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## The News' Briefs

### Ex-Amish harass former brethren

ASHLAND, Ohio -- Three former Amish men and a non-Amish 15-year-old were arrested last week on suspicion of harassing Amish and vandalizing an Amish farm, Ashland County authorities said. No charges have been filed.

The suspects were identified only as non-Amish men ages 18, 19 and 21. The 21-year-old lives in Wooster and the others live in Sullivan, near Ashland in north-central Ohio.

"They were just ex-Amish men who left the Amish community and came back for revenge, basically," county sheriff's Detective Larry Martin said Monday. "We're looking at hate crimes against the Amish."

The four allegedly disrupted an Amish wedding, vandalized three Amish properties and overturned two buggies.

The men said "they hated the Amish people because of their religion and they were getting back at them," Detective Ed Staley said.

The juvenile apparently got involved because he lives near two of the men, authorities said.

The sheriff's department began investigating after receiving two telephone calls Thursday night about disturbances in the Amish community near Polk.

One caller said someone had entered a barn and broken windows and dumped feed bags. Another reported a suspicious car driving around the Polk area.

### Welders add insult to injury of Cleveland Stadium

CLEVELAND -- Welders demolishing Cleveland Municipal Stadium touched off a fire Tuesday that burned part of the seating area at the former home of the Browns football team and Indians baseball team, authorities said.

No injuries were reported.

A crowd of spectators gathered on the lawn of the neighboring Great Lakes Science Center to watch the roaring fire through a gaping hole created by demolition of the old scoreboard in center field. Heavy black smoke billowed out of the building along Lake Erie.

The fire, which broke out at 3 p.m., was under control in less than two hours. It was extinguished by early evening.

Demolition began eight days ago.

Fire battalion Chief Frank Mullanax said the fire began in some of the roofing material, which floated down to a second-floor seating area behind what was once home plate. Part of the burning debris fell to the field, he said.

Mullanax said fires are common when welding equipment is being used.

"They were cutting sections down up there, and it is going to happen again probably," he said.

Firefighters used aerial ladders to climb into the old executive offices of the Indians and the Browns.

## AIDS organization seeks volunteers

Daria Warnock  
The BG News

Opportunities to volunteer at David's House was the main focus of discussion by representatives of the organization at an information session Tuesday night.

David's House is an AIDS Service Organization in Toledo. The services provided at the house are open to everyone, however many of them focus on providing for the lower class and disadvantaged.

Robert Hood, a philosophy graduate student and volunteer

at David's House, told the group of potential volunteers about his experiences as a volunteer for the organization.

"It's a really rewarding experience," Hood said. "I think for me it is a way to give back to the community."

Hood told the small group of students about his experiences in working with AIDS patients. He said it became a rewarding experience because of the relationships that were formed through it.

"I had a professor who died of AIDS," Hood said. "That relationship got stronger and I had

made a decision. I wanted to get involved."

He said he formed a bond with the professor that influenced his decision to volunteer at the house.

Volunteers at David's House have the opportunity to participate in a variety of areas, including hospice care, resident's care, the buddy program and administrative work.

Anyone may be a volunteer, but first they must take a four hour class on AIDS. The University also offers the same in a one credit course, MEDT 205.

Angie Gentile, a senior psy-

chology major and volunteer at the house, also encouraged students to get involved in the organization.

"It's such a positive environment. You get to meet all kinds of people," Gentile said. "You learn a lot from these people. It's humbling."

A student raised the issue of death and how the volunteers are able to deal with it on a regular basis.

Hood explained that just as other people have to deal with death, the volunteers have to learn to adjust and support each other.

"I don't know. It's a painful process," Hood said. "There's no easy answer."

Both Hood and Gentile said the benefits of working at David's House outweigh those negative ones. Each also said that a number of small reasons add up to make their work worthwhile.

"A lot of it is just being there and being a part of their lives and them being a part of yours," Hood said.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Donna Koehn, the volunteer organizer, at (419) 244-2682.

## Doctor leads University center

Jay Young  
The BG News

Editor's note: This is the 12th part in a series about campus leaders.

As director of the Student Health Center, Joshua Kaplan is one of the few real doctors on campus.

Kaplan, who was named director in December 1984, leads a center that averages 30,000 to 35,000 visits each year and employs four full-time physicians.

Some student health centers don't have a medical doctor directing the facility. Kaplan said being a doctor has its advantages.

"For a health service this size a physician director makes sense. You could hire an administrator for less than I make, but most places I know don't have a half-time administrator, they have a full-time administrator and at least half of the time I do things that require I be a physician," he said. "Knowing what goes on at a more direct level at the care-providing end of this place lets me be more efficient as an administrator."

One of the first things Ka-



Doug Khrenovsky/The BG News

plan said he implemented after becoming director was peer reviewing. He said the idea

came from a California emergency room where he worked. As assistant director of the

emergency department, Ka-

See KAPLAN, page three.

## Postal pot purchase puts people in pokey

Dawn Keller  
The BG News

With the assistance of the U.S. Postal Office, Bowling Green City Police arrested a University student and two former students on related drug charges Monday.

Carlos A. Sanchez, 19, was charged with trafficking in marijuana and felony drug abuse. Jeremy L. Lozano, 19, was charged with complicity to felony drug abuse. Julie M. Pendell, freshman biology major, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

"U.S. Postal Service Inspector (John Wascak) contacted city police after intercepting a package that was supposed to be mailed to a University student," said Doug Hartman, Bowling Green City Police detective.

The student, who was sent the package containing three pounds of marijuana, was not charged.

Hartman said they went to de-

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## Bomb explodes into French metro

Elaine Ganley  
The Associated Press

PARIS -- A bomb tore apart a packed subway car in the heart of Paris on Tuesday, killing two people, wounding dozens and evoking fearful memories of a bombing campaign that terrorized the city last year.

"It's starting again," said Estelle Campos, clutching her 6- and 12-year-old sons tight near the subway station. "It's always the same people who pay."

The bomb was fashioned from a 28-pound gas canister -- the signature bomb used in the 1995 attacks that killed eight people and injured 160.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the rush-hour bombing. It happened at 6:05 p.m. at the Port-Royal station on the RER regional line that shuttles thousands of commuters in and out of the French capital. The station is near the famed Latin Quarter.

Police and rescue workers said the bomb killed two people instantly and seriously injured another 35, seven of them critically. About 50 other people were slightly hurt.

The blast blew the doors off the subway car, the second in a long train. The entire train jolted forward at the detonation, a passenger in the rear of the train told

French radio.

The passenger said he grabbed a fire extinguisher and pushed through the panicked crowd to reach the burned-out hulk of the subway car.

"The car was still burning. There were no more seats. The doors were folded in half," he said.

Mutilated people lay on the ground, and one body was already covered with a sheet, he said.

Witnesses described a scene of panic, of thick black smoke, the chilling wail of ambulances and paramedics frantically carrying away the wounded on stretchers.

"I saw lots and lots of smoke and I heard a big boom," said a man who gave his name only as Jean-Francois. "People were crying and in a state of shock."

The first ambulances were on the scene within two minutes, a witness said. The wounded were rushed to a nearby military hospital specializing in trauma victims.

The blast was chillingly close to the site of the worst of last year's bombings, at the St. Michel station. The July 25 bomb killed eight people and wounded 84 others, and launched a four-month bombing campaign that put Paris under siege.

A somber President Jacques Chirac condemned "these unac-



French troops take guard outside a subway station in Paris. A terrorist bomb is blamed for the blast.

ceptable acts, these barbaric acts that always attack innocent people."

"The government and I are determined to fight against terrorism in all its forms," he said. "No stone will be left unturned."

Prime Minister Alain Juppe

said the government had reinstated an emergency plan, tightening borders and mobilizing hundreds of soldiers and machine-gun toting police at airports, train stations and public squares across the country.

Algerian Islamic extremists

claimed responsibility for most of last year's bombings, which ended Oct. 17. Those bombings also involved gas canisters, packed with nails, nuts and bolts.

Tuesday's bomb exploded just as the train was pulling into the station.



## Is society really so advanced?

It's nearing the end of 1996. We have begun the era of computers. Many people can be reached as easily through a personal computer as they can through a telephone or postal letter. People are living through diseases that were considered "hopeless" only 50 years ago.

However, things aren't necessarily getting better. Among all this hypertechnology and depth of information, many tragedies still remain. One that remains, indeed, is domestic violence.

Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury among women. Every 15 seconds, a woman is injured from an assault by a partner to the point of requiring medical attention.

In all of our so-called "advancement," why can't we get past physical violence toward loved ones? Why is it that over half of all women on death row are there for killing an abusive spouse or partner?

Recently, a law went into effect which requires officers to charge people if there is reasonable cause to believe a domestic violence offense took place. Specifically, an individual can be charged with domestic violence if they knowingly or recklessly cause physical harm or lead a household member to believe they will cause physical harm.

Local law officials, such as BG City Police Chief Galen Ash, believe that law has been effective.

"Hopefully, it cuts down on injury and deaths," Ash said.

However, the problem of domestic violence must be looked at more deeply than the simple passage of a law which only takes affect after the assault has occurred.

The News believes that the dangerous mindsets which often cause domestic violence must be examined. Individuals which are known to be "at-risk" for becoming abusive must be counseled, effectively, before the problem occurs.

A law that charges someone after they have already begun throwing punches will have only minimal effects on an abuser; if abuse has already begun, merely arresting them and throwing them in jail for a while won't do much to solve the problem.

It happens four times per minute, 240 times per hour, 5760 times every day. Isn't it time that it stopped?

## Good tidings to you, and shopping, too

American culture has hit a brand new low point.

On the last Thursday in November, mailboxes become crammed with reams of colored paper. Newspapers arrive stuffed with ads and gift giving guides. Televisions across the land shout the word "save" until our ears bleed.

Yes folks, the holidays are here once again.

There used to be a time (maybe even within our lifetimes, though I can't quite remember) when consumerism, while an acknowledged part of this time of year, was looked upon as a disdainful part of the holiday season by some people. The buying frenzy was like drunk Uncle Joe at the family Christmas party: Nobody really wanted him, but nobody was going to ask him to leave.

Things have changed. Somewhere between now and then, the purists have raised the white flag and condemned us all to a month of bombardment by the heavy artillery of advertising. We no longer even pretend that our various celebrations have significance beyond the swapping of gifts. Oh, we might give grandma that electric toe clipper in genuine loving sincerity, but it is only because of decades of programming by mass media and advertising that we choose this

### Mike Wendling

particular time of year to do it. The commercialization of religious events has lost its disdainful aura to the point where we no longer bother to try to search for meaning in places besides the local mall.

The front page of *The New York Times* analyzes economic and consumer data, interspersed with quotes from business owners lamenting the loss of five shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. Where are the human interest stories that used to be standard fare about this time of year? Look at the bottom of the local page.

Loss of inveterate holiday value is not confined to the retail sector. Standard stories about the deeper meaning of the holiday season have been turned into cash cows. You might gag upon seeing *It's a Wonderful Life* for the 15th time, but many people enjoy watching this particular movie during this particular time of year, and enjoyment equal a bigger audience equals more advertising revenue. Another

notable example can be found right here at BG, where *A Christmas Carol* is a big source of revenue for the Theatre department. Considering the current state of America, one certainly cannot blame television stations or theatre departments for taking advantage of a "spirit" that infects the populace once a year.

