grade children in each of the 10 cities - 250 inner city students in the "Class of 2000." The National Urban League and its affiliates in the ten cities worked with school officials to select the schools and the students. The Merrill Lynch Foundation will make annual contributions on the children's behalf into a special investment account over the next 1

On graduating from high school, those youngsters will be assured of college or vocational training or, if they decide to take full-time jobs or enter military service. they'll get a one-time stipend.

Why Is It?

A man wakes up in the morning after sleeping on an advertised bed, in advertised pajamas, he will brush with advertised toothpaste, wash with advertised soap, shave with an advertised razor, have a breakfast of advertised orange juice, cereal and toast, sip his advertised coffee, put on advertised clothes and glance at his advertised watch.

He will ride to work in an advertised car, sit at an advertised desk, and write with an advertised pen. Yet this man hesitates to advertise saying that advertising does not pay. Finally when his unadvertised business goes under, he will advertise it for sale.

Black tie events are occasions to dress your best this season

By RENEE MINUS WHITE

How often have you received an invitation that called for "Black tie" and questioned the meaning of the phrase? According to fashion experts here in New York and abroad, "Black tie" means to dress your best this

season. For women, the look is formal in design and fabric. Lengths vary from long to short. For men, the look calls for a dressy suit or tuxe with a black tie.

In the 20's, 30's 40's and 50's, there was never a question of what "Black tie" meant. Women adored being all dressed up in glittery, yet glamorous gowns. Men seemed to enjoy a dressier attire, too. A formal affair was a formal affair. When the invitation called for Black tie, the fashions were all-out glorious.

It wasn't until the 60's that the mode changed. The younger generation steered themselves towards a more comfortable and more relaxed look. It was fashionable, then, to crash a formal affair in jeans, even though they were dressed up with studs and rhinestones and worn with

The 70's was about more conscious dressing. For the 80's, dressing for the occassion is important.

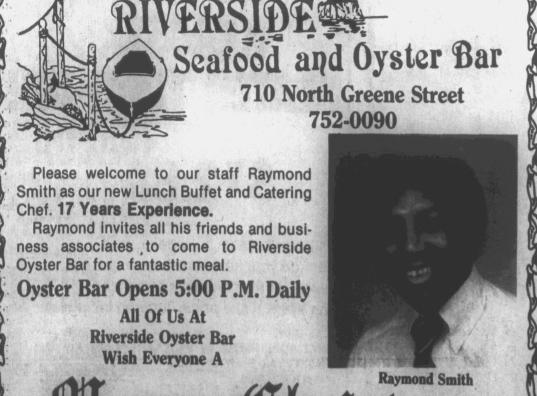
To find out what Black tie means for Holiday '88, Lady's Day talked with fashion coordinator Audrey Smaltz, New York designers Jon Haggins, Bill Blass and Oscar De la Renta; and Paris designer Givenchy.

"Black tie" is a time to be dressed", advises Audrey Smaltz. "I like a beautiful top and full (wide-legged) pants. It's a time to live in fantasy. For a "Black tie" invitation, I also have my hair and make-up done professionally. So often, women are dressed up, but their hair and make-up have that everyday look. Make the change dramatic

Jon Haggins never questions the invitation. "If it says Black







We will be closed Sunday, December 25

and Monday, December 26.

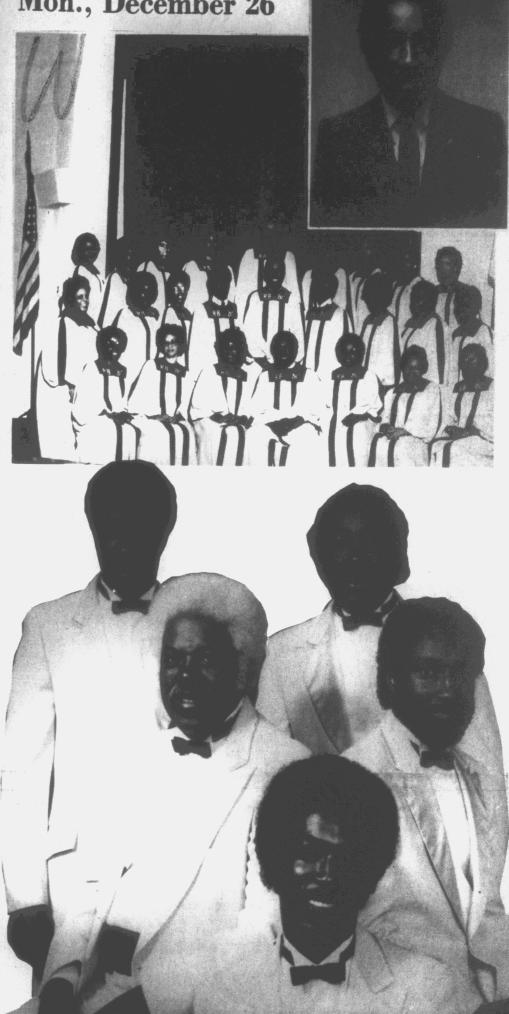


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Black tie events are occasions to dress your best continued from page 31

tie, the host or hostess wants the affair to be formal "he said "For men, it simply means a dress suit or tuxe For women, it's a sophisticated, slinky gown

For Black tie invitations, Oscar De la Renta likes grand evening dresses that make spectacular statements of romance.

