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The Gruber and Hanna Families enjoy wearing the crowns they pulled from their crackers.

Brief History of the Cracker

Crackers have been a traditional part of British Christmas festivities and other celebrations since Victorian times and are greatly enjoyed by children and adults alike. They were invented in the mid 1840's by a London pastry cook named Tom Smith, who came upon the idea on a trip to Paris where he witnessed the French holiday custom of wrapping sugared almonds and other treats in a twist of colored paper. Smith included a romantic message in his early crackers which he marketed as 'Kiss Mottos.' However the product enjoyed only limited success until Smith invented a snapper (a thin cap strip) which produced a small "bang" when the cracker was pulled apart. Modern crackers usually contain a folded paper party hat (crown), a joke or riddle, a small gift, and the snap.

Family University Challenge Program Strengthens Relationships in America

One certainty this New Year brings, as any other New Year, is the opportunity to make some resolutions. If changes are in your plans to strengthen your family relationships then you may be up for the Family University Challenge. Marine Corps Base and Marine Corps Air Station, New River were selected to participate in this unique family enrichment opportunity through the resources of Family University.

What is the Mission of Family University? Strengthening family relationships in America and around the globe is the mission. Practically, Family University is where smart couples, parents and moms learn timeless secrets for enjoying close and satisfying marriage, parenting and family relationships. Proactive, prevention focused programs are offered from the College of Fathering, Mothering and Child Development, as well as the colleges of single Parenting, Step-Parenting and Grandparenting.

Family University combines half-day workshops, live-phone classes, a large library of timeless principles and a year long enrollment in the Smart Family curriculum to give families tools to strengthen relationships. Family University believes that Smart families begin with five principles:

Family Life improves when fueled by urgency; clear, intentional focus always precedes significant family change; time, loving invested shapes the destiny of your family; ordinary efforts properly linked, produces extraordinary results and your journey to the family of your dreams never starts tomorrow.

What is the Family University Challenge? The challenge is actually an investment of time, emotional energy and mutual support on the part of family members. Families will enter into a year-long program, including the Smart Family curriculum enrollment, that offers insights, practical tools and mutual support in developing an intentional atmosphere in their relationships.

Families who are enrolled will receive their initial "30 Days to a Smart Family" tool kit, participate in two Family University courses: Secrets to Fast Track Fathering and Discovering Your Child's Design.

If you are interested, contact LCDR Gary P. Weeden at 451-5353.



Christmas in Poland Pierogi Recipe

The traditional Christmas Eve dessert especially popular in eastern Poland is boiled or fried pierogis, Polish dumplings with a wide variety of fillings, are among the most popular Polish dishes. For the Christmas Eve supper, pierogis are usually made with sauerkraut and mushrooms.

Knead the dough from 14 oz. of flour, a pinch of salt and a whole egg, adding some warm water to soften the dough. Cover the dough with a bowl and let it sit for a few minutes. Divide it into four parts and cover three of them with the bowl. Roll the remaining piece out thin and cut out two inch circles with a glass or cup. For the sauerkraut filling, take a pound and a half of sauerkraut, boil it for 30 minutes in little water, allowing the water to evaporate. Mince the cooked sauerkraut. Chop one big onion finely saute till golden. Mix with the sauerkraut. To complete the filling, take two pounds of mushrooms, slice and cook them with 2 to 3 spoons of water until it evaporates. Chop one onion and saute till golden, add mushrooms and season the mixture with salt on pepper before you mince it and mix it with the sauerkraut.

Place a spoonful of the filling in the middle of each circle and fold over pressing the edges firmly so that the pierogis do not open during cooking. Boil the pierogis in salted water for about 3 minutes (until they surface). They may be served immediately or chilled and then fried in vegetable oil.

Traditional Polish Christmas Celebration (Wigilia)

by Jodee Osborne

Christmas Eve is a time for the family to be together. Tradition has that Christmas Eve supper starts with the appearance of the first star in the sky. The supper is lighted by candles. A place is set for each family member, even for an absent member. The meal is traditionally served in an uneven number of courses, they vary from 7-courses to 11-course meals, all of which are meatless (including - fish, vegetables, dried fruits, Pierogi ("dumplings") sauerkraut, & soups).

The table is covered with fragrant hay and a white tablecloth. The hay signifies the manger in which Christ was born.

Prior to the meal, the host and hostess break an Oplatek (wafer) and wish each other happiness and peace and then repeat this with all those present at the supper. A tradition of "Breaking of the Bread."

Christmas carols are sung around the Christmas tree, which was traditionally illuminated by small candles. Gifts under the tree are from family in addition to those left by St. Nicholas.

After the meal, everyone reads to hurry to midnight Mass, the "Pasterka" Christmas day is more leisurely. People visit their relatives, children traditionally carol on the way to their families homes. The hostess re-heats the prior evenings leftovers to serve to the visitors. Christmas Festivities last in Poland until January 6th, The Day of the Three Kings.

Aleksandra Love-Mackay

Christmas Magic All The Year Through by Mary Jane Gruber

As I was flipping through the channels a few days ago, a speaker on one of the public TV stations caught my attention. He was in the middle of a discussion on being truly happy. To attain true happiness, he said, we must first reach a peace within ourselves. There are two people inside each of us he continued, one is The Ego Self and the second is The Peaceful Self. We can only be truly happy when we are at peace within ourselves. This is the highest plateau that can be reached.

