

Buying a Computer? NEA Has Some Tips

"Home computers can be a useful educational gift," said Willard McGuire, National Education Association president. "They are more than a toy, and parents should do some research before buying. Computers shouldn't be an impulse purchase."

With computers high on the list of Santa's gifts this holiday season, the NEA recommends that parents consider a few shopping tips which include the following:

Do research before buying. Why do you want a com-

puter? Read articles in publications that evaluate home computers. Ask people who own home computers for the strengths and weaknesses of the computer they own. Ask a teacher of computer sciences at the high school or college for advice. Don't base your buying decision solely on advertisements.

Pay close attention to the size of the memory. Expressed in terms of "K," home computers with less than 16K memory are probably not a bargain. Many computer users suggest a memory of at

least 48K. Is the computer part of a system that can be expanded? At what cost? Purchasing the smallest computers may look a bargain, but costs will often skyrocket when you try to expand them.

Look into the kinds of software (programs) already available to run the computers you compare. How good is the software? The major complaints about home computers frequently focus on the lack of good software and the cost to get good programming.

Brones Carry On Winning Tradition

Ronald J. Brone, son of Ronald J. and Nancy J. Brone of St. Joseph's Parish in Penfield, has become the third Brone son to win a Jesuit scholarship at Fordham University.

The first winner, his brother Jeff, graduated from Fordham in the class of 1979. Another brother, James, also a scholarship winner, is a sophomore.

Ronald is a graduate of McQuaid Jesuit High School, where he ranked second out of a class of 154. A member



Brone is congratulated by Father Vincent G. Potter, rector of the Fordham Jesuit community.

of the National Honor Society, he was also a National Merit semi-finalist.

During his high school years, he participated in wrestling, indoor track, and dramatics.

Prayer

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expenses, the family's stay in Boston, for example," Holihan added.

For that reason, a fund has been established to assist the family.

The Berls, who live at 149 Simpson Road, Irondequoit, are parishioners at St. Margaret Mary's, where collections are being taken to help with the expenses.

Father John Zimmerman, associate pastor, said, "We have announced the collections from the pulpit and in the bulletin — it is kind of a continuing, unofficial collection. We just ask them to put whatever they can in an envelope for the Berls."

"The Berls are very fine people," he said, "and I'm happy to report parishioners have been responding very well to their cause."

Another holiday provided the stage for the first step in Christine's movement toward hoped-for recovery. The Berls left for Boston the day after Thanksgiving.

Dr. Harvey Cohen is Christine's physician. He is associate professor of pediatrics at the University School of Medicine and Dentistry and chief of the division of pediatric hematology-oncology.

He told the Democrat and Chronicle that in aplastic anemia the blood marrow stops working. It is not a cancer, he said, but a failure of the bone marrow cells to grow.

Doctors in Boston said that Christine's cell count has continued to go down steadily, making surgery necessary. Holihan said that they now feel that Christine's chances "are about 60 percent" with the transplant; without it she would have "very little chance and would be subject to diseases."

Anyone wishing to contribute to a fund to defray the Berl expenses may do so to:

The Christine Berl Fund
Security Trust Company Plaza
c/o Allen & O'Brien Law Offices
One East Ave.
Rochester, N.Y. 14604

For that latter reason, she will be spending weeks in total isolation. After the transplant, she may face up to a full year of recovery, Holihan said.

"Dick (her father) also will be involved medically," Holihan said. "He will be donating platelets (a part of the blood that aids in coagulation)," according to Holihan.

Christine's father has been on leave of absence from Kodak. "He thought he would be out for two or three weeks but now it looks much more like a month and a half. I'm sure Kodak will be a good citizen about it, though," Holihan said.

In the Democrat and Chronicle story, Christine was quoted from a diary she has been keeping about her experience: "Found out I have aplastic anemia. I'm kinda scared. Very nervous. Have to wait and take one day at a time."

It will take many days, even before the operation takes place near Christmas Day. And as her Uncle Jim said, it may take a year for recovery if the transplant is successful.

So while most of the rest of the world will be busy shopping, writing cards, dipping into the spiritual richness of the season, seeing friends and so forth, Christine will be taking it one day at a time.

Jim Holihan hopes people will add one thing to their Christmas preparations — add a prayer for Christine.

Kodak, Nazareth Join For Children's Show

Eastman Kodak Co. will provide tickets and transportation to a special production of "Winnie the Pooh," by the Nazareth Arts Center's FICTOC Players, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.

the creator of the popular children's story character.

The Kodak-Nazareth venture arises from an overall Kodak grant of \$15,000. That

grant is used for four special performances a year.

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It is expected that hundreds of children from the United Way's Office of Child Care Services will be entertained at the event.

This year's production of the play also marks the Arts Center's celebration of the 100th birthday of A.A. Milne.

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Neediest

Continued from Page 1 means W finds it increasingly difficult to maintain a minimal standard of living for her family.

71 K lives in a low-income apartment with her six children. Her husband left several years ago and she has had to provide for herself and her children. She has temporary work when she is able, but her skills are inadequate and work is not constant enough. No child is over 14.

72 X is a young mother with three children. Both emotional and financial troubles this year have made family life very sad. They are struggling to remain a family unit.

73 B is an elderly widow living alone. She is quite sickly, but wishes to remain independent in her rented home, the interior of which is very much in need

of repair. She has little furniture and no luxuries such as a television set.

74 R is a young handicapped woman who faces major surgery just before Christmas, and the consequent long and painful recuperation.

75 H is a middle-aged former migrant worker living alone in a rural area. He has no indoor plumbing, receives public assistance and is unable to work. His life as a migrant has made his health very poor.

76 H is in her 30s, a single parent trying to raise seven children alone. She depends on public assistance for her income and has a hard time making ends meet. Keeping the children fed and clothed takes up almost all her income.

77 D is a single parent with three small children living on public assistance. She would like to provide for her family but has limited work and education. She has gone back to school to get a high school diploma.

78 W is divorced with three children. She works and receives partial help from public assistance. She finds it especially hard trying to provide even the basics for her family.

79 C is a single parent raising two children alone. She is living on a fixed income and finds it very difficult to make ends meet.

80 D is a widow and is physically handicapped. She and her 16-year-old son are living on a fixed income.



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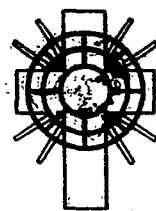
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