His body curving velvet gowns are expressions of femininity. "Of course, men should wear their tuxedoes," states De la Renta. He emphasizes the importance of classic sophistication at

its finest. Bill Blass feels dramatic entrances can be made when the invitations call for Black tie

Givenchy also emphasizes that "Black tie means dressedup. For men, a tuxedo of basic black suit is key. For women. the look is lavish in dressy fab

ries and jewelry. There is a degree of ornaments and sparkle that counts. And for Black tie, a lady should really shine.

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SHOWCASE OF STARS . . . Each year everyone enjoys the third Saturday in December mainly because it brings brothers and sisters together to relax and communicate at Burlee Richardson's Annual Ball at the Roxy Showcase Theatre. The Roxy Showcase is the oldest African American entertainment center in Greenville. Burlee and family send their warmest during the holiday season.

Homemade holiday gifts: Easy to make, fun to receive

Holiday gifts become holiday treasures when the gifts are created by you. Making your own holiday gifts does not have to be difficult or expensive. In fact, with a little creativity and the "right package," you'll easily capture the Christmas spirit.

Here are a few ideas to make your holiday gifts the merriest of

*Use votives for more than candles. Fill them with the red and green holiday candlies, and you've got a perfect gift for a

*Fill an ice bucket with ice and a bottle of wine. Surround the wine bottle with pine sprigs and secure them with a bright red

Include stemware and a platter of cheese and fruit. Coordinate with the ice bucket by using matching goblets and server, and you have the ideal gift for your favorite couple or family!

*Persent homebaked goodies in special holiday containers, such as crystal pine trees, crystal snowmen or crystal bells. When filled with layers of red and green candies, or homemade cookies, these make thoughtful and tasty

Decorative platters, are also perfect for presenting traditional holiday baked goods—and they make wonderful keepsakes!



*Decorate your cakes especially for the holidays. Use Christmas stencils and sift powdered sugar through the stencils onto icing, and add green and red sprinkles. Served on an attractive platter, this makes a perfect hostess gift.

*Make fruits more festive than ever. Dip strawberries first in white chocolate, then in dark

chocolate. The strawberries' green tops and red color give them a festive look. These sweets become a nice party favor or gift for a neighbor

*If you don't have time to bake, fill holiday containers with Christmas-scented potpourri.

Make a batch of eggnog or hot buttered rum special by including your own recipe and a set of Christmas mugs.

Obituary

DUPREE

Melvin Earl Dupree, 20, of Route 1, Snow Hill died Thursday, December 15th at Lenoir Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 23rd at Rouse's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Ayden with the Rev. Dr. Robert Gorham officiating. Interment will follow in the Ayden

Survivors include his parents, Melvin and Janet Dupree of the home; step-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Swinson of Snow Hill; 1 brother, Stanley Swinson, Jr. of Snow Hill; 5 sisters, Zaneta Dupree of Snow Hill, Shonna Swinson, Mona Swinson, Angela Swinson, and Anneta Swinson, all of Snow Hill; maternal grandfather, Mr. Oliver Jones, Rt. 1, Ayden; paternal grandparents, Mr. Fred Dupree of Rt. 1, Snow Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swinson of Snow Hill; maternal great-grandmother, Ms. Irene Davis of Rt. 2, Grifton.

Funeral arrangements are handled by Norcott Funeral

Catalog shopping is becoming

an institution. Plus, at this time

of year, when stores are crowd-

ed, shopping from home can

alleviate some of the stress often

associated with the holiday

taking advantage of the speedier

service offered by catalog

retailers. Phone order and overnight delivery offered by many

Procrastinating gift-givers are

Gift Ideas

Shopping by catalog is truly becoming an American holiday tradition. In this season, more Americans will shop by mail and telephone than ever before. Last year, a total of 88 million adults ordered merchandise from catalogs; by 1990 one quarter of all retail sales will be made by "telephone order," according to Direct Marketing Association.

Sunday, December 25, 1988

Peace to You

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Many of these items will be holiday gifts of hams, gingerbreads and chocolates-but many will be substantial items as well, such as clothing and even home furnishings.

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Christmas

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and yours this season

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5 85 85 85 85 85 85 T'was The Day

After Christmas

Twas the day after Christmas and all through the condo not a creature was stirring, not even ole cat Bondo The children were sacked, and

snuggled in bed with visions of robots and bicycles red. Mom in the love seat and I on

the couch were resting our bodies and heads, crying ouch! When all of a sudden up stairs

rose a clatter, we sprang from our seats to see what was the Tony and Tim turned the toys on with Ryan, hers wouldn't

work, so Marissa was cryin'. The toys once nifty, humorous and fun, were squeaking and

squawking and some didn't run. Away to the chimney like a rocket I flew, and looked for the

stocking the one that said Lou.



I hopped over transformers, a robot named Shorty, searching my stocking for my multi-

purpose oil. The wheels were all shrieking, the gears were all stuck, the toys that were talking had all run

The starship from Gluddos that was supposed to fly, its engines were sputtering and choking to

A dinosaur's legs and arms on remote, were grinding and scrap-

ing and starting to smoke.

