

A Time to Remember

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Which one are you bringing home for the holidays?



A. Laundry

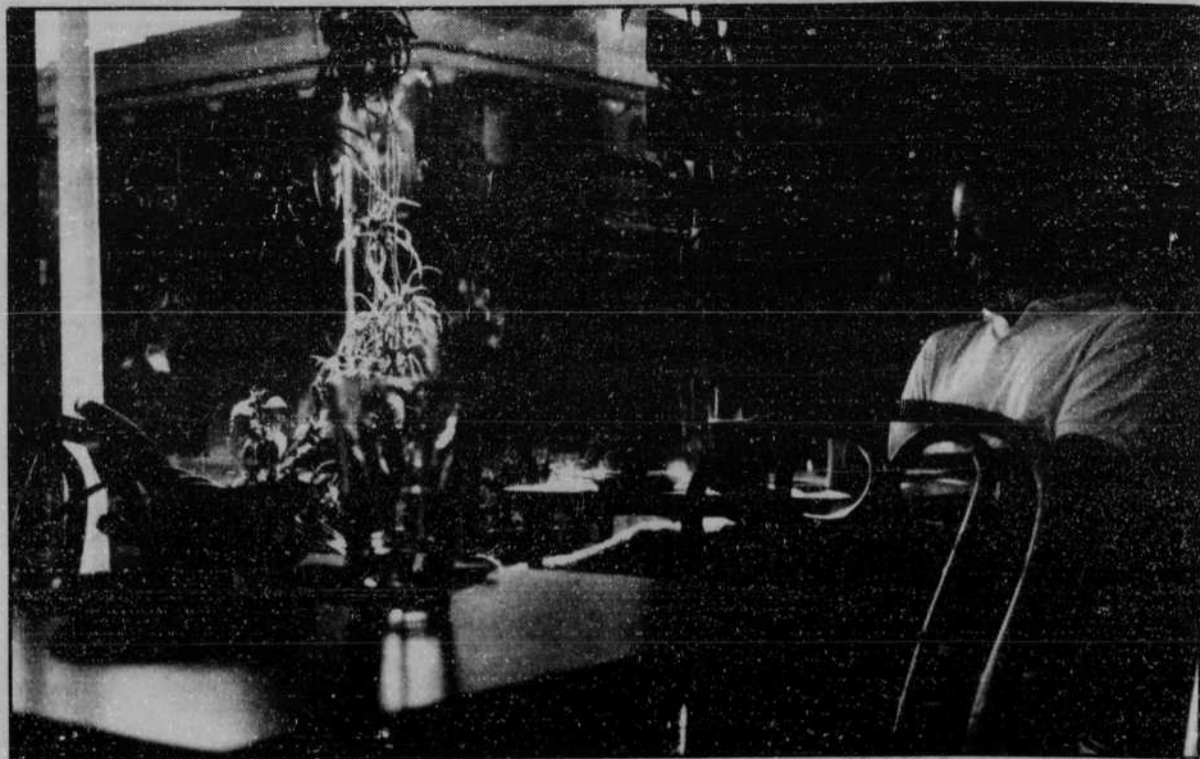
B. Presents

Both of the above, right? You're on your own with laundry. But as far as shopping goes, you'd be surprised how much Downtown Lincoln has in store for Christmas...no matter how much you have to spend. Get yourself a Downtown Christmas Guide at the Union and you'll see what we mean.

You can find fun little presents, Nebraska souvenirs and lots of creative gift ideas—even high-end fashions, electronics, jewelry and more if you want to spend some bucks. There are interesting shops to explore, plenty of places to grab a bite to eat and unwind, and none of those obnoxiously long lines you get at the mall. Collect free parking stickers with Park 'n Shop and you can park free on Saturdays at the Centrum and University Square garages.

When you're ready to get into the Christmas shopping mode, stick around Downtown. You'd be surprised at how much Downtown Lincoln has in store for you.

