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December 26, 1996 Thursday, NORTH SPORTS FINAL EDITION

SECTION: NEWS; Pg. 4; ZONE: N

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HEADLINE: FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO NATION: GREETINGS OF PEACE

BYLINE: Associated Press.

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

President Clinton and his family celebrated Christmas in the White House and sent greetings to "all the peacemakers among us, especially to our brave men and women in uniform who are away from home."

The Clintons reserved the morning for opening presents.

One of the first lady's stocking stuffers was a copy of "Mudville Diaries," a collection of baseball memories by artist Mike Schacht, the White House said.

The president's Christmas message to the nation was videotaped in advance. Hillary Rodham Clinton, a longtime children's advocate, urged Americans to "remember our nation's neediest children and extend the spirit of giving to them with our love, our prayers and our generosity."

Wednesday's quiet rituals followed a hectic Christmas Eve during which the president dashed through a round of golf, last-minute shopping, the ballet, a party and a church service.

Clinton joined throngs of last-minute shoppers Tuesday at the Fashion Centre mall near the Pentagon and emerged with a white plastic garment bag slung over his shoulder. He was in true form, his wife said.

"Another ritual for Bill is a last-minute shopping trip to the mall," Hillary Rodham Clinton said in a Christmas Eve newspaper column distributed by Creators Syndicate. "I have noticed over the years that many men . . . become frantic mall-stalkers as they hunt for Christmas gifts."

At the mall, Eyassu Teklu, a 38-year-old Ethiopian immigrant, gave the president one of two rhythm-and-blues compact music discs he had bought. "I told him I'm an Ethiopian, an American citizen, and we love him," Teklu said. "And then, he said, 'We love having you here.' "

After the president's shopping, the first couple went to the theater to watch

their 16-year-old daughter, Chelsea, perform for the fourth year in the Washington Ballet's annual production of "The Nutcracker."

She was dancing several roles in the Tchaikovsky classic. Chelsea has been dancing in the ballet since she was 3.

Later the Clintons joined most of their family for dinner at the home of longtime friends Ann and Vernon Jordan and attended services at the National Cathedral.

With the sounds of their favorite carols in the background, the Clintons a few days ago decorated their 17-foot tree in the Yellow Room, and reminisced about past Christmases.

Clinton said Tuesday that he and the first lady have been saving Christmas ornaments since before they met.

"One of the great perks of being president was I finally got a tree big enough to hold all the ornaments," he said.

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HEADLINE: Politics take back seat to holiday glitz

BYLINE: DAVID GOLDSTEIN

BODY:

WASHINGTON - Upon entering the White House during the flurry of holiday parties, the first thing you notice is how friendly everyone is.

This is, after all, a White House that has been battened down for one storm after another almost since day one. But the president's home is like a sorcerer in marble and limestone clothing. It casts a spell over visitors that transcends political affiliation.

Guests to the White House Christmas galas are treated to a bounty of good will, good food and good memories.

From the military guards in their dress uniforms who offer greetings at every corner, to the valets in the coat-check room who act like they're performing the highest national service, to the waiters who silently whisk away your leftover-laden china; few hosts could hire better help or hold court in more pleasant and intriguing surroundings.

Everything is a conversation piece. The chairs, the paintings, the chandeliers, the vases, the books, the view onto the South Lawn that frames the Washington Monument; even the plush paper hand towels in the restrooms embossed with the gold presidential seal.

In the space of 22 days, the Clintons have held nearly two-dozen holiday receptions. The telltale sign of the season is the eggnog truck, parked permanently inside the White House gates near the press briefing room to furnish holiday libation.

"I think personally that's why the press gets in a better mood in December," said Neel Lattimore, press secretary to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

It's there for the staff, too, when holiday fatigue sets in.

"I call it rocket fuel," Lattimore said. "It helps get me going."

An intimate gathering with the president and first lady for one of the three sit-down dinners might attract 220 guests. The larger affairs draw about 400 or more to crowd around the State Dining Room buffet table.

The result - for the president and first lady - is 10,000 hands to shake; 10,000 times to keep those facial muscles in a perfect upturn for the photograph that everyone wants as they greet them in the receiving line.

