

Engrave jewelry for a sentimental Father's Day gift

THE JEWELRY LADY
I'm stumped. I don't know what to get my dad this Father's Day. I don't think he needs another tie and he already has every gadget under the sun. Furthermore, he obviously doesn't wear as much jewelry as my mother does. Do you have any suggestions?
DENISE RODGERS
Stumped

Dear Stumped,
Dads do create a gift-giving dilemma because, unlike moms, a new charm or a bunch of flowers just won't do it for them. If you're looking for your jeweler to find the right gift for dad this year, think luxury. If your dad is typical, you'll probably be getting him something he would never buy for himself, and that's a good thing. Does he have a money clip? How about one of those fine writing instruments (good words for pens over \$50), or a new tie tack for all those ties you've given him? What about a new watch? They're a great gift for dads since they have gadget appeal but are, essentially, jewelry. For a special touch, choose something you can have engraved. Dad might be more sentimental than he lets on. If these ideas don't appeal to you, stop by your jeweler and poke around a little bit. Chances are, the sales clerks will have a slew of Father's Day gift possibilities to show you.

Dear Jewelry Lady,
Cartier put out a cigar-band ring approximately 20 years ago. Would you know where I could purchase one in this area?
Cigar Aficionado

Dear Cigar Aficionado,
With all the new smoke shops around town and plethora of cigar smoking these days, you would think The Jewelry Lady would have the answer at her fingertips. But, alas, her search was to no avail. Worse yet, jewelers at Cartier at The Somerset Collection informed her there was no such ring currently available. On the other hand, Cartier would be delighted to special order the ring. (The Jewelry Lady's search, including one on the Internet, also failed to yield information about finding a similar ring. So, if there are jewelers out there who can help the Cigar Aficionado, please contact The Jewelry Lady.)

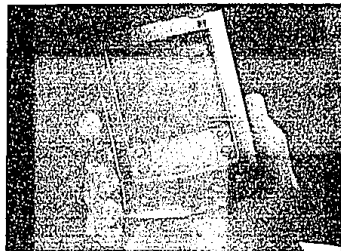
Dear Jewelry Lady,
I have some costume jewelry that is older than me, 39, and I would like to find out its worth, and where to sell it. I also have pieces of religious jewelry that I would be interested in having appraised. Can you help?
Faux but Beautiful

Dear Faux,
Costume jewelry is an entirely different animal than fine jewelry, and The Jewelry Lady is not as knowledgeable about it as she is about fine and precious baubles. However, she does know that unless costume jewelry has antique or collectible value, it won't be worth much. Most antique dealers buy and sell it - how else would they get new stock? - and there are several antique dealers in the metropolitan Detroit area. Visit at least three dealers for an appraisal. They may offer to buy your jewelry or to sell it on consignment. If your religious jewelry is 14K gold, go through the same process with jewelry stores that carry estate jewelry.

Consider pink jewelry, too
Think pink, says The Jewelry Lady. Basic black is boring, especially compared to the colorful pastels making their way down fashion runways this season. Pink gems, like pink tourmaline and pink pearls, are in vogue this season but so is, you guessed it, pink gold. Generally called rose gold in the United States, pink gold is quite popular in Europe, but growing in popularity as a precious metal of choice here.

Send your questions to The Jewelry Lady by e-mail, rogers@nich.com, fax, (248) 682-9223 or mail, The Jewelry Lady, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Gifts for graduates



Cool and collected: The Sharp Image's Palm V electronic organizer fits in the palm of your hand and tracks schedules, to-do lists, e-mail messages and more, \$449.

High-tech gadgets enhance college days

By LARRY RUEHLER
STAFF WRITER

For parents of children who like high-tech gadgets, graduation gift ideas abound.

To begin with, what college-bound student wouldn't like a wireless phone with distinctive style. Nokia has teamed up with AirTouch Cellular to offer phones in radical colors for students.

Each lightweight model has 75 memory locations, up to 2 hours and 45 minutes of talking time or 40 hours of standby time, dedicated voice mail key for one-touch retrieval and caller identification capabilities. Retail price of the phones is \$129, but Air Touch often runs promotions that are tied to service contracts so interested parties should call 1-800-AIR-TOUCH to find the best deal.

The Sharp Image at The Somerset Collection in Troy has several high-tech products well-suited for high school graduates who plan to continue their studies.

Just about every college-bound student should have, for example, a capable micro-cassette recorder. Sharp Image offers a Sony version for \$75. It is equipped with an especially sensitive, voice-activated microphone capable of capturing lectures from long distances for up to 19 hours on

two AA batteries.

Sharp Image also offers a way for students to organize their schedules, addresses, to-do lists, expense accounts and e-mail messages. The device, which fits in the palm of the hand, is called the Palm V and retails for \$449. The sleek, battery-operated organizer also allows students to exchange information with home personal computers.

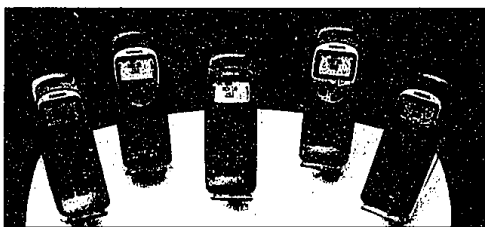
An optional modem, for \$169, adds e-mail capabilities. The Palm V's rechargeable batteries last up to a month, and information can also be

beamed to other Palm platform devices using the unit's infra-red port.

