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EMERALD EMPIRE DOLL AND TOY FESTIVAL, Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene, Oregon, November 13-14. Some of these creations for kids made the covered-wagon trip over the famous Applegate Trail. Others are newly crafted, thanks to a handicrafts movement that has burgeoned in Oregon for more than a decade.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING FESTIVAL, Leavenworth, Washington, December 4 and 11. Once a dying town, Leavenworth decided in the Sixties to cash in on its Alpine scenery. Town Mothers (and Fathers) decreed a Bavarian theme for all building fronts, a policy that has by now been fully realized. Comes the winter, Santa Claus hits town at 1 p.m. on Festival Day and goes until early evening when, simultaneously, Christmas lights go on throughout town.

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE SHOW, Western Forestry Center, Portland, Oregon, December 18-31. On opening day, costumed representatives of twenty

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22ND ANNUAL WURSTFEST, New Braunfels, Texas, October 27 to November 7. On IA-35 between Austin and San Antonio. From the people who brought you our nation's 36th President, this is Hill Country German cuisine at its finest. Wurst-on-a-stick, assorted strudels, and kartoffel pancakes, plus polka dancing, oompah music, and a dachhund contest. You never sausage a spectacle! Lots of beer, continuous activity and a smattering of old-country costumes.

TEXAS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, outskirts of Magnolia, Texas (north of Houston), November 7-8. A weekend of Renaissance on the open prairie, replete with 16th-century village architecture, wandering minstrels, meandering wastrels, dramas, pageants, and perhaps an elephant or two (9 a.m. till dark, adults \$8.95, children 5-12 \$4.95, under 5 free.)

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY, Tortugas Village, outskirts of Las Cruces, New Mexico, December 10-12. Indian religious ceremony, opening with a sunrise ascent of Tortugas

TOURNAMENT OF ROSES, Pasadena, California, January 1. The apex of Silly Americana, with more chrysanthemums than you can shake a zinnia at. Yes, and roses too. Float your way to pagentry heaven, frame after color-saturated frame. More photographable subjects here than there are decapods in the Atlantic.

ELEPHANT SEAL MIGRATION, Ano Nuevo Point, north of Santa Cruz, California, late December until the seals get finished (generally a couple of months). Nearly extinct a few decades ago because they made a great, blubbery consolation prize for out-of-luck whalers, these massive seals are now again using a mainland rallying point for their mating and birthing rituals. First come the ponderous bulls, with their fleshy, trunk-like noses, to argue loudly and sometimes bloodily over choice domains on the beach. Later, females arrive to birth their calves and mate for the current year. With Park Service reservations, the public can walk up very close to the creatures. Phone 213/670-2311 for reservations.

SURFING — Strongest waves (and most picturesque rides) on the California coast are breaking around this time.

DESERT HIKING — It's early for the wildflowers, but these cooler months are more varied than you might imagine. So are the photographic challenges as the day moves from dawn to sunset, and the topography from basin to mountain.

WHALE MIGRATIONS — All along the coast, from December through February, whales are migrating to their winter birthing territories in Baja California. Early on, they travel in pods (large groups), but as February nears and they're determinedly headed back northward, they often swim alone or in mother-and-calf groups. Sometimes the proud parents nudge their youngsters up to the boat for everyone to see. Most areas with a harbor have regularly scheduled whale-watching excursions; check with the Chamber of Commerce wherever you're headed.

Emma Bogachevsky

rocky mountain

20,000 WHISTLING SWANS — Focus your lens on half a million ducks and 20,000 whistling swans at the Bear River Migratory Refuge on the edge of the Great Salt Lake. One of the largest bird sanctuaries in the country, it is temporary home to 200 bird species, equipped with a 100-foot observation platform for picture-takers. Peak season for ducks is early November. Located 15 miles west of Brigham, Utah, on Bear River Bay of the Great Salt Lake.

SPIT, POLISH, & MUSIC — With skiing as Colorado's main event in the winter months, the best reason to avoid the weekend ski crowds on a pleasant Indian Summer Sunday is a visit to the U.S. Air



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Force Academy in Colorado Springs on the edge of the mountains. Services are held each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the 17-spire Cadet Chapel, followed by cadets-on-parade and free band concerts in the afternoon.

MESSIAH SING-IN — Bring your Schirmer editions if you plan to sing along with 2,800-plus voices, as the audience joins the Utah Chorale in the annual performance of Handel's Messiah at Symphony Hall in Salt Lake City, November 28th.

CHRISTMAS IN THE ROCKIES — Estes Park, Colorado, announces its 32nd annual "Lights On" ceremony, December 7, featuring not only pretty lights but caroling choirs and Christmas cheer. All commandered by the Christmas King and Queen.

