

## FOR ADULTS

### FIRESIDE FRIDAY

#### The Northport Middle School String Ensemble


(EN) **Friday, December 15, 7:30 p.m.**  
The Northport Middle School String Ensemble, under the direction of conductor Elaine Giuliano, will present holiday carols and songs including works by Pachelbel, Tchaikovsky, and Sontag. All are welcome.

### Health Care Options for Seniors

(EN) **Monday, December 11, 2:00 p.m.**  
Eugene Spina of RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) will discuss original Medicare, Medicare HMOs, EPIC (Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage), and Medigap policies available to Suffolk County residents in 2001. Register now at the East Northport Library.

### Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance

(N) **Thursday, December 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**  
HIICAP-trained counselors answer questions about Medicare, supplementary insurance, and HMOs designed for Medicare recipients. Call 261-6930 to make an appointment.



**Defensive Driving**  
(N) **Tuesdays, December 12 & 19, 7:00-10:00 p.m.** Fee: \$30  
Applications for this six-hour course may be picked up at either Library beginning December 1.

### 55/Alive Driver Program

(N) **Monday, December 11, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Register December 2 at the Northport Library.  
(N) **Monday, January 8, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Register December 16 at the Northport Library.  
(EN) **Saturday, January 13, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Register December 30 at the East Northport Library.

AARP's Mature Driver Program is open to library card holders who are 50 years of age or older. There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP by check or money order only. Please bring your library card to registration.

### Studio in Needle Art

(EN) **Mondays, January 8 & 22, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
Here is your chance to work on a needlepoint project of your own choosing. In this two-part workshop, instructor Eleanor Klein will provide individualized help in selecting a project at the right skill level, and choosing fabrics, threads, and stitches. Bring your own project, or start one after you have learned some basic techniques. All participants will have the opportunity to share and learn from each other. Please register at the East Northport Library beginning December 16.

### How to Buy a PC

(N) **Monday, December 4, 7:00 p.m.**  
If you plan to shop for a new computer soon, you won't want to miss this informative program. You'll learn about memory, cache, microprocessor speed, sound cards, speakers, modems, zip drives, expandability, warranties, printers, scanners, and much more. Registration is now underway at the Northport Library.

### The Digital Darkroom

(EN) **Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.**  
Is a digital camera on your holiday wish list? Learn all about selecting a digital camera and how to turn your own personal computer into a "digital darkroom." Join Ron Richards as he compares the features of digital cameras and digital scanners. Topics will include viewfinder type and accuracy, image quality, white balance capability, manipulating images, and ease of use in creating your own special photo projects. All are welcome.

### Computer First Grade for Adults

(EN) **Thursday, December 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Register December 2 at East Northport.  
(N) **Monday, December 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Register December 9 at Northport Library.  
This user-friendly, hands-on workshop is a follow-up to Computer Kindergarten. Topics will include working with text and files, word processing, and more. There is a \$5 materials fee, payable at registration. Class size is limited.

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### Novel Ideas

(N) **Friday, December 8, 1:00 p.m.**  
(N) **Monday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.**  
*The Night Inspector* by Frederick Busch will be the focus of this month's discussion. Please pick up your copy of the book at the Circulation Desk at either library.

### Book & Sandwich (W)rap

(N) **Tuesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.**  
(EN) **Thursday, December 7, 1:00 p.m.**  
This month we will discuss short stories from *The Baby Can Sing and Other Stories* by Judith Slater. To join us and reserve a copy of the stories, call Michelle Epstein or the Reference Department at 261-6930.



### Holiday Help — The Virtual Reference Collection

Seeking that special gift? Searching for the poem that will make your holiday greeting more personal? Puzzling over the perfect spot for a holiday meal out on the town? Turn to your computer and the Virtual Reference Collection (VRC) for information and inspiration. The Virtual Reference Collection has a wealth of databases compiled by Suffolk County librarians. It is accessible from library computer stations or from home with a free SuffolkWeb account.  
**General Reference Center Gold** — with full text articles and abstracts about your topic of choice — is one jewel in the Virtual Reference Collection. For example you may search for evaluations of digital video disk players and find several articles detailing the features of various machines. Whatever your wish list item, General Reference Center Gold is the place to become an informed consumer.