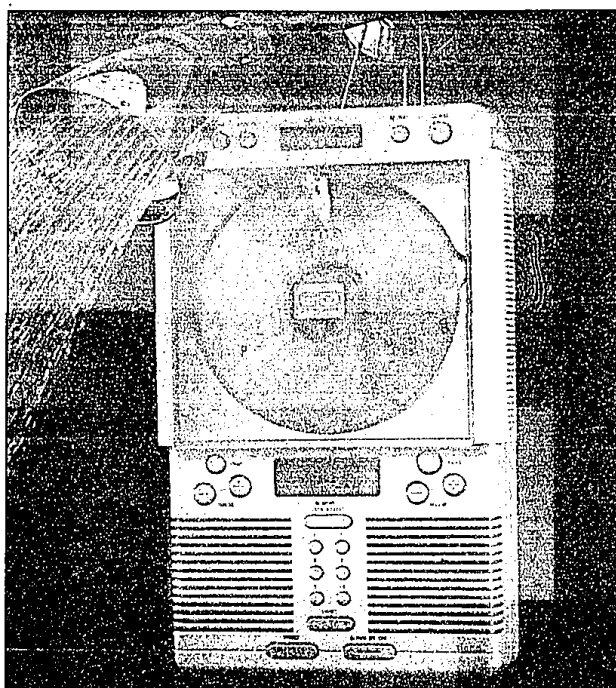
Another nifty gadget for students comes from A. T. Cross Pens, which recently introduced the first portable digital notepad.

The CrossPad bridges the gap between paper and personal computer by allowing users to write in ink on a standard pad and then upload handwritten notes directly on to a computer.

Once transferred to a computer, handwritten notes can be filed, reorganized, faxed, e-mailed and even



Cellular style: Lightweight, sleek and colorful, these cellular phones by Nokia and AirTouch Cellular retail for \$129.



Shower power: For singing in the shower, the CD Shower Companion has an AM/FM radio with 10 preset buttons as well as a waterproof compact disc player, \$189 with a \$9.95 optional AC adapter, The Sharp Image, The Somerset Collection in Troy.

searched by keyword or date.

Available at major retail computer stores including Staples and Comp USA, the CrossPad retails for about \$299.

For students who like to sing in the shower, Sharp Image suggests their new waterproof compact disc player with AM/FM radio.

The CD Shower Companion runs on four C batteries in the shower or with a \$9.95 optional AC adapter. It comes with a countertop stand and hanging hooks and a wall-mount bracket for the shower.

Radio features include 10 preset buttons and the ability to play broadcast television stations. The retail price is \$189.

Small dorm rooms often prevent students from taking their home stereos with them to college. But most students simply want something that sounds good, is compact and looks like it belongs in the next millennium.

Fisher has come up with such a product, the Fisher Slim Stereo, which is available for \$199 at Sharp Image. Only 19 inches wide, 14 inches high and 3 inches thick, the stereo mounts on a wall, looks good and delivers quality CD and AM/FM radio sound.

It also has a SUREWAKE alarm, which is designed to rouse even the sleepiest student in time for exams.

Somerset hosts first Art With A Heart event

The Somerset Collection in Troy was built for shopping, but it's about to become an art gallery, too.

Art work created by more than 150 children from 65 metropolitan Detroit schools will be displayed and available for purchase through a silent auction June 5 and 6 at the Somerset Collection North to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

The mall's first Art With A Heart event recognizes the 20th anniversary of the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, a home away from home for families of sick children. About 1,000 families annually stay at the house on Beaubien Street near Children's Hospi-

tal of Michigan.

Among local students who submitted artwork are 11-year-old Birmingham student Courtney Young. Courtney's mother and brother stayed at a Ronald McDonald House in Minneapolis when their brother was undergoing treatment for a serious illness. Their sibling did not survive, and, since Courtney was never able to meet her uncle, she decided to create a painting for Art With A Heart in his honor.

Walled Lake Elementary School student Haley Mitchell, who recently lost her father, also conveyed personal feelings in her painting. Haley's classmates

raised money to have a tree planted in Israel in honor of Haley's father. Although Haley has difficulty talking about her loss, her painting of a girl sitting underneath a newly planted tree is clearly an expression of her feelings.

Art With A Heart will culminate in a free, carnival-style celebration from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 6 in the North Grand Court of The Somerset Collection.

Also, three pieces from the art exhibit have been selected for reproduction on an outdoor mural at the Ronald McDonald House.

-By Special Editor Nicole Stafford

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.
TUESDAY, JUNE 1

BILL BLASS FOR FALL
The Fall 1999 special order collection of Bill Blass will be presented at Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection in Troy, through June 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor.
THURSDAY, JUNE 3

BADLEY MISCHKA FOR FALL
Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection in Troy, presents the Fall 1999 special order collection of Badley Mischka through June 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor.
GEORGIO ARMANI TRUNK SHOW

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

View Armani's Fall/Winter 1999 collection for women at Neiman Marcus, The Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with informal modeling 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Galleria, third floor.
FRIDAY, JUNE 4

JENNE MAAG TRUNK SHOW
Scott Gregory, 6525 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, hosts a trunk show of Jenne Maag's Fall 1999 collection through June 5. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

JOANNA BARATTA APPEARANCE
Jacobson's in Birmingham hosts founder of Giovanna-Italy skin care products Joanna Baratta through June 5. Limited consultation appointments are

available, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Cosmetics Department. For an appointment, call (248) 644-6900.

LINDA BERGMAN APPEARANCE
Meet jewelry designer Linda Bergman and view her latest collection, featuring Tahitian, South Sea and cultured pearls at Neiman Marcus, The Somerset Collection in Troy, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor.
SATURDAY, JUNE 5

SOCK HOP
Wonderland Mall in Livonia holds a sock hop with Dine & Dance series, 5-9 p.m., Food Court.
SUNDAY, JUNE 6

LEATHER FURNITURE SHOW
Art Van Furniture presents a trunk show of Italian leather furniture with presentations by experts who will answer questions, 1-3 p.m., all stores.