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by S.O.Terric

Ahhhh. The last State Press of the year. We're out of here until daily publishing resumes on January 19!

This is a very special issue, as it is created by the student advertising staff of the State Press. It's loaded with great stuff—things you don't normally see in the daily State Press. It's filled with articles about the holidays—from Kwanzaa

to Hanukkah and more. There are games, puzzles, trivia contests and best of all, fabulous holiday gift ideas. You'll also find out who won the ski trip to Sunrise and the trip for two to Las Vegas that was advertised in the November issue of the State Press ASU Choice edition. You can even find a job...full time or part time or just holiday work. Money-saving coupons pepper the

pages—be sure to use them! You'll even find some stuff for mom and dad.

The State Press wishes everyone much success on finals. Study hard and get ready for a great holiday! Put your feet up and relax a while. You deserve it. See you in January!

Oh. One more thing. There's a contest inside to win free pizza for a whole semester! See page 2 for information!

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State Press Final Edition

You need fun...

The advertising department thinks it's a nice change for our readers to check out an issue that is solely compiled by the State Press advertising students and staff. We figure by now you're tired of reading about Clinton and his Wild Bill stories, hate the Monica jokes and sick of reading the same old same old each day. So here you have it. An issue of fun. Only fun. Contests, puzzles, trivia, make your own gifts, letters to Santa and more. You'll even get a micro education about holiday celebrations. And best of all, some great gift ideas and money saving coupons from all over town. We hope you enjoy it. It's our way of saying happy holidays. See you in January.

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Good Luck on Finals!

Two trivia contests inside! If you're a Trekkie, you'll love the Star Trek trivia contest! The second trivia contest offers one free pizza per week for the entire semester! Get bust and win!

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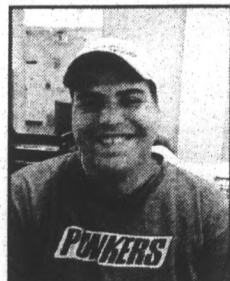
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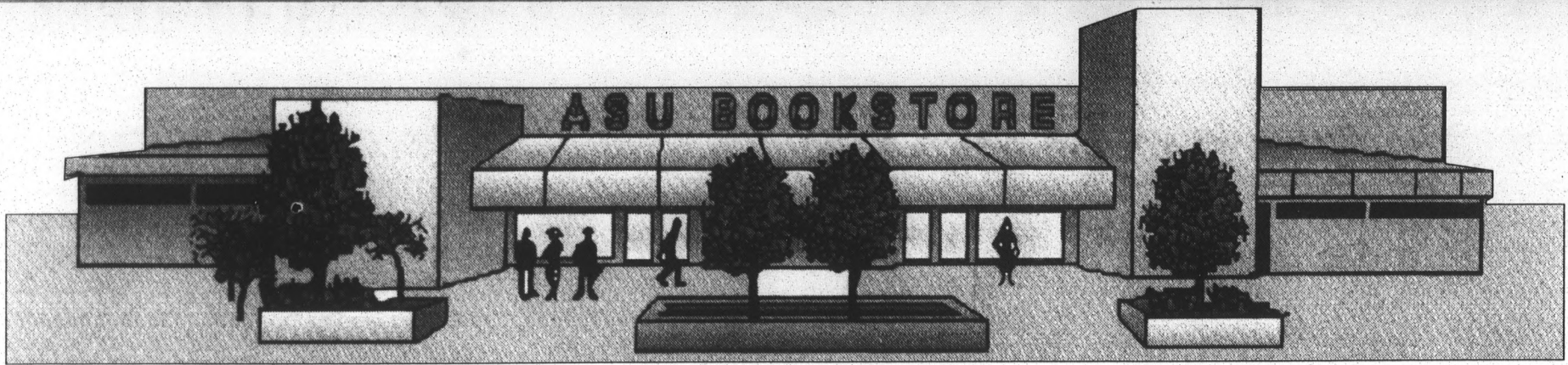
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THE TAMING OF CHRISTMAS

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Even when it wasn't illegal, keeping Christmas wasn't encouraged. The Puritans suppressed it and

their descendants largely ignored it.

And it remained that way, for the most part, for two centuries. No Ghost of Christmas Past. No Ghost of Christmas Present. Only the Ghost of Christmas Not.

It's with this backdrop that historian Stephen Nissenbaum opens his book, "The Battle for Christmas" (Knopf).

Nissenbaum, a professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, has put America's most popular holiday under a microscope and come up with a fascinating — and disturbing — dissection of how a

custom came to be invented.

Yes, invented.

To make a very long book short, here's what happened:

Christmas in the 1600s and 1700s was basically a time for misrule. Getting drunk. Bingeing on food. Hitting up the aristocrats for money. The critical mass came in the 19th century, when New England's patri- cians grew fearful of the drunken, rowdy crowds.

So with the help of writers of their time (particu- larly Clement Moore's "A Visit From St. Nicholas"),
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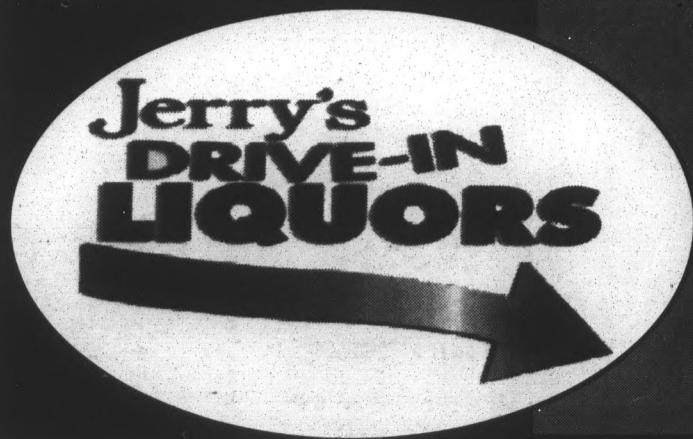
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TAMING

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the privileged class began domesticating Christmas.

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Take Santa Claus and the Christmas tree, for examples. They were drawn from Dutch and German traditions.

"What happened in both cases was that a small group of people suddenly began to make much of what had previously been a distinctly minor tradition," Nissenbaum writes.

Nissenbaum, by the way, does not address the religious meaning of Christmas. This is a secular book about the custom of Christmas in America (Nissenbaum himself was raised in an Orthodox Jewish household, where he remembers being enthralled with the magical season of Christmas).

His looking glass is not trained on the manger but on society. Not on the journey to Bethlehem but on the journey to making it a legal public holiday.

And while "The Battle for Christmas" is a compelling history, researched with painstaking attention to detail, it's also an unsettling book because it becomes painfully obvious that this is a battle that is being lost. Centuries of Christians have squelched, abused or manipulated something that should be precious to their faith.

The Puritans, bolstered by the argument that the church didn't officially observe Christmas on Dec. 25 until the fourth century, were busy pointing out that "Christmas was nothing but a pagan festival covered with a Christian veneer."

The Christmas-keepers were "involved in behavior that most of us would find offensive and even shocking today - rowdy public displays of excessive eating and drinking, the mockery of established authority, aggressive begging (often involving the threat of doing harm), and even the invasion of wealthy

homes," according to the book.

The motives of the Christmas-changers of the 1800s weren't much better. By taking Christmas into the homes, molding it into a warm and fuzzy holiday to be celebrated with children and family dinners and wrapped gifts, they were helping to get the rowdy mobs off the streets and, thus, keep their own authority intact.

But the patricians who domesticated Christmas also were creating a consumer-oriented frenzy that drives the holiday still today. Or, as Nissenbaum puts it, "the domestic Christmas was the commercial Christmas - commercial from its earliest stages, commercial at its very core. Indeed, the domestic Christmas was itself a force in the spread of consumer capitalism."

And so the good old days never were.

Reading "The Battle for Christmas" is as soothing as having a root canal. But it's not Nissenbaum's fault. He's only the messenger. And the message is enough to dampen even Tiny Tim's holiday spirit.

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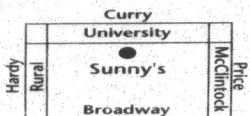
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MIXING THE SANTA MYTH WITH THE MESSIAH

There he kneels, red stocking cap beside him, white head of hair bowed, hands clasped at the foot of the manger.

Santa Claus worshipping the Christ Child.

The statuette is a popular seller this time of year at O'Connor's Church Goods in San Diego.

"It brings both thoughts together," says Jacquelyn O'Connor. "It's especially good for parents teaching children."

She adds, "They see Santa Claus and the birth of Jesus and they remember why we're celebrating Christmas."

But it's not for everybody.

"I have a problem with that," says the Rev. Mark Cansino, associate pastor of youth and family ministries at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation in Poway, Calif.

For Cansino, and other Christians, mixing the myth with the Messiah may be hazardous to spiritual health.

What happens, they ask, when the child gets older and finds out there really is no Santa Claus?

"I think there is a danger," Cansino says. "If (Santa) is shown to be false, then why isn't Jesus false?"

There, somewhere between Bethlehem and the North Pole, the manger and the shopping malls, lies the great Santa Claus debate for Christians. It's older than Rudolph and more complicated than getting to all the houses around the world in one night.

"There's a range of responses that Christians have had on that," says Leigh Eric Schmidt, a professor of religion at Princeton University, and author of the new book, "Consumer Rites: The Buying & Selling of American Holidays."

"People have complained for about a century that this is Santa Claus Day and we need to get rid of Santa Claus and replace him with Jesus," says Schmidt.

The controversy cuts across conservative and liberal borders.

For conservative Christians, the issue is about focus, says Schmidt. Jesus - not Santa - is the reason for the season.

For liberal Protestants and Catholics, it's the contrast between materialism and charity.

"By concentrating on Santa Claus, we get riveted on notions of plenty and abundant gift-giving and consumption, rather than Jesus as a friend of the poor," says Schmidt.

And so it goes. Some embrace. Some ignore. Some stew. And some are trying to reclaim Santa in the image of the Christian clergyman who supposedly inspired the legend.

'SECONDARY ADJUNCT'

"Let's not get too uptight and let's use it as an opportunity," is the advice offered by the Rev. Mark Williams, pastor of New Hope Community Church in San Marcos, Calif.

"And the Santa bowing at the manger is a real visual picture, in my mind, of what we want people to come to," he says.

Monsignor Anthony Giesing, of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in San Diego, also thinks Santa Claus is OK if kept in his place - "a secondary adjunct adding to the joy of the anniversary of Jesus' birth."

Giesing adds: "I personally don't believe in kicking Santa Claus out of Christmas ... as long as Christ is at the center of the whole celebration. Like the Christmas tree, I don't think it gets in the way of adoring Jesus and yet it hasn't anything to do with adoring Jesus."

The Rev. George Walker Smith is Santa Claus - at least to his family and friends. For many Christmas Eves, the pastor of Christ United Presbyterian Church has changed from his clergy robe into "the most fabulous Santa Claus suit in San Diego" to entertain his

family and friends.

But he does this after church services. At church, he says, "we don't deal with Santa Claus; we deal with Jesus."

As for mixing his roles, and his wardrobe, Smith thinks the kids he entertains know the difference between the Savior and Santa.

He thinks the Santa story brings a message of hope - that some man cares enough about the children of the world to give without asking what he's going to get in return.

"That doesn't demean my Lord at all," he adds.

IGNORING, DEBUNKING

Cansino isn't anti-Santa. He thinks Santa can be "good old fun" - like Mickey Mouse is fun. His own daughter enjoys the story.

But the danger comes in making him a real part of the doctrine.

"We don't have to destroy Santa actively," Cansino explains. "I just kind of ignore Santa, because he's really not part of the Christmas story."

Cansino's not alone. Several Christian churches and schools also leave Santa quietly outside their doors. They don't debunk and they don't embrace. They ignore.

"We just don't feel the need to have a fantasy being when we have a real one," says Vista, Calif., Christian School Principal Jeannie Veteto.

Still, it's a kind of benign neglect.

"Basically, what we do is we let the parents deal with Santa Claus the way they choose to," Veteto acknowledges. "We make him a matter of the home."

At Tabernacle Christian Academy, the ignoring of Santa isn't left to the home. Tabernacle Administrator Mark Hattabaugh has already told students that "Santa Claus is a figment of our imagination."

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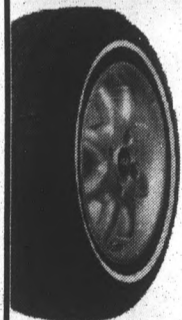
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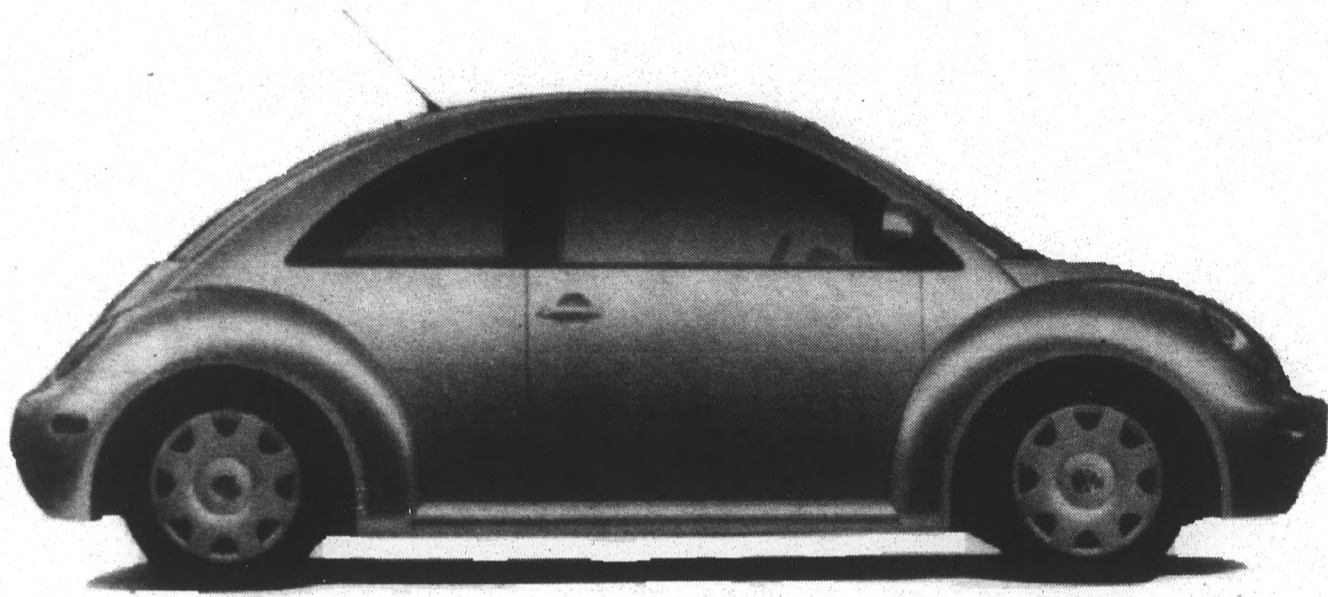
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Pentecostal Church, to know that Jesus, not Santa, is who they should turn to for guidance in their young lives.

A message on the Internet, from the International Church of the Word in Moberly, Mo., cranks up the debate: "Are we teaching our kids to break seven of the Ten Commandments by teaching them that Santa Claus is a real man who drives a sleigh delivering toys to girls and boys?"

The seven broken Commandments include some fairly obvious ones, like having other gods, bearing false witness and coveting.

The other alleged infractions are more obscure. The Missouri missive suggests, for instance, that

teaching about Santa breaks the Commandment against stealing ("God's glory is being stolen"), and about honoring parents ("If parents really want their children to honor them, they should never lie to them, NEVER!").

FEAR OF DOUBT

Kate Meeusen, a spokeswoman for the Missouri ministry, says it's not that they're out to get Santa Claus, they just want to provide a seasonal reality check.

"We don't believe that kids shouldn't have fun at Christmas," she says. "We can act like there's a Santa Claus, a fantasy character and playing make-believe. The children can have just as much fun - as long (as) they know Santa's not real."

Meeusen's concern follows the same line of thinking of some of the other critics: When children find out their parents lied to them about Santa, they may doubt other things their parents tell them - including God and Jesus.

The Rev. Gwen Jones-Lurvey, pastor of Santee United Methodist Church, also is troubled by the deceit that parents practice.

"I don't think that's helpful to a child when they finally do understand the reality behind it," she says.

But along with the deceit, she objects to the greed embodied in the modern Santa Claus tradition.

"We don't take children to see Santa Claus and tell him what we're giving, but only to ask him what

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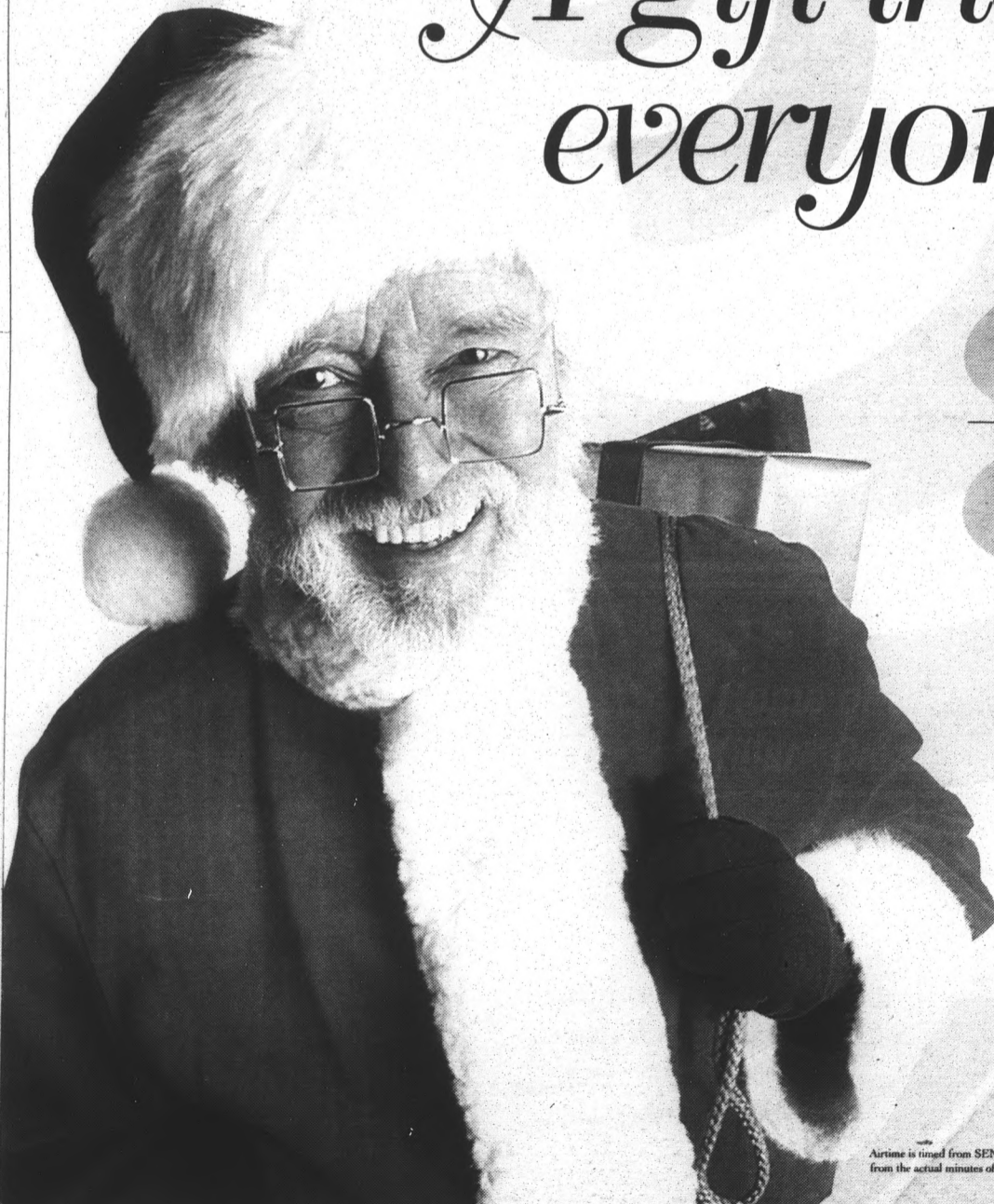
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we're going to get," Jones-Lurvey adds.
'SANTA CLAUS IS REAL'

There won't be a Santa at Santee United Methodist Church, but he'll arrive, as usual, at the Advent chili dinner at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan in San Diego.

Good Samaritan's priest, the Rev. Wayne Sanders, gets upset when people start talking about Santa corrupting the meaning of Christmas or causing theological confusion among children.

"That's so typical of people who are trying to destroy something good," says Sanders. "Santa Claus is real. The spirit of Santa Claus has got to live on."

The real confusion, he argues, is for people to think that Christmas is just about Jesus' birth. "Advent is a time of preparation for when Christ comes again and that can happen any time."

Sanders' church, this time of year, also is visited by St. Nicholas (or at least his likeness).

And by doing that, Sanders falls not only in the category of Christians who embrace Santa, but also joins those who remind people that Santa got his start as a real Christian bishop.

St. Nicholas was bishop of Myra in Asia Minor during the fourth century. The stories describe him as a generous man, helping the poor and the children. One account has him providing bags of gold as dowries for three daughters of a poor man.

