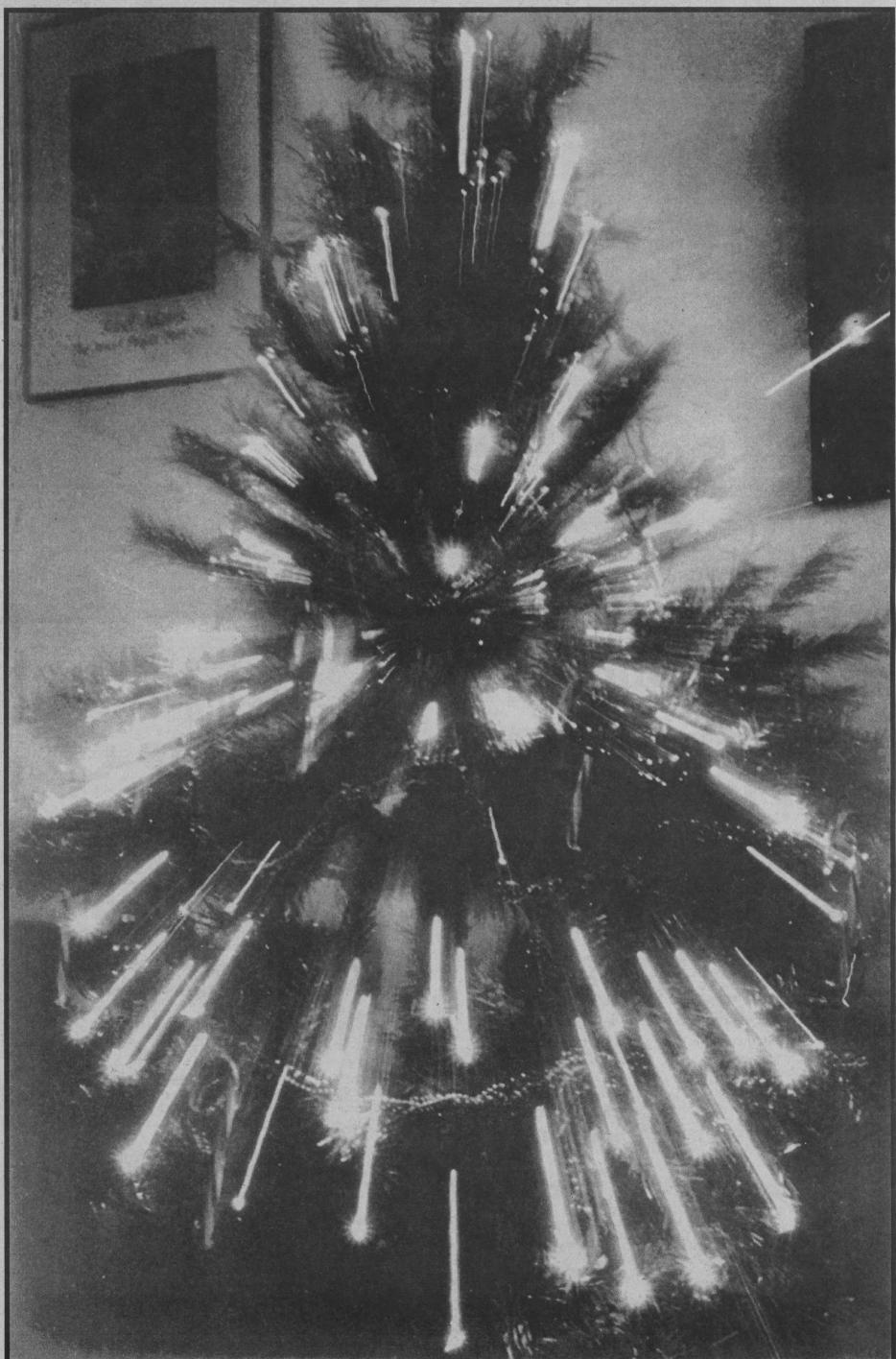
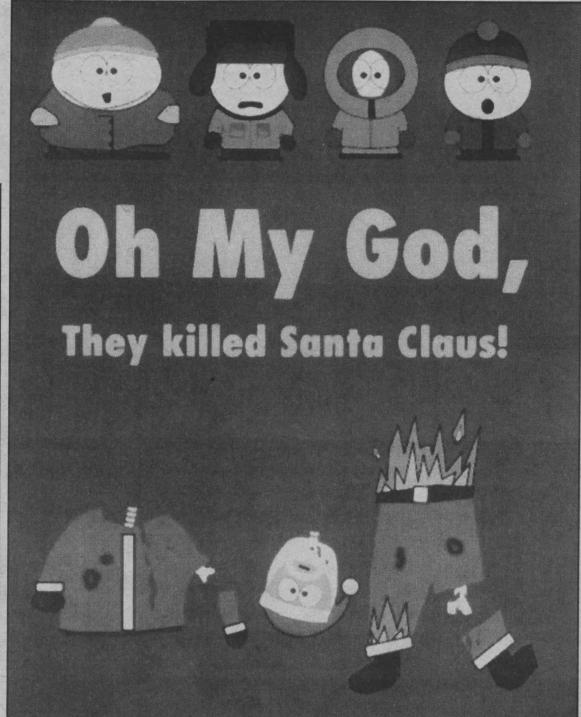
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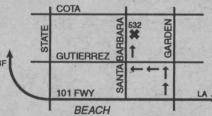