To identify brand names and manufacturers for a particular product, try **Gale Brands and Their Companies**, then type in the name of the product for a list of possibilities. **Consumer World** is part of the Ready Reference VRC databases and it is, in its own words, "a public service, non-commercial guide to the most useful consumer resources."

For the bibliophiles on your shopping list try **What Do I Read Next**. With seasonal suggestions to favorite genres and authors, this source opens new doors to reading. And when your shopping is done you can personalize your holiday correspon-

### New! A Visually Enhanced Computer Screen

Extra is now available for use near the Reference Desk at the Northport Library. Installed on a computer station with a 21" monitor and a large-print keyboard layout, ZoomText magnifies the display to provide large, clear images for people who have a visual disability. Features like full and partial screen enlargement, color filtering for better contrast, and cursor enhancements make this product a valuable addition to our computer family.

Please note: Because this new software package provides Internet access to those who might not have it otherwise, priority will always be given to patrons who require this screen-magnifying feature.

dence with poems from **Poemfinder** and **Quotations** from the Ready Reference resources.

### A Tour of the VRC: Consumer Resources

(EN) **Monday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.**  
Join Reference Librarians for a tour through consumer resources contained in the Virtual Reference Collection. All are welcome.

### Wordsworth & Washing Machines

As William Wordsworth once said, "Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers." Get over it, Will. Our library patrons are smart consumers today, and here are some web sites that can help!

Eshop.Com ([www.eshop.com](http://www.eshop.com)) Microsoft's newer version of Comparenet.com provides a number of handy comparison approaches to many products.

ConsumerReview.com ([www.consumerreview.com](http://www.consumerreview.com)) Has product ratings by other consumers.

Edmunds.com ([www.edmunds.com](http://www.edmunds.com)) If purchasing a car is your intent, this is a consumer-friendly site for extensive, up-to-the-minute research.

CarPoint.com ([www.carpoint.com](http://www.carpoint.com)) A handy site that gives quick facts and specifications to educate the car shopping consumer.

Improvenet.com ([www.improvenet.com](http://www.improvenet.com)) Provides a wide range of information on design, products, planning, and budgeting to assist homeowners with home improvement projects.



## FOR CHILDREN



### Music & Movement

(EN) **Saturday, December 16, 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**  
Children from birth-4 years, not yet in Kindergarten  
Music educators Cathy and Ned Robinson will lead children in a morning of musical fun. Children will use rhythm instruments to accompany songs. Register at the East Northport Library beginning December 2.

### The Physics of Toys Grades 3-5

(N) **Friday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.**  
Educators from the Northshore Science and Technology Center will demonstrate physics in action through hands-on activities using familiar and old-fashioned toys. Registration is now underway at the Northport Library.

## FOR YOUNG ADULTS



The holiday break is a wonderful time to enjoy some leisure reading. Here are a few new titles suggested by our Young Adult Librarian.

- The Amber Spyglass* by Philip Pullman
- Beast* by Donna Jo Napoli
- Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry
- The Girls* by Amy Goldman Koss
- Matilda Bone* by Karen Cushman
- Turnabout* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- The Wanderer* by Sharon Creech
- What Became of Her* by M.E. Kerr
- The Wish* by Gail Carson Levine
- A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck

### Coming next month: Babysitting Workshop

Look for details and registration information in January's newsletter.

### Neighborhood Nursery School Night

(N) **Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.**  
Representatives from area nursery schools will be on hand to display materials and speak with you, on an individual basis, about their schools' philosophies and objectives. All are welcome.

**Effective Discipline**  
(N) **Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23 & 30 7:30-8:30 p.m.**  
Nancy Armbruster and Margaret Stoduto, elementary counselors in the school district, will discuss disciplinary methods which have been proven to be effective with elementary age children. Each session reviews different disciplinary methods. Please register at the Northport Library beginning December 19.

