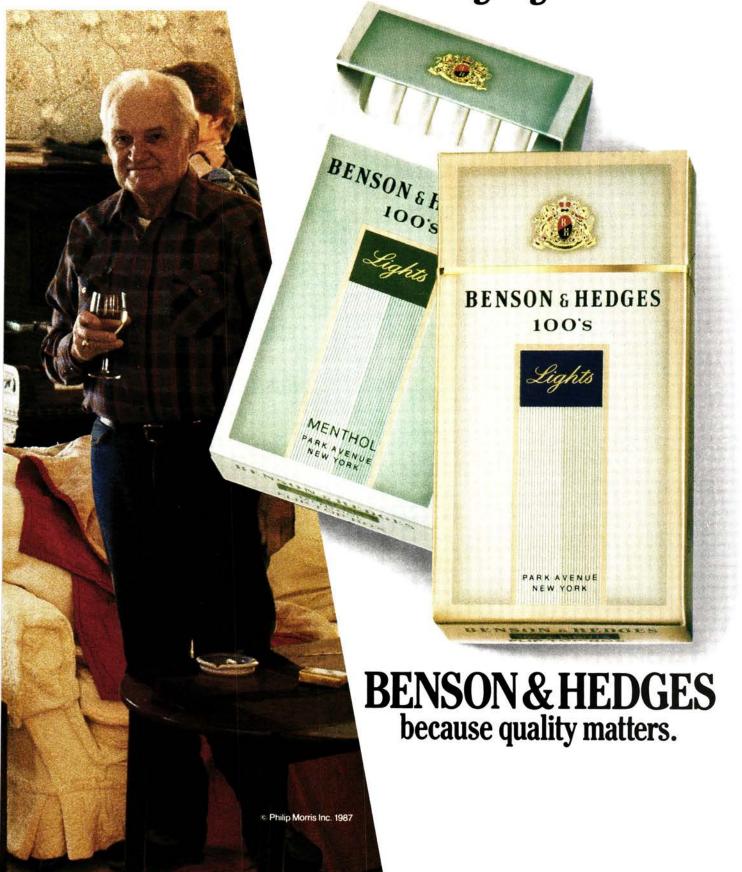


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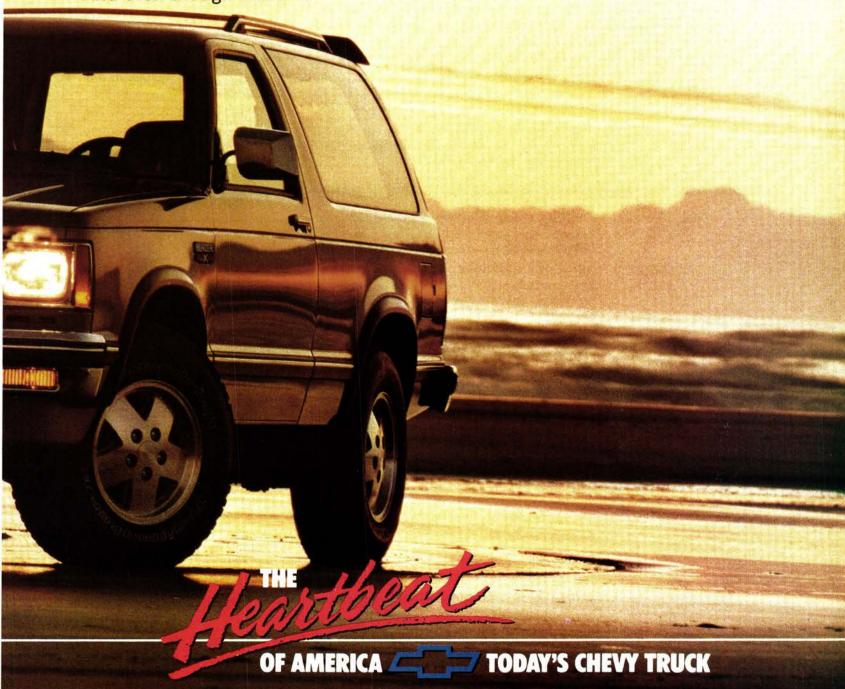
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# (Almost) Perfect Holidays



"Once we decide to drop old ideas of perfection, (almost) anything goes"

WE MAKE THIS MISTAKE ABOUT HOLIDAYS. WE think if we cannot do the whole-hog, Dickensian, wassail-besotted number, we shouldn't do it at all. So mostly we don't. It's not just the time, but the temperament. Today's Thanksgiving table is megaworlds away from Norman Rockwell'swhether it's two fine friends over one small bird or the new typical family with second husbands, ex-wives, six kinds of step-kids and grandmothers who look half their age.

This measuring up against the picture-perfection of holidays past-and always coming up short-has kept us at Met Home ambivalent. What do magazine-v stories like Mrs. So-and-So's heirloom ornaments or 60-ways-to-a-Victorian-Christmas mean to us today?

And yet, this year we sensed a readiness to celebrate again. To pause and admit we've a lot to be grateful for. To dispense with old ideas of tradition and go about making our own. So, to our one constant holiday story, Perfect Dinner Parties, we tacked the word "(Almost)." Once we drop ideas of perfection—anything goes.

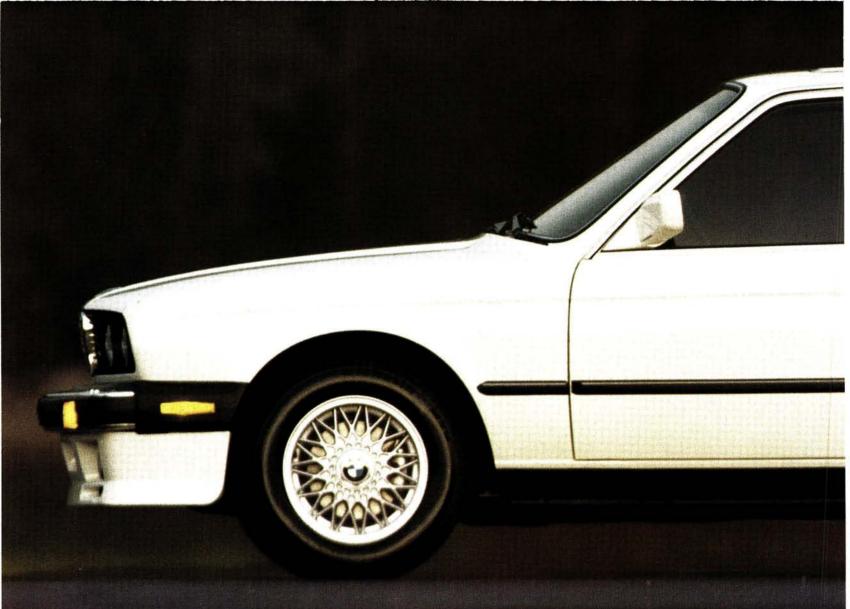
We heartily endorse grand gestures—the Big Bang Theory, we call it. This means you do not spin resolutely out of control as soon as the first gift catalog hits your mailbox (usually August). Instead, find three or four ideas—gifts, decorations—that mean something to you. If candles make your eyes light up, get 'em by the dozens. Use them every night and as you set match to wick, let that small warm glow intensify your sense of well-being. Last year I discovered orange and pine potpourri. That smelled celebration enough to me—and so what if the Santa Claus cookie cutters never made it out of the bottom drawer.

It's fashionable these days to mourn the lack of quality in our lives, to regret roots lost. We're used to the pattern of our days-so pragmatic, so without resonance. But in "Rituals," we turn to another kind of celebration: finding magic in the everyday.

Morning coffee, when you add contemplation (and good beans), becomes an event. Instead of seeing a night of TV and Chinese takeout as caving in, have fun. It's a M-O-V-I-E, man. In your own theater. With good food you didn't have to grow, kill or cook!

We present these ideas in photographs by Sandra Haber. At first they seem dreamy, till you look harder and find them filled with the stuff of our lives. Things to help us get out from under that rock of routine and find ritual: A fat bath sponge, an extrawide shower head, stacks of juicy picture books, creamy old writing paper and stubbily elegant writing pens. Even the telephone. Maybe Paul Simon is right. Maybe it's not just "London on line two." Maybe these are the days of miracle and wonder—this is the long distance call.

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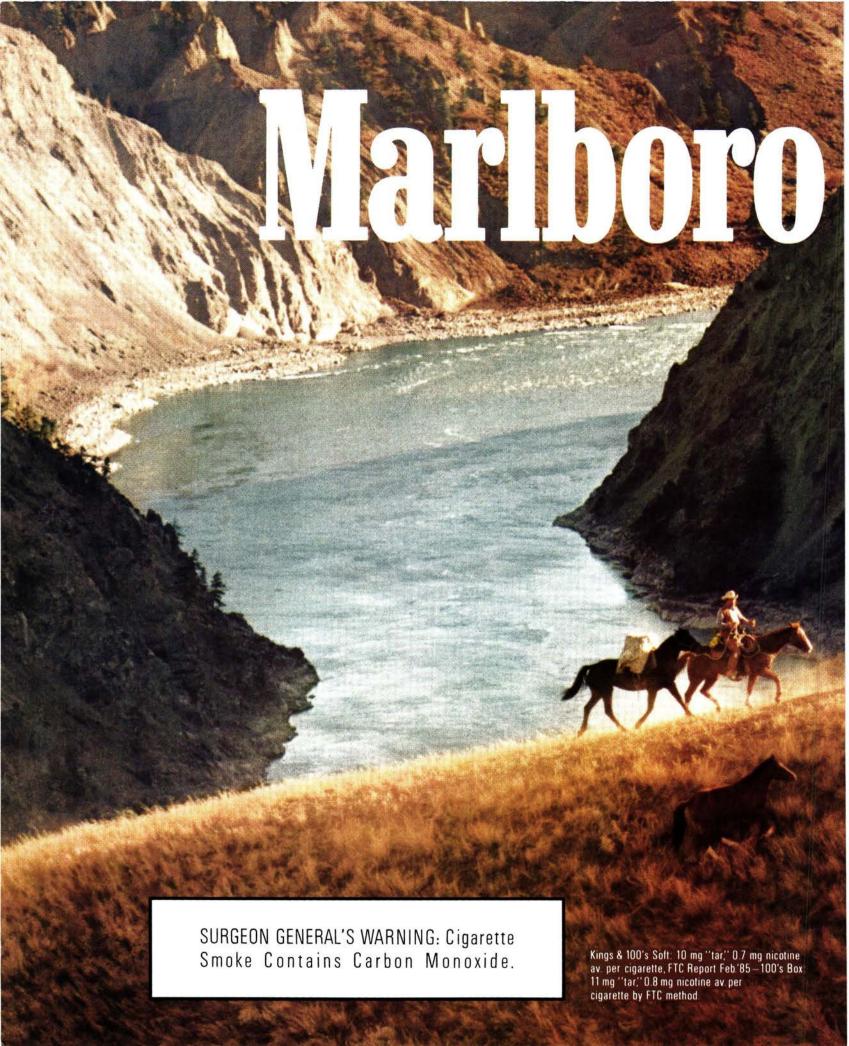
A true performance car can only result from a tradition that allows engineers to follow their visions, as opposed to the whims of the marketplace.

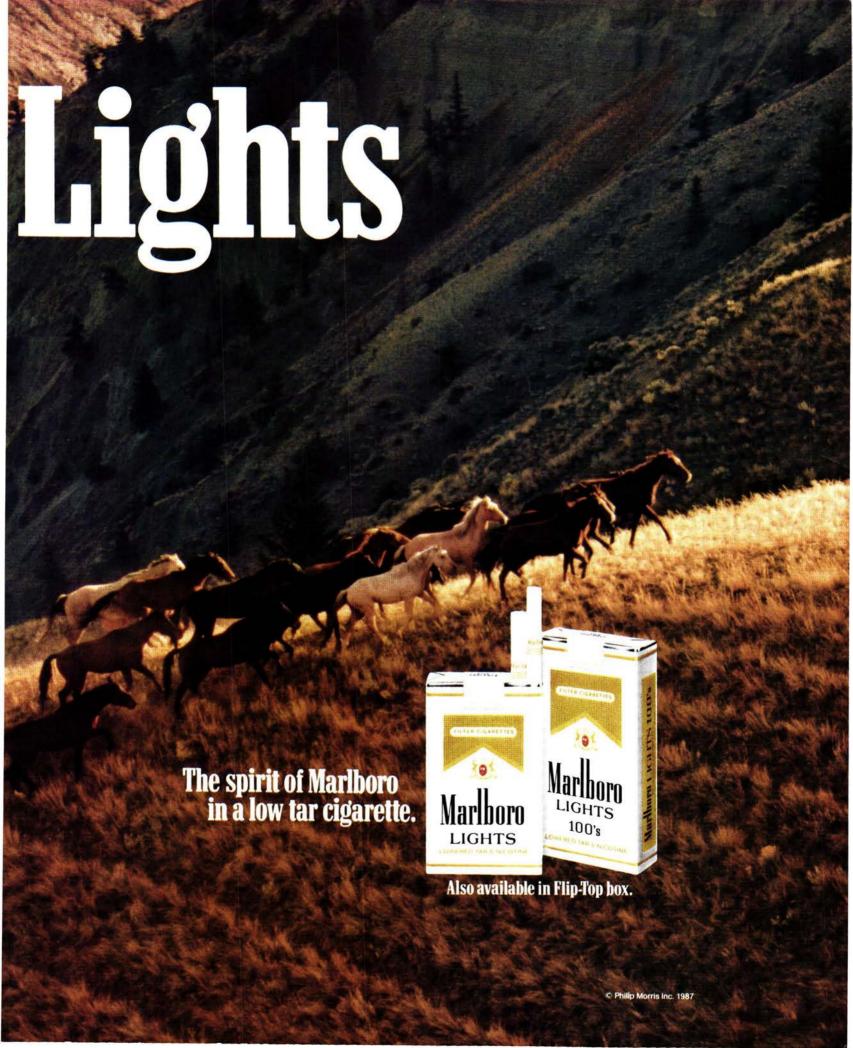
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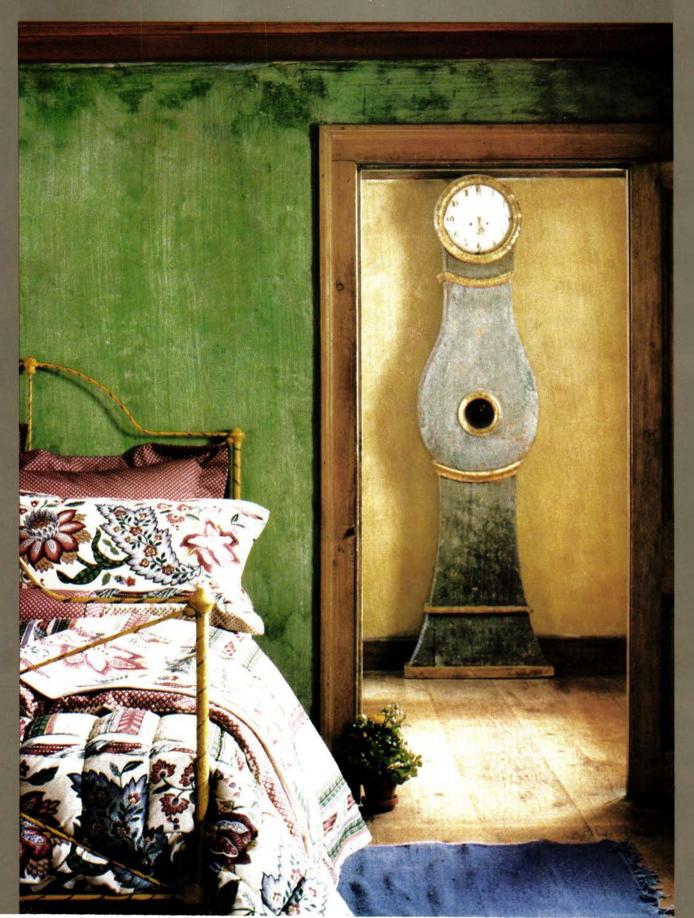
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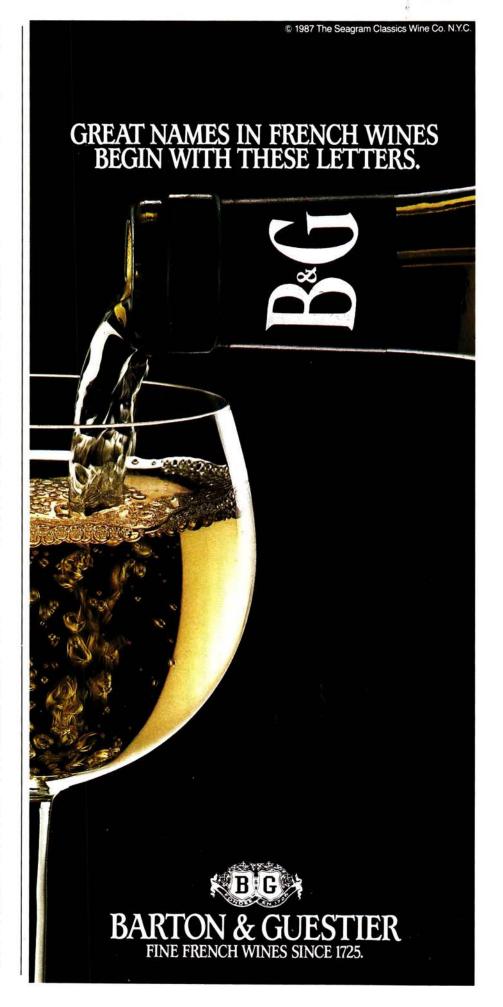
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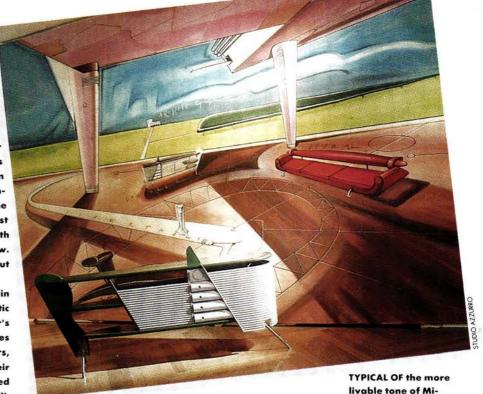


# HOT PROPERTIES

### Report from Milan 1987

LESS HAS LEFT. More (and better) is here. After 20 years in the grip of modern Italian design-sheer slabs of marble on strips of matte-black steel-the news from the 1987 Salone del Mobile is Expressionism. Generous shapes and organic forms have finally come into their own. Now furniture is being designed for bodies, not just buildings. Following the lead of Citterio's SITY for B&B last year, sofa forms are released from straight-edged bondage into freer, deeper, more roomfilling shapes. Lighting, too, has moved away from the uncompromising thin black line. Artemide, in its largest introduction in years, presented a stunning collection with all the excitement of an haute couture fashion show. There was a generous fluidity and freedom of shape, but now even light itself has become a sculptural source.

Color is back with a subtle rainbow of possibilities, in patterns that haven't shown up on this side of the Atlantic in decades. Even anything-goes Memphis, in this year's confident showing outside the fair, is presenting pieces that look more like furniture than ever. New designers, like 28-year-old Massimo Iosa-Ghini are drawing their ideas from a vital new strain of comic-book art, centered in Bologna. What a relief to witness the freedom of it all!



Rocking the Cradle



NOW CHILDREN can be seen . . . and heard. Sony has designed a collection of stereo gear, dubbed My First Sony, to bring maximum sound to the miniset. It hopes to sell doting parents on the wisdom of starting their kids off early with superior audio gear. The line includes a cassetterecorder with a sing-

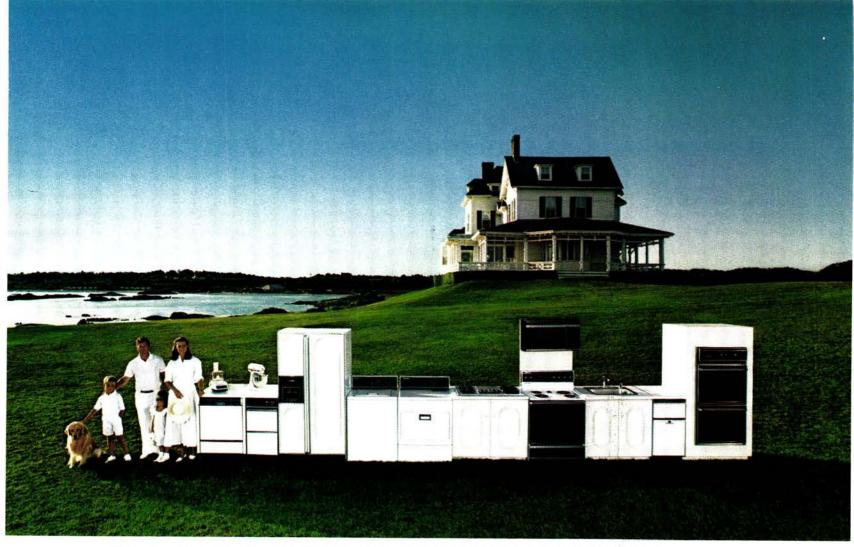
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lan's 1987 Salone del Mobile, Massimo losa-Ghini's new pieces for Memphis charmed us. Like his novel comic book art. the Bolognese designer's swoopy, low-slung sideboard is "contaminated with culture"-reminiscent of childhood toys and '50s tailfins, an updated version of streamlining.

