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Stretch

Susan Hill teaches Brit Phillips, a sophomore pre-dental major, positional stretching exercises

to help his back. Hill is a physical therapist at the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

What collectors save of the '80s

United Press International  
What if suddenly you were able to return to the 1950s, '30s or '20s to fill a chest with desirable collectibles? What would you select to bring back?

Early Elvis Presley records? The first Superman comic book? A Cox-Roosevelt political button?

Let's say instead your goal is to fill a chest with items from the 1980s. What objects could you expect to appreciate in value 30 to 60 years from now and which would represent our time?

Already the '80s have produced an avalanche of Ronald Reagan, Space Shuttle, Royal Wedding and video game memorabilia. What will our children and grandchildren be seeking from our decade? The editors of Collectibles Illustrated have

NEWS EVENTS — In Washington state, an 8,364-foot mountain blew its top and within the week vendors were selling "I survived the Mount St. Helens Eruption" T-shirts. Necklaces of volcanic rock and hats of ash were also marketed.

No single event so far in the '80s has eclipsed the pageantry and profusion of memorabilia produced by the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

"The demand for Royal Wedding souvenirs was so great that one woman told me she could have sold the dirt the couple walked over in St. James Park," said Dr. Wayne Swift,

owner of the Royalty Bookshop in New York.

RECORDS — With the continuing popularity of tapes threatening the already beleaguered record industry, companies look for new ways to convince the young record-buyer to purchase albums.

For example, the group "Police" released a single in the shape of a badge. Only a few thousand were issued and have already become collectors' items.

FADS — As the decade began, we were in the grips of a "Dallas" obsession, spawning everything from 10-gallon J.R. hats to cans of J.R. Beer.

J.R. Ewing was knocked out of the saddles by a multi-colored cube of Hungarian origin. The phenomenon of the Rubik's cube consequently spawned an assortment of geometric puzzle toys.

A \$3,000 Pac-Man game is hardly a typical collectible, although it will no doubt find its place some day beside the venerable pinball machines of the '40s and '50s, now highly desired by collectors.

Video game spin-offs range from T-shirts to drinking mugs to a Pac Man board game. Video entertainment seems the wave of the future and a collection of Space Invaders, Asteroids and Pac-Man byproducts will show future vidiots how the whole thing started.

LIMITED EDITIONS — Limited edition products actively endeavor to reflect contemporary interests, such as a

Crown Parian Inaugural plate picturing Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

The serious plate collector familiarizes himself with new artists entering the field, recognizing that tomorrow's Norman Rockwell will likely be making a first appearance on a plate.

SPINOFFS — The popularity of the "Star Wars" movies has been responsible for a seemingly endless supply of space junk, ranging from models of Empire commandos to a collector's plate picturing R2D2.

Movie buffs advise that, rather than accumulating mass-produced items, which will be abundant for years, collect items produced specifically for a limited promotional tie-in

with a fast-food chain or a new line of Dixie cups.

NEWSPAPERS — On Friday, Aug. 7, 1981, the Washington Star printed its final edition. The paper sold on newsstands for 20 cents. By the following Monday, it was selling for over \$200.

"In the case of the final edition of the Washington Star or Philadelphia Bulletin, the highest prices were realized immediately after they folded," said Charles Smith, secretary of the International Newspaper Collector's Club.

The most desirable papers are not final editions, but papers with "error headlines," such as a Chicago Sun-Times paper that appeared in 1980.

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Oil, gas pipe construction remains active, report says

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Pipeline construction worldwide will remain active during the next 15 years, with more than 100 major international pipeline systems being built, according to a report published Tuesday in "Pipe Line Industry" magazine.

he expects U.S. 1984 construction to total 6,682 miles of pipelines. Of this total, 2,083 miles will be for gas transmission; 1,528 miles for gas gathering; 525 miles of crudelines, including about 200 miles of the All-American line; 486 miles of crude gathering lines; 1,530 miles of product lines and 530

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