

# SAY GOODBYE TO...

Bid ta-ta to LPs, fur coats and sugar. Toodle-oo to checkbooks, oil and swimming in the ocean. Happy trails to privacy, porno theaters and, who knows, maybe even Democrats. It's not just animals and vegetation that are departing the planet (currently one species every

15 minutes). With them goes, for better or worse, any number of the tangibles and intangibles now taken for granted. Gathered here are the contents of an as-yet-unburied time capsule dedicated to impending obsolescence. So should auld acquaintance be forgot...

## THE RED CENT



The extinction of penny candy along with the high cost of copper have made the life expectancy of this coin not worth a plugged nickel.

## WATER FROM FAUCETS



Play taps for this kind of H<sub>2</sub>O, which pollution will make unfit to drink.

## FILM



Using microchips, proud grandparents threaten to store thousands of images on portable show-and-tell miniscreens.

## CANNED FOOD



Fed up with C rations, Americans want fresh food. No word yet from the nation's pampered pets.

## PLUGS AND SWITCHES



Voice-activated appliances and electronics with self-contained energy sources will be set to play from the word go.

## FILE CABINETS



Thanks to computer cataloging, this old pre-electronic system will find out for itself the meaning of "File it away."

## NETWORKS



Competition from cable and entertainment systems catering to highly individual tastes may deliver a TKO to television's Big Three.

## COMMUNISM



As capitalist tools shore up the state, the U.S.S.R. will retire Lenin.

## VIDEO STORES



A database owned by the phone company will feed every home with 5,000-plus movies—some worth watching—via optical fibers.

## DISPOSABLE DIAPERS



Invest your money in diaper services because the environment is crying for a change.

## MAILMEN



Not snow nor rain nor sleet stays these couriers, but the fax will.

## ALOPECIA



Intensive research into growing hair means baldness will be cured and the toupee swept under the rug.

## VENICE



The lagoon city may be going, going, gondola as water and air pollution erode its foundations.

## TYPEWRITERS



Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of this vanishing species.

## KEYS



Plastic cards that open electronic locks (although they work only erratically in today's hotels) will also show up at the front doors of homes and offices.

## CEMETERIES



In a grave departure from custom, cremation will be mandatory because of land shortages.

## DENTISTS



Say aaah. Fluoridation and good oral hygiene will root out cavities.

## SIGNATURES



The handwriting is on the wall. For security, we'll no longer sign checks and documents. Instead fingerprints, read by an electronic eye, will serve as ID.

## BLOOD-LOSS SURGERY



"Going under the knife" won't mean quite the same thing because lasers will make the unpleasant process a lot less gory.

## ALL-MALE CLERGY



For heaven's sake, anything can happen, even at the Vatican.

## EYEGLASSES



It's not speculation; astigmatisms will be corrected by optical surgery.

## GROCERY CLERKS



This humble profession is due to check out. The shopper will ring up (using lasers that read bar codes) and bag his groceries, then pay a cashier at the exit.

## SEX



With men not needed for the act of conception, nor women for birth, why even do it? ☐