It's all rather extravagant, in a refined sort of way; the food, the music - from choral groups singing carols, to the Marine Corps band playing Tommy Dorsey - all this in a White House where you feel like you've stepped into a Christmas card.

"What's really nice about this season in the White House is it's never more beautiful and magical than it is at Christmas, with all the greenery and all the decorations," said Ann Stock, White House social secretary.

The attractions are many, but the main one is meeting the president and first lady.

After that, in no particular order, is the lure of an unending supply of cocktail shrimp, the White House Christmas tree, the warren of museumlike rooms where you can wander at will, the baby lamb chops, the opportunity to say, "Oh, by the way, did you know I've danced at the White House? " the raspberry tarts and, of course, the photograph.

Guests stand in a line that snakes from the grand foyer down the grand staircase into the First Ladies Hall, where it doubles-back before trailing into the Map Room, then into the Diplomatic Receiving Room where the first couple awaits.

All along the queue, guests are combing their hair, adjusting their ties, wiping their sweaty palms on their flannels and silks, and silently rehearsing what they will say in the nanosecond when they will have the ear of the most powerful man in the world.

"Merry Christmas. Thank you for having us," works pretty well.

David Goldstein is a Washington correspondent for The Kansas City Star.

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SECTION: STYLE; Pg. E02; CHRONICLES

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HEADLINE: Decking the White House, Artfully

BYLINE: Sarah Booth Conroy, Special to The Washington Post

BODY:

It took the entire nation, instead of a village of Santa Clauses, elves or toys come to life, to transform the White House into the Nutcracker's realm.

Specifically, 3,000 artists and performers -- including needlepointers, ballet company members, wood sculptors, decorators and florists, as well as puppeteers, costumers, string quartets and choirs -- donated their talents. Many are from the Washington area.

"It was the hardest work I've ever done -- I wouldn't do it for anybody else or any other place," said chief needlepoint artist Hyla Hurley. The proprietor of the Point of It All shop in Foxhall Square made the "kissing ball" embellished with mistletoe that hangs strategically high in the White House foyer.

The needlepoint, in a finger-numbing 625 stitches per square inch, depicts the Victorian party scene from "The Nutcracker." On one side is the little girl Clara, a role familiar to Chelsea Clinton, who's performed in the ballet since she was 3 years old. And there's the prince, encircled with flowers. On the back is the stitched legend: "Merry Christmas on the Bridge to the 21st Century -- the Clintons 1996."

Other area fine stitchers, Ramona Jones of Washington and Marjorie Jones of Chestertown, made needlepoint stockings.

Hurley was commissioned by Ann Stock, White House social secretary and needlepointer, only three weeks before the ornament was hung. "I worked on it every minute except when I was asleep," said Hurley, but still, "I had to keep the UPS man 45 minutes for me to finish it."

Hurley became needlepointer to the White House during Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter's early days, when the Congressional Club asked her to make a picture as a gift to the new first lady. Since then, she has presented one to each White House family, and last year she made a kissing ball depicting the White House, the dome of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and the Arkansas governor's mansion.

In the season's ecumenical spirit, a bronze menorah in the president's West Wing entry celebrates Hanukah, at the request of Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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Zachary J. Oxman, a 28-year-old Bethesda sculptor, made it as "a celebration of family -- women and children dance with the men," and a father holds up his daughter who is grasping the shamas, the candle used to light the other eight candles. The 18-inch-high bronze figures are mounted on a slab of black granite -- the menorah weighs about 100 pounds.

The sculptor casts the bronze figures in his foundry, a converted barn on his family's Hillsboro, Va., estate. (Oxman's mother is the noted ceramicist Laney Oxman.)

Other area artists have added to the counterpoint. A soaring ballet dancer is encapsulated in a transparent ornament made by Patricia Reichman, set designer of the Washington Ballet. Tan Tooker and Juanita Hopes of Dublin, Va., carved two figures, a pirouetting Sugar Plum Fairy and the magical Herr Drosselmeyer with an eye patch, knees bent, arms spread wide.

Wooden ballet slippers -- for Clara -- by Rene Megroz of Laguna Beach, Calif., are pictured on the cover of the White House's full-color brochure. The real objects adorn the 18 1/2-foot-tall Colorado blue spruce, set traditionally in the Blue Room. Mary Myers of Virginia Beach made the wooden soldier Nutcracker, very much at attention, who defends the Sugar Plum Fairy against the Mouse King on the tree.