In a strange twist of fate, the association of the month of December with money and gift-giving has come full circle in the religious domain. Churches now mount huge Christmas giving campaigns, banking on the fact that shopping sprees have already loosened parishioner's pocketbooks. Supposedly the bastions of all that is meaningful about this time of year, houses of worship have fallen prey to the material drift of popular culture.

The holiday virus has escaped the Christian religion, pervading all of American society. Consider the popular notion of Hanukkah as "the Jewish Christmas," when in reality it is a relatively minor Jewish holiday, and it has about as much in common with Christmas as Santa Claus has in common with my English professor.

The past few years have also seen the revival of ethnic festivals such as Kwanzaa in

the seemingly righteous attempt to allow *everybody* to participate in American consumer glutty.

In a truly sick example of the extremism of the holiday season, our quest for holiday perfection and happiness magnify feelings of inadequacy and sadness among those who do not have the mythical idyllic holiday experience. Depression and suicide rates soar in late December.

The behaviors we display during this time of year have become so ingrained into American culture that they are American culture. I cannot imagine a place where escape from advertisers, business people and flakes of tinseled is possible. Choosing not to participate in the holiday orgy puts us at risk of alienating friends and family members. You can bet that even the local prison is facilitating gift exchanges between guards and prisoners.

There is no way out of the merchandising trap. Hold your nose, drink a lot of eggnog and try to smile when your Aunt Edna gives you a pair of \$25 glow-in-the-dark socks. Merry Christmas!

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Every year it seems like the same situation occurs. Thanksgiving is being overlooked year after year. Shopping centers and the retail industry are gearing up for Christmas much earlier than previous years.

What is the reason that Thanksgiving isn't celebrated as it was in the past? Christmas decorations and merchandise are being displayed in stores before Thanksgiving even arrives. For example, stores around the country are advertising Christmas sales early in the month of November.

Do you ever hear or see of a Thanksgiving Day sale advertisement on the television or radio? Even if you do, it's usually a sale on turkey at a supermarket. Maybe the reason is because Christmas is a holiday celebration of giving and receiving. Thanksgiving is viewed as a time of family gathering focused on a holiday meal rather than the exchanging of gifts.

Maybe people should celebrate one holiday at a time for the right reason. Businesses should concentrate on Thanksgiving before preparing consumers for the Christmas holiday. Instead of focusing on the intent to capitalize on the Christmas holiday shopping. The most important part of a business is customer service. All businesses need to realize that there is more to a holiday

## Letters to the Editor

than just making a profit.

Matthew Lochtefeld  
Freshman  
Undeclared

In response to the letter concerning the Human Sexuality sexual orientation panel, we, the two members of the panel addressed in the letter, would like to correct Ms. Barstow's assumption that the panel was sponsored by LAGA. I, Emily Ferguson, a former member of the class, organized the panel through my own acquaintances at Dr. Allgeier's invitation.

The members were each individuals having no affiliation with LAGA; therefore, LAGA should not be held responsible for this or any other reaction.

We feel Ms. Barstow misunderstood the purpose of the panel in that she apparently believed the members were there to discuss their personal sexual activities.

Sexual orientation, whether it be homosexual, bisexual, or heterosexual, is not about specific sexual acts, nor is any "lifestyle" by intimate behavior.

Students in the class

could direct question could direct questions to specific panel members, but the members had the right not to answer anything they felt was too personal. Ms. Barstow's question concerning our own sexual activities (not ALL lesbian and bisexual women's activities, as she claimed) was legitimate; however, we chose not to answer due to its specific nature. We suggest Ms. Barstow read her Human Sexuality textbook or ask herself what she does to achieve arousal.

We feel that Ms. Barstow's question of whether we personally use dental dams was irrelevant. Had she asked what types of contraceptives lesbians and bisexual women use in general, we would not have been as reluctant to answer, though we were hesitant to speak for the large a number of women.

We are surprised that this "issue" bothered Ms. Barstow enough that she needed to address it so publicly. In contrast to her statement, all members of the panel were prepared to and did answer questions relevant to their sexual orientations.

Emily Ferguson  
Senior  
Psychology

Allyson Forest  
Junior  
Theater

This letter is written in response to the letter to the editor which appeared on Tuesday, December 3. I am the TA for the human sexuality class that was discussed. The professor was at a conference, so I was in charge of the sexual orientation panel discussion. The panel members did not represent LAGA, but rather were primarily students from the professor's past human sexuality courses who graciously gave of their time to help the class to increase their understanding of other sexual orientations. A question was asked about lesbian and bisexual practices (the use of dental dams and objects inserted during sex), which the panel and I understood to be directed at the specific, personal practices of the lesbian and bisexual members of the panel. The members of the panel indicated that they were not comfortable answering questions of such a personal nature. The panel members had the same rights as any other individuals who would not wish to discuss the particulars of their sex lives in front of a 200 person lecture hall. If the question had been phrased as a more general question about lesbian or bisexual sexual practices, the question most likely would have been answered.

Michelle Fuiman  
Graduate Assistant  
Psychology



## Holiday decorations to be hung with care

Sarah Bednarski  
The BG News

Blinking lights and the smell of an open fire are often associated with the Yule season. However, Bowling Green fire officials don't want the lights be those above their trucks, and the smell be that of your house turning into ash.

When buying and connecting Christmas lights make sure they are UL approved, said Bowling Green Fire Chief Joe Burns. Chief Burns also stresses not to overload circuits when putting lights outside.

"When the circuits are overloaded the wiring inside the house may become overheated, causing a fire," Chief Burns says.

For students living in dorms and apartments, they should refrain from hanging anything in hallways which can inhibit occu-

pants from getting out in an emergency, said Chief Burns.

According to University Fire Safety Director John Curllis, students living in dorms should make sure that all decorations are fire resistant. The type of lights that are permitted are the mini lights, and students are not permitted to wrap the lights around anything, Curllis said.

Curllis also stressed no electrical cords should run through door openings and fused power strips are recommended in place of extension cords.

"Students should make sure that their decorations are non-combustible and no flame induced items are permitted," said Curllis. "We don't want to see wires under carpet because many fires start that way."

For students living on campus, live trees are not permitted nor are live tree greens, Curllis said.

The trees must be of a certified slow burning or fire resistant material and they are allowed to be no taller than two feet.

Anyone with metallic trees, Curllis said, should light their tree with only indirect lighting because of the possible shock hazard.

"Anyone who is uncertain should consult University Fire Safety Decorations Policy issued to every hall director and resident advisors," Curllis said. "We want students to have a good time decorating but we want them to be careful."

## Burn On



Adding insult to injury, part of Cleveland Municipal Stadium caught on fire Tuesday afternoon as welding sparks ignited roofing material behind home plate. AP Photo

## Labor leader faces charges of stealing

Mitch Weiss  
The Associated Press

TOLEDO — Ron Conrad was a high-profile labor leader who usually greeted government officials when they toured Chrysler Corp.'s Jeep plants.

But now Conrad is facing charges that he stole at least \$23,000 from a union account intended to help local charities. Federal authorities say he used some of the money to go on trips to Las Vegas and other cities.

Some workers said they were surprised.

"I don't believe it," said Jim Stobinski, 44, of Toledo, who has worked at the plant for 12 years. "He's a good guy. He's done a lot to help keep Jeep in Toledo."

But his friend, Sam Torres, 34, said it was a "sad day for Jeep."

"The money was supposed to go to charity. If he took the money, they should put him away for a long time. That's like stealing from church. You just don't do that. It's wrong," he said.

Conrad, 43, of Toledo, was charged Monday with one count of embezzlement from a union fund, a federal offense that carries a penalty of five years in jail and a \$250,000 fine.

He was the former Jeep unit chairman of United Auto Workers Local 12, which represents more than 5,300 workers at two Chrysler plants in Toledo that build Jeep Cherokees and Wranglers.

"The investigation is continuing," said Allan Levenberg, an assistant U.S. attorney.

He declined to comment about specifics in the case, including whether other indictments are pending.

Conrad could not be reached for comment. Conrad's telephone number is unlisted, and messages left for him today and Monday at the plants and Local 12 office were not returned. A message left today for his attorney in Cleveland, Niki Schwartz, was not returned. Messages left for union officials also were not returned.

Conrad oversaw the UAW Local 12 Employees' Charity Fund, the indictment said. Money for the fund comes from employee payroll deductions.

The money was supposed to go to the Greater United Way of Toledo. The indictment said that between Jan. 29, 1992, and Feb. 16, 1993, Conrad said he donated \$41,500 to two nonprofit local charities — Help Stamp Out Hunger and the Haukedahl Foundation.

But federal authorities say Conrad diverted about \$23,000 for his own personal use.

Federal authorities say Conrad used the money to travel to Las Vegas, Miami, San Diego, Minneapolis and Orlando, Fla. Conrad said those trips were for union business.

"He was given a position of trust over the money in that fund. And he has been charged with embezzling money from that fund," said Stephen Sozio, an assistant U.S. attorney.

Chrysler spokesman Tony Cervone said today the company was monitoring the situation but declined further comment.

Conrad stepped down as Jeep unit chairman in 1993 after the investigation was made public.

## Santa ejected from parade

The Associated Press

TOLEDO — Dressed as Santa Claus, Jessie Peck sat in a horse-drawn carriage, ready to join the city's holiday parade.

He ended up watching it go by.

Peck said he was ordered out of the lineup because he's black. He said he heard someone say over a walkie-talkie, "Stop the black Santa."

Parade organizers deny the al-

legation, saying he didn't have permission to appear as Santa.

Peck, a disc jockey at radio station WIMX-FM in Toledo, was to ride on the station's float Saturday with three co-workers. About 40,000 people watched the two-hour parade.

"We're on the float and about to merge into the parade," Peck said Monday. But a young woman stopped him and said he had to get off.

"She never said there was a problem with the float. She never said we didn't have the proper credentials. She didn't have a problem with anyone else except for me," he said. One co-worker was black; the other two were white.

He said the woman did not identify herself or explain why he had to leave the float. She had a walkie-talkie with her.

"The next thing I knew I heard

a woman shout on the walkie-talkie: 'Stop the black Santa, don't let the black Santa get by you,'" Peck said. "She repeated the phrase three times."

He does not know who was giving those instructions.

"Black people live here and pay taxes here. We're part of this city and we want to be represented. It's a public parade and ... we should be allowed to have a black Santa Claus."

## KAPLAN

Continued from page one.

plan was in charge of the peer review program. He said peer review was very effective in improving services, so he brought it to Bowling Green.

Kaplan and the four physicians gather in the director's office twice each month to discuss the work they have done and how it could be improved.

"The knowledge of five people is much less likely to have gaps in it," Kaplan said. "As a result, our charting has gotten better. Some of our medical decision-making is getting better."

One of the things discussed in most of the meetings is customer satisfaction. Kaplan said pleasing a student is not the same as satisfying the general public.

"Compared to the general population, college students are younger, brighter and somewhat more motivated," he said. "They're not sheep, they're leaders. Some of them are going to ask you a very critical question. They're going to ask you why."

