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Thought for the Week: Blessed are the young for they shall inherit the national debt. Herbert Hoover

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Rita Dinius (left), of Huntington Metro Kiwanis, recently presented several trauma dolls to Parkview Huntington Hospital for use in its emergency room. The dolls are soft, and children will be able to draw on the dolls with markers to express their feelings or to mark on the dolls where they feel pain or have an injury. Accepting the dolls for Parkview Huntington are Mary Johnson, ER clinical manager (second from left); Joseph Rakoczy, safety director; and Ann Etter, emergency room nurse.

TRAUMA DOLLS IN ER

Parkview Huntington Hospital's Emergency Room Department, which recently received several trauma dolls from the Huntington Metro Kiwanis, will provide the soft, squeezable cloth dolls to children to help ease their fears and discomfort of experiencing an emergency room visit.

The dolls, made of plain, beige material and filled with pillow stuffing, are about 15 inches long, with a round head, two arms and legs, but no features. The dolls are soft, and children will be able to draw on the dolls with markers to express their feelings or to mark on the dolls where they feel pain or have an injury.

Huntington Metro Kiwanis members Jim and Rita Dinius picked up several of the dolls at a Kiwanis convention in Indianapolis recently, said Rita Dinius, thinking that the dolls would be something the hospital could use.

The dolls were first introduced in the Norden District of Norway and Sweden several years ago and given to children entering hospital emergency rooms and other health care settings or when faced with family or medical trauma in the hopes of minimizing their apprehension and fear.

Rita Dinius has made about eight of the dolls herself, which she keeps on hand "to replenish Parkview Huntington's supply when they get low," she added.

The dolls, packaged in a plain plastic bag, also come with markers and an information card for parents. The card's instructions encourage parents to help their child color a face on the doll to look like him or her, to draw an expression on the face to reflect the child's feelings and to mark on the doll where pain is felt.

Parkview Huntington ER nurses and doctors may find the doll helpful in discussing the child's injury, or in demonstrating a medical procedure the child needs. Sometimes, the child can even help with the process, using the doll to convert the activity into something the child understands and has control over, according to Mary Johnson, ER clinical manager at Parkview Huntington.

Often, she adds, this allows a child as young as 2 or 3 years old

to undergo a procedure much more calmly, whether it's putting on an oxygen mask or having a cut sutured. Demonstrating a procedure on a doll can actually save medical personnel time because children are so much more cooperative, said Johnson.

"Anytime you can get children involved in their own care, it's wonderful," she added. "The children also get to keep the dolls when leaving the hospital, which becomes a positive reminder of the visit."

CAROLING EVENT

Warren Area Ministerial Association is sponsoring a town-wide caroling event. On December 4th, we will gather at the Knight Bergman Center at 4:30p.m. After dividing into groups, we'll receive instructions for the routes to be traveled, and cover the town with singing. At the close of caroling, refreshments will be served at the Knight Bergman Center.

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CELEBRATES 108TH

Harvey Hite of Warren, celebrated his 108th birthday Nov. 19 with a dinner in Fort Wayne, hosted by his children.

Those attending included Mrs. Betty Hite, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hite, Pat Hite, Mrs. Cheryl Bolman, Mrs. Connie Leege, Kevin Hite, Charles Debaille, Mrs. June Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burton, Ted Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Connelly, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Rutan, Avery Rutan, Carter Rutan, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ruczi, Tyler James Ruczi, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bragalone. Congratulations Harvey and wish you many, many more.

Harvey was 108 on November 15th.

OPEN HOUSE

Don't forget the Open House at The Loft this Thursday and Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. each day.

There are lots of handcrafted decorations and gift items available from area crafters. Cookies and punch will be served during the Open House and a drawing will be held. You'll have to come in to see what the door prize will be.

Have you gotten all those "little" gifts yet? You know the ones, for the mail carrier, the newspaper boy and hostess gifts for all those parties you'll be going to—well The Loft is the place to get them.

