

Website of the week

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One website that has been taking the internet community by storm lately is EBay Auction Web. As the name suggests this site is an online auction to buy and sell all most anything you could possibly think of. Mark McGwire's 70th home run baseball was put up on EBay for bids, along with other major luxury items such as a car used in an early James Bond movie. Now while items like this would be great if you have a few million extra dollars laying around, what can it do for the average Behrend student with little or no extra money?

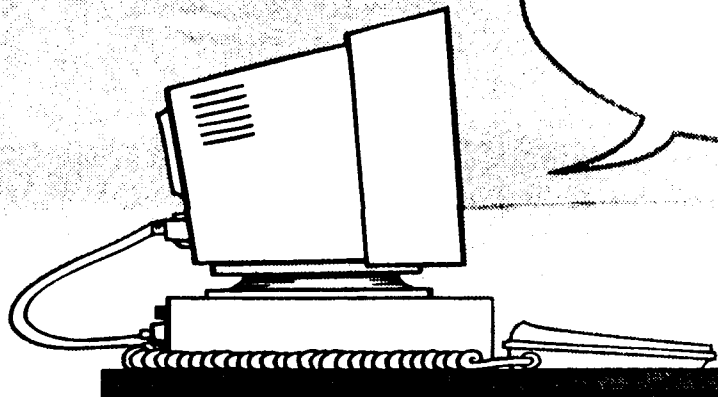
First, after you register with EBay (a relatively painless process which should take you about five minutes or so), you can sell items yourself. Everyone has some old piece of junk laying around collecting dust that you just don't want to throw away because it could be worth something someday. Well today is the day to sell it and make yourself a few extra bucks. While EBay does charge a small listing fee (as low as \$.25 in some cases) and 5% of the price the item goes for,

you still end up making a tidy profit off of something that was just collecting dust.

But, now what do you do with your new found wealth. EBay has an answer for that too, buy something yourself off of EBay. EBay has thousands of categories of items, selling everything from Beanie Babies to ATV's to Video Games, it has something to fit everyones taste. All you do is find the item your looking for, fill out the

bid form for the item, and you are on your way to getting the thing of your dreams. And if you get out bid by another person, EBay will e-mail you immediately so that you can bid again if you so desire.

From personal experience I can tell you that EBay is a great place to buy and sell items. While many television shows and newspaper articles point out that you can never be sure if the person who you are dealing with is honest, and won't just take your money, I can tell you that this happens very rarely, or people would not use sites like EBay as much as they do. In the hundreds of auctions that I and my friends have been involved in, I can happily report not one has been a rip-off. And the deals that you can find on different items are unbelievable. Just make sure you know what you are bidding on before you buy it and you won't be disappointed. So good luck and happy hunting!