Made sense to me and I stored it in the back of my mind to be pulled out at some later day to be reshaped. Little did I know that I would use it so quickly. The hustle and bustle of The Season have hit full force here in Pennsylvania and I'm part of it as I rush through my Christmas to do list. I'm running a little behind schedule and am starting to get that tight feeling in the pit of my stomach as I'm waiting in line to buy the necessities of the holiday. Ah, finally, I'm next. The clerk says, Next. Suddenly, to my left a little white haired lady pushes forward and lays her purchases on the counter. Hold it, sister, I'm thinking to myself, I'm next! Me, moi, I, I, I. The most important person in the universe. Then it hit me, here was my chance to test the peace theory. Let me tell you, it took all of my will power to not scream at the sales girl. I kept quiet trying to focus on the lovely Christmas music I suddenly realized was playing throughout the store. Next, I noticed the exquisite poinsettias, in all of their Christmas glory, blooming just a few inches from me. A voice saying, yes ma'am, may I help you, snapped me back into the moment. I paid for my purchases and walked out into the bright afternoon sunlight.

There was now no need to rush. I felt at peace. I leisurely walked to my car, and smiled at everyone I passed. It had seemed too simple to make a difference, but it made all the difference in the world. One little act of selflessness had changed my whole day.

Sometimes we try to make things too complicated. Lofty ideas are saved to use at special times. What's wrong with applying these same principles to everyday living. It's our call. As I share my simple but magical experience with you, I hope you too will experience the inner peace of letting yourself reach that higher plateau. May the Christmas Magic be with you.

A few beliefs on the traditions and histories of the Christmas Tree

1. It has been taken into belief of most that the Christmas tree has started in Germany in the mid 700's. The evergreen trees represented life. It is during the time of Christmas, in which the birth of Jesus Christ is celebrated that these trees are decorated and taken into homes. These trees represent the life of Jesus Christ and how He still live on today. They became known as the "Christ Tree" until the celebration became known as Christmas. Then it was the Christmas Tree.

2. Ancients would bring evergreen leaves on the night of December 21, the shortest day of the year. They did this because they wanted the sun god to get well and they thought the green leaves of evergreens would better the god.

3. The Yule Log Tradition. A tradition more than a thousand years old is "Bringing in the Yule log". It began in Great Britain and spread through Europe. On the Eve of Christmas, the entire family would pull

in a large central trunk of a tree into the house. After this, it would be placed in the fireplace and burn for Christmas. The log became superstitious among some. They said it must take one match to light it or your house would have a bad spell.

Others say you must light the fire with coals and ashes from the year before to ensure safety in the house. People in Spain came to know the log as a log to drive away evil spirits. Some traditions were that people would dress the log in flowers and needles. Soon it became the evergreen tree, taken into the house and decorated. The most common "yule log" today is the Yule Log cake which is made to look like a traditional log.

4. In many countries thousands of years ago, people would decorate their houses with evergreen leaves and branches to keep away ghosts, witches, sickness, and evil spirits.

5. In Germany, to teach

the Christmas story of the Bible, they did "miracle plays". They were plays to teach about the Garden of Eden and Adam and Eve. This took place yearly on Dec. 24. They would decorate evergreens with apples to represent the forbidden fruit. This is how Christmas got the name Christmas EVE and the colors red and green.

6. German Martin Luther is said to be the first to bring the tree indoor decorated with candles to show his children what stars looked like at night in the forest. He had been walking home and was amazed at the beauty of the stars. This is why he did it. This grew into America and now people light their trees with much more than candles (lights).

The fir tree has a long association with Christianity, it began in Germany almost a 1000 years ago when St Boniface, who converted the German people to Christianity, was said to have come across a group of pagans about to sacrifice a young boy while worshipping an oak tree. In anger, St Boniface is said to have cut down the oak tree and to his amazement a young fir tree sprung up from the roots of the oak tree. St Boniface took this as a sign of the Christian faith. It was not until the 16th century that fir trees were brought indoors at Christmas time. The decorating of Christmas trees, though primarily a German custom, has been widely popular in England since 1841 when Prince Albert had a Christmas tree set up in Windsor Castle for his wife Queen Victoria and their children. At that time the tree would have been decorated with candles to represent stars but because of the danger of fire an American telephonist invented the electric Christmas lights we know today.



The Origin of Christingle Faith Wallace with Santa

Many years ago in Czechoslovakia, children were asked to take a gift to put beside the crib in church. One family had no money for gifts but were determined to take something. They found an orange which they felt would be okay, but were disappointed to find it was going moldy at the top. However, they thought they would scoop out the bad bits and put a candle in the top and turn it into a lantern. Thinking that it looked a bit ordinary, one of the girls took a red ribbon from her hair and tied it around the middle. They had difficulty getting it to stay in place, so fastened it with four small sticks, on the ends of which they put a few raisins. They took their lantern to church and were afraid of the reactions of the other children. However, the priest acknowledged their gift and told the congregation how special it was for the following reasons; the orange is round like the world the candle stands tall and straight and gives light in the dark like the love of God the red ribbon goes all around the 'world' and is a symbol of the blood Jesus shed when he died for us the four sticks point in all directions and symbolize North, South, East and West they are also said to represent the four seasons the raisins represent the fruits of the earth, nurtured by the sunshine and the rain. Some children in the UK make their own Christingles in their classrooms and gather together to light them in a church service that raises money for the Church of England Children's Society.

