

REAL ESTATE

## Farms Across the Water

His imports are not as famous as London Bridge, but a San Francisco antique dealer is doing a big business in bringing a bit of Old Europe to America. Joachim Wolf of Annalisa



On the block

he'll have several more houses, including a burgher's cottage and a 17th-century Spanish hacienda, on the block. Each is disassembled, shipped to the United States and reassembled. "If I can ship 200 pieces of furniture, I can ship 800 beams," says Wolf.

Wolf Antiques recently imported a 9,000-square-foot 18th-century farmhouse from Lübeck, Germany. Wolf sold the five-bedroom house and stable for \$350,000. Soon,

COOKING

## Talking Turkey

Suffering from Holiday Chef Stress Syndrome? Take heart: the Butterball Turkey "Talk-Line" is in operation now through Dec. 23. Here are some cooking crises from holidays past:

- Locked turkey in oven self-clean mode. (Advice: Don't panic! Reset timer, wait for oven to cool.)

- Turkey ready at 10 a.m., guests arriving at 4 p.m. (Carve bird, refrigerate, reheat. Use Polaroid shot of pre-sliced bird for centerpiece.)

- Put turkey in tub to thaw; kids jumped in for bubble bath. (If still wrapped, bird's OK.)

- OK to hide surprise engagement ring in stuffing? (Better to slip it on drumstick to avoid choking fiancée.)



PERI PICKS

## It's Raining Cat and Dog Gifts

The time for holiday giving is upon us. Even during the current recession, it's crucial not to forget Mittens and Rex.

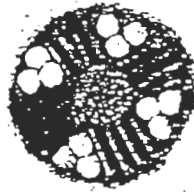


**Fishing pole:** Rod and genuine spin-casting reel with catnip lure. Great exercise for fat cats. Beverage and accessories extra.

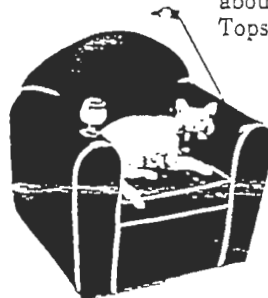
**Snuggly:** Keeps small dogs from being squashed underfoot. Patch pocket holds pet's rain gear.



**Deli tray:** Raw-hide snacks for the gourmet dog. Don't forget the Grey Poupon.



**Life vest:** Safety afloat. A must for the yachting pooch. But what about doggie Topsiders?



**Club chair:** In vinyl or chintz. Keeps cat off your favorite La-Z-Boy.



**Yarmulke:** Perfect for Chanukah, Passover—or lox, bagel and cream-cheese day.

OUTER SPACE

## Coming Soon to a Planet Near You

It's up in the sky, but it's not a bird, a plane or an alien spaceship (is it?). Spotted Nov. 6 by a Kitt Peak, Ariz., astronomer, the 6- to 35-foot-across object will pass within 290,000 miles of Earth on Dec. 5. This week astronomers are training their sights on it to figure out what it is. The betting:

- Pioneer 4, a lunar probe launched in 1959. Its orbit should bring it

back toward Earth about now. If the object is spinning quickly, it's probably man-made.

- But if it's spinning very slowly, it is likely a new class of asteroid. Most of these rocky chunks, left from the formation of the solar system, circle between Mars and Jupiter or travel in a very elongated orbit. The object has a circular orbit.



This won't happen

TOP TO BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: WESTPHALIAN OPEN AIR MUSEUM; CHIP WASS; CRAZY CAT LADY; LA PEDIGREEN; BERNWITT; NEWSWEEK; JERRY OHLINGER'S; PEDIGREEN; ANIMAL; CRAZY CAT LADY; LA CHENET; NEWSWEEK

FAIDS

## Timeless Italy

Just as cars carry NO RADIO signs to deter break-ins, packages sent to Italy should be marked NO SWATCHES. A craze for the colorful Swiss watches there has emptied stores, and "gray market" vendors are sending Swatches in from abroad. Now, almost any parcel is rifled in search of the watches, which can fetch 20 times their \$60 retail cost. Stores like Saks in New York have limited the number of the most popular Chrono and Scuba models customers may buy. In Italy, Swatchmania is so acute a Swatch catalog sells on the street for \$250.

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### Chrono, Scuba, Automatic



BUZZWORDS

College cheerleaders and band members have a lingo all their own. A sampling:

**M&M:** Marching and maneuvering.

**Bliffo:** Maximum effort for dramatic impact. Usage: "When we get to letter C, I want bliffo."

**Geek parade:** The marching band strutting in formation.

**Marshmallow chops:** An exhausted brass player's mouth.

**Rhinos:** Tuba players.

**Bootyfruit:** What band members call cheerleaders.

**Pinchpenny:** A stunt requiring cheerleaders to stand so straight they could hold a penny between their buns.