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The artist Michael Petry paid homage to the mathematician Alan Turing, who was portrayed in the movie "The Imitation Game."

MICHAEL PETRY AND THE HIRAM BUTLER GALLERY

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BACK STORY

Interest in Alan Turing, the British genius and pioneer of computer science, has reached new heights since the release of the film "[The Imitation Game](#)," starring Benedict Cumberbatch.

On Monday, a 56-page notebook Mr. Turing kept in the 1940s, while he was unlocking what were considered to be unbreakable Nazi codes, sold for [more than \\$1 million](#) at an auction in New York.

The pages, sold to an unidentified buyer, contain notations that probably helped shorten World War II, as well as Mr. Turing's attempts at writing a computer language that would later lead to the creation of modern code.

The computerized device you're using now exists in part thanks to Mr. Turing.

Mr. Turing killed himself in 1954, two years after being convicted of "gross indecency" in connection with his homosexuality. He received a royal pardon in 2013.

In Houston, [a homage to Mr. Turing](#) called "A.T. the Core of the Algorithm" is on display at an art gallery. It comprises 47 clusters (because 47 is a prime number) of heavily colored glass bubbles.

The bubbles are meant to resemble apples, like the cyanide-soaked one that he is believed to have eaten.

One theory had it that [the Apple logo](#) (the apple with a bite taken out of it) was also a tribute to Mr. Turing, but the designer of the logo denied it.

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