Come check us out at The Loft – we're upstairs at Creative Elements. Tammy has a really nice display of some of the items in her Christmas window.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

The annual Christmas edition of the Warren Weekly is coming up soon (week of 12/23). If you would like to have your special greeting included in this issue, please contact me at 260-375-3531 as soon as possible.

Any requests received by December 9 will receive a 10% discount.

DESALVO TO PERFORM

Jodie DeSalvo is an exciting, young pianist capturing. International

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Born in Connecticut, MS. DeSalvo made her Carnegie Hall debut as winner of the Artists' International Competition, to such unanimous acclaim that she returned the following season for a command performance at New York's, Merkin Concert Hall. Her subsequent recitals throughout the United States and Europe have been eloquently praised for their diverse programming, and outstanding execution. Her commitment to women in music has especially made her a champion in the works of Clara Schumann, Amy Beach, Fanny Mendelssohn, and Ellen Taffe Zwilich.

Previously, Ms. DeSalvo has been guest artist with numerous orchestras, including her debut with the famed Orchestra de la

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AREA NEWS

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Suisse Romande. She gave the world premiere in the Edward Collins Concerto at the Birch Creek Summer Music Festival, and has appeared as soloist for several Gershwin programs throughout the country honoring the centennial anniversary of the composer's birth.

Ms. DeSalvo was lauded for stepping in at the last moment for an ailing Richard Fields to perform the world premiere of Heinrich Stuttermeighter's "Concertino" with the Chicago Sinfonietta at Orchestra Hall. Her virtuosic performance led the Chicago Tribune to comment, "Kudos to DeSalvo for not only rescuing a world premiere, but for taking on such a Herculean task and handling it so effortlessly." She returned as soloist with the Chicago Sinfonietta at the Festival de Musica de Canarias in the Canary Islands, and also on a three week tour of Europe.

A frequent guest artist at such outstanding festivals as Chautauqua, Brevard, Taos, and Birch Creek, Ms. DeSalvo has been awarded grants from the Indiana Commission of the Arts, Connecticut Commission of the Arts, Arts United, and the Simone Young Keyboard Artists' Association Competition, Artists' International, American Music Competition, and the National Federation of Music Clubs Com-

Ms. DeSalvo has recorded for both the Millennium label and for Koch Discover International.

A graduate of both the Manhattan School of Music and the Hartt School of Music, Ms. DeSalvo currently reside in Florida where she is on the adjunct faculty at the Harid Conservatory in Boca Raton.

Ms. DeSalvo will be performing at 2pm in the Applegate Chapel of the United Methodist Memorial Home on Friday, December 2nd. This program is the last program of this year in the Fine Arts Series sponsored by



the United Methodist Memorial

FESTIVAL OF TRESS

Gebharts Floral Barn will have an entry in the Wells County Creative Arts Council's Festival of Trees this weekend. The Festival is being held in the brand new Arts Commerce and Visitors Center building along the river in Bluffton out by East of Chicago Pizza. The Festival is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th.

CHRISTMAS AT THE FORKS

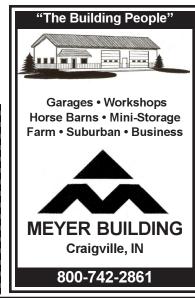
"An Old Fashion Christmas at the Forks" will be the theme for a two-day event at the Historical Forks of the Wabash. The -park is located on US 24 Business and Highway 9 Junction.

The event is scheduled to begin Saturday, December 3, from 9 AM until 4 PM and from 1 PM until 4 PM on Sunday, December 4, 2005.

The chiefs house will be decorated by Miami, Inc. with items and goodies for sale. The gift shop, located in the museum building, will also have items for Christmas giving. In addition, there will be a raffle for twelve adorned Christmas trees that are beautifully decorated by local businesses and special groups.

Tickets for the Christmas tree raffle will be \$1.00 per vote. Voting for your favorite tree, the winner will then take home his or her special tree. All twelve trees are to be raffled off.