### Multiple Listings

DON JOHNSON sold his 1.84 acres on Florida's Star Island for \$1.39 million because too many people knew he planned to build there. Now Johnson has hired Arquitectonica to design his new manse, in a top-secret location . . . Aspen architectural designer Gretchen Greenwood is building a 6,000-square-foot log house for Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell in Old Snowmass, Colorado. The existing manse, a Victorian kitsch-castle where the duo reside, will become a guest cottage. The log house will have "an enchanted forest look" . . . Elizabeth Taylor, who did for Puerto Vallarta what Brigitte Bardot did for St. Tropez, is breaking camp. Her seven-bedroom retreat is on the market at \$1 million . . . .



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### Wall Street

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Wall Street is a modern day morality tale of stock market greed and corruption, set in the quick-moneyed, ultrasleek, self-impressed world of Manhattan. And the movie's look validates it-from star Michael Douglas' Wall Street office, filled with Miros, Picassos and Nevelsons, to his lush Hampton beach house, a tony mix of all white furniture and Rauschenbergs. For perfectionist Stone, authenticity was crucial: The art is realthe Julian Schnabel canvas that's shown is from the artist's own collection. Stone wanted no studio sets, so every scene was shot on location. But Hendrickson's star turn is the Sutton Place co-op that Darryl Hannah, who plays an interior decorator, designs for co-star Charlie Sheen (it ends up serving as the couple's love nest).

It took Hendrickson's crew six weeks to turn a standard, vanilla-walled luxury duplex on the East Side into a postmodern temple of ruin, all chronicled onscreen as Hannah decorates.

Destruction is the theme. Stone wanted these digs to look like the last days of Pompeii, for the ripe allusions of corruption and decadence. Hendrickson tromped every oeil in sight. Pickled in pigment, the walls alone took five layers of glazing and distressing. A floating painter's-palette-shaped ceiling, reminiscent of a Fifties Miami Beach hotel, was turned into a metaphor of decay with a brutal, jack-hammered finish.

The furnishings, created by a virtual Who's Who of stylish artists, are savage with jagged edges and crumbling surfaces:

Concrete and rusty iron abound. Daniel Mack's bleached-wood twig chairs have been goldleafed by Hendrickson. Even the few "traditional" pieces on the set were swathed in outré, faux marbre'd to the max. A Ligne Roset sofa, for example, was engulfed in a handspattered and verdigrisfinished fabric.

"Part of the irony is that it takes money to make it look 'destroyed,'" admits Hendrickson, who spent \$200,000 creating this two-room, self-parodying suite. "It's no more expensive than studio-built sets," he says, defending his handiwork. "And it has one big advantage—real views."

One thing he couldn't locate among the wealth of New York sources that he mined was the perfect "power decorating" bed. So he designed one: A large platform

atop verdigris and gold leaf-covered columns. A tiny dimestore dinosaur, also verdigris'd, stands guard at each bedpost, to drive home the moral: Here lies a soon-to-beextinct lifestyle.

Despite the film's intent, Wall Street has been an uncanny case of déjà vu for the artists whose work adorns the sets: These furniture designers had real-life Wall Street clientele clamoring for just such pieces. Opines Hendrickson: "Those people are spending lots of money...and it's not on flowered chintz."





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### BRINGING BACK THE GOLDEN OLDIES





Wagner's armchair (right), Siegel's beechwoods lacquered black (top), Thonet original (left).

(Amy's came back

with gum under the

seat.) Now Shelby
Williams' Chicago
and New York showrooms offer an aristocratic, Europeanbred collection:
Thonet's bentwood
and Bauhaus designs.
Last January, Steinfeld
bought Viennese-born

bought Viennese-born Thonet Industries Inc. for \$8 million—and promptly began rummaging through its trove of yellowed catalogs. "I wanted to reintroduce the old classics, to bring back the old name," he explains. Engineers, working from archival line drawings, reconstructed the molds for 24 designs, hallmarks of the manufacturing and artistic revolution that Thonet began 150 years ago. Some are ubiquitous, made by Stendig, Knoll and a host of others. (Thonet's authenticity lies in having produced them first.) But a half-dozen of

these "revitalized clas-

sics" are actual Thonet exclusives. One star is Otto Wagner's 1898 walnut chair (top, right) with mother-of-pearl-inlaid



arms, a brass-tack trim and brass footings. (Thonet was one of the first firms to commission and produce architect-designed furniture.) Another is the 1873 Cafe Daum chair, a simple bentwood piece snatched up by Viennese cafes for under \$5.

Thonet's heritage lies in tapping industry and discovering art. Michael Thonet was 34 when he found, in 1830, that by boiling wood in glue, it became malleable as clay—and the first bentwood piece was born. By the 1880s, the family had discovered steam, and Thonet became the first mass-production furniture company. In 1922, Leopold Pilzer, the firm's second owner, turned its Paris branch into the top source for Bauhaus design icons: Le Corbusier's black chaise and Breuer's cantilevered chairs.

During World War II, the original Thonet splintered into four separate firms, in four countries, each with the same name. (Steinfeld bought the American branch.) None of the fractured firm's designs are patented, so Gustav Siegel's 1904 blacklacquered armchairs (top, left) may soon be crowding stores. "The market is open to anybody," Steinfeld shrugs. But he's looking ahead to "a totally new line" of tubular steel and laminated plywood pieces that will take Thonet into the Nineties. —Dylan Landis



COAST TO COAST, HERE IS WHAT'S SHAPING THE METROPOLITAN STATE OF MIND

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### SPILT WINE?

The days of wine - and wine stains - are upon us. How can I rescue my linen tablecloths, carpets, white shirts and glasses from a red wine spill? IF YOU CAN only remember one thing in your time of red wine ruin, run for the club soda and rub lightly into the stain. Everyone from wine tasters to airline flight attendants agree it's a quick-clean remedy for fabrics. If you can't find the soda, those in the know, including the wife of winery owner Robert Mondavi, fight fire with fire: They clean a wine spill off a rug by dousing it with white wine. If you haven't got the heart, pour boiling water over the stretched fabric from a height of a few feet. But don't rub the stain too much or use saltboth will cause the stain to set in the fabric. And when in doubt, let a dry cleaner tackle the job. For glassware—especially narrow-necked decanters—the usual soak in dishwasher detergent and hot water may not do the trick. Try baking soda, Pollident denture cleaner, or a mixture of Soft Scrub and Clorox bleach.

his fingers follow the

smooth curves of a Thonet

bentwood chair, Manfred

Steinfeld looks like a man

of grace. "Isn't that beau-

Manny Steinfeld is a

chair aficionado. A refu-

gee from Hitler's Germa-

chair company, Chicago-

based Shelby Williams,

when he was 29. Stein-

feld's armchairs (ranging

from Queen Anne to rat-

tan) fill the lobbies and

rooms of Hyatts and Hil-

tons. His aluminum stack-

ny, he started his own

tiful," he says. "Those

complicated shapes."

# CASE No. 19: FELONIOUS FOLIAGE



WE DID A HATCHET JOB on Ima Grinch, doyenne of the Dahling school of decor, for tasteless trimming (Exhibit A). Her fake fir, bristling with silver bows and choking on Baby's Breath, tried to be branché—but ended up boring. Exhibit B, strung with homemade ornaments, childhood trinkets and newly minted toys, is a celebration in the works. Our culprit vowed to spruce up her act. Resources, page 103

# FLIGHTS OF FANCY

YOU'VE BEEN there. The stewardess is handing out the dinner en foil on your flight to Denver. You figure you'll skip the rubbery beef, go straight for the roll and sticky custard. And then you spy a woman eating cool crabmeat; her child, a juicy hamburger. They didn't pack a lunch. They're simply taking advantage of the airlines' increasingly

Yes, you know about the Kosher, Moslem and Hindu meals that most airlines provide, and the low-sodium, low-cholesterol, vegetarian and diabetic options. But what's new is that aside from all the dietetic and religious specials (ordered 12 to 24

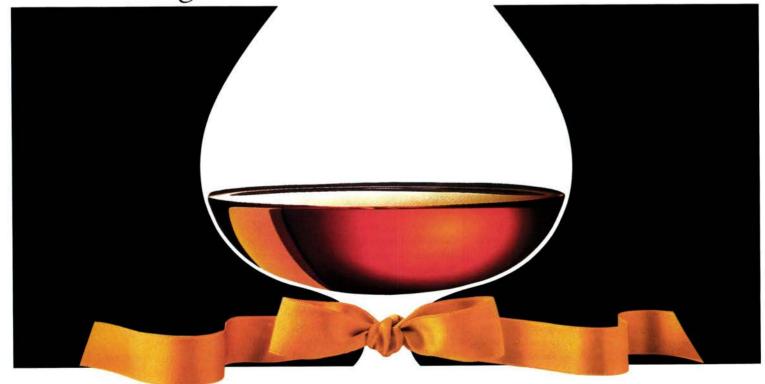
varied choice of meals.

hours beforehand), most airlines provide an assortment of alternatives—at no extra charge—for the flyer who is just plain sick of Airplane Food.

Fly American, and until six hours before takeoff on most domestic flights, you can order their special meals over the phone through any reservation office: cold chicken, sliced raw vegetables, a big burger and chips, cold seafood, fresh fruit with cottage cheese, even an Indochinese platter. And everyone qualifies for the kids' menu: hot dog, fried chicken, yes, PB&J.

On United, again with six hours notice, ask for their lighter menu: cioppino—a hot seafood stew,

# On the first night of Christmas



cold seafood platter, and California fruit plate.

Eastern, aside from the obligatory special menus, provides a seafood dinner or fruit and cheese with 12 to 24 hours notice. But they're frank about suggesting you order when you buy your ticket and confirm 12 hours before flight time.

TWA needs 24 hours lead time, and serves a BBQ plate. Pan Am, also requiring 24 hours, has limited choices, but they do offer birthday and wedding cakes.

Alright, so it's not caviar, champagne or extrawide seats. But it is available at no extra cost, it's easy to order, and it sure does beat what we all know and hate.

-Mary Beth Jordan

### B OOK REPORT

### GORGEOUS GEORGIA



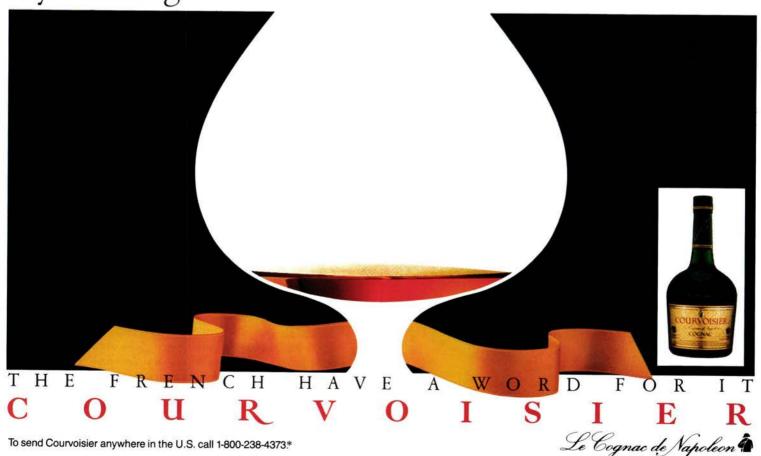
ONE HUNDRED of O'Keeffe's flowers, lush with their disorienting closeness and exaggerated scale.

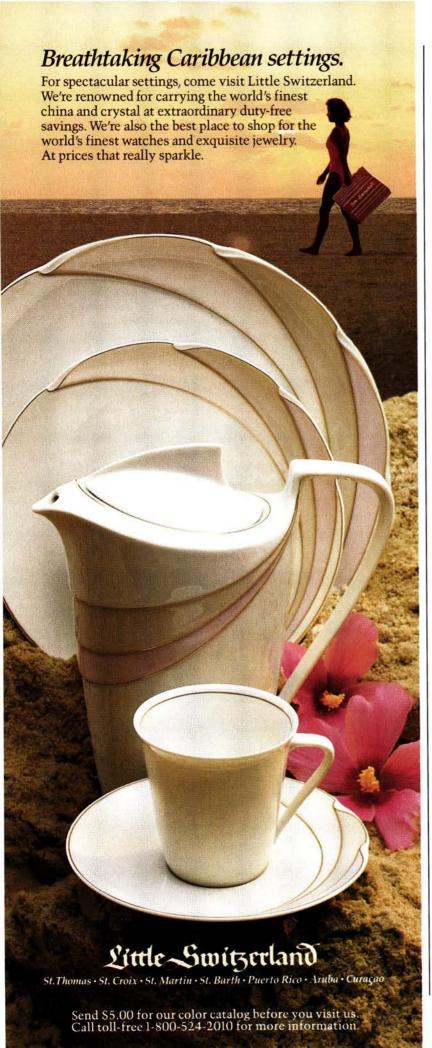
IN HER LIFE and in her art, Georgia O'Keeffe, exemplified the struggle for spiritual freedom: a lone woman among a small circle of modernists who confronted Victorian America with revolutionary art, then abandoned the metropolis to live on the Western plains. A major museum retrospective, and two new books, celebrate the centennial—on November 15-of the birth of this fiercely independent artist. The National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., has mounted a traveling exhibition of 100-plus works spanning her career, cocurated by Juan Hamilton, O'Keeffe's companion and partner toward

the end of her life. The show's catalog, Georgia O'Keeffe: Art and Letters (New York Graphic Society/Little, Brown; \$50), reveals, through letters, a previously unseen personal side. Georgia O'Keeffe: One Hundred Flowers (Knopf/ Callaway; \$100), an extravagantly oversized book, reproduces many of her early, sexually charged flowers, which sent shock waves throughout polite society. The bursting bee's-eye view flowers seem more beautiful than shocking today. and what was one woman's vision of freedom will surely be a ubiquitous coffee table gift.

-Walter Robinson

my true love gave to me...





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NAME: CORKSCREW
ORIGINAL NAME: Bottlescrew

DATE OF BIRTH: England, sometime between 1630 and 1675.

CREATOR: Unknown. However, the inventor most likely took his cue from the wormlike device that was used to extract bullets from the muzzle-loading muskets and pistols of the early 17th century.

ANCESTRY: Historical records indicate that the first corkscrews were used not for wine, but for cider and beer. Both sparklers required a tight-fitting (often tied on) cork capable of trapping fermenting gas. Such corks, forced into the neck of a bottle, would later prove brutes to budge. Thus arose the empirical imperative: Either break the neck of stubborn bottles, push the cork into the liquid—or come up with something better to get the blasted thing out.

EVOLUTION: Corkscrews leapt from beer and cider to wine in the 18th century, when the English began maturing wine in bottles rather than casks. Wine bottles, stored on their sides for years at a time, required a cork that was pushed deep into the neck. Consequently, corkscrews went from being helpful to being essential.

DESIGN: From the early T-shaped corkscrew, with its handle, shaft and worm, blossomed thousands of design variations. Double-wormed, folding, left-handed, brush-tipped and combination corkscrews came in a variety of materials: silver, gold, bronze, steel, gilt on copper, wood, mother-of-pearl, bone, plastic — you name it. Handle ornamentation knew no bounds — from cardinals' caps and boars' tusks to naked women in, ahem, poses.

IMPACT: Though we can't manage without them, many of us have watched in horror as corks crumbled into smithereens—and then the wine—as a result of lousy corkscrews. A giant step forward occurred in 1979 with the birth of a nearly infallible corkscrew: the Screwpull, invented by Herbert Allen, a retired 72-year-old Texas oil-field equipment engineer, and holder of over 150 patents for oil rig gear. The Screwpull's long helical worm is coated with Du Pont SilverStone so it glides without friction through corks, even those in less than perfect condition. As the worm descends, the cork is forced to climb up the worm and out of the bottle, requiring no effort (or expertise) on the part of the puller. No statistics are available on how many more women now open the wine for dinner.

—Karen MacNeil

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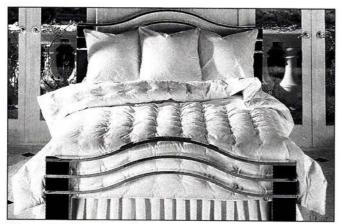


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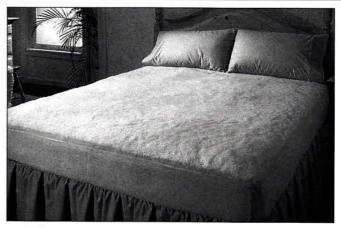


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# Simple Cooking Is No Secret. Why Is John Thorne? lettuce leaves and scallion s full of those crusty, garlier

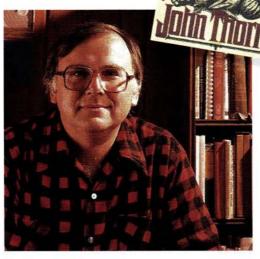
At home Down East, reclusive food writer and self-taught cook John Thorne has a generous appetite for common sense—and a delicious way with words

BY COLMAN ANDREWS

JOHN THORNE IS ONE OF THE best food writers in America today. He is also one of the most obscure, being somewhere between an unknown and a cult figure. His oeuvre is small and specialized: Nine self-published pamphlets on topics ranging from rice and beans to "British Pub Grub"; a newsletter called "Simple Cooking," theoretically a quarterly but sometimes not quite that; and a new book, also called Simple Cooking, and based on the newsletter, just out from Viking (at \$20).

His style is evocative, opinionated, fun to read, full of good sense, authentic. Here he is, for instance, introducing an essay on a staple of American home cooking: "More than

men, I think, women share important memories as tokens of their love. One recollection so given me was of a small girl watching her father make macaroni and cheese... the strong fatherly arm stirring the bubbling ingredients... the fragrant heat wafting out the open oven door... the hungry little girl whose fascination and ardent appetite was to the cook a special seasoning." Here he is on zucchini: "You'd think more people would be suspicious of a vegetable whose only virtue is that any fool can grow one." And here he is on, well, the crisp skin pulled off some sautéed chicken thighs: "Broke open a chewy sub roll, spread it with some mayo spiced with hot sauce, laid in a few



"Ordinary dishes become extraordinary again if we go back to their roots"

lettuce leaves and scallion slivers, and crammed it full of those crusty, garlicky-tasting succulently greasy chicken skins. Oh, boy!"

Thorne doesn't like to travel-"I overload easi-

ly," he notes, "and if there are more than three people in the room, I have trouble concentrating"—and he avoids most contact with the so-called "food establishment," because he isn't sure that what he does and what they do are quite the same thing. He wants to be able to enjoy food and then perhaps to write about it, he explains, rather than have to approach food with a story in mind. As if to confirm his apparent reclusiveness, Thorne moved himself and his publications, late last summer, from his native Quincy, Massachusetts, to a little white-frame

house in Castine, Maine—a remote, patrician coastal village, claimed by locals as the first permanent European settlement in New England. I visited him there one rainy morning in September, and he invited me to stay for lunch—which turned out to be a delicious and appropriately simple meal of crab rolls (New England-style hot dog buns stuffed with crab salad), fresh local corn, Cape Cod brand potato chips and Maine's own Geary Pale Ale. Thorne is a pleasant-looking man of 44, round-faced, bespectacled, vaguely rumpled. He laughs freely and talks with both enthusiasm and wit—and had he not told me differently himself, I would have imagined him to be an accomplished raconteur, at ease in any crowd.

A one-time private school teacher (he holds a special studies degree from Amherst in "The Concept of Self in Literature and Philosophy") and then an editor for the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare (where he once feared he might end up, he says, "writing podiatrists' rules for the rest of my life"), Thorne first taught himself to cook while living on a \$180-a-month mail boy's salary on Manhattan's Lower East Side. "I ate a lot of frozen corn with cheddar cheese," he recalls, "and I drank a lot of Metrecal. Eventually, though, I decided that I had to remedy that situation, so I started asking the old Ukranian women in the local market what to do with this vegetable or that organ meat."

He had a parallel, if more pleasant, experience Continued on page 32

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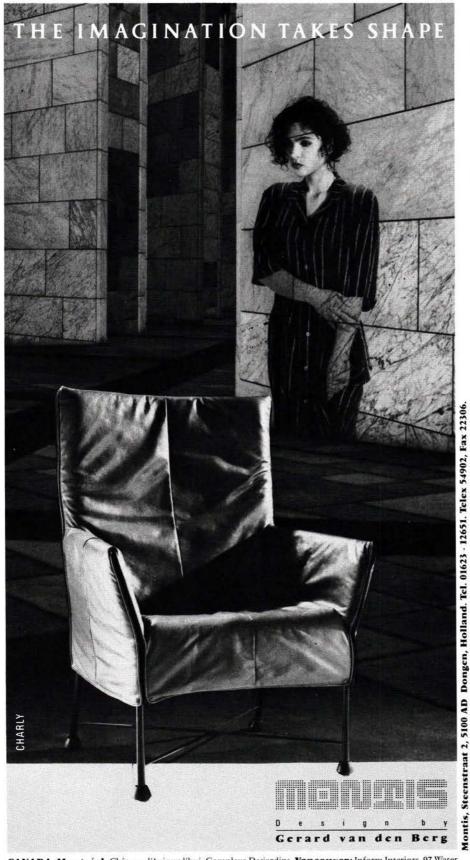
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spending summers alone at his grandparents' house in Casco, Maine. Again, his food budget was tiny (about \$100 for the whole summer, he recalls), but this time he turned to the local bounty, sampling wild greens, beach plum jam, mussels ("which nobody around there had ever heard of eating"), and the like. Learning to cook this way, rather than out of an elaborate family tradition or a familiarity with fancy restaurants, Thorne developed what might be called the animating principle behind almost everything he writes-"the notion that ordinary dishes become extraordinary again if we go back to their roots [and] pare away all the ill-advised shortcuts and 'improvements' that have dulled their luster over the years."

He first had the chance to elaborate on this notion in 1979, when, short on funds, he wrote and printed up a little booklet about onion soup as a Christmas present for friends. "Everybody loved it," he says, and he loved doing it—so he took a \$100 tax refund he got early the next year and started planning booklet number two. "Simple Cooking" began as a giveaway to promote the pamphlets. Now he offers subscriptions to it, and it is its own reward-unpretentious, thoughtful, well-written, based more on intelligent explanations of food than on mere culinary formulas.

