

HOLIDAY HINTS

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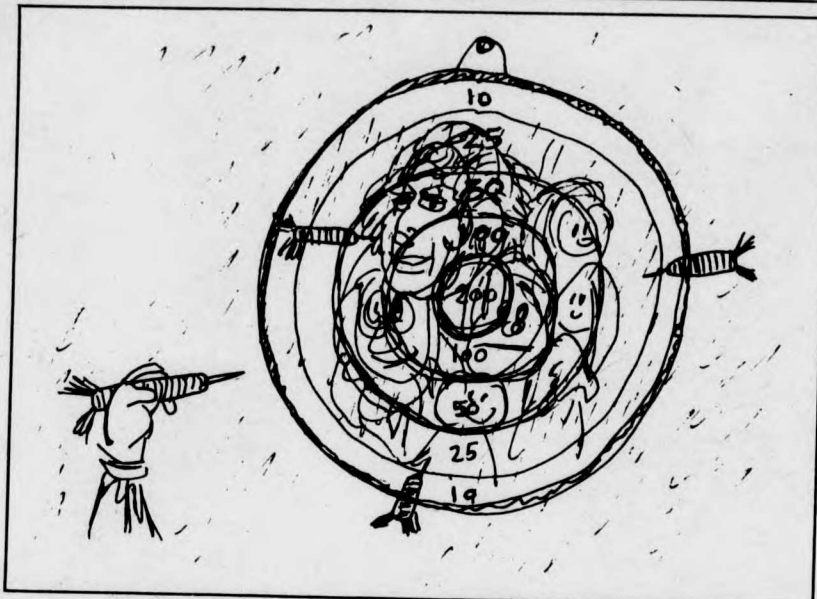
Knit your own recreation room



How many times have you raced into the rec room only to find that you had no rec room? Relieve the situation by knitting a rec room for you and your loved ones. Wool will lend a soft and vibrant atmosphere to the play area, while polyester will make cleaning-up a great deal easier. The choice is yours.

To knit: Use 480 balls of EZ-Knit wool (or polyester). Start with the door, and move through the sofa and drapes to the portable bar. The sequence should be: K1, P1, K2, P2, ad infinitum. Keep the tension fairly loose.

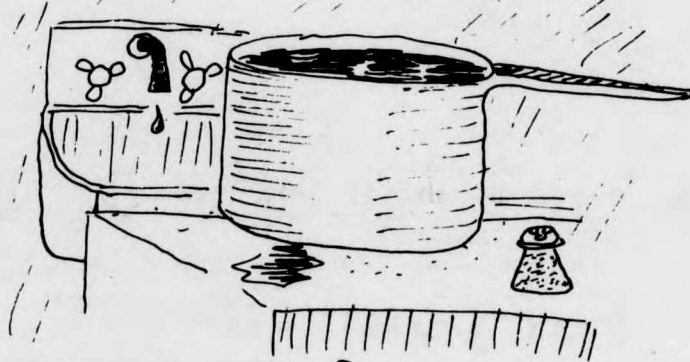
The colours should match the other rooms in your home. Green tends to be gaudy; a muted red or hazel will match most decors.



Get a Pierre Berton dartboard!

Your chance to throw darts at the respected author of *The National Wet Dream* and *Drifting Home*. Berton is seen with his family, including Janie, Jeanie, Joanie, Sneezzy, Dopey, Bashful, and Grumpy. Also: Personality urinals. You pick the face. Custom painting job.

Make a stew



Tired of fancy plum puddings and overstuffed turkeys? Do you long to return to a simpler fare? Why not try water stew? It's easy to prepare, and costs less than a penny per serving.

Water Stew

Ingredients:
3 qts. water
salt
water

Pour the water into a large pot, and simmer for 2 hours. Season with salt to taste. Add water as needed. Serves 8-10.

