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Join us on at our Anniversary Sale

December 16
to celebrate and toast
Dave's great life!



COLE HARDWARE'S Hardware Hotline

December 2015

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM AROUND THE STORES

We've Lost Dave Karp, Our Founder, My Father and Hero

My dad, Dave Karp, lived a wonderful 99 years. He died October 25, after struggling to recover from a midsummer surgical procedure.

Having purchased the original Cole Street Hardware in 1961, his life and his love became all things COLE HARDWARE. Up until the very end, he was passionate about the many great people we have on our staff, their accomplishments, and of course our terrific customers. He was especially fond of his "old" customers from back in the day when COLE HARDWARE was just one small store on Cole Street. A consummate people person, Dave touched the lives of many, many folks beyond his own family.

He was a natural conversationalist, loved meeting

new people, and always carried his "ice breaker" in his pocket—a special card trick that he played over and over again to the joy of everyone from the very young to the old(er) alike. I'm sure that many reading this now have seen the card trick, as he particularly delighted in sharing it around the stores.

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Our Anniversary Sale and Party!

At COLE HARDWARE, we feel incredibly blessed that after five decades and the countless changes we see every day now in the Bay Area, we are still a part of this wonderful City and now operating in Oakland's Rockridge neighborhood, with our third generation of Karps (Adrianna and David) joining the team. Join us as we celebrate 54 years since Dave Karp's purchase of our flagship store (which has been in Cole Valley since the 1920s).

While we will be celebrating with a 25% off* sale all day, from 5:00 pm to closing we will be toasting to Dave Karp's incredible 99 years! Join us for a glass of our signature Cutting Edge wine.

You'll also receive a free, reusable COLE HARDWARE shopping bag. Take advantage of this opportunity to pick up those last-minute gifts on your shopping list—or to just get started if you've procrastinated. Please stop by!

**Discount off regular retail prices. Discount does not apply to gift cards, postage stamps, Muni passes, Clipper cards, meter cards, special orders, or sale merchandise. Not valid with coupons or other offers. Rewards points do not accumulate.*

Annual Toy Drive Through Sunday, December 20

Once again, COLE HARDWARE'S San Francisco stores are hosting a toy drive for Arriba Juntos's La Posada celebration. *Arriba Juntos*, which translates from Spanish to "upward together," is a nonprofit community organization that was founded in 1965 in the Mission District.

It works to support thousands of individuals and families across the City who are the most underserved and at risk for prolonged poverty.

Our Rockridge location will collect new toys for the Oakland Mayor's Community Toy Drive. Last year alone, they were able to provide toys

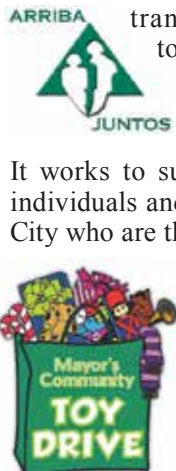
to over 8,000 children from low-income families. That's over 16,000 dolls, trucks, books, board games, sports items, and gift certificates.

For your donation, we suggest a toy from Green Toys™, a Bay Area company that makes a unique, fun line of classic children's toys constructed from recycled plastic containers and other environmentally friendly materials. Our partner in the toy drive for the past seven years, Green Toys has donated hundreds of their toys to our yearly collection.

At all of our COLE HARDWARE locations, we carry a variety of

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Warm Coat Drive

Friday, December 11, Through
Monday, December 14

All COLE HARDWARE Locations

Although winters in the Bay Area are relatively mild most years, we do experience some intense cold spells during the season. While many of us will be sporting new coats this winter, our old, gently used coats can still be put to good use. During the weekend of December 11–14, all COLE HARDWARE locations will be collecting coats, scarves, gloves, and hats that will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Vincentian Help Desk and St. Paul's Pantry for Hope. These programs are a lifeline for those who are low income or homeless, helping people meet their most basic needs with dignity and respect. Look in your closet and bring us any of your old, warm coats during our weekend drive. Clean, gently used hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens are also welcome!

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Annual Toy Drive

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Green Toys, including race cars, rockets, airplanes, and seaplanes. The toys range in price from \$4.99 to \$29.99. Come check them out for this special event and stock up for your own holiday gift-giving needs as well. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys through December 20.



Flash Friday DEALS

Sign up for our Flash Friday Deals!

One-day deals at ridiculously low prices.

E-mail hotline@colehardware.com with the word "flash" in the subject line.

We've Lost Dave Karp, Our Founder, My Father and Hero

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If you'd like to learn it, come to our Anniversary Sale, where we'll be sharing the secret so that this little piece of my dad will continue to bring smiles everywhere.

Dave was born 99 years ago right here in San Francisco. Except for a stint on a chicken ranch in Petaluma when he was a kid (that's a story unto itself), he spent his entire life here in the Bay Area,

having become one of the first homeowners in Westlake where he lived until he was 98. He always said he'd leave that house in a pine box. And there were plenty of moments in his later years when I thought he would! Finally, though, we were able to get him to relocate to a safer (and sunnier) environment, and he was very happy there.