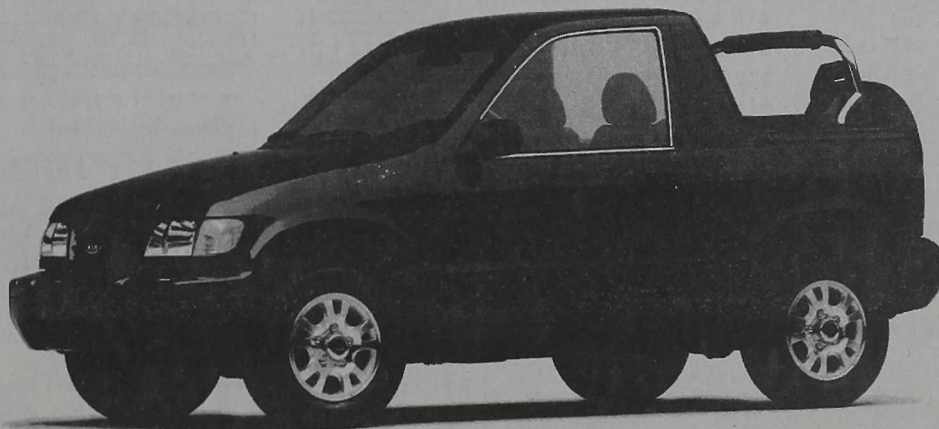
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- Holiday Crisps**
about 2 dozen cookies
- 1 cup (2 sticks) Shedd's Spread Country Crock® Spreadable Sticks
 - ½ cups confectioners sugar
 - ¼ cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
 - 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - ½ tsp. salt
 - 1 Tbsp. water
 - Decorative sprinkles
 - Food Coloring (optional)

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Mixer, beat Shedd's Spread Country Crock, 1 cup confectioners sugar and brown sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Gradually beat in flour and salt, scraping sides occasionally.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls and arrange on ungreased baking sheets, 2 inches apart. With flat bottom of glass dipped in cold water, flatten each cookie.

Bake 12 minutes or until lightly golden on edges. On wire rack, let stand 1 minute; remove from sheets and cool completely.

For glaze, blend remaining ½ cup confectioners sugar with water*. Lightly spread over cooled cookies and garnish with decorative sprinkles to look like holiday ornaments.

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The course will cover information about schizophrenia, the mood disorders (bipolar disorder, and major depression), panic disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder, coping skills such as handling crisis and relapse; basic information about medications; listening and communication techniques; problem solving skills; recovery and rehabilitation; and self-care around worry and stress.

The curriculum has been written by an experienced family member mental health professional. NAMI-North Carolina family member volunteers who have taken intensive training as course instructors will teach the course.

The co-teachers for the Jacksonville area will be Jim and Sue Rider.

"This course is a wonderful experience" says instructor Jim Rider, "It balances basic psychoeducation and skill-training with emotional support, self-care and empowerment. We hope families with relatives who have a serious mental illness will take advantage of this unique opportunity."

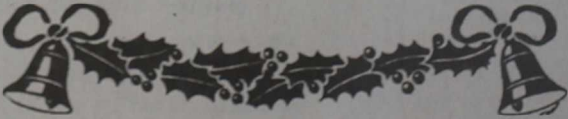
The course is designed specifically for parents, siblings, spouses, teen-age and adult children and significant others of persons with severe and persistent mental illness. The course is not appropriate for individuals who themselves suffer from one of the major mental illnesses.

The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Course is free. For more information or to register, call Jim or Sue Rider at 910-328-3693 or contact Beth Grebs in the North Carolina NAMI office at 800-451-9682.



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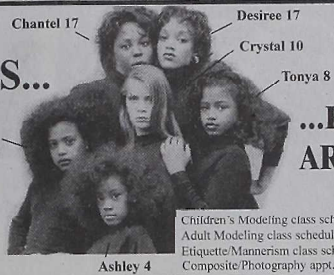
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If your household is average, you have an estimated 17.6 battery-powered devices and more of them than as talking toys, digital cameras, camcorders and cell phones run on batteries faster and faster. Many holiday shoppers are finding a guilt-free way to power all their high-tech gifts on their lists this season by using rechargeable batteries. The new nickel metal hydride (NiMH) system has revolutionized the category. For example, Energizer ACCU Rechargeable batteries can be charged 1000 times, compared to just 25 charges for reusable alkalines. And they are available in all cell sizes so they can be used in most household devices.

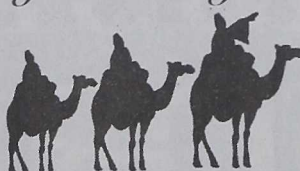
These new batteries also strike the right note with music lovers. Even casual listeners can get 1000 hours of music from their portable compact disc players with Energizer ACCU Rechargeable batteries, compared to seven hours with reusable alkalines. Digital cameras will take 399 pictures per charge, instead of 142 with reusable alkalines.