CELLULOID JAM — Film enthusiasts from all over the globe direct themselves to the snowy slopes of Park City, Utah, during the last two weeks in January for the United States Film and Video Festival. The best talent in film directing, writing, acting and photography present workshops, screenings and special events throughout the week. Have lunch with Bob Redford. Or almost.

SCRATCH AN ELK'S EAR — In Logan, Utah, take a free sleigh ride to a herd of 500 or more elk to watch their daily handout of alfalfa. It happens every afternoon in the snowy months from January through mid-March at the Hardware Ranch, 17 miles southeast of Logan on U.S. 89/91 to Hyrum, through Blacksmith Fork Canyon.

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midwest

THE ST. PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL, Jan. 28-Feb. 6, all over St. Paul, Minnesota. Has a top drawer, hard-core winter, and it has a winter fete to match

For one week the hardy souls revel in what most people consider to be the Twin Cities' one weakness — the climate. Everything from slow-pitch softball on ice (pictured above) to hot-air balloon races were featured last year. Be ready to shiver and hear the name "King of Boreas" a lot.

ROCK CUT WINTER CARNIVAL, Jan. 22-23, Rock Cut State Park, Rte. 123, six miles north of Rockford, Illinois. Chicago's mayor, Jane Byrne, has yet to devise a major winter festival, so the Rock Cut carnival is the closest thing. In 1982, 45,000 people wedged themselves into the park to watch such Midwest favorites as dog-sled racing, ice sculpting, and Junatic-under-the-ice scuba diving.

BROWN COUNTY WINTER FESTIVAL, Feb. 4-6, Nashville, Indiana. Brown County, a favorite summer weekend spot for suburban Chicagoans, spotlights such unusual events as snow sculpture sled racing and ice skating at this chillebration.

INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR, Navy Pier, Chicago (first weekend in November). Colorful garb, dancing, food, and beer.

HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR, Nov. 19-20, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Colorful garb, dancing, food, and lots of beer.

GREATER INDIANAPOLIS GARAGE SALE, Jan. 15-16, Indianapolis Convention Center. This event is billed as "the world's biggest garage sale," and it could only happen in Indianapolis. Not particularly wintery, but one could perhaps unload some unwanted Christmas presents for second-semester cash.

CHICAGO BOAT & SPORTS SHOW, second week of January, McCormick Place, Chicago. Chicago is still the trade show capital of the world, and the boat show is a big one. The show offers the opportunity to think about all of the warm-summer things you won't be able to do for quite a while.

MILWAUKEE DOMES CHRISTMAS FLOWER SHOW, Dec. 11-Jan. 9, Mitchell Park Domes, Milwaukee. Yes, it's a flower show, and not geared to the av-

erage cynical college student, but during the Milwaukee winter it has several big pluses: 1. You're indoors. 2. You're not in a shopping mall. 3. It smells great.

CHRISTMAS AT THE ZOO, Dec. 3-12, Indianapolis Zoo. A zoo might not spring to mind as the ideal place for early December, but any event that advertises appearances by not only Mr. and Mrs. Claus, but also "Gabby the Talking Pack- age" must have something going for it.

DOWNHILL SKIING, It may come as a shock, but the Midwest is not known for great downhill skiing. The runs are short and the lift lines long. Several bright spots include Indianhead and Powderhorn in Upper Michigan; Mt. Telemark in northern Wisconsin; and Chestnut Mountain in Galena, Ill. (sporting a great view of the Mississippi). They're not Vail or Stowe, but if you've ever been to Wilmet (a popular southern Wisconsin molehill) on a crowded weekend, you'll appreciate the four aforementioned.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, ICE FISHING, SNOWMOBILING, ETC. The Midwest is crammed full of places for these sorts of things. No listing is necessary; just walk ten feet in any direction.

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southeast

FLORIDA — Epcot Center (located in Central Florida) Walt Disney's greatest dream, is described as "a little bit better than a world's fair on a permanent basis." Pavilions representing major countries and companies (China, France, Exxon, Italy, Sperry-Rand, Japan, Eastman Kodak Company, etc.) offer the latest and future in cuisine, fashion, life-



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Winter in Florida

styles, and technology. At \$35 per adult, it should be exciting. Epcot Center is linked by monorail to the original home of the little guy with big ears, Walt Disney World, in Orlando.

On tap November 11 is the scheduled launch of Space Shuttle 4 from Cape Canaveral (near Daytona Beach). Even Floridians have yet to tire of the incredible sight of rockets blasting through the atmosphere, visible on a clear day throughout the entire state. This time the big truck will carry a crew of four instead of two. If you plan to be there, figure on

enough supplies for overnight camping (include patience). Traffic becomes a classic gridlock to and fro, and lines for portable toilets are long.

