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## HOME FRONT

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN**--for giving and receiving, and shopping, shopping, shopping! And home electronics--from video games to home theater paraphernalia to home office hardware and software--are on everyone's wish list. Finding the right stuff at the right prices can fray the nerves of even the most ardent shopper.

Happily, there's good news this holiday season. Many manufacturers and retailers are coming to the aid of frustrated technophiles with toll-free numbers, and improved sales help. Circuit City, an electronic superstore, offers the following sure-fire guide to stress-free shopping.

- **Be prepared:** Before you set foot in a store, know what you want, how much you are willing to pay, and where the product will be used.
- **Shop at a store featuring knowledgeable sales help** who are available to answer questions. A good salesperson should be up-to-date with the latest technology and be able to explain it in terms you can understand.
- **Consider logistics.** How will you get the product home? Does the store offer convenient evening and weekend delivery? How will the product be serviced? Does the retailer offer product service?
- **Find out the manufacturer's return policy.** Although you expect to be happy with your purchase, it is possible a particular product may need to be returned. It is also important to know the details of a store's return policy so you don't wind up with something that you don't want. Do they have a 30-day return policy? If so, does it apply to all products or do limitations exist for some items, such as camcorders or big-screen T.V.s? Do you need your receipt? Can a product be returned to any store in a chain? Can you return it for cash or store credit only?
- **Choose a store** that will support your purchase after the sale, especially if it is intended as a gift. Many times you may understand how to operate a product in the store, but when you return home, new questions arise.

Linda Lentz, Dec. '95/Jan. '96 Home

## F.Y.I.

- \* **Luminaria '95** is scheduled for Sunday, December 10th from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. If you have not received your candles and bags, please contact your street chairperson immediately. As hard as we try, late orders sometimes get lost in the shuffle. **JUST A REMINDER:** *Please turn off all outside lights that may detract from your holiday lighting. Thanks!*
- \* **Don't forget!** to contribute *your* non-perishable food item during Luminaria '95. Feel free to take your donation to the front entrance during the luminary display, or deliver it to your street chairperson. They will be happy to take care of it for you.
- \* **The Helen Hunt** locator device, worked fairly well during her stay in Northridge. We got a great response from homeowners as to her whereabouts while she stayed. It seems staying in the house was top priority on her list when not filming the movie "Twister." Limited sightings included: on the deck, walking the bike paths with a small white dog, antique shopping, and eating out at a variety of restaurants around town. Deb Keefe reported finally seeing her on the last day of her stay. It seems she watched as Helen drove away from the home without even a friendly wave and the movers packed up household items to be taken back to California with her.

## Homeowner's Association Board Members

Jane Cunningham, Pres.                      Dave Haynes  
 Anne Martin                      Kevin Keefe                      Carroll Marty

## SERVICES!

### Babysitters

Kristen McGeeney -  
 Erin Maysent -  
 Pooja Kanwar -  
 Christina Bitz -  
 Ryan Haynes -  
 Manisha Gadia -  
 Jeremy Stephenson -  
 Elizabeth Torres -  
 Kyle Youngberg -  
 Eric Weber -  
 Lovre Franicevic -

### Lawn Care/Snow Removal

Curt, Justin & Bryan McGeeney -  
 Andy Maysent -  
 Garrett Burrier -  
 Ryan Haynes -  
 Adam Finnegan -  
 Arno Sandoval -  
 Jeremy Stephenson -  
 David Torres -  
 Kyle Youngberg -  
 Eric Weber -  
 Lovre Franicevic -

### Pet/House Sitting

Pooja Kanwar -  
 Ryan Haynes -  
 Manisha Gadia -  
 Nishant Parulekar -  
 Curt & Justin McGeeney  
 David Torres -  
 Kyle Youngberg -

### Handyman/Carpentry

Dan Johnson -  
 Delbert Johnson -

### Novelty Flower Gardens

Kathy Bates -

### House Cleaning

Ryan Haynes -  
**Professional House Cleaners:**  
 Sharon Ingebritson -

### Tutor

Kristen McGeeney -  
 (5-10 yr. olds)

**\* Please contact Jana Finnegan to remove your name from this list.**

If you missed the opportunity to fill out this questionnaire, feel free to do so at this time and return to Tom Randall at \_\_\_\_\_ if you or any family member is interested in providing any of the following services.

Babysitting-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pet/Housesitting-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mowing-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car Pooling-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Destination \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Piano Lessons/Misc Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Snow Shoveling-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 House Cleaning (Teens Welcome)-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tutoring-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Subjects \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handyman/Carpentry-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Painting/Wallpaper-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Service \_\_\_\_\_

*Please don't limit yourself to the titles we have provided. Please use the "Other" heading for any services you are willing to provide or any services you are in need of so we can assist you.*

**Please contact: Tom or Michelle Randall, Steve or Jana Finnegan if you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter! Your input is sincerely welcomed and appreciated!**