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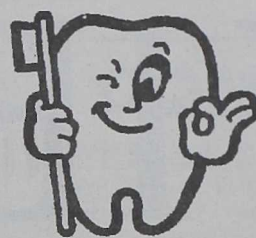


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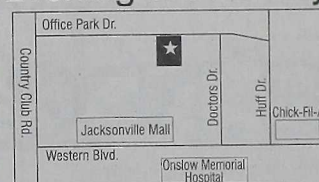
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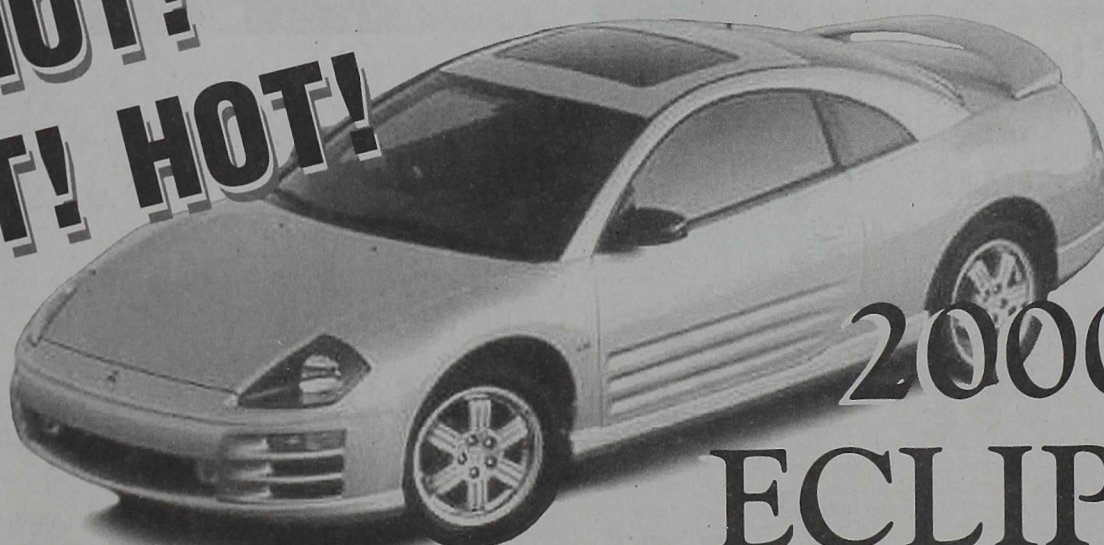
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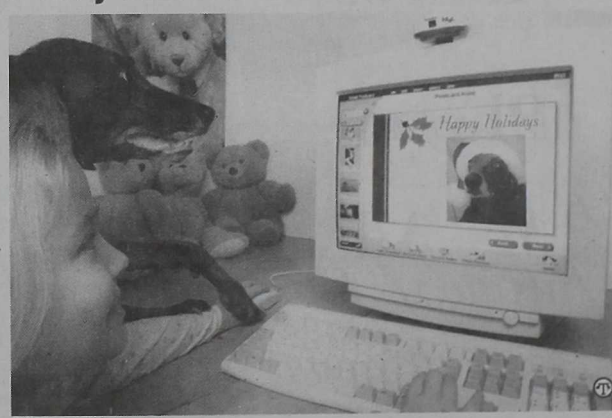
The weeks from now through New Year's Day are replete with opportunities to celebrate traditions, share festivities, rekindle friendships and show people you care. But with families and friends spread more thinly than ever, the prospects of being "home for the holidays" seem bleak. You might have a close friend who has to work the day shift on Christmas, or a daughter who is the on-call doctor for New Year's Eve.

Whatever the circumstances, distance doesn't have to keep you from giving the gift of in-person greetings. If loved ones can't be present to share a meal, add their voices to the holiday songfest, or witness the joy of children opening gifts, the best way to bring them home for the holidays may be a PC camera.

New PC camera capabilities, such as those available with the Intel® PC Camera Pro Pack, make it easy to say "I love you" across the miles. PC camera technology lets friends and relatives share those special holiday events by connecting three items already available in many homes—a computer, a camcorder, and Internet access. This increasingly affordable technology lets you make video phone calls and add video clips to e-mail messages and personal Web pages.

The latest PC cameras even feature a built-in jack that lets you plug in a camcorder to bring live or recorded video directly into a PC, making it easy to send video over the Internet. This is technology at its best: fast, fun, easy-to-use and inexpensive. Bargain shoppers can find deals for under \$100.

You don't have to be technosavvy to see how PC camera technology could brighten your holidays.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS—Zoe Potts and her dog Sophie use the Intel PC Camera Pro Pack to create a greeting card that will be e-mailed to faraway friends and family.

days. Consider the possibilities:

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- **Close the miles with memories.** Videotape your family's caroling events, a tree-trimming party, a ski trip, junior's performance in The Nutcracker, or the baby's first time on Santa's lap. Then plug your camcorder or VCR into your PC, edit at will, and ship your holiday highlights to the e-mail inbox of a faraway friend.