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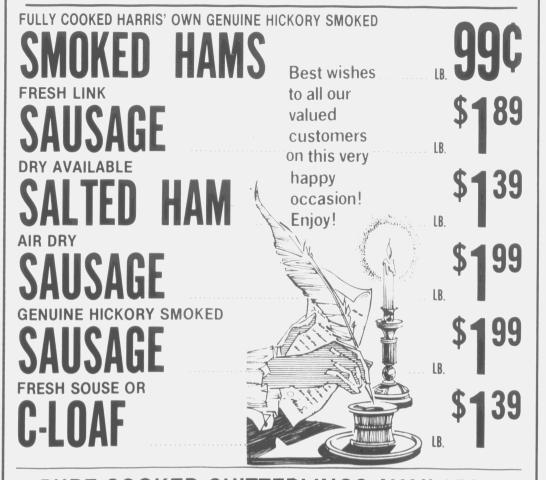
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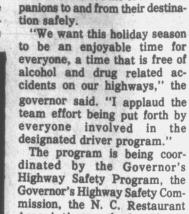
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Governor Jim Martin has again urged party-goers to help reduce accidents and save lives by having designated drivers

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during the holiday season. As the designated driver, one member of a group agrees to obstain from alcoholic refreshments



Association and the N. C. Association of Broadcasters. The purpose of the designated driver program is to get alcohol and drug impaired drivers off the highways. Last year, more than half of all traffic fatalies involved drivers who were impaired by alcohol or some other drug. In all, some 655 people were killed and 19,000 more were seriously injured by such accidents in North

Carolina. Officials at the Governor's Highway Safety Program and the Governor's Highway Safety Commission said the designated driver program will save lives if used consistently. Governor Martin strongly supported the program last year, and reaffirmed his commitment to it as this year's holiday season gets into full swing.

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New columnist offers what she terms new solutions

Dr. Lenora Pulani was a presidential candidate in 1988 and was the first woman ever to appear on ballots in all 30 states. She will be a featured columnist in the Iredell County/Piedmont News every week.

I became a psychologist because I wanted to find a cure for the humiliation and the pain bred by the murderous disrespect that our people endure day in and day out.

I became a political activist because I realized that self-esteem doesn't come "from within," as

always being told as if, along New with poverty and racism, our lack of self-esteem is also our fault. It

Solutions Dr. Lenora Fulani

That doesn't mean we can't do anything about our self-esteem. But it doesn't come from our heads — it comes from our activity — what we do. What I am saying is that how much esteem, how much respect we have for ourselves, is connected to how we relate to the world. Self-esteem comes from our willingness to speak out, to stand up for what is right and what is righteous.

I became a political activist because I realized that in order to help our people I had to change not their minds - how they think and feel - but the conditions which create black people's degredation, their humiliation and self-hatred. And I became a builder of the independent political movement because I believe that a fundamental impediment to our self-esteem and our empowerment is our dependence on a political party — the Democratic Party — that has taken us for granted for fifty years while giving us nothing in return.

We saw that disrespect in action during the presidential election this year. And next year with important municipal races coming up in

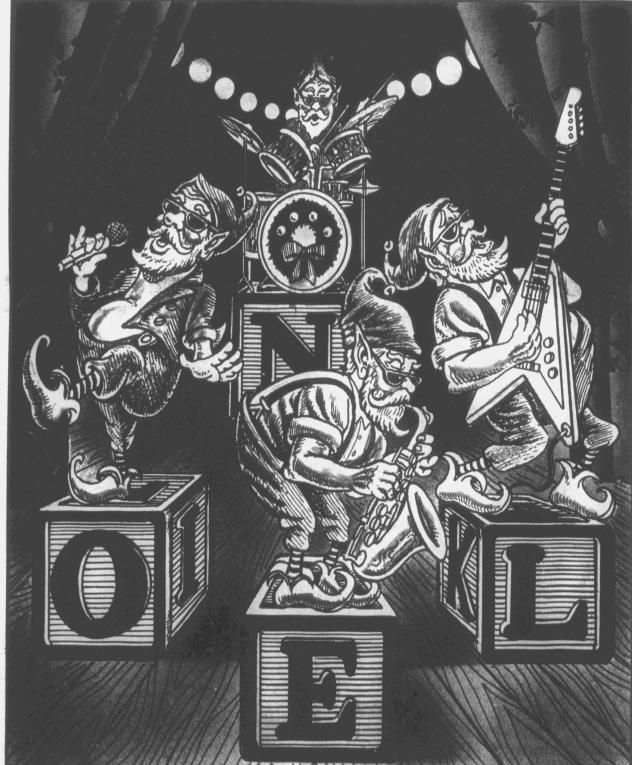
Chicago, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Jackson (Miss.), and New York City - we will get another look at how much "esteem" the Democratic Party has for the African-American people. New York City is a case in point.

