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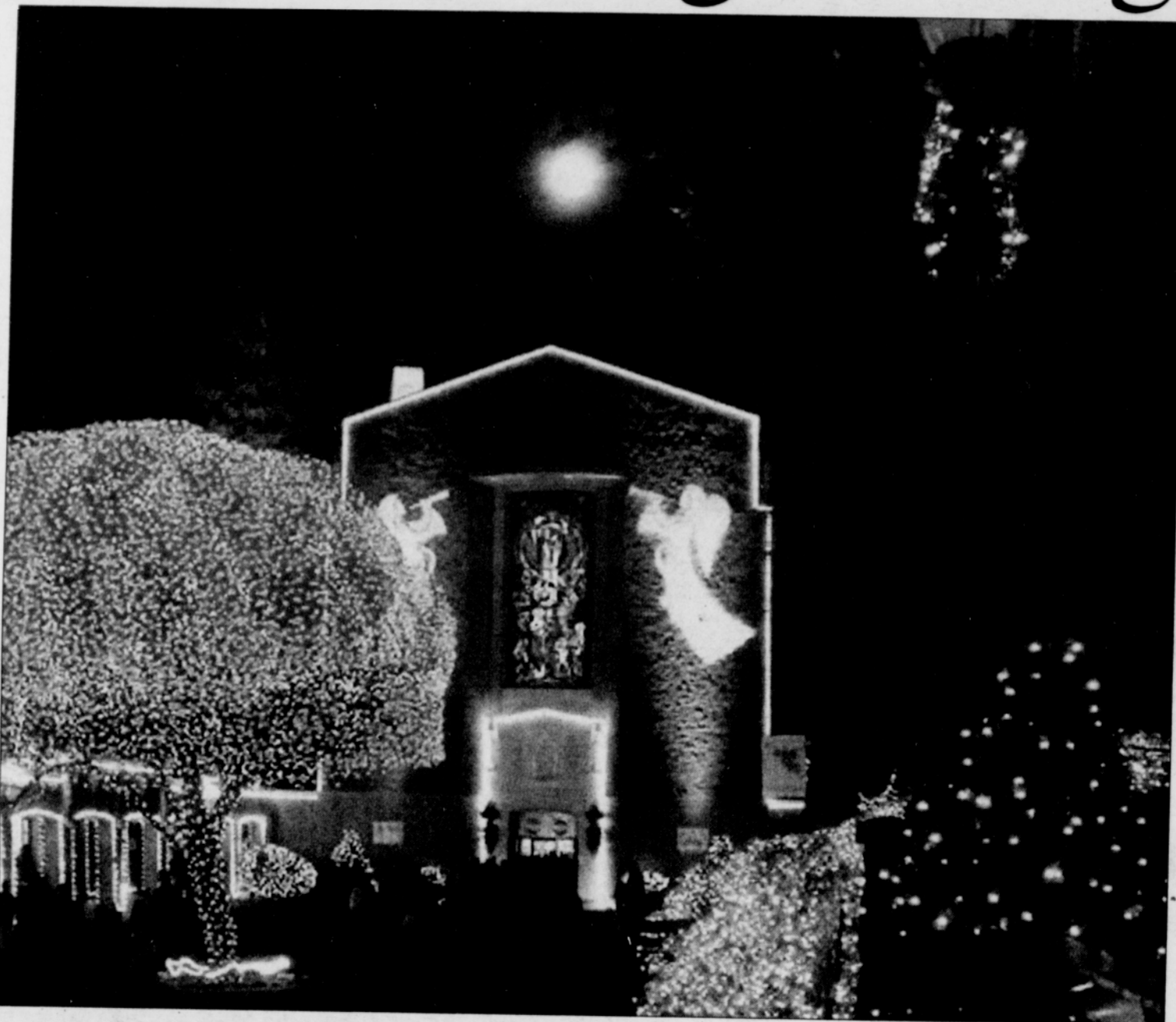
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

The Grotto's Christmas choral festival

Highlighting its magnificent choir concerts, this year's theme for The Grotto's Christmas Festival of Lights is "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." The 26th annual presentation of The Grotto's festival is open daily 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and continues nightly (except for Christmas night) through Monday, Dec. 30.