Therefore, Kaplan said it is crucial that doctors are willing to hear students out, not just pre-

scribe a solution.

"Medical care right now is pretty technical, and most people can't evaluate whether they get good care or not," he said. "What they can evaluate is whether the person listened to them, whether the person seemed concerned, whether the person seemed in a hurry. They can evaluate how they were treated on a human level."

Making sure students are satisfied doesn't start in the examination room, though. Kaplan said it is important the entire Health Center staff work together to please customers.

"It starts at the front desk and it extends to every single person who works here," he said. "The first contact they have with this place isn't going to be with one of our health care providers. It's going to be with one of the receptionists at our front desk. If that interaction isn't professional, polite, considerate they might not even get past that. They may never be seen here."

Kaplan acknowledged that one of the most frustrating parts of visiting the Health Center is making an appointment. He said those who are willing to make an

early morning visit will almost always get in with or without an appointment.

"We noticed most of our no-shows were for early morning appointments," he said. "If people want to come as a drop-in without an appointment, if they get here before nine in the morning, we'll probably see them as quick or quicker than if they came mid-day with an appointment."

One of the challenges of working with students is getting them to keep their appointments. Every no-show is a time slot that could have been used by someone else. Kaplan said he once thought he had a solution to the no-show problem.

"I had a great idea," he said. "Just put two people in each slot, do what the airlines do. Just book more appointments than we have spaces, because we know people don't show up. Well, you know what had to happen. For one solid week every single person showed up for every single double-booked appointment. That's the worst decision I've made in 11 years here. As soon as we stopped double booking, they went back to not showing up."

Kaplan received a bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1967 and earned his M.D. degree from the Downstate Medical Center, part of the State University of New York system, in 1971.

After finishing medical school he decided to do an internship to get a license.

"During that year, I found out I like doing medicine," he said. "I never looked back. Like most major life decisions, I sort of landed where I was by a mixture of chance and confusion."

Kaplan said his job provides him with a great deal of challenges that he enjoys.

"It seems like what you try and do in your life is you try to simplify things and standardize things," he said. "If you're very successful you can make your life incredibly dull. You can make your job incredibly dull. The nice thing about this is that you can't ever be successful. There are going to be people who have medical problems where you don't know what's wrong. It's clearly one of those jobs where you don't have to wake up in the middle of the night and wonder, 'Am I making any difference?'"

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## Township wants to ban nude dancing

The Associated Press

**MOUNT CARMEL** — Union Township officials in suburban Cincinnati are trying to determine if they can shut down a nightclub that began featuring nude dancers when residents voted liquor out of the precinct.

Trustees were meeting Tuesday night to decide whether Rumors Showclub and Revue violated the township's adult cabaret laws. Officials said owners may have interfered with an inspection conducted by state liquor control agents.

The Clermont County club began offering nude dancing

after the November local-option vote eliminated liquor sales in Union Township's Precinct B, about 15 miles east of Cincinnati.

While the club operated with a liquor license, dancers performed in panties and G-strings because state liquor laws prohibit all-nude entertainment.

With the removal of alcohol, owners switched to all-nude dancing, a two-drink, fruit juice minimum, and began admitting patrons as young as 18.

Owner Elisabeth Kemper said the club's business has tripled since it switched to nude dancing.

## Feds, state settle false claims case

### Eight Ohio hospitals accused of trumping up insurance billings

The Associated Press

**CLEVELAND** -- The federal government and the state of Ohio have settled claims totalling \$2.5 million against eight more Ohio hospitals accused of violating the federal False Claims Act.

The settlements are part of a continuing joint initiative known as the Ohio Hospital Project, which seeks to hold hospitals and independent laboratories re-

sponsible for improper billing of outpatient laboratory tests charged to Medicare and Medicaid, the Justice Department said in a news release on Monday.

Most blood chemistry tests processed from a blood sample are run on an automated machine which is capable of analyzing many factors in a single operation. Federal and state officials created the Ohio Hospital Project to identify facilities which "un-

bundle" the tests when using automated equipment and then bill for each analysis separately, or bill for an automated test as well as several of the tests separately, the Justice Department said.

The project also reviews outpatient laboratory claims for double billing and lack of medical necessity.

The federal and state governments, including the office of the

U.S. attorney for the northern district of Ohio and the state auditor's office, joined forces to ensure that the Medicaid and Medicare trust funds are restored and penalties are collected to deter future program abuse.

In addition to the settlements announced Monday, previous settlements were reached with eight other hospitals for a total of \$6.3 million.

## Chemical leak causes school evacuation

The Associated Press

**CLEVELAND** -- At least 41 elementary school students and four adults were taken to hospitals after carbon monoxide leaked into the school, a gas company official said.

Miles Elementary School was evacuated around 12:30 p.m. Monday because teachers and children were complaining of nausea, vomiting, headaches and dizziness.

All of the victims were treated and released from area hospitals, authorities said.

Seven children were taken to Rainbow Babies and Childrens Hospital. They were determined to have high levels of carbon monoxide, hospital spokeswoman Janice Guhl said Monday night.

"They were treated with oxygen, which is standard treatment in

such cases, and later released," she said.

The children and adults taken to three other area hospitals also were treated and released.


Neil Durbin, a spokesman for East Ohio Gas Co., said Monday night that a problem with venting in the school's boiler room caused carbon monoxide from exhaust fumes to be drawn back into part of the school.

The 571-student school was closed today while officials from the city Department of Health, East Ohio Gas and a boiler repair company check the building's safety.

"We closed the school today, even though we think we have the problem licked. It was a damper that was not open," said Rick Ellis, spokesman for the school district.

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## Cowlings testifies against O.J. in wrongful-death suit

Linda Deutsch  
The Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — O.J. Simpson's best friend reluctantly testified Tuesday that he took Nicole Brown Simpson to the hospital after a fight with her husband and that she told him he hit her.

Called to the witness stand by plaintiffs in the wrongful-death suit against Simpson, Al "A.C." Cowlings gave mostly one-word "yes" and "no" answers as lawyers tried to get him to counter Simpson's sworn claim he "never ... never ... never" hit his wife.

Other witnesses — a dog groomer-turned-Playmate and a pharmacist — testified they saw Simpson hit his wife in the 1980s.

Cowlings was the most avidly awaited witness after Simpson himself. Boyhood friend, football teammate and Bronco driver, he appeared uncomfortable on the stand, particularly when confronted with a much-displayed photo of Ms. Simpson's bruised face taken after a fight with Simpson New Year's Eve 1989.

Cowlings said he'd been called to the house and took her to the hospital that night because he feared a concussion.

Plaintiff's attorney John Q. Kelly asked Cowlings if Ms. Simpson ever told him that Simpson hit her.

"She had told me that she was hit, yes," Cowlings said.

"Did she tell you that Mr.

Simpson had hit her earlier that morning?" Kelly asked.

"Yes, she probably did."

"She did tell you, did she not?" Kelly persisted.

"Yes."

Also testifying was India Allen, Playboy's 1988 Playmate of the Year, who said she never forgot the fight she saw in 1983 between "these two famous beautiful people" in the parking lot of a veterinarian's office.

She said she didn't come forward to disclose it until just before the current civil trial because she didn't want to be in the limelight.

Allen was the first of several witnesses called by plaintiffs in the wrongful death civil case to briefly and starkly contradict statements Simpson made under oath during 2 1/2 days on the witness stand.

Simpson, acquitted of murder in the stabbings of Ms. Simpson and Ronald Goldman, is being sued by their relatives, who hope

to persuade a jury that he's liable for their deaths.

Defense attorney Robert Baker suggested Allen came forward in hopes that publicity would revive a career which included a movie called "Seduced" and a nude modeling job for Cigar Aficionado magazine in 1995.

Allen countered that she has two children, is expecting a third and couldn't work "with a big belly" even if she wanted to.

Allen said she was bathing and grooming dogs at a veterinary hospital when Ms. Simpson came in to pick up her two chows.

"She wore a gold spandex outfit with a fur coat over it, a silver fur coat," Allen recalled. They were in the parking lot when Simpson suddenly drove up in a dark blue Rolls-Royce, she said.

"He was very angry," she testified. "He started yelling at her about wearing the coat out. ... He said, 'I didn't buy this coat for you to go [expletive] somebody else. I want the coat back.'"

## Powder Pusher



AP Photo

David Gradwohl, of Ames, Iowa, snowblows his driveway early Tuesday morning after an overnight winter storm.

## POT

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liver the package last Tuesday, however, the student had left for Thanksgiving break. He added that they left a note for her to pick up the package.

Hartman said the student went to the post office to pick up the package Monday with Sanchez, Lozano and Pendell, where police detained them.

Police Chief Galen Ash said the package came from Texas, however, the return address was false.

Pendell was cited and released. Lozano and Sanchez were arraigned Tuesday. Lozano was released on his own recognizance.

Sanchez will have to post \$2,500 bail to be released. Sanchez's trafficking charge stemmed from a previous drug buy from a city police informant.

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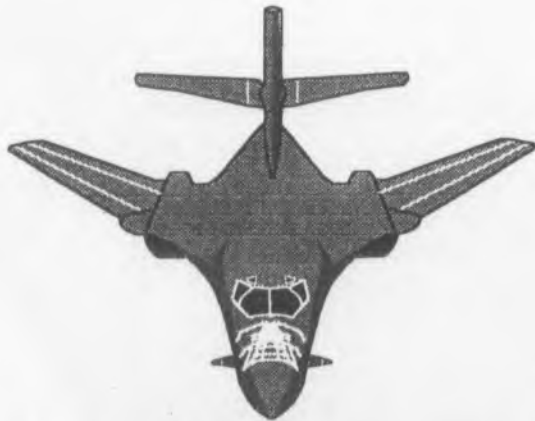
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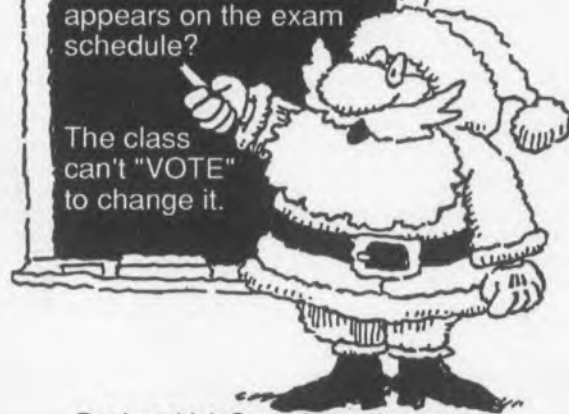
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## Serbian president silences radio critics

Julljana Mojsilovic  
The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic shut down the main independent radio station and jammed another today in an attempt to silence his critics. But 50,000 demonstrators marched noisily through Belgrade to protest the annulling of elections and his autocratic rule.

Radio B92, which has given wide coverage to 10 straight days of demonstrations, was ordered closed for operating without a legal permit. Staff at Radio Index, the only other independent radio station in the capital, said their transmissions were being tampered with.

The range of the two stations, which

have reported live from the marches, is restricted. State-run TV, which blankets Serbia, has given no more than a few seconds of daily coverage to the protests, followed by commentaries criticizing opposition leaders as enemies of the state.