Aside from hardware, Dave's passion was his family and helping new immigrants navigate their new country. Being born into a poor, immigrant family that had to creatively make ends meet each day gave my father a particular empathy for those coming to the United States for a better life. He made friends with many folks from Latin America, making it his mission to help them succeed here. Sometimes this entailed employment advocacy, obtaining green cards, helping with rent, shopping for diapers—basically doing whatever he could to ease the way. I think there are a couple of homes in Central America where his name and legacy are revered!

Longevity can be a blessing or a curse depending on so many factors. For my dad, nearly every day was a blessing. New people to meet. Onions, bacon and eggs, and french fries to eat. Family to share outings and visits. A cold beer or a glass of wine. Jokes to tell, CNN to watch, and of course his card trick, too. But most importantly, I'm convinced my father's secret to longevity was to stay involved, laugh, be selfless, be authentic, and find the good in everything and everybody. And finally, to always do good deeds and say something heartfelt and nice to everyone he met.

On December 16, we're going to turn our annual Anniversary Sale into a special tribute for my father.



COLE HARDWARE founders, Dave and Marge Karp

We'll be pouring wine all evening, so everyone can toast and celebrate the life of this magical man. And of course, as Dave would have it, there will be an extra-deep discount, too. And don't forget, we'll be giving out the secret to his card trick! I hope you will join us.

I thank you very, very much for the fondness you have always shown my father. He did live a wonderful life. He was loved by many, and his love for others energized him and was the basis of his happiness. Well, that and bacon, too. We miss him tremendously.

—Rick



Dave Karp, circa 1970

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Repair Referral Service

COLE HARDWARE'S Repair Referral Service was created to introduce our customers to the finest contractors and tradespeople we know. We have formed alliances with independent businesspeople in order to provide you with the very best in home repair, maintenance, and remodeling. Some jobs may even be performed by qualified members of our staff.

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Boris—Repair Referral Service Electrician

Proper electrical wiring in a home is essential for safe occupancy, and it's even more crucial over the holidays when households tend to light up everything from Christmas trees to windows to wreaths. Many older homes in San Francisco do not have an adequate number of electrical outlets to keep pace with the number of appliances, televisions, computers, hair dryers, and coffeemakers that we rely on daily.

One of the most common problems around the holidays is overloading circuits, which is also one of the leading causes of home fires. Another common mistake is using multiple extension cords to plug in one appliance. If you are unsure of the safety of the appliance setups in your home, you may need a licensed electrician, like Boris, from our Repair Referral Service. Boris can advise you on what you need to update your home's electrical wiring.

Any of the following situations would benefit from the services of a licensed electrician:

- If a fuse blows or a circuit breaker trips frequently, you most likely need a well-qualified electrician to determine the nature of the problem and to fix it.
- If the main electrical panel has circuit breakers, you should flip them off and back on once a year. This maintenance procedure will help keep them working. If the breakers malfunction, you need a qualified electrician to test the circuit breakers.
- If extension cords or plug



Boris, our trusted electrician

adaptors are being used to plug multiple appliances into the same outlet, you need a qualified electrician to install more outlets on a new or different branch of circuits.

- If any outlet or switch wall plates feel hot to the touch, you need a qualified electrician to determine what the problem is.

Boris has been with our service for nearly 15 years. In his native Croatia, he performed underwater electrical wiring as well as residential and commercial installations. If you feel that your home or business may need some electrical upgrades or more outlets installed to keep up with your "wired" lifestyle, contact our Repair Referral Service at 415/200-3430 or e-mail homerepair@colehardware.com.



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WHAT'S UNIQUE

Rock Out Throughout the House!

While we may not quite be at *The Jetsons* level of home technology just yet, we can now rock and roll at home courtesy of our light bulbs! Yes—our light bulbs! Dance while doing the dishes! Rock out while you cook or fold laundry! These new energy-saving Pulse LED light bulbs by Sengled are equipped with JBL Bluetooth speakers, allowing you to blare Beyoncé or create a more sophisticated ambiance with some subtle Mozart or Chopin. Conveniently adjust both lighting and sound with the smartphone app. (What can we not do with our smartphones these days?) Does your Wi-Fi signal fade in some rooms? Fix that easily with the Boost LED light bulb, a Wi-Fi connection extender. This cool, new intelligent illumination gives a whole new meaning to “raise the roof.”

Pulse is a smart bulb that combines the energy efficiency of a dimmable LED light with the high quality of a 13-watt JBL Bluetooth speaker. Simply twist Pulse into any standard light socket and adjust both lighting and sound from the iOS/Android app. Connect up to six additional satellite bulbs for surround sound. No speaker wires, power cords, or remote controls required. The Pulse Kit includes one speaker bulb and one satellite speaker bulb. (Sku 399600, \$149.99). Additional satellite bulbs are available, too. (Sku 399601, \$79.99)

High-quality audio of a JBL Bluetooth speaker in a LED light bulb



Pulse
LED + Wireless Speakers

Pulse Solo works similarly to Pulse but functions independently, without any additional satellite bulbs. You can still enjoy the energy efficiency of a dimmable LED combined with the high-quality audio of a JBL Bluetooth speaker and adjust both lighting and sound from the smartphone app. Ideal for desk or nightstand lamps. (Sku 399602, \$79.99)



