



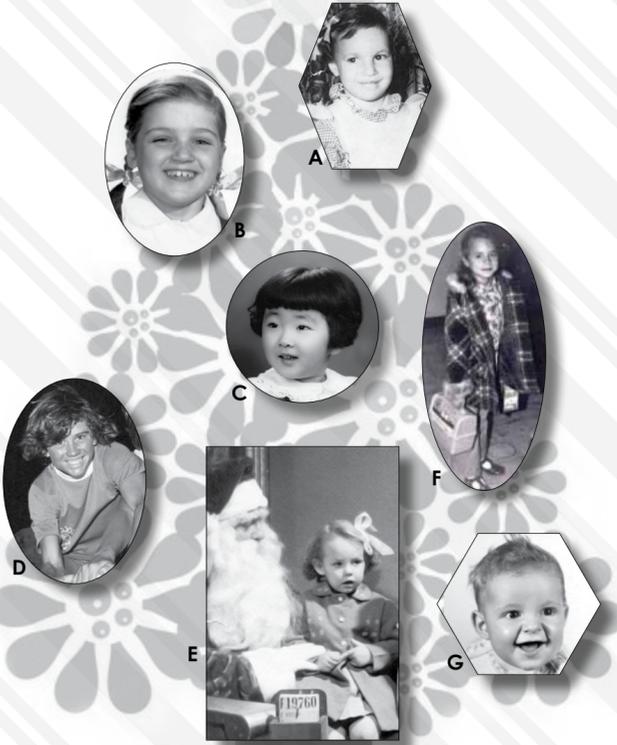
Sweet Christmas treats for the senses

The holidays offer more than a chance to score great loot. We celebrate traditions with family, indulge in decadent seasonal delights, and reminisce about Christmases past. Enjoy our collection of sugar-coated goodness to add to your holiday cheer.



Ka'Ohana staff and Santa Claus, 2009
Baron, Pat, Libby, Theresa & Lance
Meigan, Santa, Tori
Damian & Patty

Match the childhood photos to the WCC staff they belong to. Find the correct answers on page 12.



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Newer isn't always better: vinyl's steady resurgence

by Damian Lyman
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In the past 120 years, the desired music storage device has evolved from unwieldy wax cylinders to mp3 players – impressive by anyone's standards. Modern society constantly wants its music technology smaller and faster. And they want apps, too. And phones built into their music players. And cameras. In the wake of technology, vinyl records fell hopelessly out of fashion in the '80s and '90s to make room for cassette tapes and, eventually, compact disks. (Don't those seem archaic now?) However, in the past few years, records have enjoyed a growing resurgence into the mainstream. Vinyl is often

preferred over mp3 by music collectors because of its richness of sound. "Vinyl does have an advantage over mp3s in sound quality, but it's hard to describe with words. That's why people usually end up using words like 'richer' to explain it," explained Hungry Ear Records owner Ward Yamashita. Records add a more human element to music listening. The album art on a record sleeve is large and tangible, as opposed to a mere thumbnail on iTunes. Albums are divided into an A side and a B side on record, the way the artist intended the listener to experience the music. More labels are realizing that vinyl is becoming a viable medium for record

distribution. "Some customers buy older vinyl records because it's nostalgic for them, but there are also a lot of new artists releasing albums on vinyl," Yamashita said. Labels like Matador offer all their albums in vinyl, along with a free coupon for the mp3 versions of the songs to solve portability issues. Amazon.com has recently started a vinyl-only collection as well. If you don't trust the Internet, Hungry Ear in Kailua is home to the Windward side's best record collection. So when you're about to buy that obligatory iTunes gift card for the music lover in your family because you don't know what else to get him or her, consider vinyl. It's not just for old people anymore.

Holiday shopping on a budget

by Megan Hardin
Ka'Ohana Writer

Amidst the stress of final exams and the holiday season, it's easy to get overwhelmed with the idea of Christmas shopping for loved ones. All across America, stores are running specials to entice customers into their stores. But with money so tight, how do you afford presents for friends and family this year? There are many ways WCC students are becoming savvy shoppers — from making homemade gifts to just putting the plastic card away and spending with cash instead. "I leave my (credit) cards at home," says WCC student Scot Lycan. "When I have cash, I see it as much more valuable." Lycan was shopping for his daughter here at Gallery 'Iolani on campus during "A Christmas Fantasy" Dec. 3 – 6. The event featured many arts and

crafts — from art prints to handcrafted jewelry. WCC student Monica Spencer participated in some after-Thanksgiving specials on the day commonly known as "Black Friday." That's when stores across the nation offer special discounts, and consumers eagerly wait in line for the doors to open in the early morning hours. Arriving at Home Depot at 6 a.m., Spencer got the most for her dollar. "I saved hundreds," says Spencer. "I was able to get a Christmas tree that was originally \$200 for \$50." Even online, it's apparent that stores are trying to get customers to still keep purchasing, with many popular stores such as Target offering their "Daily Deal," when an item selected for the day offers free shipping. Other sites such as Overstock.com remain popular, where customers can get name-brand products at half-price.