Even though the protests have been largely peaceful, state television has accused opposition leaders of leading "rampaging hordes of demonstrators" and "causing severe material damage to people's property."

Both Belgrade stations went off the air before the start of today's protest, one of a series since the annullment of Nov. 17 local elections won by the opposition.

A short while later, a column of student protesters marched past a busload

of policemen and flashed a traditional Serb three-finger salute at police. Policemen responded with the same salute, a sign of sympathy for the demonstrators.

Later, more students marched through Belgrade, putting gas masks on in front of Serbia's parliament. They then sprayed the building with detergent and wrote on its walls such messages as: "Red Bandits, Thieves, We Are the Winners."

A few police and parliamentary security officers tried to stop the crowd, but soon withdrew.

Several Supreme Court judges lent support to the protests.

The court last week upheld the annullment because of alleged irregularities, but several judges today dis-

tanced themselves from those decisions.

"I won't accept the slave role of the court, dependent judiciary, loyal and incompetent judges, and I won't keep quiet about their shameful role," said Judge Zoran Ivosevic in a letter to the independent Nasa Borba daily.

The education minister late Monday in effect banned student demonstrations by ordering university departments to make sure classes were held. Dragonslav Mladenovic said measures would be taken against the youthful protesters, but he didn't specify.

The Clinton administration warned Milosevic on Monday that it would act, perhaps by reimposing economic sanctions, if Serbian authorities tried to sti-

ple the protests.

"Our government has made it perfectly clear ... to the Serbian authorities at every level ... that the United States would be outraged if any attempt was made to use force against the demonstrators," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said.

When war broke out in the former Yugoslavia in 1989, most young people were sent into the army, where many died as soldiers or deserted. Tens of thousands fled Yugoslavia, and escaped the draft.

Now, students say they want a normal life in Serbia and a future that holds the promise of democracy.

So they have become a force for change, challenging the government's annullment of opposition victories.

## Jagger's marital troubles resolved

The Associated Press

LONDON - Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall have patched up their differences after reports she was seeking a divorce because of his relationships with other women, a newspaper said today.

The Daily Telegraph quoted an unidentified friend of the couple as saying Jagger has moved back home. The 53-year-old lead singer of the Rolling Stones had been living in a London hotel while his 40-year-old wife consulted lawyers over the future of their marriage.

"Mick has moved back into the family home," the newspaper quoted the friend as saying. "The argument is over and his toothbrush is back in the bathroom. The split is history and everything is rosy in the garden again. This is the divorce that never was. There were problems but they have now been ironed out."

The newspaper said Jagger is working on new material in Connecticut but will be with his family at Christmas.

A London tabloid reported in October that Hall, a former model from Texas, had asked Jagger for a divorce and had contacted Anthony Julius, who represented Princess Diana in her divorce from Prince Charles.

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## A Plane Deal



Chinese military troops, long considered backward in both training and weapons, are moving into the present recently. These troops are gathered at the first international air show in China.

AP Photo

## Proposal urges Cuban improvement

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium - In a move that will further strain relations between Cuba and Spain, the European Union has adopted a Spanish proposal urging Cuba

to improve its record on human rights and free speech.

The resolution was adopted unanimously and without debate by the 15 member nations Monday.

The United States immediately

praised the EU resolution.

"Today's action is a major step forward in showing that the human rights situation in Cuba is a priority concern," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said in Washington.

The EU has been at odds with the United States for months since Washington introduced tougher economic sanctions on Cuba that punish foreign companies doing business on the communist island.

EU officials said their opposition to those sanctions is unchanged.

Spain is the biggest foreign investor on the island. Relations between Fidel Castro's regime

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Nicholas Burns  
State Department spokesman

cently.

Last week Cuba rejected Spain's designated ambassador to Havana, claiming both the diplomat and Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar had interfered in Cuba's internal affairs.

In Havana today, vandals stole a television antenna from the home of Spanish consul Eduardo Cerro and flattened the tires of his car, Cerro told the Spanish news agency EFE.

"The coincidence of these events is curious," Foreign Ministry spokesman Inocencio Arias said in Madrid.

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# Falcons lose Jay Larranaga for a few weeks

Bench will be play key role tonight at home versus Northern Illinois

Scott Brown  
The BG News

The Falcon men will be without one of their featured players tonight when they go after their first 4-0 start in 22 years.

Jay Larranaga, the senior guard who has started for almost all of his four-year career, is out for at least the next two weeks with mononucleosis. The Falcons, 3-0 on the season, host Northern Illinois (7 p.m., WBGU-FM).

Larranaga has started all three games this season and averages 15.3 points per game. The Falcons, already down a man after the departure of Jake Holmes from the team, will be down two players during a grueling stretch that starts tonight and continues with a two-game tournament in Nebraska Friday and Saturday.

"We're going to miss him a lot," forward Anthony Stacey said. "We're going to have to go out there and play real hard with a lot of pressure defense. We got confidence in the players on our bench, so I don't think we're going to miss a beat."

Coach Larranaga was unsure as of Monday who would start in Jay's place, but indications are freshman Dave Esterkamp, a solid contributor through three games as Jay's backup, will get the nod.

"It's very important to realize that whatever decisions we make, we have to respond positively," coach Larranaga said, referring to the team rallying behind whoever fills Jay's spot.

Larranaga cited two seasons ago when then-leading scorer Shane Kline-Ruminski was lost for a few games in midseason. There was turmoil then as players disagreed over the de-

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Anthony Stacy  
forward

cision to fill that spot.

Whoever fills the slot, though, will be hard pressed to provide what Larranaga brings to the court. In each of BG's three games, Larranaga has come up with key baskets over the stretch of 40 minutes that proved pivotal to the Falcons' 4-0 start.

"Jay has played great basketball and provided great leadership," coach Larranaga said. "We expect him to continue in that role as a leader and find ways to still contribute."

Tonight's game to be high-scoring affair

A year ago, the BG-Northern Illinois game proved to be a big-time yawner as the Falcons eeked out an unimpressive 53-49 road win.

Look for the game to be just a little more high-octane this time around.

"It might be that type of score

See LARRANAGA, page nine.



The BG News/Hideki Kobayashi

Bowling Green forward Kirk Cowan, as well as several other of the role players, will have to step up their games tonight when the Falcon men host Northern Illinois at Anderson Arena.

# Women gear up for MSU

Vince Guerrieri  
The BG News

The women's basketball team is gearing up for tonight's matchup against Michigan State, another example of the tough teams BG has to face before they begin MAC play in January.

Michigan State is 2-1 with wins against Kentucky on the road and at home against Fran Vull's Central Michigan Chippewas. BG, meanwhile, is looking for its first win on the season at 0-4, a record coach Jaci Clark said is more indicative of the talent they have faced so far.

*"If we're better, I'm looking forward to conference play. It's going to be on our shoulders to be more productive."*

Jaci Clark  
coach

"I think it says a lot about the level of competition we've faced," Clark said. "It's tough, but we've got to get tougher." BG opened its season against Notre Dame, a team which is currently ranked ninth in the Associated Press poll, and moved on to games against Big East competitor West Virginia and Colorado, who advanced to the second round of last year's NCAA tournament. The team is looking forward to conference matchups next month after the level of competition they have faced. Clark believes that this level of competition could improve the

See WOMEN, page nine.

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team.  
 "If we're better, I'm looking forward to conference play," Clark said. "It's going to be on our shoulders to be more productive."

Junior forward Charlotta Jones is more confident about conference play.

"By the time MAC play comes around, we'll be ready," Jones said.

**Team needs to get offense on track**

The team, which struggled on defense in their games against Notre Dame and West Virginia, found their game in Colorado, only to have the offense shut down.

The offense was notably absent in the second halves of the games at the Coors Classic. In the game against Louisville, the Falcons shot an atrocious .261, going 6-23.

"It was the complete opposite of what we've been doing all season," Jones said. "We've been struggling defensively. We stepped up our defense, but we lost our offense. It's kind of frustrating."

Clark echoes this sentiment, adding that the game on the boards wasn't what it should be.

"We really did a nice job defensively," Clark said. "We weren't productive enough on offense. We didn't rebound very well this weekend."

Michigan State has averaged 42 boards a game so far this season.

**Jones named to all-tourney team**

Charlotta Jones, the team's

**LARRANAGA**

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The Falcons are averaging 91.7 points per game while the Huskies are around 80. NIU is expected to vie with Detroit -- the team BG man-handled 85-77 last week at Anderson Arena -- for

the Midwest Collegiate Conference title this season, although the Huskies mustered only 55 points in a 3-point win over Western Michigan Monday.

The Huskies are led by sophomore center T.J. LUX, who is considered one of the best young players in the nation. He averaged 15 points a game as a freshman a season ago.

leading shooter for the Coors Classic, and the leading rebounder for the season, was named to the All-Tournament team.

Jones, who averaged 15.5 points and 10 rebounds for the two games in the tournament, was happy to have the team there for the honor.

"It was real nice," Jones said. "My teammates made it even more special."

Clark emphasizes the role Jones plays within the team.

"Charlotta's always been a key player for us," Clark said. "She had a very big game against Colorado."

-- the first half," coach Larranaga said Monday.

**Foul shooting a little shaky**

The Falcons hit just 13 of 24 foul shots (54 percent) during the game, but to their credit were able to still win the game.

Larranaga was just 2-of-5 and Daniels managed to hit just 4-of-8.

"On the road, there are different elements to deal with," Larranaga said. "Those are factors. The basketballs are different, the rims and different, the court is different."

"If we have a great free throw shooting night, great. But if we don't, we still have to find ways

**Final Pigskin Picks winner named**

With the college football season coming to a close, so too must the Pigskin Picks. David Gengo had the best record for the week of Nov. 23, with a record of 9-1. The prize from Campus Polleyes can be picked up at room 204 of West Hall.

Among the sports staff, Assistant Sports Editor Blake Parkins went 6-4 and finished with the best overall record of 70-41 on the season. Sports Editor Scott Brown also had a 6-4 record and finished at 66-45. Sports writer Jim Tocco trailed at 61-50, while recording the week's best record at 7-3.

**Ball State punter Maynard wins MAC MVP**

TOLEDO -- A special teams player has been selected for the first time to receive the Mid-American Conference's most valuable player award.

Ball State punter Brad Maynard was announced as the winner Tuesday.

Maynard, a 6-1 senior from Atlanta, Ind., helped lead the Cardinals (8-3, overall, 7-1 MAC) to the 1996 conference title. Ball State will play in the Las Vegas Bowl Dec. 19.

Maynard ranked sixth in the nation in punting this season and helped Ball State rank seventh in net punting. He holds the Ball State and MAC record for career punt average at 42.22 yards per punt.

**Steelers just aren't the same**

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH -- There's something missing with the Pittsburgh Steelers, and it goes beyond the lost opportunity for home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs and all those missing players.

Maybe it's the edge they carried into the last two post-seasons, one created by an eight-game winning streak last year and a seven-game run in 1994.

It goes beyond the absent Car-

nell Lake, Greg Lloyd, Ray Seals, Yancey Thigpen and Mark Bruener -- key players who won't return until the playoffs or next season. Lake, a two-time Pro Bowl defensive back, has a slight ligament tear in his left knee and must sit out at least two games.