Time and imagination transformed St. Nicholas into a permanent figure associated with the spirit of giving at Christmas, aided perhaps by the timing of

his recognition day (Dec. 6).

Santa Claus - along with his sleigh and reindeer - is an American embellishment, fashioned over the years by writers and artists.

RECLAIMING ST. NICK

The children at St. David's Episcopal Church in San Diego have been visited by St. Nicholas, who passes out chocolate coins.

"Santa Claus is part of these kids' world," says the Rev. Susan Tobias, St. David's rector. "So I think the best we can do is reclaim where the tradition comes from."

Doing so, she adds, enhances and deepens the children's understanding of the Santa Claus imagery - someone who loves children and takes care of them.

Some pastors suggest that some of the tension between Christians and Santa is because Christians want to have it all - the cultural customs and the sacred separateness of birth of their Savior.

The challenge, they say, comes in finding a balance.

Schmidt tells of a diary entry he came upon during his research on Christmas past. The woman was describing a family party, where her son was playing Santa Claus and passing out gifts.

"And then she pauses in her description of this and says that Christmas is the day above all days, and it's important because this is the day that Jesus came back in the world to save us.

"And then she goes back to the masquerade. So she just holds them together in her mind. ... I think Christians are very capable of doing that."

HAVE A HEALTHY HOLIDAY

St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia offers some advice for parents to help keep their children safe and healthy this holiday season.

- Remember to keep decorations, lights, candles and plants out of reach from children and pets. Plants that can be harmful include holly, mistletoe and poinsettias, which may cause mouth irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea if eaten.

- Don't burn evergreens or wreaths in the fireplace or wood-burning stove because they can flare out of control, posing a fire hazard. The same goes for wrapping paper, which contains metallic materials that can cause toxic fumes if burned.

- Supervise children as they decorate the Christmas tree. Some small decorations can lead to choking if swallowed, as can tinsel. Low branches could poke a little one in the eye, and a tree not properly secured could topple over.

- Turn off the tree lights before you go to bed. Use indoor lights indoors, outdoor lights outdoors. Don't use lights on metallic trees. Make sure artificial trees have been tested and labeled as fire resistant. Real trees are sometimes less flammable than artificial ones.

- Make sure kids don't put gift wrap or loose ribbons in their mouths. Some wraps contain lead and ribbons are easy to choke on.

- In the kitchen, keep kids away from baking extracts, such as vanilla or almond, which may have a high alcohol content. If a child swallows an extract, call your poison control center for help.

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"I've been singing 'Silent Night' and waiting for this wonderful moment for so long. I can't wait for it to snow," said Miss Jackson, who danced and shouted with joy as the tree was lit Wednesday night in her hometown.

Thousands of people crowded into the midtown Manhattan plaza cheered when the 26,000 lights on the 75-foot-tall Norway spruce twinkled on at 8:52 p.m. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and country singer Garth Brooks switched on the lights.

"I'm thrilled," Mrs. Clinton said. "I've heard about this and seen it on TV so many times but to see it in person is entirely different."

Retired schoolteacher Marie Rivera of North Bergen, N.J., waited hours to get a front row spot to watch the lighting of the tree as she has every year since 1948.

"Oooh, it's beautiful!" she gushed. "It's grand!"

The crowds listened to Christmas music performed by singers that included Brooks, Jewel and Cyndi Lauper and watched Olympic gold medal skater Kristi Yamaguchi do a few elegant turns at the famous ice rink.

"This is so cool," said Friday Malcolm Ruiz, 8, of Elizabeth, N.J., who waited outside for nearly eight hours. "It's my second time, and I love it."

The celebration began humbly in 1931. Depression-era workmen building the center placed a small unadorned evergreen on the muddy site to lift their Christmas spirits. Two years later, another tree was erected, this time decked out in 700 lights.

And in 1951, the tree-lighting was televised for the first time on NBC's "The Kate Smith Show," ushering in a tradition that has grown into a mega-media production. Wednesday's lighting — on an unseasonably balmy day — was televised live by NBC across the country.

The 7 1/2-ton tree arrived on Nov. 12 from Richfield, Ohio, where it graced the front lawn of Ethel and Adolph Szitar's ranch house for 60 years.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Szitar, 81, was impressed with her tree.

"It looked larger and taller than even when I saw it at home. It's very beautiful," Szitar said.

It is not the tallest the plaza has seen. In 1948 and 1996, the tree towered 90 feet over the famous Rockefeller Center skating rink.

And right now there is a tree far above it, at least in Manhattan. A 3-foot tree decorated with toothpaste tubes, gloves and subway tokens is strapped to the roof of the World Trade Center, 1,377 feet above the street.

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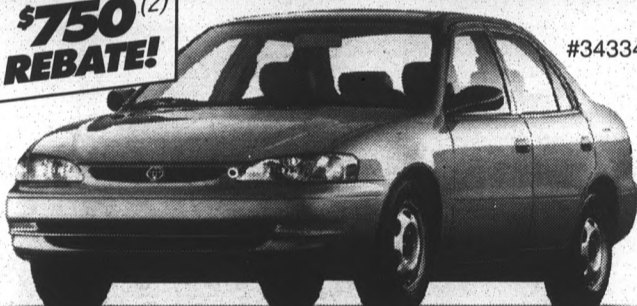


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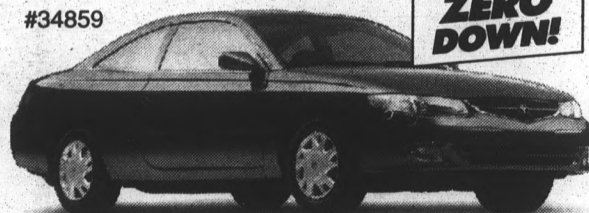


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- Make a list. Once you've figured out the perfect gift for a loved one, write it down. Take the list with you shopping so you make fewer and, hopefully, less frantic trips.

- Just buy it. When you see a great gift, buy and stash it away for later. That way you won't have to try and remember which store you saw it at or run

the disappointment of the item being out of stock later.

- Shop at off-peak times. Shopping early in the morning can be a timesaver.

- Have the store ship your gift. Many stores ship packages directly, another timesaver for you.

- Buy from catalogs. With everything under the sun to choose from, what could be easier?

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HOLIDAYFACTS

Malls: Holiday meccas

- The No. 1 most-played song in malls during the holiday season is "Jingle Bells." "White Christmas" is No. 2.

- Most malls (98 percent) use artificial Christmas trees due to fire code strictness.

- In 1997, 16 percent of malls decorated for holidays other than Christmas, such as Hanukkah or Kwanzaa.

- The busiest shopping day of the year usually is not the Friday after Thanksgiving, but the Saturday before Christmas.

- Southerners spend 21 percent more during the holiday season than shoppers in other parts of the country.

- About three-fourths of



consumers say gift-buying will cause them financial stress, and the average shopper takes six months to pay off holiday gift bills. ■ The majority of gift shoppers do not set a budget.

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In the movie of James Goldman's "The Lion in Winter," the gathering of the Plantagenet family was one of angst, simmering rivalries and scheming over who would rule England. As Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine says at the end of the film, "What family doesn't have its ups and downs?"

While most families don't have such lofty agendas on their plates at yuletide, Christmas remains one of the most stressful of holidays for all concerned. The fact of the matter is that very often we overextend ourselves, hosting parties and family gatherings, stressing out over the details, and not getting to relax and enjoy the company.

Reader's Digest's series of "Simpler Life" books has a new title, "Simplify the Holidays - How to Enjoy the Season Without the Stress," designed to make life less taxing.

Here are some tips on enjoying the yuletide festivities:

- **Set priorities.** Decide long before you get into the holiday season what is important to you and your family. It's important to focus on this or you'll find yourself swept away by the Christmas tidal wave and washed up by New Year's Day.

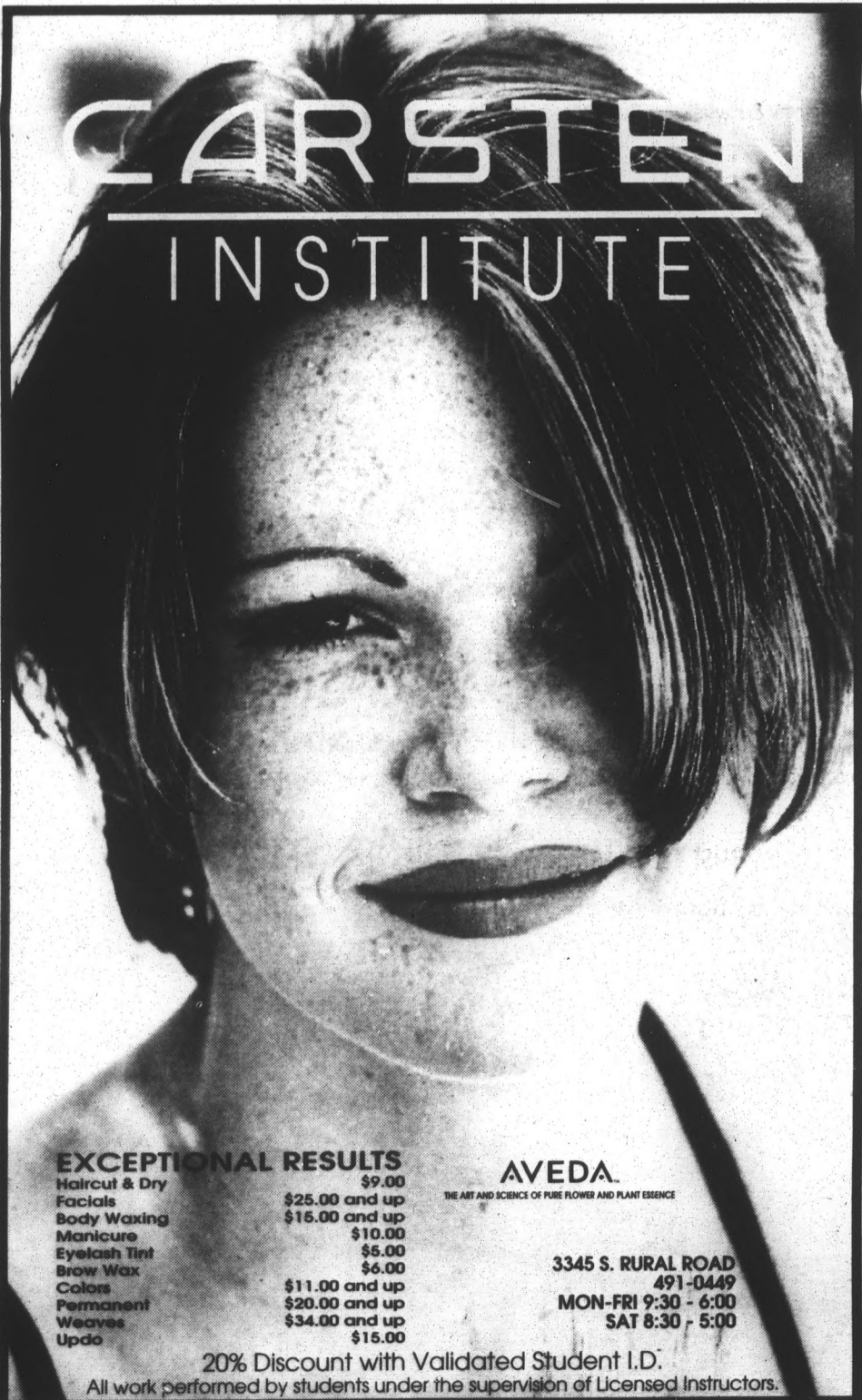
Once you know what you want out of the holiday, you can plan toward that goal. Maybe you want to maximize time with distant relatives. Or maybe you want your children to discover more about the true reason for the season, whether Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa. Even if you just want to veg-out in front of the television for the inevitable rerun of "It's a Wonderful Life," you have to plan for it.

- **Identify areas of conflict.** Does it seem that every year you come away disliking a particular friend or relative? Before you get into the swing of things, take a moment to consider what it is that causes conflicts. Take the time to pre-empt awkward confrontations by knowing how to diffuse the situation.

- **Celebrate on neutral territory.** Everyone has different values, traditions, backgrounds and social positions. Celebrating in a restaurant, going away to a hotel, or even renting a house for the day makes a safe neutral territory and levels the playing field.

- **The holidays are not a one-person marathon.** Get the whole family involved in the planning and execution of the holiday. It will mean more to everyone if they're responsible for part of the holiday festivities. That means letting relatives bring food for the meals, help with preparation and organization.

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- **Where to go?** All too often in family situations, there is the issue of how do you please both sides of the family. Which in-laws do you visit on Christmas Day without offending the other side? Again, this comes down to planning. Make arrangements with plenty of advance notice. Making such decisions at the last minute often leads to bad feelings and rejection. No one likes to feel second best. So get in front of the situation as soon as possible.

- **Limit your gift budget.** All too often we go overboard on gift buying. Every year, Americans rack up credit card debts during the holiday season. One fun trick is for family members to agree on a dollar limit for gifts. It makes the gift-giving a fun challenge, not just a mindless routine.

- **Give your credit card a vacation.** One of the biggest stresses of the season is the credit card bill that follows. It is one of the major sources of post-holiday blues. So plan your holiday expenses in advance and celebrate according to that budget.

- **Avoid the mall frenzy.** Just trying to find a parking spot in the mall at Christmastime is stressful enough. Getting into the stores is worse. Long lines at checkouts and desperation over limited stock choices make for a very bleak experience. Plan ahead and do your shopping by catalog. There are many on-line stores on the Internet that make shopping easier than ever.

- **Turn chores into fun events.** Many of the holiday chores that are routine can be turned into adventures. Picking up the traditional Christmas tree is usually a visit to the local mall. Instead, plan a day out into the country to choose a tree. Let the choosing of the tree be an event itself by involving the whole family.

- **Don't be afraid to choose Charlie Brown's Christmas tree.** We worry so much about the holiday being "perfect" that we often overlook what's really important. Choosing the right tree need not be so stressful or so expensive. Choosing a Charlie Brown Christmas tree might sound strange, but it makes for a great icebreaker at parties, especially if you make guests sing "Oh Christmas Tree" just as the Peanuts Gang does every year.

- **Deck the halls?** Just how much do you really need to decorate at Christmas? It's all too easy to get competitive with your neighbors over exterior Christmas light shows (Remember the Griswolds in "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"?). Set a limit on how much decorating you really need to do and don't be overwhelmed by store displays that have it all.

- **Take a different path.** If you find that your Christmas is empty and valueless, consider doing something for others. Homeless shelters, hospices and other charitable establishments are always in need of help. Taking your vacation time to help others can be more rewarding than any amount of gifts under the tree.

- **Source:** "Simplify the Holidays - How to Enjoy the Season Without the Stress," a Reader's Digest "Simpler Life" book - edited by Weldon Owen.

RETIRED LAWYER ESTABLISHED UNUSUAL SCHOLARSHIP

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Wilbur Hollingsworth doesn't want to help the best students in the class. The 91-year-old retired lawyer says they already have all sorts of help — from colleges and high schools. It's the mediocre students who need help.

Ten years ago, Hollingsworth began to help them by giving \$500 checks to a select group of students — the ones with average grades.

Since then, Hollingsworth has given 140 Maine students \$70,000 in scholarships. "Those (students) in the top third have all sorts of things the kids down below don't have," he said Nov. 27.

"They get all sorts of grants and awards. The colleges are coaching these kids in. They damn sure aren't coaching the kids I'm aiming for. And they are the ones I think need the most help," he said.

Hollingsworth established the Luella Poland Hollingsworth scholarship in 1988 in memory of his wife. Since 1994, the scholarships have gone to students at Messalonskee High School in Oakland. The money is a one-time grant, available in the second semester of college.

Hollingsworth said he hopes to offer 20 \$500 scholarships this coming year, double the number offered when the fund was established.

Hollingsworth was recently recognized by the Finance Authority of Maine, which gave him its Distinguished Service Award. Charles Mercer, director of the education assistance division at FAME, said Hollingsworth's fund helps fill a void.

"It's incredibly unusual in that Mr. Hollingsworth was looking toward average students," Mercer said. "There's a lot of money out there for students who are high academic achievers."

Hollingsworth said his own college experiences helped shape his views.

"I know what it is to not have money, and how even a little bit of money helps."

He went from high school, he said, "to probably the poorest law school in the United States." Hollingsworth, who lived in Massachusetts at the time, said he worked full-time and attended Suffolk Law School in Boston at night.

Lack of money kept him from attending a better law school, he said. "Northeastern had (a law school) but it would have meant more car fare to me. It was only a matter of maybe a dollar a week. And I wanted to go to Northeastern. But I gave it up because of just that extra money."

Hollingsworth spent most of his life in Massachusetts and practiced law in Boston. His wife was from Caribou and the couple often visited Maine.

His wife died in 1984 and Hollingsworth moved to Maine permanently in 1986. He sold some property that had long been owned by his family to create the scholarship fund in 1988.

Hollingsworth said he's not a rich man. "I live on my Social Security check and that's all. I have no need. My house is paid for, my car is paid for. I don't have any money to spend on myself. My Social Security check is fine."

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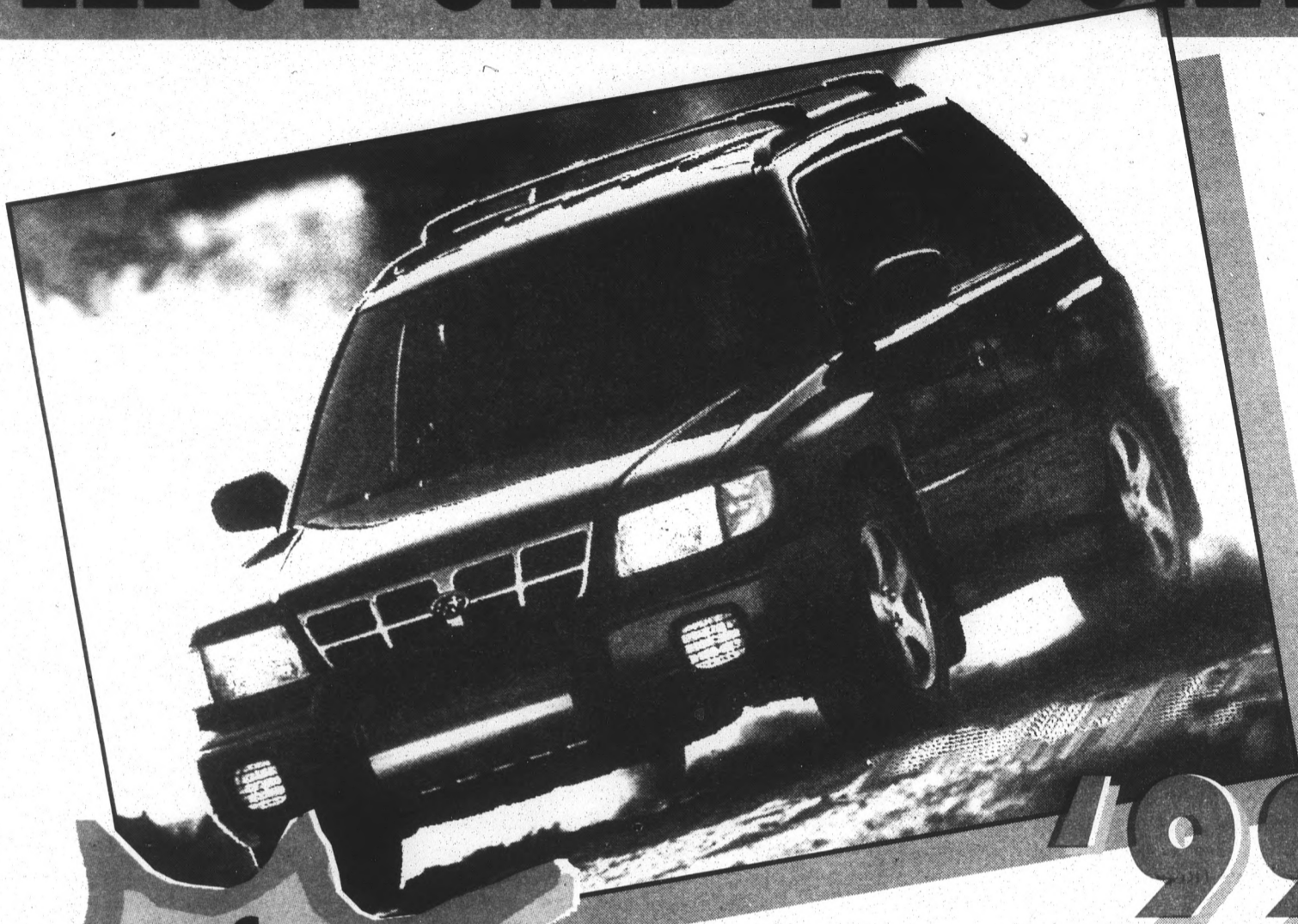
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Kwanzaa is the fastest-growing holiday in the United States and is celebrated by millions of people in the United States, as well as countries throughout the world. It was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chair of the Department of Black Studies at California State University Long Beach. Although its original purpose was to instill a sense of racial pride following the 1965 Watts riots in Los Angeles, Kwanzaa is actually rooted in ancient African harvest celebrations.

