



### Girl Actually Thinks of Something Useful

Yellow Springs High School student Amanda Bush actually had a reasonable idea last week, but it turns out it won't work.

### Do These Look Like Presents?

Because they're supposed to. But be honest – I'll understand if you tell me they don't. It was hard enough getting the stupid snow on the logo and making the sidebars into presents was a stupid idea anyway. I know – diagonal lines probably wasn't the best way to go but I was pressed for time, give me a break.

### Holy Water Actually Not That Holy

It was revealed yesterday that "all you have to do" to make holy water is "bless it." You "don't even need a priest." You can just "do it yourself," and then it will be holy "for you." It is uncertain what effect this would have against the legions of undead that may be encountered in various dungeon settings. They are not to be trifled with.

### Seriously It's Not Spelled Like That

Okay for real this time. It's spelled *X Newspaper X*. Not *XnewspaperX* or *XNEWS PAPERX* or anything other than *X Newspaper X*. With spaces. And italic.

## Merry Christmahanukwanzaa!

MATT HALM & DAVID SUZEL

And a happy new year. Unless you're Chinese – you guys have to wait a month.

Amid all the festivals of this and that, it's important to remember what *really* matters this holiday season. Presents. Not only the giving of presents, but more importantly, the *receiving* of presents.

What would Christmas (or whatever) be without presents under the Christmas Tree (or whatever)? In times like these Christmas (okay, and the other holidays) is (are) increasingly important and should not be forgotten.

That's why here at *X Newspaper X* we're going to celebrate (*all*) the holiday(s). We're combining them together into a little something we like to call Christmahanukwanzaa. I know what you're thinking. Christmas is first. But that's just to make it easy on the ears. And tongue.

Hanukristmakwanzaa or Kwanzaachristmakah just don't sound right. Don't even think of trying

Kwanzaahanumas. It's a disaster. Christ just works perfectly at the beginning so – hey that's kind of interesting how that came up without really trying.

So how do you celebrate Christmahanukwanzaa? Well I'll tell you.

First you put up a tree (but not too gaudy), then instead of putting a normal star on top, put a Star of David on it. Then place a tasteful array of ribbons, balloons, and various fabrics colored red, green, and black on the tree and anywhere else. But make sure it's tasteful. (The *X Newspaper X* tree is shown on the back as an example.) Then gather some fruit, cookies, and bread into a bowl, pour some milk, water, and wine (separately), light some candles, and go to town. If you don't want to drink you can make a drinking motion, and the bread is a symbol so don't eat too much. Gift giving is optional, but if you do you need to give the person eight times what you would think is reasonable.

Well that's about all the space we have this week, be sure to check back next year for the next... issue.

### Holiday Content to be Reused Later

Like most popular (or prestigious) forms of news or entertainment, this issue will form the quintessence (yeah I said it) that all future holiday issues will imitate. In fact they will go one step further and just print this issue again.

### Menorah Mix-up Mandates Mandate

Yes it's true. Hanukah actually starts on Christmas night this year, a surprise move by the Jewish community. This change has led the Jewish leadership to mandate that menorahs be certified before being sold to citizens. This decision stems from a recent menorah heist in which several menorahs were mistaken for kinaras and stolen. This is an easy mistake to make, but remember: kinaras have seven candles, menorahs have nine. How hard is that? For those keeping track at home, this headline brings the alliteration-to-headline ratio up by approximately 4.7%.

### Gentiles Confused over Holiday's Alternative Spellings

With so many different ways of spelling the holiday's name, it becomes very hard for politically correct non-Jews to chose whether to use a double or single N, as well as whether or not to end the word with an H. Having trouble with their pronunciation, gentiles are also has trouble deciding whether or not to include the silent C. For those keeping track at home, this article brings the ratio of

### More Presents!

The proverbial tree that is *X Newspaper X* has lots of presents underneath it, represented by the overflowing quantity of "sidebar" articles that are now no longer limited to the side. Or the bar.

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## LETTERS

### Student in the Minority

I talked with all my friends but no one said they voted to bring the eagle back. What's the deal?

— *Anonymous Unpopular Student*

### Student Doesn't Understand How Submissions Work

Hey you should write about that thing that happened today in the newspaper.

— *Anonymous Suggester*

### The First Slogan Submissions!

The following are the first few submissions in our slogan search:

- All the News That's Fit to Write (*subtle, yet elegant*)
- The Official Newspaper of Yellow Springs High School (*umm...*)
- The Eagle That Is Truth Is Quick Yet Fleeting (*uh... okay...*)

## Your Holiday Checklist

THE X NEWSPAPER X STAFF

There are a few items you just *have* to have to make this holiday the best ever. Have you purchased your Kinara yet? If not you can probably borrow a Menorah from your Jewish friend and most people won't be able to tell the difference. Just don't put in all nine candles, and cover up the Star of David if it has one.

The remaining items on your list shouldn't be hard to get. You'll probably only have to trample three, maybe four old people as you struggle to get that last X-Box 360. You can probably just steal an iPod Nano – those things are *tiny*.

But remember: never give up, stay strong, and always remember what's really important this holiday season: truth, liberty, and lots and lots of neat presents.

