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How to Survive Going Home for THE HOLIDAYS

by Gibson Toombs

For the past couple of months, you have been eating whatever you want, leaving your room a mess, and stacking your dirty dishes in the sink. You go out at night even when you have class early the next morning, you procrastinate on basically every assignment, and you substitute studying for binging shows on Netflix. Well, as the holiday season approaches, it is time to prepare for your trip back home. All of your newly developed bad habits must be hidden for the duration of winter break. And in order for your parents and relatives to believe that you are now a responsible adult, you will need to pretend that you are not the lazy and degenerate college student that you have turned into. Giving off an appearance of maturity and class can be difficult after a term of working hard and undoubtedly playing harder. However, by following these instructions, you will have your family back at home thinking you are the next Mark Zuckerberg.



PRESENTS

One of the hardest things about being an adult during the holidays is shopping. You are not a little kid anymore, which means that the days of only receiving gifts are over. If you are not contributing to the stock of presents underneath the tree, then everyone in your family will think you're a dick. If you want to impress them, make sure to do your shopping early and leave some cash aside. Take some time to think about what you should get each member of your family. This is a chance for you to express how important these relationships are to you. Also, don't wait until Christmas Eve to do your shopping. The rush might force you to settle for a mediocre gift that has little sentimental meaning.



PARTIES

Christmas parties are perhaps the most fun part about winter break. But for a visiting college student, they can be a nightmare. Put on your jacket and prepare for a heavy storm of handshakes and small talk. Throughout the night, all of your parents' friends will address you with questions like "What is your major?" and "What do you want to do after college?". It is best to have answers ready, even if you are undeclared or have never even thought about life after college. Most of these people you have not seen since high school, and they all want to know the same vague information about your life. You will get tired of faking interest in conversations with these people, so try communicating in large groups as opposed to one-on-one conversation. That way, you can keep everyone up to date with your life all at once instead of having the same boring conversation over and over again.



A WARNING

The last piece of advice only adheres to those who are over 21 years old. Do not drink too much at the Christmas party. No matter how mature or sophisticated you build yourself up to be in the beginning of the night, a drunken episode later in the night will ruin your reputation. The last thing you want is to be known as "that guy who got super wasted at the Christmas party." Remember, this is family tradition, not Wednesday night at Taylor's.





Top 5 Worst CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

by Gibson Toombs



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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

During the holidays, students do not want to be reminded about school. If your sibling is a college student and you get them a printer, they will be severely let down, especially since larger wrapped gifts always draw the most excitement.



GIFT CARDS

Giving a gift card to someone for Christmas is lame because there is no emotion attached to it. Clearly, you went out shopping for the people you love and while you were checking out, you noticed the gift cards and thought, "Oh, that will be perfect for that person who I have to pretend I care about by buying a present for them."



DVDS

There was a time when getting someone their favorite movie or television show on DVD was a quality gift. However, with DVR and online streaming, it is now very simple for people to find what they want to watch for free. Unless they have a movie collection that you are helping expand, DVDs are not a very cool gift.



CANDY

Any present that is edible is a big no-no. A good Christmas present should be something that the person can hold on to for years. Just because somebody likes chocolate doesn't mean you should buy him or her a bunch of *Snickers* bars. That would be lazy and cheap.



U.S. STATE COIN COLLECTOR MAPS

Any present that promotes starting a new habit is terrible. By giving someone a coin collector map, you are burdening them with the responsibility of collecting every single state coin in America. Now, if they don't even attempt to fulfill the collection, they will feel bad every time you ask them about it. This is an awkward position to put someone in.