"One day I'm going to do a piece on the tyranny of recipes," says Thorne. "On how people tend to taste them, rather than food itself. Having a feeling for what you're cooking is much more important than specific ingredients or cooking times anyway. Take pesto, for instance. The reason I think people should make it with a mortar and pestle instead of a food processor isn't because it's morally correct that waybut because making it with a mortar and pestle is fun, and gives you a whole new understanding of what pesto is. That's the kind of thing that 'simple cooking' is about."

To send away for John Thorne's newsletter, "Simple Cooking," write to him at Jackdaw Press, P.O. Box 622, Castine, Maine 04421. One year's subscription is \$12.



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—Kim Romocki Rochester, NY

Time clocks were invented in the late 19th century, and work very much like those still being used today: An employee's time card is inserted into the slot and

punched with the date and time. The clockworks were often made by the Seth Thomas company, and could go 30 days between windings. Though not in great demand, time clocks in good condition can sell for \$300 to \$600, one with a fancy case bringing the higher price.

## DESIRABLE STREETCAR

This model for a trolley has working windows and doors, upholstered benches inside, and lifts off the tracks in its base. It was made about a hundred years ago by my great, great, great uncle, an inventor named James Richie. The family history has it that Richie built the model while confined to bed, and when he went to patent it, discovered that a friend who knew of the idea had done so first. Do you know what it's worth?

> —Evelyn Dillon Freeport, NY

Being one-of-a-kind, your trolley's value depends on whether collectors would compete for it at auction. A toy collec-



tor might pay \$500 to \$2,000. If it was the model for a toy that went into production by a major manufacturer, it could be worth 10 times more.

## GLORIOUS OLDY

This flag has been in the family for generations, and is said to have come from a great greatgrandfather who was a drummer boy in the army. Could you tell me what it's worth and when it might be from?

—Mrs. G. Kadeus North Arlington, NJ



You have an "Old Flag," which was flown by Federal troops during the Civil War. The circle of stars with the one large star in the middle is a variation on a design from Revolutionary War days. Besides age and condition, the size of a flag also determines its value. If it's too large to be easily framed for display, the price goes down. If it's in good shape, though, your flag could be worth between \$300 and \$750.

## **OLIVER'S STORY**

My father bought this old typewriter at a flea market. It is in perfect working or-



der. Imprinted on it is a patent date of 1917. Can you tell me anything about its history and value?

—Keith G. Burnett Decatur, GA

Tired of writing his sermons out longhand, the Reverend Thomas Oliver patented his first "sidestrike" typewriter in 1891. Typewriters were invented in 1874, and Oliver's innovation was that the keys swing down

on the ribbon from the sides, rather than from below. The Oliver machines were quite popular, and many are still in use because they are practically indestructible. Rarity, age, brand and condition determine a typewriter's value. Handsome as they are, Oliver typewriters are so

rugged, that they haven't yet become rare enough to command very high prices. Your No. 9 would sell for about \$50.

## RIVETING IMAGE

This 26"-by-34" oil painting by Edna Reindel is dated 1942. I understand it's from a series commissioned by a magazine (I don't know which) in honor of American women workers during World War II. I would like to know what its value is.

-Victor Holliger, Jr. San Francisco, CA

Edna Reindel was active as an illustrator and WPA muralist in the 1930s and 1940s. Your painting is worth about \$500. Although it would be quite a task to find out, the painting's value could increase if you knew which magazine it had been done for. It would be worth still more if it had been used on the magazine's cover.



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## Gifts We'd Like To Get

SOMETIMES WE SPEND too much time trying to come up with the perfect gift, which somehow always materializes into a necktie ("oh . . . it's great . . . little pigs") or a small floral bottle of eau-de-dunno-you-very-well. This year we just decided to ask our friends (four critics who should know) what they would like to get. Below, a rundown of their personal best.

## LOOKING AT COOKING



READING ABOUT eating and drinking is almost as much fun as eating and drinking are themselves—and if you practice a little, you might even find that you're able to eat and/or drink and read about eating and drinking at the same time (especially if you don't try to chew gum, too). The trouble, though, is what to read. All too much writing

about matters gastronomical today (and there's a bushel and a peck of it) is simply indigestible. I've seen recipe books that are slightly less exciting than geometry texts; tomes on wine can positively gag you with their sticky prose, as purple as petite sirah.

Here are some of the best of this year's crop, though—all of them books I'd be pleased as punch to find under my Christmas tree:

- Honey From a Weed by Patience Gray (Harper and Row, \$25) and Mediterranean Cookery by Claudia Roden (Knopf, \$24.95) are both, if you'll pardon the expression, pan-Mediterranean in nature. Gray's book is an elegantly written, idosyncratically arranged celebration of (to quote its subtitle) "fasting and feasting in Tuscany, Catalonia, the Cyclades [specifically the Greek island of Naxos] and Apulia." There is lots of lore and legend here, along with recipes from Italian pea soup to Catalan almond cakes. Roden's offering covers even more of the Mediterranean (including Turkey, North Africa and Egypt, where Roden was born, as well as Southern Europe). Many recipes are Roden's versions of old favorites (coquilles Saint Jacques, bouillabaisse), but there's exotica here too-for instance, Turkish meatballs with creamed eggplant and Valencian pumpkin pudding. Handsome color photos not just of completed dishes but also of important Mediterranean food products and raw materials are an added delight.
- The Breakfast Book by Marion Cunningham (Knopf, \$17.95) is pure Americana. Cunningham, who is also the author of the Fannie Farmer Cookbook, obviously loves breakfast, and her book will make you love it too—especially if it includes things like her lemon yogurt muffins, butter-crumbled eggs and red flannel fish hash.
- Memoirs of a Cook by Mildred O. Knopf (Atheneum, \$19.95) and Tony's: The Cookbook by George Fuermann (Shearer, \$21.95) are books I'd have trouble explaining my affection for to my trend-hungry food friends: Both are unabashedly uncontemporary. Both are also quite delightful. Knopf's books are classics of the old-fashioned-but-sophisticated home-cooking genre, and in Continued on page 44

## VIDEO TO STAY

VIDEOCASSETTES CAN BE easy gifts. No sizes or colors to worry about. For the kids, there's always a Disney or Sesame Street tape; for teens, a music video. But it's also easy to fall into the Big Hits trap: Top Gun, Back to the Future, or Star Trek IV. Luckily, with a little imagination, you can give a truly classic film for the holidays, one that will hold up under repeated viewing and perhaps inspire a film library. Here's a list of some favorite genres, and recent films that deserve hall-of-fame status, too:

• All Quiet on the Western Front, 1930 (MCA, \$29.95). The cinematic horrors of Vietnam abound now. But what is arguably the greatest antiwar film was made in 1930, about World War I—and from the German point of view. This Oscar-winner was directed by Lewis Milestone and adapted by Maxwell Anderson from Erich Maria Remarque's novel of young men at war. Early sequences, with Lew Ayres and his wide-eyed pals bursting with patriotic pride, are a bit shaky, but the scenes of battle and postcombat despair are emotionally shattering. Milestone's camera



prowls up and down the trenches, searching in vain for signs of decency and humanity. There are few film scenes more powerful than the last shot of a soldier's hand reaching for a butterfly. This version restores footage missing for many years from TV and revival theater prints.

Touch of Evil, 1958 (MCA, \$29.95). Hollywood myth No. 102: Orson Welles' career was all

downhill after Citizen Kane. Exhibit to the contrary: Touch of Evil, a brilliantly nasty little thriller with dazzling camera work, shot mostly at night in Venice, California. Starring Welles, himself, as a corpulent, corrupt border cop who goes head-to-head with a Mexican detective (Charlton Heston—with a pencil-thin mustache) over a murder investigation, with supporting players Janet Leigh, Marlene Dietrich, Joseph Cotten and Eva Gabor. The home video also restores missing footage.

- Anatomy of a Murder, 1959 (RCA, \$69.95). Moviegoers have always pled guilty to the charge that there's nothing like a good courtroom drama. My personal favorite contains all the right elements: a small-town murder case, a modest lawyer, a slick prosecutor, a colorful judge and a star witness. James Stewart is the lawyer with a fondness for fly-fishing. George C. Scott plays the nimble prosecutor. The judge is none other than Army-McCarthy hearings hero Joseph Welch. Otto Preminger directs. A brassy score by Duke Ellington (who appears briefly).
- The Night of the Hunter, 1955 (MGM, \$24.95). A film nightmare that's more genteel than Blue Velvet, but no less frightening, is the classic based on David Grubb's novel. Set in a Southern landscape where it always Continued on page 44



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## GOOD VIBRATIONS

WHENEVER I SLAP A LITTLE NEW AGE MUSIC on the turntable, I'm greeted by derisive hoots of displeasure. "Mantovani for yuppies," cry jazz purists. "Muzak for couch potatoes," scream Hendrix aficionados. OK, I admit a certain ambivalence toward this easy-listening genre gobbling up rack space at my record mart. But still . . . on certain days and at certain times, the basic cross of jazz, acoustic and classical music is hypnotizing, rejuvenating. Blame or credit falls in the lap of Windham Hill, a small, booming (\$26 million in annual sales) company in Stanford, California, that began as a way for founder/folk guitarist William Ackerman to get himself on record. Understandably, major record companies have picked up on the trend. To introduce their new labels, ethereally named Narada, Novus, Colors and Private Music have produced "samplers" of selected tracks—the best introduction for novice New Agers. Here are some others that make a sound beginning to any collection:

- Ancient Dreams, Patrick O'Hearn (Private Music, 1985). The right mix of outerspace euphoria and instrumental realism. Though O'Hearn led a pop band (Missing Persons) in his spare time, his spacious and floating instrumentals on synthesizer appear to be his true love.
- © Country, George Winston and friends (Windham Hill, 1984). Winston, whose 1980 platinum "Autumn" is credited with "breaking" both Windham Hill and New Age Music, lent his melodic piano to this film soundtrack and it helped the movie and his career. Like the best of the genre, his piano takes you to other worlds.
- Seascapes, Michael Jones (Narada, 1984). Softer—and newer—piano than Winston, perfect for late-night sedation. Narada proves that stateof-the-art digital recording can make a difference.
- Part of Fortune, Liz Story (Novus, 1986). With classical and ethnic influences, Story's piano is more big-screen than Bach. But the result is a pleasant blend of Aaron Copeland and Graceland.
- Automatic Writing, Steven Kindler (Global Pacific Records, 1985). Kindler began his violin career at 18 with John McLaughlin's Mahavishnu Orchestra, later working with Jeff Beck, Jan Ham-





mer and Narada's Michael Walden. The record company was founded in a Hawaiian cottage in 1979; the music has a gentle, island beat.

- Quantum Mechanix, Craig Huxley (Sonic Atmospheres, Spring 1988).
  Charlie Parker meets Aldous Huxley. This is as close to jazz as New Age records come, featuring lots of alto sax behind Huxley's synthesizer.
- Southern Exposure (Windham Hill, 1983), Altiplano (Novus, 1987), Alex DeGrassi. This New Age guitarist is the cream of the crop. The first album is thick, melodic, classic acoustic guitar. The second shows the evolution of both the artist and the genre—lighter, jazzier, especially the title track.
- Strange Cargo, William Orbit (I.R.S., 1988). I.R.S. founder Miles Copeland has brought rock artists Wishbone Ash, Stewart Copeland and Pete Haycock to the New Age in his label's "No Speak" series. The fourth album in the series, due out in January, features William Orbit's rockbased production of himself on guitars, keyboards and percussion, covering an eclectic range from reggae to country. Orbit (who has produced records for Sting, Belinda Carlisle and others) proves that the New Age is accessible to musicians of all stripes.
- Best Bet: Windham Hill Sampler 86. Features tracks from Michael Manring, Liz Story, Mike Marshall and Darol Anger, Shadowfax and a half-dozen more. Also try An Evening with Windham Hill Live.
- Worst Bet: Artfully Beatles, Volume I (Artful Balance Records, 1986).
   What gives New Age music a bad name—it ruined "Norwegian Wood" for me forever. Let's hope Volume II never surfaces. —Jon Bowermaster

## PAPERBACK WRITERS

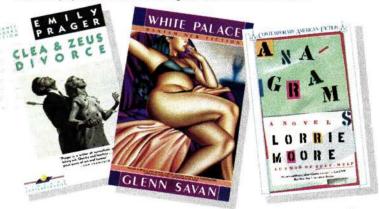


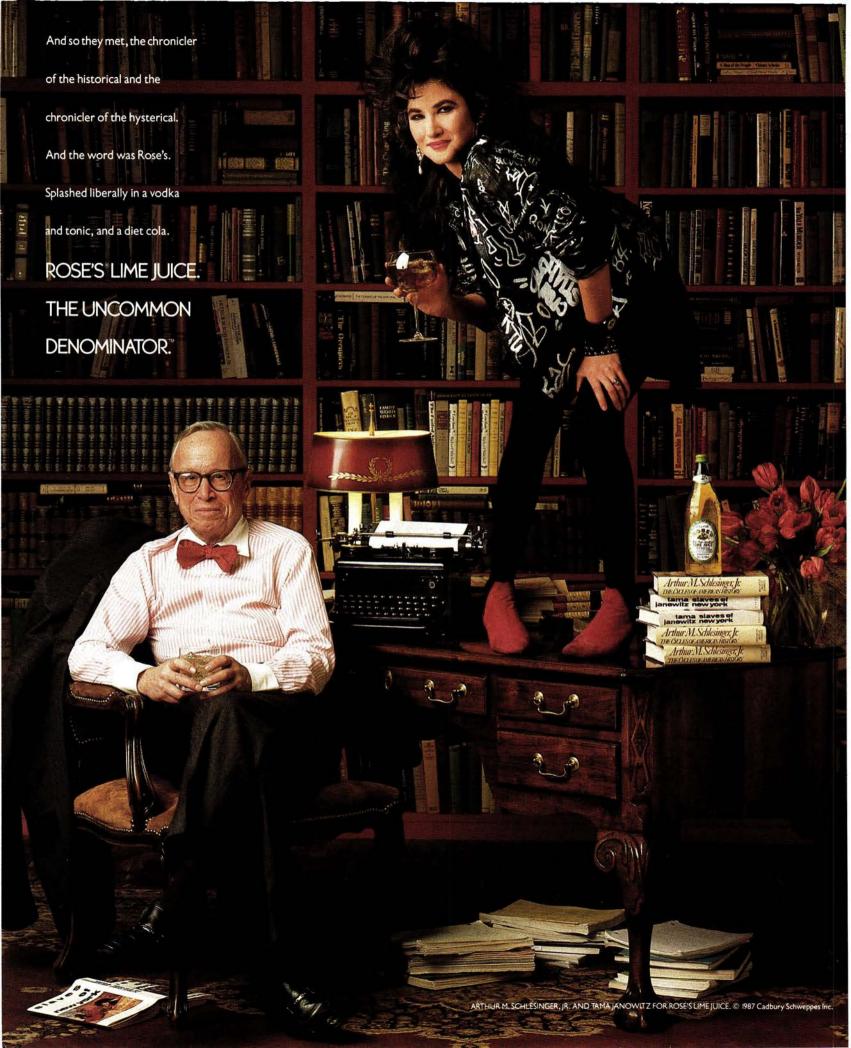
WHEN, IN 1984, Jay McInerney's Bright Lights, Big City became a New York (if not actually a New York Times) best-seller, its publisher, Vintage Contemporaries, demonstrated what many readers, writers, and editors had suspected for a while: Works of "quality" fiction (as opposed to genre entertainments and trash, i.e., quantity fiction)

could reach a broad, eager audience in trade paperback. Novels and short story collections that foundered in hardcover print runs of 7,000 found new life in trade paper reprints of 30,000 and more; and books (like Bright Lights) that never made it to hardcover were able to thrive as trade paper originals. Finally, the solemnly packaged tome as fetishized objet began to yield shelf space to something else: snappily art-directed, sanely priced, a reasonable compromise between mass-market eyestrain and clothcovered luxury, something with more of the immediacy of recordalbum packaging. The result, today, is a profusion of attractive covers and unfamiliar bylines. Several publishers have followed the Vintage example with their own special series, like Penguin Contemporary American Fiction and Bantam New Fiction. Yet, these original titles are often completely ignored by critics, simply because they're paperbacks. Which to choose? Below, a rundown of some of the best of the new arrivals:

- The Broom of the System, David Foster Wallace (Penguin American Contemporary Fiction). Unique and almost indescribable: The year is 1990, and around reticent, 24-year-old Lenore Beadsman swirl her slightly nuts boss/boyfriend, a lecherous Texan from the past, a brother with an artificial leg filled with drugs, a cockatiel spouting Auden and obscenity, a missing greatgrandmother fond of Wittgenstein, a faulty phone system, babyfood-based corporate intrigue, a psychologist on the take—all of which proceeds for over 400 pages of unflagging comedy. At its thematic heart are language, stories and words. Say Don De Lillo had a wise-guy son—this would be his first book.
- Social Disease, Paul Rudnick (Ballantine). Scathing, merry satire of New York clubs, the spoiled rich children who get in, and the frustrated guys from Jersey who don't. Rudnick's style is brisk and lively, although the book generates more a continuous smile than real laughs. (One scene, where nice-guy/nudnik hero Guy Huber acts as doorman for his favorite club, is hilarious.) This is Continued on page 46

The new paperbacks are bold originals, both inside and out.





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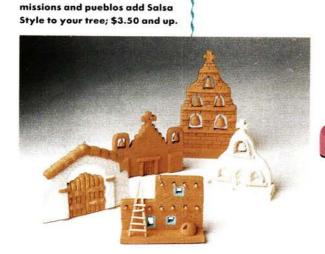
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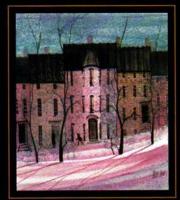
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- Oysters by Lonnie Williams and Karen Warner (101 Productions, \$10.95) includes recipes, but is mostly a prose paean to everybody's (well, almost everybody's) favorite bivalve—complete with history, shucking tips (among them a method of shucking by microwave!) and luxurious color photographs.
- Out to Lunch by Paul Levy (Harper & Row, \$18.95) is a collection of essays by the American-born food and wine editor of London's Observer. Levy has delicious fun with his subject matter, skewering pompous food authorities, ribbing his own efforts to make puff pastry or lose weight, even taking us along as he (shall we say) embarks on a voyage, in a piece shamelssly called "Wokking the Dog," to sample man's best friend, Macao-style.
- The Food Lover's Guide to France by Patricia Wells (Workman, \$14.95) is a companion volume to French-based correspondent Wells' popular The Food Lover's Guide to Paris—and, like the previous book, it is packed tighter than a sardine can with restaurant reviews, recipes, shopping hints, definitions of terminology and local culinary color of all sorts.
- Anatomy of the Wine Trade by Simon Loftus (Harper & Row, \$15.95) isn't for every wine lover: It's too specialized, too irreverent, too British. But real aficionados will love the author's explanation of the Byzantine system by which wines are bought and sold in Bordeaux, his naughty gossip about key wine trade figures (he notes, for instance, that former Sotheby's wine auctioneer Patrick Grubb was sometimes patronized by sommeliers, unlike his more polished rival, Michael Broadbent) and his pointed portraits of assorted wine makers both obscure and multinational.
- Wine by Hugh Johnson (Fireside/Simon and Schuster, \$10.95) on the other hand, is for every wine lover—real or would be. This updated edition of Johnson's classic work first published in 1966, remains state of the art in its clear, witty, unpretentious, scrupulously accurate explanations of what wine is all about.

-Colman Andrews

seems to be night and the ground is always swampy, The Night of the Hunter centers on a mad preacher with the letters L-O-V-E tattooed on the fingers of one hand and H-A-T-E on the other. Robert Mitchum, never more menacing, as the man of the cloth, with Lillian Gish. Actor Charles Laughton directed, from an adaptation by James Agee.

- Double Indemnity, 1946 (MCA, \$29.95). The years have served to solidify Barbara Stanwyck's reputation as our most versatile screen actress. Stanwyck's signature role has to be Phyllis Dietrichson, the hard-hearted blonde with an eye for insurance salesmen and a thirst for the better things that money (from a life insurance policy) can buy. And was there ever a bigger sap than Fred Mac-Murray's Walter Neff? With Edward G. Robinson, written by Raymond Chandler, from a novel by James Cain and directed by Billy Wilder. Good sordid stuff.
- @ Something Wild, 1986 (HBO, \$89.95) and Swimming to Cambodia, 1987 (Lorimar, \$79.95). If there's a contemporary director worthy of comparison to Preston Sturges, it's Jonathan Demme. His affection for offbeat American characters, especially in Melvin and Howard, seems genuine without being maudlin and patronizing. In Something Wild, he begins with a Sturges-like premise: Lulu, a wacky young woman (Melanie Griffith) takes over the life of Charlie, an uptight commodities broker (Jeff Daniels). When the story takes a dark turn, some audiences were left bewildered. But Demme and screenwriter E. Max Frye refuse to make conventional screwball comedy. You can't possibly take all the details in on one viewing—which is why God invented home video, right? For an encore, Demme turned to actor/monologuist Spalding Gray. Gray has been performing his one-man shows for years; this one grows out of his small role in The Killing Fields (the American ambassador's assistant). The monologue begins like a collection of showbiz stories, but Gray soon throws his net much wider to hair-raising tales of life in Southeast Asia, and he holds your attention as only a master storyteller can. One of the few recent films I've seen that demands a sequel.
- Camille, 1936 (MGM, \$24.95). A great way to begin a collection. Greta Garbo may have made better films (Ninotchka), but none more suited to perpetuating the Garbo mystique. As the doomed courtesan of Dumas' unabashedly sentimental story, she effortlessly projects innocence and experience, beauty and mystery, sensuality and reticence. With Robert Taylor, under George Cukor's sure direction. It's no sin to cry at the finale; the sin would be not to cry.