- **Catch candid moments.** Use the auto snapshot feature in Intel's PC Camera Pro Pack to capture "Santa" in the act of delivering presents, or catch curious kids sneaking under the tree to rattle packages. To nab precious photos sure to become cherished memories, simply set the camera to take automatic snapshots based on time intervals or motion detection.

- **Send virtual holiday greetings.** Quit worrying about getting your holiday cards out on time using "snail mail," and kick off a new tradition. Create a one-of-a-kind e-mail "card" that includes a photo, a voice greeting and a video montage—a message that comes alive with the sounds of a family holiday. You could also post this special greeting on your personal Web page.

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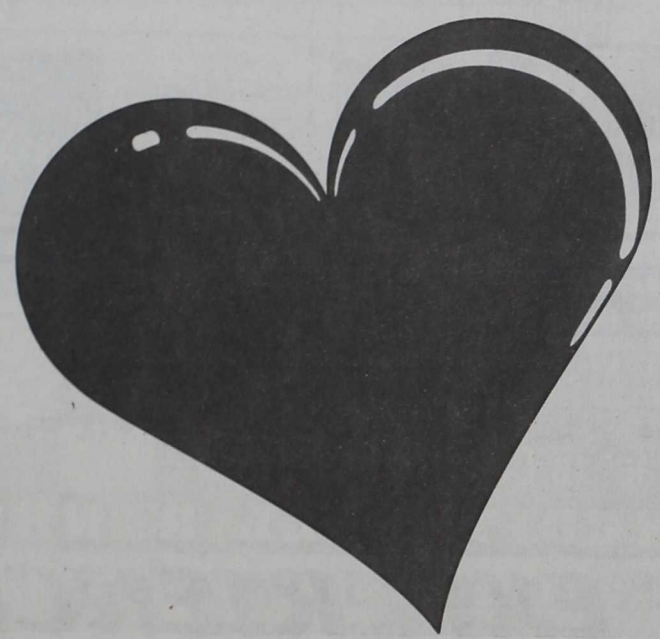
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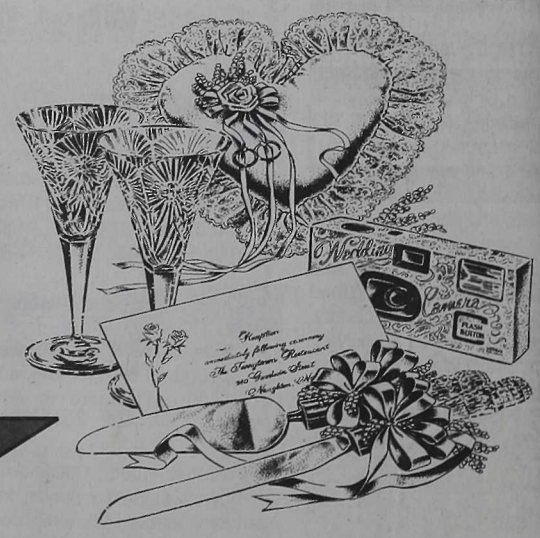
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Time to Chill Out On Y2K

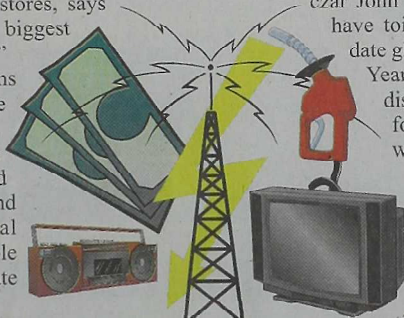
by Thomas R. Kuhn, President,
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(NAPS) - A TV promotional spot poses the question, "What if they're right?," referring to those who predict that the dawn of the new Millennium on January 1 will bring computer chaos, blackouts and pandemonium in the streets. A national retail chain CEO, commenting on the potential for gold at the prospect of Y2K, says, "It may be the single biggest opportunity we've ever had." These are troubling signs as we approach the year 2000. Experts believe the "Millennium Bug," which has largely conquered the nation's critical computer systems will be able to read the year 2000 date correctly. In other words, come January 1, most Americans likely will be able to use their ATM cards, use the phone, and buy gasoline, bread and milk. In fact, Y2K is now less of a technology problem than it is a people problem. Networks, overzealous entrepreneurs and other alarmists ought to be asking themselves whether they're sowing unnecessary fear about the nation's readiness for year 2000. For the record, the nation's electric utility

industry - like other network industries including banking, telecommunications, transportation, gas and oil - is ready for the Y2K transition. Shareholder-owned electric utilities, the companies that deliver most of the nation's power, have spent about \$2.5 billion testing and updating their systems so that the lights will stay on New Year's Eve. Overall, nearly everyone - from White House Y2K czar John A. Koskinen to workers who have toiled for years to fix potential date glitches - says that at most, New Year's Day may cause sporadic disruptions and inconvenience for Americans, much like a winter storm.

Indeed, there will almost certainly be localized power outages January 1, just like there are every day in the winter because of snow, ice storms or cars that crash into utility poles. Bottom line? We expect New Year's Day to be pretty much like every other winter day of the year. Our industry's biggest variable is weather.

So, when TV films depict panic in blacked-out cities or merchants try to sell you a year's supply of batteries or dried rations, remember this: It would be a shame to let unwarranted fear and uncertainty mar what arguably is the most exciting New Year's Eve celebration of all time.