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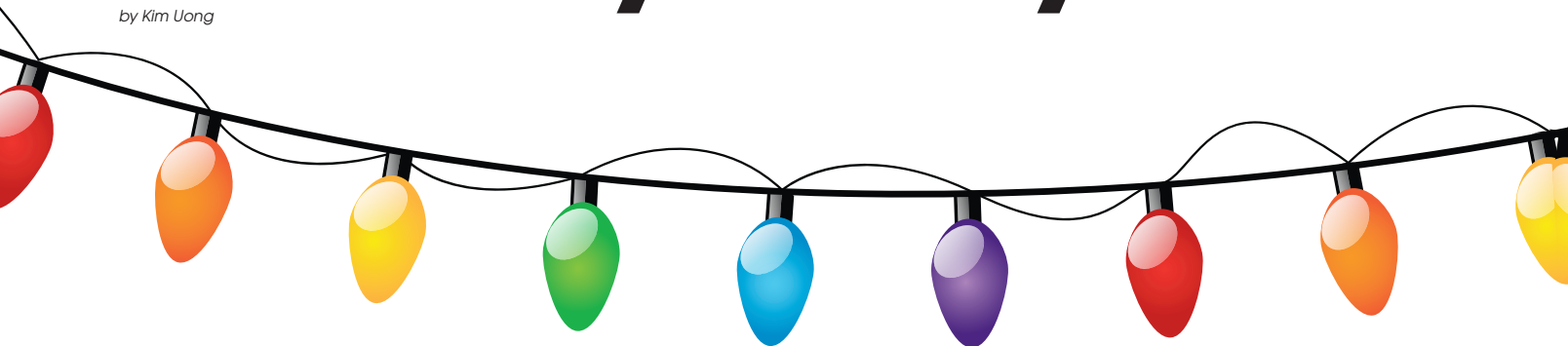
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How to Plan a College Holiday Party

by Kim Uong



So Thanksgiving and Black Friday are over and you're high on the holiday spirit- it's time to throw a party. Create that Facebook event complete with a Jib Jab video of you and your roommates as krumping elves and set the tone by spreading Christmas cheer. Establish a dress code (are ugly sweaters mandatory? South Pole elves only?) and let your guests run free with their creativity. While the season should speak for itself, here are ways to ensure that your party will be better than the rest.

Drinks

The most crucial part of the jubilee equation. While BYOB is good for those on a budget, if you're feeling fancy, spoil your guests with these drinks: spiked eggnog with bourbon, 'peppermint patty' shots with schnapps and chocolate syrup, Fireball apple cider, or even seasonal ales. In the mood for something bubbly? Combine a giant bottle of Cook's with cranberry juice for a bellini.

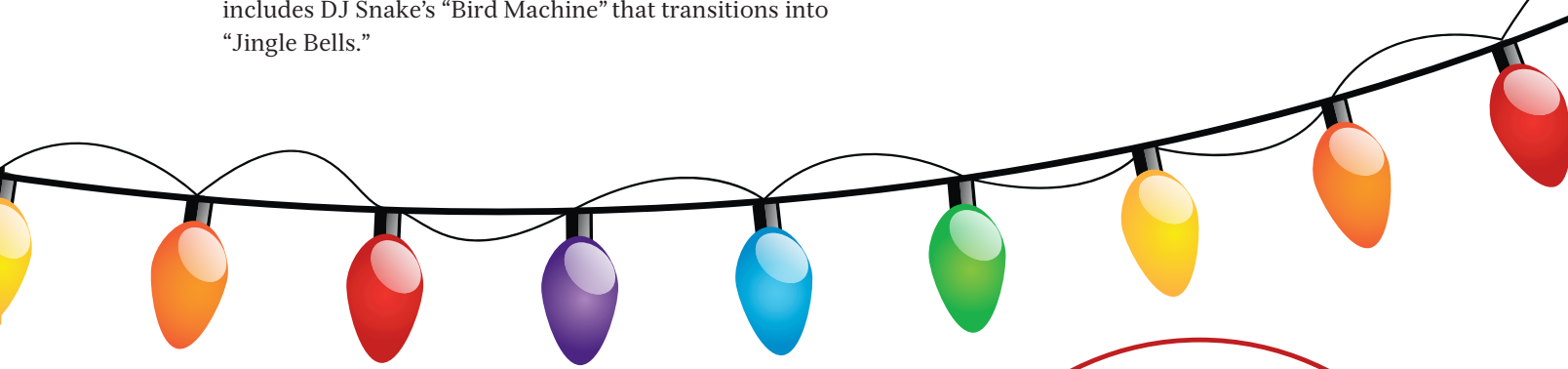
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Playlist