Additionally, there will be free refreshments as well as entertainment presented by the Company Singers and Bethel UM Church choir. -



THE WEEKLY SPECIAL

by Helen @ Natalie Jeanne's Christmas cookies were an integral part of our holiday season. Most people go out shopping on the day after Thanksgiving. We always went to the kitchen to start baking. Instead of making a shopping list for Christmas gifts, we made a cookie list. I remember thinking only the lucky cookies would get on the list. I used to love making the list of cookies we would make that year, imagining their taste as I wrote down their names. Then. we baked and baked and baked until our list was complete.

In the next few weeks, I will share some of my most treasured Christmas cookie recipes. These are recipes that truly come from my heart. Enjoy!!

Sand Tarts 1 cup butter, softened 1 cup sugar 2 TBSP brandy 1 egg 6 oz. semi sweet chocolate

chips, ground 2 cups flour, sifted 1/8 tsp salt

Cream butter and sugar, then add brandy. Beat in egg. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Drop by teaspoon on ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 350 for about 15 minutes. Makes seven dozen cookies.

I must attribute my lust for holiday baking to my mother. She was so passionate about baking during this season; it must have passed down to me. Thanks, Mom! Until next week, Bon Appetit!!!!

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Dec 1&2 Open House at The Loft (Creative Elements) 2-8p.m. Dec 1, 2, 3 Pulse Opera House presents Best Christmas Pageant Ever Dec 7 Warren Chamber of Commerce Lunch, Noon, Assembly Hall Van Buren Town Council. 7 p.m. Dec 7 Dec 8, 9, 10 Pulse Opera House presents Best Christmas Pageant Ever Warren Revcle Dav Dec 9 KBC Board Meeting, 8 a.m. at Knight Bergman Center Dec 10 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Assembly Hall Dec 12 Dec 13 Our Town Committee Meeting, 7p.m., Assembly Hall Dec 21 Van Buren Town Council, 7p.m. Warren Recycle Day Dec 23 Dec 25

Merry Christmas to All Dec 26 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Assembly Hall Mar 24 Salamonie School Carnival, Food-Games-Fun

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement -** Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC Depression Support Group 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 Walking in the Gym at KBC 7-11 a.m. Mon-Fri After School Adventure - Tuesdays & Thursdays, after school till 5:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene

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To ATTEND SYMPOSIUM

U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar announced that two Huntington North high school students have been selected to attend his "Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders" at the University of Indianapolis on December 10. They are Bethany Edlund and Stuart Purcell.

Every public and private high school in Indiana has been invited to select two outstanding juniors to attend the all-day conference. Last year, more than 500 students, representing high schools in almost all 92 counties across the state, attended the event. School officials who have not yet done so may access registration information at http://lugar.senate.gov/symposium/.

Again, this year, Lugar will open the day-long program with an address to the students on national and world affairs. The students will then participate in a choice of ten discussion groups. Some of this year's topics include: homeland security, renewable fuels, juvenile crime,

Iraq, media responsibility, and U.S. leadership in the world. Students debate opposing views under the leadership of major state and national advocates on the subjects.

Students have been encouraged to donate canned food items that will be collected at registration and donated to Gleaners Food Bank in Indianapolis.

CLUB NEWS

La Boutique Des Huite's Chapeau et Quarante Femmes Grant County Salon 195 met at Van Buren Post, November 22, 2005.

Chapeau Jennifer opened the meeting in regular forum. L'Amonier Waneta Linton Bald gave opening prayer.

Roll call was nine officers and thirteen chairmen for total of 15.

Rosemary Hammons made motion to dispense with the rest of the meeting. Seconded by Dalena King. Carried.

We had our Thanksgiving and Christmas party together. Had a carry-in with lots of good food.

We have Secret Pals, which brought their gifts and we also had a \$5 gift exchange.

Ditty bags were shown and discussed, can't use shoe laces, they are too heavy.

Our next meeting will be March 28, 2005. Van Buren partners will be hostess.