## FOR FAMILIES

### Sunday Family Special

### "The Prince and the Pauper"

(N) **Sunday, December 10, 2:00 p.m.** Ages 5 and up  
The Hampstead Players bring Mark Twain's immortal classic to life. Set in medieval England during a time of treachery and enchantment, this lively story is performed by two actors in full period costume, each playing several roles. The Hampstead Players is a national touring theatre company based in New Hampshire. In the tradition of the early English stage, their performance includes active audience participation. Free tickets for this performance are available beginning December 1.



## Family Time . . .

What better way is there to spend time with your family this holiday season than to sit down together and read aloud. Our librarians suggest these family-tested, read aloud favorites.

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| <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> by Lewis Carroll                       | <i>Just So Stories</i> by Rudyard Kipling                     | <i>The Twin in the Tavern</i> by Barbara Wallace  |
| <i>All-of-a-Kind Family*</i> by Sydney Taylor                     | <i>Little House in the Big Woods*</i> by Laura Ingalls Wilder | <i>Tom's Midnight Garden</i> by Philippa A. Pearce  |
| <i>Andersen's Fairy Tales</i> by Hans Christian Andersen          | <i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*</i> by C.S. Lewis    | <i>Treasure Island</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson  |
| <i>Anne of Green Gables*</i> by Lucy Maud Montgomery              | <i>Love From Your Friend, Hannah</i> by Mindy Skolsky         | <i>Trumpet of the Swan</i> by E.B. White  |
| <i>The Bad Beginning*</i> by Lemony Snicket                       | <i>Maniac Magee</i> by Jerry Spinelli                         | <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> by Natalie Babbitt  |
| <i>Bambi</i> by Felix Salten                                      | <i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i> by Richard Atwater               | <i>Understood Betsy</i> by Dorothy Canfield Fisher  |
| <i>Book of Three*</i> by Lloyd Alexander                          | <i>My Daniel</i> by Pam Conrad                                | <i>Velveteen Rabbit</i> by Margery Williams Bianco  |
| <i>Call of the Wild</i> by Jack London                            | <i>My Father's Dragon*</i> by Ruth Stiles Gannett             | <i>The View from Saturday</i> by E.L. Konigsburg  |
| <i>A Child's Garden of Verses</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson       | <i>Out of the Dust</i> by Karen Hesse                         | <i>Walk Two Moons</i> by Sharon Creech  |
| <i>The Enormous Egg</i> by Oliver Butterworth                     | <i>Paddle-to-the-Sea</i> by Holling C. Holling                | <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> by Wilson Rawls   |
| <i>The Exiles*</i> by Hilary McKay                                | <i>The Peterkin Papers</i> by Lucretia Hale                   | <i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i> by Shel Silverstein  |
| <i>Five Little Peppers and How They Grew</i> by Margaret Sidney   | <i>Poppy*</i> by Avi  | <i>The Wind in the Willows</i> by Kenneth Grahame   |
| <i>The Gammage Cup</i> by Carol Kendall                           | <i>The Rabbi's Girls</i> by Johanna Hurwitz                   | <i>Winnie the Pooh</i> by A.A. Milne  |
| <i>Grimm's Fairy Tales</i> by The Brothers Grimm                  | <i>Redwall*</i> by Brian Jacques                              | <i>A Wizard of Earthsea*</i> by Ursula LeGuin   |
| <i>Heidi</i> by Johanna Spyri                                     | <i>Rootabaga Stories</i> by Carl Sandburg                     | <i>The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*</i> by Joan Aiken  |
| <i>Hey! Listen to This: Stories To Read Aloud</i> by Jim Trelease | <i>Scooter</i> by Vera Williams                               | <i>Stop by the Children's Room and pick up "Picture Books Every Child Should Know" and "Tales for Toddlers" for suggested titles to read with younger children.</i> |
| <i>The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again*</i> by J.R.R. Tolkien    | <i>The Secret Garden</i> by Frances Hodgson Burnett           |   |
| <i>The House with a Clock in Its Walls*</i> by John Bellairs      | <i>Shiloh*</i> by Phyllis Naylor                              |   |
| <i>Howliday Inn*</i> by James Howe                                | <i>The Stories Julian Tells*</i> by Ann Cameron               |   |
| <i>Humbug Mountain</i> by Sid Fleischman                          | <i>The Minstrel and the Dragon Pup</i> by Rosemary Sutcliff   |   |
| <i>The Indian in the Cupboard*</i> by Lynne Reid Banks            | <i>Over Sea, Under Stone*</i> by Susan Cooper                 |   |
| <i>Julie of the Wolves*</i> by Jean Craighead George              |   |   |