The word Kwanzaa means "first fruits of the harvest" in Swahili and is a period of reflection, introspection and rededication. Kwanzaa is celebrated for seven days, from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. Each day is devoted to one of Kwanzaa's seven guiding princi-

ples: unity (*umoja*), self-determination (*kujichagulia*), collective work and responsibility (*ujima*), cooperative economics (*ujamma*), purpose (*nia*), creativity (*kuumba*) and faith (*imani*).

Central to the celebration of Kwanzaa is the daily candle-lighting ceremony, which usually takes place at the end of the day when all family members are present. There are seven candles, one for each of the seven principles. Each day, a new candle is lit and a principle reading is given.

The candle-lighting ceremony begins with the *tambiko*, in which the eldest member of the household pours wine, juice or distilled spirits from the unity cup to pay homage to a departed family member and reinforce unity in the community.

After drinking from the cup, the elder passes it around for all to share and leads everyone in repeating the phrase "Harambee" (Let's pull together) seven times. Many people exchange gifts during Kwanzaa, but unlike Christmas, the emphasis is on handmade gifts, instead of purchased gifts. Gifts are supposed to be creative or artistic in nature and not cause a financial hardship to the giver.



Abdoulaya Mbaye of Aurora, Ill., plays a diembe, a traditional drum that is played to celebrate Kwanzaa.

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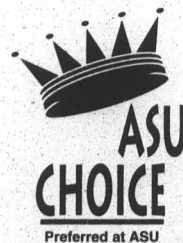
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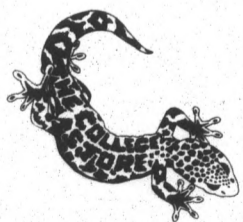
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Gifts can be given any time during Kwanzaa, but many people wait until the final day of Kwanzaa to exchange gifts. As with any other holiday, families who observe Kwanzaa like to establish their own customs and traditions.

In her book "A Kwanzaa Keepsake" (Simon & Schuster), African-American culinary historian Jessica B. Harris writes: "There are as many different types of Kwanzaa as there are types of families in the African-American community."

Some people choose to celebrate Kwanzaa quietly in their own homes while others like to celebrate with others in community centers or churches. Most Kwanzaa celebrations include songs and dances, storytelling, chants, poetry readings and special meals. Fasting is usually done from sunrise to sunset in order to cleanse the body, mind and spirit.

The colors of Kwanzaa are black (representing the color of the African people), red (representing the blood of their ancestors) and green (symbolizing Earth, life and the promise of the future). Many people decorate their homes with an African motif during Kwanzaa or display red, green and black balloons and streamers.

During Kwanzaa, it is customary for people to greet friends and family members with the Swahili phrase "Habari gani," which means "What is the news?" Respondents answer with the principle of the day.

The highlight of Kwanzaa is the (beginital) karamu, (endital) or feast, which is traditionally held on Dec. 31. This is a joyous celebration that includes food, drink, dance and music. It is a special event in which friends and families come together to enjoy the fruits of their labor and reaffirm the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

A KWANZAA PRIMER

- Kwanzaa was started in 1966 by Maulana Karenga. It is celebrated from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. Though spiritual, it is not aligned with any religion or politics.

- Kwanzaa has a value system based on seven principles called the Nguzo Saba. Each day of Kwanzaa focuses on a particular value: 1. *Umoja* (unity) 2. *Kujichagulia* (self-determination) 3. *Ujima* (collective work and responsibility) 4. *Ujamaa* (cooperative economics) 5. *Nia* (purpose) 6. *Kuumba* (creativity) 7. *Imani* (faith).

- On the seventh day of the celebration, children receive gifts that illustrate the seven principles. The gifts traditionally are homemade.

- Kente cloth is common. The red, black and green of the Pan-American flag are used. The song "Lift Every Voice and Sing" is often sung, and nuts, fruits, vegetables and corn are symbolic foods. Corn represents children.

- The *kinara* represents corn stalks and generations.

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AN ANCIENT FLAME BURNS BRIGHT AT HANUKKAH

Nancy Abraham of New York will always light the menorah, and gather family for Hanukkah no matter how much modern life gets in the way.

Abraham is like many Jews who struggle to keep tradition alive in a changing world.

"Larry and I want to leave a legacy," explains Abraham, who works for Merrill Lynch, plus runs a business with her husband, Larry, out of their home in Bayside, in the New York borough of Queens.

True, they recall celebrations of their own childhoods that were so large they could fill an entire ballroom. Their 70 relatives would gather at some aunt's house, and spend the evening watching the cousins perform in talent shows, eating Grandma's famous latkes and singing Christmas carols rewritten for the Judaic holiday.

Who can forget Uncle Bernie's classic, "The 8 days of Hanukkah"?

Now in their 40s, the Abrahams still organize family Hanukkah parties, although more often they celebrate in a non-family place like a local restaurant or in the rec room of somebody's condo complex. But they still watch the old movies from Hanukkah parties past and film the present ones for Hanukkah's future.

The parties are a key way they pass their religion, their roots and their family love to their own daughter, 9-year-old Rebecca.

"When children are in their deepest, darkest moments, they need those things to reflect to, and hang on to. Because what else is there?" says Abraham.

Like Abraham, many Jews say they keep old ways alive by adapting to the realities of modern life: with family members so far flung, interfaith marriages,

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At Temple Am Echod in Waukegan, Ill., children gather by a menorah to sing in celebration of the first night of Hanukkah.

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smaller families and the fact that people live in smaller houses that just can't physically fit a family that would take 10 turkeys to feed.

For Lois Grossman of suburban Philadelphia, come December she feels the same motivation to pass on a Jewish legacy, but she has a far different upbringing to draw upon.

Grossman remembers growing up with simple Hanukkahs in a home that did not stress religion. So when she came of age, she said she deliberately married within her faith and created new religious traditions for her own three children.

"I make it real festive, I put candy all around. I decorate everything, there's not many Hanukkah decorations so I'll buy Christmas balls in white and blue (the colors of Israel). There's a special tablecloth I use every year."

Each family member has a special menorah; her sister, Robin Goldstein, who lives nearby, even uses child-oriented menorahs, one with a sports theme and the other decorated with cartoon characters, for her sons.

"I wanted my kids to have something," says Grossman. "There's so many other religions, I didn't want us to get lost. I didn't want it to be 'no fun.'"

For all Jews, the lighting of the candles commemorates the ancient story of how a temple may have been destroyed but the sacred candles burned miraculously for eight days, a story that represents the struggle of their religion against persecutors.

The ancient miracle is enough for Phyllis Goldman of the suburban Chicago town of Northfield. She still makes a big fuss for Hanukkah, even now that her children are in their 40s and she is semiretired from her job running a Hebrew school office.

"The miracle as far as I'm concerned is that we have survived these thousands of years of persecution. There are other miracles, that there may soon be a cure for cancer, you can thank God for those," says Goldman. But at Hanukkah, she says, the family does not need to search for more meaning to keep the candles burning.

But for Ellen Wiener of San Francisco, even the central religious meaning of Hanukkah has been updated to fit her family's lifestyle.

"We do Hanukkah from a Jewish perspective but also from a winter solstice perspective," says Wiener, an art teacher. She notes that the Jewish Festival of Lights, like the Christian Christmas, has roots in the pagan tradition celebrating the solstice.

She describes the family celebration she throws for friends and family as "part nature, part religious."

"It's sort of evolving over the years," she says. "We go to a temple that is not just for Jews, so a lot of other traditions are brought in."

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"Carols originated with the people, out of their own singing and dancing, out of the spirit they felt in their daily lives," points out Mark Lester, head of circulation services at San Diego State University's library and a music buff. "I think because they arose from the people, they've always been closer to the people."

But how much do you know about these Christmas songs? Which carol was born on a broken-down organ and an improvising priest? Which one is part anti-war poem? And which familiar tune comes courtesy of an advertising campaign for a department store?

Here's a closer look at what's behind some of the top holiday tunes. One Christmas caveat: It's not always clear where history ends and legend begins. When it comes to the finer details, even the reference books don't always agree.

ORGAN OR NO ORGAN'

It's every minister's nightmare: The church organ is broken and won't be ready for the Big Night. Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve 1818 would pass in silence at the Church of St. Nicholas in the Austrian Alps.

Or so thought a distraught Franz Gruber, the church's organist. Enter Father Joseph Mohr, who left Gruber to pace and groan while he made his usual rounds in the community.

On his way home that night, the priest stopped by a humble cottage to bless a newborn infant. He found himself comparing what he had seen with the birth of Christ centuries earlier - and hurried back home to write down a poem.

"When Franz Gruber burst into the room a few moments later and threw up his hands in complete disgust, Mohr refused to argue any further about the decrepit old pipe organ," according to the reference book "Stories of Christmas Carols."

As that story goes, the priest fetched a guitar and gave it to Gruber, telling him, "Franz, write some music for my new poem and we will sing it at midnight Mass, organ or no organ."

The poem: "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht." Or, as we know it, "Silent Night, Holy Night."

DIVINE DISCOVERY

Thanks to a 1946 discovery of a small manuscript of music for Roman Catholic chapel services, the author of "O Come, All Ye Faithful" now seems clear.

That author: John Francis Wade, an Englishman



Silouetted by the late afternoon sun, Karen Roberts sings a solo during a performance of the First Presbyterian Church Carolers in Aurora, Ill.

who moved to France, where he made his living copying music for Catholics. It is believed he wrote this Latin hymn, and the accompanying music, in the 1740s.

A century later, Oxford-educated Frederick Oakeley provided the translation that is most commonly used.

The original Latin text, by the way, had eight stanzas (most modern hymnals generally use about three of them).

GETTYSBURG BLUES

"And in despair I bowed my head: 'There is no peace on earth,' I said, 'For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men!'"

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Henry Wadsworth Longfellow penned those words in 1863, just months after the bloody Battle of Gettysburg, according to the book "Christmas Songs and Their Stories." Longfellow's son, a lieutenant in the Army of the Potomac, was among those seriously wounded in the battle.

First appearing as a poem called "Christmas Bells," historians point out that the theme is part Christmas and part anti-war.

Despite the melancholy verses, what we know as the carol "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" ends happily on a high note of faith: "God is not dead; nor doth he sleep! The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good will to men!"

HOLY LAND MEMORIES

Harvard grad Phillips Brooks started his adult life in the mid-1800s as a schoolteacher. He wasn't any good at it.

He became an Episcopal priest. And he was very good at that, eventually becoming a bishop.

But his major claim to fame would come from a visit to the Holy Land and, in particular, the day before Christmas 1865, when he rode on horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem.

Three years later, at the age of 32, Brooks wrote a carol about this experience for the children in the Sunday school at Holy Trinity Church in Philadelphia, according to "Christmas Songs and Their Stories."

He got the Sunday school superintendent, a businessman named Lewis Redner, to write the tune and it was first sung by a handful of teachers and their 36 children.

That carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

REVISIONIST HISTORY?

Think of John Hopkins Jr.'s "We Three Kings of Orient" as the carol equivalent of Oliver Stone's "JFK."

"The reason some hymnologists refuse to recognize this carol as a Christian hymn is because, to them, it perpetuates a falsehood," reports "Stories of Christmas Carols."

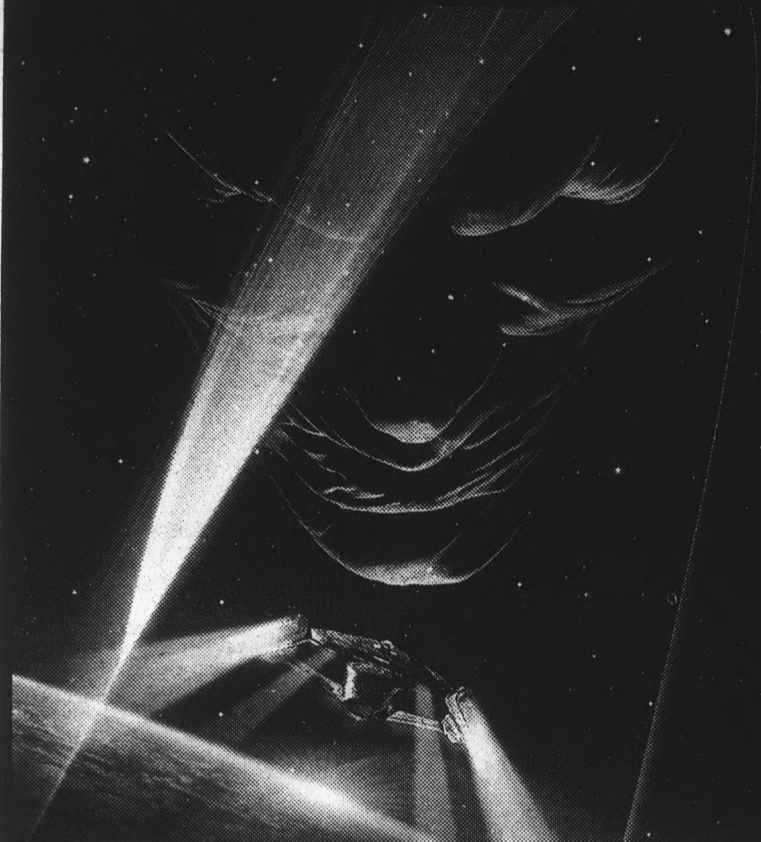
The Bible never mentions the number who came (although they brought three gifts), doesn't refer to them as kings (Matthew calls them "wise men") and doesn't say exactly where they came from (they traveled "from the East").

Were these the kings that the Old Testament talked about? Through the ages, scholars have debated the identity of these Magi, where they came from and even their names.

But Hopkins, an Episcopal priest in 19th century New York, decided to go for it anyway.

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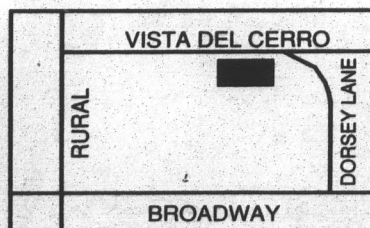
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Despite the controversy over the biblical accuracy of the opening line, which also is the tune's title, "Stories of Christmas Carols" contends that this song "dramatizes in a splendid way the Scriptural account of the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus."

JOYFUL NOISE

In 1719, well-known English hymn writer Isaac Watts was finishing up a massive work on the Book of Psalms when he went back and read again the 98th Psalm.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth," the psalm told him.

He sat down and began writing what we know as "Joy to the World!" (he originally titled it "Messiah's Coming and Kingdom" and, according to one account, his opening line was "Joy to the earth").

But perhaps the best part of the Watts story is that he started out on his career path as a rebellious teenager. According to history books, Watts drew his father's wrath when he rebelled against the hymns of the day. They were boring, he told his deacon dad.

"If you don't like the hymns we sing, then write better ones," his father shouted at him.

And so he did. Parents, take hope.

ARISTOTLE'S CAROL

What? You've never heard of "The Boar's Head Carol"?

This is the oldest secular carol in existence, believed to have been first published in 1521 in England.

And the story behind it is a favorite for Lester.

Legend has it that there was a student at Queen's

College who was off in the woods studying his Aristotle when he was attacked by a wild boar. All he had to defend himself with was his book, which he crammed down the boar's throat, thus killing the beast.

His fellow students feasted victoriously on the boar's head - and ever since, a boar's head has been served at the college at Christmastime and the students sing "The Boar's Head Carol."

The tale still makes Lester laugh. "A wandering student saves himself from the attack of a wild boar by jamming a volume of Aristotle down a boar's throat. You can't get much sillier than that."

TRIBUTE TO LOVE

This one could be right out of a script for "Masterpiece Theatre."

Poet Christina Rossetti was born in London in 1830, the daughter of an Italian exile, according to "Christmas Songs and Their Stories." Devoutly religious and long-suffering, she lives an austere life, much of it in poverty.

Two men try to marry her, but she refuses them both for religious reasons. Perhaps they did not live up to her own High-Church Anglican faith.

Then in 1893, Rossetti pens a short poem that mentions "love" in eight of its 12 lines.

"Love Came Down at Christmas" is believed to be one of the last that she ever wrote. Rossetti died in 1894.

HOLY DASHING

Guess where "Jingle Bells," one of America's best-known secular Christmas songs, made its debut?

In a church.

As one account tells it, James Pierpont wrote "Jingle Bells" in 1857 for a Thanksgiving program at his church in Boston. It was so well received that the children were asked to sing it again at Christmas.

A carol was born. Except for one detail: Pierpont first called it "One Horse Open Sleigh."

WESLEY'S WELKIN

Even great writers need to be rewritten once in awhile.

So it was with Charles Wesley, who busied himself writing hymns (some 6,500 of them) during the 18th century, while his brother John founded the Methodist Church.

One such hymn started out: "Hark! how all the welkin rings, Glory to the King of Kings."

Welkin? It's an old English word for "the vault of heaven," according to "Stories of Christmas Carols."

George Whitefield, another English clergyman, substituted a new phrase: "Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born king."

Wesley, reportedly, was not amused. But the rewrite has stood the test of time (as has at least one additional alteration of other lines).

The music, by the way, is by Felix Mendelssohn. William Cummings, an English doctor of music, is credited with putting the words and melody together to create this carol in 1855.

ENDURING JINGLE

"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" began as a story by Robert L. May, a commercial copywriter for Montgomery Ward in Chicago, and was first used as a promotional gimmick in 1939, says Reid Badger, an

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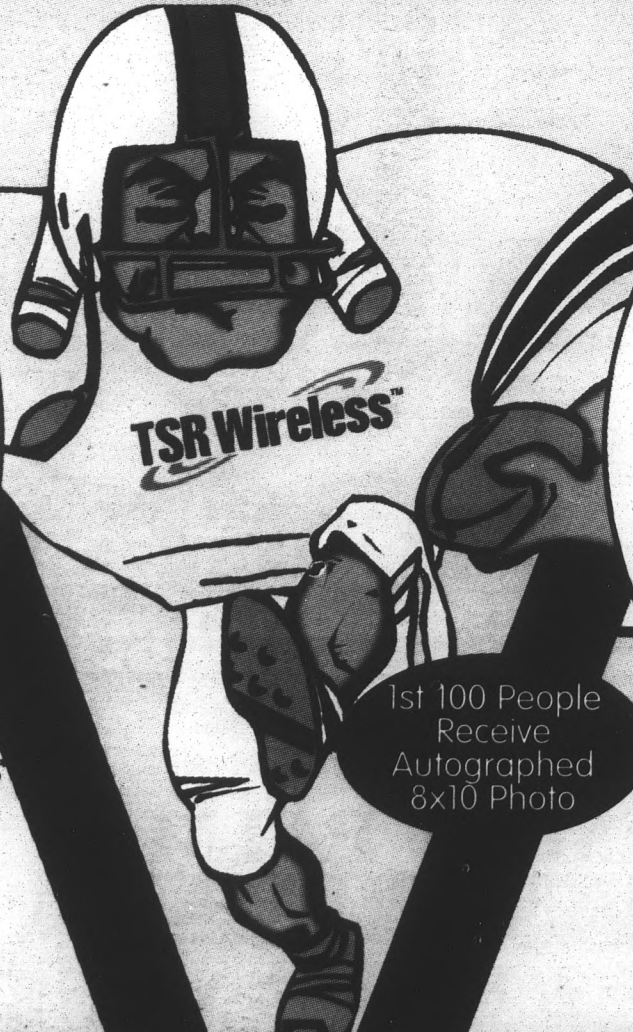
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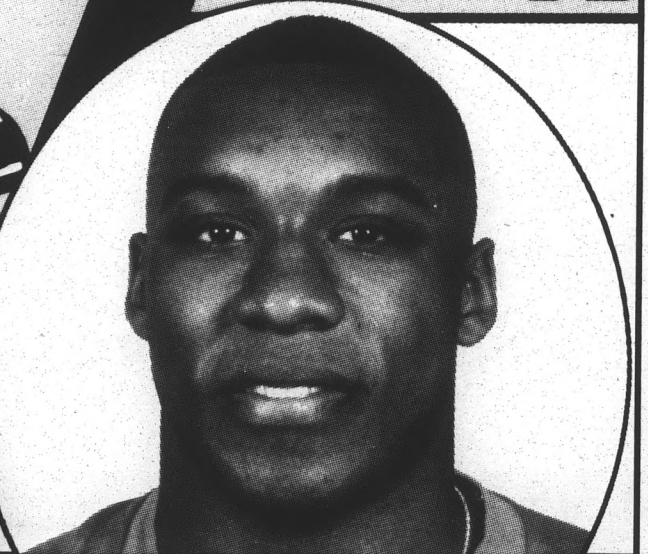
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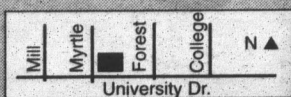
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American studies professor at the University of Alabama.

"May published the story himself in 1947 and a cartoon was made in 1948," Badger adds. "Johnny Marks, May's brother-in-law, put the story to music in 1949, Gene Autry recorded it, and the rest is history."

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Lucy Rollin, who teaches English at Clemson University, agrees: "Perhaps in the case of Rudolph, and maybe even Scrooge, we identify with the outcast who is finally welcomed into friendship and love - and perhaps this is the real meaning of Christmas."

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

It was a sweltering July day in Southern California. The year was 1945.

"Bob (Wells) and I were trying to picture all these images of winter and Christmastime to cool off," singer Mel Torme once told a reporter.

Torme and Wells came up with roasting chestnuts, Jack Frost and folks dressed up like Eskimos. Out of it came a song, titled simply "The Christmas Song," though it's probably best known by its opening line: "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire."