Pulse Solo
LED + Wireless Speaker

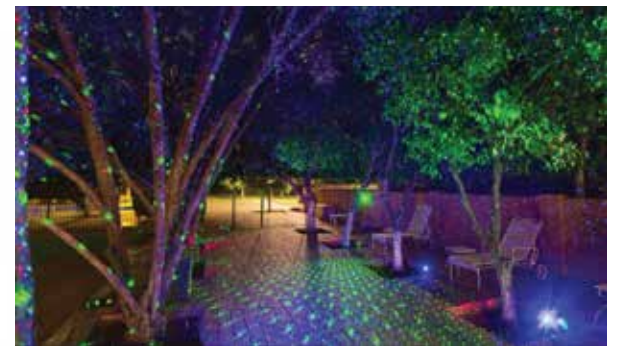
Wi-Fi booster in an LED light bulb

Boost gives you Wi-Fi where you want it, combined with high-efficiency, dimmable LED light. End Internet dead zones for good, as each bulb you connect increases the range of your Wi-Fi. Enjoy your shows, movies, and music from almost anywhere in your home along with an iOS/Android app for Wi-Fi setup and lighting control to keep your spaces bright. (Sku 399603, \$49.99)



Boost
LED + Wi-Fi Repeater

Stop by any COLE HARDWARE location to learn how you can listen to your music. Everywhere!



Light Up the Night

I have to admit I was skeptical. The folks behind Sparkle Magic called me about carrying their product in our stores. I listened. I looked at the brochure they e-mailed to me, and I said, “No, not interested.” I just didn’t think there would be any demand. Refusing to take no for an answer, they wanted to send one to me to try. I discouraged them because I felt guilty taking a sample when I had no intention of carrying the product. They insisted. “Okay,” I said, “I’ll take it home and check it out.”

The Sparkle Magic Illuminator is a portable high-tech laser that casts a dazzling array of lights wherever you aim it—on your home, landscaping, or any surface you like. I plugged it in, aimed it at a huge birch tree, and was instantly mesmerized. Thousands of green lights shimmered along with the rustling leaves! I then moved it and lit up my house. An amazing transformation! Then I turned the dial as instructed. The random lights turned into thousands of star bursts—really remarkable and beautiful. Seeing is believing. Check out www.sparklemagic.com/video, and you’ll totally get it.



Sparkle Magic comes in red, green, or blue. You can select just one color, or you can mix and match for an even cooler effect. (Skus 999218, 19, 20, \$149.99)

—Rick

Keep Track of What Matters Most with XY Find It

XY Find It is a small Bluetooth tag device that works with an iOS or Android app to help keep your things safe. You can attach the small device to anything you have trouble keeping track of. Most people use the XY Find It for their keys, but it also comes in handy clipped onto diaper bags, bicycles,

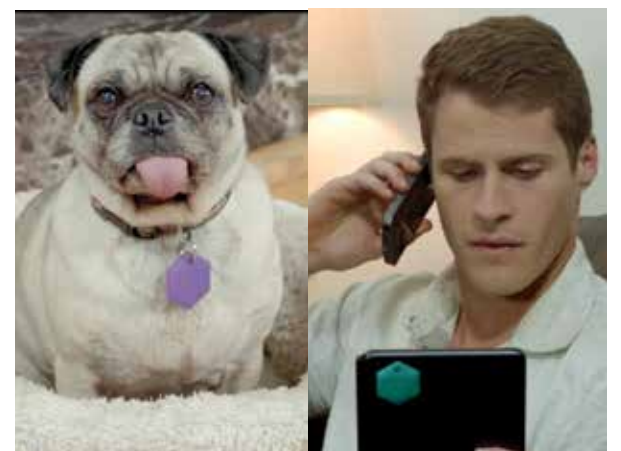


headphones, and backpacks. XY Find It is even safe for kids and pets. You’ll instantly be alerted if they wander off too far from you.



Within the app, any and all items you have attached an XY Find It to are synced to your account. You will get a notification when you go too far out of range from your item with the tag, and the app will constantly determine where you last had your item so that you can find your way back to it (location is pinned on a map showing an address) using a “hotter” and “colder” meter as a guide. Other features include:

Beeper: While searching for an item with an XY Find It tag on it, use the app to make the tag beep



or buzz, making it easier to locate as you search.

Water resistant: The tag is pretty rugged and will hold up to most activities, but we don’t suggest submerging it in water for too long.

Long-lasting, replaceable battery: The tag is equipped with a replaceable watch battery, ensuring that you can keep finding your stuff for years to come.

(Assorted Colors: Skus 369036, 50, 51, \$24.99; 3-Pack Onyx, White, and Jade: Sku 369052 \$59.99)

FROM THE GARDEN CENTER

Visit our garden centers at the Cole Street, Polk Street, Mission Street, and Rockridge stores.



In the Garden December Garden Tasks

Tips from Dennis and Bill



Stop by our Cole Street garden center for all your gardening needs. The advice is free from the Garden Guys, Dennis and Bill. E-mail them with any questions: dennis@colehardware.com or blitz@colehardware.com.