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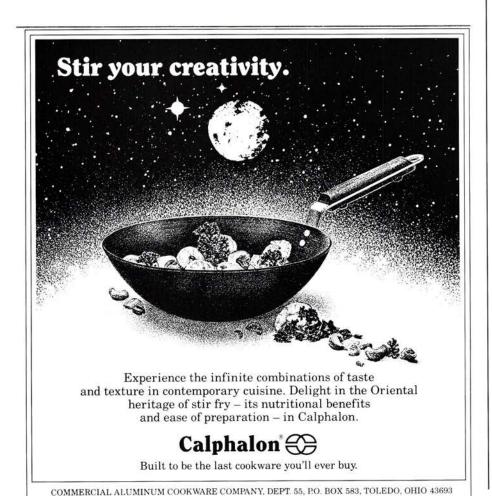
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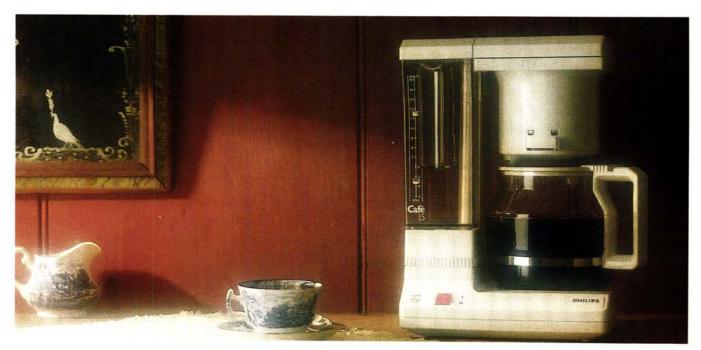


### PAPERBACK WRITERS

zabaglione, sweet and frothy—half air, ves, but delicious air.

- The Funeral Makers, Cathie Pelletier (Collier Fiction). Lower-class doings in rural Maine, and absolutely hysterical. Marge McKinnon lies dying of beriberi, and the family rallies to make the necessary arrangements. Like Carolyn Chute's The Beans of Egypt, Maine (though lacking its horrific underside), this is a glimpse of life as far from "urban sophistication" as you can get and still stay in the contiguous 48. A reprint from hardcover.
- Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit, Jeanette Winterson (Atlantic Monthly Press). Tart, eccentric and extremely funny, this is the autobiographical story of a young girl's homosexual coming-out in the industrial Midlands of England. (It sounds dreadful, but in reality, it's a scream.) Everyone's a little nuts in Jeanette's world, not least of all her religious zealot mother. At Christmas, mother and Aunt May play harmonium and tambourine outside town hall, and have this exchange: "What about The Holly and the Ivy?" "Too pagan." This sort of economically rendered comedy alternates with dreamy musings and fairy tales by the narrator to both understand and escape the forces that oppress her. First rate.
- Anagrams, Lorrie Moore (Penguin). Benna Carpenter—single, not as young as she used to be, not getting any younger—makes up versions of her life in which she's a lounge singer, aerobics instructor, and a poetry teacher tempted to reduce it all to, "There is only one valid theme in literature: Life will disappoint you." A funny, brisk novel by the author of Self-Help, a wry, bittersweet story collection.
- Clea & Zeus Divorce, Emily Prager (Vintage Contemporaries). A strange, coaxingly allegoric novel about two show biz greats who enact the story of their legendary relationship during their farewell performance. Elements of Africa, China and nuclear threat blend, via a strong and supple style, into something odd and elusive. By the author of the stories, A Visit From the Footbinder.
- White Palace, Glenn Savan (Bantam New Fiction). After his wife's accidental death, Nice Jewish boy Max Baron falls in lust with Nora, a tough-talking waitress at the local burger joint. She's 15 years his senior, comes from an unlettered working-class background, and keeps house like a pig: Love blossoms. Everyone gets their say, and the scenes of Max at work, in advertising, are revealing and funny.

-Ellis Weiner



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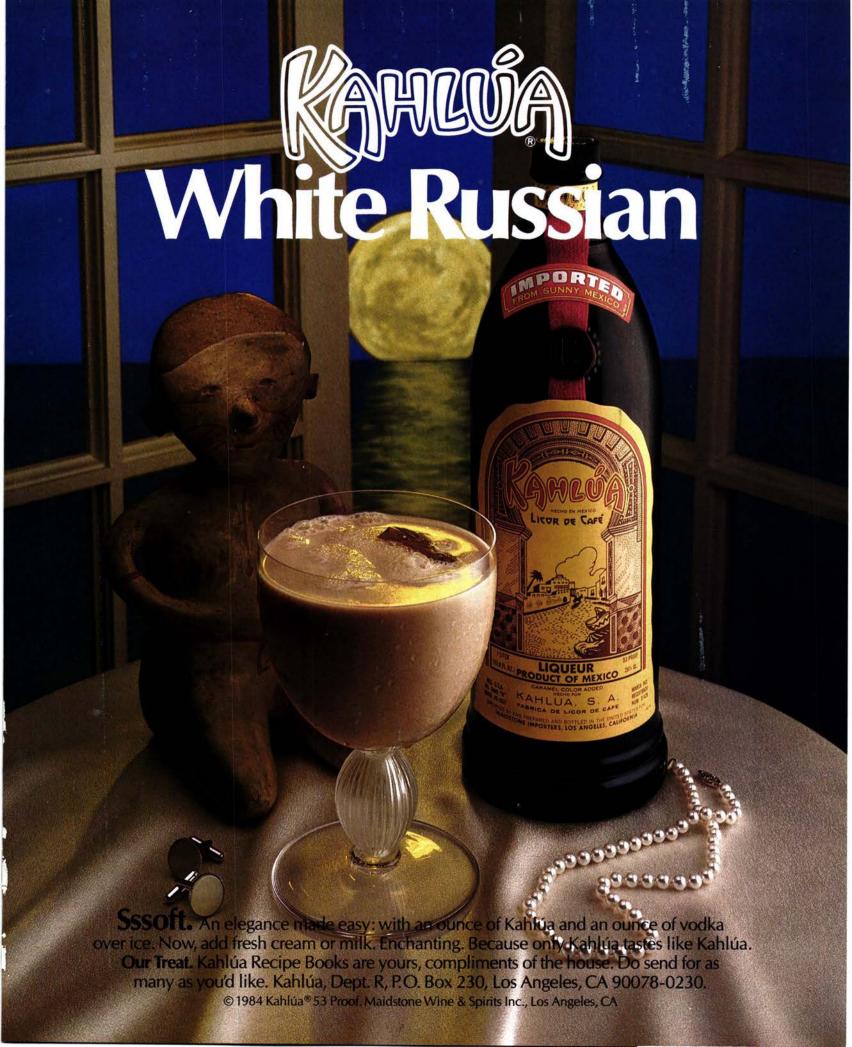


ere, it's a free-form bouquet of flowers, fruit and greenery. Start with your best small houseplants, then embellish with fresh pears, plump grapes and big showy blossoms like the lilies pictured here. (To keep flowers fresh: put each in an "aquapic," the mini-vases florists use and will sell to you.)

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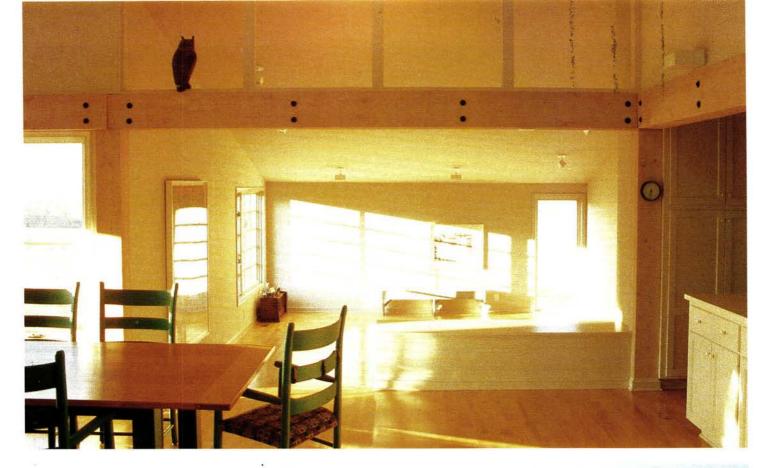
ide invitations in the smallest of three boxes, then fit one inside the other in nests of gold tinsel and jelly beans; or turn white mailing tubes into candles with gold ribbons and sparks of confetti, secreting invitations inside; let pressed flowers share folder space with news of your forthcoming fete.





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N BUILDING THEIR HOPES AND MEMOries into a new country house, city people often go to extremes, opting either for the squat cabin (too pious) or the cavernous ski lodge (too reckless). But Minneapolis architect Thomas Meyer created an ingenious way to relax, without lapsing into derivatives of Abe Lincoln's rural beginnings, or Steven Spielberg's bucolic fantasy. When Meyer's in-laws asked him for a second house on the plains of Minnetrista, they weren't looking for rustic fiction. They asked for a t'ai chi studio, master and guest bedrooms, opportunities to display art (inside) and observe nature (outdoors). Architect Meyer gave the dynamic 3,200-square-foot house its own meditative peace. Everybody feels comfortable as soon as they walk inside, the owners say, "but there's nothing old-timey rustic here." Instead, reassuringly rugged materials set off soaring, taut spaces. What seems a gray Western barn, low and discreet, opens up into a lofty white room, trimmed with turquoise. Why the almost-oriental restraint? As the Zen saying goes, "Castles I have none. Of my mind I make my castle."

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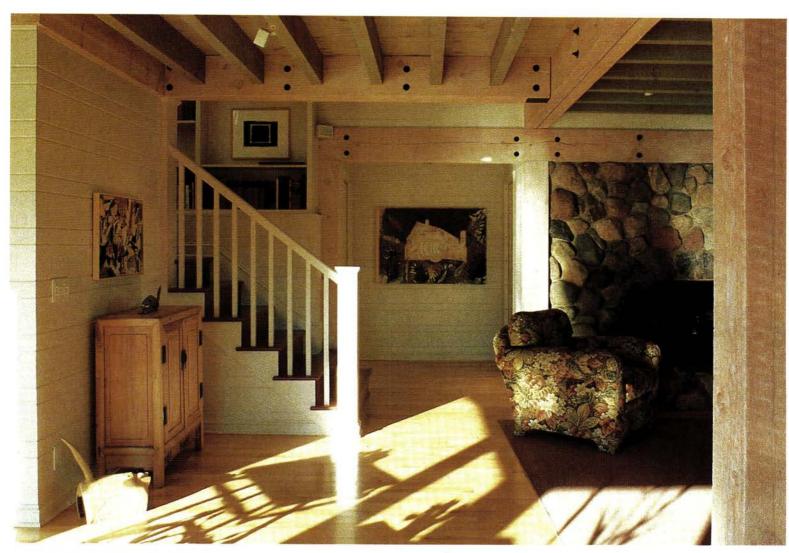
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## CRAFTING THE NEW COUNTRY HOME

SURPRISING COLOR AND CONFIDENCE KEEP THIS HOUSE COZY WITH TRADITION—YET FREE OF KITSCH AND CLICHÉ

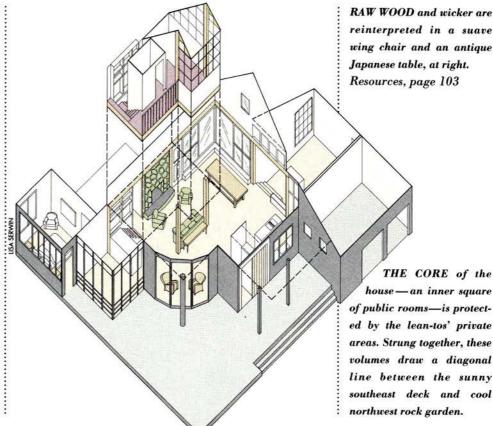
LOCAL TRADITION inspired strong design ideas: The house's exterior resembles a "granary with machinery sheds added on," explains architect Thomas

Meyer. Inside, the barn-high living space flows into more intimate slope-roofed rooms, such as the dining room and sun-filled t'ai chi studio. Resources page 103



## **SKEINS OF TURQUOISE WED** THE RUSTIC AND REFINED

T THE VERY HEART OF the house, where the roof rises 21 feet, Meyer dramatizes his notion of architectural diversity. Here are two cabins within a barn: one modern, the other olde. The glass-gridded guest room, pushed up to the ceiling, has a dual effect: Balanced on the beams, it's a glowing, high-tech tree house, defying gravity. The heavy timber structure that holds the room aloft anchors the living room below with rustic solidity. In addition, surprising contrasts of color and material keep the house free of country cliché. Every rusticizing action has an equal-modern-reaction. For example, though the timber elements are oversized for heft, beams and columns are tempered with diluted white paint, the joists tinted turquoise. The stone hearth is random and rough, yet all woodwork is smooth: slick maple floors, glossy walls and banister.



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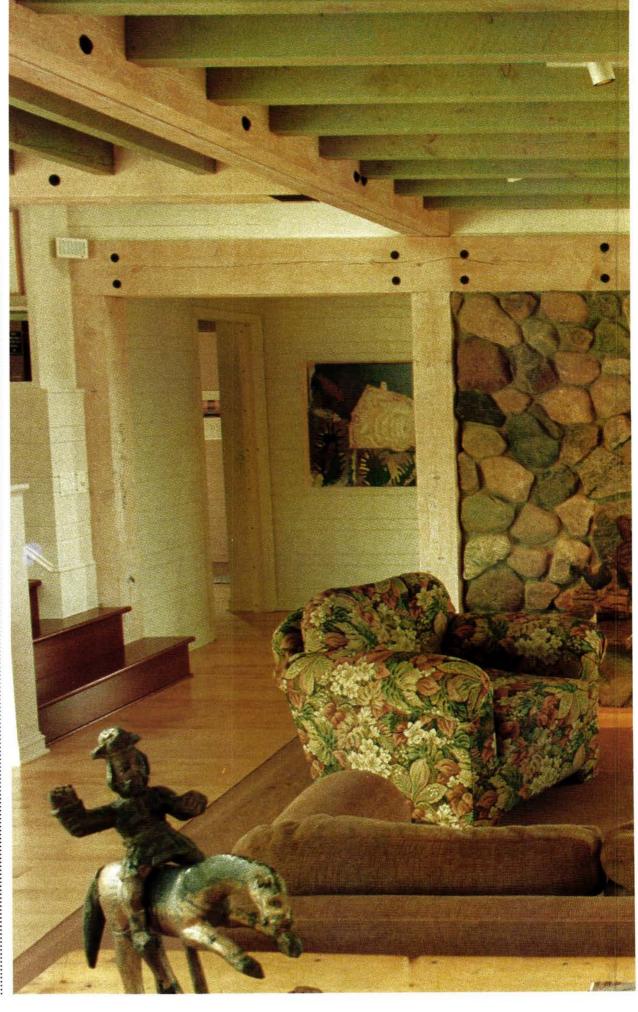
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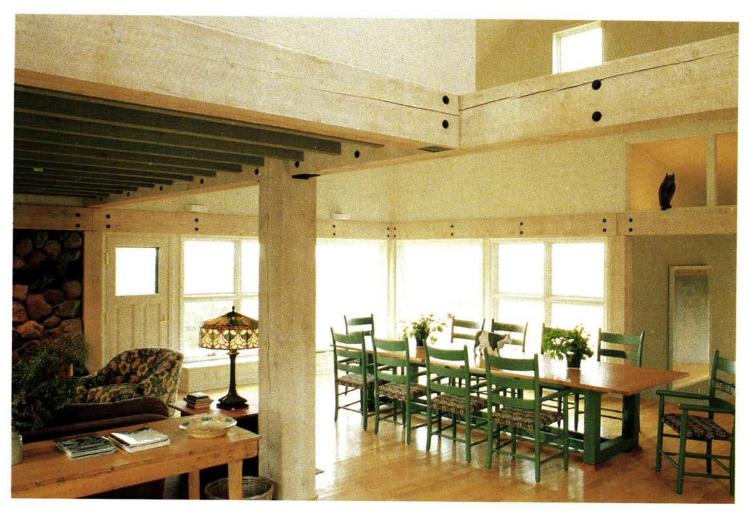


THE BOOK-LINED staircase narrows on its way to the guest room. That artful colonial red didn't come from costly mixing—it's standard deck paint in the overlooked brick shade.

HERE'S HOW rusticity wards off chill. Living room beams descend to a snug eight feet; thick posts flank the hearth. Even the armchairs-covered with mock tapestry-conspire in a smoky medieval mood. The fireplace envelops the room without overwhelming it; Meyer risked an optical illusion that paid off. Instead of setting fieldstones into a flat, static wall, he made it concave, about 12 inches at its deepest. "It increases the feeling of enclosure," the architect says. Fieldstone inspired inside colors: from blue-green dining chairs to intricate loam-hued fabrics. Resources page 103







## HERE'S A DINING ROOM THAT'S NEVER DESERTED: A GATHERING TABLE WITH ROUND-THE-CLOCK ACTIVITY

AST AS IT MAY SEEM, THE lodge-sized dining room was built for versatility, not grandiose effect. The conference-length table-set for 10 people and stretched out to 12 feet—was scaled to match the architecture. Does it ever fill up? "We're still experimenting," admit the owners. Though they've tried buffets for 50, they are more inclined towards small Sunday lunches. "It's fun to make an intimate table out of a big one," say these weekend cooks. While one end remains a "work" table-layered with newspapers, binoculars and field guides; the other gets ready and set for a casual foursome.

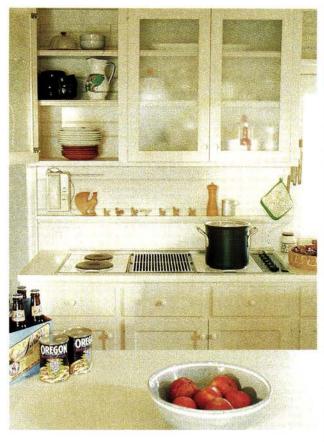
"On sunny days, the house dictates where we'll have our meals," the hosts explain. Following nature's schedule of events, morning sun moves breakfasters to the porch, where wicker chairs overlook the pond's visiting fowl. Grazing deer in the meadow invite lunchers with binoculars to the east end of the table. A red sunset switches dinner to its west end.



UNDER AN ANTIQUE barnwood tabletop, furniture designer Dan Cramer added aluminum legs with interchangeable wooden feet in four different colors, which allow the table to renew itself from season to season. The country slatted chairs, painted a Western turquoise, are covered with urbane Hoffman-style fabric.

"IT'S LIKE BEING inside a Christmas ornament," says the owner of her guest room. Color comes from stained panes of yellow and lilac fitted into the shojilike grid. Resources, page 193



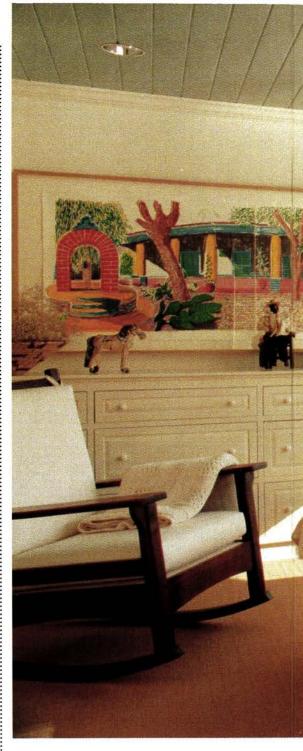


LONG STRETCHES of cabinetry keep bulky storage pieces out of the bedroom, and dictate its serene proportions. But there's plenty of space for a few precious things. David Hockney's print, "Hotel Acatlán: Second Day" provides scenery for a parade of folk art from all over. A Stickley rocking chair faces the forest through delicate window blinds. Resources, page 103



TRADITIONAL cabinetry is no barrier to modern convenience: Table settings slide right through the kitchen island, from the dish-washing line to dining side.





WHEN COUNTRY homes raise rusticity to a religion, the kitchen becomes an altar—the place to worship old wood, revere antiquated utensils, save your urban soul. This kitchen is heretical, with all-white appliances, counters. Its saving graces—timber beams and slatted chairs—look more authentic than dogmatic.



in stark contemporary surroundings—white Formica, flush surfaces, all that," say the owners, who spend most of their week in Minneapolis. "Now, it's satisfying getting back to traditional detailing." What draws their eyes as the days wear on: "The depth of the cabinetry, the simple squareness of the windows—some mullioned, some not—and the wonderful black bolts in the beams." The architecture performs unpredictable feats. "You'll see sun hitting a bowl of flowers and say, 'Where in the world is that light coming from?"

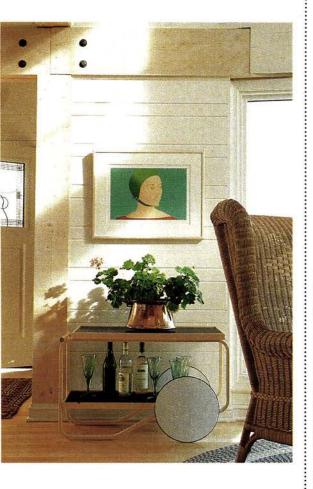
Contrary to modern custom, but true to

## CREAMY COLORS, A STRIP WINDOW AND SOFT SISAL FLOOR BRING PEACE TO THIS PARED-DOWN BEDROOM

that of prelaminate years, kitchen (top, left) and master bedroom (above) are treated to the same kind of cabinetry—a rare example of woodwork painstakingly enameled right on site. These built-ins answer needs for all kinds of storage, and provide a backdrop for displays—from old Mexican folk art to local farm produce.