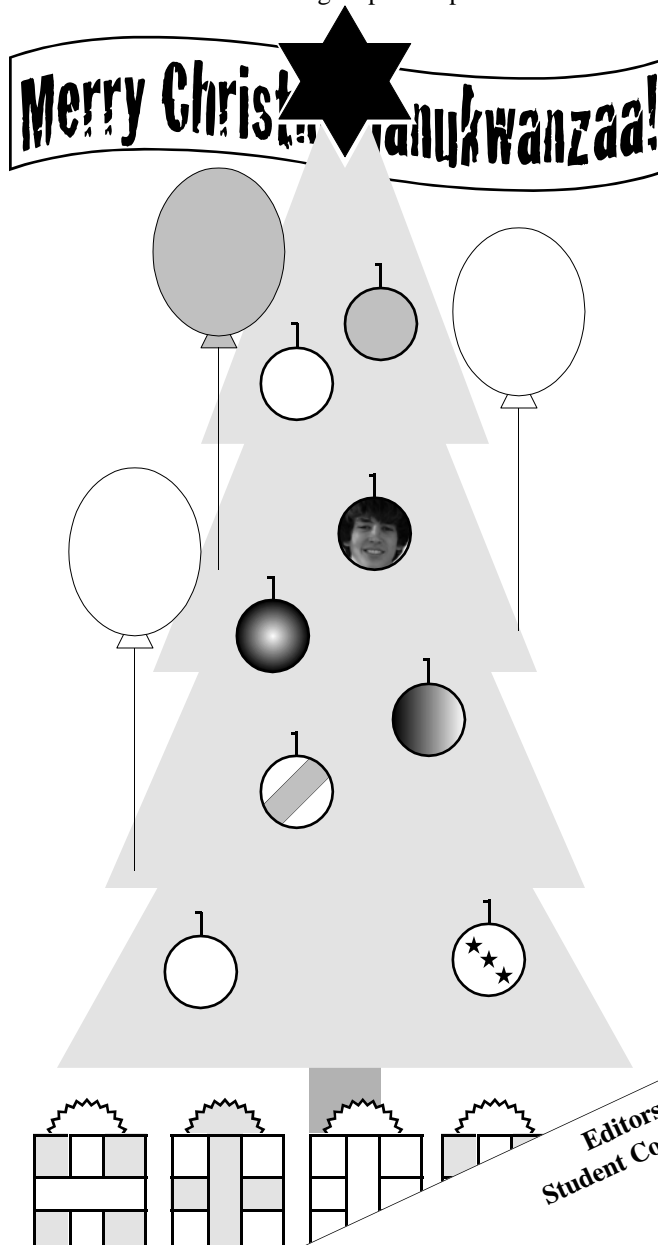
## Oops!

Last issue we mistakenly indicated that Matt Latta is a Carroll High School student. What were we thinking? We left out the word "former." He's currently attending Yellow Springs High School with the rest of us.

## Realness Questioned

CAREY DIXON

There is much skepticism about whether Santa Claus actually exists. Most people, attempting rationality, have come to the false conclusion that because he does seemingly irrational things, he does not exist. Physicists have even tried to disprove his existence using work/energy equations as well as gift-to-time ratios. However this problem cannot be solved that easily and actually requires the use of quantum mechanics and string theory. The clear explanation for the seeming impossibility of Santa's very old age is that much of his life has been spent traveling at close to light speed. This, of course, would make it possible for him to have been alive for a long time relative to people on earth, yet still young(er) relative to himself. This theory makes more sense when one considers that he has probably found a way to open and traverse wormholes predicted in the Theory of Relativity. To make and deliver all of his presents, Santa has been time traveling through these holes in space and time, the ends of which he has separated in time by taking one of them with him on one of his close-to-light speed trips around the earth.



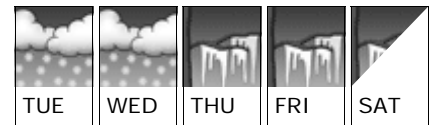
## Student Draws Green Card, Lacks Mana

MATT HALM

At a recent lunch session of the popular collectible card game, *Magic: the Gathering*, a Yellow Springs High School Student drew a green card on his fourth turn. The card, if played, would allow the student to remain in the United States for an extended period of time without risk of being deported.

However, the student did not have enough forests in play to cast the green card, and was forced to concede the game so he could quickly find a suitable place to hide from the government officials looking for him.

## Your 4 1/2 Day Forecast!



## RANDOM SUBMISSION

The submission below is printed as it was received

**From:** Andy Peters

**To:** Matt Halm

**Subject:** story for the paper

**Message:** I was just getting my stuff out when some girls asked which Buchwalder had a cuter butt, after inspection max was the more chosen by his fellow classmates. Mrs. Edwards walked in at that time and was asked clearly, "Who has a cuter butt, Mrs. Edwards, Max or Kyle?" Mrs. Edwards first said, "huh?" then clearly stated, "Kyle." this cause a ruckus in which afterwards she claimed not to know what she was asked. I think we should let the honest readers of XnewspaperX (with the new eagle) decide for themselves.

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