In December, our focus tends to move indoors as we prepare for the holidays and all of the entertaining and celebrating that take place inside. But there are still plenty of outdoor winter chores you can perform in your garden to keep it blooming and prepared for the upcoming spring.

✓ **Potted Christmas Trees:** Consider a living tree that can be kept in a container and easily moved for years of enjoyment.



✓ **Plant Trees & Shrubs:** Early winter is ideal to plant and transplant shrubs and trees. They will sustain less shock this time of year. Add generous amounts of compost, peat moss, and manure to the existing soil. Stake large trees to protect them during the winter storms we will hopefully have.

✓ **Dormant Spraying:** Now through February are the best months to apply dormant sprays to shrubs and trees to control overwintering insects and diseases. We recommend All Seasons® Horticultural Spray Oil. (Sku 7235385, \$8.99)



✓ **Compost & Clean:** Clean up fallen leaves and add to your compost pile. Pull weeds before they start flowering and go to seed.

✓ **Prune Apple Trees:**



Weak and unproductive branches should be thinned out to allow the sunlight into the tree. Older spurs can be rejuvenated by cutting back, especially following a light crop year.

✓ **Holiday Gift Plants:** Our garden centers offer beautiful flowering plants perfect for gift giving. Choose from azaleas, begonias, cyclamen, poinsettia, and more.

✓ **Poinsettia Care:** Keep your new poinsettia in bright light, avoiding direct afternoon sun. Keep the temperature around 65–70°F, and the soil moist, but not too wet. Avoid drafts and dry heat, such as too near a fireplace or heater, and feed it a well-balanced fertilizer.

With luck and dedication, you may be able to get your poinsettia to bloom again next year. In March or April, when the bracts begin to turn a muddy green, cut the plant back to 8" tall. Keep it near a sunny window, and by

May it should have new growth. Transplant it to a larger pot, and during the summer put it outside. Fertilize it with a balanced fertilizer, such as Espoma® Organic Plant-tone®, twice a month until December. (Sku 7122930, \$9.99) Around the first of October, start giving it 14 hours of darkness and 6–8 hours of bright sun, keeping the temperature about 70°F. Hopefully, your poinsettia will be blooming again next December.



✓ **Cyclamen Care:** Soil should never dry out when the plant is flowering. Don't water in the crown, but always around the rim, to avoid rot. You can also put water in the tray and let the roots absorb it. Cyclamen like bright, indirect sunlight.

✓ **Azalea Care:** Azaleas like bright sunlight during the day and cooler temperatures at night (under 65°F). The plant needs an even, constant supply of water—the blossoms will die if the plant is too dried out. Fertilize your azalea with an acid-type fertilizer, such as E.B. Stone™ Ultra Bloom™ Plant Food every couple of weeks after the flowers fade in spring, but do not fertilize when the plant is blossoming. (Sku 745024, \$9.99) See you in the garden!



✓ **Winter Color:** Plant pansies, violas, primroses, stocks, calendulas, Iceland poppies, and cyclamen to add some color this time of year.

✓ **Take Cuttings:** This month is a good time to take cuttings of rhododendrons, azaleas, and more. Cuttings should come from the newly established tip growth and should be kept indoors in a well-lighted spot.

✓ **Plant Bulbs:** You can still plant bulbs of daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, crocus, and other spring flowering bulbs. Bulbs should be planted about three times deeper than the diameter of the bulb.



Freshly Cut Christmas Trees

Many of our longtime Cole Street shoppers fondly recall Dave Karp delivering their first Christmas tree when they moved to the Cole Valley neighborhood. Keeping with tradition, all of our stores will once again stock freshly cut Christmas trees in a variety of sizes. All COLE HARDWARE locations also have tree stands, lights, ornaments, and more—everything you need to create a festive holiday tree! We're happy to bring the tree to your home in San Francisco and the Rockridge neighborhood on the weekend for a \$20 delivery fee. Just make arrangements for delivery at the time of purchase. While we will try our best to deliver your tree exactly when you request, please allow for a two-hour delivery window.

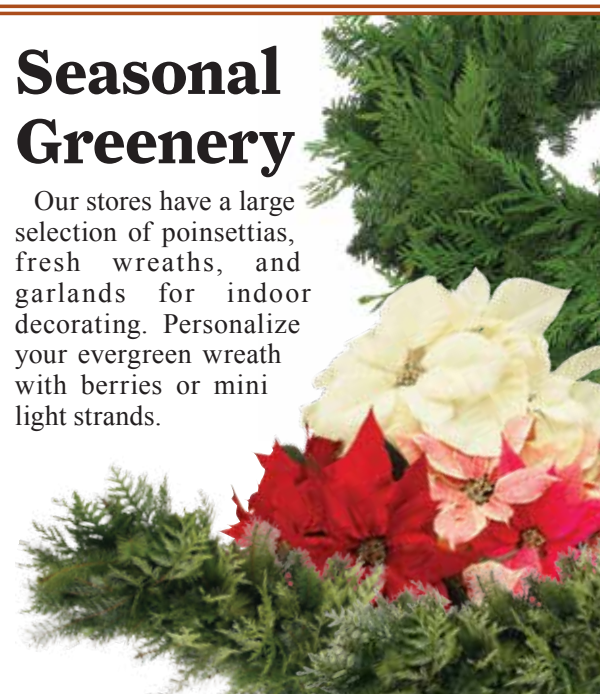
Citywide and
Rockridge neighborhood
Weekend Delivery \$20



—Rick Karp, President, aka Keeper of the Karma

Seasonal Greenery

Our stores have a large selection of poinsettias, fresh wreaths, and garlands for indoor decorating. Personalize your evergreen wreath with berries or mini light strands.