It has been recorded by hundreds and hundreds of singers.

The best rendition? That honor, according to Torme, belongs "hands down" to Nat King Cole.

A WINNING DREAM

Speaking of hot weather, Southern California and Christmas songs, Irving Berlin found himself in a Beverly Hills bungalow struggling to come up with the perfect tune for the 1942 movie "Holiday Inn."

"The Christmas song had to be great ... simple, universal and unforgettable," says Badger.

"White Christmas" has been more than that. The Jewish son of a cantor put together the most successful American Christmas song this century.

Badger says Berlin knew he had a winner. So did Bing Crosby, who reportedly told the famous composer, "You don't have to worry about this one, Irving." Crosby's recording of the song, by the way, ended up being the biggest hit of his career.

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Get your facts straight!

This is a letter to the editor that was unable to be published in the last editorial issue of the State Press.

This letter is in response to Jessica Wolf's article on December 3rd about homecoming policies being unfair. This article was filled with false information and could very well give readers the wrong impression about the selection of the Homecoming King and Queen. In addition, it accuses several organization of being unfair and manipulating the system this is not true!

Let me start off by informing readers that this year's Homecoming Queen, Hope Billingsley, is NOT the present of SAA. Instead, she is the leader of another campus organization, Devils' Advocates.

Second, the procedure for selecting the Homecoming Court is one that was established many years ago by the Alumni Association and ASASU. SAA had nothing to do with setting up this criteria.

In addition, Wolf's article states that Senator Eric Pezold would like next year's homecoming director not to be from SAA or ASASU. Maybe Senator Pezold ought to do a little research before making his recommendations. The fact is, this year's homecoming director and assistant director were both new students to ASU. Neither one of them were part of SAA or ASASU before taking their positions (besides, isn't every member of the student body technically part of ASASU?).

As far as a more diverse pool of applicants for royalty goes, every organization that is affiliated with ASU received nomination forms and were asked to nominate and encourage participation of individuals who they felt would be qualified for the homecoming court. ALL of the individuals on this year's court are

members of a wide variety of campus organizations and clubs, not just SAA and ASASU as Wolf reported.

Some recommendations for Senator Pezold, before you discriminate against members of SAA for future positions, ask yourself why you are part of student government. Is it to better the university? If not, maybe you should resign. If your reason IS to better ASU, you should want the activities vice president to appoint the best person for the directorship of homecoming, regardless of what organizations or affiliations they might have, even if it is being a part of ASASU or SAA (a group devoted to promoting school spirit and traditions). In addition, if you feel something is wrong with Homecoming, look toward your own organization before you start blaming other people and organizations. You are the ones that hire the homecoming director and assistant director and it is these individuals that appoint the homecoming events council, including the royalty chair.

As for Jessica Wolf, quit trying to cause controversy on this campus and report some quality news. Get your facts straight on the stories you are reporting! You are blaming a group, SAA, who has done nothing wrong except being successful in establishing themselves as one of the top organizations on campus. I find it amusing that you claimed you tried to contact SAA and its officials, yet there were no voice mails, emails, or any other sort of messages received by the organization.

Guy Gaster
Junior, Marketing, SAA Board Member

The following correction was inadvertently omitted from Friday's State Press.

Correction: In Thursday's State Press, Homecoming queen Hope Billingsley was reported to be president of the Student Alumni Association. She is actually president of Devil's Advocates. The State Press regrets the error.

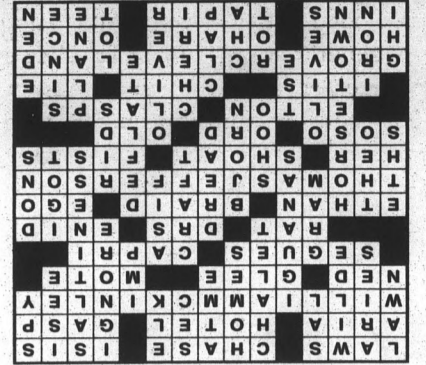
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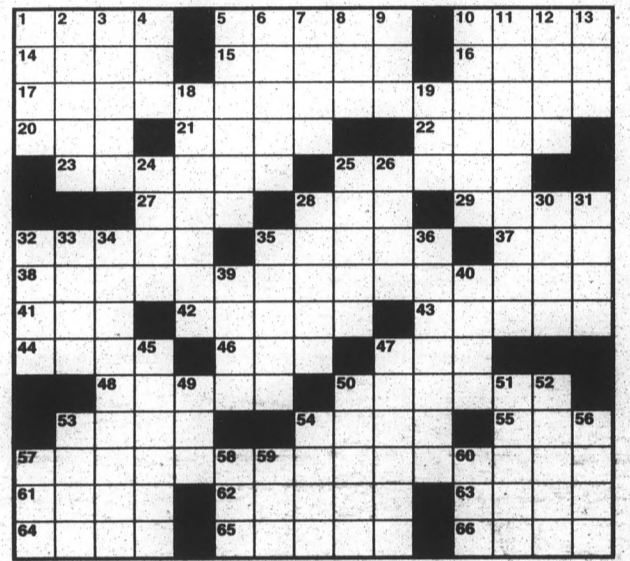
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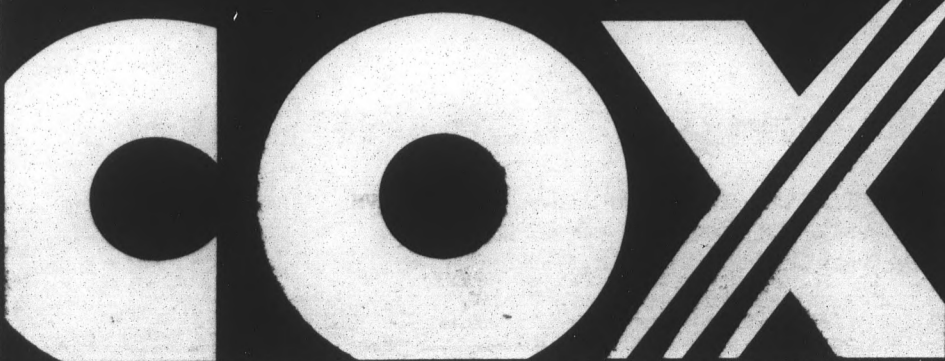
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COUPLES ASK, 'WHOSE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS?'

There's no place like home for the holidays. ... At least that's how the popular song goes. But for many couples, the question of where to spend the holidays is often filled with tension, conflict and guilt.

A generation ago, most families spent the holidays together. It was relatively easy to bring grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles from both sides of the family together for holiday gatherings. But in today's transient society, where families often live thousands of miles apart, many couples are forced to decide which set of in-laws they'll spend the holidays with - a decision that in her book "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Dealing With In-Laws" (Alpha Books), author Laurie Rozakis, Ph.D. states, "there's no denying that the holidays are one of the top causes

of tensions among in-laws. In some families, the holidays can be as strained as a cease-fire along the Israel-Palestine border. ..."

Rozakis devotes an entire chapter of her book to coping with holiday conflict and offers a variety of practical solutions for couples who are trying to balance loyalties for their own parents as well as their in-laws and spouse.

Many couples approach the holidays pragmatically. They decide to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, and Christmas or Hanukkah with his. It's a solution that works well for many couples - until, of course, they have children. Then everything changes.

Grandparents naturally want to spend time with their grandchildren during the holidays and may

resent having to share them with the "other grandparents." Couples often feel caught in a tug of war, unable to please anyone, least of all themselves.

That's one of the reasons why psychologists often advise couples to create their own holiday traditions early in the marriage. By establishing their own customs, couples not only strengthen their commitment to one another, but assert their independence from their families - in a positive, nonthreatening way.

Couples who are torn about which family to spend the holidays with often decide to spend the holidays alone or with friends. Others decide to invite the whole clan over to their house for dinner.

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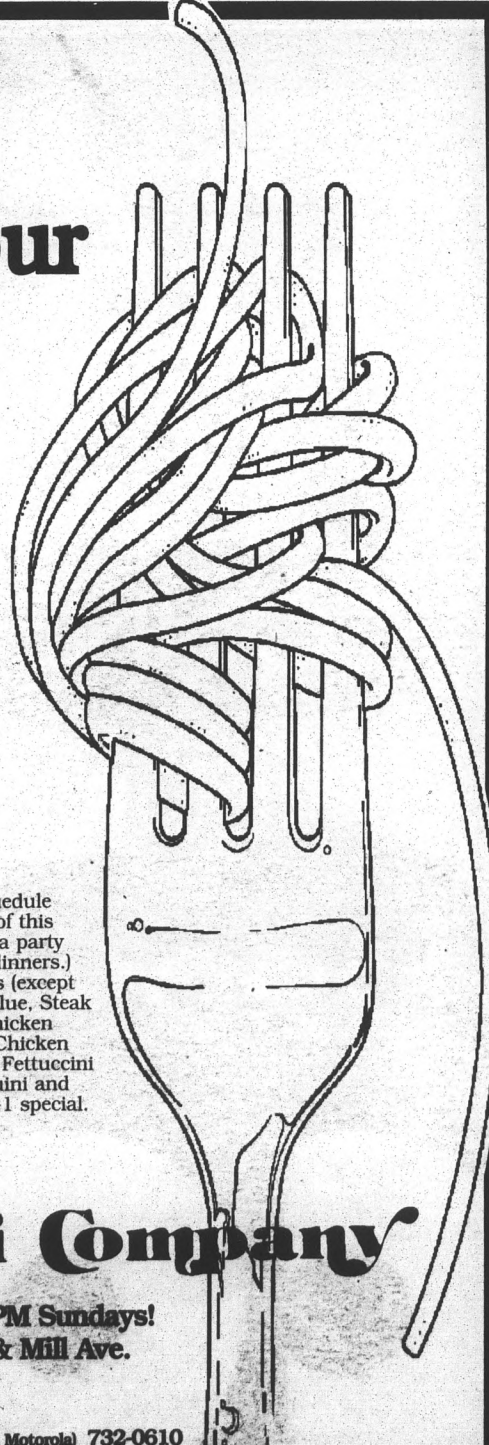


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PLAN AHEAD SO CHRISTMAS DOESN'T LEAVE YOU BROKE

Moderation in all things, counseled the Greek philosophers, but they couldn't have been talking about Christmas. The yuletide season, after all, is a time for excess - when diets and budgets and just about every other form of self-restraint go out the window.

Swipe that little plastic card once too often, and you could end up in serious debt by the time January rolls around.

"Christmas is a time when people tend to max out on their credit card," says Daniel Barrera of Consumer Credit Counseling of San Diego and Imperial counties. "Three years later, they're still paying on that account. By then, they don't even remember what they bought."

Dollars and sense are often in conflict - particularly during the holidays.

"It's supposed to be a storybook time, the family is supposed to be perfect and wonderful, only life isn't a storybook," says Ellen Margolis, a psychologist who frequently counsels her clients on money issues. "Often, the people who feel (the) worst about their lives end up spending more because they can't meet the ideal."

Divorced parents may compete for the affections of their children by buying expensive presents. But several hundred dollars later, "your kid is still unhappy at school," says Margolis.

Sometimes, understanding the drive to spend helps people put on the brakes. Advance planning and savvy shopping also keep the urge to splurge in check.

Here are some ways to practice safe spending:

- Make a budget and stick to it. You need to create a detailed budget - preferably in January or February, says Barrera. Take a hard look at last year's expenditures, and plan your party, gift-giving and decorating costs accordingly.

Make a list of appropriate gifts and, in each case, suitable alternatives. (If you can't find a blue cruise wear shirt for Tommy, a pair of navy men's shorts won't bust your budget, either.)

- Shop around. If you give yourself a year to shop, you can find the time to compare prices and merchandise - and not end up with the highest price and the worst value because you've left everything for the last minute. Make a list and buy an item when it's on special.

- Buy one present for him-and-her. For the married people, or couples on her list, Mary Wisner, a technical writer in Lake Wylie, S.C., assembles gift packages that both people will enjoy. Last year's inspiration was a picnic-basket-for-two. She pur-

chased the basket at a yard sale, filled it with a silver-plated coffeepot, two china cups and saucers she discovered at a flea market; added some homemade chocolate chip cookies, coffees that she flavored herself; and two linen napkins. The \$13 cost fell well within her budget.

- Make a family pact to split the spending chores. That time-worn ritual of buying a present for every niece, nephew and half-stepbrother on your list is a budget-buster and a time drain. Now that woman's place is in the home and in the office, she doesn't have the hours to shop for every Tom, Dick and Harriet.

To shorten the gift-giving time and get to the turkey before midnight, some extended families now hold a kind of pre-Christmas lottery. Around September, you get to draw straws, pick a name out of a hat, or role the dice to find out which relative to add to your shopping list. Obviously, this isn't a unilateral decision, and you'll need to get your own family to buy into this plan.

- Begin your Christmas shopping the day after Christmas. That's when gift wrap, greeting cards and luxury tinned foods go on sale. Reserve a corner of the closet or attic for next year's Christmas supplies.

- Look for golden oldies. Aside from pricey antiques, have you ever thought of buying used gifts? It's all a matter of definition, says Wisner, who reckons that "once someone tries something on in a department store, it's 'used,' and once you wash a new item of clothing it's also used."

- It's the thought that counts - but do think twice. A week's worth of dog-walking, a set of baby-sitting IOUs, a basket of homemade pies and jellies were always much-appreciated gifts - and still are. But there's a caveat here: The personal touch is not for everyone - and we mean the giver as well as the receiver.

If you're already working a 70-hour week and wearing yourself to a frazzle, read and reread the adage that time is money. Don't judge yourself too harshly if you don't have the time or the inclination to create a clever hand-

made gift for everyone on your list. Sometimes, spending money is cheaper in the long run than saving it!

On the other hand, do encourage your children to spend their time and spare their allowance when preparing for the Christmas season. They can walk the dogs and do the baby-sitting!

- Repair the damage of Christmases past. If you're still paying the bills from previous years' merrymaking, here is the perfect gift to give yourself: a leg up on your financial future. If you haven't already done so, buy a copy of one of the leading personal finance software packages. Either Intuit's Quicken or MS Money will work - and each program has its fans.

The next time you write a check or pay a credit card charge, add the information to your computer database, and you've taken an important step toward fiscal fitness. You can set up a category for Christmas spending, and the program will automatically track your charges throughout the year.

Consider consolidating your credit card charges and paying them off on a single card. And if you're still confused about living the good life on a budget, treat yourself to a copy of "The Tightwad Gazette: Promoting Thrift as a Viable Alternative Lifestyle," by Amy Dacyczyn.



Irene Wells, president of Consumer Credit Counseling Service, decorates a Christmas tree with cut-up credit cards. Experts advise consumers to make a budget and stick to it to avoid the long-term effects of overspending.

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In most cases, parents are more than happy to relinquish the responsibility of holiday gatherings to their married children.

While some couples like to carry on the traditions set forth by their parents, it's important for couples to add their own spin to the holidays, whether it's introducing a new dish or setting aside an hour for caroling or games.

Although there is no simple solution to keeping everyone happy, there are things you can do to alleviate some of the stress and tension that often surface during the holidays:

- (beginbold) Respect the customs/traditions of your in-laws. (endbold) Your in-laws may celebrate the holidays in ways that are very foreign to you. Try to keep an open mind and be nonjudgmental.

- (beginbold) Be loyal to your spouse. (endbold) As a married couple, your first priority should be to your spouse - not your parents or in-laws. Decide together how you'll spend the holidays and stand firm in your decision. Don't allow either set of parents to pit you against one another.

- (beginbold) Have realistic expectations. (endbold) Everyone feels tremendous pressure to make the holidays as perfect as possible. Things come up that you can't always anticipate, so try to be flexible. Keep in mind that the holidays you remember as a child may not measure up to what you experience as an adult.

- (beginbold) Put your differences aside. (endbold) The holidays can bring out the best and the worst in people. Don't let past grudges ruin the holidays. If you've had a disagreement with one of your in-laws (or a member of your own family), do the mature thing and call a truce. The holidays are the perfect time to forgive and forget.

- (beginbold) Make plans early. (endbold) Don't wait until the last minute to tell people how you plan to spend the holidays. If you don't want to accept a holiday invitation with your parents or in-laws, politely decline and make plans to see them another time.

TOP VIDEOS

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

Top Video Rentals

(Compiled from a national sample of rental reports)

1. "Armageddon," Touchstone Home Video.
2. "Deep Impact," Paramount Home Video.
3. "Godzilla," Columbia TriStar.
4. "Small Soldiers," Universal Studios.
5. "A Perfect Murder," Warner Home Video.
6. "Hope Floats," FoxVideo.
7. "The X-Files," FoxVideo.
8. "The Horse Whisperer," Touchstone Home Video.
9. "City Of Angels," Warner Home Video.
10. "Mercury Rising," Universal Studios.

Top Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Armageddon," Touchstone Home Video.
2. "Godzilla," Columbia TriStar.
3. "Lion King II: Simba's Pride," Walt Disney Home Video.
4. "Small Soldiers," Universal Studios.
5. "Gone With The Wind," MGM/UA Home Video.
6. "Titanic," Paramount Home Video.
7. "Cats," PolyGram Video.
8. "The X-Files," FoxVideo.
9. "South Park: 3-Pack Volume 2," Rhino Home Video.
10. "Kiss: Psycho-Circus," Kiss. PolyGram Video.

Top Kids Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports.)

1. "Lion King II: Simba's Pride," Walt Disney Home Video.
2. "Lady And The Tramp," Walt Disney Home Video.
3. "Scooby-Doo On Zombie Island," Warner Family Entertainment.
4. "Teletubbies: Dance With The Teletubbies," Warner Family Entertainment.
5. "The Little Mermaid: Special Edition," Walt Disney Home Video.
6. "Anastasia," FoxVideo.
7. "Hercules," Walt Disney Home Video.
8. "Teletubbies: Here Come The Teletubbies," Warner Family Entertainment.
9. "Quest For Camelot," Warner Family Entertainment.
10. "Barney's Great Adventure," PolyGram Video.

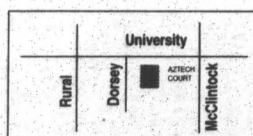
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Hot 100: Top 20

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "I'm Your Angel," R. Kelly & Celine Dion. Jive.
2. "Nobody's Supposed To Be Here," Deborah Cox. Arista. (Gold)
3. "Lately," Divine. Pendulum. (Platinum)
4. "Doo Wop (That Thing)," Lauryn Hill. Ruffhouse.
5. "From This Moment On," Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville).
6. "Because Of You," 98 Degrees. Motown. (Gold)
7. "Love Like This," Faith Evans. Bad Boy. (Gold)
8. "Lullaby," Shawn Mullins. SMG.
9. "...Baby One More Time," Britney Spears. Jive.
10. "Have You Ever?," Brandy. Atlantic.
11. "The First Night," Monica. Arista. (Platinum)
12. "Iris," Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Sun.
13. "This Kiss," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Gold)
14. "Trippin'," Total (feat. Missy Elliott). Bad Boy.
15. "How Deep Is Your Love," Dru Hill (feat. Redman). Island. (Gold)
16. "Jumper," Third Eye Blind. Elektra.
17. "Save Tonight," Eagle-Eye Cherry. WORK.
18. "Hands," Jewel. Atlantic.
19. "One Week," Barenaked Ladies. Reprise.
20. "Thank U," Alanis Morissette. Maverick.

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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 20

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Double Live," Garth Brooks. Capitol (Nashville).
2. "Garage Inc.," Metallica. Elektra.
3. "These Are Special Times," Celine Dion. 550 Music.
4. "Spirit," Jewel. Atlantic. (Platinum)
5. "Greatest Hits," 2Pac. Amaru.
6. "'N Sync," 'N Sync. RCA. (Platinum)
7. "(NU) 1's," Mariah Carey. Columbia.
8. "Vol. 2... Hard Knock Life," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella. (Platinum)
9. "Backstreet Boys," Backstreet Boys. Jive. (Platinum)
10. "Home For Christmas," 'N Sync. RCA.
11. "Tical 2000: Judgement Day," Method Man. Def Jam.
12. "Americana," The Offspring. Columbia.
13. "Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie," Alanis Morissette. Maverick.
14. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
15. "Live On Two Legs," Pearl Jam. Epic.
16. "RZA As Bobby Digital In Stereo," RZA. Gee Street.
17. Soundtrack: "Chef Aid: The South Park Album." American.
18. "My Love Is Your Love," Whitney Houston. Arista.
19. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
20. "Never S-A-Y Never," Brandy. Atlantic. (Platinum)

Hot Adult Contemporary

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "I'm Your Angel," R. Kelly & Celine Dion. Jive.
2. "From This Moment On," Shania Twain. Mercury.
3. "I'll Never Break Your Heart," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
4. "True Colors," Phil Collins. Face Value.
5. "When You Believe," Whitney Houston. DreamWorks.

6. "This Kiss," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
7. "I'll Be," Edwin McCain. Atlantic.
8. "To Love You More," Celine Dion. 550 Music.
9. "You're Still The One," Shania Twain. Mercury.
10. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden. Columbia.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Turn The Page," Metallica. Elektra.
2. "Fly Away," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin.
3. "Kickin' My Heart Around," The Black Crowes. American.
4. "Psycho Man," Black Sabbath. Epic.
5. "Slide," Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Bros.
6. "Dragula," Rob Zombie. Geffen.
7. "Celebrity Skin," Hole. DGC.
8. "What's This Life For," Creed. Wind-up.
9. "Pretty Fly (For A White Guy)," The Offspring. Columbia.
10. "Still Rainin'," Jonny Lang. A&M.