Missed tackles? The Steelers had plenty in Sunday's 31-17 loss in Baltimore, a franchise they had beaten seven straight times. Secondary coach Tim Lewis estimates poor open-field tackling led to 100 passing yards.

to win."

**Rouwhorst sees limited action**

Falcon center Koen Rouwhorst played just one minute against the Boilermakers after mixing up a practice time late last week.

BG moved its Thanksgiving Day practice two hours earlier, but due to a mixup Rouwhorst thought the schedule change was only for Friday and showed up for practice nearly

two hours late.

Larranaga explained that Rouwhorst's role was limited because he had not been there for much of the Falcons' preparation for Purdue, which took place during the holiday practice. Rouwhorst is not suspended and should be back in a full role for Wednesday's game against Northern Illinois.

Rouwhorst had played 22 minutes and scored two points in BG's first two games this season.

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December 5th from 8-10pm  
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 Come check it out.

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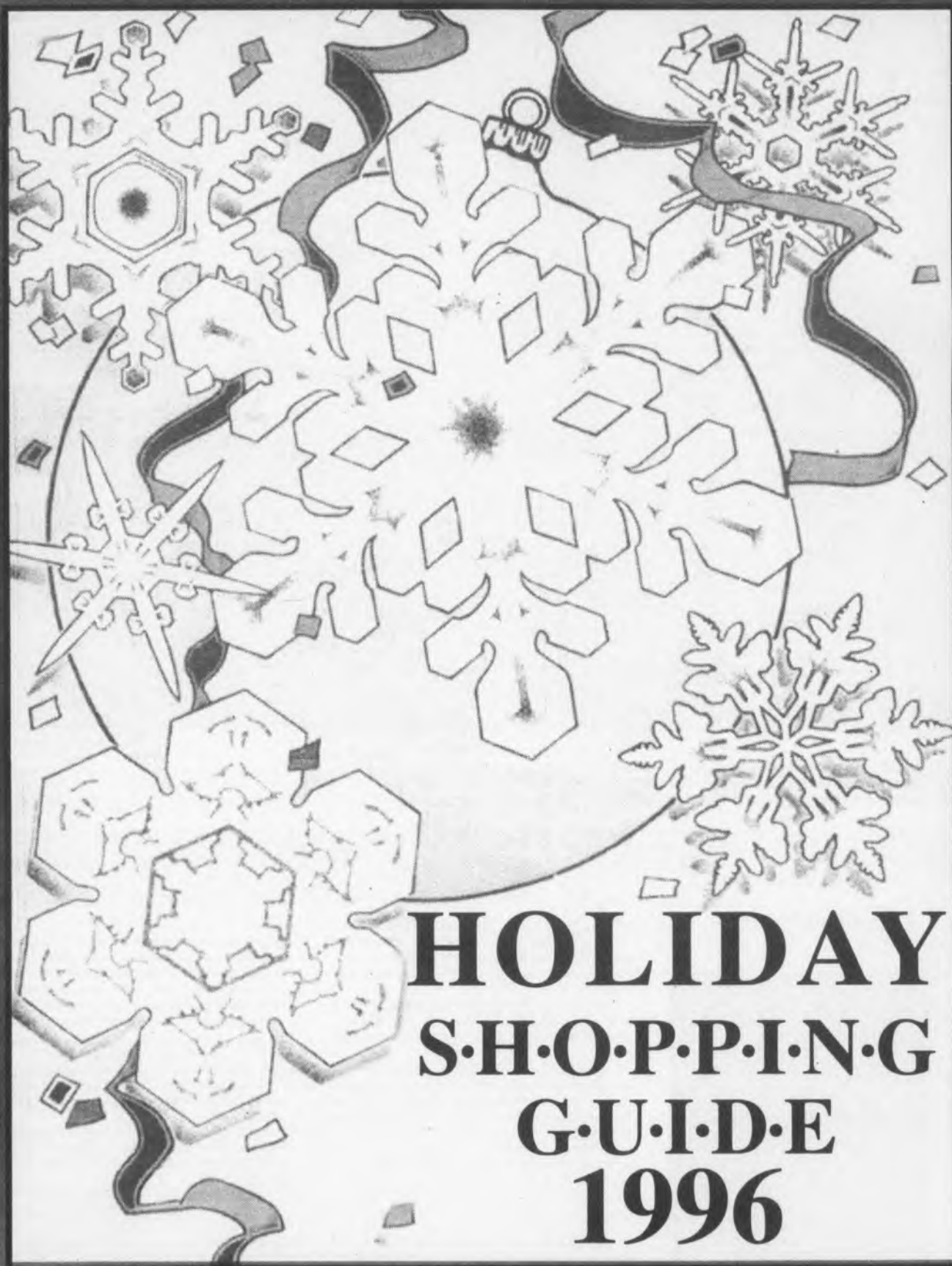
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Robert Clark/The Associated Press

Five of a group of 50 Sidewalk Santas relax after a gourmet breakfast at Ben Benson's Steak House in New York on Friday. The group of Santas are men and women who live in New York City homeless shelters and who collect money for those who are less fortunate.

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A variety of at least 6 lunch specials are offered Mon.-Fri. from 11-4. Dinner specials are offered every night. We love kids and our children's menu offers a variety of good food.

Sorry we do not take reservations, however, if it's a special event give us a call and we'll do our best to accommodate you.

We're open 7 days a week!





## Pictures of pets available

Dawn Keller  
The BG News

If you want to get Rover's picture taken with Santa, here's your chance.

Blue Ribbon Photo, 157 N. Main St., in Bowling Green, and Perrysburg Portrait Studio, 10677 Fremont Pike, in Perrysburg are taking photos of pets with Santa Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blue Ribbon, which has participated in the event for 10 years, creates the studio, with Santa, a Christmas tree, wreaths, lights and holly to make a seasonal effect.

Steve Wronkowitz, Blue Ribbon store manager, said the event is a lot of fun.

"People are lined up to the back of the store to have it done," Wronkowitz said. "Usually the animals are pretty well-behaved."

For \$15, buyers will get two poses, double prints, the negatives and two Santa Folders.

Blue Ribbon will offer specials which will include 5x7's for \$1.69, 12 wallets for \$3.99, an 8x10 the same day for \$7.95, 10 reprints for \$2.50, photo mugs for

See PICTURES, page seven.

## Ohio shoppers visit stores

Mitch Weiss  
The Associated Press

'Tis the season for Ohioans to go shopping.

Just ask the thousands of shoppers who visited department stores Friday in search of the perfect holiday presents.

Teresa Harper was one of them. She shopped with her 3-year-old son, Tommy.

"I love it," Ms. Harper, 27, said as she looked for her car in the crowded parking lot of a Target department store in Toledo. "You take the credit card and go. I still have, what, until midnight to shop and I'm going to do just that."

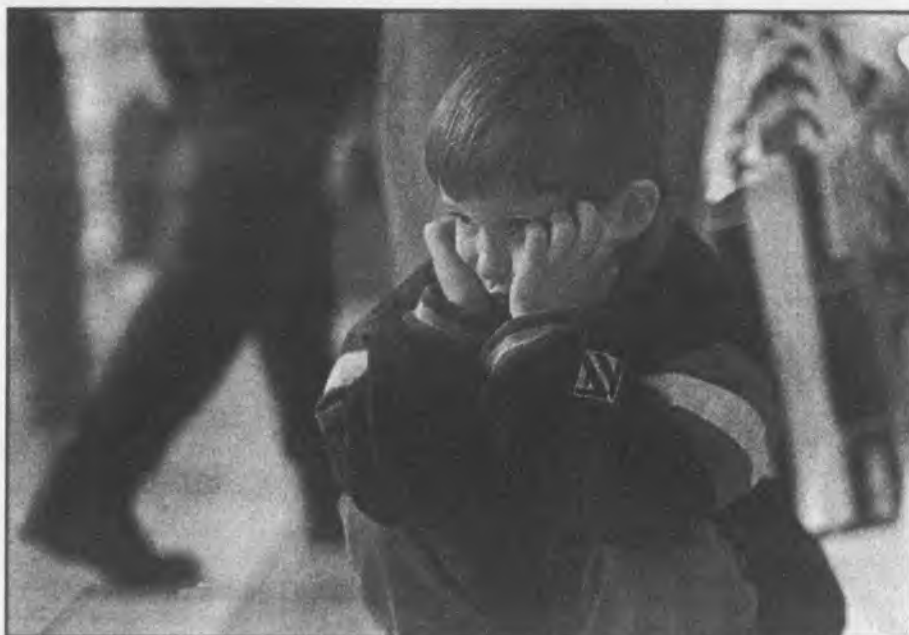
Other holiday shoppers started at 6 a.m., when some stores opened for the traditional start of the Christmas buying frenzy.

Retailers count on the holidays for about half of their annual sales and profits. With unemployment down and consumer confidence at a 10-year high, merchants are hoping for especially strong holiday sales this year.

But on the flip side, the season is five days shorter than normal, because Thanksgiving was late this year.

"There is one less weekend of shopping this year, so the shopping will be more concentrated," said Jennifer Welsh, marketing director at the Galleria mall in downtown Cleveland.

"I think people are waking up the day after Thanksgiving and realizing they have less than a



Dave Kline/The Associated Press

Kaleb Starr of West Jefferson, Ohio, takes a break while shopping with his mom, Amy Starr, at the River Valley Mall in Lancaster, Ohio last week. Staff was one of many shoppers getting a jump on Christmas shopping during the busiest day of the year.

month," she said.

Mark Soeder, 22, of the Cleveland suburb Parma Heights, said he counts himself among the throng of people compelled to come out to shop the day after Thanksgiving.

"I'm very happy with the economy right now. I don't know how

it will be next year, but now it's an excellent time," Soeder said. "For me, it's just a family tradition to come downtown the day after Thanksgiving, and I usually like to get a good jump on it and get most of my Christmas shopping done."

Besides opening early, some

stores offered incentives to customers.

At Value City in Toledo, the first 100 customers received 20 percent off their bill. Hills offered free coffee all day.

Target, which opened at 7 a.m., gave away gift bags filled with

See SHOPPERS, page seven.

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# TV viewers guide for holidays

Jennifer Bowles  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "It's a Wonderful Life" turns 50 this year, but that 1946 life-affirming classic starring Jimmy Stewart is just a smidgen of what's in Santa's TV gift bag this year.

There's something in the bag for every viewer: from the musically inclined "Mrs. Santa Claus," to the saintly Dolly Parton in "Unlikely Angel," to the ghoulish "The Munsters' Scary Little Christmas."

Here is a shopping guide to program highlights on network and cable TV.

#### MOVIES:

"Mrs. Santa Claus," Sunday, Dec. 8, CBS. Angela Lansbury stars in this original musical as Santa's wife who gets lost in New York while testing out a timesaving, round-the-world route in her husband's (Charles Durning) reindeer-powered sleigh. Stranded on Manhattan's Lower East Side, the anonymous Mrs. Claus finds herself drawn into the lives of lonely children.

"Samson and Delilah," Sunday, Dec. 8, TNT. Elizabeth Hurley stars as the beautiful Philistine who tests the faith of Samson (Eric Thal). Part two airs Wednesday, Dec. 11.