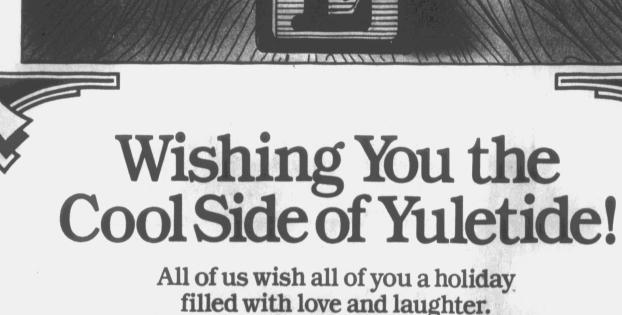
Two days after New York City's African-American electorate gave the Democrats one of their few election day victories, Mayor Ed Koch the leader of the Democratic Party in New York City — once again showed his true colors: he told Reverend Jesse Jackson to keep out of the 1989 mayoral race here. Koch wants us to know that he doesn't have to give the black community or our leaders any respect; his message to us is that the black vote is owned by the Democratic Party

Unlike Ed Koch, I welcome Reverend Jackson's presence in the mayoral race. I welcome not Jesse the Democrat, but Jesse the black leader; not Jesse the advance man for Michael Dukakis, and not Jesse the loyal opposition to the right wing who rushed to shake hands with George Bush, but Jesse the spokesperson for the black agenda whom seven and a half million people passionately supported in the Democratic Party primaries. I look forward to hearing his voice in the growing dialogue that is taking place in our community on the all-important issues of independent politics.

Very soon the Democratic Party establishment. white and black, in cities across the country is going to start giving us the business, just like they did in the presidential election: give your votes to the Democrats, they'll say, and you'll be rewarded later. Well, it wasn't in our interests to vote for the phony opposition to the right wing then, and it won't be in our interests to fall for this line when they try to ram a Dukakis clone down our throats: some black or white "now I'm a liberal, now I'm not" moderate who won't rock the Big Money, big landlord boat, someone who'll have a better

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Now they have dropped out of school and are not working. What must I do to show them the im-

portance of a better education then I was able to get?

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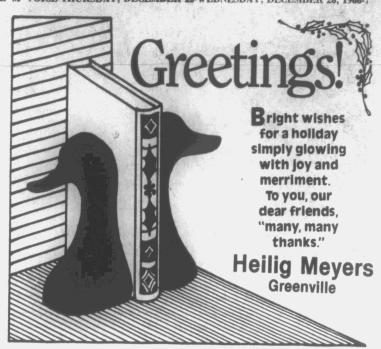
Your child's attitude towards education is influenced by many factors and starts early in childhood. It is not only what you as a mother desire and even demand, so never blame yourself is the first rule to remem-

Second, accept the fact that your children are getting many conflicting messages from the media, neighbors, friends and community observations. They could be confused or not convinced what direction to take, so they drop out. On the other hand, they can be experiencing real difficulties coping, based on poor learning habits or other handicaps.



Third, keep hope alive. Maintain your goals and ambitions. for them. Sometimes it takes years of expecting, talking and planning for them to hear you clearly; then to combine that with their own pain and frustration before they are motivated to take up again the challenge of education. So continue to be encouraging about their potential, help to identify their strong points and focus on how they can be successful. Of course individuals do improve their probability of earning more the higher education they receive or greater expertise they develop in a skill.

Fourth, show them the national average monthly income accorded to education, as reported by the Bureau of Census. High school drop out \$693; high school graduate \$1,045; vocational school graduate \$1,219; Associate degree (2 years college) \$1,346; Bachelors (4 years college) \$1,841; Masters degree (6 years college) \$2,288; Doctoral degree (8 years college) \$3,265; Professional degree (M.D. etc.) \$3,875. Tell them the difference in salary between these groups is also widening i.e. in 1975 a woman for example with college made only \$2,500 per year on the average more than female high school graduates.



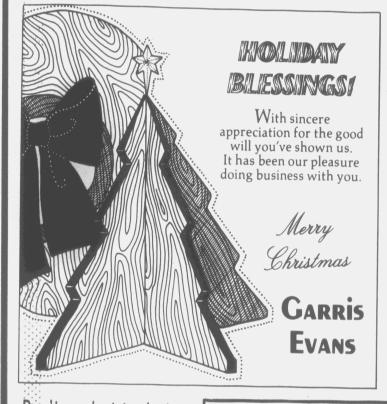
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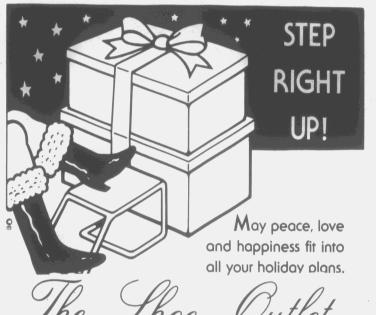
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Don't neglect to deck yourself out with the latest in yuletide fashions

While you're decking the halls, don't neglect to deck yourself out in the latest lovely fashions arriving at local stores just in time for holiday partying.

Holiday fashions include tuxedo looks with pants or skirt and a plethora of pants, from tapered trousers to soft pajamas to pleated, wide leg versions. The emphasis is definitely on what's on top—the feminine blouse.