The master bedroom benefits from two kinds of spatial treatment: It's part sunporch, part attic. Windows on three sides open the room up, while the seven-and-ahalf-foot ceiling encloses it. Color, texture—and views—add to this room's sense of intimacy. Detailed to look like exterior siding, the ceiling is set off from the lighter walls with its own blue-green color. The effect is eye-intriguing: The ceiling's deeper shade makes it seem even closer. To compensate for all the southern exposure, architect Meyer pointed the windows toward the most sheltered view available: the short vista to the forest, instead of the long sweep of the prairie.

## **TELEPHOTOS**



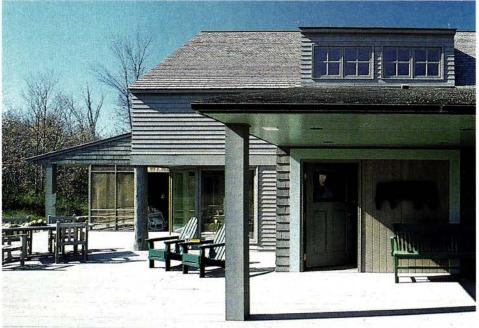
NO ROUGH-HEWN oak racks or stone cellars here. This wine storage solution bottles lined up on angled shelves—lets gravity act as its organizer.



ANCIENT farmhouse ruin sinking into the timeless prairie? No. A romantic folly designed by landscape architect Herb Baldwin. The prairie is wild grass-planted farmland. The ruin is poured concrete, rust-colored with iron filings.

"NEVER HIDE the natural grain," says the Norwegian craftsman who painted the lapped woodwork. "We call the knots 'beauty marks.'"

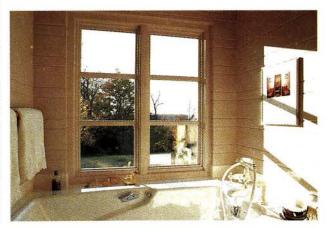


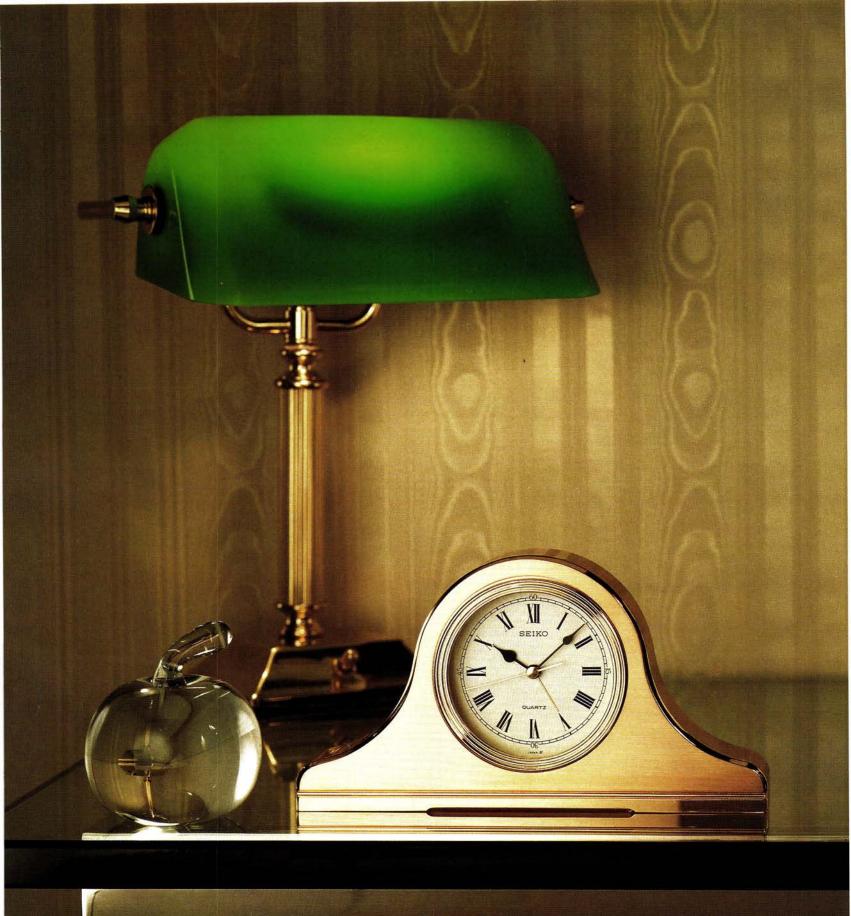


THE FRONT entrance and screen porch—enclosed by sloping lean-tos—open to a sweeping L-shaped expanse of southeast-facing deck,

"the warm corner of the house," says the architect. The cool northwest corner overlooks the folly, above. Resources, page 103

IN THE WESTERN light you notice certain boundaries: Outside, there's the seam between thick woods and thinned-out prairie. Inside, the woodwork alternates between thin, four-inch and thick, 10-inch V-grooved boards painted gray-rose.





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T THE DOUGLAS DAWSON GALLERY IN CHICAGO, textiles are hung like paintings and thoughtfully lit, as if to encourage meditation. At Doug Dawson's weekend retreat, a 19th

century farmhouse on six sprawling acres in Northeast Iowa, the rooms are crammed unreservedly with rugs, quilts, whirligigs, carved figures and ceramics—every kind of folk object imaginable from Japan, Guatemala and the U.S. For his gallery, Doug buys textiles with an eye to their value as investments. For himself, he collects ravenously, buying pieces that he loves, that he rescues from base surroundings, that his instinct says are honest and good. "I collect for a sense of who we are and where we are" he says. In

this unorthodox philosophy of collecting, appeal counts more than provenance, and a good ear is as key as a good eye. "Objects speak. Even with limited resources, you can tune your receptors to find wonderful objects that other people can't discover."

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> "I'd do anything to use an object that moves me," admits Doug. A Navajo rug and a Japanese vase spill onto the porch.

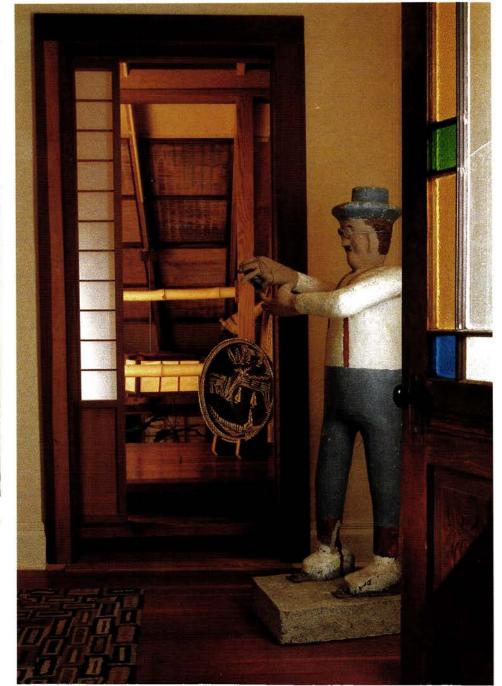
STRONG OPPOSITES ATTRACT

"Folk objects are enhanced by their relationships with other primitive objects. It's what they don't have in common that pulls them together." An Iowa pig farmer made the painted

concrete sculpture (Doug paid \$15). Behind the gent: a slip-decorated Mexican bowl. Porch, with gingerbread and posts, was salvaged from an old house. Resources, page 103

## New Folks At Home

A CONFIDENT HAND BLENDS FAMILY TREASURES AND FOLK ART FINDS FOR A HAPPY MIX OF THE EXOTIC AND THE FRIENDLY



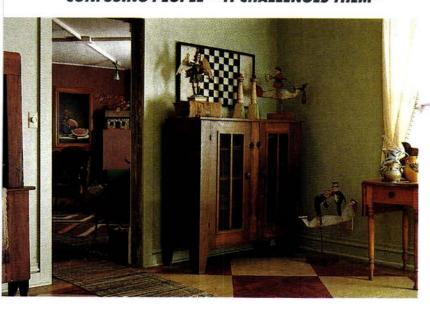




### RESPECT FOR FORM

Pitchers crowd on an old shaving table like relatives at a reunion. Three are Guatemalan majolica; two with New Wave decoration are Doug's own work. "Pitchers are unpretentious—and a peform," says Doug.
Above, an ancient St.
Michael keeps company with 18th century candlesticks
valued for their
naive proportions.

## "I HAVE NO RULES ABOUT OLD AND NEW. I LIKE CONFUSING PEOPLE—IT CHALLENGES THEM"



T MAKES ME MAD WHEN PEOPLE ARE MOVED BY AN OBJECT in my gallery, but it doesn't 'fit with the decor.' I'd do anything to accommodate it, including knocking out a wall," Doug laughs. He surrounds himself with ceramics— Japanese, Guatemalan, his own work-but insists, "I don't consider myself a collector. I'm interested in one-of-a-kind things." He examines each piece for form and line, from the decoration on a rare piece of Mexican slip-decorated pottery to the checkered boldness of a 19th century gameboard. He looks for a sense of personal history. "I'm very aware of the hands behind an object." And he delights in the triumph of discovery. One of his favorite finds is a political whirligig, pounded out of Iowa license plates, the creation of a farmer inspired by Nikita Khrushchev's 1959 visit to an Iowa hog farm. Its message is simple: As the Soviet premier bows, Uncle Sam lifts a crude middle finger. "Successful folk art records an idiosyncratic point in time," he explains. "It becomes a document. And reproducing it would be meaningless."

## A CHECKERED PAST

Doug seeks out pieces that have history. The checkerboard from the early 1920s is "covered on the back

with scores and team names." The 1950s whirligig makes its Cold War point. Resources, page 103

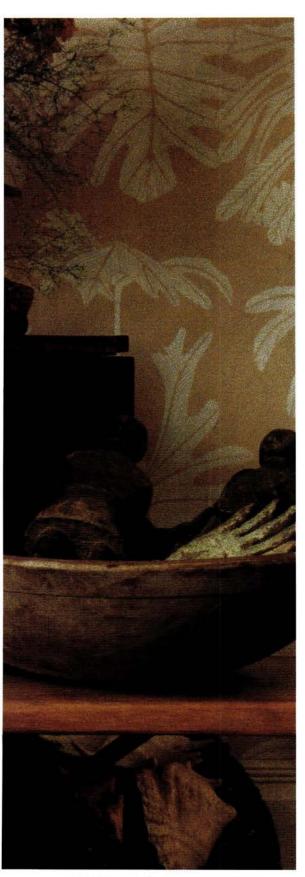


## TABLESCAPE WITH MEMORIES

"I have my list of things to grab if the house is on fire, and most of those are familial objects." Doug's great-grandfather made both the bullock cart and the table; the violin was Doug's. Except for the pair of hands, which once belonged to a Guatemalan wooden saint, everything you see in this exuberant display was passed down by relatives. The result

is a living, growing museum. Says Doug, "There's a great value in having family relics surround you—they place you in a continuum."

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"THERE IS GREAT VALUE IN HAVING FAMILY ANTIQUES—
THEY HELP TO KEEP YOU SANE"



RECIPE FOR A MIX

"The ultimate aim is for each object to stand out, yet complement those that surround it." Where most people would have coffee tables, Doug planted a Guatemalan home altar. Surrounding it, according to no particular plan, are turn-of-

the-century quilts found in Georgia for \$40 and a concrete policeman by the eccentric Iowa pigfarmer. A Navajo rug bought for \$100 in Iowa is laid over a rag rug of World War I vintage—a \$40 junk-store find in rural Wisconsin.



ROCK ART

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church was part of a
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OUG'S GREAT-GRANDFATHER WAS THE DAWSON family's first artist—and first collector. He set up a museum of Indian artifacts in his house, perfectly organized and labeled, for no eyes

but his own; and he was an irrepressible creator of curiosities, like a limestone bust of George Washington, with bizarre faces carved into the chest. "He did 'outsider art,' a kind of folk art by people outside the mainstream," Doug says. The old man never lived to meet his great-grandson, but when the boy was nine, he inherited a pile of artifacts and art. "It was a constant mining. Every year my consciousness would rise. I'd appreciate things I'd missed. Grandpa's collection was the nucleus for mine," says Doug, who by high school had founded a museum of his own. "I feel a terrific affinity for him. In a small town where the social parameters were tight, he made these crazy objects. It bespeaks a wonderful person."



#### **HUMAN FORM**

"Chairs are a wonderful distillation of the human body." Doug decorated one with pottery shards.



HE STUDY OF CERAMICS TOOK DOUG THROUGH Antioch College, then Japan and Guatemala. Pots fascinate him, regardless of age. "Vessels reflect our own progress." His favorite: a cracked tortilla platter, purchased for 50 cents. Although Oriental and pre-

Columbian bargains have all been snatched up, many ceramics are still undervalued-from contemporary vessels to historical tribal pots. African pots, 50 to 300 years old for \$400 to \$1,500, are new to the market; in contemporary ceramics, look for primal forms. American pieces in the \$200 to \$2,000 range are often overlooked. But Doug discourages "focusing narrowly, whether on Hummel figurines or Beatle albums. That's secure; it requires no subjective judgment." Look for a piece that reveals the spirit of its maker, he advises. "I like objects that are the product of a consciousness I can never have, windows onto a vision I can't see."

#### "I DO MAKE VIGNETTES, BUT I DON'T DECORATE. I TRY TO GIVE A SENSE OF ACCUMULATION"

#### PRIVATE VISIONS

"George Washington is my prized posseson a Kentucky chestnut dough-box beside English hooked rug is



grandmother owned this delicate folding chair, its wood limbs turned to look like bamboo. Color is what marries individual objects in this crazy-quilt collage.





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# Adding On the Live-In Kitchen

THIS OPENED-UP FAMILY KITCHEN TAKES STATE-OF-THE-ART ONE STEP FURTHER TO STATE-OF-THE-HEART



OPEN HOUSE: The Gails enclosed their north-facing porch (left) and opened up the wall between porch and kitchen (below) to create a live-in kitchen without adding square feet. The surprise: a 12½' barrel-vault ceiling within the confines of traditional twin gables.

EVERY HOME has its history. But Drs. Anna and Thomas Gail had a much more pressing present when they renovated their 1896 Newberg, Oregon, colonial: hospital hours, seven kids between them—and a 25-acre hazelnut farm in their backyard. And

since Anna, a radiologist by day, turns enthusiastic cook at night, she wanted a kitchen that wouldn't cut her off from friends and family. But the kitchen wing was a convoluted mess: an outdated gallery, a screened-in porch, and an eating nook wedged in the middle. Guests fled instead to the living room (where a hermit raised chickens in the Twenties). The Gails gutted the kitchen, tore down the walls between it and the porch, and turned the screened porch into a cozy family retreat. "We kept the TV out of the new room," says Thomas. But the four kids still at home don't rush away after dinner. They draw, play games, study—"and they're getting to be great microwave chefs," laughs Anna.

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the overstuffed chairs and sofa and a pastel-hued, stepped ceiling (left) provide a cozy sidecar to this otherwise awesome workspace (above).

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Steely commercial appliances, white counters and sleek cabinets are the backbone of contemporary kitchen design. But too much of these good things, and the doctors could feel they were back in the operating room. Remedy: a state-of-the-art kitchen not afraid to go soft around the edges. The majestic curve of the ceiling reappears in the window and racetrack-oval table. Cushioning the cool palette are terra-cotta floors and plump blue-and-white furnishings. But these warming touches don't impair the free-flowing space: The Gails play host here to autumnal hazelnut harvesters, serving lunch to 12 for a full month.

WHETHER guests watch the chef from the steps-away sitting room, tastetest at the island's table extension, or pitch right in, the party never waits for dinner on the table.





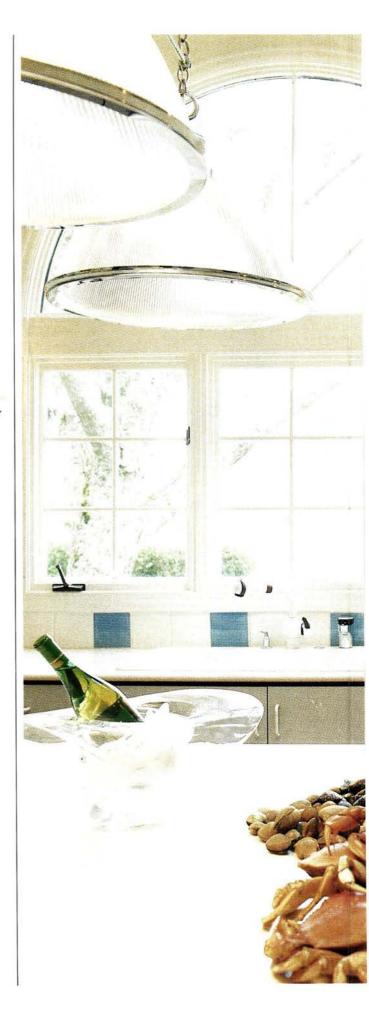
"IT'S EUROSTYLE, with personality," designer Michelle Kantor says of Grohe's Ladylux faucet. "It looks like a little dinosaur." But it's not stuck in fossil mode: The gooseneck tap sits poised above Kohler's white sink. Or extends itself to the dirty business that's at hand. Resources, page 103

# TELEPHOTOS: SLICK DETAILS ARE SOFTENED BY EARTHY TEXTURES AND A GREAT WINDOW, OPEN TO NATURE



HOMEWORK gets done at the kitchen table, and at the family computer (so do the hazelnut wholesale accounts and Anna's recipes, all on disk). A space for phones and PC was set up nearby, yet out of the flurry of meal-making. No greasy fingers do the walking here.

MORNING SUN streaming in through the window brightens any morning's rush-hour bustle. To avoid heightened gloom in the upper reaches of the whitewashed, Vgroove hemlock barrel vault, builder Terry Bingham punched three skylights through its southern arch. Custom fixtures do the spotlighting.



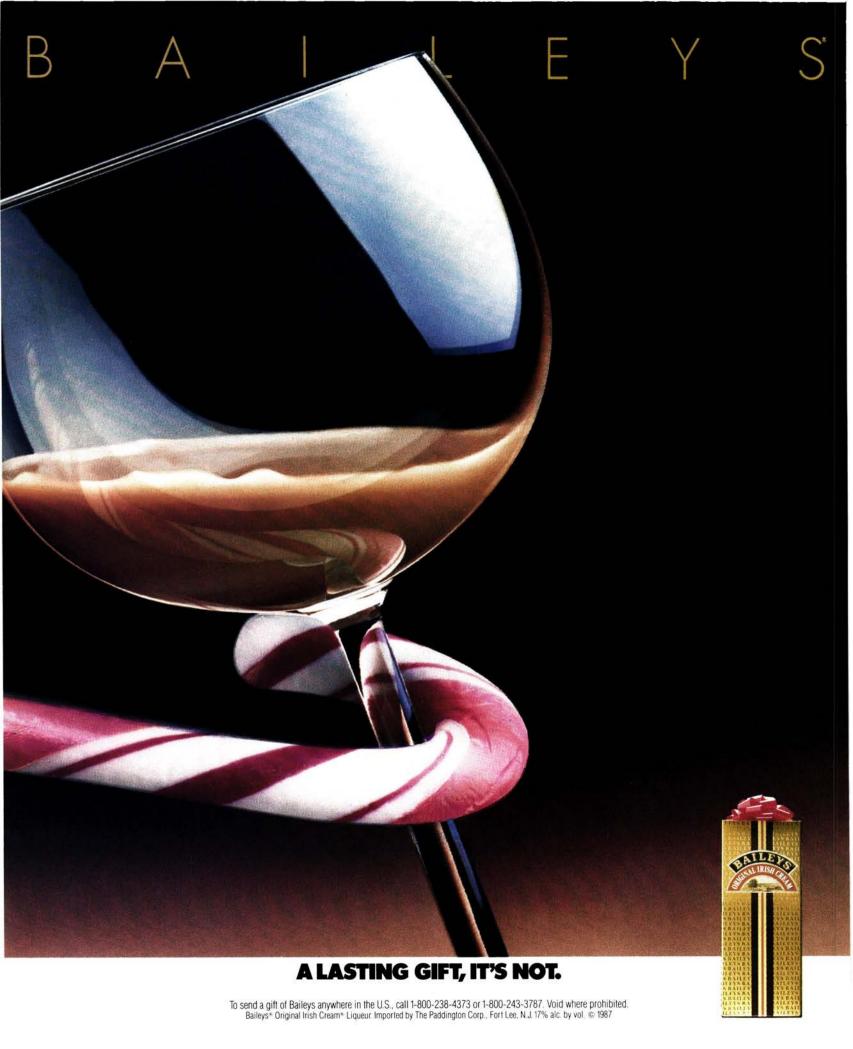




charming custom tiles bring country spice to the U.S. Range and grill. Bingham designed the hood (mimicking the radius of the barrel vault), and local steelworkers welded it all together.

AN APPLIANCE
"garage," made
of Formica-coated
tambour doors, sits
at each end of the
windowside counter,
inviting electric miscellany—Cuisinart to
can-opener—in off
the Corian. The pair
of hideaways lets
the white countertop
play canvas to whatever's cooking.