\*indicates first book of a series







### Friday Movies

#### Cider House Rules

(N) Friday, December 1, 2:00 p.m.

The compelling story of how far a young man must travel to find the place where he truly belongs. Rated PG-13. 125 min.

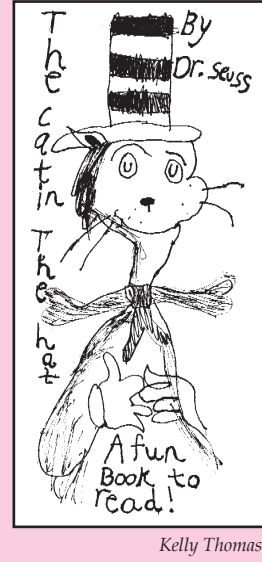
#### Miracle on 34th Street

(N) Friday, December 29, 2:00 p.m.

Maureen O'Hara, Edmund Gwenn, and Natalie Wood star in this holiday classic. Not rated. 97 min.

### The Bookmark Spot

Stop by the Library and pick up December's bookmark by Kelly Thomas. A reading list, compiled by our Children's Librarians, is on the back.



## EXHIBITS

#### Northport Gallery:

##### Pastels by Kathy Ferrara

Capturing the images of children at play is the true passion of Northport artist Kathy Ferrara. In this exhibit she shares newer pieces which include scenes of Northport.

#### East Northport Display Case:

##### Needlepoint Creations by Eleanor Klein

Needlepoint enthusiast Eleanor Klein is a member of the American Needlepoint Guild. Her work has been recognized in national competitions and her goal is to rejuvenate the practice of and appreciation for this time-honored craft.

#### East Northport Gallery:

##### Children of Long Island by Maxine Ryan

East Northport artist Maxine Ryan's collection of watercolors and oils is taken from life and from photographs of children from Nassau and Suffolk counties. Ms. Ryan studied at Pratt Institute in Manhattan and Brooklyn and at the School of Visual Arts. Her work has been exhibited in New York City and Long Island with the support of art grants.

#### Floral Decorations:

Northport: Arrangement courtesy of Flower Basket.

