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Christmas time and relive childhood memories."

Mecoli, who runs the business with his partner, Charlie Brown, says that there's a tremendous amount of 8mm and Super 8 movies from the 1950s and '60s just lying around in shoe boxes, closets and attics. In fact, he says he's done movies over 50 years old with pleasing results.

Mecoli says the cost depends upon time spent editing and the amount of film footage. He estimates that 50 ft. of film runs 5 minutes, but that most people assembled film onto one reel. This being the case, 200 ft., or 15 minutes VHS time will cost you roughly \$20, including the tape. For \$5

more, Mecoli will dub in background music and titles (no limit on the length!).

"Larger video production companies charge much more. I'm retired and I love to do this," says Mecoli, who is also video photographer, specializing in weddings. "I enjoy this, it's a lot of fun!"

Think of the possibilities — your kid's first Christmas, your parent's wedding, family reunions and other memorable events. To reach Video's by Rocky Mecoli, call 425-2775.

Whether you buy a children's video, a holiday classic, a foreign film or have the family movies brought back to life VHS style, a video is a gift with vision!

## Take better holiday photos

1. Use the right film—Special holiday moments are once-in-a-lifetime, so don't risk them. If you're unsure of what film to use, ask a local photo processor.

2. Keep the camera close-by—A "moment" is just a split-second, and if you have to find a camera or load film, you might miss it forever.

3. Involve the kids—Holidays truly belong to children, so let them photograph it the way they see it. Give them a single-use camera early—so they can photograph their own special moments.

4. Oh! Christmas tree—A tree looks beautiful when it's all lit up, but it can be difficult to photograph. To capture the beauty of the tree, use a high-speed film, 1600, and photograph the tree at dusk.

5. Photograph the feelings—Instead of a wreath or tree in the background, try concentrating on people's expressions and moods during the holidays.

6. Creativity is the key—The holidays might be traditional, but the photos don't have to be. This season, change your view. The more you stretch to find the right angle, the more interesting photos will be.

7. Add a little humor—Candid photos are often the best—and the funniest. Ignore the instinct to have people pose; instead, photograph them as they are.

8. Keep it simple—Don't try to get all the kids opening their presents in one shot. Take group photos to remember who was there, but if action is occurring, keep the picture population down to a minimum.



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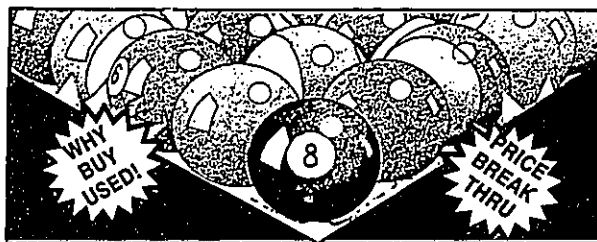
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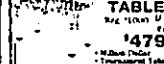
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