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night, your family comes together to eat a big turkey stuffed with bread crumbs. There's all kinds of goodies, including the Thanksgiving Day football game. (Yippee!) The house is joyous, the kids are put to bed while the "adults" sit by the fire and ponder their good fortunes.

The next day, you go shopping — stuff the kids in the car, buckle them in and you're off to that glistening structure at the end of the ginormous parking lot. The All-Mart calls you in to buy, buy, buy! It draws you, sucks you into its air-conditioned element. You fight the crowd to get that perfect sweater for Jim at work.

The kids are crying. They want this, they want that. They're tired, they're hungry. You see a long line of well-coiffed folks dressed in their Sunday best. They're waiting for Santa Claus, who's handing out free candy canes. (Yippee!) The kids are excited. "I wanna see Santa!" But the line is out

h, the holidays. At the door, so you bribe them empty table. The vultures with a ride on the merry-go-

The stores are as crowded as ever. The men are fighting. No, not over the lawn mowers on sale, but over an wait, push opponents aside and slam their tired butts into vacant seats. Victory.

After a delicious lunch of heat-lamped pizza, you head out to conquer again. Red

carts dash around the lanes, bumping into each other. Toys are on the floor, people swarm the wrapping-paper sale. Now this is more like it. Bargains.

You head for the toilet

paper, toothpaste and soap cones. "Rudolph" plays over department — Mom said she's buying. The rest of your family dashes toward the toy department while someone else distracts the children with ice cream

the speakers, last year's holiday non-smash, "Jingle All the Way" is displayed throughout the video department and the young'uns chant "We want Beanie Babies!"

Mom's over by the fake trees oohing and aahing at the decorations she will buy for the tree this year. She says Dad's happy — because you left him at home? - no, because he doesn't have to cut down a tree this year. You look at the white plastic trees in horror. No, don't give me that look, she says.

Everyone meets at their designated spots at the designated time and you head for the lines. Customers wait impatiently for their chance to purchase gifts, then they load up and head home. After you fork over your money, you walk out into the 72 degree weather, elated and exhausted, looking forward to the leftover turkey sandwiches. On the way home, you spot a fake tree on the roof of a Volvo station wagon. It's awaiting its decorations. Ah, the holidays.



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Gift-Giving

hile candles, ribbons, trinkets and other ornaments commanded attention to be paid to evergreen, a good part of its charm, of course, lay in the gifts tied to its branches with colorful string or spread beneath it. Like Christmas trees, the idea of gift-giving at Christmas time — for most Americans — was a fairly recent one, but holiday giving is an old custom.