The blouses are soft and fluid with clean lines and drape gently-nothing restrained or uptight. Shoulders are small and round with gentle shirring. Necklines frame the face or are simple jewel necks to fill-in with pearls, crystal or geometric jewelry. As varied as the styles are the colors, from classic white to hot red and passionate purple—the 1988 must-have brights.

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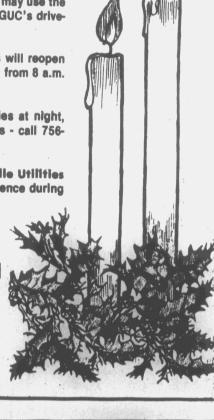
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As I pulled out my hand and was turning around, the kids cheered, the multi-purpose oil can I had found.

I frantically sprayed each pedal and gear, almost got Ginger our dog that was near.

Spritzed a wheel, a motor, a wire, a Jack in the Box whose crank got too tired.

I sprayed mom's crystal, as she said "what's this?"...easily removed the price tag I missed.

The noise stared to dull and the children grew happy, the roller skates hummed as did electro man, Zappy.

One by one the toys settled down...no squeaks, no squawks, no children to frown.

We were all smiling and gone was the fear that this all might happen again next year.

As I though about Christmas and dozed out of sight...A can of multi-process oil...and to all...a good night.



STRESS REDUCTION TIPS

Stress can be good for you, getting you to do things you didn't think you could, but it can also be bad, perhaps making you ill. That's why learning to cope with stress is so important.

Here are 10 stress reduction tips that may help from University of Nebraska psychologist Dr. Mark McKinney:



Often people under stress have unrealistic expectations of themselves and others

1. Learn to "shut-off" selfdefeating or negative self-talks. Many over-achievers feel that unless they take on more tasks and responsibilities, they're not

2. Listen to your feelings of anger, anxiety and depression. Try to recognize their sources and take steps to eliminate them.

3. Set realistic goals for yourself. If you recognize you can only complete five tasks in one day, don't expect to complete ten.

Be pleased with accomplishing your goals, and recognize that sometimes you will fail. 5. Find humor in a situation.

Laughter can greatly alleviate

6. Try to place things in perspective and not take unfortunate occurrences personally.

7. Be neutral, objective and resilient. If your hot-headed boss screams at you, recoginize it's he who is acting irrationally.

8. Change your environment. If you don't like constant deadlines, seek a job with fewer demands. 9. Exercise. It can help alleviate pent-up frustrations and

anger. 10. Avoid alcohol and "recreational" drugs. Their long-range effects are far more stressful to the mind and body than any benefits you might think you

The Your Life Vitamin Hotline has been set up for people to get practical information on coping with stress. The number is 800-553-VITA. It's staffed by health professionals, including registered dietitians, who can provide tips for reducing stress. You can also request a free tips booklet that includes exercise and diet plans.

The Staff Of The 'M' Voice and WOOW Wishes You A Safe And Happy Christmas

Treat your hair for the holiday hassles

As we swing into the Holiday season, we all want to look our best for family get togethers and parties, and certainly good looking hair is a high priority. But with inclement weather, crowded salons, and general seasonal hustle and bustle, taking care of your hair can pose extra problems...and you may have toliterally—take matters into your own hands. The hair care experts have these tips to battle the holiday hair care blues:

Schedule visits to salons well in advance. It is their busiest time of year, so don't wait until the last minute for that "special" style.
*If you color and/or perm your hair, a continuous protection, leave in conditioning product, such as Pro-Vitamin Hair Treatment, will save you time and effort. It's this country's most popular such product and designed especially for permed and colored hair. Its preventive use tends to prohibit split ends, snarls and styling damage from im-

shiny for the holidays. *With a multitude of holiday functions, you may wash your hair more than usual-so go for a gen-

proper hair care. And your hair

will be soft, manageable and

tle cleaning shampoo.

*To take the worry out of how your hair looks or whether it's "in place" when you're out and about, use styling gels and hair

*And during the weekdays, especially, when you may be on the go from early morning until late at night, keep a small size hair spray and/or gel in the office and another in your purse...for 'quicky'' touch-ups.

It's holiday time, so don't forget to pamper yourself in the spirit of the season.



How To Avoid Fuel Line Freeze Up

Fuel line freeze up. The cause? Water condensation in the fuel system. Happily, it can easily be avoided if you follow these tested tips from the experts:

*Keep your fuel tank full. This helps avoid water condensation. *Look for the busiest service

station around from which to buy gas. It's more likely to have the freshest gas. Such stations refill their underground tanks more often which reduces the chance of water condensation getting into

your car.

*Add a bottle of gas line antifreeze to every ten gallons of gasoline when the temperature nears or falls below freezing. It actually blends with water to prevent ice blockage in your fuel line. Used as directed, highquality gas line anti-freezes are

safe and effective for your car. Following these simple tips can help put you on the road to smooth driving when the weather get rough.



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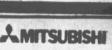
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*Always use pot holders. Even though the oven may not get hot, food and dishes do.

*Make certain dishes and utensils are microwave safe. And be sure your children know what is and isn't okay to use.