Modern Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Never There," Cake. Capricorn.
2. "Fly Away," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin.
3. "What It's Like," Everlast. Tommy Boy.
4. "Pretty Fly (For A White Guy)," The Offspring. Columbia.
5. "Slide," Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Bros.
6. "Got You (Where I Want You)," The Flys. Delicious.
7. "Celebrity Skin," Hole. DGC.
8. "Circles," Soul Coughing. Slash.
9. "Inside Out," Eve 6. RCA.
10. "Sweetest Thing," U2. Island.

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More letters from Santa!

Honorable mentions

We liked this one too. Dr. Evil lives!

Dear Santa,

Following the spectacular failure of the 'Junior Physicist Cold Fusion Kit' you brought me last year, I've decided to broaden my horizons a bit this year.

I want:

1. A large former Soviet-bloc republic with an underdeveloped industrial base.
2. One hundred million enthusiastic, goal-oriented laborers willing to work for two and a half meals per day.
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5. One squadron of F-22 Raptor

aircraft and appropriate munitions and support facilities.

6. Five hundred pounds of high-grade fissionable uranium (plutonium also acceptable).
 7. One dozen intercontinental ballistic missiles with reentry vehicles.
 8. Five computer experts well-versed in 'alternative economic' techniques and several Swiss bank accounts.
- Again, I wish to express my deepest apologies for the unfortunate cruise missile accident at your Arctic manufacturing facility. I too feel the pain of the families of the injured elves. Please do not let this untimely mishap place me on your 'naughty' list.

Sincerely,

John Evil, M.D.
Prof. Emeritus
School of Evil Arts and Sciences

PS Peace on Earth and goodwill towards men would be nice too.

Dearest Santa,

Oh, my love, where do I begin? For Christmas, I wish I could find the words to tell you in writing exactly what I'm feeling since I cannot see you in person. I miss your jolly laugh and your cute little red suit. I miss your merry smile and the bearded face I so love to kiss. Where have you been my darling? All year I have cleaned the chimney for you and all year you have not come to me. I am lost without you.

You have broken your promises. You told me that I was the only one in your life, yet when you leave me you go from house to house as you please. My friends have told me that you've been to most of their homes also. Is this true? Why do you continue to pursue your never ending obsession with children to give to them freely when you only take from me? Last Christmas Eve you came to my home, hung up your stockings, and spent one magical night with me under the mistletoe. Yet even then you were in such a hurry to get back to your other families that you left me alone to wait for your return.

Santa, I realize now that you are a sick, sick man. I have heard rumors that you do not return to me because you prefer the company of elves. I have heard that you play with toys and nickname your reindeer before you tie them up. You visit family after family just to disappear again, and I'm sick of it. You can tell your little Vixen that she won't have to wait on my roof again this year. It's over.

I certainly hope that Mrs. Claus is going to keep you warm this Christmas...I'll be celebrating Chanukkah.

Julie Cain

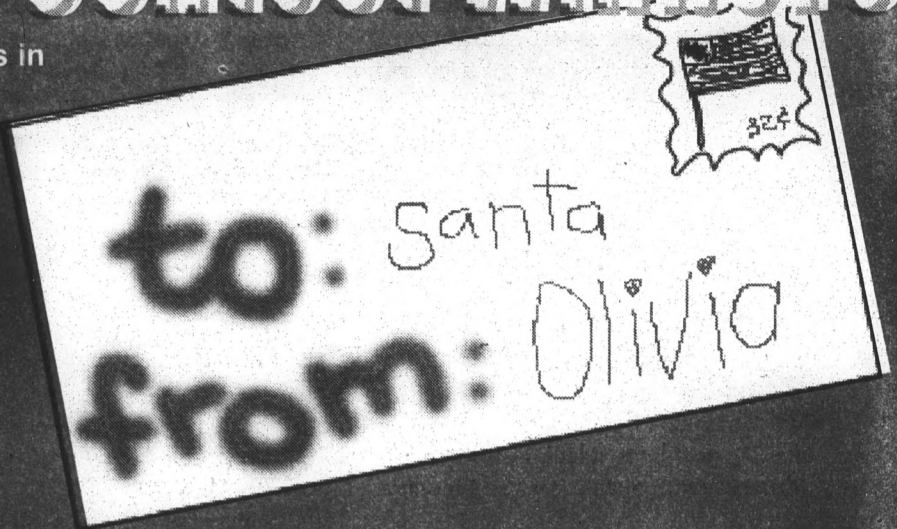
Letters to Santa Contest Winners!



Winners can pick up their prizes in room 35 of Matthews Center.

We have three winners!

We hope you enjoy the unedited* winning entries...we sure did!



2nd PLACE WINNER

FIRST PLACE WINNER

Dear Santa,

Last night, as I walked my daughter's friend home, we stopped to admire the twinkling lights that had magically appeared on our neighbor's houses. My daughter asked her friend when her Dad was going to put up their lights. Her friend was quiet for a moment, and then said "We aren't going to have any lights. My Dad said that we could have lights for the house or Christmas presents." I could feel her disappointment even though she looked away.

I remember being nine. To me, being the only one on our street without lights told everyone that my sister and I didn't have a father. Dads were the only ones who hung the lights in my day. They didn't know that we also had no money to spend on lights or gifts. They didn't know that the church brought gifts and food one year.

Now, we live in a fairly well-off neighborhood where vans and three car garages are the norm. But I also know that even people with nice homes can struggle with bills, especially those with one income and many children.

So on to my wish. I would like Santa to bring this little girl Christmas lights, without mentioning who told him. And since all wishes are possible, could you also send elves to put the lights up?

Thank you.

Lisa Archuletta
senior, psychology

*names were omitted to protect anonymity

Congratulations Lisa!

Hey ASU...let's show this little girl the magic of Christmas! Please bring donations of toys, gifts and decorations to the State Press in Matthews Center basement. The State Press will anonymously deliver the gifts to this unsuspecting little angel. This is what the magic of the season is all about. Questions? Call Jackie Eldridge 965-6741.

My letter to Santa:

Dear Santa! I know you are busy getting the requests, wishes and gifts...I will not bother you asking for some material good, a thing I wish for this Christmas, like I used to do...not this time. This time I will ask you for some different wishes to make come true...My wishes as simple, as they are difficult. Difficult for me to make them come true myself. For many of us these wishes of mine are everyday thing or something they will not ask Santa about. For me they are just wishes...

A wish to have a close friend, have a lot of friends, have somebody I can always come to...Have my family next to me, have my homeland's smell and spirit... I am not from here, have not been here long enough to establish some relationships, and there is no way to have my family here from another continent...I am simply lonely. Lonely... when I would love to be around wonderful people, get together with my friends, or just to know there is somebody I love to be around. I wish you will let me borrow your sledge with the deers to fly back to my cold, far away Russia to take just one look on my loveones to see how are they doing. My sister have grown... Last time I saw her she was a kid, now she is a growing

woman. Time running fast...I really wish that my grandparents will be healthier and will live long. I can not imagine one of them die and me not be able to take off and fly to see them for the last time...I wish my parents, rest of the relatives and friends will make it through the rough times in my country, as well as all the people...I wish you can make my hands so long that I can hug Earth and people all together. Also for all people to be more forgiving and kind to each other. If many of us can not do that themselves, help us to be...at least on Christmas...I better stop right here. I can continue and will not leave time for others to speak up and ask for their wishes this holiday season from you, Santa.

You know, I did not want to make it sound so sad or hopeless. But life is also not what we want it to be sometimes, there are some things set without asking us, will we like it or not... But life is not too bad. And there are some wishes I can make myself come true... But using the opportunity of this season--Christmas and paper of this powerful newspaper I would like you, Santa to hear me and, please...forgive me for orthographical and other mistakes! You time listening is very appreciated!

Valeria Johnson

Thank you Valeria! Happy holidays from your friends at ASU!

Dear Santa Claus:

Though I've reached into the latter parts of my teenage years and the majority of clinically sane people stop believing in you at the age of 5, I write to you with a very special and dire request. It is the same thing that I've asked for every year since the movie E. T. was released so many years ago, but you have never found it in your heart to grant. However this year I've been extra special good just for you and this day of gifts that is approaching. So I'll ask one more time in desperation, please, oh please, Santa Claus bring me Drew Barrymore this year.

I swear to love her with everything that I'm worth. I'll treat her nice, not like that dog you brought me when I was seven. How was I suppose to know that dogs weren't suppose to drink antifreeze? He seemed to really like it until he went into convulsions. No I'll treat Drew different. I'll brush her hair every night

and use special conditioner to keep it nice and shiny. And if she makes a doodey on the floor, I'll clean it up before it stains.

I don't need anything else, just Drew. Don't worry about the liver that the doctor's say I supposedly need or the penicillin that my insurance can no longer cover. Don't bring me any of that stuff, just Drew, so very pure and so very sweet.

Sincerely,
Ryan McKee
sophomore, English

P.S. Please disregard that castration attempt that I tried to perform on my probation officer, he asked for it.

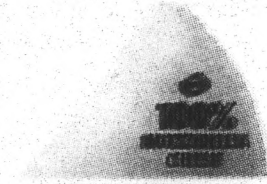
Okay. So our judges had to pick a twisted one. it just wouldn't be college without it. Thanks Ryan. You're twisted, buddy.

3rd PLACE WINNER

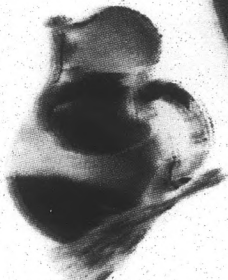
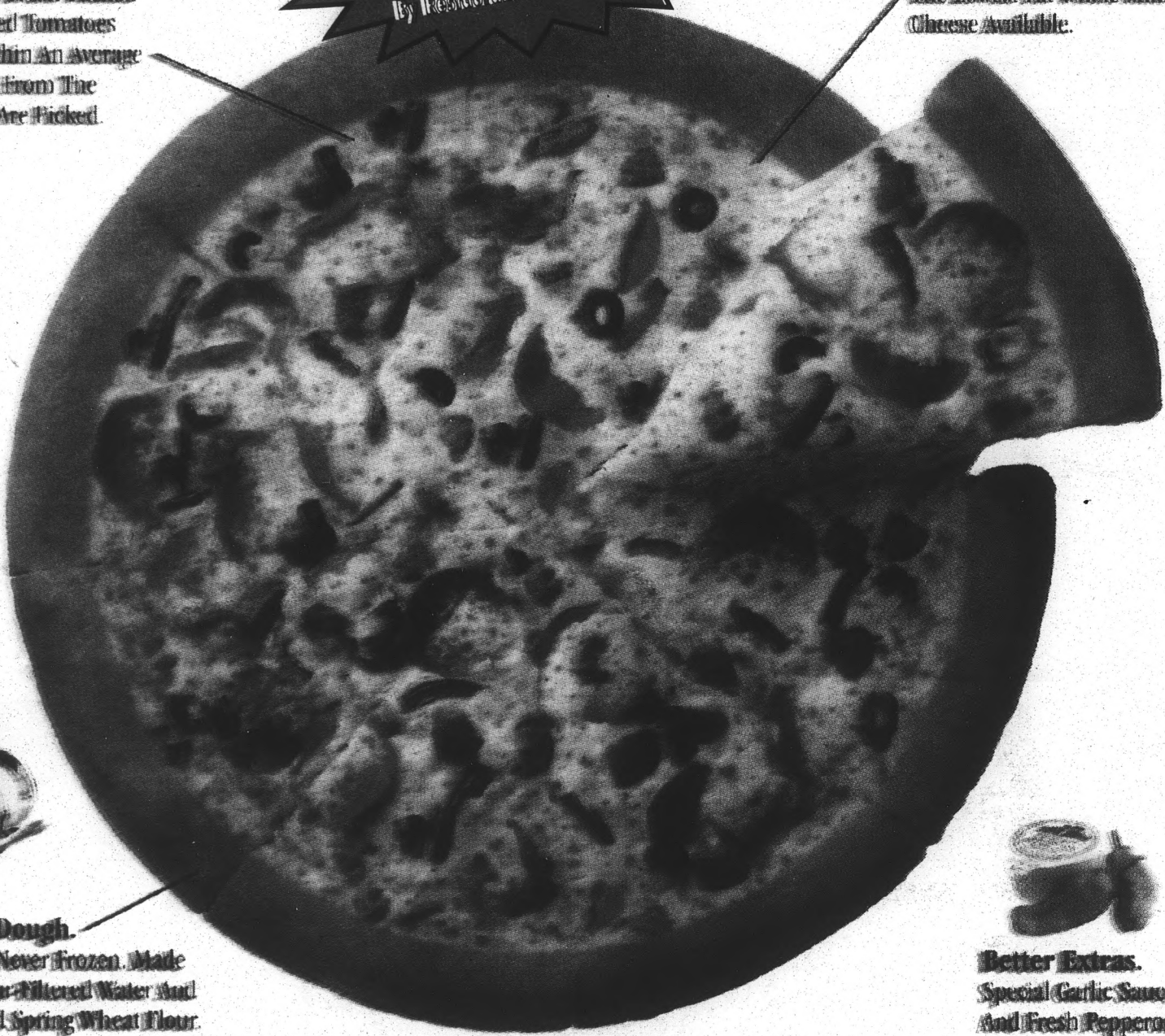
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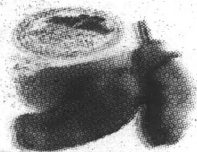
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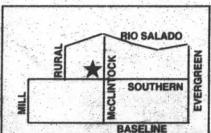
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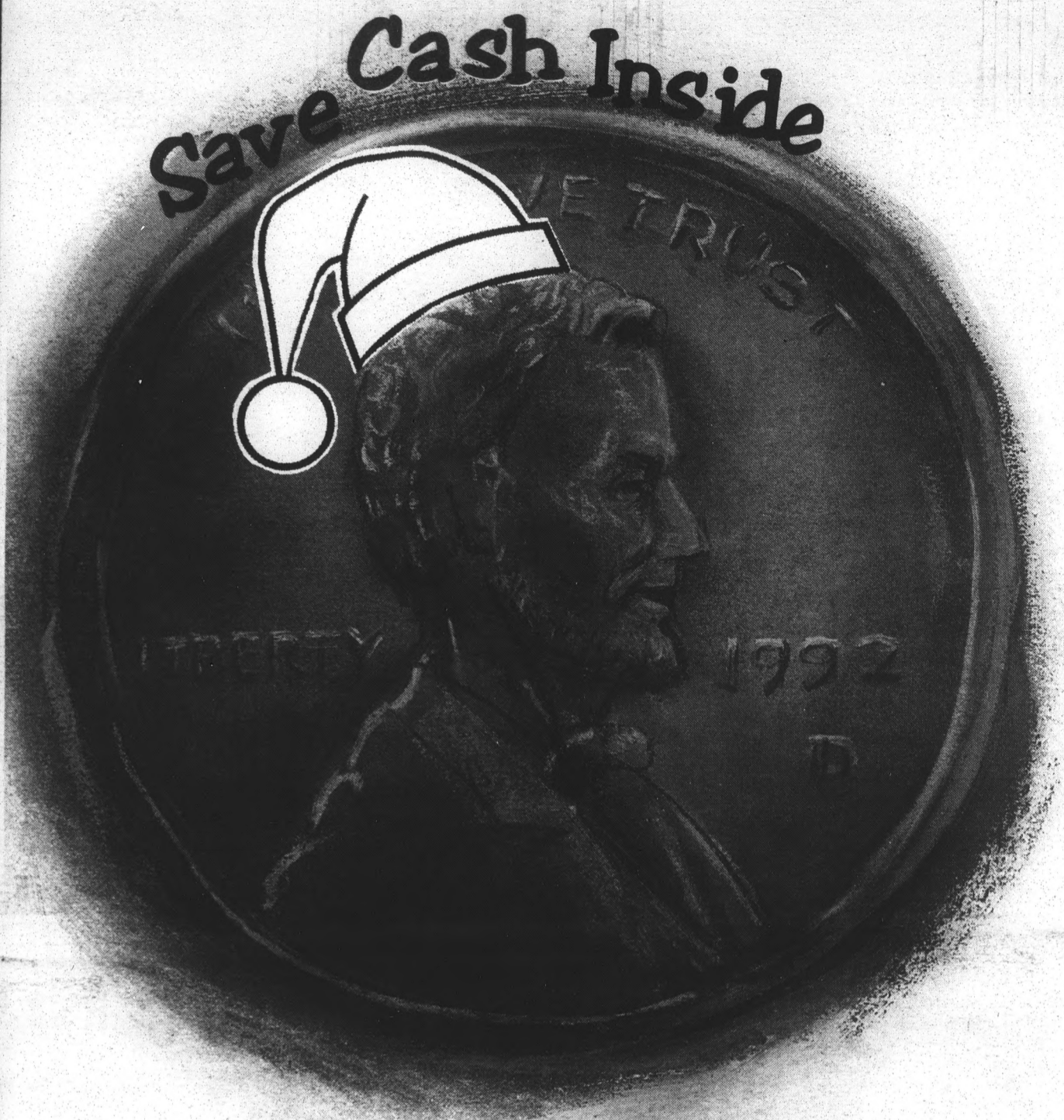
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KIDS LEARN SANTA IS REAL AS LONG AS THEY BELIEVE

Five-year-old Tommy thinks Santa is "cool and really nice"; Rebecca, 6, says Santa Claus brings her great stuff and is really nice to his reindeer, "especially Rudolph"; Teresa, 3, thinks Santa is "so fat, but super-doooper!"

Eight-year-old Greg, however, has another story. "I don't believe in Santa," says the newly skeptical third-grader. "It's just my dad who gives me those presents. But I have to act like he's real 'cuz of my little sisters. Mom says I can't ruin it for them."

Poor Santa. So much hype, so much work. How, after all, does a hefty guy fit in those tiny condo fireplaces and pull millions of pounds of toys in one sleigh? Luckily, the ever-generous Mr. Claus doesn't need his own press agents or spin doctors to validate himself. Kids, especially the very young variety, have been eagerly awaiting his Christmas presence (and presents) for centuries.

It's easy to believe when parents, teachers, other kids and the media extol the fat man's wonders and map out his journey around the world, visiting the homes of every child from the North Pole to Tasmania.

But when a child hits the preteen years, word of mouth from peers and older kids let a horrifying secret spill out.

"Santa isn't real, you big baby! It's just your parents!" has certainly been uttered a million times on playgrounds across the world. Santa, after all, is on a par with angels, fairies, the Easter Bunny and other icons of make-believe. But why, a heartbroken 9-year-old may wonder? Why do adults perpetuate this lie eternally? And is that OK?

Anyone who's ever seen "Miracle on 34th

Street" (the classic or recent versions), knows it's OK. Young Natalie Wood's character disbelieves in Santa Claus at the beginning of the older film, as most of us remember. But then she becomes caught up in the magic and kindness of an old man's intentions and learns that the act of believing can make honorable things real.

What do the experts say about this extremely popular form of holiday truth-twisting?

Child psychologist George Davids says he's never seen an incident in which a child is scarred emotionally by the "big Santa lie."

"It's sort of a rite of passage among children, to eventually find out Santa Claus isn't a living person," says Davids. "It's one of those inevitable realizations that come with growing up, just like finding out that people actually have to work for money and that if you eat lots of sweets, you may get cavities."

Some parents, such as actress Jamie Lee Curtis, tell their children the un-Santa truth from the beginning. Most of us, though, think that kills some of the holiday magic for kids. Childhood is, after all, becoming less childlike, more grown up than when we were kids. What could be wrong with trying to let kids stay young during the too-short years of childhood? And what is more beautiful than the look on a tot's face when he spots the gifts left by St. Nick on Christmas Morning, or first sits happily on a store Santa's lap?

Many children question why there are so many Santas accepting requests in department stores, or why a particular party Santa may look thin or not at all jolly.



Rachael Hyder of Poway, Calif., gets a big holiday hug from Santa. Parents come up with some good cover stories when it comes to telling their children about Santa, if they do at all.

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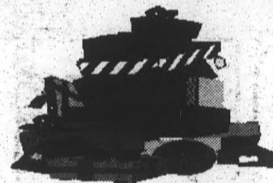
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"Those guys are Santa's helpers," most of us explain, shocked that that feeble explanation actually works.

Kelly George, a mother of two young sons in Lexington Park, Md., says her mother made the Santa dilemma especially believable.

"My mom had six kids," says George. "And she always told us that she and Dad wrote checks to Santa and actually bought toys from him when they went Christmas shopping. That way, we understood why some kids got more loot on Christmas than others. It also made the whole Santa letdown thing not such a big deal," George states.

What do you tell your kids if they ask if Santa's real or not? My vote is to explain that sometimes, believing is enough to make something real. That if they believe, then he can be real to them, in their

hearts. Many children keep on believing just to keep on getting the presents, or to keep the magic alive for younger siblings. All this is just fine.

So, if the whole snowy scene makes you and your children happy, follow it. If your kids are miniature Grinches, they're probably OK knowing the truth.

But Sharon Jones, a Denver, Colo., elementary school teacher, scoffs at that.