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Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px dashed pink; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Family Time at The Library Cafe</b></p> <p>December is a great time to enjoy some family time at The Library Cafe. Bring a family member with you to the Library Cafe and use this coupon to get 20% off your purchase.</p> <p><i>Available December 1-30, 2000</i></p> </div> </div>						
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	*Tales for Two (EN) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Fours and More (N) 1:30 pm *How to Buy a PC (N) 7 pm	*Laptime (N) 9:30 & 10:30 am Pajama Storytime (EN) 7 pm *Book & Sandwich (Wrap) (N) 7 pm	Blood Pressure Check (N) 9:30-10:30 am (EN) 11 am-12 noon Neighborhood Nursery School Night (N) 7 pm	*Book & Sandwich (Wrap) (EN) 1 pm *Parent/Child Workshop (N) 9:30 am & 10:45 am *Open for Discussion: Parent/Child Book Discussion (N) 7:30 pm NETWALK Internet User Group (N) 7:30 pm	*Book-A-Trip to "The Spirit of Christmas Past" departs 8 am *Tickets available for "The Prince & The Pauper" on 12/10 Applications available for Defensive Driving on 12/12 & 12/19 *Fours and More (N) 10 am *Fours and More (EN) 1:30 pm Movie: Cider House Rules (N) 2 pm *Elegant Holiday Angel (EN) 7 pm Knitters' Circle (N) 7 pm	Ticket sale begins at 10:30 am at Northport for Book-a-Trip to The Rose Center on 1/25 Registration begins at East Northport for Music & Movement on 12/16 Registration begins at Northport for 55/Alive Driver Program on 12/11 Registration begins at East Northport for Computer First Grade for Adults on 12/14
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*Sunday Family Special: The Prince and the Pauper (N) 2 pm	*55/Alive Mature Driver Program (N) 9:30 am *Tales for Two (EN) 9:30 & 10:30 am *Fours and More (N) 1:30 pm *Health Care Options for Seniors (EN) 2 pm *Novel Ideas (N) 7 pm A Tour of the Virtual Reference Collection: Consumer Resources (EN) 7:30 pm	*Defensive Driving (N) 7 pm Friends of the Library (EN) 7:30 pm	The Digital Darkroom (EN) 7 pm	*Parent/Child Workshop (N) 9:30 am & 10:45 am *HIICAP (N) 1-4 pm by appt.	*Fours and More (N) 10 am Knitters' Circle (N) 7 pm Fireside Friday: Northport Middle School String Ensemble (EN) 7:30 pm	Registration begins at Northport for 55/Alive Driver Program on 1/8 Registration begins at East Northport for Studio in Needle Art on 1/8 & 1/22 *Music & Movement (EN) 10 am & 11 am
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
	*Computer First Grade for Adults (N) 7 pm	Registration begins at Northport for Effective Discipline on 1/9, 1/16, 1/23 & 1/30 *Defensive Driving (N) 7 pm Oral History Project (EN) 7:30 pm		Library Board of Trustees Meeting (N)	Knitters' Circle (N) 7 pm	
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Library Closed	Library Closed				Movie: <i>Miracle on 34th Street</i> (N) 2 pm	Registration begins at East Northport for 55/Alive Driver Program on 1/13
<b>31</b>					Knitters' Circle (N) 7 pm	

N = Northport Library  
EN = East Northport Library

\*Pre-registration or tickets required for this program. Occupancy of our meeting room is limited.

Enrollment in our programs is limited, with preference given to library card holders. Tickets limited to 2 per patron on the first day of registration.

The Northport-East Northport Public Library encourages all patrons to participate in programs and activities. Please let us know in advance if you require any special accommodations because of a disability.

## The Family in Fiction

"In the end, life teaches us what is important, and that is family . . . Your professional role is temporary. When you retire from being a salesman, banker or designer, you will be replaced. The company will go on. And your life will change significantly as you move out of that culture and lose the immediate affirmation of your work and talent. But your role in the family will never end . . . Family is one of the few permanent roles in life, perhaps the only true permanent role." From *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families* by Steven Covey

*The Best of Friends*\* by Joanna Trollope  
Two married couples and their children grapple with the changes time brings to relationships.

*The Banyan Tree* by Christopher Nolan  
A conventional tale of the births, deaths, and funerals of three generations of O'Briens made extraordinary by rich and inventive language.

*Big Stone Gap*\* by Adriana Trigiani  
Ave Maria, a thirty-five-year-old spinster, finds a skeleton in the family closet in this compassionate and comic novel set in West Virginia.

*A Good House* by Bonnie Burnard  
A traditional generational saga of the joys and sorrows of life is told from varied points of view.

*Julie and Romeo*\* by Jeanne Ray  
The story of two rival sixty-year-old florists who fall in love is a comic turn on the Shakespeare story.  
*Katerskill Falls*\* by Allegra Goodman

The intertwined stories of three Orthodox Jewish families torn between their religious tradition and the secular world.

*Lucy Crocker 2.0* by Caroline Preston  
Wit, insight, and a light touch characterize this tale of the effects of technology on family life and love.

*Singing in the Comeback Choir*\* by Bebe Moore Campbell  
Successful TV producer Maxine McCoy must return to the working-class neighborhood she came from to care for her grandmother.

*The Tiny One* by Eliza Minot  
With bewilderment, wonder, and humor, an eight-year-old girl tells of the loss of her mother.

*World of Pies* by Karen Stoltz  
In sequential stories, the reader watches Roxanne grow from girlhood to motherhood in Annette, Texas. Each tale ends with a recipe.