Those attending were: Martha Adams, Dalena King, Rosemary Hammons, Judy Sinclair, Jennifer Gray, Louise Grindle, Irene Pickard, Lori Linton, Shirley Shinholt, Waneta Linton Bald, Mary Stone, Trudy Ann Plummer, Kim Hammons Huffman, Debbie Smith, and Becky Williams.

Wish everyone Happy Holidays.



ALL-AMERICAN

Senior Leslie Dillon became DePauw's first All-American in women's cross-country with her ninth place finish at the Division III Championships. Leslie is the daughter of Dale and Lisa Dillon of Fishers, IN and the grand-daughter of Dale and Carolyn Sparks of Warren.

Tips on Sticking to Your Housekeeping Resolutions

(NUI) - Each January, many people make New Year's resolutions to clean up their messy homes or free themselves of the clutter that tends to pile up, but by February they're back where they started. This year, let the cleaning experts at Merry Maids help you stay on track with the following tips:

* Tackle your closet. "Out of sight, out of mind" seems to be the mantra for some when it comes to keeping closets organized. De-clutter this space by getting rid of any clothing, shoes or purses that haven't been worn or used in the past year. Donate unwanted items to a local charity or add them to your garage sale pile.

* Use the Web. One person's trash is another person's treasure. For items that you don't need or haven't used in a while, get rid of them. If you want to sell anything, take advantage of online auction Web sites. It's an easy and fun way to make some extra money.

* Have a plan. Throughout the year, set aside time to de-junk your home. Use this time to walk through your house, throwing away anything you don't need or want. By scheduling specific times to get rid of unwanted items, you'll be more motivated to get the task done.

*Get help. Sometimes you simply do not have the time to keep your home as tidy as you'd like. If cleaning from top to bottom every other week is too much to ask, consider calling in outside help from the experts at Merry Maids.

For more information on residential cleaning, call Merry Maids at (800) MERRYMAIDS or visit www.merrymaids.com.

HOLIDAY FIRE

Oh Christmas tree....Ohhhh my, the tree is burning. Sadly, Christmas trees account for 400 fires annually, resulting in 10 deaths, 80 injuries and more than \$15 million in property damage. Christmas lights, Menorahs, and Kwanza Mshumaas also have a history of having shorts or being knocked over and starting fires. So, here are some tips about fire safety during the holidays:

When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant."

When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles

do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.

When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces, radiators or portable heaters. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.

Cut a few inches off the trunk of your tree to expose the fresh wood. This allows for better water absorption and will help to keep your tree from drying out and becoming a fire hazard.

Be sure to keep the stand filled with water, because heated rooms can dry live trees out rapidly.

Make sure that you use a sturdy, fire-safe menorah.

Place menorah on a steady table and make sure nothing is too close to the candles' flame.

Avoid placing menorah in small, closed areas, such as closets or between bookshelves.

Keep candles away from anything flammable.

Avoid putting your menorah in windows or near doorways. If they catch fire, your exit could be blocked.

Check the candles often to make sure they haven't burned down too low.

Make sure your Kinara (candle holder) is sturdy.

Remember that straw Mkeka's can burn easily. Keep a fire extinguisher handy in your home, make sure everyone knows where it is and how to use it.

And don't deep fry a turkey inside of your house or on a wooden deck.





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GENEALOGY REPORT

PHILLIPS

A 1944 graduate of Montpelier High School, Alice May Welch Phillips, 79, of Sebring, Fla., died at 6 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23. 2005, at Good Shepherd Hospice House, Lakeland, Fla.

Mrs. Phillips formerly lived in the Pennville area. She was a homemaker and worked on the family farm. She was a former Jay County school bus driver and delivered Meals on Wheels to senior citizens in the Jay and Blackford County areas. She was an active member of the Pleasantdale United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Phillips was born Jan. 31, 1926, in Blackford County to Otto A. and Merlie Ellen (Morris) Rogers. Her marriage on Sept. 23, 1989, in Columbia City was to Jim Phillips, who survives. She was preceded in death by her first husband, John W. Welch, who died Feb. 7, 1989.