While playing Christmas music at a holiday party throughout its entirety may seem like a good idea, it gets really awkward/turnt down when the song about the boy buying shoes for his dying mother comes on. Doesn't matter how many nogs deep you are, stick to the group belttable classics as well as the contemporary remixes and originals. Must haves include the Justin Bieber album (my pick: "Drummer Boy" featuring Busta Rhymes) and Diplo's *Mad Decent Christmas* which includes DJ Snake's "Bird Machine" that transitions into "Jingle Bells."



Decor

Christmas lights finally find a place outside of creepy party houses. Get a mini tree, strategically place some well-dressed stuffed animals and snowmen throughout your house, and string some popcorn and cranberries together for garland (Martha Stewart magazine has usually has an annual guide should you find yourself troubled).



Food

Turn the day of into a baking party and make goodies like peppermint brownies, those Pillsbury sugar cookies with the stamp that everyone loves, and something for your gluten-free friend too.

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A Guide to White Elephant

The holidays are near, which signals the start of the gift exchange season. While many casual gift exchange enthusiasts are classical in approach (like Secret Santa), others are looking for a bit more of an adventure in a game called White Elephant. As a game all about luck and thievery, it can be an unforgiving display of mayhem, so here are some tips to help you come out on top.

FIND THE PERFECT GIFT.

Figure out what the budget for gifts are, and plan accordingly. Remember that you might not get a gift as good as the one you put for up for trade, so think about whether you want to be the angel (Chipotle gift card) or the devil (Cheetah Girls DVD box set). At the end of the day, it's never a bad idea to get a gift that you wouldn't mind getting back, so if you're down to watch "Cheetah Girls: One World" on occasion, you do you.

FORM ALLIANCES.

Like reality television has taught us, social game is everything. Right after you pull numbers, put together the perfect team. Typically, a team of three people is perfect—one with an early number to scope out the offerings, someone in the middle to stay in control with what is going on, and someone toward the end to wreak some havoc if need be. Make sure your team is trustworthy, as no one is safe in the world of the white elephant.

IF YOU OPEN A GIFT, DISPLAY SOME SORT OF EMOTION.

If you don't like a gift, show it. If you like a gift, show some muted excitement. If you really, really like a gift, channel your inner-Tom Cruise on Oprah. That way, people know you WILL throw massive amounts of shade if they steal that platinum special edition of the Beyoncé album from you.

by Jazo Moises

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The steal is a strategic move in White Elephant. As each item has a limited number of steals (typically a maximum of three) you want to be cognizant of what is available, and how much time is left. If you're up and a gift has two steals,

you'll definitely want to lock it in for yourself and take it. If something has one steal, but someone in your "team" is close after you, don't be afraid to steal, especially if you feel good about it.



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{College Student's} Gift Guide

by Kim Ung





The Outdoorsy Hipster

Their affinity for the outdoors somehow led to a hipster lifestyle, or was it the other way around? Count on Birkenstocks with marled camp socks, rugged shoes not actually worn for their intended purpose, and a fascination with anything brewed.

ANYTHING POLAR

Be it beanie, camp mug, or that overpriced sleeping bag jacket. They'll be Instagramming about your awesome gift faster than you can type #campvibes.

BOOTS

While boots are a hefty investment, some brands have a lifetime guarantee. Whether it's Red Wing, Danner, Clarks, or Timberland, they'll get their wear in the Oregon weather.