"A Different Kind of Christmas," Monday, Dec. 9, Lifetime. The tale of a woman (Shelley Long) who always felt ignored by her father, who believes he is Santa Claus and only wants to bring joy to the world.

"Christmas in My Hometown," Tuesday, Dec. 10, CBS. Tim Matheson plays a corporate Scrooge who comes to a small Nebraska town just before Christmas to downsize the factory that employs most of the community. Melissa Gilbert falls in love with him; Travis Tritt, the local sheriff, loves her.

"The Angel of Pennsylvania Avenue," Sunday, Dec. 15, The Family Channel. In the Depression, a father (Robert Urich) is falsely accused of a crime and his family struggles to get him home for Christmas.

"Unlikely Angel," Tuesday, Dec. 17, CBS. Dolly Parton plays

an angel who returns to Earth to earn her wings by uniting a family.

"The Munsters' Scary Little Christmas," Tuesday, Dec. 17, Fox. This ghoulish brood from the 1960s TV series celebrates Christmas in their own cheerfully gruesome way.

"The Homecoming: A Christmas Story," Saturday, Dec. 21, CBS. The 1971 drama that inspired the long-running Emmy-winning series "The Waltons" stars Patricia Neal as the mother and Richard Thomas as the eldest son in a rural American family during the Depression.

"It's a Wonderful Life," Saturday, Dec. 21, NBC. The Frank Capra film is broadcast in the original black-and-white director's cut.

"Timepiece," Sunday, Dec. 22, CBS. Richard Thomas returns in a prequel to last season's "The Christmas Box" (see Dec. 25). It tells the story behind a beautiful old watch that Thomas' friend bequeaths to his daughter as a wedding gift.

"Winnie the Pooh and Christmas Too," Thursday, Dec. 5, CBS. The inhabitants of the Hundred Acre Wood prepare for a bleak Christmas after Pooh accidentally sends their letter to Santa in the opposite direction from the North Pole.

"Frosty The Snowman," Friday, Dec. 6, CBS. The popular holiday perennial narrated by Jimmy Durante and featuring that "jolly, happy soul."

"A Pinky & The Brain Christmas," Wednesday, Dec. 11, The WB. The ambitious Brain launches a scheme to conquer the world by exploiting the resources of Santa's workshop.

"The Balloonatik: Christmas Without a Claus," Saturday, Dec. 14, Fox. The highflying balloon characters fly into a holiday Big Balloon Parade in New York only to learn that Santa Claus has been kidnapped by their enemy, The Needler.

"An Edith Ann Christmas," Saturday, Dec. 14, ABC. From actress Lily Tomlin and writer Jane Wagner is a tale following the holiday crisis of 6-year-old Edith Ann and her dysfunctional family.

"The Tick," Sunday, Dec. 15, Fox. The giant blue crimefighter and his trusty sidekick Arthur are called upon to rid the city of a

small-time bank robber who dons a stolen Santa Claus costume.

#### STOCKING STUFFERS:

"A Hollywood Christmas, Hosted by Jane Seymour," Saturday, Dec. 7, STARZ! A behind-the-scenes look at classic holiday movies over the past 60 years, including "A Christmas Carol" and "Home Alone."

"Teens on Faith: A Spiritual Journey," Sunday, Dec. 8, CBS. Teen-agers from a wide variety of religious backgrounds talk frankly about their faith.

"TV's All Time Funniest Holidays," Monday, Dec. 9, Fox. Ted McGinley shows holiday-themed clips from TV shows.

"Martha Stewart: Home for the Holidays," Tuesday, Dec. 10, CBS. The hostess with the mostess shares ideas for recipes, tree decorating and party planning. Michael Jordan, Dennis Franz and Miss Piggy are featured.

"The Christmas Tree," Sunday, Dec. 22, ABC. Sally Field makes her directorial debut. Andrew McCarthy who spots the perfect tree for Rockefeller Center's Christmas centerpiece while flying over a remote convent. The problem is that the tree has its own significance to a nun (Julie

See TV, page eight.

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## Priest will earn master's degree

Vince Guerrieri  
The BG News

God works in strange and mysterious ways. Just ask the Rev. Joe Weigman.

Weigman, a priest in residence at St. Thomas More University Parish, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a degenerative disorder of the muscles affecting 250,000 Americans, in 1991, shortly before his ordination as a priest. In the five years since his diagnosis, Weigman's health has steadily declined.

Weigman now uses a motorized cart to get around, and when he celebrates Mass, he needs to use a walker. The altar at St. Tom's is now handicap-accessible.

Instead of doing less, the priest in residence has become a "graduate student in residence," according to Natalie Vorst, St. Tom's parish outreach coordinator. Weigman is going back to school to earn his master's degree in counseling, becoming one of the 370,000 students striving to attain a master's degree.

The decision is partly a practical one, as he may soon be unable to continue as a priest. After conferring with Bishop James Hoffman of the Diocese of Toledo, Weigman decided to go back to school.

"With the progression of the disease, I might not continue in traditional parish ministry," Weigman said.

Weigman, who came to St. Tom's in 1992, started attending the University of Toledo in 1994 as a part-time student. He said UT has a good program, but he transferred to the University this year to become a full-time student. It was a decision partly based on health concerns.

"He's really slowed down a lot," said the Rev. Dan Zak, the chaplain at St. Tom's.

But Weigman does not anticipate his health to be an impediment at the University, and plans to graduate in Spring 1998.

Weigman, a Fremont native, is unsure what he will do with his degree. He said he may stay at St. Tom's, or he may be a chaplain and counselor at a Catholic high school within the Diocese of Toledo.

Zak is amazed with Weigman's humility in the face of this disease.

"I admire him because of his acceptance," Zak said. "I've never heard him complain."

Weigman said he sees no point in complaining, and realizes the disease has a role in his life.

"It's caused me to reexamine  
See FATHER, page eight.



Ken Ruinard/The Associated Press

A group of motorcycle riders carrying toys cruises up Main Street in Anderson, S.C. as part of the Confederate Motorcycle Riders club sponsored Toys for Tots run Sunday. Nearly 200 riders brought toys across town to a collection point to be distributed to children of needy families.

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See CANES, page fourteen.

## Tree people



Mark Duncan/The Associated Press

Ed Raus, top and his sister, Sandy Chino, peer through the snow covered branches of some of the blue spruce on the Tree Farm in Richfield, Ohio.

## Farmers grow 'quality' trees

M.R. Kropko  
The Associated Press

RICHFIELD, Ohio - Ohio growers of Christmas trees are producing less for the seasonal market than they did a decade ago. But that's not apparent at The Tree Farm.

Ed Raus made sure last week that he had his trees, mostly spruces, all lined up and ready to go.

"We will sell between 200 and 300 cut trees and probably 150 balled and burlap trees," said Raus, who owns the 22-acre tree farm along with his wife, his sister and her husband. Tree prices there this holiday season range from \$35 to \$75.

"Back in the early 1980s, there was this perception you just put seedlings in the ground and in five to seven years it would be worth all this money," Raus said. "There was a lot less knowledge as to the varieties that should be grown and how to maintain them with pruning and spraying in order to get a quality Christmas tree.

"The growers still in it are more savvy. Instead of growing quantity, they are growing quality."

A recent trend involves removing trees with roots intact and bundled into a burlap ball.

Buyers care for the tree and roots in their homes, then plant them outdoors after Christmas.

"It's nostalgic that way," Raus says. "You can look out in your own yard and see past Christmases. You can say that one is the Christmas of '91, that is the Christmas of '92 and so on. It's an environmental thing, too."

Tree growers around the state are adapting to what they perceive as a demand for a better quality tree than Scotch pines, which often are imported into Ohio for sale by retailers.

Ohioans consume between 1.3 million and 1.5 million Christmas trees annually. But only about 910,000 were planted in Ohio this year, compared with about 1.6 million in 1982, said Randy Heiligmann, Ohio State University Extension forestry specialist.

Most of the imported trees come from Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New York, Oregon, Washington, North Carolina and some New England states.

Scotch pine plantings have dropped from 700,000 in 1984, an amount equal to 47 percent of Christmas tree plantings that year, to just below 230,000, or 25 percent of this

See TREE, page eight.

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Perrysburg Portrait Studio will have reorder specials that include 2 5x7's and 8 wallets for \$10.

The stores will donate all of the proceeds to the humane society.

Windi Wojdak, Wood County Humane Society shelter manager, said the photo sessions help the humane society.

"It helps pay for feed and vet bills," she said.

Wojdak said people are asked to bring pets on a lease or in carriers.

People don't have to get pet pictures taken, Wojdak said.

"Even if you don't have pets, you can still get your pictures taken," she said.

Wojdak said the humane society can also use volunteers for the event.

"We could use extra people to sign people up," she said.

She said gift certificates for animal adoption will be available at the stores.

## SHOPPERS

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aspirins, soap, other samples and coupons. A store in Toledo had 1,000 of the bags that sported Tweety Bird's face, said Chris Grzesczak, a store manager. The bags were all gone by 7:30 a.m.

Customers at another Target in Toledo were lined up outside at 5:30 a.m.

"This is the busiest day of the year," said Tony Walters, a store manager. "Everybody is in pretty good spirits."

He said the most popular toy is Tickle Me Elmo. But anyone who hoped to find the gift at Walters' store was out of luck. The store sold its last one earlier this week.

In Cincinnati, the Kenwood Towne Centre expected more than 80,000 shoppers. The mall's parking lot was full by 11 a.m.

The story was the same at other malls in the area.

"It's getting busier as the day progresses," Cindy Morr, marketing director at Northgate Mall, told The Cincinnati Post.

At the glass-roofed Galleria, Brookstone, a specialty gift store, was bustling.

# Gifts available for gardeners

George Bria  
The Associated Press

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. -- Holiday shoppers looking for some-

thing different to give a gardener might choose a weatherproof notepad or a bird-feeder with microphone that brings the chirping into your living room.

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## FATHER

Continued from page five. the decisions in my life," Weigman said. "I can ask 'Why me,' but I can ask 'Why not me.' The challenge is to see how God is in this."

The choice of degrees is very

appropriate for Weigman, according to Zak, who also holds a master's degree in counseling. Zak said Weigman is in a good position to offer comfort and support, especially for people in similar situations.

"That's a good degree to have because of the amount of counseling [priests] do," Zak said, citing counseling of couples before marriage, and students, especially at a university parish like St. Tom's.

## TV

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Harris) who isn't ready to see it come down.

"A Holiday to Remember," Tuesday, Dec. 24, CBS. Connie Sellecca and Randy Travis star in this repeat romance about a recently divorced mother who returns to her childhood town and rediscovers her first love.

"The Christmas Box," Wednesday, Dec. 25, CBS. A rebroadcast of last season's drama starring Richard Thomas as a man who moves his family into the mansion of a stubborn widow (Maureen O'Hara).

## MUSIC:

"Kathie Lee: Just in Time for Christmas," Wednesday, Dec. 11, CBS. Kathie Lee Gifford and family welcome the holiday season with an orchestral concert set in Oklahoma City. Features Amy Grant, Bryan White, Kathleen Battle and the Manhattan Transfer.

