

NUTS & BOLTS

ANTIQUÉ-WATCH REPAIR

YURI'S WATCHES 142 Newbury Street, Boston, 536-8895. Yuri's is little more than a table and a display case jammed in the back of a jewelry store called Small Pleasures. Luckily, Yuri really knows how to fix old watches. Not only did he once fix a World War II chronograph that baffled lesser creatures, he unfroze its ancient stopwatch function. While Yuri works his magic, you can covet the pricey Hamiltons in the display case.

APPRAISER

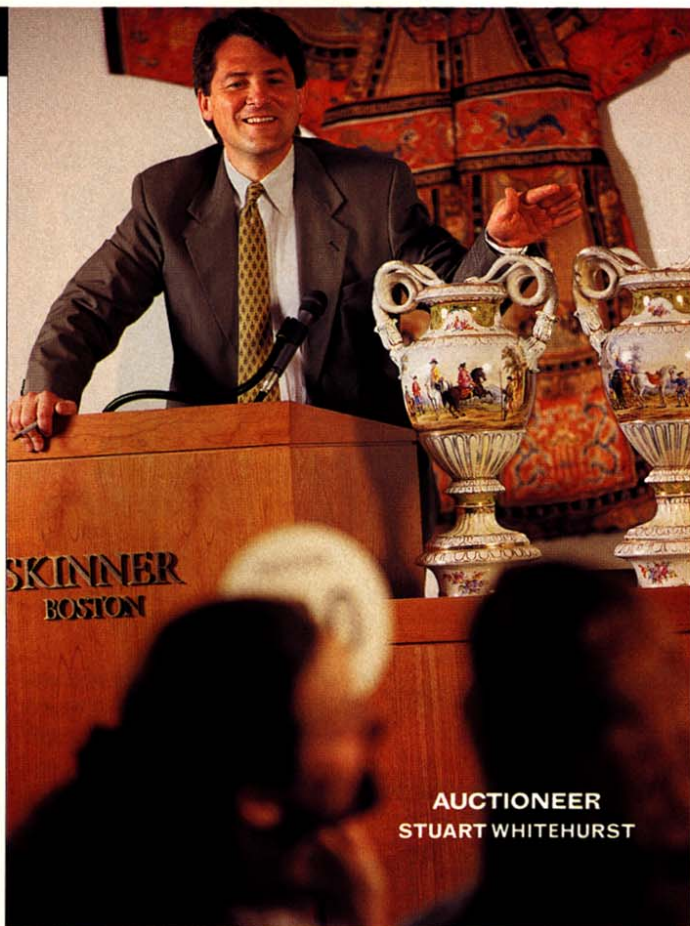
THE APPRAISERS' REGISTRY Box 261, Westwood, 329-4680. If you need to get those insurance papers in order and want to find out what that old table is really worth, give a call to Michael Wynne-Wilson at the Appraisers' Registry. His company provides an extensive resource, listing all the top appraisers according to their specialties (English silver, Chinese porcelain, etc.).

AUCTIONEER

STUART WHITEHURST at Skinner, 63 Park Plaza, Boston, 350-5400. Your great-aunt Mildred has just passed on to that great antimacassar in the sky, leaving you with a marble-topped, ormolu-encrusted dresser the size of a Peugeot. Your entire studio apartment could fit into the bottom drawer. What to do? Call Stuart Whitehurst. If you want some idea of the quality of Skinner's sales, visit its showroom. But not to worry, even if all that ormolu turns out to be dross, press on. Skinner has a large facility in Bolton, where treasures of less-distinguished pedigree can be found in its monthly "Discovery" sales.

AUTO PARTS

CAMBRIDGE AUTO PARTS 290 River Street, Cambridge, 491-0111. Have you ever broken your parking light while trying to squeeze into that enviable spot on Newbury Street? For less than half of what you'd pay at most dealerships, these guys will provide (or order) most any spare part.



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BATHROOM FIXTURES
HYDRO-THERAPY BATH & SPA SHOWROOMS 1107 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, 787-5000. If you think you've got a mind-warping job, how about the folks at Kohler and American Standard who get up every morning and name toilets? The Wellworth, the Hamilton, the Porcher. You'll find all the fruits of their creativity—and more—at Hydro-Therapy.

BOOKSTORE-POETRY
THE GROLIER POETRY BOOK SHOP 6 Plympton Street, Cambridge, 547-4648. Founded in 1927, the Grolier is the only establishment of its kind in the nation—and probably in the world: a bookstore devoted to poetry, and nothing but poetry. Its cramped interior is stacked floor to ceiling with dusty tomes by English and American poets, Celtic poets, Caribbean, African, and Latin American poets, Cowboy poets, ancient Greek and Roman poets, modern European poets in translation, Nobel Laureates, and virtual unknowns. Any poetry that exists on the page also has its place on the Grolier's hallowed

shelves. For the past 40 years, Louisa Solano, proprietor and matron saint, has heroically and singlehandedly kept this phenomenon alive, for which poetry lovers everywhere (the few, the proud) salute her.

BOOKSTORE-TRAVEL

THE GLOBE CORNER BOOKSTORE 28 Church Street, Cambridge, 497-6277 and 500 Boylston Street, Boston, 859-8008. Although the Globe Corner Bookstore no longer shares space with the home of Anne Hutchinson at Downtown Crossing, the remaining Cambridge and Boston stores will ably meet your escapist needs. Their comprehensive selection of travel books and maps can aid the adventurous on an exploration of everything from the Freedom Trail to the White Mountains to rural Mongolia. They also offer a decent selection of antique maps if there's a carophile on your gift list.

BUTCHER

JOHN DEWAR AND COMPANY 753 Beacon Street, Newton Center, 964-3577. Recommended by Julia Child and practically every

other chef in Boston, this is the place to purchase the tastiest tenderloin, the juiciest goose, and the finest pheasant in town.

CARPET/UPHOLSTERY CLEANING

DRYSDALE'S ALL-NATURAL CARPET CARE 140 Main Street, Suite 148, Charlestown, 242-9657 and 8 Longview Way, Peabody, 508-531-9340 and 888-295-RUGS. Owner Mark Dullea is to dirty carpets and sofas what Mr. Clean is to the rest of your house. And unlike other companies, Dullea uses non-toxic cleaning agents that won't harm the kids or upset the pets.

CAR WASH

MATTAPAN CAR WASH AND QUICK LUBE 1480 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan, 298-4466. To quote ourselves from a few years back, Mattapan Car Wash is Cadillac cleaning at Corolla prices. A gentle scrubbing for only \$6.50, and a thorough interior wiping and sweeping for only \$7. Plus, they have self-wash bays for the do-it-yourselfer.

CATERER

CAPERS CATERING 66A Broadway, Arlington, 648-0900. Relax. Everything is being taken care of. No more preparty freakout as you run to the deli to buy ice, only to realize that you have nothing to put it in. Whether you're having 50 people over for cocktails or the wedding of the millennium, you can count on scrumptious food and prompt, efficient service. An added perk: The chef can pull off everything from authentic sushi to Yorkshire pudding with equal finesse.

CHINESE MARKET

88 SUPERMARKET 50 Herald Street, Boston, 423-1688. The Wal-Mart of Chinese markets, the 88 is an all-encompassing cultural experience. Among many other delights, it stocks fresh noodles, pigs' feet, frozen dumplings, inexpensive Chinese ceramics, ginseng gum, Vietnamese chili sauce, or koala-bear-shaped Japanese chocolates packaged with origami-like complexity.

CIGAR STORE

L. J. PERETTI CO. 2½ Park Square, Boston, 482-0218. Like cigars, but can't stand the sort of people who