

# Stars hold gift ideas for 11th-hour shopper

The Herald's Astro Advisor, Eugenia Witham, scans the zodiac for suggestions that might just save the day

Are you one of those individuals who leaves your shopping for loved ones to the last minute? Well, here are some astrological suggestions that might help.

For the **ARIES** in your life, you must keep in mind that they like to try new things, such as a new power tool or electronic gadget on the market. Anything that can help the fast Aries speed up his work, such as a juicer or electric knife, will do nicely.

Aries children like anything that moves or is related to sports. A pogo



ARIES

stick should also make their little eyes widen. For **TAURUS**, you must keep in mind that they like things that appeal to the sense of touch. Perhaps a soft scarf or dressing gown for him and, for her, an angora or

silk top. For the child, a durable truck, soft animal or doll house.

For the **GEMINI**, we must keep in mind that they like things that appeal to the intellect. Perhaps a good book or anything that is needed in such singular sports as skiing or racquet ball. The love of your life may also appreciate a jogging outfit or camera as well. For the child, maybe an electronic game or anything that takes both mental agility and coordination.

For the **CANCER**, remember they're home-

bodies and historians, so anything that will add comfort and beautification to their environment is ideal. They also like soaps and luxurious things for the bath. The children being collectors like stamps, books,



TAURUS

puzzles, paints, dolls and things that can be used around the house.

For the **LEO**, we must remember that being the kings and queens of the zodiac, they like sunshine and gold. However, if you can't afford their rich taste try a "Pot of Gold" lottery ticket or chocolate. The children like to role play as well, so perhaps an instrument or toy which takes imagination. They also have a competitive drive which gives them a strong interest in sports so maybe a pair of skates.



GEMINI

mind that they like detail, so perhaps a calculator, digital watch or craft to work on in the new year. For the child, Lego or building toys, books and electronic games. For the **LIBRA**, we must remember that they

like things that will enhance their appearance, such as fashionable clothes and other electrical gadgets that will pamper and preserve them. They're also sophisticated intellectuals who enjoy good books and games. The children like strategy games and glamor dolls.

For the **SCORPIO** in your life, you must keep in mind that they're intense and secretive, so nothing too personal. It should be something that takes thought and love. They usually like good books about history, art,

music and suspense. Perhaps a brass book mark or good record. The children like instruments, books and suspense games.

**SAGITTARIUS** people are crusaders, philosophers and gamblers. They'd like an educational vacation or perhaps a fast car.



CANCER

If they are beyond budget, maybe a lottery ticket or sports item. For the child, a model, race car set or maybe the game "Battlehips".

For the **CAPRICORN** in your life, you must remember that they are the workers and money makers of the zodiac. They like quality, things made of durable material. Perhaps something for their desk such as a brass letter opener or something for their library. On the personal side a silk lounging outfit, pipe or jewel box. For the child, Continued on page A2

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## Region's '911' rises again

Although previously rejected by the region, Halton's administration and finance committee has recommended the formation of a special task force to plan the implementation of a "911" emergency phone number here. With one Burlington council member claiming that 93 per cent of her constituents favor the idea of a single emergency number for all fire, police and ambulance services, the committee advised to the task force should begin working with Bell Canada on the plan. If approved, the 911 system would cost \$15,700 a month following a one-time expenditure of \$18,582, and would take up to two years to plan and implement.

## Red Cross warning

With winter's usual temperatures finally upon us, the Georgetown and District Red Cross is urging parents to again warn their children about the dangers of playing on or near ice that is now forming on local streams. Youngsters must be reminded to take precautions as they head outside to play with their Christmas toys.

## Rest home reforms

Three months after an inquest into the death of a senior citizen at an Acton rest home, uniform provincial standards for rest home operations are being urged by Halton region's health and social services committee. The committee last week endorsed recommendations to that effect from Halton medical officer of health Dr. Peter Cole, the inquest jury itself and the Society of Medical Officers of Health. Dr. Cole charged that Queen's Park continues to stall on implementing effective province-wide guidelines. Halton's main problem, he said, is the lack of regulations governing the qualifications of rest home operators.

## Mayor joins

Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy was sworn in as a member of the Halton police commission Thursday for a three-year term. The mayor was elected to the five-man board by regional councillors, and joins Georgetown's Ric Morrow on the commission. Other members are Alfred Oliver, Judge Joseph Scime and James Grieve. Burlington councillor Grieve was sworn in for another term on the commission Thursday. At the commission's first meeting of the new year, a chairman and vice-chairman will be elected. It appears Judge Scime will be re-elected as chairman and Mr. Grieve as vice-chairman, Mayor Pomeroy said.