"A Kissin' Christmas with Bobby Vinton," Friday, Dec. 13, The Family Channel. Bobby Vinton and family recorded Christmas tunes at Vinton's own Blue Velvet Theatre in Branson, Mo.

"Opryland's Country Christmas," Saturday, Dec. 14, CBS. Some of Nashville's most famous names Clint Black, Patty Loveless, Barbara Mandrell, Kenny Rogers, Hank Williams Jr., Wynonna and others sing holiday favorites country-style.

## ANIMATION:

"The Story of Santa Claus," Wednesday, Dec. 4, CBS. The voices of Ed Asner, Betty White and Tim Curry are featured in a story about a gentle toymaker (Asner) whose only wish is to deliver a toy to every child on Christmas Day.

"How The Grinch Stole Christmas," Wednesday, Dec. 4, Cartoon Network. The perennial

favorite based on the popular Dr. Seuss fable.

"Christmas in Washington," Wednesday, Dec. 18, NBC. The cast of "3rd Rock from the Sun" host the 15th annual yuletide gala attended by President Clinton and the first lady.

"Christmas Miracles," Sunday, Dec. 22, ABC. Celebrities fulfill the wishes of children and their families from specially selected letters written to Santa.

"How Do You Spell God?" Sunday, Dec. 22, HBO. Children explore some of life's universal questions, thoughts on God and the importance of faith.

"The Magic School Bus Family Holiday Special," Wednesday Dec. 25, PBS. Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton host this star-studded, animated and live-action field trip aboard the bus. Among other things, the special celebrates recycling, "the gift that keeps on giving."

"Walt Disney World Very Merry Christmas Parade," Wednesday, Dec. 25, ABC. Live from Walt Disney World, Suzanne Somers and Jerry Van Dyke host a two-hour holiday extravaganza filled with elves, dancing Christmas trees, snowmen, colorful floats and marching bands.

## OUT WITH THE OLD:

"Barbara Walters Presents The 10 Most Fascinating People of 1996," Friday, Dec. 6, ABC. Walters spotlights some of the year's biggest names, including Elizabeth Dole, Dennis Rodman, Rosie O'Donnell, Olympic gymnast Kerri Strug and astronaut Shannon Lucid.

"Music in Movies '96," Saturday, Dec. 7, ABC. Country singer Dwight Yoakam, record producer Don Was and actress Brooke Alexander celebrate the music from the year's best movie soundtracks, including "Twister," and "That Thing You Do."

## TREE

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year's plantings, Heiligmann said.

Meanwhile, Fraser fir plantings have increased from about 57,000 annually in the early 1980s to more than 100,000 this year.

Spruces are starting to gain popularity in the state's northern counties. The trees are hardy and held up well in northeastern Ohio's recent early heavy snowfall, Raus said.

"Live tree sales have increased the last couple of years as people are aware trees are grown as an agricultural product, and its OK to cut them down because trees are grown in their place every year," said Frank Antenucci, president of Ohio Christmas

Tree Association Inc., which is composed of 340 growers in the state.

Antenucci, who owns the Big Tree Plantation in Morrow, said growers have been trying to produce trees that will be longer-lasting and drop fewer needles than traditional pines.

Single-needle conifers such as the blue spruce, the Douglas fir and the Canaan fir, a tree that recently was developed in Ohio, are gaining in popularity, Antenucci said.

A seminar held Sept. 22 in Granville introduced growers from about 13 states to the Canaan fir.

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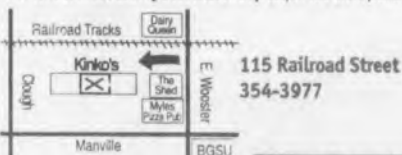
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## Retailers happy with early figures

Rachel Beck  
The Associated Press

The Grinch may not be able to steal this Christmas.

At least that's what retailers are hoping after early figures showed plenty of buying over the Thanksgiving weekend, the official kickoff of the holiday shopping season.

After a dismal season a year ago, consumers crowded the nation's stores and malls with their wallets open. Several retailers said they had their best Thanksgiving weekend ever.

"Last year was the weakest Christmas in 11 years," said Clark Johnson, chairman of Pier One Imports Inc., which sells home furnishings. But "this weekend was beyond our level of expectations."

"This is going to be a strong Christmas," he predicted.

Last year, a shaky economy and low consumer confidence left retailers with depressed holiday sales, which generally account for about half of stores' annual sales and profits.

A rebounding economy has retailers more upbeat about consumer spending, and the strong sales over the holiday gave merchants more confidence that shoppers would spend enthusiastically until Christmas.

Revenues at malls rose by 11 percent from a year ago on the day after Thanksgiving, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers. TeleCheck Services Inc., a check approval service, said the amount of sales paid for by check that day rose 3.6 percent.

Topping many gift lists was clothing, a big boon to apparel retailers who have struggled over the last few years. Sales at J.C.

Penney Co. Inc. stores were boosted over the weekend, thanks to buying in its all its apparel departments, spokesman Duncan Muir said.

Toys and jewelry also sold well, as did perfume and cosmetics. Consumers also showed interest in home products, including electronics, furnishings and tools.

That was good news for Sears, Roebuck and Co., which reported strong sales in tools, as well as computers, men's and kid's apparel, shoes and jewelry.

"We had our best Thanksgiving weekend ever," said John Costello, the department store's senior executive vice president.

Other stores didn't fare as well. Business at Dayton Hudson's department stores, which include Dayton's, Hudson's and Marshall Field's, was a little slower than last year, said spokeswoman Susan Eich, who attributed the decline to a reduction in sales promotions from a year ago.

Retailers used sales and early store openings to lure shoppers. Some stores opened as early as 5 a.m., while others, including 40 percent of all Wal-Mart stores, stayed open 24 hours a day.

Crowds lined up before dawn at Dayton Hudson's Target chain to get first dibs on early giveaways of "Tickle Me Elmo" plush dolls and the Nintendo 64 video game system, Eich said.

Merchants also said the early start of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, which begins at sundown Thursday, got shoppers into stores over the weekend to pick up last-minute gifts.

But the first weekend of the holiday season isn't necessarily a gauge of how the remaining weeks until Christmas will go.

## GARDEN

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As a holiday surprise for people who use wheelchairs, Gardeners Supply Company also offers a specially designed fluorescent light stand for growing plants indoors. The single-tier stand, with a waist-high shelf, can also straddle a single bed. It moves on casters that lock into position with friction brakes. The cost is \$399, with four tubes an extra \$74.95.

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See GARDEN, page twelve.




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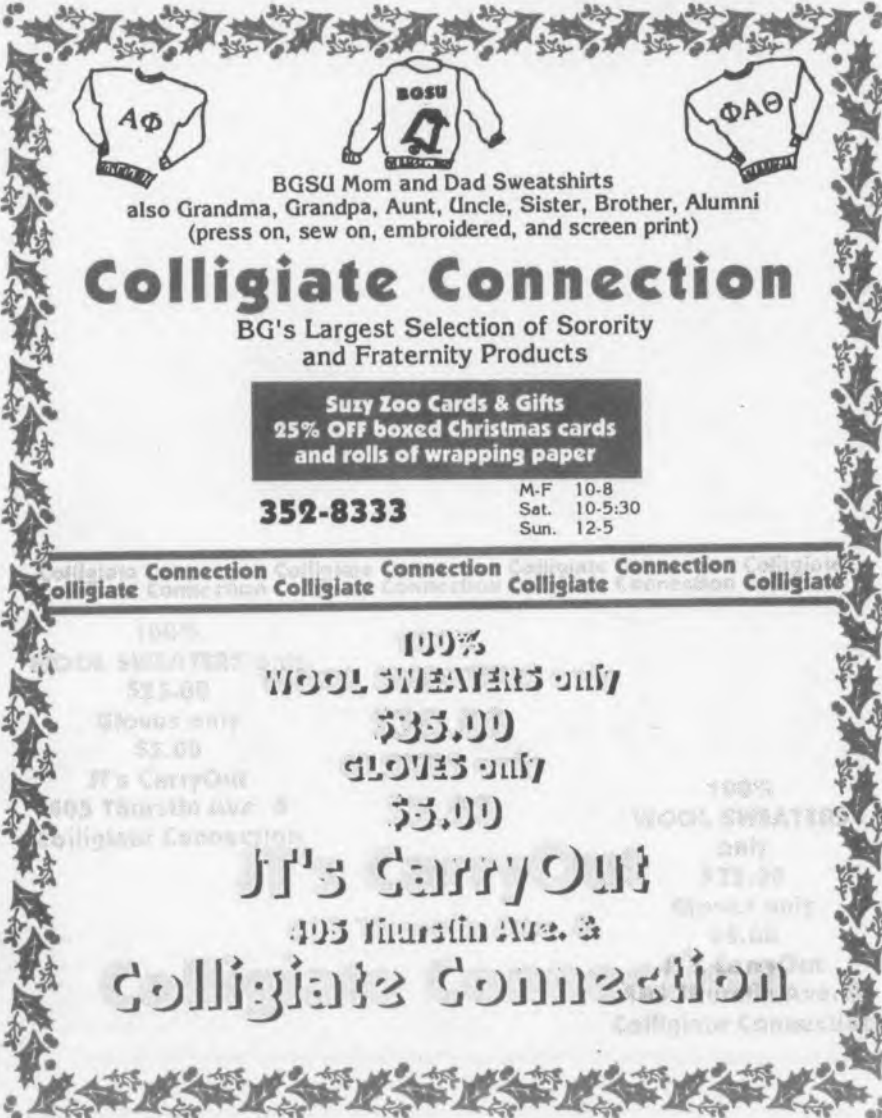

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## Rose criticizes kids' playthings

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Buxom Xena can be stripped down to her voluptuous plastic skin, while the violent Freak, with his tattered clothes and bagful of weapons, may encourage kids to fear homeless people.

Christmas toys have taken a decidedly unsavory bent, says the Rev. Christopher L. Rose, compiling his 10th annual list of warped playthings.

In his latest list, published Saturday in The Hartford Courant, he criticizes erotically dressed female action figures.

"What is it teaching little boys about women?" asked Rose, rector of Grace Episcopal Church.

He notes that the package for Xena II, part of the "Hercules, The Legendary Journeys" toy series, suggests: "Remove Xena's Princess warrior outfit." And Tiffany the Amazon has a removable bra.

"She's supposed to be a hero," says Rose. "But why is it you take her clothes off?"

But his No. 1 target this season is "The Freak," a deranged-looking character who looks too much like an innocent homeless person.

"About 40 percent of the homeless are mentally ill," he says.

In 1990, Rose and others got the Walt Disney Co. to agree to stop selling "Steve the Tramp," which he considered a tasteless reflection on the homeless.

That character, one of a series based on the movie "Dick Tracy," was described on the package as "a lout who would just as soon take your life as your wallet ... (and) will use and abuse any young, helpless prey he comes across."

"Super Size Angela" also appears on this year's list: the scantily clad action figure is described on the package as "an angel with ulterior motives."