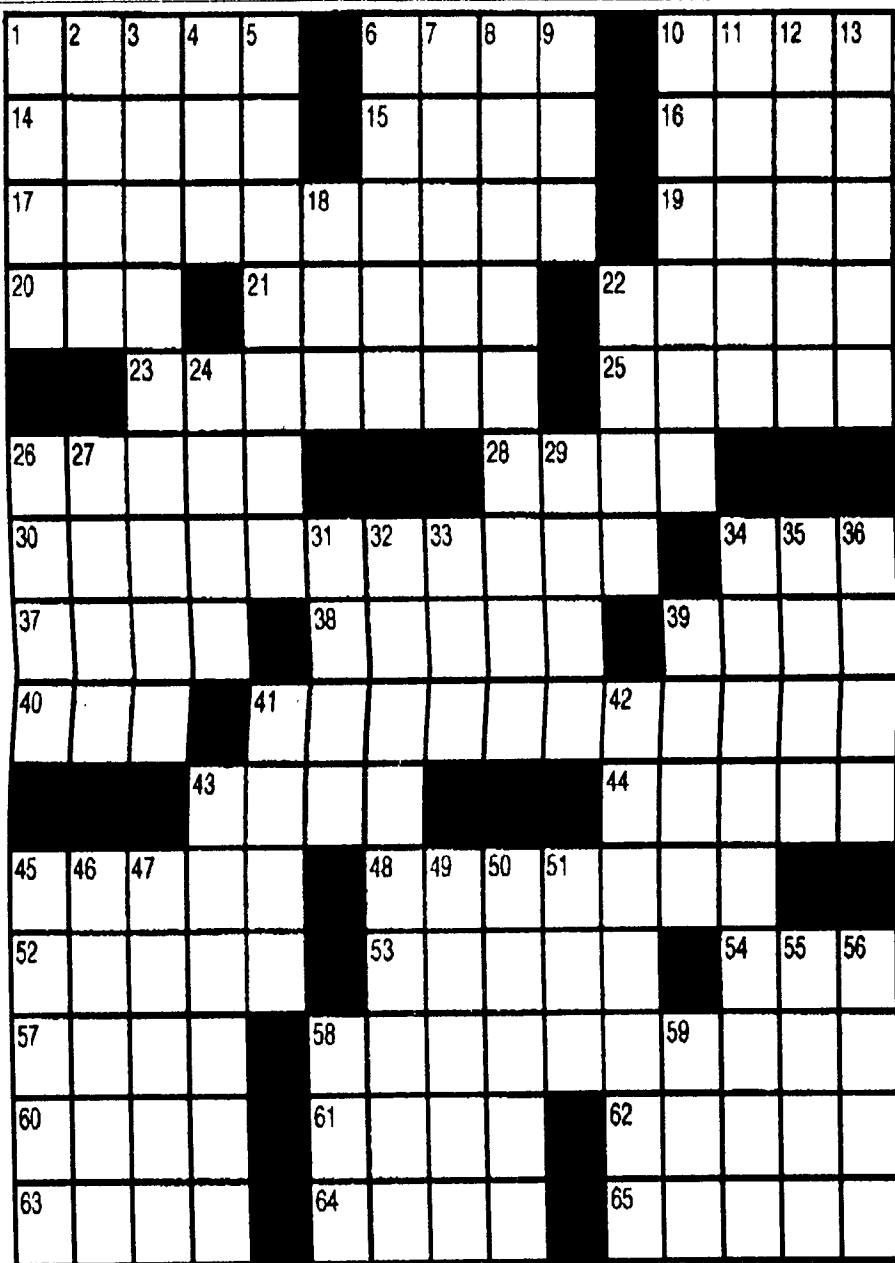
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Academy Award winner Nicolas Cage plays Tom Welles, who drifts away from his simple life as a family man and small-time private investigator when he tries to determine the whereabouts of a runaway girl in the Columbia Pictures presentation, *Eight Millimeter*. Look for a review in next week's issue of *The Beacon*.

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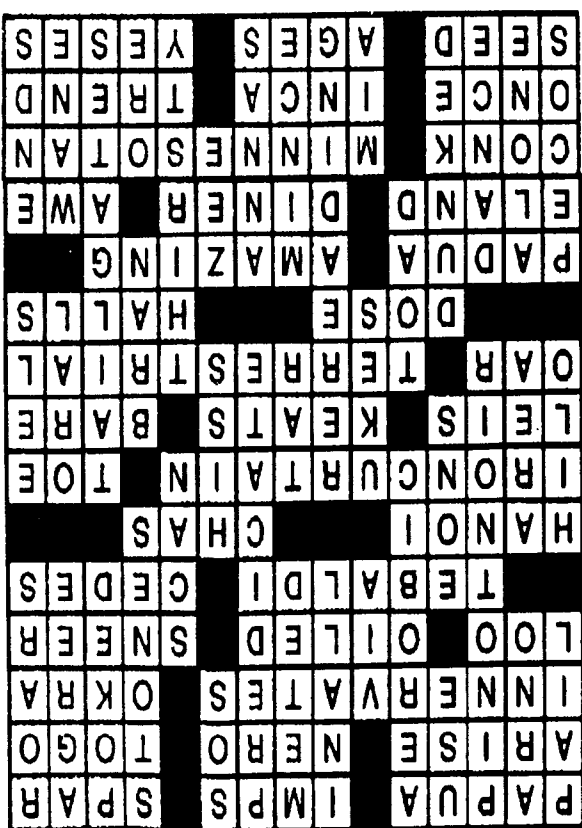
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- 57 Hit on the head
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Clockwise from front left are Amy Vay, Leo Hanley, Bethany Cummings and David Sonney, cast members in the Studio Theatre production of *The Visit*, a dark story of mystery and corruption. The play will be performed Feb. 25, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Feb 28 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets for the production are \$3 for students and \$5 for general admission. For reservations, call the Studio Theatre box office at (814) 898-6016.

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