DIY BEER

Spend a fun day helping your recipient make their own beer with a home brewing kit.

REASONABLY PRICED COLD—WEATHER GEAR

Try looking at Goodwill for old Pendleton flannels, and Old Navy has great looking outerwear for reasonable prices.

The Athlete or Gym-Rat

This person is always on the move, and the world is their gym. Whether it's hitting the court or the mountain, you can count on them for using the newest workout technologies and looking great while doing it. Here's what to get them:

WORKOUT GEAR

If you're a runner, you know that the flyest kicks are many times not actually the ones that are best for your feet. While each athlete has their own preference, brands like Asics or Brooks are very reliable shoes for your feet.

COOL WATER BOTTLE

A Camelback with an O sticker is bound to get lost on campus. Hydroflasks are double insulated to maintain optimal temperature of your water and have a lifetime warranty.

HEADPHONES

Why not look good while working at your fitness? Beats and Urban Ears are great options for optimal sound quality and style.



The Trendsetter

Tumblr was so five years ago and their snap story rivals Casey Neistat's. You can learn more about their personal brand on their other social media platforms, but their real presence dazzles just as much. They're always rocking the freshest gear and treat Iggy Azalea's "Fancy" as a daily mantra. They drink overpriced juices. What else do they need?

ANDY WARHOL ABSOLUT

Trendy peeps love anything collaborative or limited edition, or even better, limited-edition collaborations. These already-collectable bottles have even been further-snazzed up by everyone's favorite pop artist, perfect for a gift this season.

NIKE GEAR

You go to school at the University of Oregon: you're bound to know someone who can hook you up with a pass to the Nike Employee Store. Take a trip there this season for half-off Air Maxes, Roshes, Janoskis, Flyknits, and whatever Tech Pack jacket their heart desires.

SOMETHING FROM THE SISTER BRAND

When you can't afford the real thing, many designer brands have a microline that costs less such as Marc by Marc Jacobs. Try hitting up Nordstrom Rack or similar stores to find these products for even further discounts.

SOMETHING FROM THE TIE BAR

These ties, tie bars, and pocket squares run for a mere \$15 and have been featured in GQ and Esquire.



The Foodie

They've been to every food cart, love food made with truffle oil and canola oil equally, and take #foodporn worthy pics of nearly every meal. Even if you have novice taste buds, here's how to impress:

GET THE TAB

Take a trip up to Portland (or wherever there's good eating) and treat them to a meal and drinks at that new cool restaurant they've been wanting to try out.

IMPORT SOMETHING

Ship some sort of niche food their way that they'll never be able to get their hands on. Whether it's the coveted cronut, Salt & Straw if they're not a Oregon local, or a rainbow of Ladurée macarons, your foodie will love you forever.

GOURMET NON-PERISHABLES

Three words: bacon chocolate bar. Look for quirky holiday treats or other delectable goods that would make for an awesome care package, whether it's sweeping Williams-Sonoma's shelves clean or doing a little more hunting of your own.

A FOOD BASKET

A cheese basket, a meat basket. A basket full of their favorite wine, ice creams, coffee, cupcakes, or whatever. They will appreciate and cherish this compilation.



The Culture Junkie

This person loves their TV, music, and movies. Whether it's in the form of a music festival, seeing every episode of the Simpsons and Friends, or adding another poster to the ceiling, this person loves soaking up all of fun stuff in life. Further enhance their life with this:

RECORDS

If they have a record player, this will be perfect. If not, it looks pretty cool on a wall. Whether it's a vintage Rolling Stones or a Tyler the Creator record from Urban Outfitters, this is an affordable and unique gift.

FESTIVAL TRIP

Well, at least for a portion of it. Whether it's Comic-Con, Sundance, or Coachella, if you pay for part of their ticket, that probably means you're going too.

SHOW TICKETS

Whether it's stand-up, a concert, or even a musical in Portland (if that's your thing) this is yet another win-win situation.

