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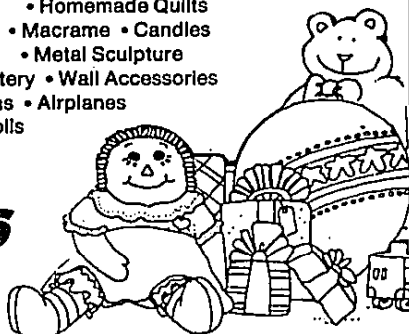
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stuffed animals, building kits and blocks and many, many more.

We already have dolls that sleep, smile, walk, wet, talk, snuggle on your shoulder, squeeze your finger, burp and grow hair.

What will dolls be doing next!

Among the new dolls this season is one that smells like a strawberry and wears strawberry clothes, one that feels real, one that "cries real tears," and one that chews gum.

"These are the ones we call 'basic TV dolls,'" said Beane. "They're advertised on TV, the kids see them and they're in great demand."

At Toys-R-Us, the dolls range in price from \$10 to \$12, he noted.

At the Thunderbird Shop in Bloomfield Township, shoppers can find dolls of all ages, from babies to grandma and grandpa, said Manager Kervin Caverly.

Thunderbird specializes in life-like dolls with special outfits rather than dolls that do something, he said.

For those searching for toys that reflect the spirit of Christmas past rather than the electronic Christmas of the future, owner Sandy Barr offers a selection at the Village Barn in Franklin.

Dolls sold there are handmade, with all the clothing removable and washable. The barn also has a selection of "storybook dolls," those that are two or three dolls in one.

"Turn Cinderella, wearing a rag dress, upside down, and she's wearing a fancy dress," said Ms. Barr.

There's a Red Riding Hood doll that can



Doll is dressed in removable, washable wear. (Photo/Stephen Cantrell)

be Red Riding Hood, the wolf and grandma.

The Village Barn specializes in stocking stuffers — tiny reproductions of old-fashioned toys like furry animals, magic ballerinas, monsters with sparks flying out of their mouths, and jewelry.

THE PRESCHOOL Fisher Price and Playschool toys sell as good as they ever did, according to spokesmen from various stores in the area.

Blocks are popular.

Lego building blocks have come out with new lines which are selling well, said Caverly. The strongest sellers are spacecraft like the moon landing ship, rocket launcher and galaxy explorer.

Lego has also come out with more complicated selections for "expert builders" for ages 9 and up.



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