THE BRISKER OUR PACE, THE MORE WE NEED THE RESPITE THEY OFFER FROM MILE-A-MINUTE DAYS

THE MORE CONVENIENT LIFE GETS, THE FASTER WE live it. These days, time doesn't merely pass, it jogs. We send messages round the world in the blink of an eye; cross continents for lunch. At such a pace, it's not surprising that now we take comfort in things that let us linger, places that give pause. Rituals are such

restful junctions, where design and manners meet. Based on step-by-step sequence, and time-after-time tradition, rituals allow us to slow down with style. Honed by generations, they offer instant roots. And though the pleasures of afternoon tea, for example, have been known for ages, the way we stage it today doesn't have to be rule-bound or stuffy. Thanks to its detail, each ritual offers plenty of scope for personal variations. What better grounds for imagination? In the words and images that follow, we focus on how to make the most of our favorite rites—how better to savor them. Whether you're pampering yourself, or giving to others, time is always at a premium, so we've found for each leisurely ritual, such as the bath, a fast-fix likeness—the shower—that's just as satisfying. If you're looking for gift ideas, the photographs in the following pages will inspire you. In these pictures you'll see many of life's small pleasures, no longer taken for granted.







#### RITUALS

AKING TEA is the ultimate ritual, steeped in centuries of tradition, yet open to delightful interpretation. It's a small

meal that engages all the senses, satisfying our emotional, as well as physical need to stop at a certain time of day and replenish ourselves. Today, tea is anything but Victorian-stodgy and doilybound. It can boil down to a favorite cuppa (with milk, not cream) and butter-soaked muffin, or blossom into a lavish celebration. Embellished with dozens of stylish extras, from quirky china to crisp linens, tea bestows a stately grace on any room. Side by side with heirloom silver, choose down-home comforts such as brown sugar, fresh butter and cool sliced cucumbers on homemade bread. Pungent watercress

and nasturtium leaves, between paperthin slices, add savory surprise to the menu. Infinite compositions of spoons and creamers, pots and cozies, saucers and cake servers promise feasts for the eyes. But, if you can't pause for tea, you can still enjoy many of the same pleasures ... with morning coffee. Even on the run, a quick cup of brew can be aromatic, freshly ground from deepflavored, invigorating Viennese beans to creamy Hawaiian Kona. Slather the hasty slice of toast with exquisite jam and don't skimp on the comfort of real cream (at least for your first cup). A generous ceramic bowl for oranges and a stylish juicer cheer up the rise-andshine habitat. Resources, page 103

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#### TIME FOR TEA

It can be as simple or intricate as you want to make it:
Think of tea as an event, and then it will become one





#### Coffee Break

Wake up workday
java—a variety of
aromatic beans and a
few quick tricks make
the daily grind much
more than a chore





#### RITUALS

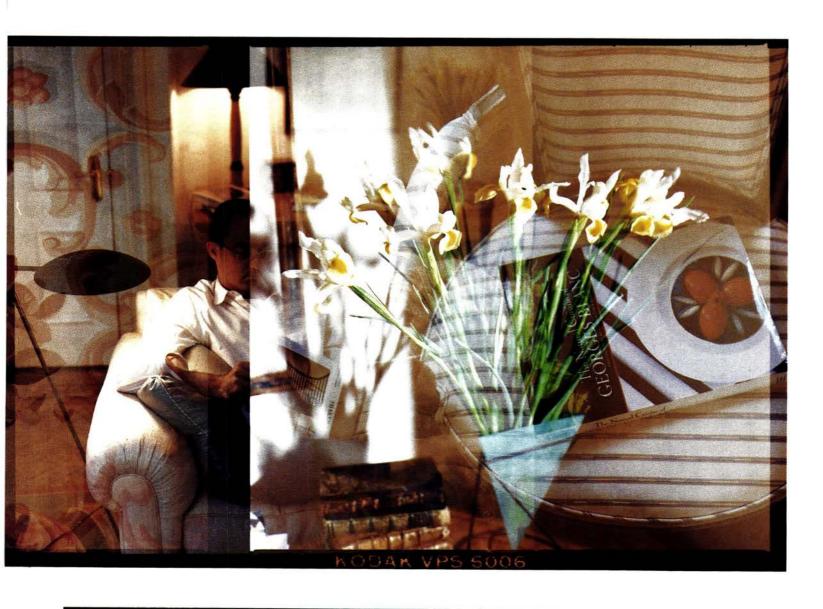
EADING TO RELAX involves more than just taking tome in hand. Make the most of your escape. Happily, books don't have

to be confined to darkly paneled, leatherbound libraries. Let there be light. Sun-dappled walls put a room to rest; a lissome new halogen reading lamp defines an intimate domain. Eyes raised from the page should alight on sightsfrom flowers to fabric-that set the mind peacefully adrift. Fortify your castle with agreeable clutter: a plump pillow-who wouldn't welcome one made from Aubusson remnants; a soft shawl; perhaps a sensational pair of slippers. Bookworms are easy to pamper with one-of-a-kind bookmarks, an old-fashioned case for reading glasses, even an ottoman. As for the books themselves, the choices are boundless, too, from cloth-covered classics to a bumper crop of newly artful paperbacks (see page 41); cookbooks to rejuvenated coffee table glossies that turn couch potatoes into armchair explorers. Sometimes, though, it's enough just to take a front-row seat by the electronic hearth. Who says TV isn't quality timewatching Thursday's network lineup, or Live From the Bolshoi on video? No time to cook? Be haute and homey. Moist and sassy braised ribs or redolent chicken-in-the-pot soup from your local deli, even a crusty baguette or tangy Thai curry make ordering-in a ritual of its own. Indulge without guilt-in the thrill of wide-screen TV, the solace of a nubby robe, the flavor of butter-drizzled fresh popcorn, the finesse of ivory chopsticks. Resources, page 103

BOOK RAPPORT



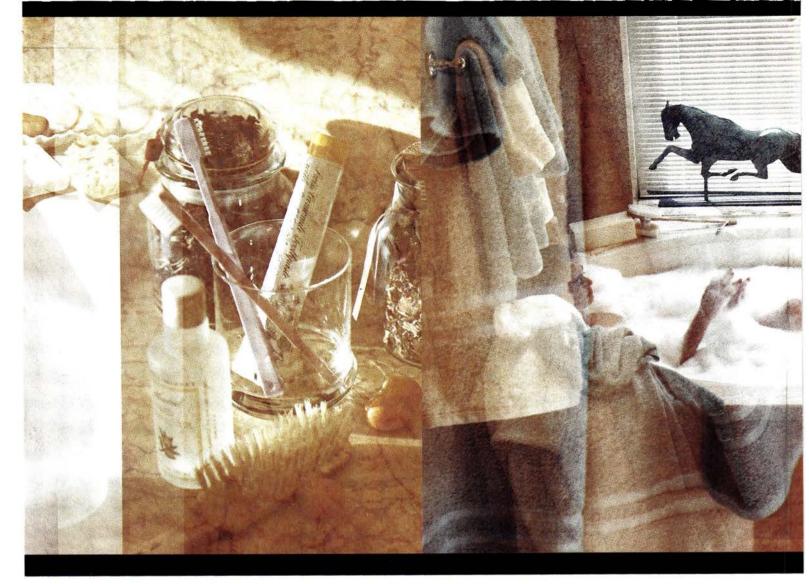
Caught up in the information blitz?
The very idea of reading for pleasure is one of today's new luxuries





# VIDEO TO GO

Even high-tech habits can become soothing celebrations if you order in tasty treats—lie back and indulge





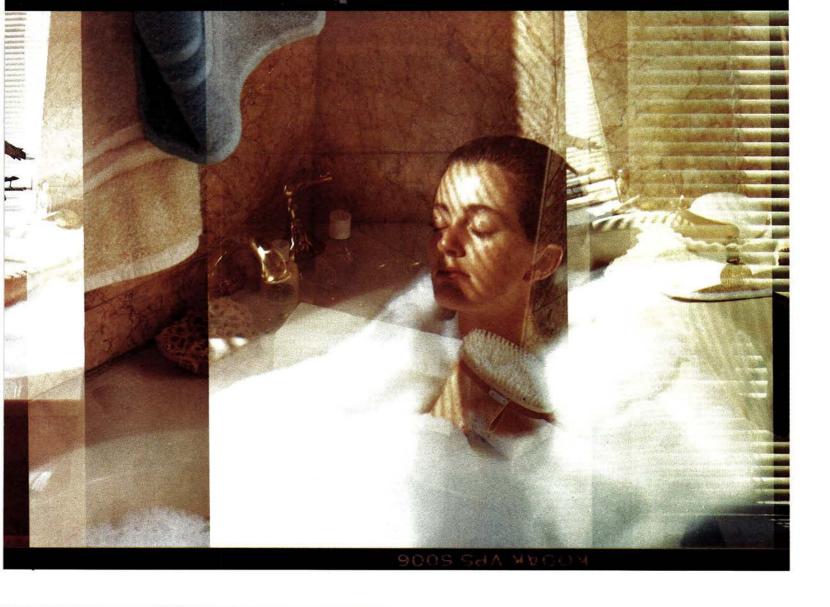
#### RITUALS

S BATHROOMS evolve into our pleasure domes at home, bathing has returned to its sybaritic roots. A refuge in the lee

of busy schedules, the bath is where we do some of our most creative thinking, away from cluttered desks and relentless phones. Remember, you're there to rest, so bring with you the enriching accessories—they're endless in number. Pamper yourself with exotic soaps, shampoos and herb-scented oils; use those fluffy towels once reserved only for guests. Or delight a friend with an old-fashioned brush, a hand-held filigree mirror, comfortable clogs. When time itself is short, many of soaking's paramount pleasures can be easily enjoyed in the quick shower. There's no need for more than a hint of opulence in the details: Brass fixtures add a touch of Grand Hotel elegance, and cheerful tile trims can make even a Monday morning magical. The stall enclosure can be fun-as well as functional-whether a sassy paint-specked curtain or classy etched-glass pane. If you're thinking of gifts, try a few luxurious odds and ends-who wouldn't appreciate an adjustable jet-stream-to-massage shower head, horn-handled shaving brush, or substantial wooden hangers? In the habit-forming toys department, there are waterproof radio/cassette players to sing along with, and old faves such as soap on a rope. Banish glaring bottles and garish tubes and find new, handsome containers to house the staples, so that even when you don't have the luxury of time, you can still satisfy the senses. Resources, page 103

THE LAZY BATH

World-weary and bone-tired? Soak up the rewards of working so hard: Make the bare necessities opulent

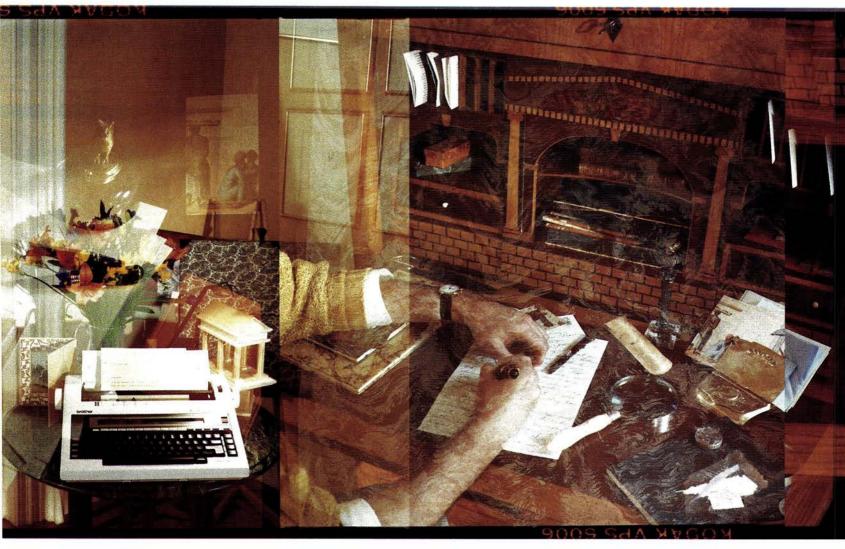




# THE MAIN STREAM

The shower is today's quick picker-upper.

Let new toys and trims recharge your batteries—and you'll be singing in the rain





#### RITUALS

ETTLING DOWN to write a letter, in our pushbutton age, remains one of the last surviving luxuries of a bygone era: A

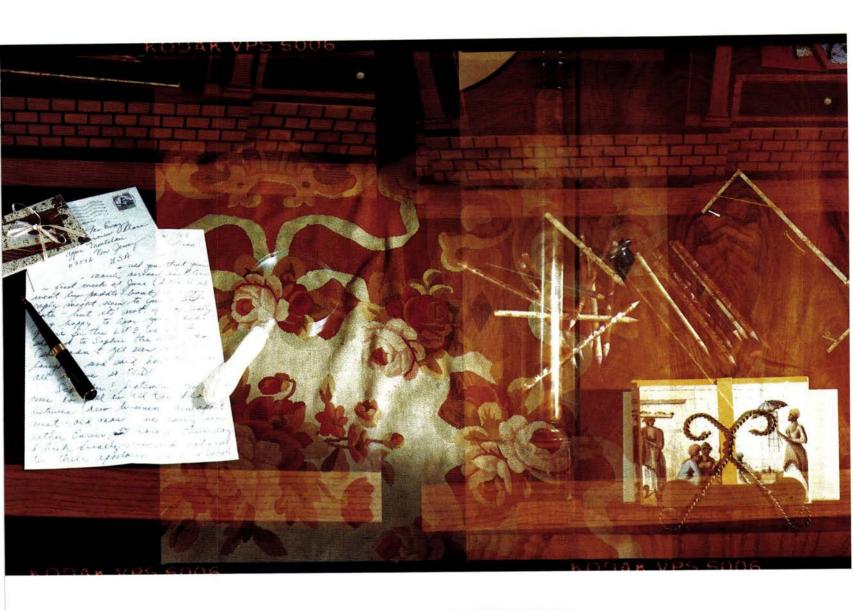
pleasure one promises oneself. For the reader, it's a private moment to treasure; the returns to sender are just as high—a chance to communicate at leisure. Letter-writing demands a certain state of mind, though, not just the perfect antique rolltop desk. First, find a place with the right light (one that doesn't cast a high-contrast shadow on the page). Then, pick accessories that trigger your train of thought. Pamper vourself (or a friend) with thick, creamy stationery, luscious fountain pen and old-fashioned ink blotter, a sleekly sculpted letter-opener or a curious, handcrafted miniature "temple" of

wood to house desktop bric-a-brac, paper clips to stamps. Or, back up a state-of-the-art typewriter with a streamlined chrome pencil sharpener from the machine age. Illustrate your thoughts: Keep colored pencils on hand to doodle with while you dream. If the letter is an image frozen by stop-action, a memory made tangible, the phonecall is ephemeral, spontaneous, often surprising. It's how we connect, in transit, while slipping into our afterwork skins, leafing through the mail, preparing dinner. Here, too, there's room for contrasts: Pair a sleek, high-tech instrument with a delicate pedestal, or a weathered chest with plenty of scribbling space. An enticing hand-bound notebook keeps a running log of messages-and does away with the paperscrap chase. Resources, page 103

#### WRITE PLACE



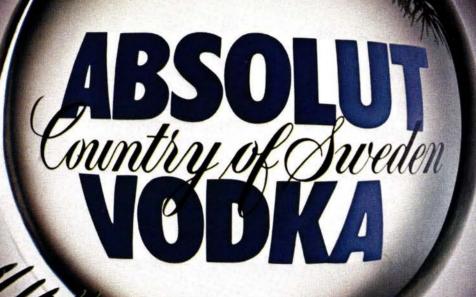
Letters reward both reader and writer—
gifts of time and thought that answer our deep-felt need to stay in touch





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Put a little party into your line: New-age connectors help set impromptu get-togethers, join voices from the past



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# (ALMOST) PERFECT DINNER PARTIES

FIRST THINGS FIRST. (YOUR glasses, please.) Let's propose a toast. To celebrations-and the end of worry about them!

RESOLVE NOT TO WORRY ABOUT PERFECTION, AND THE REST WILL BE EASY. FRIENDS, NOT FORMALITIES, MAKE A HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY SUCCESSFUL

much else-that moment taken to greet a guest, to unobtrusively refill a plate, to bring out a bottle you've been sav-

With the holidays looming ahead like the faces of in-laws, it seems a good time to sit down and rethink the whole notion of that traditional "tis the season" terror, the tour de force dinner party. With the vision of 10 hungry guests, and not sugarplums, dancing in your head, the prospect of producing a "perfect dinner" could seem less than jolly. But don't put your head up the chimney-and don't go hungry. To leave the hysteria of the holidays behind, all we need to do is lose forever that antiquated idea of perfection that haunts us each year like the ghosts of turkeys past. Being the perfect host means not worrying. We don't need to with each other.

ing, to forgive an old feud or listen with love to a familiar voice. That is, celebrate what the blur of the year perhaps doesn't allow us to see: ourselves, in the fine context of friends and family. A dinner party can be more than an occasion—it can be a whole day. Spending the afternoon cooking a meal can be as fun as the feasting. It's the unexpected, the spontaneous, that brings us together. It can't be staged. Gifts are the true things exchanged that only we can give-our time, and the good gift of life. Your glasses again please. A toast that it's taken us all year to get around to. Let's see more of each other!

It's the process, not the old production of entertaining, that counts now. Not for us those small cruel Americanas of the season—a happy hostess hidden behind the kitchen door waving her baster like a maestro, cocktail pearls swaying above burning goose fat, her family in limbo in the next room, like unprocessed immigrants, waiting for permission to join the party, a sad dancing bear of a tree and a cornucopia of Christmas kitsch landed on every con-

Produced by Carol Helms; Written by William L. Hamilton Photographs by Bill Helms ceivable surface, as if a post office had exploded. We want our holiday entertaining to be something very

A DINNER SHOULDN'T hang perilously in balance until it's time to sit down. In fact, the ONCE YOUR GUESTS ARRIVE, THE MEAL HAS BEGUN. THEN, IT'S EAT-AS-YOU-GO PREPARATION

celebration begins with the first guest. Setting aside the whole day for people to drop in "whenever" allows a big dinner to begin slowly and hit a comfortable stride without the lone host's proverbial fear of curtain time. And good-bye to the notion of "too many cooks." A modicum of advance preparation, and having everything laid out and on hand, allows for some spirited pitching-in from all (while you reminisce—that embarrassing story that all of a sudden seems funny) lets the host be a guest, too. A menu that leaves room for a good visit, and proceeds at your pace—not its own—helps an occasion unfold stylishly while putting everyone perfectly at ease.

SHRIMP (cocktail, it ain't) with fresh herbs can enliven a winter menu. Here, shrimp with rosemary and chive, marinated in a mustard butter and served with garlicky croustades, is a light touch at the start of a leisurely meal. Recipes, page 98 Resources, page 103





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GUESTS GRAVITATE toward the kitchen anyway. So give them sturdy aprons and at least one bottle of wine, and let them join the party. Tartlettes, with madeahead dough that can

be baked straight from the freezer, only need filling to kick things off. Set out during the afternoon, they're ready to enjoy while you're all orgaPoached shrimp in a rich herb sauce is an all-season favorite. Dessert, a steamed lemon pudding, can be made well in advance and needs only the serving day attention of a good dousing with Grand Marnier (a task that may find more than one volunteer . . . ).







terpieces, stale as a gingerbread house, are behind us these days. The

CLICHÉD HOLIDAY CEN- A TABLE OF DELICIOUS — AND DECORATIVE --- FOOD SETS THE STAGE FOR ENTERTAINING

holiday table is its own brilliant decorationlaid out to linger over. It's all beautifully edible, too: a bowl of ripe fruit, a rustic basket of breads. And any man would become a mouse confronted with a whole Stilton cheese. Bullshots-rich consommé with a splash of spirits-warm the hands and restore the soul. Tartlettes with leek and Swiss chard or sweet sausage sit pretty on a silver tray—if any make it from the kitchen. Sweet potato, sliced and fried like potato chips, and served with Roquefort sauce, is a guilt item gone gourmet. A jug of yellow roses gives poinsettias the day off.



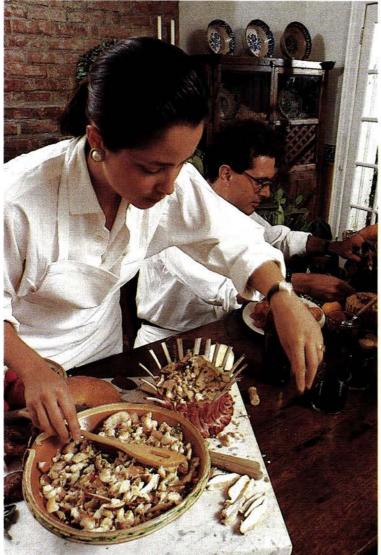
GONE IS THE GOOSE chase, and the turkey trot, of the typical holiday menu. Instead of a

GONE IS THE GOOSE CROWN ROAST OF LAMB MAKES A chase, and the turkey MAGNIFICENT PRESENTATION—

AND DOESN'T TAKE ALL DAY

day spent waiting for the late arrival of the last guest—the bird—a splendid crown roast of lamb is generous to behold, and doesn't need slavish all-day basting. The luxuries of this dinner are a few simple strokes of genius in the shopping, not the squander of precious time (your guests came to see you, not your oven). The butcher will prepare this impressive cut of lamb and it can be stuffed at any time during the day. Served rare, lamb is also mercifully quick. Herbed jellies, always good larder stock, are an entertaining winter weekend project that will come in handy all through the season.

THOUGH chestnuts aren't roasting on an open fire, they've added wintery savor to the lamb, in an earthy breadcrumb stuffing of apple, sage and wild mushrooms soaked in brandy.







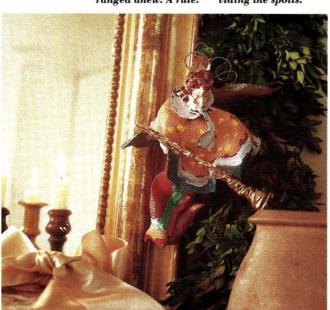






TRUMPET THE news with artistry—like Michael Abrams' delightful angels—and not an avalanche of tinsel. Or beautiful decorations might be familiar objects, arranged anew. A rule:

If you favor greens, get garlands and wreaths of one type—boxwood will last till Easter. When you see things you'd like yourself, buy them; worry later about dividing the spoils.