HBO GO SUBSCRIPTION

At this point in time, it's tacky and odd to get someone seasons of a show or a movie, and everyone has Netflix or someone's Hulu+ password these days. However, not everyone has the coveted HBO Go subscription or feels comfortable using their best friend's parent's email. Luckily, HBO has finally announced that they are doing a separate standalone subscription that launches in 2015. Hello unlimited *Entourage* and *Girls*.



** Whatever you do, do not get your loved one/acquaintance/enemy a gift card unless you know it is their favorite store or brand of all time and they always shop there. You'd be better off Venmo-ing them cash with a Santa emoji in the caption.*

To Whom It May Concern

HOW TO HAVE A "HAPPY"
HOLIDAYS WITHOUT
CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

by Monica Sagowitz





Seasons Greetings,

I love Christmas. It's joyous and colorful but the Christmas season still brings with it an atmosphere of exclusivity that can be awkward for both non-Christians and Christians alike. Luckily, you have me (probably your only Jewish friend) to debunk some of these festively-wrapped social stigmas. While I'll stick to a Jewish perspective, there are loads of other people in the world who don't celebrate Christmas. In your spare time you can address cultural discrepancies with them separately.

MERRY CHRISTMAS VS. HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The popular argument is that Christmas isn't even a religious holiday anymore, or at least not in the same way that Crusaders and Missionaries first advertised it. Christmas is a one-size fits all sweater that's just decoration for family values, celebrating and being happy. If this is true, then why all of the constant reminders that my Christmas should be different from your Christmas?

'Tis the season for "othering:" the time my first grade teacher gave me blue and white pom-poms to decorate my "holiday" calendar, being assigned to write this article, or people asking me about my "Hanukkah bush." (Just an FYI: it's cut short, lights up and smells like cinnamon.)

So I say go ahead and wave around your garland and sing your Christmas cheer! Be proud and be spirited. If I decide to join in, just let me slither into the background and hum along. And please wish me a Merry Christmas. I know you want to. "Happy Holidays" just doesn't feel right printed under your family's smiling portrait and can't be expressed in Emojis. If I make a fuss about your "Merry Christmas," it's not because I don't like your political incorrectness, it's because I don't like you.

EIGHT NIGHTS OF PRESENTS

However, I do always appreciate when people take interest in the traditions of Hanukkah. So here's the skinny on the oddly sculpted candle holders and Inception totems.

Hanukkah (Chanukah): Pronounced with a throaty "ch" like in the name "Bach", also known as the Festival of Lights. Hanukkah is a celebration of the victory of the Maccabean revolt. In second century BC, the Greek-Syrian oppressors were being real dicks. They were massacring all of the Jews in Jerusalem. The Maccabees (Jewish radicals) got a squad together and revolted. They won against the Syrians and wanted to rededicate the Second Temple. (First Temple was destroyed last time this happened.) During their reign the Syrians had all but destroyed the temple and its supplies. Oil was needed to light the menorah (special candelabra that's supposed to constantly burn in the Second Temple), but there was only enough to last one night. Bummer. But miraculously, the oil lasted for eight days and luckily it was right around the same time in the calendar as Jesus's birthday. In context of all the other Jewish holidays, Hanukkah is sort of the friend with a mansion: they're probably pretty flashy and not really that vital to the friend group, but once a year we want to party so we pay attention to it.

Latke: Because of the holy oil thing, we eat a lot of fried food during Hanukkah - mainly these awesome hashbrown pancakes that taste amazing with salt, sour cream or applesauce. Eating a latke with ketchup is like the California Roll with cream cheese of Jewish food. Just stop.