Snack Ideas

Elegant Yet Easy Snack Ideas for Sensational Feasts

Here's a gift to please the hostess this season -- some tips on preparing simple yet sensational party food. Festive foods fit for a feast can be easy to make. All you need are fresh, delicious ingredients and a little imagination.

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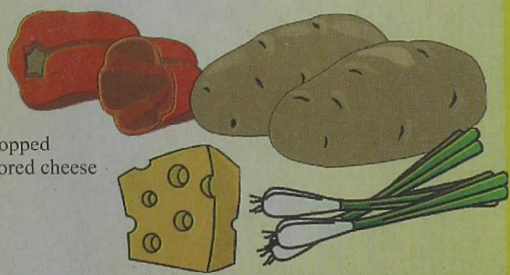
- breadsticks • pretzels spread with mustard • baby carrots spread with cream cheese and chopped nuts
- fresh melon wedges • celery sticks • olives • pickle spears • string cheese • green onions

Here are two more party pleasers from *The Buddig Family Favorites Cookbook*.

Southwestern Skins

Makes 12 potato skins

- 6 Idaho potatoes, each about 4 inches long
- Vegetable oil
- 2 packages (2.5 oz. each) Carl Buddig Beef, chopped
- 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded Nacho or Mexican flavored cheese
- ½ cup chopped red bell pepper
- ¼ cup chopped green onion
- Sour Cream, if desired
- Fresh cilantro, if desired



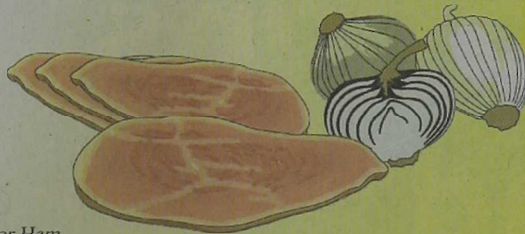
Heat oven to 400°F. Rub outside of potatoes with vegetable oil, pierce each in several places with the tip of a knife. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until tender when pierced with a knife. Let cool at least 45 minutes. Halve lengthwise. Scoop out most of the flesh, leaving a half-inch of pulp attached to skin. Combine Buddig Beef, cheese, red pepper and onion. Fill each shell with meat mixture. Place on baking sheet. Bake in a 400°F oven 10 to 12 minutes or until cheese is melted and filling is hot. Garnish each with sour cream and cilantro, if desired.

Nutritional Facts: per serving, (1 filled potato skin) Calories 153 (from Fat 64); Fat 7g (sat. 4g); Chol 28mg; Sodium 294mg; Carb 14g; Fiber 2g; Protein 8g.

Buddig Pinwheels

Makes approximately 4 dozen pinwheels

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Combine cream cheese, onion, horseradish and Worcestershire until well blended. Separate Buddig Beef, laying two slices in a row, slightly overlapped. Spread with cream cheese mixture. Roll up and fasten with a wooden pick. Repeat with remaining meat and cream cheese. Refrigerate, covered, at least 2 hours. Just before serving, cut into 1-inch slices.

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1999 World Record Holders



Most Popular Cult TV Star - Gillian Anderson, who stars as Agent Dana Scully in *The X-Files*, is one of the most popular TV stars of the 1990s. Pictured with her co-star, David Duchovny, Anderson was voted the world's sexiest woman in 1996 by more than 10,000 readers of the British magazine *FHM*. She earns \$58,000 per episode and signed a \$6.6 million deal to star in the movie spinoff *The X-Files* (1998).

Highest-Paid TV Actor & Most Money Refused - Jerry Seinfeld, the star of *Seinfeld*, is the most highly-paid television star in the world, with an estimated total worth of \$94 million. His 1997 earnings were estimated at \$66 million. In December 1997, Jerry Seinfeld turned down the largest personal contract in television history. NBC had offered the star \$5 million per episode to continue *Seinfeld*. A third of the US population of 263 million tuned in to watch the final episode of *Seinfeld*. One-minute commercials during the 75 minute episode cost advertisers more than \$1.66 million.



Most Expensive Monopoly Set - An exclusive \$2 million Monopoly set was created by jeweler Sidney Mobell of San Francisco, California in 1988. The board is made from 23 carat gold and the dice have 42 full cut diamond spots.

Most Expensive Film Script & Most Expensive Oscar - Clark Gable's script for *Gone With The Wind* (1939) sold for \$244,500 and Clark Gable's Academy Award for *It Happened One Night* (1934) sold for \$607,500 at Christie's, New York in December 1996.



Most Expensive Shoes Sold at Auction - The red slippers worn by Judy Garland when she played Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* (1939) sold for \$165,000 at Christie's, New York on June 2, 1988. The shoes belonged to Roberta Baumann, who had won them in a competition in 1940, and were bought by Anthony Landini. At the time, it was a record, it was a record price for any item worn in a movie.

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Shortest Person - The shortest ever mature human of whom there is independent evidence was Gul Mohammed of New Delhi, India. In 1990, he was 1 ft 10 ½ in. in height, and weighed 37 ½ lbs. He died at age 36 in 1997 of a heart attack, after a long struggle with asthma and bronchitis.