Other survivors include three daughters, Merlie Ann Thinnes of Montpelier, Mrs. Michael (Priscilla) McFarland of Portland and Mrs. David (Vicki) Johnson of rural Dunkirk; two stepdaughters, Joni Phillips of Indianapolis and Mrs. John (Patricia) Culy of Montpelier; four sons, Larry Welch of Hardinsburg, Ky., Wesley Welch of Van Buren, John Welch of Greenville, Ohio, and Jerry Welch of Pennville; a stepson, Tim Phillips of Hartford City; four sisters, Mildred A. Jones of Hartford City, Eleanor A. Bennett of Homosassa, Fla., M. Elizabeth Hughes of Hartford City and Roberta Grimes of Muncie; a brother, Raymond H. Rogers of Hartford City; 11 grandchildren; three greatgrandchildren; one step-grandchild; and one step-great-grand-

Services were held at the Pleasantdale United Methodist Church. Calling hours were held at Glancy Funeral Homes -

Walker Chapel, Montpelier, and prior to services Sunday at the church. Burial was in Twin Hill - I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Pennville.

Preferred memorials are to Good Shepherd Hospice House, Lakeland, Fla., or Gideons Bible International, Upland.

ALLEN

Judith Faye Allen, 53, died at 3:20 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at her residence in Greenfield.

A homemaker, Mrs. Allen also cooked in a concession stand that traveled to fairs around the Warren area. She lived in Warren most of her life before moving to Florida in 1997. She and her husband returned to Indiana in April 2005.

Mrs. Allen attended Huntington High School and had been a member of Mount Etna Wesleyan Church.

Born Dec. 31, 1951, in Richmond to Howard L. and Genieve (Charles) Fox, her marriage on Jan. 11, 1968, at Mount Etna Wesleyan Church was to Larry W. Allen, who survives and resides in Greenfield, IN.

Other survivors include her mother in Avon Park, Fla.; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Tammy) Valenzuela of Marion; two sons Billy (Julie) Allen of Warren and Jamey (Holly) Allen of Bluffton; a sister, Mrs. Russell (Connie) Wolfe of Bonnie, III.; a brother, Ron Fox of Andrews; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel with Pastor Wayne Wright officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory, Muncie.

Preferred memorials are to the Indiana chapter of the Leukemia Society of America.

MARTIN

V. Esther Martin, 86, of rural Warren died at 8:24 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at United Methodist Memorial Home,

Mrs. Martin taught in Huntington County schools, retiring in 1984 after 30 years of service. She was a lifetime member of the Mt. Etna Wesleyan Church where she played the piano and taught Sunday School. She also had served as superintendent of the Sunday School.

Mrs. Martin was born Jan. 29, 1919, in Huntington County to Charles W. and Lois L. (Coulter) Frank. She was a 1936 graduate of Jefferson Center and a 1940 graduate of Ball State.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. David (Jorita) Banter of Huntington; three sons, James Martin of Newburgh, Charles F. Martin of Chipley, Fla., and David Martin of Vernon, Fla.; seven grandchildren, including Kim Banter of Markle; and five greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son. Michael G. Martin: a sister, Annabelle Frank; a brother, Olaf Frank: and a grandson.

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown and Son Chapel, Warren with Pastor Gary Riley and Dr. Wayne Wright officiating.

Burial was in Mt. Etna Cem-

Preferred memorials are to Mt. Etna Wesleyan Church.

THOMPSON

Glen E. Thompson, 85, of Bluffton and formerly of Markle died at 9:18 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Thompson had worked as a forklift operator at the former Kresge Warehouse. He was a member of the Markle Church of the Brethren, where he served as an usher and had been head of the Men's Fellowship. He also was active with the Meals on Wheels Program.

A 1942 graduate of Liberty Center High School, Mr. Thompson was born Sept. 15, 1920, in Sapupla, Okla., to Charles Alvin and Vera Iona (Garrett) Thompson. His marriage on Dec. 5, 1947, in Liberty Center was to Wilma Oldfield, who survives.