DOWNTOWN LINCOLN



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Rick Sonnenberg, a graduate student in counseling psychology, relaxes by the front window of The Mill, 800 P. St.

One-of-a-kind is offered

Shoppers can enjoy hot tubs, gourmet coffees, rare books

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For many, the Haymarket represents a place to go when you're looking for something unique or different for yourself or someone else. Sure, there may be art, antiques and creative clothing elsewhere in the city — but not all in the same area.

There are some stores in the Haymarket, however, whose wares are completely unique—the stores that help make the Haymarket a necessity in Lincoln.

The Mill, 800 P St.
Hours: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. 8 to midnight. Friday and Saturday. 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Mill is the state's only gourmet coffee store offering fresh-roasted coffees. This doesn't mean much to those just looking for a quick caffeine fix, but for others with more discriminating tastes it can be important.

"It makes a big difference," says Dale Nordyke, one of The Mill's owners. "It'd be the same as going to a bakery and buying something fresh out of the oven."

The Mill offers about 40 different coffees from all over the world, Nordyke says, especially Africa, Indonesia, and Central and South America. It also sells a number of teas, spices, candies, coffee pots, cups and thermoses.

Now in its third year in operation in the Haymarket (it used to be downtown), The Mill continues to do excellent business, Nordyke says. Much of that can be attributed to the new location, the general business upswing in the Haymarket and the addition of available seating inside the store.

The Mill serves sandwiches at lunchtime, in addition to cookies and muffins.

Bluestem Books, 712 O. St.
Hours: 11-6 Tuesday through Saturday. Sometimes Monday and Sunday.

Bluestem Books, which features used, rare and out of print books, is still "a little better kept secret than we want to be," says Pat Wendt, one of the store's owners. But, during its six years in the Haymarket, the bookstore has maintained a steady group of loyal customers.

Bluestem has more than 30,000 titles to offer, Wendt says, including everything from classic literature to Nebraska authors to cookbooks.

The store does not sell textbooks or lots of paperbacks, she says.

Bluestem buys books regularly, Wendt says. Particularly in demand right now are books on military history, classical literature and western and American history.

"We buy any book we can use," she says.

Wendt says Bluestem sometimes opens earlier than 11 a.m. and is most likely open on Sundays during the Christmas season.

The Souq Ltd., 818 P St.
Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Souq Ltd. may not be unique to Nebraska, but there's nothing like it in Lincoln.

The import shop originated in Omaha's Old Market 20 years ago, says Souq manager Michelle Lincoln, and came to the Haymarket three years ago.

Souq offers imported clothing with styles ranging from contemporary to ethnic to conservative with a unique twist. In addition, the store sells earrings, bags, purses, belts, soaps, perfumes and oils,

and incense from all over the world. At any given time a shopper who stops in Souq will be able to find truly unique and wonderful finds — a pair of earrings cast in Paris from the same mold they were originally made from in the 1920s, pure Moroccan essence oils made by the same family for generations, a xylophone from Africa.

The Tubbery, 818 P. St.
Hours: 10 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday. 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday.

"It's a nice place to have fun and relax," says Tubbery manager LeAnna Walbridge. "We have people who come for health reasons, we have groups or parties that come in after a football game. It's kind of a fun atmosphere."

The Tubbery, a Haymarket business since 1983, features in-house, private hot tub rentals and tanning beds. For about \$10 to \$15 (depending on the time of day), a couple can spend a relaxing and/or romantic hour soaking in bubbly water in their own private room.

These days the Tubbery also offers package deals with Haymarket neighbors the Lincoln Hilton Hotel, 141 9th St., and the Funny Bone, 808 P. St. For \$17.95, a couple can see a show during the week at the Funny Bone and then head over to the Tubbery for a soak. Couple packages for dinner at the Hilton and an hour in the tubs start at \$35, Walbridge said.

The Sample Outlet, 700 P. St.
Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Clever idea: Buy one-of-a-kind

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