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Rapping about rhyme and reason of Black poetry '88

By ABIODUN OYEWOLE

On the subway I dug "the Man" digging on me and he was hung up in a mass of confusion as to who I was he was trying to see but me knowing me Black Proud and Determined to be Free could plainly see my enemy...

This is an excerpt from a popular poem by The Last Poets (recorded 1970) from their first album by the same name. Back in the days when poetry like that was written, poetry was also defined, refined and performed right here in Harlem.

Poetry back then was the voice of the revolution that never happened and the places where this poetry was created and nurtured was like a revolutionary fort. The homebase of the Last Poets was a place called The East Wind. It was an L-shaped loft on East 125 St. Poetry workshops as well as workshops in theater and politics were offered at the East Wind.

doned. On this note, I'd like to commend those sisters and brothers who have continued to perpetuate our African values in whatever physical space they have been able to maintain.

John Watusi Branch is one brother who has held the fort. He is the founder and director of the African Poetry Theater located on Jamaica Ave in Queens. Many poets (myself included) have had the privilege of working there and appreciating cultural events at the African Poetry Theater for many years.

Richard Bartee, aka "The D-Train Poet," directed Poettential Unlimited workshops at the Baby Grand in Harlem a few years ago. George Edward Tait held over 200 consecutive Wednesday Night Poetry sessions. Sekou Sundiata and Tom Mitchelson held poetry workshops at Seamen's Net on Saturdays awhile back. I also ran a poetry workshop at the Benin Gallery (An art gallery on Adam Clayton Powell Jr.

In many ways, "the Rap" is like Black poetry with the major exception that instead of workshops for Rap there is the illusion of money for Rap ...

Poetry workshops aren't Blvd. usually popular whether in There were other workshops school or the community. Al- that have come and gone. though there are thousands who Poetry workshops aren't nearly write poetry, many are "closet as popular (they never were) as poets" and don't really have a Rap parties are. Rap has taken desire to share their work or de- over. The once strong Black velop their talents. Poetry has Poetry movement has been been too often looked upon as watered down to a loud, pomthe writings of a "reclusive pous Rap Movement or Rap

poetry by poets like Paul Laurence Dunbar, Langston Hughes, Phyllis Wheatly and Gwendolyn Brooks. The poetry workshops that developed in Harlem in the Sixties and Seventies were workshops dedicated to the promotion of this "New Voice" this loud poem, this raw and bitter truth without metaphor.

Poetry was no longer for the tea rooms and beatnik parties. Poetry for Blacks in Harlem took on a different meaning.

Poetry was no longer to be tact. Now it was to be per-Black Panthers wore across their chest. Poetry became dashikis and afros and African names and African drums beating to the rhythm of "The Word".

In the Seventies and the Eighties this movement continued. However, The Revolution was co-opted and all the volutionary forts were aban-

non-movement. Even though When revolutionary Black many of us Old-Heads would poetry exploded on to the scene consider Rap a bastardization in the mid Sixties, it was a voice of Black poetry, the fact still reunheard, but mentioned in mains that Rap is a powerfully influential communicator among young people everywhere, Black and white.

In many ways, "the Rap" is very much like Black poetry with a major exception that instead of workshops for Rap there is the illusion of money for Rap. There are millions of kids who look forward to becoming the next famous Rap artist.

Unfortunately many of the Rap artist aren't committed to the same revolutionary values that the poets before were.

It is imperative that the Rap read silently without eye con- artist become responsible for trying to bring about positive formed, used like a weapon. change in the community. Poetry became bullets that Maybe Rap workshops are needed.

It is this writer's opinion that we need to get back to redefining who we are and what we stand for. When we don't define ourselves, others will define us and things will be defined for

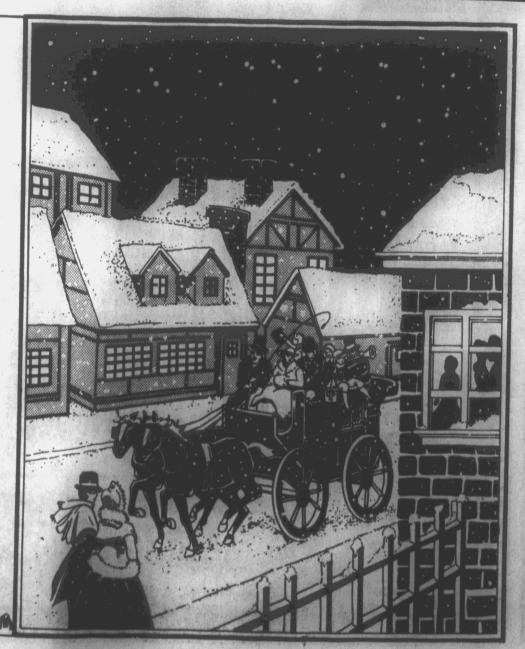
The re-establishment of poetry workshops is a move in the right direction.