A charming "Chinese Man" was made by Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre members. Janet Marie Groom, the company's costume director, made the doll of Sculpey, wired so it can be posed. She also made its costume based on a design Peter Farmer created for the company's "Nutcracker." Ying Li, a principal dancer, painted its face. If you push a button it plays a tune.

Miniatures of "Nutcracker" sets by New York designer Christopher Radko are arranged on the mantels in the Green and Red rooms. A 60-pound gingerbread house, an essential component of the White House's holiday decor, is guarded by "Nutcracker" soldiers. Inside, the ballet party goes on, with marzipan and chocolate icing.

Most of the decorations will eventually go to the Clinton library.

Upstairs at the White House, the Clintons and their cat, Socks, the first lady said, "will decorate our tree with ornaments, including ornaments related to the 'Nutcracker' ballet we've collected over the years."

Only children -- or artists -- could bring to life at the president's mansion such a fantasy of glittering ribbons and golden roses, a holiday festival of sight and sound rejoicing.

Admission is free for White House tours. For information on holiday morning and candlelight events, call 202-456-7041.

GRAPHIC: Photo, dudley m. brooks, "It was the hardest work I've ever done -- I wouldn't do it for anybody else or any other place," says Hyla Hurley, who stitched a needlepoint "kissing ball."

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HEADLINE: Chelsea turns White House into a Christmas Cracker

BYLINE: Tom Rhodes in Washington

BODY:

CHELSEA CLINTON and Socks the cat, the least controversial members of America's First Family, have taken centre stage in preparations for Christmas at the White House this year.

A passionate ballet dancer since the age of three, the Clintons' daughter is behind the Nutcracker Suite theme used to decorate all the gilded state rooms. Chelsea, 16, appears in replica inside an 80lb gingerbread house made for the occasion. This will form the centrepiece of the decorations, with 19 separate trees with 42,000 lights, and pixies, toy soldiers and mouse kings in scenes from the ballet. A sugary Socks sits poised at one window.

The model of a Victorian home, made from marzipan, chocolate and gingerbread took Roland Mesnier and Franette McCulloch, the White House pastry chefs, five months to create. Last year the pastry creation depicted the Chicago home in which Hillary Clinton was raised.

A pair of hand-carved wooden ballet slippers, like those worn by Clara in the Nutcracker, hang from the official White House tree, a Colorado spruce nearly 18ft high, in the Blue Room. Beside a chocolate castle on the mantelpiece in the Red Room are three Nut cracker presidents - Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln. Hand-sewn ornaments bear various versions of the Cavalier, the Sugar Plum Fairy and Prince Drosselmeier.

During a tour of the White House this week, Mrs Clinton said of Chelsea: "She has been in the ballet practically every year since she was three." The First Lady added that her daughter would be appearing in four different roles on various nights at the Washington ballet this Christmas.

And what of her own role in the future? "Smell that gingerbread. You can actually smell it when you get close," was Mrs Clinton's reply.

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HEADLINE: 'The Nutcracker' is holiday theme at the White House

SOURCE: From wire reports

BODY:

To the tune of violinists playing Christmas carols, Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday unveiled "The Nutcracker" ballet as this year's White House holiday theme.

The 18 1/2-foot White House Christmas tree, a Colorado blue spruce, is adorned with about 750 ornaments depicting scenes from the ballet and is illuminated by 5,040 lights.

The tree skirt consists of quilted panels representing the 50 states, territories and the District of Columbia.

Two nutcracker soldiers stand guard outside the Victorian gingerbread house in the State Dining Room. It is made of 60 pounds of gingerbread and took White House master pastry chefs Roland Mesnier and Franette McCulloch five months to create.

A close look reveals a confectionary reveler in a pink ball gown who looks like Chelsea Clinton -- and a sugary version of Socks the cat on a windowsill.

Pitt, Paltrow wedding story is 'fabricated'

Call off the caterers. A publicist for Brad Pitt says there's no truth to the latest claim that he and "Emma" star Gwyneth Paltrow are planning a wedding.