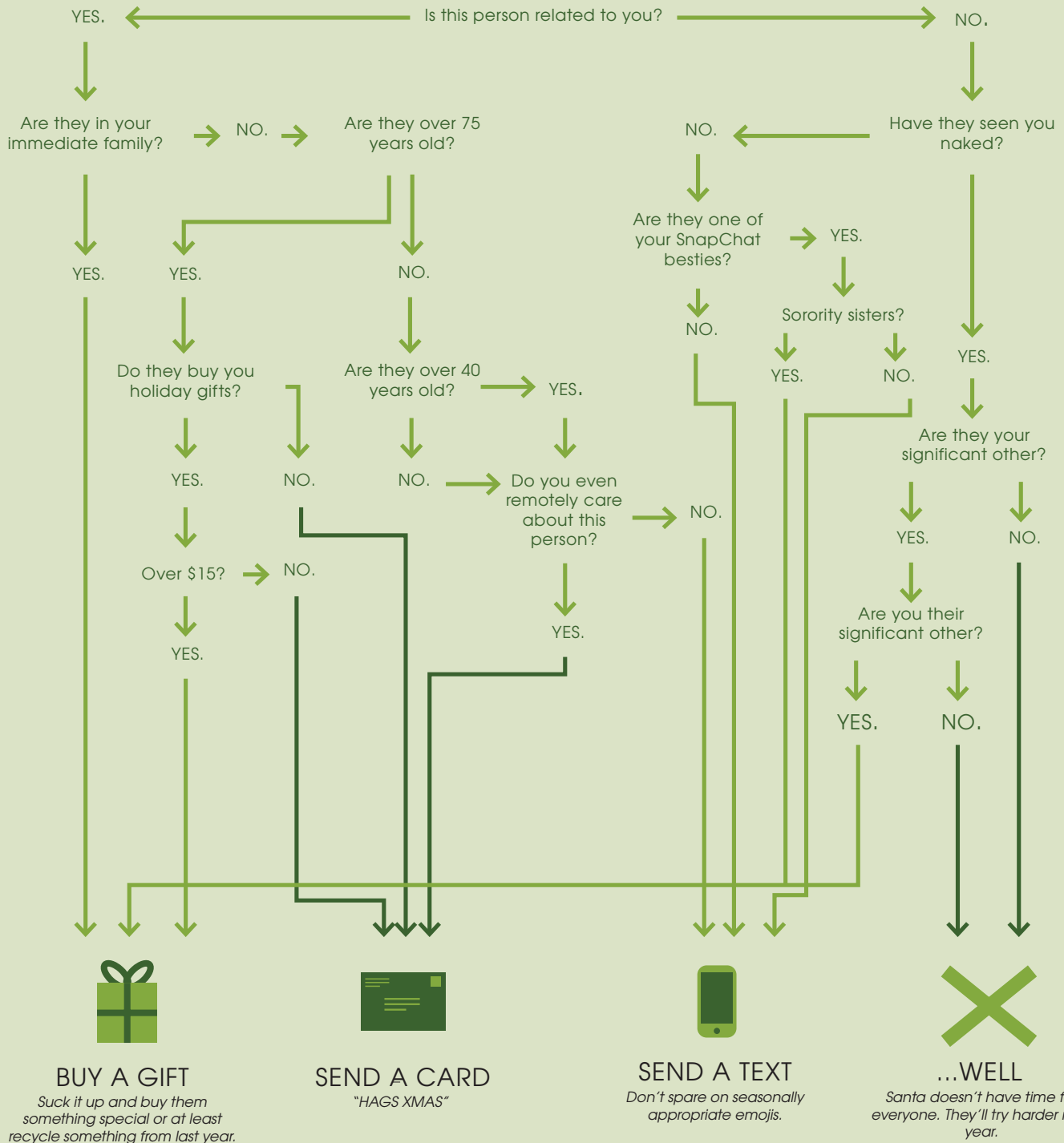
Presents: Really just for kids. Some Jewish kids get eight awesome presents, one for each night—some get socks. By the time you're a collegiate b'nei mitzvot you're just looking to redeem your Hanukkah gift in September when the latest iPhone comes out.