COLE HARDWARE's Hardware Hotline

December 2015

WHAT'S IN SEASON

Christmas Cookie Mix

Homemade gifts are wonderful to give and receive during the holidays. Jams and jellies, fudge, and baked treats are popular during the gift-giving season. But if time is not on your side, here is an easy gift to put together for friends, family, and colleagues. Simply combine all dry ingredients (flour, sugar, chocolate chips, etc.) in a canning jar,

add a tag for the wet ingredients (eggs, butter, oil, etc.) needed, add a bow, and it's ready to go. This is a fun family activity and an easy lesson for younger children on how to measure ingredients. Use your favorite cookie recipe, or here's one that is simple and looks especially festive with red and green M&M'S® from joyofbaking.com.

COOKIE MIX IN A JAR



Dry Ingredients to Layer in Canning Jar

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1¼ teaspoons baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ⅔ cup granulated white sugar
- ⅔ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup chocolate chips or M&M'S candies

Create a label for the jar with the following information:

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Stir dry ingredients from jar in a large bowl.

Add:

- 1 large egg
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1½ teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- ¾ cup unsalted butter, room temperature

Combine thoroughly.

Drop by rounded tablespoon onto ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 14–17 minutes or until edges are light brown.

Latkes—Not Just for Hanukkah!

For those who are not familiar, latkes are a potato pancake traditionally eaten during the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. However, due to extreme deliciousness, they are becoming an increasingly popular side dish year-round—not only in Jewish homes but in all kinds of restaurants! Think of them as upgraded, more flavorful hash browns to be eaten any time of day (usually at dinner, but an egg-topped latke is delightful for breakfast!). Traditionally, they are made with potato as the main ingredient (making them very budget friendly) and served with sour cream and/or applesauce. However chefs are getting creative and swapping in root vegetables or zucchini for potatoes and pairing with aioli or chutney for serving. For home-cook latke newbies, we suggest starting with this classic recipe.



CLASSIC LATKES

Serves a crowd! Yield depends on how big you make your pancakes, but this should serve 12–15 folks. Recipe can be halved or quartered for smaller groups.

Ingredients

- 4½ pounds russet potatoes (about 7 medium-large potatoes)
- 4 eggs
- 1¼ cups matzo meal (found in Jewish section of ethnic food aisle at most grocery stores) or all-purpose flour as an alternative
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 5 cups diced yellow onion
- Canola oil or peanut oil for frying
- Chopped green onion, optional for serving

Directions

- Shred potatoes with grating disk of food processor or hand grater. Drain excess liquid from potatoes. In batches, wring out shredded potatoes with cheesecloth or press through a mesh strainer or colander, squeezing thoroughly to get as dry as possible. Let mixture stand for 5 minutes, and then squeeze dry again.
- In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, matzo meal or flour, salt and pepper. Add the grated potatoes and diced onion, stirring until evenly coated.
- In a large skillet, heat a healthy pour of oil (about ¼ inch) over medium heat, until shimmering. Drop packed spoonfuls of potato mixture into skillet and flatten into pancakes with the back of spoon. Suggested patty size is about 4 inches wide and no more than 1 inch thick in the center. Fry until golden brown on bottom, and then flip and fry until other side is golden as well. Add more oil to the skillet as needed.
- As latkes finish cooking, transfer to a baking pan or cookie sheet lined with paper towels. Serve immediately with optional garnish, or keep in warm oven until serving.

Festival of Lights

This year Hanukkah begins on the evening of December 6 and ends in the evening of December 14. Come in to check out our selection of menorahs, candles, and ornaments to hang around the house, or on the Hanukkah bush for those who partake in that new (and sometimes controversial) tradition!

Moroccan Tile Pitcher (Sku 625065, \$19.99)

Happy Hanukkah Dish Towel (Sku 938008, \$7.99)

Happy Hanukkah Mug (Sku 938012, \$7.99)

Hannukah Night Light (Sku 937457, \$12.99)

Dreidel Ornament (Sku 936970, \$6.99)



WHAT'S IN SEASON

Caldrea® Holiday Scents

The folks at Caldrea believe that every home has a fragrance indelible and visceral, that it imprints every time we walk in. It says, "Hello! Welcome home!" Limited-edition fragrances from Caldrea evoke the holiday season through distinctive combinations of citrus, floral, and spice notes. Get into the spirit with merry Juniper Laurel Mint, warm Plum Bergamot Clove, and festive Saffron Winter Rose. Caldrea home cleaning products are created with a combination of natural essential oils from flowers and herbs with safe ingredients on par with those used in personal care products, delivering cleaning efficacy with the pleasures of scent. With its tasteful packaging, Caldrea products also make ideal hostess gifts and are beautiful enough to leave on the kitchen or bathroom counter when entertaining. Choose from hand soap (Skus 666406, 666511, 673497, \$9.99), dish soap (Skus 666409, 666557, 673499, \$8.99), and candles (Skus 666411, 666653, 673531, \$12.99).