The British magazine Here reported yesterday that the glamour couple were engaged over Thanksgiving and planned to be married in March.

"It's completely fabricated," Pitt's publicist Cindy Guagenti said yesterday. "This same rumor keeps perpetuating for months."

BBC defends Cooke for remarks about rape

The British Broadcasting Corp. is defending Alistair Cooke, its radio commentator on American affairs and former "Masterpiece Theatre" host, after his controversial remarks about rape.

Commenting in his "Letter From America" on a survey that showed 4 percent of women in the U.S. military had been raped or suffered attempted rape, the

88-year-old Cooke said he thought the men "showed remarkable restraint" and wondered aloud why the figure was so low.

Spielberg and Capshaw have their fifth child

Oscar-winning director Steven Spielberg and his wife, actress Kate Capshaw, have had their fifth child together, a spokeswoman for Spielberg's DreamWorks SKG company said yesterday.

She said Capshaw gave birth to a seven-pound, 12-ounce daughter Sunday named Destry Allyn.

The couple each have one child from previous marriages. Spielberg, who is divorced from actress Amy Irving, cast Capshaw in "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" in 1984.

British Library begins moving 12 million books

Playwright Harold Pinter was there. So was mystery writer P.D. James. And not just on the shelves.

Some of Britain's top literary names showed up yesterday as the British Library began transferring 12 million books from its present home at the British Museum to the library's new building, a process that will take three years.

The nation's priceless collection of books, which is scattered across a score of buildings in London, includes a copy of the Magna Carta, Britain's 13th-century constitutional charter, and a Bible printed in the 15th century by the German Johann Gutenberg.

Car-loving Leno takes electric vehicle for a spin

It's drivers, keepers, Jay Leno says.

The car-loving host of "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" had fun test-driving the EV1, the new electric car from General Motors, saying it had a "certain cachet."

But when GM said it would only offer the car for lease, he decided not to add it to his substantial collection.

"As soon as I heard about that, I lost interest," Leno told Automotive News in an interview published yesterday. "I don't buy something and give it back used. All the cars I've ever had I still own."

Leno's collection includes a Ford Indigo, a so-called "concept car" that can reach 60 mph in 3.9 seconds, and a 1934 black Murphy Duesenberg speedster that he bought for $ 450,000.

Today's birthdays

Country singer Perlin Husky is 69. Movie director Jean-Luc Godard is 66. Singer Jaye P. Morgan is 65. Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne is 48. Actress Daryl Hannah is 36. Actress Anna Chlumsky ("My Girl") is 16.

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Tree trimming
GRAPHIC: PHOTO, ASSOCIATED PRESS, Workers hoist giant Christmas tree ornaments onto a display in midtown Manhattan in preparation for the holidays.

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HEADLINE: HOLIDAY SPIRIT FILLS THE WHITE HOUSE

BYLINE: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DATELINE: Washington

BODY:

Washington - For the next few weeks, the White House will be occupied by the Sugar Plum Fairy, a prince named Drosselmeier and little Clara's ballet slippers.

No, President Bill Clinton hasn't moved out. "The Nutcracker" just moved in as a theme for this year's holiday decorations.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton gave a preview tour Monday, pointing out 19 Christmas trees that dozens of volunteers festooned with 42,000 white lights, pixies, toy soldiers and mouse kings of various stripes acting out scenes from the classic holiday ballet.

And there is a Victorian-era house made of gingerbread, marzipan and chocolate with two Nutcracker sentinels posted outside and a party going on inside. It took White House master pastry chefs Roland Mesnier and Franette McCulloch five months to create it.

A close look reveals a confectionary reveler in a pink gown who looks just like Chelsea Clinton and a sugary version of Socks the cat on a window sill.

"It's all edible. All 80 pounds of it," Hillary Clinton marveled, adding that her family doesn't plan to gobble it up. "It's too beautiful to eat."

Sticking to her holiday mood, Hillary Clinton declined to discuss her role in her husband's second term. "Smell that gingerbread! You can actually smell it when you get close," she replied when a reporter asked whether she would take on the new welfare law next year.

The Clintons chose the Nutcracker theme because it is an integral part of their family Christmas tradition, said White House social secretary Ann Stock.