Tallest Person - The tallest person for whom there is irrefutable evidence was Robert Wadlow (US), who was 8 ft. 11 7/8 in. tall with an arm-span of 9 ft. 5 ¼ in. when he was last measured in 1940, shortly before his death. He would have probably have just exceeded 9 feet in height had he survived another year.

Heaviest Birth - Anne Bates (Canada) gave birth to a 23 lb. 12 oz. boy in Seville, Ohio in 1879.

Lightest Single Birth - The lowest definite birthweight recorded for a surviving infant is 10 oz., for Marian Taggart (née Chapman), who was born 6 weeks premature in Tyne & Wear, England in 1938. The 12-inch long child was nursed by Dr. D.A. Shearer, who fed her hourly for the first 30 hours with brandy, glucose and water through a fountain-pen filler.

Biggest Feet - Excluding cases of elephantiasis, the biggest known feet of any living person are those of Matthew McGrory of Westchester, Pennsylvania. McGrory is 25 years old and stands 7 ft 6 in. tall. He wears size 28 ½ shoes specially made for him by Converse, and his socks are knitted by his mother.



Longest Fingernails - The world's longest fingernails are those of Shridhar Chillal of India, who last cut his fingernails in 1952. At the end of March 1997, the nails of his left hand, from the thumb to the little finger, were 55 inches, 43 inches, 46 inches, 49 inches, and 48 inches long.

Longest Hair - Hu Saelao, an 85 yr. old tribesman from Chiang Mai province, Thailand, is one of several people claiming to have the world's longest hair. It is a tradition in this particular part of Thailand for men to grow their hair very long. Saelao claims that he has not cut his hair for more than 70 years and it now measures 16 ft. 10 in. long.