Ancient Romans made gifts of twigs at midwinter. Later, they offered the emperor strenae (gifts) to assure

> "Ancient Romans made gifts of twigs at midwinter."

him of their loyalty, or exchanged them privately at Kalendz. At first, these were substantive items, but they gradually degenerated into what two historians described as "useless little terra-cotta lamps, clay tablets with pictures of fruits, tom. Women often received and garlands or cornucopiae with such inscriptions as 'Happiness in the New

Early Christians refrained reminded them of the Ro-

expensive gloves or pins, sometimes accompanied by money, a custom that gave rise to the terms "pin money" and "glove money." By from gift-giving because it the middle of the 17th century, even members of the man Saturnalia. But during English clergy were acceptthe 16th and 17th centuries, ing New Year's gifts. Not

itans strongly opposed giving gifts, regarding the system as yet another diabolical pagan rite countenanced by the Anglican Church.

In colonial America, the earliest record of gift-giving comes from German Moravian immigrants in Bethlehem, Penn. A Dec. 25,

"Some received scarves, some a handkerchief, some a hat, some neckerchiefs and some a few apples." Dutch custom dictated giving gifts on Nieuw-jaar as "omens of success for the ensuing months." Thus, children and sometimes adults, especially in the middle colonies, might have received a small

token on the first day of the

Puritans, Quakers and Separatists, like their European counterparts, usually refrained from gift-giving. In fact, few colonists, north or south, regardless of religion, commemorated either Christmas or the New Year with presents.

Increasingly, however, exceptions could be found, particularly on New Year's. For example, in 1720, Puritan Judge Samuel Sewall recorded that he had made a gift of a book to Colonel Dyer and that Mrs. Sewall

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received a present of oranges and a shattuck. Ten-yearold Anna Winslow, de-scribed by Alice Morse Earle as a "vain little Puritan devotee," sent to Boston to

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GIFTS

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be "finished" in 1772, wrote in her diary that she had kept Christmas at home that year and worked. However, on Jan. 1, although she had "bestow'd no new year's gift, as yet" she received a hand-some "History of Joseph Andrews abreviated."

By the 19th century, giftgiving had become more prevalent, and some reciprocal giving was in evidence. Meriwether Lewis presented William Clark with "fleece hosrie shirt,

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draws and socks" on Dec. 25, 1805, while at their winter camp on the Colombia River.

In most cases, giving tended to be "one-way," and the presentation of gifts continued to reflect status relationships. Those of

higher rank gave gifts to rituals of exchanging gifts those of lower status; servants, and sometimes children, most often benefited.

As American social and economic structure began to change during the antebellum period, so too did old patterns of gift-giving. The formal, one-way dispensing of duty gradually yielded to

among family, friends and neighbors. Christmas, rather than New Year's, became the primary occasion on which to give presents. The popularity of the custom widened.

Of course, the marketplace, charged with an unprecedented abundance of

goods and the money to buy them, played a crucial part in broadening the appeal of giving gifts. Equally powerful, however, was the importance the antebellum middle-class placed on the sanctity of home and family and the role that gifts played in promoting its ideals. Along this unstable connec-

tion between market exchange and family solidarity, Americans began to shape new meaning for old gift

The material gifts exchanged around a family's hearth or between friends at Christmas encoded relationships that were at the same time the most cherished and basic and the most vulnerable. Indeed, ethnographic studies suggest that ritualized gift-giving in any society is a method of expressing relationships that are important but insecure, whether between family members and generations or through one-way giftgiving, such as gifts to children.