"All kids love Santa Claus, whether they believe in him or not," emphasizes Jones. "Santa represents generosity, kindness, love and warm, fuzzy feelings. Please don't 'dis Santa. Kids need happy things to believe in, especially in this day and age."

Santa was too busy to answer my calls. Seems he's out rounding up enough elves to produce millions of Teletubbies for tots the world over. Next week, says his elf spokesperson, he's on to Barbie.

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Icicles on a strange window. A blazing fire at the foot of a cozy bed piled high with quilts. Twin breakfast trays laden with steamy coffee, fragrant apple spice muffins, just-squeezed orange juice and a phone that doesn't ring. It's 3 in the afternoon and you're both still under warm sheets.

This holiday, when you're drawing up the shopping list and checking it twice, play Santa and put yourself and your loved one at the top. Give each other a romantic getaway to relax, recover and perhaps rekindle your relationship. It's one gift you'll never have to take back.

It just makes great sense. Holidays in our pressure-cooked world, it seems, can deteriorate into a frenzy of shopping, spending, scrambling and scratching your head to see who you forgot who will not forget you. But in all your running around, you may forget the feelings of the most important person in your life: your wife, husband, lover, great close friend, someone you want to spend quiet, untrammelled time with. Plan now to get away.

Plumb out of ideas? Here are some suggestions:

Airlines are usually high priced, already booked and they cleverly black out frequent-flyer miles over the holidays. Plus, airports are zoos from Thanksgiving on. So find a hideaway close to home, within driving distance, and make reservations now.

I personally like bed and breakfasts and cabins, but I want privacy. Forget the innkeeper who has turned his three-story home into a boardinghouse with flowers, lace, potpourri and the morning muffin. You want seclusion and space, a bathtub large enough for two and a garden where you can collect rose petals and sprinkle them on pillows or in a bath. Make sure you get a fireplace, too.

If you're lucky enough to live near water, check into something with a view of the ocean, a serene lake, or a running river that serenades you nonstop. You're relaxing, so ask for a porch, two rocking chairs, a hammock (beginital) au deux, (endital) or walking trails. Forget the snowmobiles, bicycles, tennis and golf. For once this year, devote all your attention to the one you love.

Rent a comfy cabin in the mountains or at the shore, cook in and cuddle. I like the San Juan Islands in Washington state or Martha's Vineyard outside Boston, the latter being a bit pricier. You arrive by ferryboat in both instances, so you still have your car, yet you feel isolated away from the hubbub. Sure beats staying home and hopping around to holiday parties and, since you're off work, doing chores around the house.

This is a wonderful country for creating Le Grand Holiday Escape. Try the piney woods and blue-black lakes by the thousand of upper Michigan and Minnesota; the little inns in the lobster fishing towns like Newcastle, Maine; rambling, restored B&Bs that are in all those small hamlets of Tennessee where the town square glitters with Christmas lights and music by the high school band.

Wherever you go for a getaway this holiday season, the important thing is just go. And when you do, make it creative, thoughtful, unforgettable.

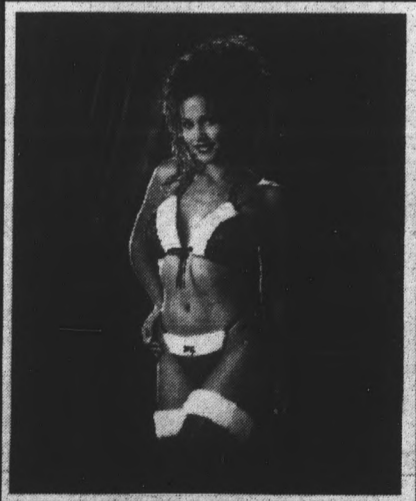
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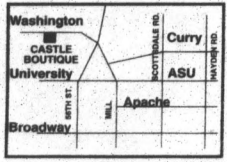
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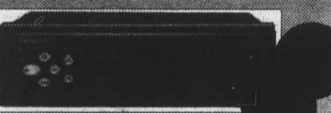
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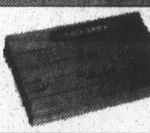
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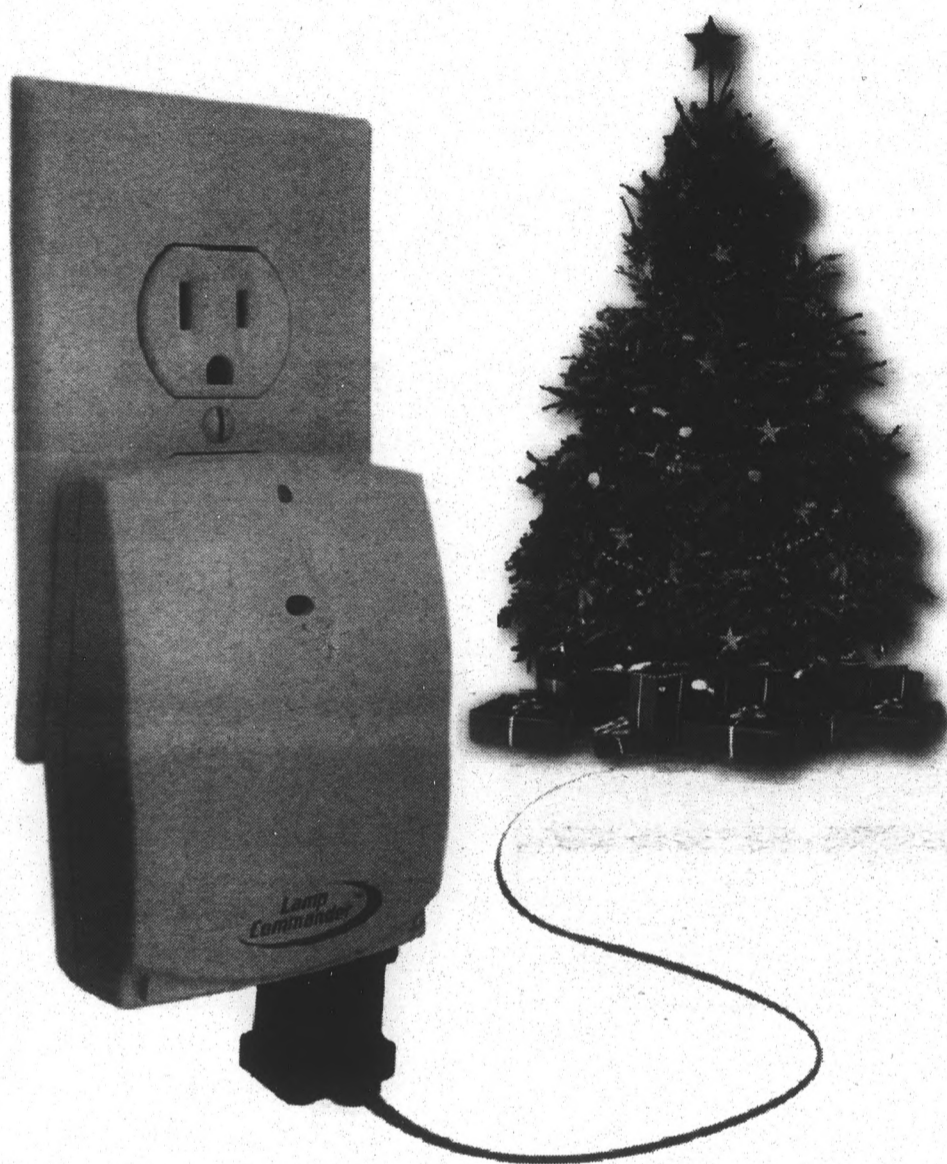
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Perhaps the same magic that allows Santa Claus to deliver presents to millions of children around the world each Christmas Eve is also what allows him to simultaneously appear at shopping malls, theme parks and parties throughout the holiday season.

Magic, indeed, along with a little help from some jolly friends who undoubtedly possess the spirit of Father Christmas.

"Santa Claus used to be perceived as some bum the people at the stores sobered up and plopped in a chair, but it's not like that at all," says Art Steen of Antelope, Calif., who spends each December being photographed as Santa with children in shopping malls. "I do it because it brings joy to so many children, and as payback I get to experience indescribable joy and happiness."

Putting smiles on young faces has been Steen's goal since serving with the military during the Korean War. He would comfort orphaned children and give them food and clothing. He noticed he had a special rapport with the youngsters, so when he returned home he became a social worker, helping place children in foster homes and working with abused and neglected youth.

"That charisma and love of children is what makes being a Santa so rewarding," he says. "Instead of seeing the sad, depressing part of their lives, I now see the happy part."

Steen is one of 45 Santas assigned to pose for pictures with children in shopping centers nationwide by The Noerr Programs Corp., based in Golden, Colo. The Santas range in age from 48 to 79.

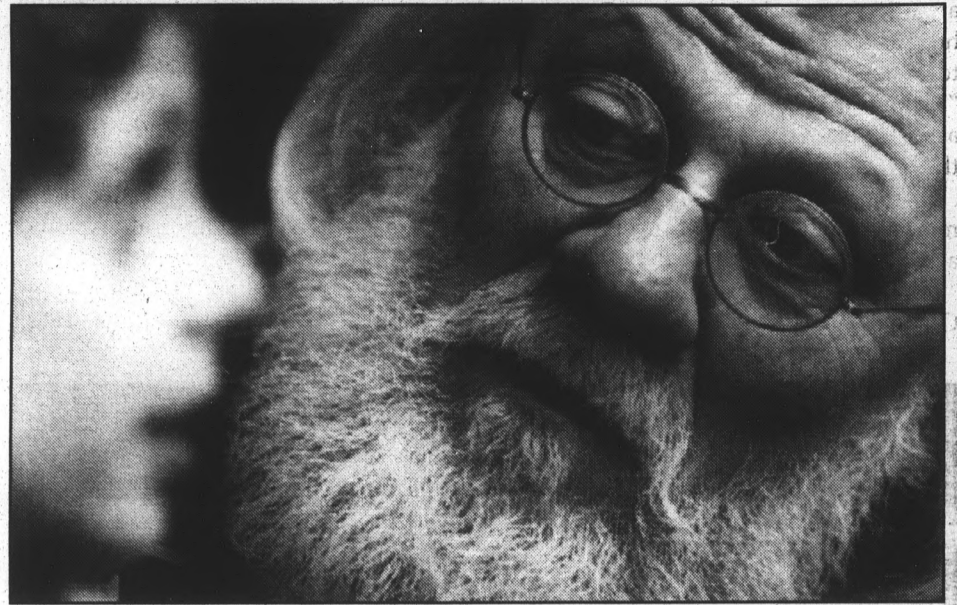
"We use genuine Santas with real beards and real hearts," says company owner Judy Noerr. "The look is important, but not nearly as important as the attitude. We are looking for people who are naturally interested in children."

To find the perfect Santas, Noerr says she starts with an extensive background check and training program. Noerr teaches the Santas to deal with difficult situations and to create an inspirational experience for the children. One point Noerr stresses is that Santas never promise to bring specific toys, because they don't know what the parents will get the children.

Bill Milne of Colorado has been with Noerr Programs for more than 10

years. One of his tricks is to get advance information from parents and grandparents, then counsel the children on ways they could behave better. After being tipped off by a grandfather, he spoke to one boy about his problems at school and with his sister.

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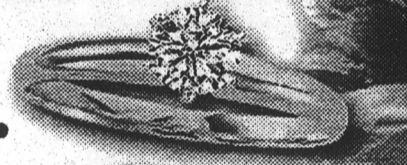
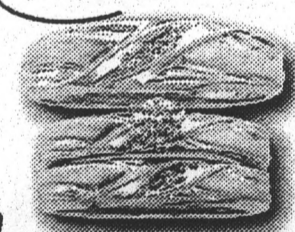



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"The boy was getting real nervous and starting to squirm, but he said he'd work to improve," Milne says. "Then he went and told his grandfather, 'Santa really knows everything about me. I'll have to be more careful.'"

As far as gifts go, Milne says it is important to pay attention to movies and cartoons to see which toys are hot each year. While many children simply ask Santa to bring a surprise, some are very particular. When "Tickle Me Elmo" dolls were popular, a young girl asked for four dolls because her daddy wanted to sell three.

"I told her that if I couldn't get that many she might want to ask the Easter Bunny," Milne says with a robust chuckle.

Noerr Santa, Andy Deneau of Orange County, Calif., enjoys the attention he gets from adoring chil-

dren during the holidays.

"Santa is the ultimate good guy," Deneau says. "I look forward to each December when I can step away from the humdrum things in life and do something for an appreciative audience; something that affects the children positively."

Deneau recalls a time early in his career when he was working at a shopping center in Florida. Instead of asking for a gift, a girl just wanted to know if everything would be all right.

Her grandfather then informed Santa that she was to have a brain tumor removed soon. Santa had a long chat with the girl, and a little later she returned with a chocolate-covered Santa for him, saying: "You give so much to so many people, but no one ever gives you anything, so this is for you, Santa."

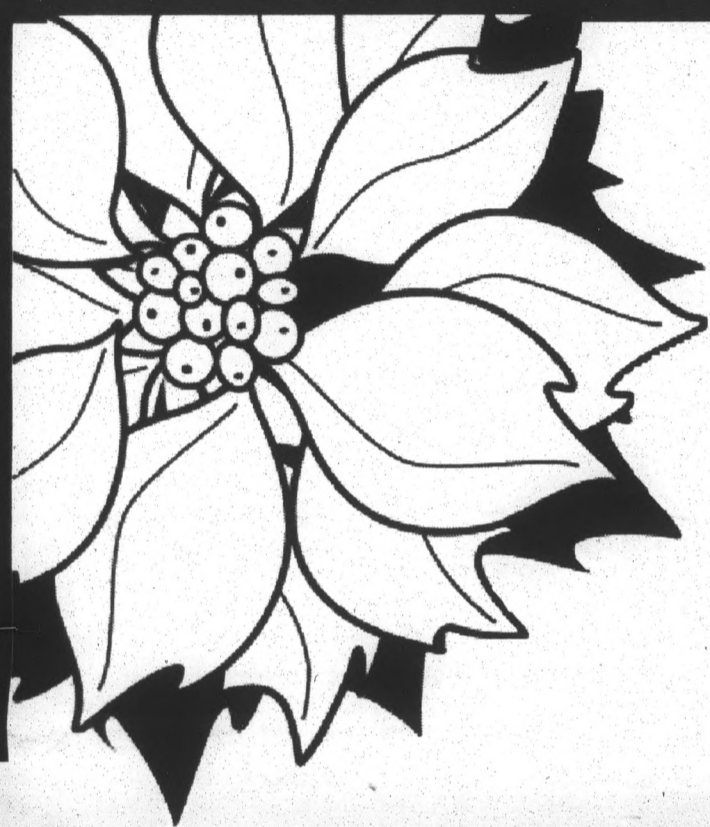
Another time he broke up an argument among

three brothers, then lectured them about how he expected them to behave and mind their mother. The mother gave Santa a kiss on the cheek and said, "You just gave me the best Christmas present."

Some Santas prefer the glitter of theme parks and holiday parties to frantic afternoons at the mall. Bill Daw makes annual appearances at Seaport Village in San Diego. He also appears at corporate parties and has been photographed for advertisements. He spends every Christmas Eve in nearby Balboa Park, greeting visitors from a sleigh.

Daw has worn a thick beard since 1977, and began appearing as Santa in 1981 after complaining about a poor portrayal of the Jolly Old St. Nick. The management at Seaport Village told him to come down himself if he thought he could do better. So he did.

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Be aware: If your children received gifts for Christmas, those notes should go into the mail today, three days after the date the gifts were given. The kids will commit a faux pas if their notes aren't posted by New Year's Day.

And, if your family celebrated Hanukkah a few weeks ago, stick pencils into those little hands now.

If a little motivation is needed, try this: One niece and nephew I know got zero, zilch, (beginital) nada, (endital) for Christmas from Grandma this year because they neglected to thank her for gifts in the past. Ouch!

GOOD MANNERS

To brush up on the finer points of expressing gratitude, we turned to an expert: Catherine Albertini of La Jolla, Calif., a certified children's etiquette consultant with credentials from The Protocol School in Washington, D.C.

Albertini teaches kids a wide range of social skills, from table manners to making polite conversation, and she believes thank-you notes are basic.

"One is never too young for good manners," Albertini said. "Children should start writing thank-you notes the minute they learn to write."

Even younger children can get into the act by drawing thank-you pictures, she said. "Drawings are very much appreciated."

But, how does a parent inspire gratitude?

Albertini offered the following pointers:

- Make sure your children have their own stationery and stamps. If possible, let them choose — or make — their writing paper. Lots of stores offer inexpensive, juvenile stationery already decorated with puppies, clowns and the like. Or, use rubber stamps and colored markers to create a personalized design.

A quick trip to a postal store can be fun, too. There, children may choose from postage stamps decorated with flowers, carousel horses or even cartoon characters.

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"It was something I had always wanted to do," says Daw. "When I first put that suit on, it stirred something in me, and things just evolved from there."

The Santas with real beards and large bellies say the natural attributes give them credibility with children. But along with that comes the responsibility of having children look up to them all year.

"Heads pop up when people see me walk into a restaurant, and kids will wave and say, 'Hi, Santa,'" says Milne. "You have to be quite careful where you are and what you do. People are disappointed if the image is shattered."

Deneau is also often recognized as Santa, and was recently asked to change his swimming time at a local pool because his appearance was disrupting a children's swim class.

One Santa who doesn't have the advantage of a real beard is Lyn Javier. She is the owner of All About Entertainment in San Diego, a company that provides a number of characters for parties. Javier says nobody realizes she is a woman when she puts on her custom red Santa suit and handmade beard. She has learned sign language in order to communicate with deaf

children and is learning Spanish.

Javier first put on the Santa suit out of desperation. A party needed a Santa and there was nobody else to do it. All About Entertainment now employs 15 Santas, including several Latino and African-American Santas. The Santas must submit to a background check and attend 35 hours of training each season, according to Javier.

Javier remembers a 3-year-old girl who was so eager to go to the North Pole and meet Rudolph that she crawled inside Santa's bag of presents. Santa and the parents acted frantic and wondered aloud what they would do without their sweet little daughter. The girl then crawled back out of the bag to comfort her grieving parents.

Each of these Santas points out that people will believe what they want. But since donning the magical red suits, they have spread a world of joy, and made believers out of many, including themselves.

"I truly believe that in December I am blessed with the magic of Santa Claus," Daw says, echoing the thoughts of Santas worldwide. "It has nothing to do with anything I've done, it's just who I am."

SURVIVAL TIPS

More than 265 million packages will be delivered in the four weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. With that in mind, UPS offers some tips to make sure your gifts get there on time.

- Just ask. Get holiday gift ideas at any family gathering, like a birthday party or an anniversary. This will save time and phone calls later when you're searching for ideas.
- Make a list. Once you've figured out the perfect gift for a loved one, write it down. Take the list with you shopping so you make fewer and, hopefully, less frantic trips.
- Just buy it. When you see a great gift, buy and

stash it away for later. That way you won't have to try and remember which store you saw it at or run the disappointment of the item being out of stock later.

- Shop at off-peak times. Shopping early in the morning can be a timesaver.
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• If you own a computer, your kids may also enjoy designing notes with byte. Albertini said computer creations are within the realm of good manners as long as the envelope you send them in is hand-addressed. A computer-printed envelope is not good etiquette.

And, e-mail is out for thank-you notes, Albertini said.

"E-mail is not personal," she said. "It's not something the receiver enjoys, like a nice note."

• Be a good role model. Write your own thank-you notes, and let your children see them. Better yet, write thoughtful notes to your children for the presents they give you.

Also, make thank-you notes a rule of the house.

"Tell them that every gift must be acknowl-

edged," Albertini said. Even Santa Claus gets a thank-you card.

• Discuss content with them.

The gift itself — whether a doll, a baseball bat or a sweater — should always be mentioned in the note. It's not OK just to say. "Thank you for the gift," Albertini said. If the gift was money, the note writer should say how he or she plans to spend it.

What if your child hates the gift? A thank-you note is still required, as is a mention of the gift itself. Skip the negativity, though. Teach tact instead.

"Say, 'The upside-down clock is very unusual,'" Albertini said.

• A telephone call does not replace a thank-you note. It's all right to make the call, Albertini said, but the call should be followed by a brief note.

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■ Most malls (98 percent) use artificial Christmas trees due to fire code strictness.

■ In 1997, 16 percent of malls decorated for holidays other than Christmas, such as Hanukkah or Kwanzaa.

■ The busiest shopping day of the year usually is not the Friday after Thanksgiving, but the Saturday before Christmas.

■ Southerners spend 21 percent more during the holiday season than shoppers in other parts of the country.

■ About three-fourths of



consumers say gift-buying will cause them financial stress, and the average shopper takes six months to pay off holiday gift bills.

■ The majority of gift shoppers do not set a budget.

SOURCES: International Council of Shopping Centers, American Express Quicken, American Bankers Association

THANK YOU

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• Give your children their own address books and help them keep track of friends and relatives. "That way, they can't say, 'I don't know where to send it,'" Albertini said.

At the same time, it doesn't hurt to teach children about the other side of gift-giving, as well, Albertini said. It helps them understand what goes into selecting a gift and how much a personal note is appreciated.

If a gift-giver doesn't get a thank-you note within three months, it is proper etiquette for the gift-giver to write the recipient and ask if the gift was received.