Luscious Hot Cocoa

Is there any more cozy and indulgent feeling than snuggling up on a winter day with a mug of rich, smooth hot chocolate? Take your hot cocoa to the next level of deliciousness with a Cocoa Pot Frother. All you need is chocolate (flakes, powder, or buttons—whatever you have on hand), some warm milk, and this clever stovetop Cocoa Pot to create a luxurious treat of rich and über-bubbly hot chocolate! (Sku 627007, \$49.99)



Knife Sharpening

After your holiday ham or turkey has spent all those hours in the oven, filling your home with a glorious aroma, don't butcher it again with a dull knife! All of our stores offer professional knife sharpening services on a biweekly schedule. Our professional knife sharpener, Matt, can conveniently sharpen your knives while you shop during the below times. Or you can drop off your knives with us ahead of time, and we will notify you as soon as they are ready.

Rockridge:

December 8 and 22, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

Fourth Street:

December 9 and 23, 8:00 am–9:00 am

Mission Street:

December 9 and 23, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

Polk Street:

December 11, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

Cole Street:

December 12, 3:00 pm–5:00 pm



Wibbly-Wobbly, Timey-Wimey Stuff!

Quick, to COLE HARDWARE for more Dr. Who-themed holiday items than you thought possible. Delight the Dr. Who fans in your life with some nontraditional holiday memorabilia right up their alley. Hurry in to check out these items and many more, while supplies last!

Dr. Who TARDIS Light Set
(Sku 936933, \$26.99)



Glass Weeping Angel Ornament
(Sku 937549, \$20.99)



Dr. Who 5-Piece Ornament Gift Box Set
(Sku 937548, \$17.99)



Spirits Bright

Stripes and plaid weave together, setting a cheery mood for the merriest Christmas table!

Plaid Tablecloth

60" x 90" (Sku 938014, \$39.99)

Spirits Bright Striped Runner

13" x 72" (Sku 938016, \$24.99)

Spirits Bright Striped Placemat

13" x 19" (Sku 938017, \$4.99)

May all your holiday wishes come true!

This holiday season, unwrap "The Ultimate Cooking Experience."

Grilling, baking, roasting, and smoking—no other outdoor cooker can match the quality and versatility of a Big Green Egg!



ENVIRONMENTAL INFO



GOOD FOR THE EARTH—WE TAKE ACTION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT!

San Francisco Water 2016 Calendars

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission publishes a beautiful calendar full of colorful photography and everyday tips to prevent water pollution. The calendars are made available free of charge to educate residents about environmental stewardship and ways to help prevent pollutants

from entering our sewer systems, the bay, and the ocean. While supplies last, pick one up at any COLE HARDWARE location.



Wreath Workshop

Wednesday, December 9,
5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Come and create a holiday wreath with us to adorn your door and warmly welcome guests! In partnership with our friends at Scroungers' Center for Reusable Art Parts (SCRAP), we will provide wire wreath forms and fresh Christmas tree branches to build the wreath, along with a variety of accessories to customize your creation. The folks from SCRAP, a nonprofit creative reuse center, materials depot, and workshop space founded in 1976 in San Francisco, breathe new life into old objects and reduce waste by diverting over 200 tons of materials heading to landfill every year. So we know that they will have some unique trinkets to decorate a wreath with!



The workshop is free, but we need you to register so that we can make sure we have enough materials and refreshments on hand. Children are welcome to attend with a parent. Please leave a voice mail at 415/674-8913 ext. 4 or e-mail service@colehardware.com the following information:

- Your name
- Which COLE HARDWARE location you will attend
- Number of attendees



Lights for Life

Lights for Life is dedicated to making the lives of children with cancer and their families a little easier. We are setting out to help them accomplish this through the recycling of old holiday string lights. Over 200 million strings of lights are sold each year in the United States, with many of them eventually ending up in our landfills. Lights for Life and COLE HARDWARE are asking you to not throw away your old and broken lights this year. If Lights for Life can collect just a small percentage of these light strings, it will go a long way in helping those families of children with cancer. The light strands are sold to recyclers for the copper they contain. The funds received from these sales are used to provide financial assistance to the families of children with cancer, along with sponsoring a kids' camp. COLE HARDWARE will once again serve as a collection site. Just bring your spent light strands to any of our four locations through December 31.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Each year, tens of thousands of Christmas trees are collected throughout the Bay Area, fed through a mulcher, and used for erosion control. Sunset Scavenger and Golden Gate Disposal and Recycling Co. will pick up trees left on the curbside on your regular garbage days. Visit www.sunsetscavenger.com to see when tree collection will begin. Oakland residents can visit California Waste Solutions website at www.calwaste.com for collection dates.