They first took Chelsea to see the show when she was 2. She danced in the ballet in Arkansas and with the Washington School of Ballet's performance.

The official White House tree, an 18 1/2 -foot Colorado blue spruce erected in the Blue Room, contains a pair of hand-carved ballet slippers like those worn by Clara, the little girl who sets the plot of the Nutcracker in motion with her dream on Christmas Eve.

GRAPHIC: Reuter Photo-Hillary Rodham Clinton shows off the 18 1/2 -foot Colorado blue spruce in the Blue Room.

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HEADLINE: GREETINGS FROM THE GREEN ROOM;
FIRST FAMILY AGAIN TURNS TO AMERICAN GREETINGS FOR 300,000 CHRISTMAS CARDS

BYLINE: By SANDRA LIVINGSTON; PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

BODY:

Just before American Greetings began the final run of the 1996 White House Christmas cards, a message arrived from the Clintons: Socks needed a nose job.

The cat, depicted on a winged chair in the seasonally decorated White House Green Room, had a snout not fitting for a feline.

"Socks is the First Cat," said Maureen Stratton, American Greetings director of marketing/public relations and the company's White House liaison. So something had to be done. A bit of digital enhancement did the trick. And earlier this week, 300,000 cards - all individually inspected - were shipped out.

The cards weighed more than 11,000 pounds and could fill a semi truck; not exactly your average Yuletide mailing. American Greetings won't disclose the cost but said the Democratic National Committee is footing the bill.

This is the fourth year American Greetings has produced Christmas cards for both the Clintons and for Vice President Al Gore.

The Brooklyn-based greeting-card giant also produced the Christmas cards for Democrats Jimmy Carter and Lyndon Johnson, but lost the work to rival Hallmark during the Reagan and Bush years - something Stratton said was "absolutely" not partisan politics.

For this year's card, the Clintons turned again to contemporary artist Thomas McKnight. His renderings of the White House's Red and Blue rooms were featured on the Clintons' 1994 and 1995 Christmas cards.

"They like his style," said Neil Lattimore, press secretary for Hillary Rodham Clinton. "He represented the rooms in a classic, but festive, whimsical and magical way."

Stratton said the White House has been committed to historical precision - and not just to make Socks look like Socks. The administration gave American

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Greetings fabric swatches to ensure the cards had just the right color hues for the drapes and furniture.

But McKnight took some artistic license: His dog Shadow is in the rendering, and the Washington monument, which can't be seen from the Green Room, shows through a window.

For their part, American Greetings' veteran staff offered a spate of ideas and trained their eyes on myriad details. Among their challenges: the Clintons' signatures.

"We wanted to make sure they were about equal size ... to give a nice balance," said Chris Riddle, American Greetings' creative director in charge of Christmas cards. But Bill Clinton's name has 11 letters, Hillary Rodham Clinton's has 20, and Riddle wanted to use both signatures at 100 percent of size.

The first set of signatures arrived at American Greetings signed at different times and with different pens.

Riddle called a "time out."

He requested the Clintons provide their signatures at the same time, in the same room, with the same pen and to make them compatible in size.

One signature that doesn't appear is that of 16-year-old daughter Chelsea.

"It's part of the whole issue of never putting Chelsea out as a public figure," explained Lattimore.

But those in the know will spot a few reminders of Chelsea in the card. There are three stockings hanging from the hearth. And amid the wrapped presents under the tree are two toys modeled on characters from "The Nutcracker" - a ballet Lattimore believes Chelsea has danced in every year since she was 4.

Preparations for the card began in August, when Riddle and Stratton first traveled to the White House. Weekly conversations ensued on everything from the weight of the paper to size of the lettering inside. Riddle suggested the gold border and beveled embossing that give the card its "framed" look.

Stratton and Riddle said in past years the card design team has received personal thanks from the Clintons at the White House annual holiday party. This year's party is next week, and a group from American Greetings that includes Stratton is planning to attend.

For his part, Lattimore had nothing but praise for American Greetings and called it "part of our extended Christmas family."

Now that Clinton has won re-election, there's already talk about the look of the 1997 card.

"The President and Mrs. Clinton have an idea," Lattimore said. "But we're not telling."