"If the recipient is embarrassed, that's fine, he should be," Albertini said. "On the other hand, it's possible the thank-you note was lost."

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All of this may still strike your children as a chore, Albertini said, and she understands.

"My father was a stickler for good manners, and I resented it, at first," she said.

However, now that she is an adult and a commercial real estate agent, as well as an etiquette consultant, Albertini is glad she received the early training.

"Good manners promote confidence," she said. "You know how to present yourself with authority."

In other words, teaching your children these skills now may help them become successful adults.

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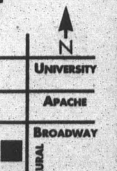
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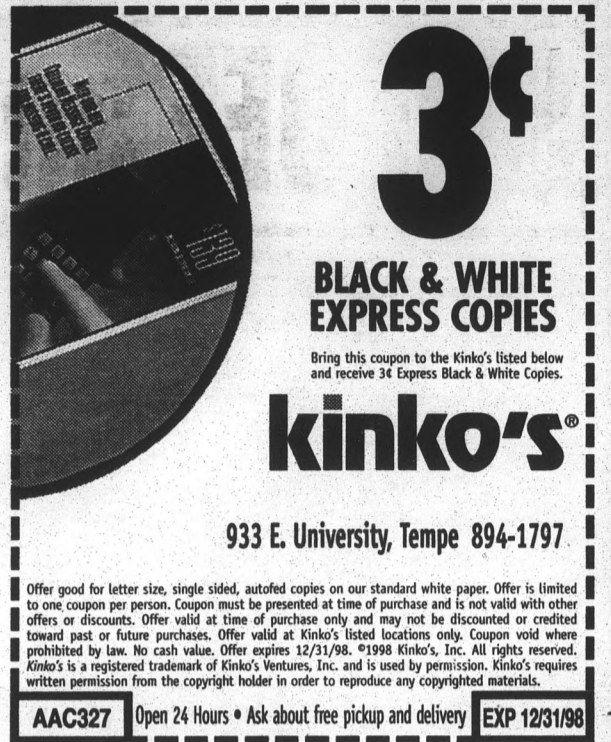
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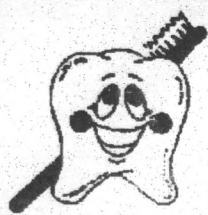
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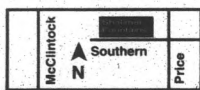
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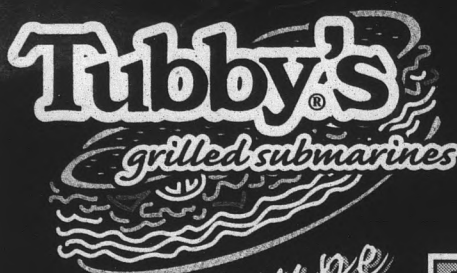
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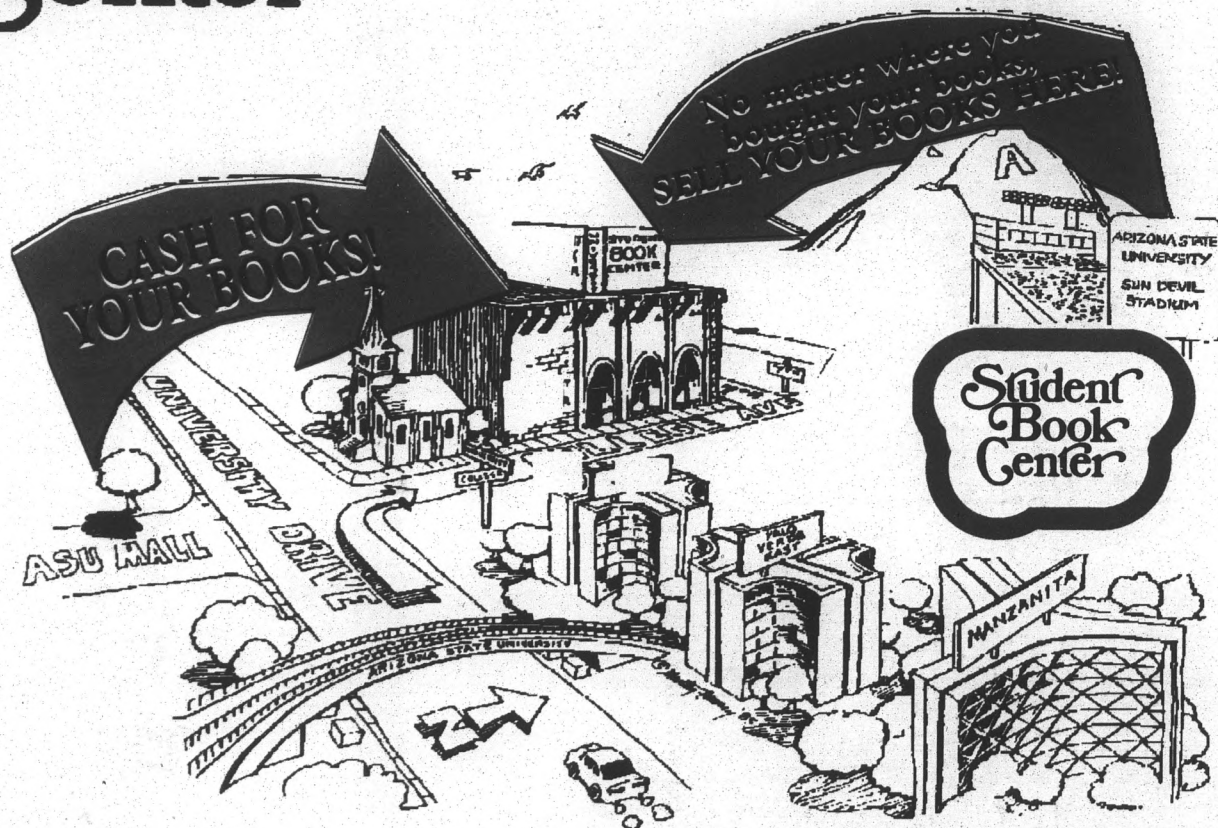
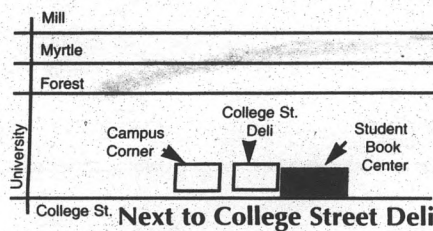
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Christmas asks us to go on. It is the rebirth of hope each weary year. So many personal friends of all ages seem to have given up on it. I once gave up myself. To do so is to deny oneself joy.

I don't mean that cheap kind of joy, the tinsel kind, the mall kind. I mean the deep-down kind of joy that comes wrapped in love.

The year I nearly gave up on Christmas was the one following my sisters' deaths. My dog had died as well, and so had my marriage. It was the first year alone.

I poked along on an early windy morning, walking to the little park near my home. There, an elderly couple had strung lights on an evergreen tree, which they asked me to adorn with ornaments in memory of loved ones.

"We're asking everyone we meet," they said.

"Bah, humbug," I thought as I walked away.

I dreaded Christmas that year. The ornaments were still in their box on the shelf in the garage. Nonetheless, when I returned home from my walk, I made rude ornaments from the contents of my pockets, which were laden with palm tree stuff blown down by the wind. Pierced with sisal twine, these odd little shapes of barklike material would wave gaily in the breeze. I wrote my sisters' names on the ornaments in gold ink, and the next day tied them to the evergreen's branches. Even though I still grieved, it was suddenly Christmas.

People who still keep Christmas treasure that moment each year that simply defines Christmas for them. Is it a sound? A smell? A ritual? I posed the questions. Here are some answers.

"My special Christmas memory?" asks Vince Giandurco of Manhattan. "You mean the olfactory sensation that told little Vincent James that Santa was coming? The smell of baccala sauce simmering on the stove, and the eel being pan-roasted in garlic, succulent throughout the house. Mixing with the pine of the tree it made us all very smiley indeed.

"I'm from an Italian-American family in

Westchester County, New York," he says, "and my Mom's mom, Grandma Rose, treated us to the very special Feast of the Fishes on Christmas Eve."

According to Giandurco, this traditional southern Italian culinary feast included things little boys and girls feared, such as eels and scungilli (squid), "and God knows what," but it also meant his grandmother's delicious and perfect baccala sauce, which was served only on that occasion, along with her special breads and cookies and chocolates.

"Grandma's in heaven now," he says, "but I know as I help Mom cook each year that Grandma Rose is guiding my ladle through the sauce."

For the curious, Vince says that the baccala sauce, which Grandma Rose called "gravy" was made by softening dried salt cod, sauteing it, and then adding it to simmering, crushed tomatoes, then putting it atop vermicelli with a breading that included sauteed anchovies.

Vince's mother sends the family sauce as far as Haiti for friends who can't live without it.

Karen Bird of Provo, Utah, was one of seven children whose Christmases were made magical by their mother.

"Like my mother, I became a child once again as the season drew near," she says. "I continued the Santa Claus love affair with my own children, and it grew beyond Santa to decorating the entire house with the smells and colors of Christmas. But it was the tree that was the focal point.

"When we'd done all we could to this wonderful tree, we turned on the lights, sat on the floor of the family room, and let our senses soak up the magic of the moment. With carols playing in the background we sipped hot chocolate and welcomed the season into our hearts and our home."

"It's the tree that gets me there, too," says Laura Morefield of Santa Clarita, Calif. She talks of the "worthy, well-shaped tree" and the two-day putting up and decorating adventure, shared with her husband, Dan.



"Lights first," she says, "like Dad taught me. Then the ornaments. And last the bows (we eschewed tinsel long ago). We have handmade ornaments from Dan's childhood and ornaments carefully collected and labeled over our 16 years of marriage. My favorites are the tiny ceramic Santas that Dan's parents got in Norway where his brother, Steve, was born.

"As I place the ornaments, the smell of pine permeates the house. There, among the branches, Christmas starts to take hold of me."

The saddest time for everyone seems to be taking down the tree and putting away the ornaments.

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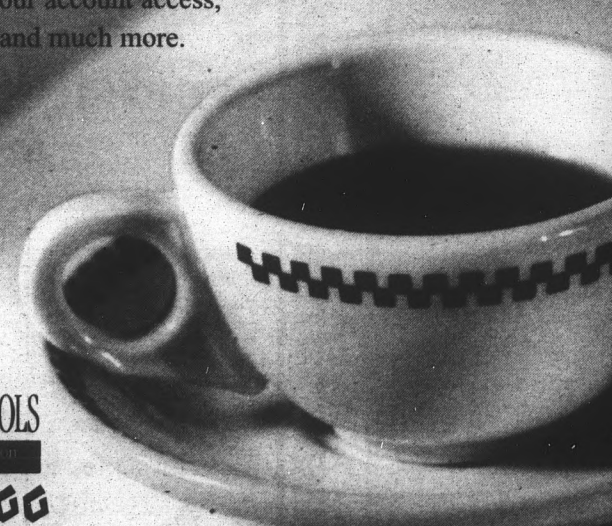
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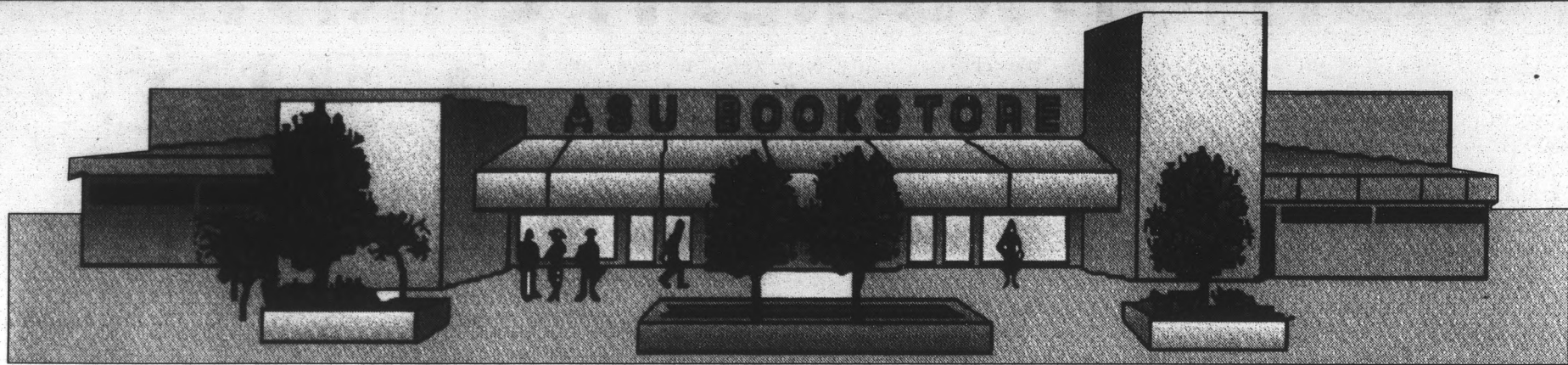
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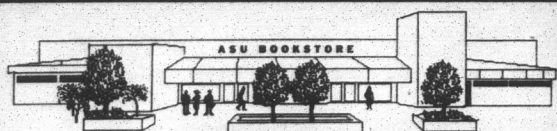
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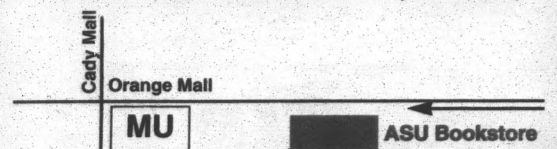
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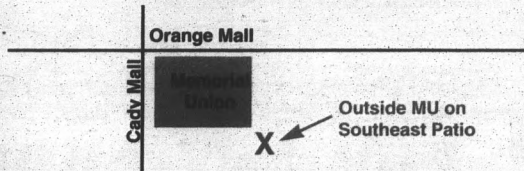
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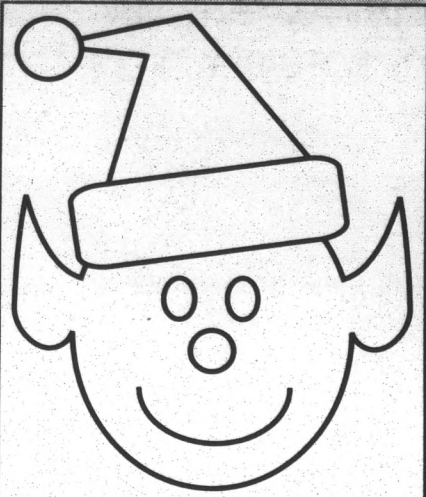
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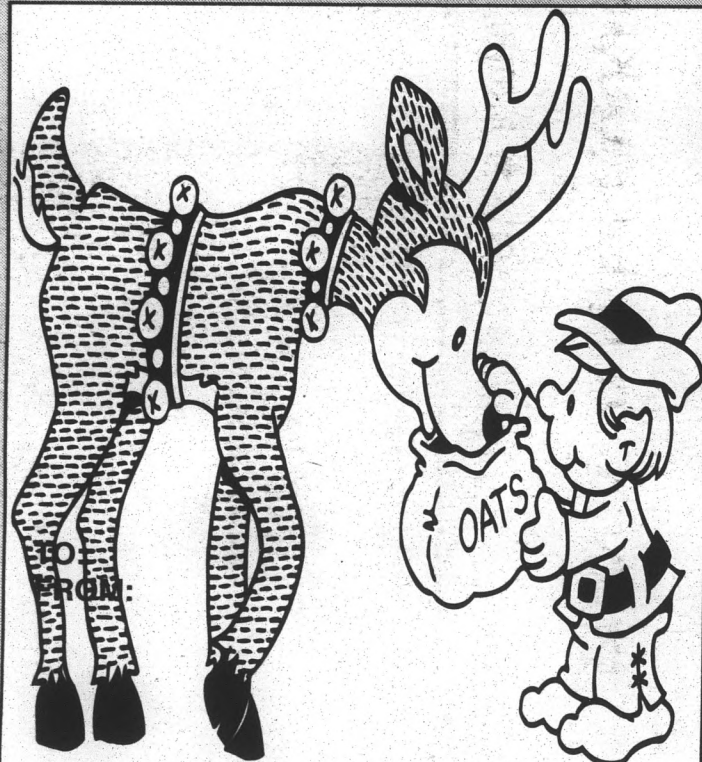
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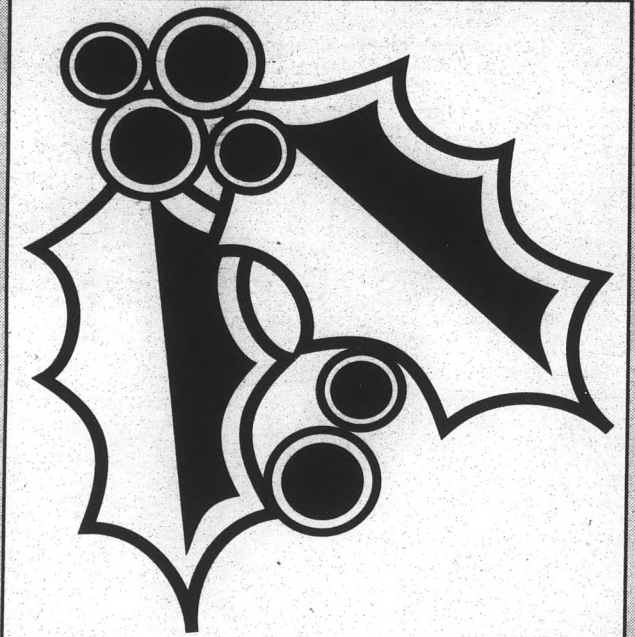
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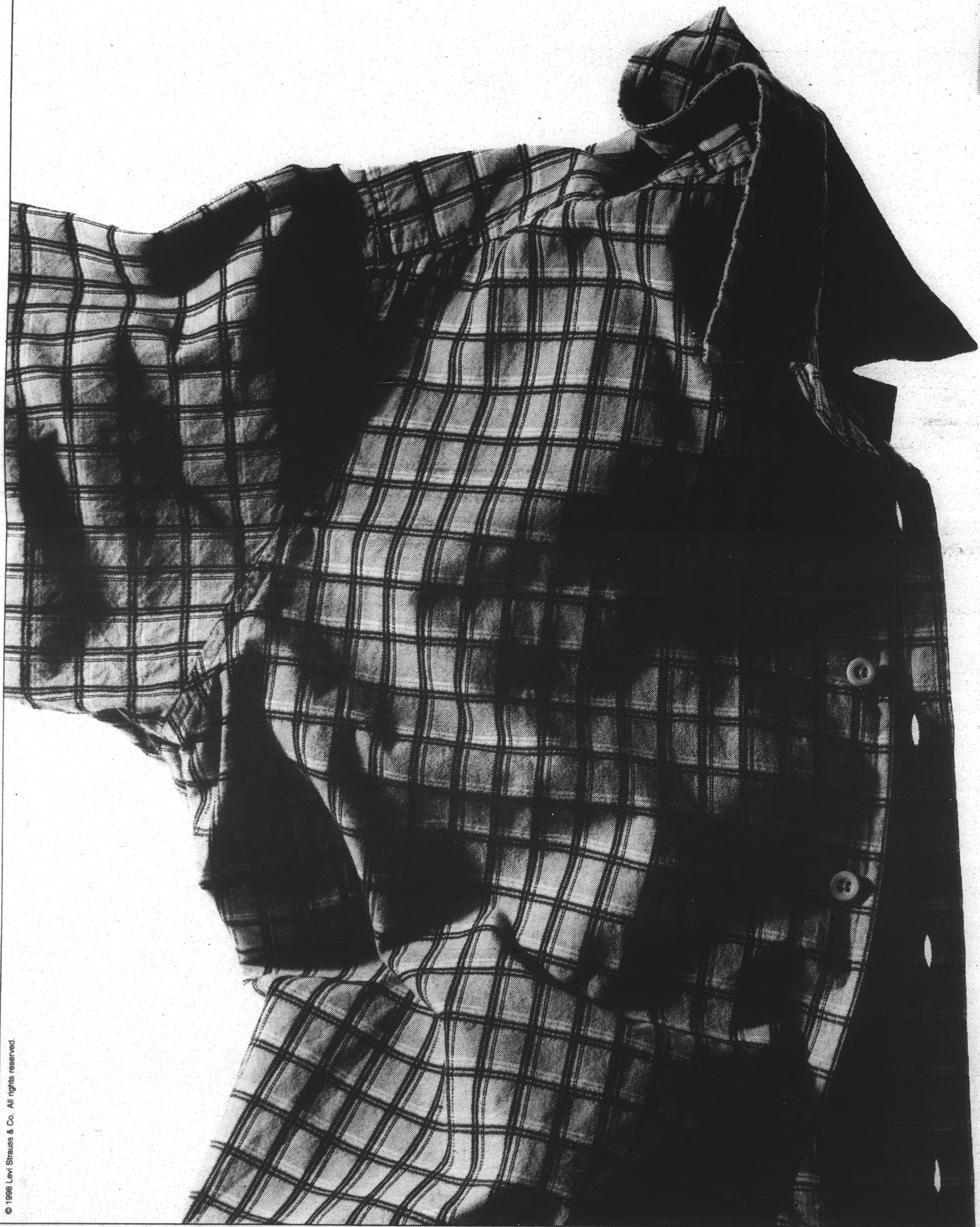


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Bird. "Still being very small, the children were reluctant to part with the tree, and as we took off each ornament, and the once resplendent tree became bare, I noticed my 5-year-old son, Greg, leave the room. I found him sitting on his bed, and when I knelt down beside him and looked into his eyes I saw such sadness and pain. He softly said, 'I can't help anymore. This makes my heart hurt.'

