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A Wonderful Life

Thank you, Deborah Goodwin, for a superb “Perspective” (Sept. 19 *World Tribune*). I don’t have a scanner and the *World Tribune* is still not available to download, so I typed the whole article to e-mail to my friends and family. Once again thank you for a wonderfully crafted tribute to the short but wonderful life of Princess Diana.

— MARTIN MOGEY, Allston, Mass.

Shrubs, Anyone?

Fall is a big time for gardening and the best time for planting shrubs. I would be interested in a short article in the *World Tribune* that would give suggestions about what shrubs provide a good supply of greens for the altar. Maybe one of the members who is a landscape professional could list a few shrubs that grow at least up to zone 6 with suggestions for full sun, part sun and shade options. I’ve had plants that work well for greens (hold up well in water and grow fast) and ones that don’t do so well (branches are not very full, tend to droop quickly when cut). Up until now I’ve just depended on whatever is in my yard already, but I’d like to plant something with that in mind. It’s a bit difficult to explain to the local nursery exactly what the requirements are.

— SHERA HAYNES, Richmond, Va.

Editor’s note: OK gardeners, if you have suggestions, send them in. We’ll be happy to print them.

Volunteers Record ‘The Major Writings’

A major problem for many members wishing to study *The Major Writings of Nichiren Daishonin* has been that they were not in a format all members could use.

Not only are there many blind and otherwise sight-impaired members, there are also a significant number of members who cannot use printed materials or who have learning disabilities that make using printed materials extremely difficult.

To respond to that need, a project was voluntarily organized by SGI-USA members two years ago to record vol. 1 of *The Major Writings*. That project was successfully concluded this summer. The result is a set of 11 cassettes, which has been distributed to all SGI-USA joint territories.

There were some problems with the recordings, including some paragraphs of text inadvertently omitted and the mispronunciation of some Japanese names and terms. For those reasons, while the SGI-USA Study Department could not officially endorse the effort, the SGI-USA nevertheless has helped make the tapes available.

The tapes are not for sale. Rather, any member who wants to make a copy of them for personal use should arrange with his or her joint territory to do so. The member will be responsible for providing the blank tapes.

Many people deserve credit for this effort, born from a sincere desire to enable fellow members to have access to Nichiren Daishonin’s teachings. Particularly, David Ackerman, a member and recording engineer who edited the tapes, and Steve Greene, also a member, who duplicated the tapes at cost, were critical to the success of the project.

— S.D. YANA DAVIS, Knoxville, Tenn.

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