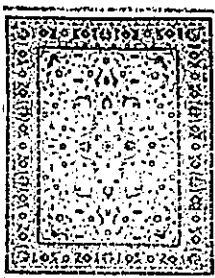
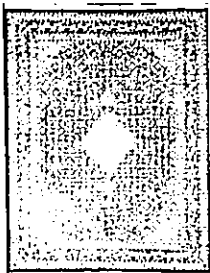


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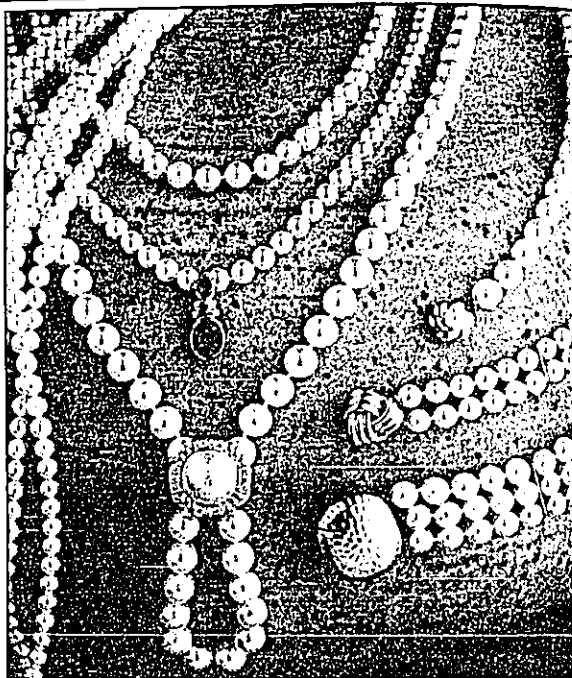
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Gift giving has long been an integral part of Christmas and Hanukkah. The three wisemen brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child as he lay in the manger that first Christmas 2,000 years ago. During the 19th Century, American families adopted the legend of St. Nicholas, introduced by Dutch settlers as Sinter Klaas.

Jewish parents gave Hanukkah gelt — coins — to each child on one or all nights of Hanukkah in Eastern Europe during the 18th Century. American Jewish families expanded the custom after World War II, giving gifts to members of their extended families and friends as well.

Today, believers of both faiths continue the custom. This special section is dedicated to the gift-giving tradition. In it, you'll find ideas suited to everyone on your list, including religious gifts, environmentally friendly gifts, Michigan-made gifts, trendy gifts, old-fashioned gifts, athletic gifts and classic gifts.

Enjoy browsing through the section, making your list, checking it twice, but, best of all, enjoy participating in a cherished tradition.

ABOUT THE COVER:

Artist/illustrator David McCall Johnston of Oakland County created this heartwarming watercolor painting, "Returning Home," in 1989, the year it appeared on the cover of Country Home Magazine's Christmas issue. But the idea for the painting, showing a couple returning to their Greek Revival-style home by horse-drawn sleigh, had been in the mind's eye of the artist since the day he came to Michigan as a boy in the 1950s. "I still remember seeing an elderly couple gliding across the lake on snow-covered ice," Johnston said. "It seemed to represent a time that we didn't know. It (the scene) was a treasure. I wanted to capture its spirit." Limited-edition prints of the opaque watercolor are \$90 at Knollwood Art Frames & Gallery, West Bloomfield.

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