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According psychologists, creative play is important in a child's creative and intellectual development. "Role playing is the major method by which children develop," says Janice Gibson, Ph.D., Chair of Psychology and Education Department at the University of Pittsburgh. She says toys serve as props, help with emotional adjustment and allow children to practice their experiences

One example of toys that encourage "life-like" play are Power Wheels battery-operated ride-on vehicles for two-to-sevenyears-olds. The realism and detail in these fine toys enhances pretend play. Children can drive their dolls to the store, fill the gas tank, talk into the pretend CB microphone or play taxi. Children may mimic mom and dad as well as invent their own

The toys can be ridden on a variety of surfaces, which expands children's imaginary environment to the out-of-doors. The vehicles are noted in the toy industry for their safety features and have the Good Housekeeping Institute Seal of approval.

East Carolina University manuscripts hold memories of Christmas pasts

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas . . . everywhere you go. Highways are congested with traffic, stores are mobbed with shoppers. Tempers flair in the long checkout lines.

Rah, Humbug!!

It's enough to make you want to return to those Christmas celebrations of long ago.

There is a termendous difference between the Christmas we celebrate today and the one that was observed in the 19th Century rural south, according to Don Lennon, an historian and curator of the manuscript Collection in the J.Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University.

"In the rural south shopping was not a large part of the Christmas festival." said Lennon, who collects letters and diaries written long ago. Many gifts were homemade. Cards, good food and decorations were important then as they are today. But somehow the pressure and stress that many associate with the holiday season was absent.

In a letter written in 1885 by Lena D. in Beaufort, N.C., to her friend May Bushel in Washing-

After surgery, you may need to take time to heal your mind as well as your body surgery as your body surgery as your and as well as your body surgery as you



At the Shriners Hospitals for orthopaedic and burn injuries, doctors treat children from all types of backgrounds—and their families. The doctors know that when a child is in need of care that entails a great deal of time, patience and hardship, it becomes a family problem as well. Counseling is available for family members to help them deal with anxieties. Medical care at all Shriners Hospitals is provided without cost to the patients, their families or any third parties. The Shriners also believe that tending to a child's mind and spirit is of equal importance to the outstanding medical care





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Three Steps Towards A Healthier Daily Diet

Eating on the run has become commonplace in America. This may be particularly true of active people who often juggle training, competition, school and job. How can you be certain that your diet is providing the sound foundation needed for training and competing? Here are some tips to help speed you towards a healthier daily diet.



Beware of hidden calories!

 No single food supplies all the essential nutrients in the amounts you need. Therefore, eat a wide variety of foods to ensure an adequate diet.

 If controlling your weight is a problem beware of hidden calories. A chef's salad or baked potato isn't a low calorie option if you heap on fatty dressings or lots of butter and sour cream.

• Worried because you don't have time to sit down to breakfast? Have some leftovers or simple food—an oatmeal cookie, peanut butter sandwich, or even a slice of cold pizza. It doesn't matter that it's not "breakfast food." Your body doesn't differentiate which time of day you eat these foods.

To fuel your muscles for training sessions, be sure you eat enough carbohydrate foods like bread, potatoes, pasta, fruit and cereal.

 One to four snacks can be eaten throughout the day depending on lifestyle and activity level. Snacks can be used to supplement dist.

to supplement diet.

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ture frame from her mother. Her father gave her a Baptist hymnal and from relatives she got a work box, a set of vases, a pocket book and a silk hankerchief.

"I have six Christmas cards also. We all spent Christmas at Morehead and had a splendid time." she wrote.

In the diary, Nicholas W. Schenck wrote in 1875 that he helped set up and decorate the first Christmas tree ever seen in Hickory, N.C.

In 1848, A.A. Scroggs, in a letter to Robert F. Hackett, provides a glimpse of a Christmas celebration in Wilkesboro, N.C.

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"They had a 'Fox Chase' in the
morning which resulted in the
chasing of a Deer til they lost the
treeing of an illustrious old 'buck
rabbit.' They returned to drink a

few wash-bowlfuls of eggnog and rest during the day."

The letter goes on to describe a turkey dinner at the old academy, and a "Episcopal brethren," services and a prayermeeting at the old academy, and a dance at the "hotel till 11 o'clock."

"The little boys bursted balls of twine, shot pistols, etc. till our village seemed quite city-like and thus passed the day." Scroggs wrote.

In a diary that belonged to May Laughinghouse of Pitt County, she tells of a Christmas in 1892, her first Christmas at home in five years.

"The household at large has been very busy preparing for



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Holiday Safety Sense



Deck the halls with yuletide safety sense! The Christmas season offers great joy to children who anticipate the big day, but even the hoiday of giftgiving can be marred by unforseen mishaps in the home.

"Each year children are injured by dangerous toys, and families lose their homes due to fires that could have been prevented," says Donna Higgins, a home economist. "But Christmas doesn't have to be a dangerous time, and adults who incorporate safety into their planning can reduce the risks."

Here are some tips from Punch, to make your home holiday safe:

*When purchasing toys for children, be certain they are appropriate for the child. Careful shopping will detect a toy that is obviously unsafe, but what is fine for some children might be dangerous to others. For example, avoid small toys an infant might choke on.

*Purchase only a fresh Christmas tree and keep it watered to reduce the chance of fire. Only turn on tree lights when you are at home, and check lights annually to be sure the wires are not frayed or damaged in other ways.