Student Samantha Frick was able to save money online as well by shopping through BestBuy. "I bought a TV, and buying it online I saved about \$250," she says. Of course, there are sites that will even find the deals online for you, such as DealRocker.com, which searches the Internet to find you a coupon for that item you want to purchase this Christmas. If you're looking to put more of a personal touch on your presents this year, there are still options to save money. "I'm making everyone's gift this year," says student Maria Harr. "Sometimes I make accessories, like necklaces, earrings and bracelets." Student Josephine Spencer makes homemade gifts as well. "Sometimes I just go to PriceBusters and start stringing things together. I like cooking too, and baking things as a gift."

Classic Christmas movies through the decades

by MJ Christopher
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A Christmas Carol: Over a Century

Charles Dickens' classic tale tells of a seemingly heartless man who is taken on a journey through his past, present and future that changes his attitude and outlook on life. Over the last century, this story has been depicted in many different ways. From the classic 1900 movie format to plays, cartoons and now in 3-D, the story's timelessness endures. Mickey Mouse and friends, Tom and Jerry, the Flintstones, Kermit the Frog and his pals and Sesame Street inhabitants have all done renditions of the classic. Now, in the recent film, Jim Carey lends his vocal talents to all the major characters while you are taken on his three-dimensional journey. Notable Scrooges: George C. Scott (Firestarter), Patrick Stewart (Star Trek), Bill Murray (Ghostbusters), Kelsey Grammer (Frasier), Jim Backus (voice of Mr. Magoo), Tim Curry (Rocky Horror Picture Show), Vanessa Williams (Ugly Betty), Tori Spelling (Beverly Hills 90210).



1942 Holiday Inn

Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire
Vaudeville performer Jim Hardy decides to retire after his partner runs off with his girlfriend. He starts a farmhouse inn in New England and opens it to the public on major holidays. Things work out well for him until his old partner shows up and Hardy's new friend, Linda Mason, catches his eye.



1946 It's a Wonderful Life

James Stewart, Donna Reed
George Bailey is a man who has given everything he possibly could to his hometown at the expense of his own dreams. One Christmas Eve, he decides that his life is not worth it after discovering he has lost a large loan. His guardian angel Clarence comes to Earth to persuade him that suicide is not the answer. George isn't convinced, so Clarence shows him what the town would have been like had he never been born. He realizes the impact he made and concludes that he really does have a wonderful life.



1947 Miracle on 34th St.

Maureen O'Hara, Natalie Wood
When the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is out a Santa Claus, event planner Doris must find a new one soon. A man calling himself Kris Kringle arrives to take the place and does a great job. Doris is skeptical about his being the real Santa Claus, as is her daughter, Susan. To prove who he really is, Kringle allows himself to be institutionalized at Bellevue and put on trial. It takes a lawyer who believes in him to show that he really is Santa Claus.



1983 A Christmas Story

Peter Billingsly, Darren McGavin
Ralphie knows exactly what he wants for Christmas: a Red Ryder Carbine Action 200-shot, Range Model Air Rifle. Throughout his mission to convince everyone that it is the best gift and he should have it, his friend gets his tongue stuck to a pole on a triple-dog dare and his request is shot down by his parents, teacher and even Santa Claus with the infamous line: "You'll shoot your eye out, kid."



1989 Christmas Vacation

Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid
The Griswolds are having Christmas at their house this year, and they are hoping for the best. When do you ever find perfect as this family? The normal craziness ensues as relatives arrive and, of course, who can forget dear Uncle Eddie. However, Clark continues to try for the greatest Christmas because he knows that his Christmas bonus is coming soon.



1990 Home Alone

Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci
Kevin McAllister is eight years old and has just been forgotten by his family as they fly off to France for a Christmas vacation. At first he likes living alone; it has its perks compared to before when he was picked on because he's the youngest. Kevin soon realizes he was wrong, especially when he learns he has to defend his home against Harry and Marv, two bumbling idiot burglars.



Christmas Memories

I have very vivid memories of gathering with my family to watch "The Sound of Music" and "White Christmas" during the holiday break. Throughout college, and even now, whenever we can all be home for the holidays, my parents, my brothers and I will gather to watch these shows. The only difference is that now we have the shows on DVD and we can press pause when we want to get more food. Leslie Oplauoho
Student life coordinator

The kitchen was always a flurry of activity for Christmas. Each family was assigned a traditional dish to bring. Everything, from cranberries to pumpkin pie, was made from scratch. One real treat was picking at the pieces of turkey while my uncle carved it. Mom making turkey gravy with beer was another special touch. All of it was delicious and everyone seemed to have a great time. Alan Ragains
Speech professor

I believed in Santa Claus long after most of my friends gave him up. I think it was because I was convinced I had seen the "real" Santa when I was about four years old. In truth, this apparition was my normally quiet dad who had dressed up in a Santa suit, tiptoed into the living room and chuckled his best "Ho, ho, ho as he lay presents under the tree. My mom, I later found out, was her own Mrs. Claus. She stayed up late many nights to sew intricate Barbie doll dresses but maintained all along that it was Santa's elves who did the work at the North Pole.

We followed all the Santa traditions, including carefully setting out milk and cookies for The Bearded One on Christmas Eve, in case he got hungry on his long journey. I even made my parents move the wood out of our fake fireplace in Detroit so Santa wouldn't hurt himself coming down the chimney. Libby Young
English professor

A Christmas memory I have was that my family and I would go to a candlelight church service on Christmas Eve and when we got back, Santa would have arrived. Opening presents on the Eve was a tradition in my father's family. We would sleep late the next morning and enjoy the presents when we got up. MJ Lewis
Speech instructor