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Maureen Stratton, American Greetings director of marketing/public relations, and designer Chris Riddle look over the White House Christmas cards.; PHOTO 2 BY: NO CREDIT; For this year's card, the Clintons turned again to contemporary artist Thomas McKnight. His renderings of the White House's Red and Blue rooms were featured on the Clintons' 1994 and 1995 Christmas cards.

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HEADLINE: TURKEY SURVIVES, HOLIDAY TREE ARRIVES AT THE WHITE HOUSE

BYLINE: From Times Wire Services

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

Upholding a 50-year White House tradition, President Clinton pardoned a 65-pound turkey Wednesday, sparing it from becoming Thanksgiving dinner like many of its kind.

Hoarse from his 12-day trip to Asia and Australia, Clinton granted the pardon in a ceremony in the White House Rose Garden and then headed for the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland for the holiday weekend. The president has been ordered by his doctor to rest his vocal cords, badly strained during the trip.

"Tomorrow, 45 million turkeys will pay the supreme sacrifice for our Thanksgiving," Clinton said at the pardon ceremony.

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"So, continuing a tradition begun 50 years ago by President Truman, I am going to keep one turkey off of the Thanksgiving dinner table by giving pardon to a turkey from Ohio that will now go to a petting zoo," he added.

"We can all be grateful, therefore, that there will be one less turkey in Washington, D.C., tomorrow," he added.

The turkey, presented to Clinton by the National Turkey Federation and named Carl, was raised by an Ohio family with four children. It was driven to Washington on Tuesday and spent the night in a hotel along with an alternate brought along in case of mishap.

Both Carl and the alternate, which was not named, will be sent to Kidwell Farm's petting zoo in Herndon, Va.

In another long-standing White House tradition, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton accepted the White House Christmas tree in a separate ceremony Wednesday.

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The first lady, in a bright red coat, stood near the South Portico of the White House. A team of two horses, their harnesses splashed with red ribbons, pulled a wagon up to the door. The delivery: the 18 1/2-foot Colorado spruce from Ohio that will be the centerpiece of the central Blue Room when the White House Christmas decorations are thrown open to the public next week.

The tree is from the Christmas tree farm of Kenneth and Joan Scheetz of Coshocton, Ohio.

It was selected the grand champion tree of the year last summer by the National Christmas Tree Assn.

"We're going to shut the White House down for decoration as we always do," Mrs. Clinton said. "Volunteers from around the country will work literally around the clock over the weekend to get everything ready."

GRAPHIC: PHOTO: Jim Cooper, National Turkey Federation chief, and President Clinton look over Carl the turkey, who wears a White House visitor's pass. PHOTOGRAPHER: Associated Press

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HEADLINE: TWO LOCAL ARTISANS GIVE BEAR TO CLINTONS

BYLINE: PHIL LEMOS; Courant Correspondent

DATELINE: AVON --

BODY:

When Phyllis Fishberg received a letter from the White House in August, she wasn't sure what to expect.

"I almost didn't open the envelope," said Fishberg, owner of The Wool Connection, a retail and mail- order shop on Route 44 in Avon. "I thought, 'What are they doing? Why would they possibly be getting in touch with me?"'

But open it she did. And what ensued was two months of hard work between Fishberg and her friend, Joann Hospod-Stanford, the result of which is now on display as an ornament for the Christmas tree in the Blue Room of the White House. The ornament features a teddy bear wearing a red, white and blue sweater, a Santa Claus hat with 48 silver bells and holding a candy cane.

White House Social Office Director Debby McGinn contacted Fishberg, who has polished her craft for 30 years, and other members of the National Needlework Association.

"It's kind of nice to say we made a contribution to our country," Fishberg said. "It was a huge time commitment, a lot of hours, but it was something we could do in our field of work."

Hospod-Stanford, a designer for Alice Ducks Custom Needlepoint and a Windsor art teacher who has dabbled in various fields of art for 27 years, painted the motif on a needlepoint canvas. Fishberg stitched the design with yarn. Hospod-Stanford sewed and stuffed the ornament, coloring the back with acrylic paint so it displays the same design as the front, only without the yarn.

The two women began the project right after Fishberg received the letter. The White House Social Office required all ornaments to be completed by October, before most people (except maybe retailers) have visions of sugarplums, or anything Christmas-related, dancing in their heads.