Annual Florida attractions include two seafood festivals (Apalachicola and Madeira Beach) Nov. 6-7, the Ft. Orange Festival, Dec. 20-30 (Coral Gables), and the Big Orange Festival from mid-December to mid-January (Miami). Pro football (Miami Dolphins, Tampa Bay Buccaneers), and holiday college classics (Tangerine Bowl — Orlando, Dec. 18; Gator Bowl — Jacksonville, Dec. 30; Orange Bowl — Miami, Dec. 31) top the list of sports attractions.

GEORGIA — Marietta will play host to the Dollmakers Annual Christmas Fair, Nov. 7-8. Later in the month, the lighting of the Great Tree at Rich's Department Store in Atlanta will signal the official beginning of the holiday season. Also in the city, the first week of December, the Henrietta Eggleston Children's Hospital will hold the International Christmas Festival of Trees. New Year's Eve will be marked by the Peach Bowl match-up of nationally ranked college football champs.

During the week of Jan. 15, Atlanta will celebrate the birth of Martin Luther King with workshops, seminars, and appearances by national figures.

NORTH CAROLINA — A 10,000-metre run in Liberty, NC, is scheduled for Dec. 5. For entry information, try writing to the Chamber of Commerce.

SOUTH CAROLINA — The dictionary explains that a steeplechase is a horse race run over a prepared course obstructed with artificial ditches, hedges, walls, etc. So the Colonial Cup International Steeplechase in Camden, S.C., should

MAGNIFICENT CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR — Only at Radio City Music Hall, near the Rocketteller Center tree, could you catch such a wonderfully corny Christmas show. If you're not up to an off-Broadway show or the latest Broadway musical smash, this Rocketteller-filled epic plays from December early into the new year.

THE SLOPES — From now through the late winter, hardy outdoor folk will negotiate their favorite ski courses throughout the Northeast. The cognoscenti all have their out-of-the-way slopes, but some of the more tried-and-true spots are the Berkshires in Massachusetts, Mt. Washington Valley in Vermont (which features Mt. Stowe and Mt. Mansfield), Killington and Sugarloaf (also in Vermont), Squaw Mountain in Maine, Mt. Van Hoenberg in Lake Placid, and the Lake Winnepesaukee and Laconia region of New Hampshire.

WASHINGTON CROSSING THE DELAWARE — On Christmas day, a crew of brave American soldiers will reenact Washington's unexpected visit to the British headquarters in Trenton. It all starts on the Pennsylvania side of the river about two in the afternoon.

BOSTON'S FIRST NIGHT CELEBRATION — This city of Brahmins and baked beans breaks out its best to bring in the brand-new year. Starting on New Year's Eve and continuing through the next day, Boston shows off its best in the arts at various places throughout the city and outlying areas. Starring the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the American Repertory Theater, and a cast of thousands.

NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE, PHILADELPHIA — The colorful mummies' parade up Broad Street. And once you figure out what mummies are, you'll appreciate the fact that this is about three times as long as the average big-city parade.

WINTER CARNIVALS — The Northeast seems to specialize in these celebrations of snow and ice and every conceivable winter sport. Since exact dates haven't been completely set yet, we suggest that you check ahead with the Chamber of Commerce or some similar authority before you pack your parka and skis.

Dartmouth Winter Carnival, Hanover, New Hampshire — Skiing, sledding, skating, parties, and splendid time guaranteed for all.

Middlebury College Snow Bowl — Not all the excitement is in Hanover. Find out why in Middlebury, Vermont, at the college's answer to the Dartmouth Winter Carnival.

Brattleboro, Vermont — Late February.

Wolfeboro, Vermont — First weekend in February.

Newport, New Hampshire — Four days in mid-February.

Franklin, New Hampshire — Last two weekends in February.

Lake George, New York — every weekend in February.

Paul Rosta

or more various ethnic groups decorate trees in the fashion of their ancestors: Ever wondered what Lithuanians put on the top bough? For photographers, here's a study in contrasts and tradition. For information, phone 503/228-1367.

WINTER SKI CARNIVAL, Sand Point, Idaho, January 15-16. The whole megillah of snowtime fun — snow-sculpture contest, a snowshoe softball tournament, a torchlight parade down the ski slopes, sled racing, broom hockey, arm-wrestling tourney for the helplessly macho, and the Snow Ball dance for the relentlessly romantic. Contact number 208/263-2161.

Ken Doctor

The Grand Canyon: Perennial Southwest Beauty

Mountain, followed by vespers, Indian dancers, mass, a bonfire at dusk, and descent from the mountain. (Free admission.)

FIESTA DE LAS LUMINARIAS, San Antonio, Texas, mid-December. The Festival of the Lights is a Christmas fiesta which culminates in Las Posadas, a candlelight procession down the famed San Antonio riverwalk, the single most beautiful city scene in Texas. There will be a re-enactment of the Holy Family's search for an inn, followed by a piñata party.