This traditional Christmas lighting, music and family entertainment celebration shares the spirit of peace on earth and goodwill to others. General admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$4 for children 3 to 12 years of age.

Continuing its growing reputa-



The Grotto's Festival of Lights is the world's largest Christmas choral festival.

tion as the world's largest Christmas choral festival, five indoor concerts are highlighted each evening and all concerts are presented in The Grotto's 600-seat chapel, known for its cathedral-quality acoustics.

Since the festival's inception in 1988, choir directors regularly have praised the exceptional acoustics present in The Grotto's chapel and said performing at The Grotto's Christmas festival is the highlight of

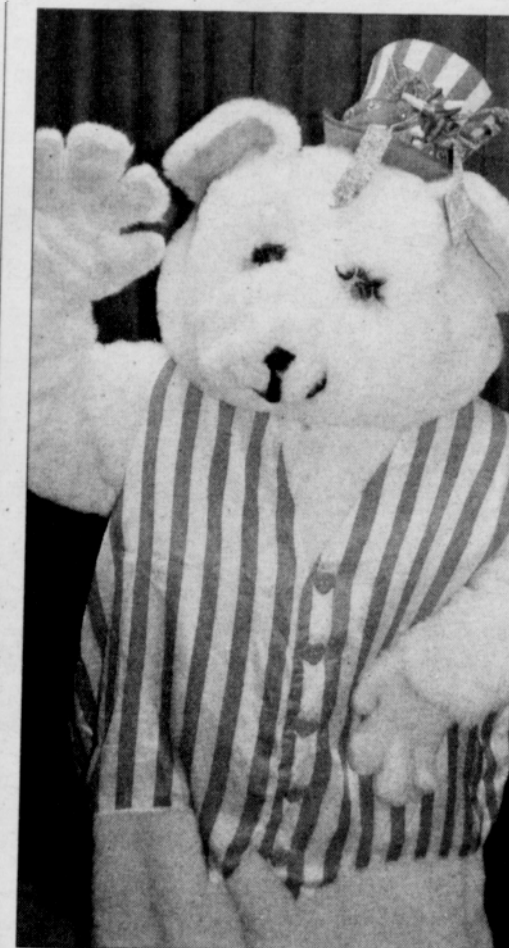
their choral year. This year choirs are traveling from as far away as Vancouver, B.C.; Anaheim, California; and even the Philippines.

"Our intent is to blend the traditional sights and the sounds of the season with the hope, peace, and love that Christmas heralds," said The Grotto's Executive Director Father Jack Topper.

Additional plaza entertainment includes Christmas-themed puppet shows, caroling, hammer dul-

cimer minstrels, and a petting zoo. Christmas shopping opportunities are available in The Grotto gift shop and warm food and beverages are available in the festival food booth.

Located at Northeast 85th Avenue and Sandy Boulevard, The Grotto is a place of peace, reflection and meditation that welcomes peoples of all nationalities, ethnicities and spiritual backgrounds.



Peppermint Bear performs Saturday morning at the Lakewood Theater Company.

Holiday Magic Breakfast

The popular holiday classic The Peppermint Bear Show: Seasoned Greetings completes its annual run on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. the Lakewood Theatre Company, 368 S. State St., in Lake Oswego.

Audience members will enjoy a special holiday continental breakfast as characters interact with young audience members. There will even be a visit by a man in a red suit! Advance reservations are required by calling 503-635-3901.



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Pop Duo at Wonder Ballroom

Icona Pop, the first Swedish duo ever to top the Billboard Charts, is coming through Portland on Friday, Dec. 20 for a show at the Wonder Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell St. The duo is celebrating the release of a new video for their single 'Just Another Night' and will soon be touring with Miley Cyrus and Katy Perry.