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by Scott McCullar

Hotline



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"I'll be nervous the first time, but at least I'm there and maybe I won't feel guilty if I mess up," she said. "But with experience, maybe I'll get better."

She said she joined Hotline because she felt a community this size needed the program.

Jenny is working for a master's degree in psychology and would like to have her own practice some day. She said she has done peer advising and tutoring, but thinks it will be different to counsel over the telephone.

"The training is good," she said, "especially the role-playing."

The Brazos Valley Crisis Hotline was established in January 1979 as part of the Brazos Valley Mental Health Mental Retardation drug and alcohol abuse program.

The Brazos Valley Community Action Agency became the sponsor in September 1980.

Betty Steelman, volunteer career coordinator for the Brazos Valley Community Action Agency, said that it is a loose sponsorship; she said they pro-

vide support by paying the phone bill, supplying materials and equipment.

"The hotline runs through its volunteers," said. "We don't do anything give them monetary support and supplies."

The main goals of Crisis line are to:

— provide information referrals to community sources.

— provide anonymous, confidential, immediate short lay counseling.

Sellers and buyers save at fleamarkets

United Press International  
LAMBERTVILLE, N.J.— Selling at flea markets is a good way to pick up extra money on the weekend, says Jersey Devil editor Fritz Davis, and patronizing them is a good way to hang on to it.

"I consider the flea market the last stand of free enterprise," Davis said. He puts out his monthly newspaper from an office behind a clock and antique shop in New Hope, Pa., just across the Delaware River from Lambertville, a regional center for flea and antique markets.

"Each market is a little community," Davis said. "Some people have been in the same place for 25 years."

Davis has compiled a book of anecdotes and pointers, "The Jersey Devil's Official Flea Marketeer's Manual."

While his paper and his

book contain tips for consumers, their main focus is people who want to sell merchandise or set up a market.

The popular conception of marketeers may be that of fly-by-night outdoor merchants selling used or defective merchandise at cut rates. That image is behind the times, Davis said.

"Seventy-five percent of all the merchants are retired (from other jobs)," he said. "It's also a way to keep active. A lot of the other merchants are there because they work in offices all week and this is a change."

"People can use flea markets to supplement income. They're an ideal family operation. Some people who have had stores and then switched over to markets say they make just as much money in two or three days as they made all

week before.

Davis said more and more new merchandise is being sold at flea markets, and some people are starting to sell services.

A New Brunswick mall has a booth staffed by a retired lawyer who consults with people and steers potential clients to the main office. Flea markets no longer are limited to otherwise empty parking lots. Some rent space for weekend operation in otherwise empty shopping malls.

"What I think is happening is that (the malls are) shifting from a retailing to a real estate operation. They provide essential services, and the merchant is responsible for everything else," Davis said.

The book tells how to find outlets to buy from cheaply — sheriff's auctions, bankruptcy sales, closeouts.

New pills cure severe acne

United Press International  
BOSTON — Pills containing synthetic vitamin A represent a "breakthrough" in the battle against severe acne, researchers say, but they caution the drug should only be used as a last resort.

About 16 million Americans have some degree of acne, but over 95 percent of the cases respond well to treatment with antibiotics such as tetracycline and over-the-counter products containing benzoyl peroxide.

Previously, however, there was little hope of curing the most stubborn cases, known as cystic acne.

"Synthetic oral vitamin A preparations were really the breakthrough," Dr. Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, chief of dermatology at Massachusetts General Hospital, said in a hospital newsletter Monday.

The treatment calls for the pills to be taken several times a day for 16 weeks. Positive results have been seen after two weeks

and the acne gradually vanishes, leaving clear, smooth skin.

Fitzpatrick cautions that the drug, 13-cisretinoic acid, cannot be taken by a woman who is pregnant or plans to become pregnant during treatment because it may harm fetuses.

Other women of child-bearing age must use an effective form of contraception while taking the new medication, he said.

The vitamin A treatment was used in Switzerland as a cancer

treatment because of its ability to counter the effects of the disease by making cells mature.

It causes the cell layer to slough off, leaving the skin with smooth, healthy skin. The drug has led to complete clearing in 13 of 14 patients with cystic acne who did not respond to any other treatment.

Dead cells, bacteria and sebum can clog the pores and cause pimples and eventually acne if the lesions become inflamed.

Four-ring weddings growing in popularity

United Press International  
NEW YORK — Traditional wedding ceremonies include the words, "With this ring I thee wed." Today they might well be changed to "With these rings I thee wed."

The four-ring ceremony, two for her, two for him, is a rapidly growing trend, say jewelers and bridal magazines.

Usually the extra ring contains gems set in gold or silver, says Eric M. Freedman, who

runs a family jewelry business established in 1936 at Huntington, N.Y.

The continuing favorite for engagement rings is the white diamond solitaire, Freedman said, but you can also find blues, greens and pinks.

Many brides want diamond and ruby combinations and Princess Diana set off demand for diamonds combined with sapphires.

Jewelry prices vary across the

country, Freedman said, but his firm is doing good business in "anywhere from \$6,000 to \$8,000 engagement rings. The \$10,000 customer is no longer unusual."

The rising divorce rate doesn't seem to matter either.

"Diamonds are resettable," he said. "Put them in pendants or earrings. It's all right to separate the larger stones. After all, a diamond is forever."

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