Please note: All ornaments, including the tinsel, must be removed, as well as plastic and metal stands. Trees with wood stands are collectable, but please do not put them in plastic bags. Only "plain old trees" will be accepted for recycling!



Recycle at COLE HARDWARE!

Bring to any of our five stores:

BRITA PRODUCTS:

Includes filters, pitchers, bottles, and dispensers.



CELL PHONES:

Personal cell phones—batteries and chargers not required.



BATTERIES:

Rechargeable (NiCad, NiMH) and household (alkaline and carbon).



OLD PAINT:

- Recycle dry, clean, empty metal paint cans through your regular trash pickup. The paint containers you bring to us should have paint in them!
- No handwritten labels can be accepted.
- Be sure that lids are SEALED ON TIGHT and containers are rust-free and don't leak.
- Please limit your drop-offs to no more than five 1-gallon-size containers (or 20 quart-size containers or a combination of both) at a time. Containers are counted by size, not by the volume of paint they contain.
- Take paint to the customer service desk.
- PLEASE, no brushes or rags!



PROPANE TANKS:

Small (14 oz. or 16.9 oz.), empty, nonrefillable propane cylinders only. Households only. Limit 5 per visit. (San Francisco stores only; cannot be recycled at our Rockridge location.)



SCRAP METAL:

Copper and brass.

SPENT FLUORESCENT BULBS:

CFLs, tubes up to 8 feet, U- and D-shaped tubes. Drop-off limit is 10 bulbs.



EXPIRED PRINTER CARTRIDGES:

Must be in plastic bags to avoid leakage.

SOFT PLASTIC:

Clean plastic only. Households only. One basketball-size amount per visit, please.



For Bay Area recycling resources, visit www.colehardware.com/recycle.htm.

GREAT GIFTS & GADGETS

Take to the Skies with the KODO™ Camera Drone!

In-flight photos and videos! Capture the moment with your new KODO camera drone by Dromida! Stable flight and a fast charge time are shaping up to make this a very popular toy in the burgeoning market for drones, and you can find yours at COLE HARDWARE just in time for holiday gift giving!

The onboard digital camera takes both videos and still photos. One-button flip (should you decide to be

a stunt pilot) and bright LED lights are just a couple more awesome features of this drone. A 2.4 GHz radio not only allows for interference-free flight but also allows multiple KODO's to fly at once. A 3.7 volt 100 mAh LiPo battery, USB charge cable, and spare rotor blades are also included in this ready-to-fly package. All you need to add are two AAA batteries! (Sku 937990, 69.99)



Film while you fly!

Confessions of a Flashlight Junkie: Check Out the New Hybridlights™

I admit it. I am a flashlight junkie. I think a flashlight is the most useful item to have with you at home, on the road, camping, hiking, in your emergency kit, even hanging from your backpack or jacket. I have them everywhere, and I have lots of different kinds. It's fascinating to experience the many innovative ways in which portable light can be generated. Most people who talk about going "off the grid" are speaking of using solar energy. I have so many flashlights surrounding me that, at least for lighting, I probably could go off the grid.

So, here's the latest contribution to my flashlight fetish. Check out the new Hybridlights!

Here's the short story: Most important, they are solar. They recharge via sunlight, but they also can be recharged with a micro USB port. They can be used for 14 hours or more per charge. Unused (like sitting in your drawer), they'll hold the charge for up

to seven years! And they are waterproof, they float, they're incredibly durable, they're super bright (LED), and they can be used to charge your cell phone or tablet, too! In addition to flashlights, there are two really cool lanterns in the line as well. The lanterns do everything the flashlights do, but more because . . . well, they're lanterns! I've never seen anything like the Hybridlight Expandable Lantern. It's a compact flashlight, but expand it accordion style, and it turns into a table or hanging lantern that is flexible, too.

If you are a flashlight junkie like me, or if there is one on your holiday shopping list, come in and check out the new Hybridlights today!

—Rick

Solar Flashlight

40 lumens, black or yellow.
(Skus 300373, 300375, \$14.99)



Expandable Solar Lantern, Flashlight, and USB Charger

75 lumens.
(Sku 300444, \$39.99)

Solar Lantern with USB Charger

200 lumens, floats, waterproof.
(Sku 300445, \$44.99)



Solar Worklight with Magnetic Base

200 lumens.
(Sku 300446, \$49.99)



Solar Flashlight with USB Charger

250 lumens, black.
(Sku 300443, \$39.99)



Blingsting™ Pepper Spray

Although the Bay Area is relatively safe, assaults can occur anywhere. Nearly half of all robberies now are of cell phones, which almost all of us have. We hope you never have to actually use any type of pepper spray, but if you do, Blingsting is a useful item to have on hand. Having pepper spray inside your purse will be of no use if you can't actually get to it.