Dreidel: Game teaching young children how to gamble. Gimel is *always* right around the corner.

Shalom,
Monica

It's the Thought THAT COUNTS

December is the season for giving, but that doesn't mean you should have to save up all year just to buy sweaters for everyone in your philosophy discussion. Being selective about whom you give presents to this season will keep the holidays from breaking the bank. Use this flowchart to help make some of these friendship-bending decisions.





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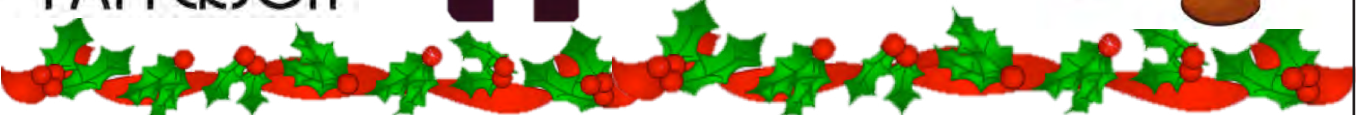
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FIVE UNDERRATED

Holiday Movies

by Gibson Toombs

*With low temperatures and heavy rain outside, it is time to warm up the holiday season with a cup of hot cocoa, a thick blanket, and a festive movie for all to enjoy. Every year, family and friends snuggle up around the TV to watch their favorite classics from *It's a Wonderful Life* to *Elf*. These films are a key part of the holiday season because they remind people about the importance of family, tradition, and of course, presents. But there are a lot of movies that don't receive as much attention as they should. And that is a Christmas tragedy. Here is a list of five underrated movies that will put you in the right mood for the holidays.*



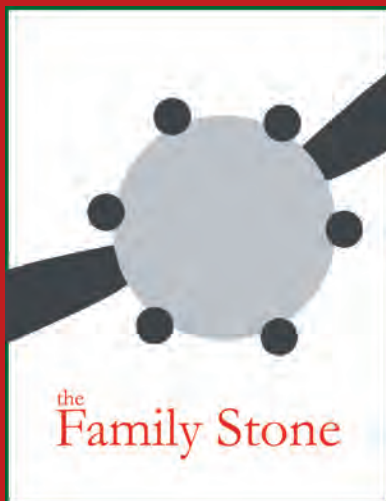
Jack Frost

In this family comedy, Michael Keaton plays a man who dies in a car accident on Christmas Eve and resurrects one year later as a snowman. He then seeks to reconnect with his distraught son. This is a wonderful film that explores the unbreakable bond between father and son.



Jingle All The Way

Arnold Schwarzenegger gives one of his best performances as a stressed out father trying to obtain a popular action hero before Christmas morning. His son wants the toy more than anything, and the Terminator is not prepared to let him down. This movie is hilarious because it combines the suspense of a "race against the clock" thriller with the heart of a family comedy.



The Family Stone

With a star-studded cast, this comedy follows the story of a conservative businesswoman who spends Christmas with her boyfriend's eccentric family. Basically, everyone in the family hates her, which leads to all sorts of holiday debauchery. This movie has a healthy mix of comedy and drama while providing a spot-on depiction of how families change with the times.

Bad Santa

This dirty comedy starring Billy Bob Thornton is nothing but laughs the whole way through. He plays a con-man who disguises himself as Santa in order to rob department stores. Not really one to watch with the family, seeing as it is probably the most irreverent Christmas comedy out there.



Eyes Wide Shut

Stanley Kubrick's psycho-sexual drama stars Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman as a married couple that begins to see their relationship falling apart during the holiday season. This film is a bizarre analysis of the typical American family and begs the question: How do married couples remain faithful year after year, even when surrounded by constant temptation?



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Volleyball
Court



Cable, Internet,
Trash Included



Cabana



Private Balcony
and Hot Tub



Private
Bed/Bath



BBQ and
Fire Pit



Washer/Dryer
in Apartment



Rooftop
Sun Deck

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