"Before we put the tree at the curb for the recycler," says Laura, "I always thank it for its service. Silly perhaps, but its perfume always lets me know the time for celebrating the birth of the Savior has come, like the long-ago frankincense offered by the magi."

When asked what does it for him, Bob Guccione Jr. (editor and publisher of the new magazine for young men titled *Gear*), replied, "It's absolutely one thing, and that is midnight Mass. When you stop being a kid, and I guess when you're not a parent, Christmas becomes just a commercial drag unless you find again for yourself the spiritual center."

"I happen to be religious, but even if you're not, Christmas is an opportunity to ponder the spiritual. Midnight Mass is a joyous celebration of everything that is optimistic and hopeful. It is the perfect and best moment of the year to contemplate all that is possible in the human spirit. All the rest is just a couple of days off work."

Erik Kieser of San Diego says, "Caroling makes it very Christmas for me, and the Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, which is the Christmas meal at the Kieser house. The tree is decorated and covered in lights and stands in the front window. In the middle of the night, when the house is quiet, I walk out to see it there, twinkling in the dark. That's Christmas. It is a line drawn across the years, Christmas past and present and future. Thinking of it now, I'm feeling emotional and wistful for the sight of that tree."

"I guess it must be hard, then, when your parents are gone, and you can't go home to Christmas anymore," says Kieser, who admits he's never thought of that until this moment. "Then you have to make it your own, and that is special, too."

It is possible to make Christmas your own again. Don't be a scrooge. Just dredge up a sound, a sight, a smell. Forgive the world your losses and hurts. Buy and give thanks for a tree. Make new memories. Share the definitive Christmas moment with a friend. Ask him or her to share the holiday with you this year. Give yourself away in some kind of service to humankind.

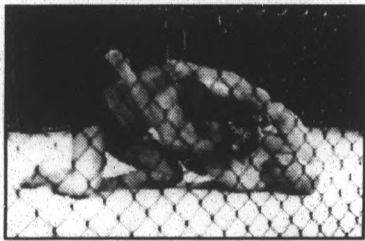
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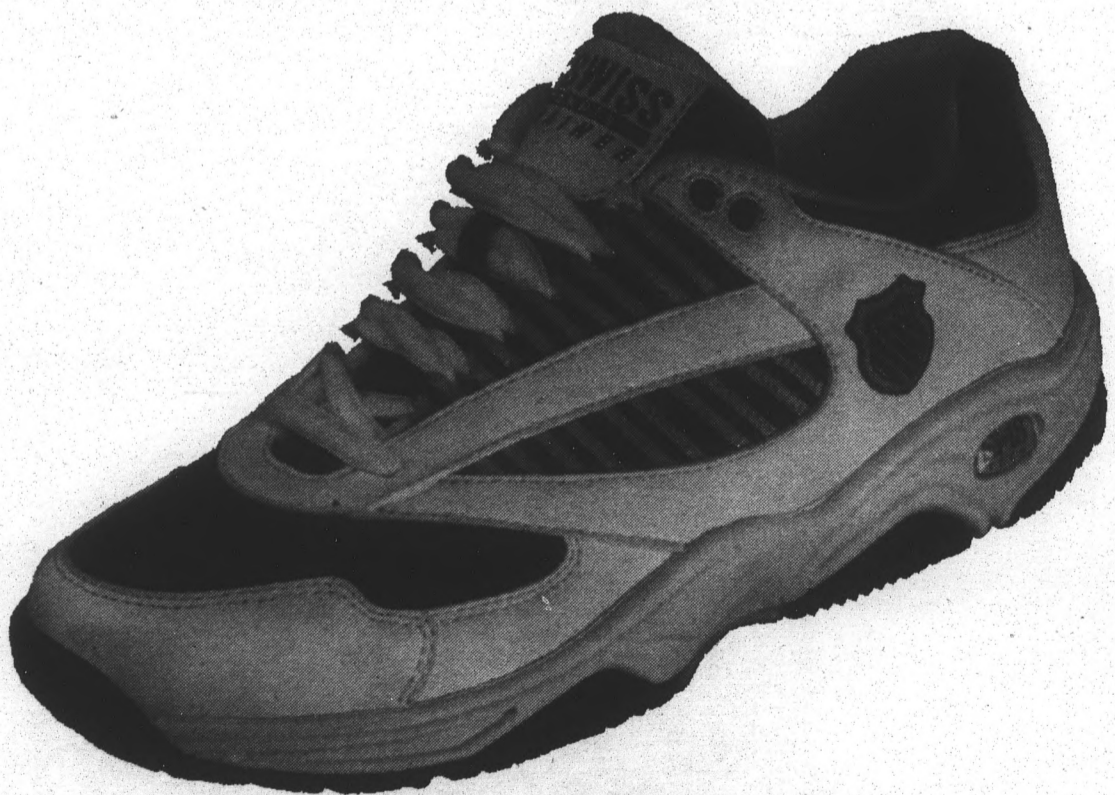
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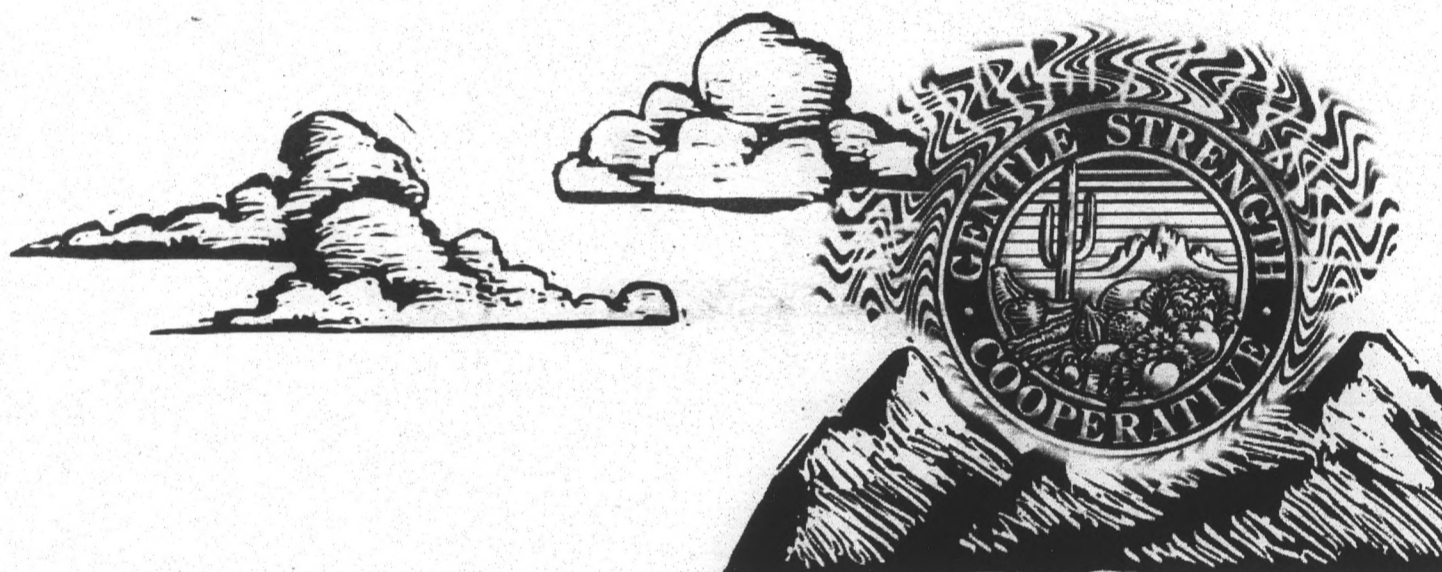
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'Tis the season for giving, but does Dad really need another tie or Mom some more perfume?

There are ways to keep the spirit of gift-giving with a different kind of Christmas shopping list. It's the Alternative Gift Market.

Started more than 18 years ago by schoolteacher Harriet Pritchard of Pasadena, Calif., she created the first market with her students.

"I wanted to model the idea of giving, but have projects that would really benefit people," she said. "A lot of people like to give, but they feel trapped continuing to buy for others who already have so much. It's a way to show our love and really help someone. We've helped people in poverty in Central America and Africa; we sold rice for Vietnam; and sold trees for reforestation. We became like a Third World market."

The idea caught on fast and by the second year five more markets were started.

"The children were very much involved in the market," she said. "They made school kits for children in Bangladesh. The market and its major constituent are children because they're the future philanthropists of the world. They learn how to give a new kind of gift. It's a wonderful experience."

The gift market is nondenominational. They are easy to set up and can be arranged in 100 different ways, depending on the organizer and the group who wants to sponsor it.

"We have a lot of markets in churches where many groups can participate - single adults, the choir and the youth," Pritchard said.

Through the Alternative Gift Market, thousands of acres of rain forest have been preserved in Nicaragua, bicycles have been sent to women in Mozambique, money was given for eye surgery for people in West Africa and supplementary child care has been provided for orphans in China.

"One of the nice things about giving gifts like this is a person doesn't have to spend a lot of money," Pritchard said. "Giving can range from \$1 to \$1,000. We have a lot of dollar items because we want children and youth to participate."

During the season of giving, time is probably the most priceless item on any Christmas list, but the most difficult to bestow. While many people have good intentions of volunteering during the holidays, finding time is the most challenging for even the most organized person.

Leslee Nestingen, training manager for charitable programs at Lutheran Brotherhood in Minneapolis, Minn., made a Christmas list with suggestions to help people find time to volunteer during the holidays.

"Time is the new commodity," Nestingen said. "You offer people opportunities and it can transform how people spend their time."

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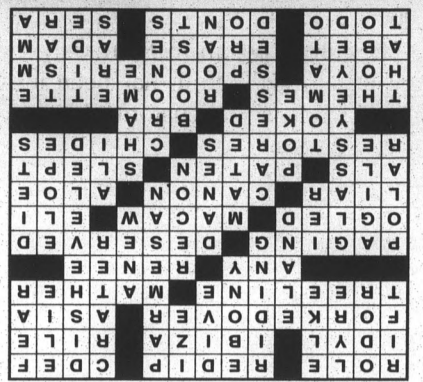
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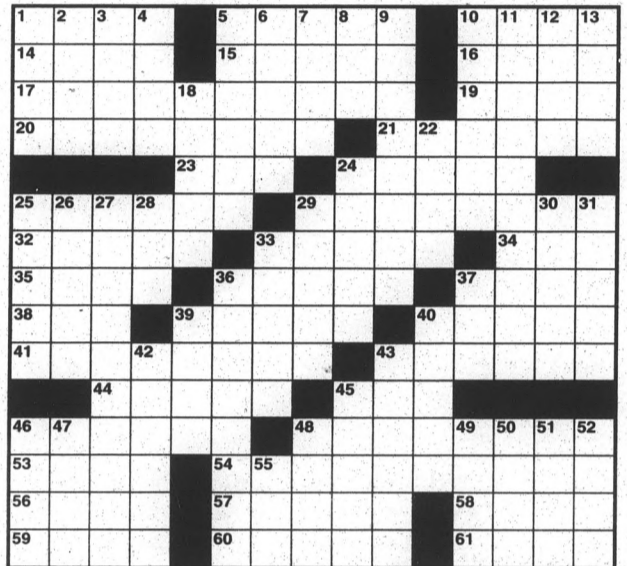
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THE CHANGING FACE OF FATHER CHRISTMAS

From handsome young saint to horned demon to the bearded fat man with the beard, Santa Claus has been a continuously changing figure over almost 2,000 years of history.

His story began in Patras, in Asia Minor, in the year 270. Since then, it has been influenced by tradition, legends, social customs, history, and many writers and artists.

According to tradition, the birth of St. Nicholas was the answer to a prayer by an elderly Christian couple, Epiphnes and Johane. Legend says Nicholas stood up in the basin and raised his arms in prayer when he was given his first bath. He was also said to refuse his mother's milk on Wednesday and Friday evenings, the times of fast for early Christians.

As a young man, Nicholas learned of three sisters in his hometown whose impoverished father was unable to provide them with dowries. To save them from being forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly left them enough gold for the doweries.

One story says he dropped the coins through a window and they fell into one of the girl's stockings - which is why children hang stockings for Santa on Christmas Eve.

Nicholas was orphaned at a young age and his uncle encouraged him to travel to the Holy Land, via a grain ship. When a severe storm threatened the lives of everyone on board, Nicholas prayed fervently and the storm abated.

He was a hero, both aboard ship and to the people of the town, who were awaiting the grain to save them from starvation. Eventually, Nicholas became the patron saint of sailors, farmers and bakers.

Returning from the Holy Land, Nicholas moved to Myra, a few miles from his birthplace. Some time later, the Bishop of Myra died and church elders were faced with naming a successor. They prayed for guidance and, that night, the eldest dreamed that he was to appoint as the new bishop the first man to enter the church the following morning.

When Nicholas rose early the next morning for prayer and went to the church, he was appointed the

church's youngest bishop.

Once, Nicholas stopped for the night at an inn, where a father had left three young boys in the care of the innkeeper. Because of a severe famine, the innkeeper couldn't provide for his guests. He killed the brothers, planning to serve them to his lodgers as food.

Realizing something was amiss, Nicholas searched the inn and found their remains. He prayed, and made the sign of the cross over them and the boys were restored to life.

Until the 13th century, St. Nicholas was usually portrayed as a beardless youth, often wearing his bishop's robes. By the time the Renaissance began, he was more often pictured as a friendly, gray-bearded man.

During the Middle Ages, he became known as a bestower of gifts. A picture from the 13th century shows him riding a goat and bringing gifts of bread and wine. In both Europe and America, the gifts were distributed Dec. 6, which is the feast day of St. Nicholas.

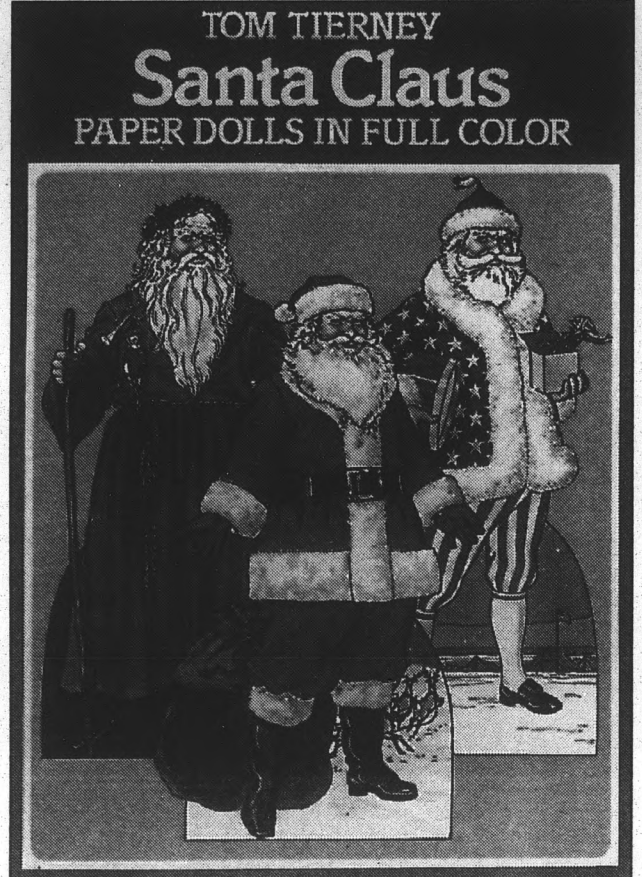
In Germany, as elsewhere, Christian tradition regarding the saint became mingled with pagan folklore. In one German woodcut, Nicholas becomes an itinerant eccentric who travels by donkey and carries strange gifts in his hat. He carries a whip as a sign of his role as chastiser of naughty children, as well as one who rewards those who are good.

German Protestant Reformationists criticized the part played by St. Nicholas in Christmas festivities and the *Christkindl*, or Christchild, became the bearer of Christmas gifts.

Christkindl was corrupted in English to Kriss Kringle, who often was symbolized by a fairy, a little girl or as St. Lucy, wearing a crown of candles.

St. Nicholas was sometimes changed to a horned demon, carrying a switch with which he would whip naughty children.

Many of the attributes of the modern Santa Claus come from the Dutch *Sint Niklass*. That name popularly became Sintirklass, then Sante Klass and, in early



The most beloved Christmas icon has experienced plenty of changes through the ages, from St. Nicholas, the man, to Santa Claus, the myth. He's even been adapted for patriotic purposes.

19th century America, Santa Claus.

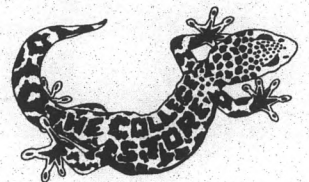
During the 17th century, Sintirklass, with his white beard and bags overflowing with toys, was associated with a blackamoor assistant who carried switches for naughty children. Although the assistant has disappeared in America, he still survives in Holland, as do Sintirklass' white horse and bishop's garb.

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Children in 18th century New York were familiar with a Dutch-American "knickerbocker" Santa who had no remains of religious trappings. In 1821, illustrations published with a children's poem in "The Children's Friend" picture him with a basket full of toys. This poem told of a Santa who drove reindeer, "O're chimney tops and tracks of snow."

Clement Moore's "A Visit From St. Nicholas" ("The Night Before Christmas") first appeared in book form in 1848, illustrated with seven woodcut engravings by T.C. Boyd.

Boyd envisioned Santa as a Dutch-American with knickers, a fur-trimmed frock coat with vest, a fur trapper's hat, his hair tied in a queue and carrying a long-stemmed clay pipe. The tradition that Santa

enters a house through a snow-covered chimney is also Dutch.

All of the Dutch Santa illustrations depict him wearing fur-trimmed coats in green, brown or white.

While American children were visited by a Dutch Santa, English children were receiving their gifts from a German figure wearing a crown of holly, known as "Father Christmas."

Thomas Nast, an influential American political cartoonist (1840-1902) is the artist most responsible for the American version of Santa Claus. In 1863, Nast pictured Santa in *Harpers Weekly*, wearing patriotic clothing and preparing to entertain Union troops during the Civil War.

In 1874, Nast did a painting for his own children, showing Father Christmas as a wealthy English gen-

tleman, enjoying his ale and his pipe. Except for his brown clothing, he looks very much like the Santa we recognize today.

In England, John Tenniel, who also illustrated "Alice in Wonderland," did an engraving for the Dec. 26, 1886, issue of *Punch* that became England's institution.

America's 20th century Santa was invented by Louis Prang, the man who introduced Christmas cards to the United States in 1875. He took Nast's white-bearded, fur-trimmed old man with his big cloth sack and added a belt, boots, cap and bright-red clothing.

Mrs. Claus first appeared in a children's book in 1889. She became a permanent part of the fantasy in 1920, after Madison Avenue took Santa for its own.

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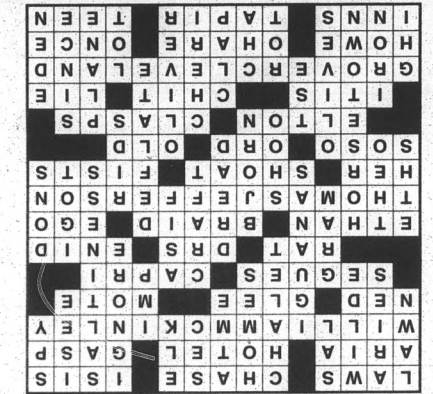
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- 42 Young pig
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- 48 Singer John
- 50 Handshakes, e.g.
- 53 "Oh, what fun — to ride..."
- 54 Voucher
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- 57 Face on a \$1,000 bill
- 61 Gordie of hockey
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- 63 In the past
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- 1 Mower's area
- 2 The Ram
- 3 Author Oscar
- 4 Gal of song
- 5 Cottage in the Alps
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- 7 "Don't throw bouquets —"
- 8 "Just a —!"
- 9 B.P.O.E. member
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- 11 Caviar quality
- 12 "Oh, that's what you mean!"
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- 25 Niña or Pinta
- 26 "In your dreams!"
- 28 Fear
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- 31 Puts on
- 32 OE letters
- 33 It can be logical
- 34 One —: Hicksville
- 35 Borg with a racket
- 36 Take the air out of
- 39 "Make tracks!"
- 40 Eliminates
- 45 Italian export
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- 49 Poet's monogram
- 50 Colette's beloved
- 51 Enola Gay, e.g.
- 52 Because
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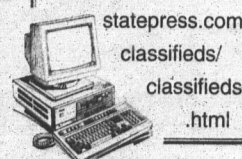
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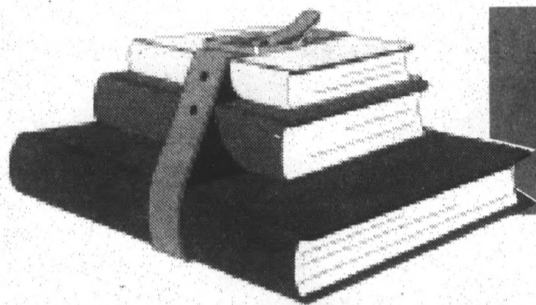
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