The bedazzled Blingsting case includes a key chain and clip so that you can attach it to the outside of your purse for easy access. Of course, even with your Blingsting, you need to always be aware of your surroundings. And

remember that pepper spray is no joke and should be used only for self-defense. The use of pepper spray for any purpose other than self-defense is a crime under the law. And when traveling by air, leave your Blingsting at home, or it might be confiscated by airport security. Blingsting is available in three dazzling colors: pink, silver, and gray. (Skus 9319021, 9319047, 9318940; \$21.99)



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COMMUNITY NEWS



W.O.M.A.N., Inc.

Women Organized to Make Abuse Nonexistent, Inc. (W.O.M.A.N., Inc.) has operated since 1978 as a community-based, multiservice agency, serving survivors of domestic violence in San Francisco and the larger Bay Area. In addition to a 24-hour crisis line, it provides culturally sensitive support to survivors in domestic violence situations. COLE HARDWARE will be supporting W.O.M.A.N., Inc. in multiple manners for the month of December, and we invite you to join us!

Coins for the Community

We're happy to report that in October our spare change collection netted \$2,573.01 for Dress for Success and Wardrobe for Opportunity, organizations that promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire and a network of support. This brings our grand total to \$34,857.35 raised since we started our collection program. Our November collection is earmarked for Groceries for Seniors in San Francisco and St. Paul's Pantry of Hope in Oakland, who distribute nutritious, fresh food to senior citizens on a weekly basis. We'll report those numbers next month.

For the month of December we will collect funds for W.O.M.A.N., Inc. to support the many programs it offers. It's easy to donate to Coins for the Community! Simply drop your spare change in any of our collection jars or choose the "Donate" option when you're checking out at any of our registers. Or bring in that old jar of pennies that's collecting dust on your dresser!



Donate a toy or gift card to W.O.M.A.N., Inc.'s Adopt-a-Family program.

Adopt-a-Family

For the past five Christmas seasons, our Rockridge store manager, Tessa, has participated in a holiday adopt-a-family program. She has adopted families both personally and for us at COLE HARDWARE. Whoever could, pitched in with presents and gift cards for these mothers and their children, to make their Christmas special. Tessa will once again be adopting two families this holiday season. If you would like to donate a gift or gift card to one of these families, please contact Tessa to find out what the family has requested and the ages of the children. E-mail tessa@colehardware.com or ask for her when you're shopping at our Rockridge location.



Volunteers Needed at Morcom Rose Garden

The Morcom Rose Garden is one of many Oakland city parks. It is a 7+ acre oasis located at 700 Jean Street in Oakland. This public garden was constructed in 1932 and named after former Oakland mayor Fred N. Morcom. Winding paths, graceful stairways, water cascades, and thousands of roses provide a sanctuary for visitors and natural habitat for a variety of birds, bees, and butterflies. Morcom Rose Garden is accredited by the American Rose Society and is a true asset for Oakland.



The Dedicated Deadheaders, a volunteer group, meets weekly to "deadhead" or remove spent blossoms, trim, and weed the garden. You will recognize them by their tie-dyed vests, lovingly made by the Deadheaders. To earn a vest of your own, you must complete 20 hours of volunteerism and receive two one-on-one training sessions with an expert rosarian. Beginning in January, the Deadheaders will prune the 3,500 rose bushes in the garden. Volunteers are needed every Wednesday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. All ages and skill levels welcome!

If you want to learn more about roses, attend the East Bay Rose Society pruning demonstration at the garden on Saturday, January 9, at 10:00 am.

For more information and dates of pruning demonstrations and workshops visit friendsofoaklandrose.org.



'Tis the Season for Science Through January 3, 2016

Celebrate the festive winter season with a scientific twist at the California Academy of Sciences' annual holiday exhibit. From fast-growing antlers to dynamic diets and amazing migrations, discover how reindeer adaptations allow these sturdy animals to thrive in demanding Arctic environments. Live reindeer, indoor snow flurries, the Snowman Theater, merry programs and performances, and more will return to delight visitors of all ages.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6 Hanukkah First Candle	Hardware HOT DEALS December 1-24 see insert	8 Knife Sharpening Rockridge, 4 pm-6 pm	9 Wreath Workshop see page 8 for details	Flash Friday DEALS To sign up, send an e-mail to hotline@colehardware.com with "flash" in the subject line.	11 Flash Friday DEALS	12 Knife Sharpening Cole Street, 3 pm-5 pm
13 Warm Coat Drive December 11-14 see page 2 for details	COMMUNITY SAVINGS DAYS Special Community Members SAVE 20% see our website for more details	15	16 SAVE 25% STOREWIDE* Anniversary Sale *see page 1 for details	17	18 Flash Friday DEALS	19
20		22 First Day of Winter Knife Sharpening Rockridge, 4 pm-6 pm	23 Knife Sharpening Fourth Street, 8 am-9 am Mission Street, 4 pm-6 pm	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Stores Open 10 am-2 pm	26 Kwanzaa Begins
27 Lights of Life Collection December 1-31 see page 8 for details	28 Student Monday	29 Teacher Tuesday	30 Senior Wednesday	31 New Year's Eve Military Thursday	2016 New Year's Day Stores Open 9:00 am-5:30 pm	Knife Sharpening will resume the week of January 4



Our founder, Dave Karp
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