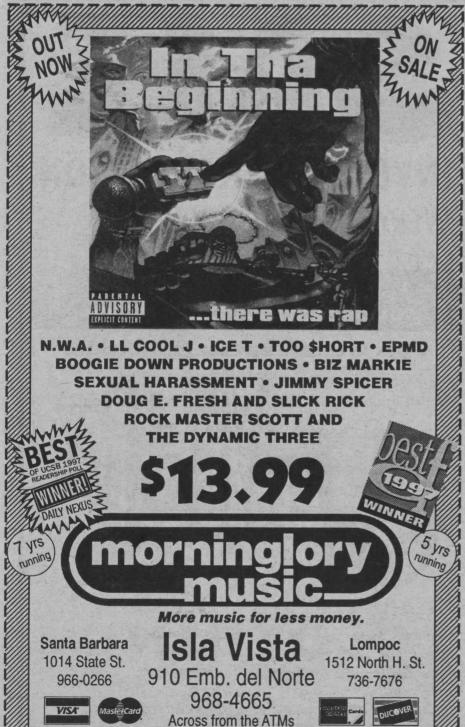
The transaction as well as the gift itself joined giver and receiver and defined their relationship. Thus, the getting and giving of material things symbolically represented social intercourse

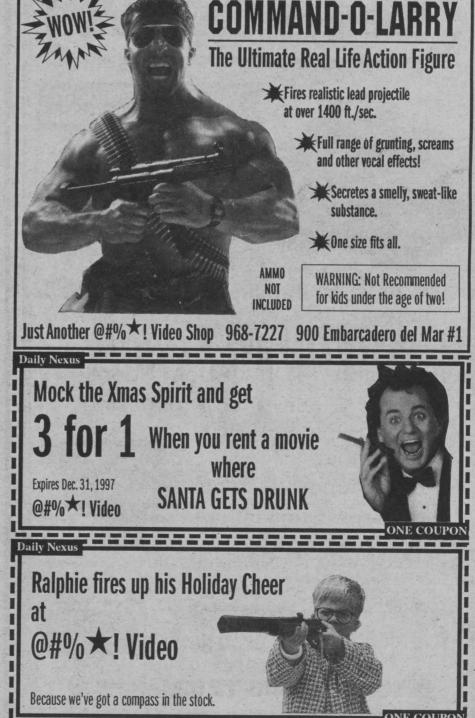
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and moral obligation. The rational absolutes of the dayto-day commercial world became secondary. One could request or hint at one's wishes, but it depended on another's willing generosity to make any object truly a



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As you walk down Eatery Lane and the intermixed Your mission, if you aroma of beer, burritos and strils, you'll come upon both

home video will give your sibling the aggression fix he needs.

A year ago, you might have thought about heading across the street from Morninglory to Camille's for some sweet-smelling soaps and lotions for your cleanly mom (not to mention a giftYou'll definitely find something for someone there.

For Ma, you could walk in the direction of the Isla Vista Book Store — the number one place in town to find university paraphernalia and books with redeeming qualities. Here you can get the

and friends there these days. swell Jane Austen book will suit her well.

And what about dear old Dad? Chances are, a beer tap isn't going to provide him with a lot of confidence that you've been doing anything too productive since you left home, but you do have to get him something. Although a

"UCSB DAD" sweatshirts. Who knows with that guy?

On the other hand, you could just go to the ATM, take out the money your parents put in for you to blow on junk food and extracurricular activities and stick some of it in cards for each of your family members.



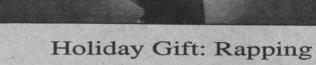
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friends within walking distance. And a bagel with cream cheese for Mom, a pepperoni pizza for Dad and a submarine sandwich for Brother ain't gonna cut the mustard.

But, come on! It's not im-

glory Music. At these places you'll find Will Smith's new Big Willie Style on CD, the perfect gift for your little thing, perhaps the new Rage

Tempo Music and Mornin- certificate for a free arm waxing for your hairy dad.) But that space is now occupied by the hemp-friendly Persian Peacock, and unless brother. Or if that isn't his your mom is Patti Smith, you might only want to look Against the Machine live (!) for gifts for your roommates



woman whose more proud of you than anyone in the world a sweatshirt bearing a slogan that will convey to the world that she is old enough to have a kid in college. And if "UCSB MOM," isn't re-

gift certificate to Burger King would probably be acceptable (knowing your dad), you might have to head back to the record shop for Bridges to Babylon by the Rolling Stones. Or maybe ally her thing, perhaps a he'd like one of those

They'd like that a lot.