"The first thing we did was figure out how we could do it in time," Hospod-Stanford said.

Fishberg suggested a theme, and Hospod-Stanford created the sketch and needlepoint canvas. After spending what they estimate was 60 hours working on their masterpiece over the next two months, it was ready to be sent to Washington.

"It was a job, but it was also relaxing," Fishberg said.

Needless to say, the two are proud of the finished product.

"Our ornament will be different from every other one there," Fishberg said, pointing out the painted back.

Previous commitments forced both artists to decline White House invitations to meet President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. "[The ornament is] going to be a part of the permanent collection," Fishberg said. "Maybe next year [we can attend]."

GRAPHIC: PHOTO: (b&w), MARC YVES REGIS I / THE HARTFORD COURANT; PHYLLIS FISHBERG, sitting, the owner of The Wool Connection in Avon, and Joann Hospod-Stanford worked together on a Christmas ornament that has been placed on a White House Christmas tree.

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to get holiday trees to market, Michael Stetz; STAFF WRITER

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260. FDCH Congressional Hearings Summaries, December 9, 1997, Tuesday, 812 words, SILENT NIGHT, SOLAR NIGHT, SOLAR TREE LIGHTED ON ELLIPSE, GINA ROBICHEAUX, FDCH NEWS SERVICE

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293. The Rocky Mountain News(Denver, Co.), December 7, 1997, Sunday, LOCAL; Ed. F; Pg. 6A, 504 words, TALK OF THE TOWN, Norm Clarke

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299. CNN, December 6, 1997; Saturday 17:730 pm Eastern Time, Transcript # 97120600V41, SHOW, News; Domestic/International, 3728 words, Top Political News of the Week, Representative Tom Lantos, Representative Chris Shays, Wolf Blitzer, Bill Schneider, Mark Russell

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312. THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC, December 5, 1997 Friday, Final Chaser, EDITORIAL/OPINION; Pg. B11, 719 words, JANET MERITS BIG BONUS FROM BILL, JOHN

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318. CNBC News Transcripts, BUSINESS CENTER (7:00 PM ET) , December 5, 1997, Friday 11:02 AM, 110 words, WHITE HOUSE CUTS BACK GUEST LISTS TO SAVE MONEY, TYLER MATHISEN

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343. ABC NEWS, ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING (6:30 am ET), DECEMBER 4, 1997, Transcript # 97120406-j03, PACKAGE, NEWS, 376 words, EVENTS MAKING NEWS AND 20/20 THURSDAY PREVIEW, JOHN STOSSEL, MARK MULLEN, ASHA BLAKE

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345. The Associated Press, December 4, 1997, Thursday, AM cycle, Washington Dateline, 347 words, Clinton shares stage with Santa, snowmen to open holiday season, By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER, Associated Press Writer, WASHINGTON

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350. CNN, CNN LARRY KING LIVE 21:00 pm ET, December 4, 1997; Thursday 9:00 pm Eastern Time, Transcript # 97120400V22, SHOW, News; Domestic, 7764 words, Kentucky Murders, Billy Graham's Condition, Marla Maples' New Life, Dan Boaz, Tim Kaltenbach, Franklin Graham, Marla Maples, Larry King

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385. The Buffalo News, November 30, 1997, Sunday, FINAL EDITION, TRAVEL, Pg. 2G, 914 words, HISTORIC HOMES SPARKLE WITH CANDLES AND CHEER, Associated Press

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389. News & Record (Greensboro, NC), November 30, 1997, Sunday, ALL EDITIONS, Pg. B1, 1010 words, BURLINGTON CHOIR TO SING AT WHITE HOUSE, BY KERRY HALL; Alamance Bureau, BURLINGTON

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392. The Plain Dealer, November 30, 1997 Sunday, FINAL / ALL, METRO; Pg. 1B, 1033 words, ALL THE TRIMMINGS; ASHTABULA'S KATHY PRESCIANO DESIGNS THE LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE, By BRIAN E. ALBRECHT; PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

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397. The Union Leader (Manchester, NH), November 30, 1997 Sunday, ALL EDITIONS SECTION B, Pg. 1, 409 words, It's A High Time for Lancer Band, JOSEPH DANIEL McCOOL Sunday News Correspondent