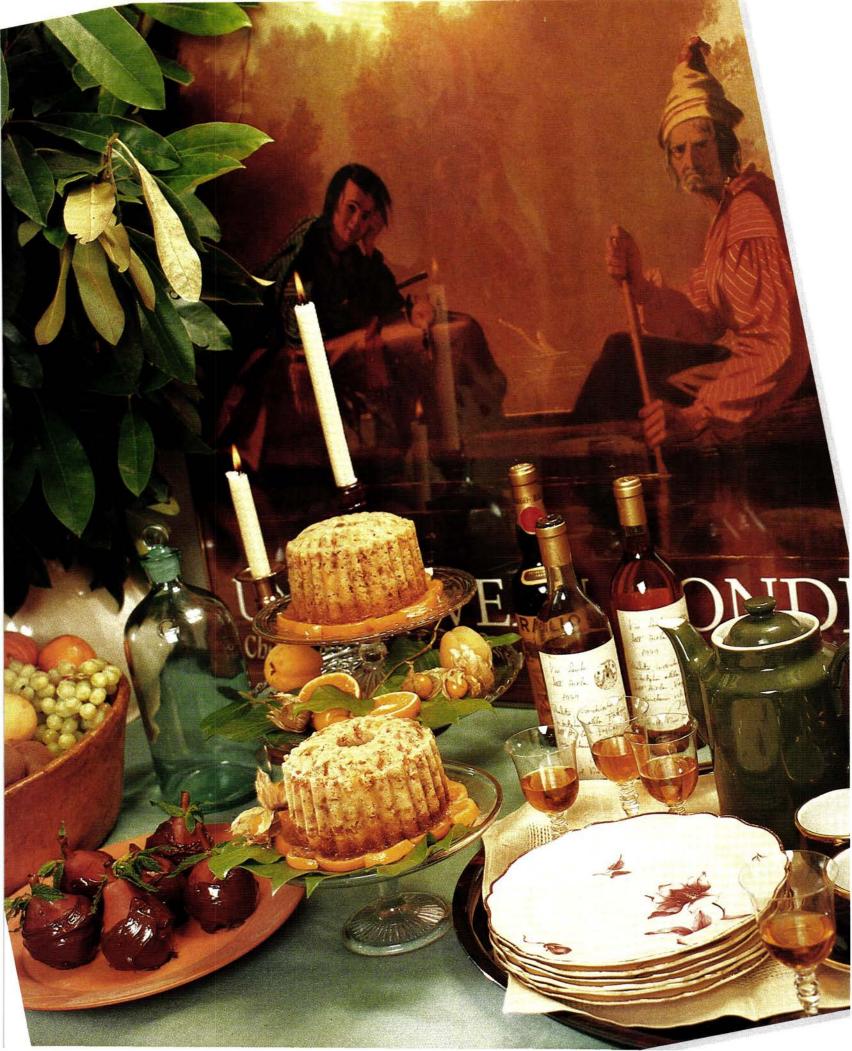


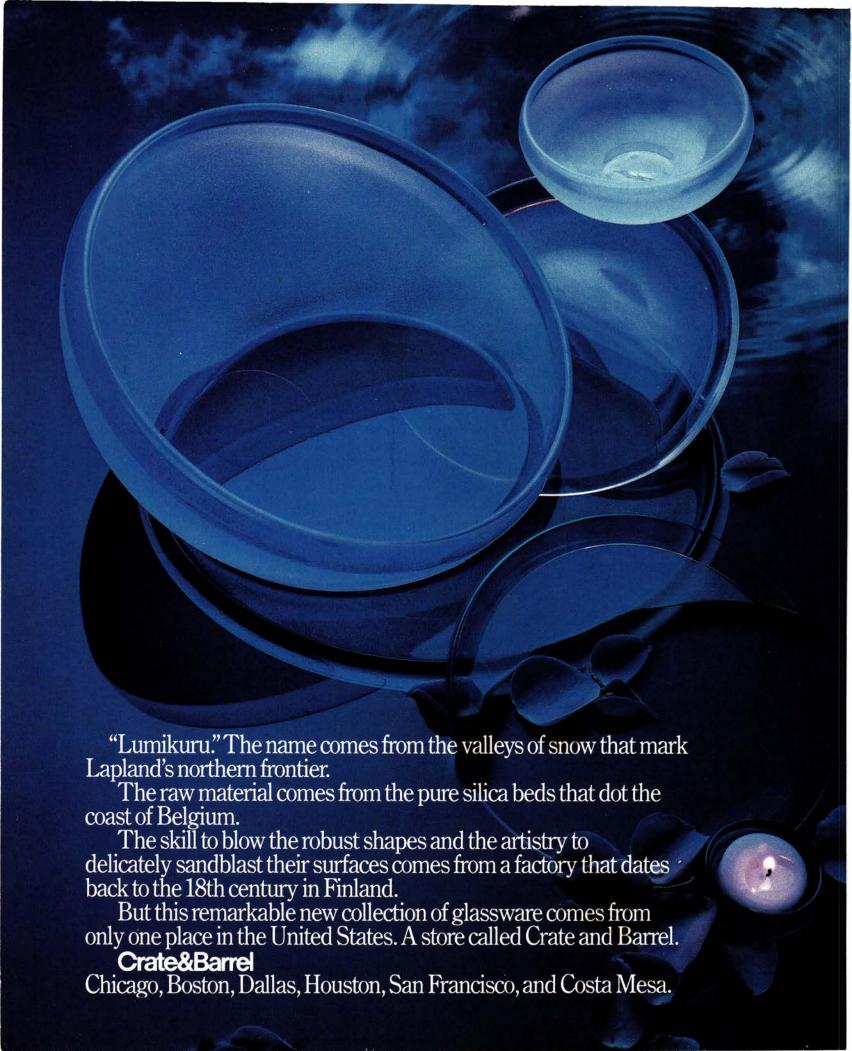
OUR WELL-MEANT ATtempts to keep re-creating holidays the way we remember them

THE BIG BANG THEORY: FIND
THREE TERRIFIC THEMES, NOT 30,
TO BRING THE HOLIDAYS HOME

have resulted in some shaky nostalgia. That one week put-up and knock-down of holiday decorations, like world's fair architecture, seems too extravagant these days. But our Big Bang theory replaces a lot of harried hall-decking. Simplify your choices—and buy them in quantity: Choose beautiful flowers (one kind only), fat or tapered candles (thirty are better than three), wrapping that can be individualized inventively. The traditions are ours to create now. So let's not forget the why of the season. It's a time for thinking of others. But do forget about perfection. This holiday's dinners will be just fine—even better—without it.

A DESSERT table, set out early, will put to rest any cries of "Who has room for . .?"
Poached pears coated with chocolate sauce would tempt a saint.
Steamed lemon pudding is perfect with a golden glass of dessert wine. "Vin santo" seems appropriate to a long day of toasts.
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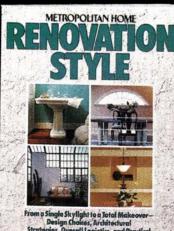


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#### CRANBERRY SAUSAGE TARTLETTES

SERVES 10 TO 12

1½ cups whole cranberries, fresh or frozen; ½ cup sugar

1/2 cup orange juice

1 lb. fresh sausage, removed from casings; 1 cup minced scallions Salt; Freshly ground black pepper

48 Tartlette Shells (recipe below)

• Combine cranberries, sugar and juice in a saucepan. Bring to a boil; simmer until cranberries are soft and some have popped their skins, about 20 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside. Sauté crumbled sausage. Add scallions; cook 2 more minutes. Salt, pepper to taste. Mix cranberry and sausage mixtures; heat. Fill shells.

#### SWISS CHARD AND LEEK TARTLETTES

SERVES 10 TO 1

- 3 leeks, trimmed, washed and finely chopped; 1 clove garlic, minced
- 4 tbsp. butter, unsalted
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 4 cups julienned Swiss chard, white stalk removed
  - Salt; Freshly ground black pepper
- 48 Tartlette Shells (recipe below)
- 1 oz. Parmesan cheese shavings
- Sauté leeks and garlic in butter over low heat until tender, 20 minutes. Add lemon juice and Swiss chard; cook over medium heat until Swiss chard has wilted, about 10 minutes. Salt, pepper to taste. Fill tartlette shells; garnish with Parmesan.

#### TARTLETTE PASTRY

MAKES 48 SHELLS

- 2 cups unbleached flour; 1 tsp. salt
- 12 tbsp. chilled unsalted butter
- 2 tbsp. chilled vegetable shortening
- 6 to 8 tbsp. iced water
- In a large bowl, mix flour and salt. Cut in butter and shortening. Work dough until it resembles cornmeal. Add iced water, 1 the thing the thing is a time, until dough begins to hold a shape. Roll into ball; refrigerate 1 hour. Roll out thinly and line 1½"-diameter tartlette tins with pastry. Cover and put tins in freezer until ready to bake. Bake at 350° until lightly colored, about 15 min-

utes. If they puff up, pierce immediately with a fork. Cool and store in airtight tin for up to 2 days.

#### ROSEMARY SHRIMP WITH GARLIC TOASTS

SERVES 10 TO 12

- 2 lbs. raw shrimp, shelled and deveined; 2 bay leaves
- 1 lemon, sliced; 1 tsp. salt
- 6 whole black peppercorns
- 11/2 cups white wine; 4 shallots, minced
  - 1 cup softened butter, unsalted
  - 4 tbsp. Dijon mustard
  - 2 tbsp. minced chives or scallions
  - 2 tbsp. fresh chopped rosemary or 2 tsp. dried crumbled rosemary
- Poach shrimp for 2 minutes in water to cover, bay leaves, lemon, salt and pepper-corns. Remove shrimp from liquid; cool. In a small saucepan, boil wine and shallots until mixture has reduced to ½ cup. Remove pan from heat and beat in butter, 2 tbsp. at a time, until blended. Beat in mustard, chives, rosemary. Toss shrimp in and chill overnight.

#### GARLIC TOASTS:

- 2 baguettes; ½ cup unsalted butter
- ½ cup olive oil; 1 clove garlic, minced Coarse salt
- Preheat oven to 375°. Slice bread thinly. Melt butter with olive oil, garlic. Brush bread with butter mixture, sprinkle with salt, bake until crisp, about 10 minutes.

#### TRIPLE CONSOMMÉ

SERVES 10 TO 12

- 6 carrots, roughly chopped
- 1 bunch celery, roughly chopped
- 3 medium yellow onions, unpeeled, roughly chopped
- 1 bunch curly parsley, chopped
- 5 lbs. meaty beef-soup bones
- 1 calf's foot; Salt Pepper; 4 cans beef broth
- 2 quarts water
- 1 750 ml. bottle dry red wine
- 4 bay leaves; 10 peppercorns
- 6 whole cloves; Madeira wine
- Preheat oven to 375°. Combine chopped vegetables in a large roasting pan; put soup bones on top. Salt, pepper and moisten vegetables with 1 cup beef broth. Roast 1 hour, until bones and meat have browned.

Remove from oven and transfer ingredients to a stock pot. Add beef broth, and next 5 ingredients. Bring to a boil, then lower heat and simmer uncovered for about 6 hours. The stock should have reduced by half. Allow to cool, then strain through a sieve. Refrigerate overnight, then remove fat from the surface. Strain again through cheesecloth. Reheat; add Madeira, salt and pepper to taste; serve.

#### **SWEET POTATO CHIPS**

SERVES 10 TO 12

- 5 sweet potatoes, peeled
- 1 quart vegetable oil

Salt; Freshly ground black pepper

Slice sweet potatoes thinly. Soak in cold water for 1 hour. Heat oil in a large frying pan. Dry potatoes and fry in oil until crisp. Drain on paper towels. Note: Potatoes, sliced thinly, can be made the day before and stored in an airtight tin.

#### ROQUEFORT SAUCE

SERVES 10 TO 12

- 4 oz. Roquefort cheese, crumbled
- 2 cups crème fraîche, or sour cream
- 1/3 cup minced fresh chives or scallions Salt; Freshly ground black pepper
- Fold cheese into crème fraîche. Add chives, salt, pepper. Serve with Chips.

#### CROWN ROAST OF LAMB

SERVES 10 TO 12

- 2 crown roasts of lamb, each made with 2 racks of 8 lamb ribs
- 1 tbsp. fresh chopped, or 1 tsp. dried crumbled, sage
- 1 tbsp. fresh chopped parsley Salt; Freshly ground pepper Chestnut Stuffing (recipe below)
- Preheat oven to 350°. Cover rib bone ends with foil to prevent charring. Rub crown roasts with sage, parsley, salt and pepper. Fill center with hot stuffing and roast in oven for 1 hour or until meat thermometer reads 140° for rare lamb. Add ½ hour for well done.

#### CHESTNUT STUFFING:

- 2 lbs. fresh chestnuts or 2 cups jarred chestnuts
- 2 oz. dried mushrooms (porcini, morels, cèpes)
- 1 cup cognac or brandy
- 8 tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 onion, minced
- 8 oz. fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 2 red apples, cored and sliced into Continued on page 100



small pieces

- 1/2 cup fresh minced parsley
- 2 tbsp. fresh minced sage
- 3 cups fresh breadcrumbs

Salt; Freshly ground black pepper

• Score fresh chestnuts with a cross, cutting through tough outer shell on flat side of the nuts. Drop into boiling water 4 or 5 minutes. Remove; while warm, peel outer and inner skins. Put in a saucepan; add water to cover; simmer 30 minutes. When cooked, drain and puree in food processor. Proceed from here with jarred chestnuts. Soften dried mushrooms in cognac for 1 hour. Melt butter in a large saucepan. Add onion, cook until transparent. Add fresh

mushrooms, softened ones and their liquor, apples, parsley, sage. Cook over medium heat 15 minutes, stirring often. Add chestnuts, breadcrumbs; salt and pepper to taste. Stuff center of lamb. Bake the rest with the roast.

#### WINE JELLIES WITH HERBS

MAKES 4 CUPS

2 cups red or white wine

31/2 cups sugar

1 cup fresh herb of choice

1 pouch liquid pectin

Combine wine, sugar and herbs in a saucepan. Bring to a boil for two minutes. Strain, discard herbs, add pectin. Pour into jars, allow to jell ½ hour. Then push a sprig of fresh herb into center of jar.

#### POTATOES BOULANGÈRE

SERVES 10 TO 12

12 medium-sized russet potatoes, peeled and pared

6 cups chicken stock

4 oz. butter unsalted, cut into 8 pieces Salt; Freshly grated black pepper

• Preheat oven to 375°. Slice through potatoes every quarter inch taking care not to slice all the way through. Put Continued on page 102

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chicken stock, butter and potatoes in a large baking pan. Poach in the oven, basting occasionally for 45 minutes to 1 hour, until potatoes are easily pierced. They should be lightly brown and slices should fan slightly. Remove from liquid. Salt, pepper, serve.

#### GRATIN OF RUTABAGAS AND ZUCCHINI

#### SERVES 10 TO

- 5 rutabagas, peeled
- 6 cups chicken stock
- 8 tbsp. butter, unsalted cut into 8 pieces; 5 small zucchini, thinly sliced on the diagonal
- 1 cup heavy cream; Salt Freshly ground black pepper
- Preheat oven to 375°. Slice rutabagas in ½" slices. Add chicken stock, butter and rutabagas to a large baking pan. Poach in the oven for about 45 minutes or until rutabagas are easily pierced with a knife. Remove rutabagas from chicken stock and layer, alternating with zucchini, in an ovenproof serving dish. Transfer 3 cups of chicken stock to a saucepan and reduce by half. Add heavy cream and cook down

uncovered for 5 minutes. Pour over vegetables, and bake for 15 minutes at 400°. Serve. Note: You can poach the potatoes (above) and rutabagas together to save time and preparation.

#### BITTER GREEN SALAD WITH PANCETTA AND PECANS

#### S E R V E S 1 0 T O 1 2

- 2 bunches arugula; 1 head chicory
- 1 head escarole; 1 head radicchio
- 1 head Belgium endive
- 8 oz. pancetta or bacon, thinly sliced
- 8 oz. whole pecans; 1/3 cup Balsamic vinegar; 3/4 cup walnut or olive oil Salt; Freshly ground black pepper
- Wash, dry and tear lettuces into bitesized pieces and put them in a large serving bowl. Fry pancetta in a large sauté pan. When crisp, remove from pan and drain on paper towels. Leaving fat, sauté pecans in same pan for 10 minutes. Drain on paper towels. Pour off fat, deglaze pan with vinegar; set aside. Add crumbled pancetta and pecans to greens. Toss with oil, then pour warm reserved vinegar over salad; toss again. Serve.

#### STEAMED LEMON PUDDING

#### SERVES 10 TO 12

- 11/2 cups toasted almond slices
- 3/4 cup candied lemon peel, minced
- $3\!4$  cup candied orange peel, minced
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 1 cup dried apricots, minced
- 1 cup dried peaches, minced
- 1 apple, peeled, cored and grated
- 1 cup Grand Marnier
- 1 cup flour; 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. mace; 1 tbsp. ginger
- 1/4 tsp. cloves; 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup dried white breadcrumbs
- 2 sticks unsalted butter
- 1 cup sugar; 4 eggs
- 1 cup sour cream; ½ cup lemon juice
- 2 tbsp. vanilla
- Grease two 1-quart pudding molds or bowls. Set aside. Marinate all the nuts and fruit in Grand Marnier for at least 1 hour. Preheat oven to 350°. Sift flour with the baking soda, mace, ginger, cloves and salt. Mix in breadcrumbs. Cream butter with sugar until light and fluffy. Continue beating and add eggs, one at a time. Beat in sour cream, lemon juice and vanilla. Lightly incorporate flour mixture into butter mixture. Be careful not to overmix. Combine the batter with the marinated fruit and divide between the prepared molds or bowls. If not using molds with lids, cover with rounds of buttered wax paper. Place puddings in a deep roasting pan and pour in boiling water 1/3 of the way up the molds. Bake in the oven for 1 hour and 45 minutes. Add more water to roasting pan if necessary. Unmold while warm.

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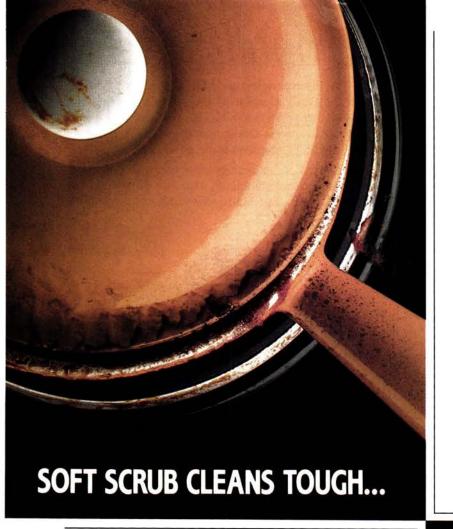
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#### COVER

See the listings for the (Almost) Perfect Dinner Party story, below.