*When decorating the house, keep ornmanets out of the reach of small children who might cut themselves on glass or other materials.

*A fireplace adds an extra dimension during the holidays, but before the season begins, check to ensure the fireplace is in good working condition. Never leave a fire burning, and be sure to place a screen barrier between the fire and the rest of the room. Teach children to avoid playing near the fireplace where they may fall and injure themselves.

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*Don't place the Christmas tree too close to a fire, where the heat may cause the tree to ignite.

*Remind children to be careful of outdoor traffic during the holidays. Motorists unaccustomed to children playing near the street may present a danger.

*When entertaining family and friends, be sure children avoid alcoholic beverages. Alcohol is dangerous to small children, who may want to sample from the adult punch bowl. The solution:

Have an alternative holiday punch for children, but be sure it looks different from the adult variety.

variety.

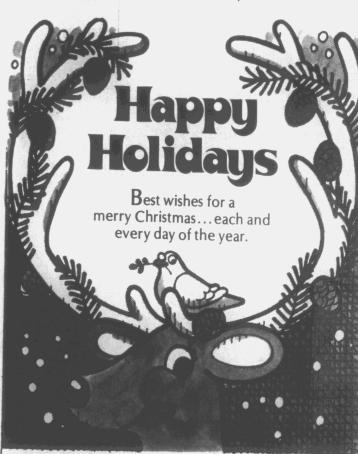
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juicy red, chilled

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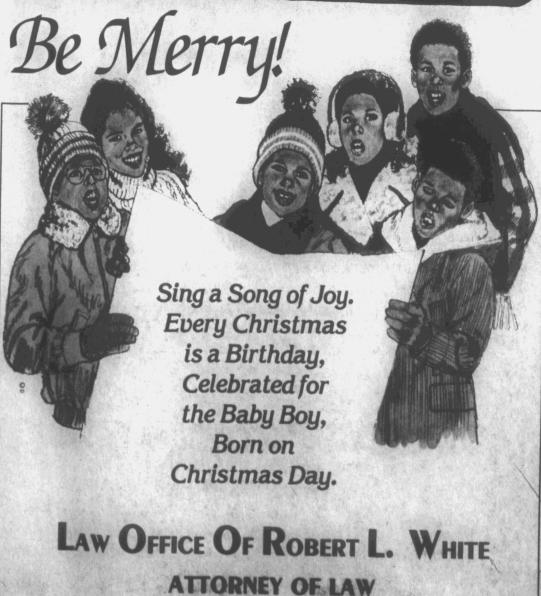
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ed and I have been busy all the afternoon decorating the hall, dining room, parlor and sitting room with Nominous, cedar, yaupon, holly and crystalized moss. The house really looks very bright and Xmaslike.

Xmas. The cakes etc. are finish-

'I sat up very late ----Mama and I --- talking about so many

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things ---- so many things. It is my first Xmas at home in five winters . . . Mama and I filled the stockings and I once more hung mine up.

"I unwrapped none of mine for I wished to enjoy one more Xmas of Long Ago and surprise myself in the morning by discovering my numerous gifts . . .," she wrote.

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These are typical of questions asked by taxpayers and are presented as a public service of this publication and the IRS.

Q. What is estimated tax?

A. Estimated tax is the method you use to pay federal income tax if you

have income that is not subject to withholding, or income from which not enough tax is being withheld. Your estimated tax is the total of your expected income tax and selfemployment tax (as well as certain other taxes) for 1988 minus your expected withholding and credits.

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Q. What kinds of income are not subject to withholding?

A. Federal income tax is generally not withheld from self-employment earnings, alimony, interest, dividends, rent, and capital gains.

Q How do I know if I must make estimated tax payments?

A. You must make estimated tax payments if you think your tax for 1988 will be \$500 or more and you expect that the total amount of income tax that will be withheld from your 1988 income will be less than the smaller of:

1. 90% of the tax to be shown on your 1988 income tax return, or

2. 100% of the tax shown on your 1987 income tax return (if your 1987 return covered all 12 months of the year).

Q. How do I pay estimated taxes?

A. You must use Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals. Form 1040-ES contains instructions, a worksheet to figure your estimated tax, and four payment-vouchers. Generally, you must make your first estimated tax payment by April 15 (April 17, 1989) and the balance in three installments.

Q. I have a job and my boss takes out withholding from my salary. I also have some interest income. Do I still have to make estimated tax payments?

A. Possibly. Depending upon the amount of tax not paid through withholding and the amount of your interest income, you may need to make estimated tax payments, or you may give your employer a new Form W-4 requesting that more tax be withheld from your salary.

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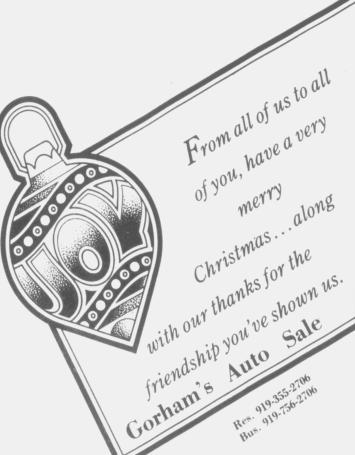
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