## Reverend lists of warped toys

The Associated Press

A list of Rev. Christopher L. Rose's 1996 warped toy list and his reasons for why they are on it:

1. The Freak: Ridicules the homeless.

2. Egyptian Batman & Egyptian Catwoman: Encourages violence against women.

3. Lady Deathstrike from X-Men; Scream from Spiderman: Depicts women, non-white males as the bad guys.

4. Super Size Angela and Tiffany the Amazon: Inappropriately erotic for kids and demeaning to women.

5. Goosebumps Monster Head Maker: Slime oozes from head when nose and ears are cut off. Interactively violent.

6. Ultra Force Ghoul: A death-obsessed toy.

7. Dr. Dreadful Creepy Clinic and Monster Medical Center: Implied cannibalism is grim.

8. Creepy Crawlers Cryptic Skeletons: Desensitizes kids

## Hey Rocky!



Doug Kanter/The Associated Press

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# Americans ready for next ritual

Rachel Beck  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK -- Now that Americans have gobbled up their Thanksgiving feasts, they're ready for the next holiday ritual: the start of the Christmas shopping season.

Faced with five fewer shopping days this year to get all their holiday purchases done, consumers are expected to crowd department stores and trek through malls this weekend, forking over billions of dollars on gifts.

"Consumers are starting to realize they have less time this year with Dec. 1 coming right at the end of the Thanksgiving weekend," said John Konarski, vice president of research at the International Council of Shopping Centers, a trade group.

"So they're heading into stores early so that they finish their shopping on time," he said.

After a dismal Christmas season a year ago, retailers are upbeat about the holidays, optimistic that shoppers will be eager to spend thanks to a rebounding economy and high levels of consumer confidence.

But merchants remain fearful that five fewer shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas could hurt sales. To lure customers early, they launched pre-Thanksgiving sales and advertised aggressively. Some, like discount retailer Kmart Corp., stayed open on Thanksgiving.

Retailers count on the holidays for about half their annual sales and profits, and look at the day after Thanksgiving as the official kickoff of the holiday shopping season.

Last year, consumers did 16 percent of their Christmas shopping on the Friday after Thanks-



Mark Fageol/The Associated Press

Hundreds of people stream into a local department store as the doors open at 7 a.m. in Souix City, Iowa. Retailers are expecting heavy crowds during the shortened shopping season.

giving, also known as Black Friday in the trade, according to the National Retail Federation, a Washington, D.C.-based industry group.

Consumers are expected to spend lots on apparel this year, a big boon to clothing retailers who have struggled over the last few years. Toys, jewelry and sporting goods are also expected to sell well, which will help department stores' profits.

But computers, computer software and home appliances may not sell as well as in past years, which could hurt merchants like Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Circuit City that depend on such big-ticket sales.

Although retailers are mostly optimistic about the holidays, a number of variables could still affect how they fare this Christmas. For one, wintry weather could keep some shoppers away

from stores, while warm weather may stop others from buying sweaters and other cold-weather goods.

In addition, consumers are still saddled with \$1 trillion in debt, much of it on credit cards. That may mean some shoppers will watch their spending this year.

"On balance, consumers are expected to spend more this year relative to last year," said Wayne Hood, a retail analyst. "But the

biggest concern is the availability of credit since delinquency rates have risen in the last year."

Such concerns don't seem to faze Adam Schiff, who manages the F.A.O. Schwarz toy store in Los Angeles.

"Things are finally turning around and the economy is getting back to normal," he said. "I think it's going to be pretty phenomenal."

## GARDEN

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pruners available, the newest are power-driven ones that activate tiny chain saws. They come in

both cord and cordless and in hand-held and pole models that can cut branches up to three inches in diameter.

Langenbach, Dept. L63100, P.O. Box 1420, Lawndale, Calif. 90260-6320, telephone 800-362-1991, offers models ranging in price from \$89, hand-held with cord, to \$159, cordless pole. The pole models extend to 11 feet for pruning to a height of 14-15 feet.

Rich in lore and pictures, "The White House Garden" by William

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A family looks at Saks Fifth Avenue's Christmas window in New York. The windows of many of the city's largest department stores have transformed from displays of fashions to displays of the holiday season.



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Artist Carmella Gullo applies paint to a clown doll in Spaeth Design's workshop in New York. The clown, to be part of a Lord and Taylor's Christmas window display, required two hours just to complete the face.

## Windows bring holiday to life

Verena Dobnik  
The Associated Press

and women.

From its 27,000-square-foot workshop on Manhattan's West Side, Spaeth Design has created some of New York City's most lavish department store windows, as well as displays for clients ranging from American Express to the American Bible Society.

The company was started in 1943 by Walter Spaeth, a high school dropout who had taken a course in seasonal store window decoration. With the help of his wife, Dorothy, and their son, David, the mom-and-pop shop became one of the world's top commercial display companies.

In addition to creating annual holiday displays for Lord & Taylor and Saks Fifth Avenue, the company has worked on a teddy bear museum in Tokyo, a Japanese mall, singing bears for Las Vegas and custom props for films, TV commercials and trade shows.

But bringing Christmas to life

remains a Spaeth specialty. The Fifth Avenue displays are a New York tradition, drawing tens of thousands of kids and parents willing to shiver behind gleaming brass rails in lines often stretching a block or more.

Occasionally, David Spaeth stops by the spectacle to eavesdrop.

"Moms and dads are telling their kids Christmas stories but sometimes they get it wrong. I'm tempted to tap them on the shoulder and say, 'No, that's not how it goes!'" says David Spaeth, who runs the company.

Spaeth, 51, is an engineer who once worked for Sikorsky Aircraft, which builds multimillion-dollar military helicopters. He now applies his mechanical know-how toward propelling Christmas creatures made of the company's secret-formula latex.

The motor behind Spaeth Design, quite literally, is a machine shop where technicians animate the characters.

"These are the real elves," says Carter, pointing at an employee with a ring in his ear and a scarf tied pirate-style around his head who is fitting a miniature motor into a hollow mouse.

At the workshop, Christmas began last summer, when the first pieces were assembled. By early November, "it's like an ant city here," Carter says as seamstresses, artists and other employees on "triple overtime" rush about toting plywood, giant ornaments, rocking horses, musical scrolls, arms and legs.

One welds a Raggedy Ann, another touches up a doll's face with acrylic paint. Others sketch, paste and sculpt figures and scenery. Some wear surgical masks to block out drifting fumes or eye guards to protect against flying metal shards.

Each window takes hundreds of hours of work by at least 50

people. The cost for the set of six big windows runs into six figures, says David Spaeth, who declined to reveal the exact amount.

Animator Robb Herman says his biggest challenge with the Saks Fifth Avenue display this year "was to make the boy yawn as he rubs his eyes. It's tough to get flesh-and-bones movement when you're working with molded latex and metal."

Saks based its display on a book, Dean Morrissey's "Ship of Dreams," about a sleeping boy's journey to meet the Sandman in a magical ship sailing through a star-filled night.

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As a matter of fact, COAL to all of the NFL owners who can't seem to keep a team in one city. Whatever happened to loyalty?

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CANES to the men's chorus for hot-tubbing in the cold weather.

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CANES to the candy machine guy who filled up our vending machine.

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CANES to Wierd Al because his new CD with 'He's Gump' just rocks.

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COAL to Slash. He left the best

band of the 80s to what? To play with David Lee Roth? Give us a break. We want Guns 'N Roses back. We want more stuff like "Get in the Ring" and "Break-down." We want Guns 'N Roses reunited.

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CANES to Pepsi-Cola Inc. for making Mountain Dew. We've made them a lot of money this semester.

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A mule deer doe finds herself in a herd of Christmas light friends during the fantasy of lights display in Billings, Mont. on Dec. 1. The drive through display benefits Easter Seals and Goodwill Industries.

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## Agency offers tuition gift certificates

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI -- Got enough cash socked away for junior's college education?

If not, the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority has the perfect idea for a stocking-stuffer this Christmas.

The Columbus-based state agency that runs Ohio's prepaid tuition program is offering gift certificates starting at \$15 for a partial tuition credit.

Average tuition costs and fees for four years at Ohio public universities are projected to reach \$23,000 by 2000, \$34,000 by 2005 and \$58,000 by 2012.

"I don't think grandparents, godparents, parents anyone dealing with children should ignore any opportunity to raise money for a child's education," said Stanley Henderson, associate vice president for enrollment management at the University of Cincinnati. "I wouldn't prescribe one program over another, but people

should take a hard look at any legitimate savings program."

The gift certificates provide the opportunity to contribute to a loved one's college fund without having to buy full tuition credits at \$42 each or pay a \$50 enrollment fee for a new tuition account, said Barbara Jennings, the authority's executive director.

The prepaid tuition program allows participants to purchase tuition units for children that may later be used at any public or private accredited school in or out of Ohio. One hundred units equal the average yearly cost for a state-supported school in Ohio.

The price of a tuition unit is adjusted each year to reflect the costs of college tuition. On Oct. 1, the price increased by 6.3 percent to \$42.

About 48,000 students are enrolled in the plan, which has assets of \$205 million, Ms. Jennings said.

## Clinton holiday card features Red Room

M.R. Kropko  
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) For the third year, artist Thomas McKnight has designed President and Mrs. Clinton's official Christmas card, featuring the Clinton cat, Socks, resting on a chair in the Green Room of the White House.

McKnight, known for his homespun, whimsical style, designed the Clintons' 1994 holiday card featuring the Red Room, and the 1995 card showing the Blue Room.

"I have to say there's not too much you can do differently," McKnight said, referring to similarities in style that this year's card has with the past two.

The 300,000 presidential greeting cards are being produced by the Cleveland-based American Greetings Corp., which announced McKnight's selection as designer Friday. The Democratic National Committee is paying an undisclosed price for the cards.

Neither the president, nor First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, nor their daughter Chelsea, are depicted in the card. The family at, Socks, is shown resting on a chair, and in a flourish of artistic



Tony DeJak/The Associated Press

license, the artist's dog, Shadow not a White House resident is shown among the presents under the Christmas tree.

Socks has been featured in past cards, but this year the family cat caused a minor stir. Mrs. Clinton noted that the shape of the head didn't seem right.

"We got a call about it from Air Force One," McKnight said in a telephone interview from his home in Litchfield, Conn. He said a minor adjustment was made to the cat's cranium.

The Clintons and daughter

Chelsea are not shown in McKnight's work

Three stockings are shown hung above the fireplace with a view of the Washington through one of the room's windows, although the monument isn't visible from the actual Green Room. One of three paintings seen on the Green Room walls shows a view McKnight has of his own back yard.

Inside, the card shows the presidential seal and the signatures of the president and the first lady.

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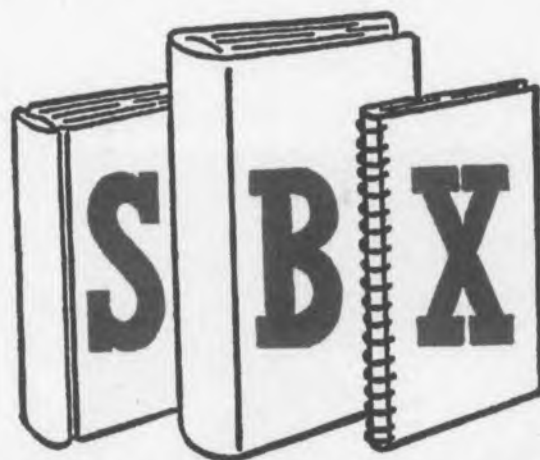
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