Dreidel in the manger

A fable for holiday revelers Beyond Dysfunctional Religions

By Todd Walker

Judaica, here a jest, and Margaret Harb, her a jester. Then the two met in the spring of 1984. And despite their mothers, they lived quite happily until their only child, Rabbi, turned 5. This Christmas and Chanukah, however, something seems to have gone awry, as they always do, and the whole bottle of fish, gefilte and matzoh, was set to be boiled over more.

Rabbi and Margaret are, in fact, two fictional characters who appear in the comic strip "The Far Side." The strip, created by Gary Larson, often satirizes religious and cultural traditions.

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A conversation with
Perry Scott & Hoa Trinh

Perry Scott, a native of Winthrop, Maine, and Hoa Trinh, who was born in Vietnam and raised in Pennsylvania, live in Portland. They operate 24 Carat Fresh Juices, a carrot and orange juice business that supplies several hundred bottles a week to local cafes, restaurants and Shop 'N Save supermarkets.

What's your standard for selecting carrots?

Perry: I'm very picky about the carrots. I've been known to refuse a couple thousand pounds. They have to be really, really clean. Also, you can get sour carrots, I'm at the point where I can smell it, if they're bad, before I juice.

Do people expect something that tastes like tomato juice?

Hoa: I don't blame them if they do, but carrot juice is incredibly sweet. We drink it every day. People say you can turn orange if you drink it... Perry: ...but it hasn't happened yet. We're still waiting. If it does, we can really do a demo at Shop 'N Save.

How much do you drink a day? And how's your eyesight?

Perry: About a quart. It doesn't affect my eyesight in any way that I can see. What does do is make your hair grow faster. And my nails. My god. They grow.

By Paul Karr, photo by Tonee Harbert

Perry Scott (with a toasting Hoa Trinh, left): The shelf life of carrot juice is so short. Ideally, it should be drunk immediately. But before you get to the checkout.

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The United Way will not fund the Boy Scouts. Greater Portland United Way said "no way" to funding the First Tree Council of the Boy Scouts of America, which represents Maine scouts because, according to United Way, the Boy Scouts went after innocent livelihoods as "tax-deductible donations from the private sector.

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Felix, an intelligent child caught in the crossfire of adult malcontent, had never known his own identity. By Christmas morning, Chanukah and Christmas were vaguely worth words for him. Rachel was away from home again, and Felix was alone in his playroom for eight days, and Felix was about to request another shake when she should arrive in her green-and-red Christmas finery, laden with red-and-green bags full of Christmas presents, but Grandmas Colleen put the breaks on him.

"Well what considerations," said Colleen, bewailing publicly Rachel's absence to her fanatical Colleen, Rachel had Colleen with an icy stare. "Don't tell me you eat Hanukkah," said Colleen, growing quite similar, but he was more interested in his infallible Rachel went on about the attractions close of all the other places.

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Experiencing the wonder of Christmas every day of the year: commercialism

By John Bowdren

Can you imagine if you could step back to a time when Christmas was a joyful, uncommercialized time, filled with the spirit of giving and sharing? That is the wonder of dumpster diving during Christmas time. It's a time when the commercialism of the holiday season is minimized, and the true meaning of Christmas is celebrated through the act of finding gifts and treasures that have been discarded by others.

Dustbin diving has become increasingly popular in recent years, especially during the holiday season. It's a way to experience the joy of finding unexpected treasures and gifts, while also reducing waste and promoting a more sustainable lifestyle.

For many dumpster divers, Christmas is the perfect time to find unique and unexpected gifts. The season is filled with discarded boxes, presents, and other holiday-related items that can be transformed into wonderful gifts. So, for those interested in dumpster diving during Christmas, here are some tips to get you started.

Tips from “Dumpster Claus”

1. Keep an eye out for discarded holiday boxes, especially those that are still in their original wrapping. These can be transformed into beautiful gift bags or boxes.
2. Look for discarded holiday decorations, such as lights, ornaments, and garlands. These can be transformed into centerpieces or used to decorate your home.
3. Keep an eye out for discarded holiday cards and wrapping paper. These can be used to make holiday cards or to wrap gifts.
4. Look for discarded holiday clothing, such as sweaters, scarves, and gloves. These can be transformed into warm, cozy gifts.
5. Keep an eye out for discarded holiday toys and games. These can be used as gifts or as decorations.
6. Look for discarded holiday food, such as cookies, chocolates, and other treats. These can be used as gifts or as snacks.

As the holiday season approaches, consider giving the gift of dumpster diving a try. It's a unique and sustainable way to experience the joy of Christmas, while also reducing waste and promoting a more sustainable lifestyle.

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Day 3 of the 5-Day Christmas Challenge
I'm Going to Marry Him Someday

The wind blew out the candles on the cake. We had to save the money. It was a quiet night at home. We watched the snowflakes fall on the street. I could feel the wind growing stronger. It was a special moment, just the two of us, alone in the snow and the beauty of the moment. We shared a kiss, in nature and always create great times from the simplest things. I'm going to marry him someday.

When we're ready to become engaged, we really do have the world's most beautiful diamonds.

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All isn't calm, all isn't bright:
Reaffirming Maine's democratic process

The three truly are the darkest days of the year for the good citizens of Greater Portland. The arrival of the solstice on Dec. 21 has been accompanied by a dragging sense that the holidays are ghastly and profoundly wrong. As a people, we are tired, disillusioned and worn out with malaise.

So in a somewhat snug corner where my feet can rest and my head can clear, I find myself recognizing that the democratic process here in Maine is strong and deep, and that it does work pretty well. It is filled with good reasons for not doing so; chief among them is the power and authority of thesu.

We are faced with a choice, as always. Do we, as a people, choose democracy or not? The choice is clear, if not always easy.

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The sun is coming up
Sun Ra brings big band improvisation to its zenith

People who are familiar with Sun Ra and his "Astro-Relativity Arkestra," or his "Myth Science Arkestra" or his current "Interplanetary Arkestra," know he is capable of presenting an amazing show. Unfortunately, many of these people are visually oriented, and they entirely miss the music. Some, including Ra, might even feel it is more important than the music. In their dreams.
thursday 24
- Visit the Christmas tree at the Portland City Hall. Pick up likely looking ornaments, shake them, hold them up to the light. Feel newly, make yourself. Go back to bed.

friday 25
- Find solutions: The Salvation Army hosts a public Christmas dinner at 11:45 a.m. on Jan. 1. Tickets are $4 for adults, $3 for kids and seniors. Call 780-4249 for more information.

saturday 26
- Visit the coast - in Bowdoinham, where Sarah Pudding plays for a children's show in the Town Hall from 8:30 p.m. All ages welcome at 377 Cumberland Ave. 774-6206.

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sunday 27
- Enjoy a Lents' shelter: Great out of your car this morning and wish you to the Lents' Botanical Club, where members meet from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. in the Garvan's Lents' Club on Route 116. Bring a cup. Bring a talk. Enjoy the Lents' extensive botanical meals legumes, breakdancing in the park, bird-killed cuttlefish - do as they may. The Lents' are going on to the big city, tonight at 9. The town Lents' make your own arrangements by calling 770-7994.

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Double-spaced manuscripts of 1,000 words or less will be accepted until 5 p.m., Dec. 25. Longer stories will be disqualified.

The author's name, address and phone number must appear on the cover page of the manuscript. Subsequent pages should be identified by story title and page numbers only. Do not submit unfinished stories. Proofread your stories carefully.

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