"Pickle"



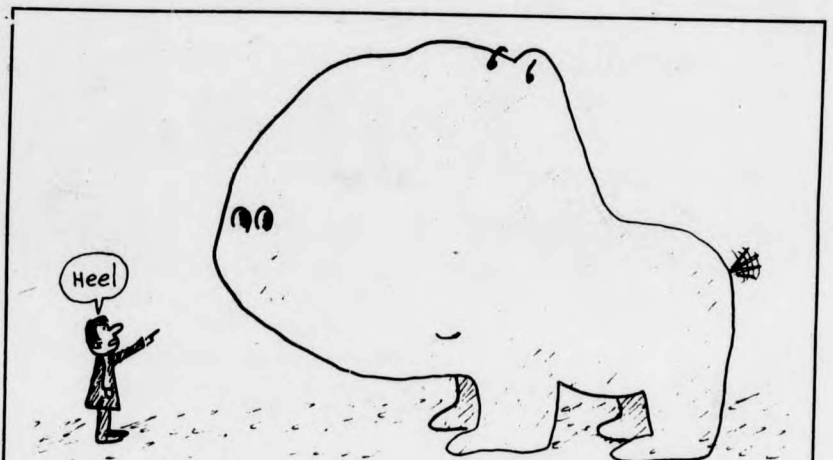
Recipes for pickle preserves, shots of interesting pickles, and wardrobe suggestions for the pickle-lover in your home: all these and more in *Pickle*, a special interest magazine supreme. For only \$25 for six issues, you can send this unorthodox periodical to friends across the world. If their interest leans more toward the erotic, send them *Cucumber*, the magazine which lets you see pickles in their raw state. Not for sale to minors.

JIGSAW PUZZLE

Now, at last, an answer for jaded jigsaw puzzle fans: *The Sistine Chapel*, life-size! It has 786,493,281 pieces. A must for every home. Hours, days, weeks of excitement. Signed by the original artist. Comes complete with scarf-

folding and a papal delegate to act as your consultant.

Also available: *The Last Supper*, the Bayeux Tapestries, and — in the 3-D series — Mount Rushmore.



Adopt a hippo

If cats and dogs strike you as passé, and the ocelots and rabbits your neighbours brought home leave you cold, why not adopt a hippopotamus? Despite their gargantuan size, these mud-loving creatures are docile, and make perfect housepets.

Teach a hippo to fetch your slippers, or guard your house against intruders. You'll never have the same burglar twice with a hippo on the job. Comes in grey only. **Caution:** Letting a hippo sleep at the foot of your bed is not advised.

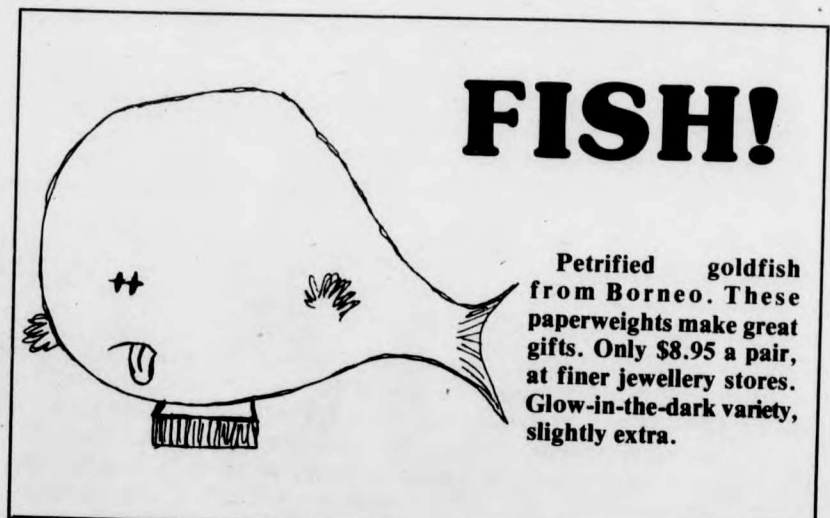
A talking condom!



From Luvkraft, Toronto's sex shop, comes an unusual holiday gift idea. *Bernie*, the talking condom, will bring joy and laughter into your home. An endless source of amusement. Surprise your lover! Just pull the cord, and the condom says things like, "Hi, I'm a condom." Loads of fun. Only \$4.95 each, while supplies last.



From the United States comes this rare series of pornographic biological studies, guaranteed to raise a blush on the most jaded cheeks. From candid shots of the inner capillaries of the fibula, to a never-before-seen picture of the cranial vortex. Persons under 18 may not receive this material. Black-and-white shots, \$6 for 3. In blushing colour: \$15 for 3. Your biology professor never told you about these!



FISH!

Petrified goldfish from Borneo. These paperweights make great gifts. Only \$8.95 a pair, at finer jewellery stores. Glow-in-the-dark variety, slightly extra.