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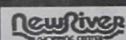
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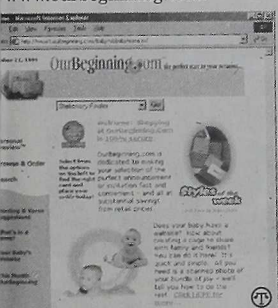
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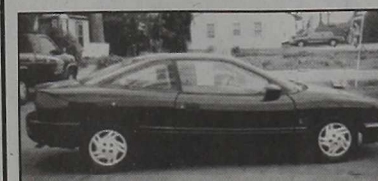
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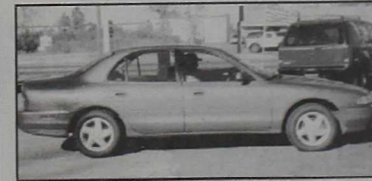
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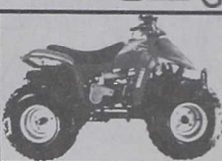
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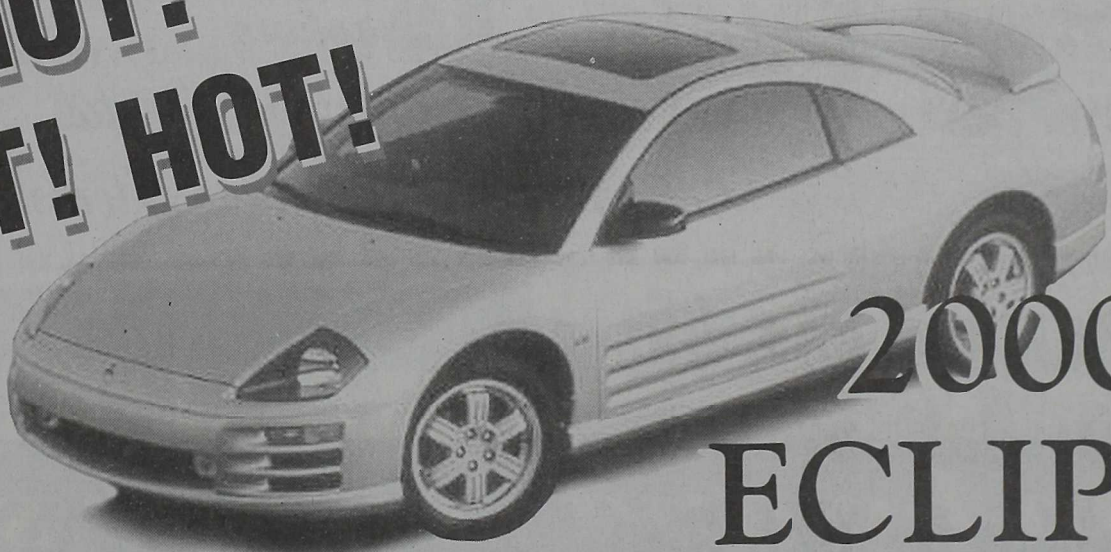
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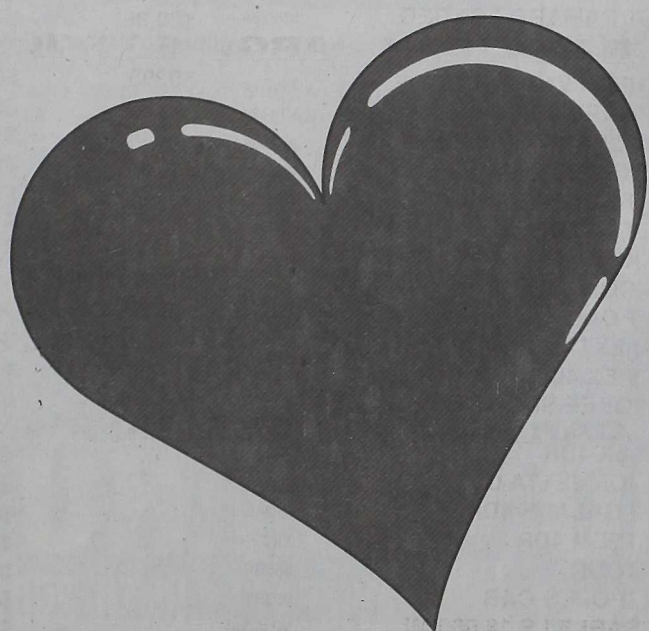
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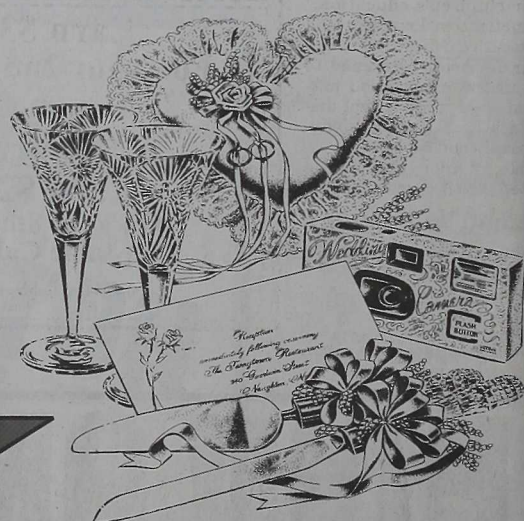
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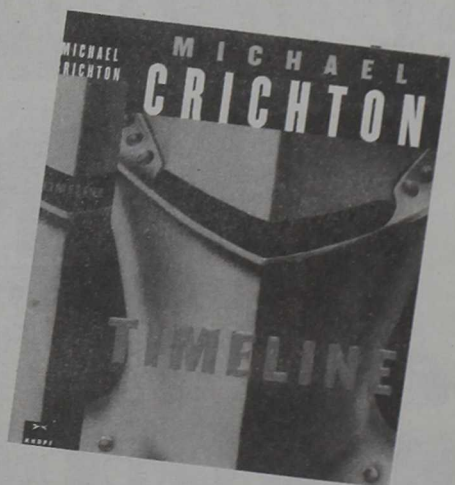
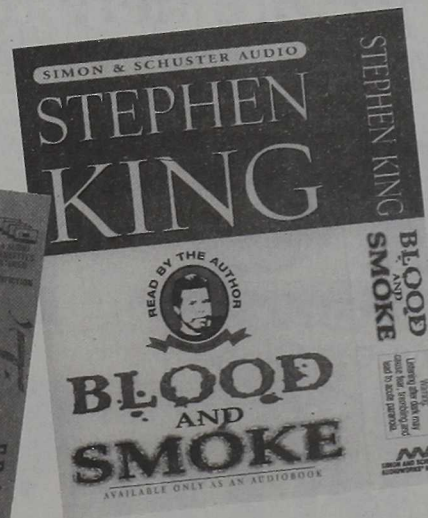
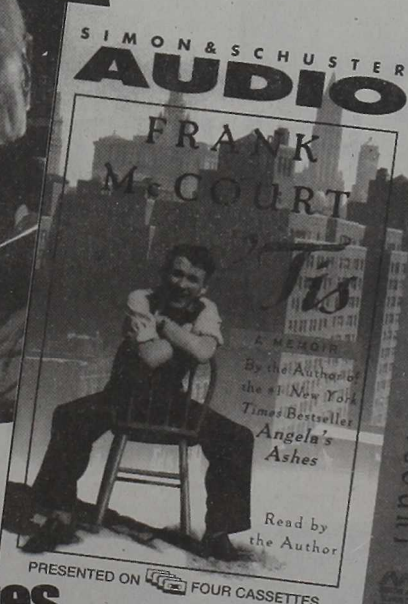
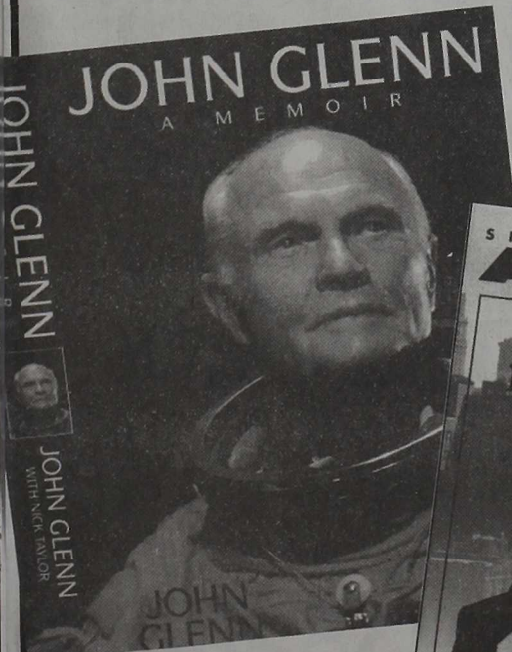
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