

# Love bracelet permanent expression of affection

NEW YORK (AP) — A dozen roses ... a box of chocolates ... frilly lingerie ... a Victorian card. Traditional Valentine's Day traditions, all.

Ponchos that zip together ... double-crested umbrellas ... sleeping bags for two ... contemporary greeting cards. Valentine's gifts updated.

In fine jewelry there are Paloma Picasso's x's and o's, Elsa Peretti's hearts and, of course, a dazzling array of diamonds.

All are meant to express fondness, love, undying devotion. But none, perhaps, is literally so binding as Cartier's love bracelet.

It was conceived some 20 years ago by Aldo Cipullo, a history buff and jewelry designer.

Cartier says Cipullo's early work centered around modern interpretations of ancient design terms and legends.

One that particularly fascinated him was the chastity belt that a warrior, before going off on a campaign, locked on his wife to preserve her fidelity.

Cipullo's desire to create a modern-day symbol of a committed relationship led him to design the love bracelet.

To encircle the wrist, the two-piece bracelet must be bolted together with a screwdriver.

And because it fits the wrist much the way a ring fits the finger, it can't be slipped off over the hand.

Cartier launched the love bracelet in the spirit of the item: No customer would be allowed to buy one for himself.

The policy has long since changed, but each bracelet is still

available in sizes and accompanied by a small vermeil screwdriver. Presumably, possession of the tool is a matter of purchaser discretion.

Each is made by hand of 18 karat yellow gold and retails for \$2,750, including screwdriver. A newer version with diamonds fetches \$5,300.

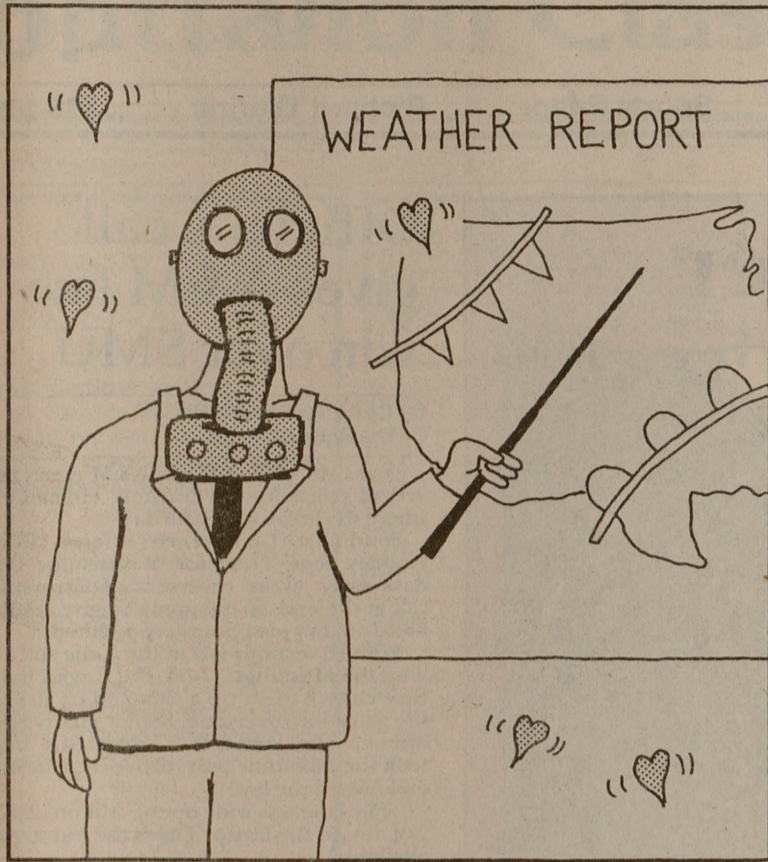
Among the famous who have

worn the Cartier shackle are Princess Diana, Elizabeth Taylor and Barbra Streisand.

But, according to a Cartier spokesman, perhaps no one will equal the record of one 40-ish woman who arrived at the store one day with six love bracelets on one wrist, three on the other.

When asked to elaborate, she replied: "Listen, honey. I've had a few lovers in my time, and I made each one of them give me a love bracelet."

"For me, these nine bracelets are like the notches on a gunfighter's pistol."



MOLD IS 0.2, POLLEN IS 0.35, OZONE IS 1.6, AND LOVE IS IN THE AIR.

Cartoons by Kevin Thomas

## Cookbook offers men advice on preparing Valentine meal

NEW YORK (AP) — There's help for the single man who wants to give that special woman in his life a unique Valentine's Day gift — a home-cooked meal.

It's in a paperback book called "Eating In: The Official Single Man's Cookbook" (Corkscrew Press, \$8.95). The book is the work of two 30-ish bachelors, Rich Lippman and Jose Maldonado, who claim it "fills the gap between Mrs. Paul and Julia Child."

The book addresses the age-old question of why men can't follow a simple recipe:

"As a child, odds are you were ordered 'out of the kitchen till dinner's ready,' thus preventing you from acquiring the many culinary secrets passed from mother to daughter," it explains.

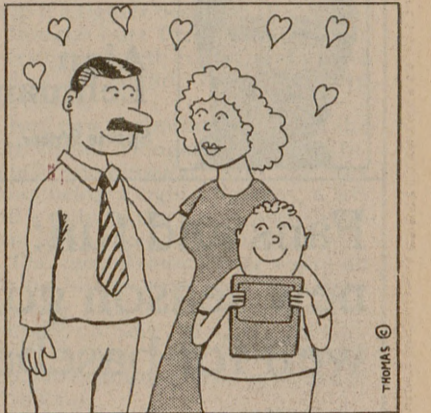
The tone of much of the book is tongue-in-cheek — not the customarily recommended position for eating. But once the reader

has boiled off the funny stuff, he'll discover some genuinely helpful tips and authentic recipes that promise to be relatively simple.

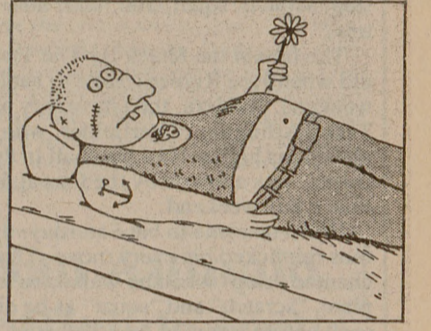
The initial step, according to the guide, is to stock your kitchen with the necessary basic implements, which are described and even illustrated to minimize the guesswork.

To make the special evening a success, the authors urge the proper table setting in place of such haphazard fare as mismatched plastic utensils, fast-food paper cups and placemats fashioned from the Sunday funnies.

In the book, the authors stress the important contribution a clean kitchen makes to the atmosphere of the dinner: "Imagine how she'll recoil in horror if she catches you shaking out the toaster to bread her pork chops (or) sees that the baking pans on your shelf are already greased."



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