#### DESIGN POLICE

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Ornaments (geometric, in exhibit B)—from the Museum of Contemporary Art, 250 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Candleholder—"Fiona," by Parvenue, Inc., sold at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 250 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012; Mirror—#762003, Lazy Susan, 1049 Third Ave., NYC 10021; Brooches—(on mirror)"Swag," designed by Robert A.M. Stern for ACME Studio, sold at all major museum stores; Cookie fins—Bisc Gallery, designed by Katsuhiko Hibino for the Museum of Contemporary Art, 250 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012; EAT metal placemat—designed for Chateau X by Mike Jones, at Bloomingdale's, 1000 Third Ave., NYC 10022; Metal napkone—designed by Chateau X, at Bloomingdale's; Polka-dot napkin—D.F.Sanders, 386 W. Broadway, NYC 10012; Santa Fe diner glass—designed by BLAST, at DAPY, 431 W. Broadway, NYC 10012; Tropical Mighty OJ Squeezer—by Metrokane, at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 250 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012; Adobe ornaments—by Linda Wade, at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 250 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012

#### CRAFTING THE NEW COUNTRY HOME

(See page 51)

Architecture and interior design—Tom Meyer, Lynn Barnhouse, Greg Abnat, Barry Petit, of Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, 325 Second Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55401; Contractor—Joe Boyer & Sons Inc., 18202 Minnetonka Blvd., Wayzata, MN 55391; Dining room table—designed and made by Dan Cramer; Dining chairs—F.W. Lombard Co., 34 Pleasant St., South Ashburnham, MA 01466; seat fabric—"Hoffmann," by Kirk Brummell Assoc. Inc., 979 Third Ave., 503-N, NYC 10022; Japanese altar—Indigo Gallery, 212 Third Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55401; Photo—by Michael Manzavrakos, Thomson

Gallery, 321 Second Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55401; Landscaping—Herb Baldwin Landscape Architects, 4196 W. 185 St., Jordan, MN 55352 (See page 52)

Chinese chest-Indigo Gallery, 212 Third Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55401

Painting (above chest)—by Joan Mitchell, Xavier Fourcade Inc., 36 E. 75 St., NYC 10021; Painting—by Sandra Menefee Taylor, W.A.R.M. Gallery, 414 First Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55401; Cine club chair—by Donghia Textiles and Furniture, 485 Broadway, NYC 10013; fabric—#66750-FB, Decorloom, 1201 Seven Locks Road, Rockville, MD 20854 (See page 53)

Polish kilim rug—by Cepelia Corp., through Decor International, 171 Newbury, Boston, MA; Harvest table, antique carpenters chest—St. Boni Antiques, 4134 Main St., St. Bonifacius, MN 55375; Sofa—by Donghia Textiles and Furniture, 485 Broadway, NYC 10013; fabric—"Westover," Donghia Textiles and Furniture; End table—by Dan Cramer; Wicker chair—by Raiph Lauren, 1185 Ave. of the Americas, NYC 10036; Wicker table—An Elegant Place, 421 Third St., Excelsior, MN 55331 (See pages 54 and 55)

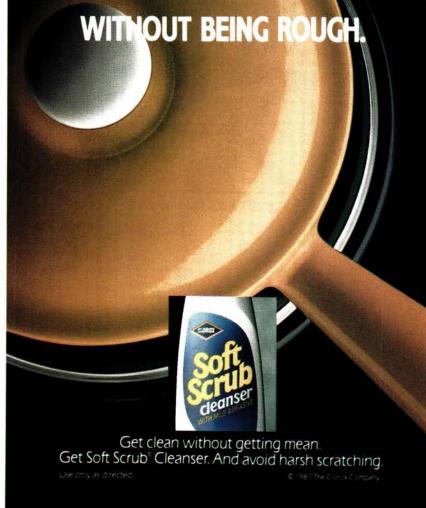
Cine sofa—by Donghia Textiles and Furniture, 485 Broadway, NYC 10013; fabric—"Westover," Donghia Textiles and Furniture; New York tub chair(on right)—by Donghia Textiles and Furniture, 485 Broadway, NYC 10013; fabric—"Gobelin," Robert Allen Fabrics, 55 Cabot Blvd., Mansfield, MA 02048; Cine club chair—by Donghia Textiles and Furniture, 485 Broadway, NYC 10013; fabric—Decorloom Fabric Co., 1201 Seven Locks Road, Rockville, MD 20854; End table—by Dan Cramer; Antique Japanese scholars table—Indigo Gallery, 212 Third Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55401; Painting—by Sandra Menefee Taylor, W.A.R.M. Gallery, 414 First Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55401

Dining room table—by Dan Cramer; Dining chair—by F.W. Lombard Co., 34 Pleasant St. South Ashburnham, MA 01466; seat fabric—"Hoffman," by Kirk Brummel Assoc. Inc., 979 Third Ave., 503-N, NYC 10022; Bedding—Martex, 1221 Ave. of the Americas, NYC 10020; Bedside table, rug—Wickerworks, 3054 Excelsior Blvd., Minn., MN 55416 (See page 57)

Painted bench—St. Boni Antiques, 4134 Main St., St. Bonifacius, MN 55375; Uplights— Lighting Technics, 163 Stuart St., Paramus, NJ 07652; Wicker chairs—Ralph Lauren, 1185 Ave. of Americas, NYC 10036; Wicker table—An Elegant Place, 421 Third St., Excelsior, MN 55331; Teacart—Alvar Aalto, Museum of Modern Art, 11 W. 53, NYC 10019 (See page 58)

Apple bowl—by Sol Lewitt. Walker Art Center, Vineland Pl., Minneapolis, MN 55403; Countertop—Corian, by DuPont Co., Room G-50672, Wilmington, DE 19801; Sfove-top—Dacor, 950 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, CA 91109-7202; China—"French Porcelain," by Williams-Sonoma, Box 7456, San Francisco, CA 94120-7456; Side-through china cabinet—Accuride, 12311 S. Shoemaker Ave., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670; Sink fittings—"Arwa Twin," by Luwa Corp., Builder Products Div., Box 16348, Charlotte, NC 28297-6348; Dishwasher—KitchenAid, 3000 Space Dr., Dayton, OH 45144; Coyote—by Leroy Archuleta, Tavelli Gallery, 620 E. Hyman Ave., Aspen, CO 81611

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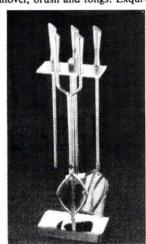
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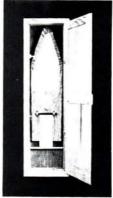
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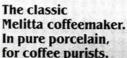
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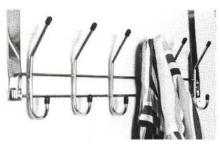
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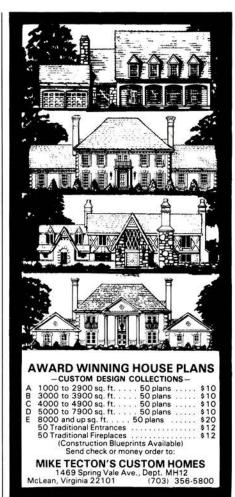
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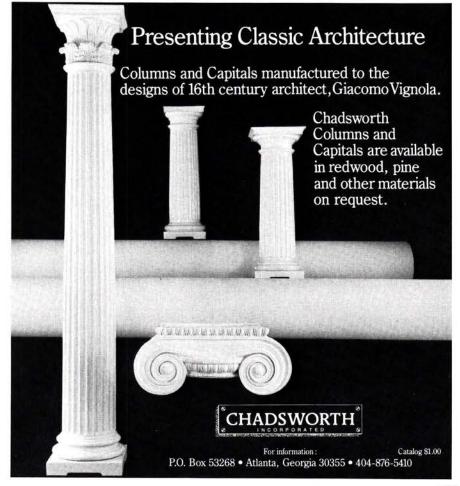
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Teacart—by Alvar Aalto, Museum of Modern Art, 11 W. 53. NYC 10019; Wicker chair-by Ralph Lauren, 1185 Ave. of the Americas, NYC 10036; Print—by Alex Katz, Tyler Graphics, 250 Kisco Ave., Mt. Kisco, NY 10549; Wall ruin—Herb Baldwin, Herb Baldwin Landscape Architects, 4196 W. 185 St., Jordan, MN 55352; Butter dish—by Lindt-Stymeist, at Harold, 818 Nicollett Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55402; Adirondack chairs—Willsboro Wood Products, 1-800-342-3373; Teak table, chairs— Clappers, 1121 Washington St., Newton, MA 02165; Tub fittings—Colore Series, Watercolors, Inc., Garrison, NY 10524; Whirlpool bath—Kohler Co., 444 Highland Dr., Kohler, WI 53044; **Tile**—Bright White 4x4, American Olean Tile Co., 1000 Cannon Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446-0271; **Towels**—Frette Fine Linens, 787 Madison Ave., NYC 1002; **Photo**graph—by Audrey Glassman, Thomson Gallery, 321 Second Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55401

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Folk art (throughout)-from homeowner's personal collection; Textiles—Douglas Dawson Gallery, 341 W. Superior, Chicago,

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Interior design-Michelle Kantor Associates, 820 NW 21 Ave., Portland, OR 97209; Architectural design—Terry Bing-, 17900 NE King Grade, Newberg, OR 97132; Chairs, coffee table—designed by Michelle Kantor; fabric (on sofa and chairs)—"Ibiza," Clarence House, through Wayne Martin, Inc., 210 NW 21 Ave., Portland, OR 97209; Sofa, side table-Peter Rocchia, Wicker Works; chrome floor lamp—Casella Lighting; drapery fabric—"Varenna," Coraggio Collection, all through Wayne Martin, Inc., address above; Terra-cotta pot—Pyro Media, 568 First Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98104; Fan—Casablanca, Box 424, City of Industry, CA 91746 (See page 71)

Window-Marvin Windows, 8043 24 Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55420; Refrigerator—Traulsen,; Place settings, kitchen padgetry—Kitchen Kaboodle, 8788 SW Hall Blvd., Portland, OR 97223; Glass cowboy hat, artwork, table glassware—Sunbow Gallery, 206 SW Stark, Portland, OR 97204; Dining chairs—"Mobius," from Cy Mann, Anderson-Douglas Showroom, 1640 NW Irving St., Portland, OR 97209; Wall-mounted lights—Garber Lighting, 1140 NW Everett St., Portland, OR 97209; Countertops—Corian, by DuPont, Room G-50672, Wilmington, DE 19801; Drawer pulls—Normbau, Chown Showcase, 333 NW 16th, Portland, OR 97209; Warming oven-Thermador, 5119 S. District Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90248; Dishwasher—Maytag Co., Newton, IA 50208; Double oven, microwave oven-Amana, Amana, IA 52204 (See page 72, top)

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Range, grill—U.S. Range, 14501 S. Broadway, Gardena, CA 90248; Hood—designed by Terry Bingham, fabricated by Steel Tek Industries, Rt. 4, Box 308, Sherwood, OR; Tile-Ann Sacks' Tileworks, 828 NW 23rd, Portland, OR 97209

Food processor—Cuisinart, Cuisinarts Inc., 411 W. Putnam Dr., Greenwich, CT 06830

#### RITUALS

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Plate (brown), silver teaspoon, teacup/plates (yellow rim with floral, green and siena)—Barneys New York, Seventh Ave. at Seventeenth St., NYC 10011

(See pages 76 and 77, photo, top)

Gold vases, cake stand—Thaxton & Co., 780 Madison Ave., NYC 10021: Teapot, sugarer, creamer, cup, saucer, plate

(brown), tray, throw, teaspoon, napkin (with lace edging), teacup/plates (yellow rim with floral pattern)—Barneys New Seventh Ave. at Seventeenth St., NYC 10011; Silver cookie dish-Vito Giallo, 966 Madison Ave., NYC 10021 (See page 77)

Coffeemaker "Aromaster Coffeemaker," #KF80BGF; coffee grinder-#KSMZ, both from Braun Inc., 66 Broadway, Route 1, Lynnfield, MA 01940; Cup and saucer—designed by Dorothy Hafner, Rosenthal USA, Ltd., 66-26 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village, NY 11379; Jam-Crabtree & Evelyn Catalogue, Peake Brook Rd., Box 167, Woodstock, CT 06281; Teacup and saucer (white and blue)—Gear, 110 Seventh Ave., NYC 10011 (See pages 78 and 79, photo, top)

Books: At Home in Scotland-by Lesley Astaire & Roddie Martine, and The Joys of Entertaining—by Beverly Reese Church & Bethany Ewald Bultman, from Abbeville Press, 488 Madison Ave., NYC 10022; Scandinavia: Living Design Elizabeth Gaynor; Shaker Life, Work and Art—by June Sprigg & David Larkin; The Natural Cuisine of Georges Blanc, all from Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 740 Broadway, NYC 10003; Gardens of the Italian Villas—by Marella Angelli; The Old-Fashioned Garden, by Nancy Lynch, Rizzoli International Publications, Inc., 597 Fifth Ave., NYC 10017; Mary Anne's Garden, by Mary Anne McLean, Harry N. Abrams, 100 Fifth Ave., NYC 10011; Lamp-by Kevin Gray; vase (green)both from Furniture of the Twentieth Century, 227 W. 17 St.,

(See page 79, photo, bottom)
Television—"Videoscope," #KPR-36XBR in taupe; Video cassette recorder-#EVS700U Video 8, both from SONY Corp. of America, Sony Drive, Park Ridge, NJ 07656; Book (on TV)—English Style—by Suzanne Slesin & Stafford Cliff, from Clarkson N. Potter, One Park Ave., NYC 10016 (See pages 80 and 81, photo, top, left to right)

Soop dish (shell), soop (orange)—#2953, "Maze Meal Country Soap," sponge—"Natural Honeycomb," pot pourris—
"Meadow Sweet," "Savannah Gardens," toothbrushes, toothpaste—#3632, "Swiss Camonile Toothpaste with Birch Extract," hairbrush—#3481, "Satinwood and Natural Bristle," bath brush—#196, bath gel—#3071, "Damask Rose Foaming Bath Gel" and #3690, "Apricot Kernal Oil Foaming Bath Gel," cologne-#3109, "Hungary Water," shampoo-#2956, "Camomile Shampoo," razor-Crabtree & Evelyn Catalogue, Peake Brook Rd., Box 167, Woodstock, CT 06281; Towels—Ralph Lauren Bath Collection, 1185 Ave. of the Americas, NYC 10018; Soap (large white soap brick), small oval soap, Almond Skin Freshener—Caswell Massey Co., Ltd. Catalogue, 111 Eighth Ave., NYC 10011 (See page 81, photo, bottom right)

Towel (wine colored)—Ralph Lauren Bath Collection, 1185 Ave. of the Americas, NYC 10036; Talcum powder (sink, left), tortoise shell comb, soap brush, shaving soap in wooden dish, Sandlewood rope soap—Crabtree & Evelyn Catalogue, Peake Brook Rd., Box 167, Woodstock, CT 06281; Shower cassette player—"Wet Tunes 4, The Wet Cassette, Salton Inc., 1419 Lake Cook Rd., Suite 200, Deerfield IL 60015 800-323-9391; Manicure set—Marcovici Designs, 50 Temple Place, Boston, MA 02111; Soap (light blue), Orange Flower Water, razor, shaving cream—"Euxesis," Sweet Almond Oil—Caswell-Massey Co., Ltd., Catalogue Division, 111 Eighth Ave., NYC 10011

(See pages 82 and 83) Easle—Kate's Paperie, 8 W 13 St., NYC 10011; Table—Casa Nova, 200 Lexington Ave., NYC 10016; Typewriter-"Correctronic 380 Word Processing Typewriter, Brother International Corp., 8 Corporate Pl., Piscataway, NJ 08854; Paisley portfolios—Kate's Paperie, 8 W 13 St., NYC 10011; Box (with Greek columns)—#6, "Sense," One, 1110 S. Akard St., Dallas, TX 75215; Lamp—#P979295, "Micro Desk Lamp," Conran's Mail Order, Dept. 4055, 4 S. Middlesex Ave., Cranbury, NJ 08512; Vase-Thaxton & Co., 780 Madison Ave., NYC 10021; Frame, love letter portfolio (in right desk cubby), square journal (black with collage on front)—Two Women Boxing, 3002 Commerce St., Dallas, TX 75226; Pencil boxes (desk cubby, left)—Michelle Nicole Wesley, 126 Prince St., NYC 10013; Address book, journals (marbleized covers with leather spines), red fountain pen, ink bottle (with owl), map cards, paper weight column, black fountain pen with leather case, letter holder with stamp tray (in brass)-#01418, wire letter holder, magnifying glass, pencil box (open, black interior with yellow exterior) with pencils-Barneys New York, Seventh Ave. at Seventeenth St., NYC 10011; Medallion loupe-Marcovici Designs, 50 Temple Place, Boston, MA

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Sheets, pillowcases, blanket—Fieldcrest, 60 W. 40 St., NYC 10018; Phone, answering machine—#IT-A650, "Integrated Telephone Answering Machine," SONY Corp. of America, Sony Drive, Park Ridge, NJ 07656; Pen—#90M, Lamy Unique Stainless Fountain Pen, Becker, Inc., 501 Post Rd. E., Box 934, Westport, CT 06881; Chinese bound notebook (white with collage)-Two Women Boxing, 3002 Commerce St., Dallas, TX

#### (ALMOST) PERFECT DINNER PARTIES

Chairs-Limited Editions, 253 E. 72 St., NYC 10021; Tablecloth, flatware, carving set-Barneys New York, Seventh Ave. at Seventeenth St., NYC 10011; Napkins-Wolfman Gold & Good Company, 484 Broome St., NYC 10013; Dinner plates, terra-cotta compote-Gear, 110 Seventh Ave., NYC 10011; Platter (white, with lamb)-Wolfman Gold & Good Company, 484 Broome St., NYC 10013; Stemware—"Normandie," Baccarat, Inc., 55 E. 57th St., NYC 10022; Tumblers-by Sasaki, from Dean & Deluca, 121 Prince St., NYC 10012; Salad basket—Limited Editions, 253 E. 72 St., NYC 10021; TablePierre Deux, 369 Bleecker St., NYC 10014; Jugs (on mantel, table)—Pierre Deux, 369 Bleecker St., NYC 10014; Brass pan (with potatoes)-Dean & Deluca, 121 Prince St., NYC 10012; Wines—Italian Wine Center, 499 Park Ave., NYC 10022; Copper compote (on mantel)—Limited Editions, 253 E. 72 St., 10014; Glass candlesticks (on table, mantel)-Bergdorf Goodman, 1 W. 57 St., NYC, 10019; Brass candlesticks (on table, mantel)—Limited Editions, 253 E. 72 St., NYC 10021; Wood candlesticks (on table)—John Rosselli, Ltd., 523 E. 73 St., NYC 10021; Wreath—Twigs, Inc., 399 Bleecker St., NYC 10014; Candles—Buonanno-Perin, 530 Broadway, NYC 10012 (See page 86, photo, top)

Bread basket, copper saucepan—Dean & Deluca, 121 Prince St., NYC 10012; Copper compote—Limited Editions, 253 E. 72 St., NYC 10021; White plate (with cheese)-Wolfman Gold & Good Company, 484 Broome St., NYC 10013; Candlesticks (on mantel)—John Rosselli, Ltd., 253 E. 73 St., NYC 10021

(See photo bottom left)

Tablecloth, napkin—Barneys New York, Seventh Ave. at Seventeenth St., NYC 10011; Wine goblet—"Normandie," Baccarat, Inc., 55 E. 57 St., NYC 10022; Wine—Italian Wine Center, 499 Park Ave., NYC 10022; Plate—Gear, 110 Seventh Ave., NYC 10011; Basket-Dean & Deluca, 121 Prince St., NYC 10012

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Bread basket, copper saucepan—Dean & Deluca, 121 Prince St., NYC 10012; Copper compote—Limited Editions, 253 E. 72 St., NYC 10021; White plate (with cheese)— Wolfman Gold & Good Co., 484 Broome St., NYC 10013; Candlesticks (on mantel)-John Rosselli, Ltd., 253 E. 73 St., NYC 10021; Bay leaf wreath-McFadden Farm, Potter Valley, CA 95469 and Williams-Sonoma Mail Order, Box 7456, San Francisco, CA 94120-7456

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Table, jug-Pierre Deux, 369 Bleecker St., NYC 10014; White compote, coffee mugs—Wolfman Gold & Good Co., 484 Broome St., NYC 10013; Basket—Dean & Deluca, 121 Prince St., NYC 10012; Terra cotta compote-Gear, 110 Seventh Ave., NYC 10011; Tablecloth, oval plattter—Barneys New York, Seventh Ave. at Seventeenth St., NYC 10011 (See photo, bottom)

Dinner plates, salad plate, terra cotta compote—Gear, 110 Seventh Ave., NYC 10011; Chairs, bamboo plant stand, brass candlesticks, copper compote, bowl (in front of fireplace)—Limited Editions, 253 E. 72 St., NYC 10021; Glass candlesticks—Bergdorf Goodman, 1 W. 57th St., NYC 10019; Wood candlesticks, glass cheese stand—John Rosselli, Ltd., 523 E. 73 St., NYC 10021; Stemware—"Normandie," Baccarat, Inc., 55 E. 57 St., NYC 10022; Napkin rings, wrapping paper—Wolfman Gold & Good Company, 484 Broome St., NYC 10013; Napkins, tablecloth, ceramic cheese platter-Barneys New York, Seventh Ave. at Seventeenth St., NYC 10011; Bread basket-Dean & Deluca, 121 Prince St., NYC 10012; Jugs, table—Pierre Deux, 369
Bleecker St., NYC 10014; Christmas tree—Brookfields Tree Plantation, Box 2490, 1970 Palmer St., Christiansburg, VA 24068-2490; Christmas lights, ornaments—Christmas Eve, Inc., 200 Fifth Ave., Plaza, NYC 10010; Wreath—Twigs, Inc., 399 Bleecker St., NYC 10014 Candles—Buonanno-Perin, 530 Broadway, NYC 10012; Wine—Italian Wine Center, 499 Park Ave., NYC 10022 (See page 89)

Jug, table—Pierre Deux, 369 Bleecker St., NYC 10014; Bread basket—Dean & Deluca, 121 Prince St., NYC 10012; Wine— Italian Wine Center, 499 Park Ave., NYC 10022; Wrapping paper—Wolfman Gold & Good, 484 Broome St., NYC 10013 Wood candlesticks, glass cheese stand—John Rosselli, Ltd., 523 E. 73 St., NYC 10021; Stemware—"Normandie," Baccarat, Inc., 55 E. 57 St., NYC 10022; Dinner plate-Gear, 110 Seventh Ave., NYC 10011

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Bowl-Limited Editions, 253 E. 72 St., NYC 10021 (See page 95, top)

Christmas tree—Brookfields Tree Plantation, Box 2490, 1970 Palmer St., Christiansburg, VA 24068-2490; Christmas lights, ornaments—Christmas Eve, Inc., 200 Fifth Ave., Plaza, NYC 10010; Angels-by Michael Abrams, 664 Sixth Ave., NYC 10001; Garland-Twigs, Inc., 399 Bleecker St., NYC 10014 (below)

Angel-by Michael Abrams, 664 Sixth Ave., NYC 10001; Garland—Twigs, Inc., 399 Bleecker St., NYC 10014; Wood candlestick—John Rosselli, Ltd., 523 E. 73 St., NYC 10021

Fruit bowl, jug (with leaves), glass pudding stands— Bergdorf Goodman, 1 W. 57 St., NYC 10019; Plate (with pears)-Gear, 110 Seventh Ave., NYC 10011; Framed p er-Poster Originals, 924 Madison Ave., NYC 10021; Tortoise tray-Barneys New York, Seventh Ave. at Seventeenth St., NYC 10011; Apothecary bottle, brass candlestick—Limited Editions, 253 E. 73 St., NYC 10021; Wood candlestick— John Rosselli, Ltd., 523 E. 73 St., NYC 10021; Stemware— "Vence," Baccarat, Inc., 55 E. 57 St., NYC 10022; Dessert plates—Bardith Antiques, 901 Madison Ave., NYC 10021; Napkin (on tray)-Thaxton & Co., 780 Madison Ave., NYC 10021; Wine—Italian Wine Center, 499 Park Ave., NYC 10013; Candles—Buonanno-Perin, 530 Broadway, NYC 10012