Other survivors include two sisters, Lois Hamilton of Poneto and Matha Wolfgang of Gilbert,

He was preceded in death by a sister. Doris Knuckles.

Services were held at Mvers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel with burial in Markle Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Markle Church of the Brethren in care of the funeral home.

ADAMSON

Marvin J. Adamson, 77, Marion, died Wednesday, November 23, 2005 in Wesleyan Health Care Center.

He was born July 31, 1928 in Marion to the late Albert Adamson and Sarah Florence (Snapp) Adamson. He married Jane Evans on June 17, 1949, in Marion. She survives.

He worked as a manger for Hawkins Ford Agency and Southworth Ford Agency, Marion, retiring in 1984 after more than 30 years of service. He was a member of Van Buren American Legion Post 368 for more than 35 years. He also was a member of Marion Elks for more than 40 years.

He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was stationed in Japan. He also earned his GED while serving in the Army.

Additional survivors include sons, Matthew (Toni) Adamson, Southampton, Pa., and Andrew Adamson, Marion; brothers, Lilburn (Hazel) Adamson, Deston, Fla., and Sherman Adamson and David (Trudy)

Adamson, both of Upland; sisters, Lavone Elliott, Marion, and Susan Kistler, Upland; grandsons, Chad Adamson, St. Louis, and Evan and Eric Adamson, both of Southampton, Pa.; granddaughters, Jennifer and Alice Adamson, both of Florida, Marisa Adamson, Southampton, Pa.; and a greatgrandson, Ian Adamson, Florida. He also was preceded in death by siblings, John and Lucian Adamson and Alberta Bartlett. Services were held in Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, with the Rev. Terry Adamson officiating. Interment was in Gardens of Memory cemetery, Huntington County.

BOHUNSKI

Sister of Edna Alfeld of Warren, Evelyn (Chopson) Bohunski, age 79, of Reese, MI, died November 27, 2005.

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In Store Shopping:

Here are some tips that the FTC offers for shopping wisely: Shop around. A "sale" price isn't always the "best" price.

Read sale ads carefully. Some may say "quantities limited," "no rain checks," or "not available at all stores."

Take time and travel costs into consideration. If an item is on sale, but it's all the way across town, how much are you really saving once you factor in your time and the costs of transportation and parking?

Look for price-matching policies. Some merchants will match, or even beat, their competitors' prices.

Online Shopping

If you're buying items from an online retailer or auction website, the FTC offers this advice to help you make the most of your shopping experience:

Know who you're dealing with. Which company owns the website that you are using?

Make sure the page is secure before you enter credit card information. There must be a letter "s" after http (or https://) for the transmission to be secure.

Know exactly what you're buying.

Know what it will cost.

Check out the terms of the deal, such as refund policies and delivery dates.

Keep a paper trail.

Don't email your financial information.

Check the privacy policy.

WINTER SPORTS

The holiday season also signals the beginning of the winter sports season. Which means, whether you are playing or competing, winter sports injuries are about to begin. Winter sports injuries are often the result of poor fitness or a lack of sport specific conditioning. These injuries usually occur when you are tired from over-exertion or from lack conditioning. It may be too late for this year, but a good preseason training program will help make the season more enjoyable and prevent exercise-related injuries. We also recommend the following general safety suggestion for winter sports:

Never participate in winter sports alone, use the buddy sys-

Make sure that your clothing and sporting equipment (including shoes and skis) fit you correctly. Wrongly adjusted skis, for example, can put extra strain on your knee and ankle joints, which makes strains and sprains more likely.

Be aware that you are exposed to UV radiation even on cold and cloudy days. Hey, sun block isn't only for the beach.

Drink plenty of water before, during and after sports.

Don't push yourself until you are exhausted. Rest at regular intervals to avoid fatigue-related injuries.