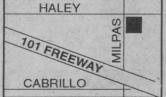
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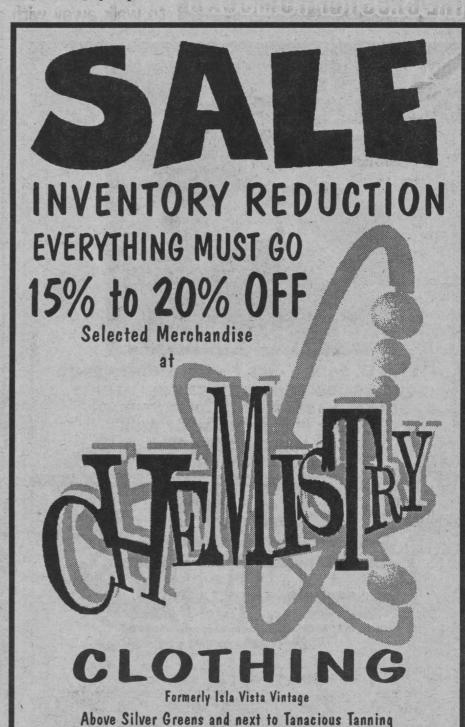
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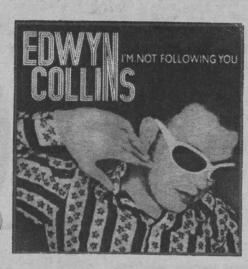
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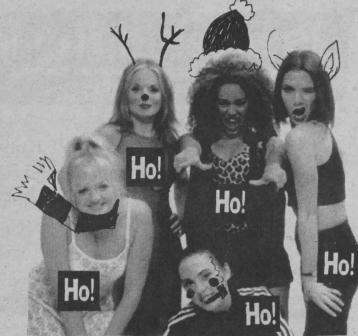
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1. What band wrote a song about the lead singer of The Verve?

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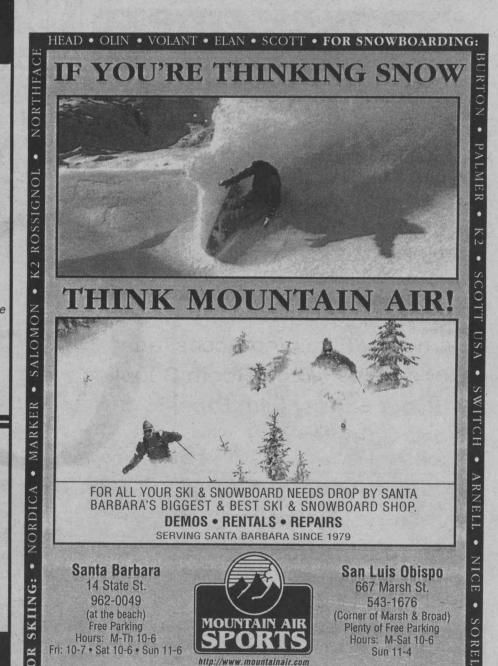
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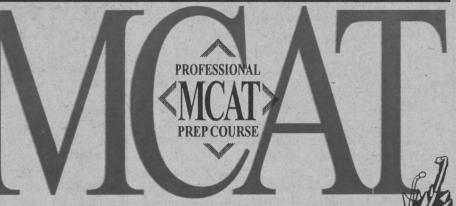
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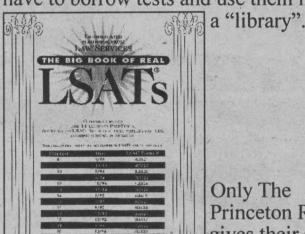
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