\*also available on audiocassette



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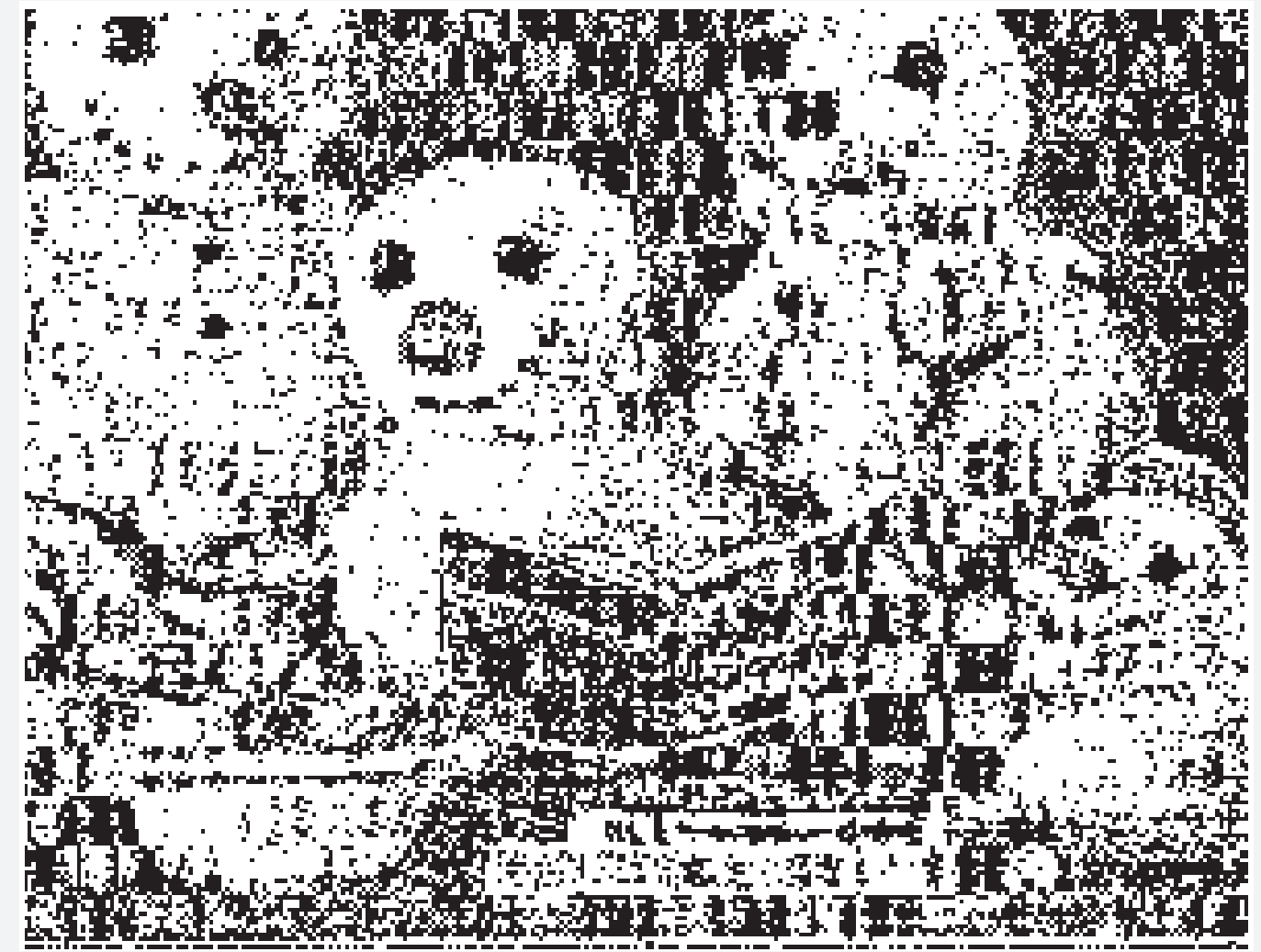
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