

The lively needle

A saga of 3 gifts and a giver

Now that it's too late to humbug your Christmas stitching, I'll tell you the tale of Mary Kay and the Three Christmas Presents.

When I was young and had just discovered needlepoint, Christmas approached, bringing the need for something "special" for my friend Sue. She had recently remarried for the third time and a smashing Christmas present-wedding gift seemed just the thing. But no silver. My previous wedding presents had been monogrammed silver trays. The minute that marriage was dissolved, Sue turned the tray upside down and said, "There! Now no one will be able to read the monogram. Doesn't it look like a fleur de lis?"

It didn't. It looked like a monogram upside down.

SO SOMETHING new had to be introduced. And since husband number three brought with him a number of antiques, what better than a special embroidery for his Chippendale fire screen?

I designed, and re-designed, and stitched. Then one day it was finished and off it went in the U.S. mail.

The next day I visited Sue. I looked for the fire screen. Marriage No. 3 was not doing too well at this point and it was a while before I could inject embroidery into the conversation.

"Oh dear," said Sue, "I was afraid you'd ask that. I put it away when it came and I simply can't find it."

And she never has.

THE SECOND PRESENT was



By
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Joanne's. One summer she asked if I'd needlepoint a seat for her Windsor chair. In my innocence I said yes and even, heaven help me, let her choose the pattern and the colors.

Never again! It wasn't that the cushion was difficult. I just hated the pattern and got sea sick from the colors. But all that stitching finally was finished. Windsor chairs were certainly built for generous bottoms.

When I next visited Joanne, the cushion was in place on the chair. And

their big black and white cat was sharpening her claws on it.

LASTLY, THERE was Sue again, though I should have learned my lesson by this time. She was between weddings and I was finishing Book No. 1. I'd stitched a tray insert for her, had it photographed for the book, and presented her with tray and an autographed volume for Christmas.

The last I heard, she'd loaned the book to someone, and couldn't remember who. And the tray "... had just disappeared. I can't imagine where it could be unless the movers lost it after Lou and I ..."

And now the moral—for all good stories must have one. Stitch what you wish for those you love, but don't look for your presents the next time you visit. Selective blindness makes life easier on everybody.

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Moral perspectives

Curb our greed; change our world

"I hope you have a lousy Christmas." And with that virulent remark which vented her displeasure at having to exchange a garment she turned and walked out.

It wasn't a serious issue but when the store could not supply what she had needed in exchange for a wrong size she created an incident that illustrates in a microcosm the very breakdown of responsibility that is essential in a land where all things are of the people, by the people, for the people.

The nature of our social fabric for health, social stability and material well-being requires a mutuality that does not transcend or destroy the rights and needs of others even as it protects the same in each self.

THE INCREASING number of security guards in public places is not only disconcerting but a symptom of a malady ultimately destructive. By transferring the sense of responsibility from an internal dynamic to an external being that may be outmaneuvered, the mutual regard for each other has been eroded at the very time when respect and worth should be expanded.

The solutions are not easy to formulate. When department stores experience vituperation in the very process of providing the kind of service that meets specialized need, the inner discipline needed for a balance of decency and kindness is rigorous.

BUT THE DIFFICULTY is not impossible.



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A true recognition of our capacity to be just as malevolent as the woman shopper is the first step. And a second step is the recognition of any social consequences this malevolence might have.

We are individuals who cannot live without others, so we need to be aware of how the way we express our needs affects the lives of those around us.

Our conflicts with others are not merely survival impulses. They are attempts at encroachments on the powers and qualities of others. We do not want to exist—we want to dominate and control.

So there is a place to start. Curb one's greed is a specific action that would have far-reaching consequences.

And it is accomplished by a deliberate and conscious effort to never intrude into the arena of the other person whose rights and needs are equal to one's own.

Snow driving tops new OU programs

Are you afraid to drive in the snow? "Don't be Afraid" is the title of the opening program on this year's schedule at Oakland University Continuum Center. Starting Jan. 12 at the new Continuum Center on Adams Road at Butler, it will be led by Steven May of

the Institute for Behavior Change, an Ann Arbor organization specializing in behavior modification.

The January calendar also includes two beginning personal growth programs: an evening program starting Jan. 16 in West Bloomfield, and a day-

time program starting Jan. 31 at Oakland University. The month ends with assertiveness training for older adults at the Tindall Recreation Center in Detroit on Tuesday afternoons, Jan. 31 to Feb. 28.