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## TOYS AWAIT DELIVERY

Becky Malcolmson, nearly two years old (left) and sister Megan, 5, got to sample some of the toys their mom has been receiving and storing in her basement. The Khetts' annual Christmas toy drive has collected lots of new and used toys for needy area children. Toys can be

## Council sells old Acton town hall to restoration proponents

# Price for a piece of history \$1



**'TIS THE SEASON**  
Your first name doesn't have to be Jack in order for you to be a Jack-in-the-box at Park Public School Kindergarten students (left to right) Jennifer Murray, 5, Karen Ford, 5, Sarah Middleton, 5, Allison MacFarlane, 5, Charlene Armstrong, 5, Sean Peasgood, 5, were all excited Thursday night for their Christmas concert. About 100 parents and siblings watched the kindergarten students do their Toyland skit in the school gym. (Herald photo by Ani Pederian)

## Family sues over drowning

**Herald Special**  
An Acton family is suing the town for damages over the death of their seven-year-old son in a drowning at Fairy Lake on July 19.

In writs filed with the Ontario Supreme Court in Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Patey and their son Shawn, of 44 Victoria Ave., are seeking "actual out of pocket expenses" and compensation for "the loss of guidance, care and companionship" due to Brent Patey's death.

The child was one of

two Acton boys drowned within an hour of each other on the afternoon of July 19. The second victim was Nick Dimic, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nienko Dimic, 7 Kingham Rd.

**REASONABLE CARE**  
The town is being sued for "negligent operation, design, supervision, life-saving, fencing and regulation of a park swimming area" within its limits as well as for failure to take reasonable care for Brent's safety on its premises.

Also named in the ac-

tion are: Laura Brillinger, Linda Kilpatrick and Jim McVeigh for "negligent supervision in their capacity of lifeguards", and Marjorie and the late Charles Landsborough for failing to see that Brent was safe while on their property.

Mrs. Landsborough, of 97 Lake Ave., owns property adjacent to the swimming area of the lake. It is not clear, nor did solicitors explain, why she was named in the action. But a willow tree on or near the Landsborough property was mentioned briefly during a two-day inquest in September as a site where children play.

Tom Anderson, of the firm Nelson and Logan, the town's legal advisors, said he was in contact with the sheriff's office and is aware the papers are coming although they have not yet been served.

The option to settle out of court always exists, Mr. Anderson said, and 90 per cent of civil cases are settled that way. While negotiations may have been ongoing between the town and the family, Mr. Anderson is not aware of any.

James Stuart, a Guelph lawyer representing the Patey family, said no figure has been set on the damage claims but claims must be in excess of \$15,000 before they are

heard in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Stuart said there is a six-month limit on initiating a suit against a municipality and that is one of the reasons papers were filed now. The fact papers have been filed doesn't automatically

mean matters must go to court.

Mr. Stuart said his clients want the matter pursued and the filing of papers is part of the procedure necessary to carry out their wishes.

—Courtesy  
Guelph Mercury



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dropped off at Kissette Marny Malcolmson's home at 179 Haylawn Cres. in Georgetown (877-2972) or at the office of Arthur S. Johnson and Associates on Guelph Street. The toys are being parcelled and delivered to the Good Neighbor depot for distribution this week.

## New deal has RC schools, town share

Local non-profit community groups affiliated with the town's recreation and parks department will be able to use Halton separate school board facilities under a new agreement.

The new agreement settles a dispute between the board and the department over the board's use of town facilities in exchange for community use of classrooms and playing fields.

Affiliated groups (ones which have registered through the rec department and have received a number and permit) may now book space in sepa-

rate schools or time on the playing fields through the recreation department.

In exchange, the board can book time on town facilities and has been allotted 100 hours of ice time each year.

Although an agreement already exists between the Halton board of education and the town, trading the use of each other's facilities, up until now no agreement existed with the separate board. Earlier this year the rec department complained that its use of board facilities was restricted while separate school children were using the arenas at the town's cost.

Under the agreement, the town will only be able to use separate school facilities after normal school hours unless special arrangements are made. And—booking through the town's facility manager, the board may use town facilities as long as it doesn't interfere with



## MAGIC ON A BUN

The battle of the burgers has hit Georgetown. Saturday, Burger King was doing business behind a curtain of balloons. The new restaurant on the Halton Hills Shopping Plaza had a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon where a ribbon of one hundred \$1 bills was donated to the Kinsmen Club for cystic fibrosis research. Also on the agenda were two magic shows by Richard Lyn of Richmond Hill. Showing Lisa Legare how to make a balloon poodle was one of his tricks.

(Herald photo by Ani Pederian)

## Lucky escape

There was \$10,000 damage to a Churchill Road South home at 1:40 a.m. Thursday morning. Deputy fire chief Bob Hyde said there were no smoke detectors in the home and the couple were lucky to have awakened in time to escape. It's uncertain whether the fire was caused by careless smoking or by an electrical problem with a heating pad. The fire began in the family's TV room in the basement.

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