Toys that Hurt

What do dolls and balls have in common with toy guns and jacks? They're all toys that have the potential to cause childhood injuries, or even death. Even safe toys can become dangerous if you don't use them properly or maintain them. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has developed toy safety tips. Additionally, here are some things to consider when you think about protecting your kids.

When your child gets a new toy, read the warning labels

Promptly get rid of plastic wrap or packaging that might suffocate an infant.

Pay attention to the recommended ages on the package Check toys regularly for broken or torn parts that can pose hazards (such as choking, if a small part breaks off, or sharp edges that can cut).

If you have to assemble a toy, follow the directions carefully and fully.

Get rid of popped balloons immediately. Small children can easily get them caught in their throats.

Watch for toy recalls that affect you. When you buy a toy with a product registration card, fill it out and send it in so you can be notified about recalls.

Teach your child that electric toys and water don't mix. Don't let them use electric toys around near liquids like water or hot chocolate (including making small lakes near electric trains),



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BECOMING AMERICAN

As part of its We the People initiative, NEH is collaborating with the American Library Association (ALA) to present the We the People Bookshelf, a program that encourages young people to read classic books and explore themes in American history, culture, and ideas. School (K-12) and public libraries are invited to apply for fifteen thematically related books which embody the theme of "Becoming American."

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Chosen in collaboration with the American Library Association, the We the People Bookshelf will encourage young people to read classic literature and explore the ideas and ideals of America.

NEH is now accepting applications from school and public libraries to participate in the We the People Bookshelf program. Over the next year, NEH will award copies of the fifteen books in the We the People Bookshelf to a total of 1,000 eligible libraries. In return for receiving a Bookshelf, libraries will organize pro-

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Many of the titles in this year's We the People Bookshelf highlight important chapters in American history; others are expressions of universal themes that are also integral parts of American culture. These books represent the rich texture of the American heritage, a tradition that has incorporated ideas and texts from around the world. We recognize that it is a challenging list in many respects, but we want to involve parents, teachers, librarians, mentors, and others in talking to children about these books.

All the books were selected from Summertime Favorites, a list of recommended readings that represents NEH's long-standing effort to highlight classic literature for young people from kindergarten through high school.

A free poster, featuring a complete list of the Bookshelf, is available for libraries.

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KEEPING PETS SAFE

The holidays are a wonderful time to celebrate with family and loved ones, but it can be a stressful and dangerous time for pets. During the holiday season, celebrations and decorations can cause pet safety hazards, and it's not uncommon to see accidents related to ingestion, injuries, and even electric shock. So don't spoil the holiday season with an unnecessary medical emergency. The American Red Cross offers information about first aid kits for pets. And here are some tips to keep your pets safe during the holidays:

Hang breakables, tinsel, and other decorations well out of paw's reach. Tinsel, ribbon, and ornaments are especially dangerous to pets if chewed and swallowed.

Remember, some seasonal plants can be poisonous, including mistletoe, holly berries, and poinsettias.

Watch out for electrical cords. Pets, especially puppies, often try to chew them and may get badly burned, shocked or electrocuted.

Metal ornament hooks can get caught in curious mouths. Use ribbon or yarn instead of hooks to hang your ornaments.

A Christmas tree should stand

on a flat, wide base. You may also want to anchor the tree with fishing line tied to a drapery rod, a ceiling or wall hook. Cats often see trees as excellent climbing posts. Whether your tree is live or artificial, both kinds of needles are indigestible.

Cover your tree stand tightly with skirting. The water from the tree base can cause mouth sores, vomiting, diarrhea, and loss of appetite.

Refrain from using edible ornaments on your tree. They can pose an irresistible temptation for some pets.

Keep your pets away from holiday treats, especially chocolate. Some active ingredients found in chocolate can be fatal to ani-

Pets and candles just don't mix. Keep Menorahs, Kwanza Mshumaas and scented candles out of reach.

If you plan to entertain, provide a "safe haven" where your pets can go when they get overly excited or need to escape from little guest who want to play.

If you are going away for the holidays: make sure pet enclosures are secure, your pets are wearing proper identification, and arrangements have been made for their care.



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