Programs for older adults, offered

free under a grant from the Administration on Aging, also include personal growth for older adults in Birmingham Feb. 6 to March 1, in Clawson March 8 to April 3, and at the Butzel Center in Detroit April 4 to May 23.

Assertiveness training for older adults will be repeated at the Jewish Community Center in Oak Park Feb. 23 to March 23.

For information on any of these programs, contact the Continuum Center at Oakland University in Rochester or call 377-3033.

Consumer mailbag

What is geothermal energy?

Recently during a discussion on energy alternatives, I became aware of a form of energy I had never heard of before. What exactly is geothermal energy and does it have practical possibilities?

Marshall K. Redford
Geothermal energy is the natural heat in the earth's crust, produced by decay deep in the earth's interior. When water seeps down from the surface, it is heated at increasingly high temperatures and returns to the sur-

face through manmade wells or natural openings as steam or hot water.

To produce energy in the form of electricity, the steam is collected and used to drive the turbines in a power plant.

Geothermal resources appear most promising as a supplemental energy source applied on a regional or local basis. Estimates of the amount of power that could be generated vary widely, from five to 20 per cent of our electrical needs by 1985.

Meanwhile Concern urges maximum efforts to conserve all forms of available energy. Conservation is necessary if we are to have time to develop the cleanest and safest sources of energy.

For Eco-Tips No. 7, Energy alternatives, Part IV: Geothermal Energy, send 25 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Concern Inc., Detroit, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy, 48068.

—Grace R. Gluskin

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CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia Pastor: Gerald Fisher 474-3444 9 a.m. First Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Youth Meetings 10:15 a.m. The Church School 7 p.m. Young Men's Service 11:15 a.m. Second Service of Worship 7:30 p.m. Wed. The Midweek Service No young members at all times	COVENANT BAPTIST Sunday you are cordially invited to share in the first service at our newly completed sanctuary. Church School 9:45 Worship 11 A.M. & 6:30 PM 5600 W. Maple Rd. Bloomfield Hills 48303 1/2 Mile W. of Orchard LA Rd 855-1511	WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA Farmington Road & Six Mile Road 422-1150 Worship & Sunday School 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. "What and When to Forget" Dr. Bartlett L. Hess 7:00 p.m. "Blueprint for the New Year" Rev. William C. Moore New Year's Eve Services Film at 8:45 p.m.; Candlelight Service 11:00 p.m. Wednesday School of Christian Education Family Dinner 6 p.m. Classes & Choirs 7 p.m. (Nursery provided at all services except New Year's Eve) 9:30 Sunday Service Broadcast WMUZ-FM 103.5 Activities for All Ages	NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 26275 Northwestern Highway near Lusher Southfield Mich. Phone EL 6-1660 Come worship with us, let our choir thrill you with their glorious music. Rev. Paul H. Young, Jr. Pastor Dr. Harry M. Langford, Music Dir. Morning Worship 10:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Ample Parking Nursery Care No Stars Provided CIVIC CENTER DR.	First Baptist Church of Farmington Richard Duncan, Pastor • Phone 474-0350 33400 SHIAWASSEE GRAND RIVER SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 a.m. EVENING SERVICE 7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 p.m.	First United Methodist Church 1589 West Maple at Pleasant Ministers: James W. Wright, B. Bryn Evans John H. Bunce, Thomas H. Beaven Harold E. Wessholt Worship Services 8:30, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Church School 9:30 and 11 a.m. Nursery Care Provided Salem United Church of Christ United a 60 West Farmington Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service at 10:15 A.M. Pastors: GR 6-0487 Office GR 4-4880 Carl H. Schultz, Minister	St. John American Lutheran Church 23225 Gil Road Farmington Pastor: David H. 232-2200 or 477-1070 Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Nursery Provided	FARMINGTON HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH Drake Rd. at Freedom Farmington Hills Mich 48024 Phone 478-1511 REV. EDWARD LUTHER PASTOR Saturday, December 31, 1977 New Year's Eve Service 7:00 PM Watchnight Service Sunday, January 1, 1978 10:00 AM Worship and Education Service Resolutions, Divisions or Survival? (The Pastor Ministers) 3:30 PM IMPACT: T.V. Channel 62 8:00 PM New Year's Vigil Time in "Faith to Live by" Daily on WMUZ Radio 12 Noon 103.5 MC