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399. CNN, CNN INSIDE POLITICS WEEKEND 19:30 pm ET, November 29, 1997; Saturday 7:30 pm Eastern Time, Transcript # 97112903V41, NEWS ITEM, News; Domestic, 527 words, Political Round Up, Wolf Blitzer

400. CNN, CNN INSIDE POLITICS WEEKEND 19:30 pm ET, November 29, 1997; Saturday 7:30 pm Eastern Time, Transcript # 97112900V41, SHOW, News; Domestic/International, 3980 words, Top Political News of the Week, Webster Hubbell, Wolf Blitzer, William Schneider, Mark Russell

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402. The Herald-Sun (Durham, N.C.), November 29, 1997, Saturday, Durham; Pg. C1;, 1188 words, Families take a bough for Christmas spirit Tree shopping has people going out on limb for perfect greenery, ADAM HATCH The Herald-Sun

403. AP Online, November 28, 1997; Friday, Washington - general news, 688 words, White House Ornaments Are Hot Items, JENNIFER BATOG, WASHINGTON

404. The Associated Press, November 28, 1997, Friday, PM cycle, Washington Dateline, 849 words, White House ornaments give the gift of history, By JENNIFER BATOG, Associated Press Writer, WASHINGTON

405. THE KANSAS CITY STAR, November 28, 1997 Friday, METROPOLITAN EDITION, Pg. B1, 617 words, Making high-profile cards highlight of a long career Retiring Hallmark manager has designed for the Hall family and at least one president., JOYCE SMITH, Staff Writer

406. THE KANSAS CITY STAR, November 28, 1997 Friday, METROPOLITAN EDITION, Pg. 3, 1398 words, Where to go for lights and sights, BRIAN McTAVISH; CATHY IBARRA, By The Star's Staff

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408. Chicago Tribune, November 28, 1997 Friday, SOUTH SPORTS FINAL EDITION, FRIDAY; Pg. 17; ZONE: S; Music. Music south., 414 words, SANDI PATTY BOUNCES BACK INTO THE CHRISTIAN MUSIC SPOTLIGHT, By Linda T. Stonehocker. Special to the Tribune.

409. ABC NEWS, ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING (6:30 am ET), NOVEMBER 27, 1997, Transcript # 97112708-j03, PACKAGE, NEWS, 405 words, SETTING THE NIGHT ALIGHT WITH CHRISTMAS, EMMA SIMPSON, ASHA BLAKE, MARK MULLEN

410. The Baltimore Sun, November 27, 1997, Thursday, FINAL EDITION, Pg. 2G, 584 words, Carolina tree farmers get White House tree from their neighbor

411. CNN, CNN INSIDE POLITICS 16:00 pm ET, November 27, 1997; Thursday 4:00 pm Eastern Time, Transcript # 97112700V15, SHOW, News; International, 3629 words, Politics for Thanksgiving Day '97; Including the Turkeys of the Year, Shaheen, Branstad, Herb Ritts, Gene Randall, Bernard Shaw, Judy Woodruff

412. The Ottawa Citizen, November 27, 1997, Thursday, FINAL EDITION, CITY; Pg. D17, 461 words, Tree growers dream of presidential trimmings, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, WASHINGTON

413. The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, WA), November 27, 1997, Thursday, SPOKANE EDITION, IN LIFE, Pg. D1, 389 words, A 'MESSIAH' MAKEOVER; HOLIDAY CLASSIC RESTRUCTURED TO REACH A BROADER AUDIENCE, Beverly Vorpahl Staff writer

414. The Washington Post, November 27, 1997, Thursday, Final Edition, STYLE; Pg. D01, 831 words, Fowl-Weather Friend; President Clinton Saves the Life of Willis, a Turkey for Our Times, Michael Colton, Washington Post Staff Writer

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416. The Associated Press, November 26, 1997, Wednesday, AM cycle, Washington Dateline, 419 words, Clinton spares turkey in traditional pardon, By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON, Associated Press Writer, WASHINGTON

417. The Associated Press, November 26, 1997, Wednesday, PM cycle, Washington Dateline, 289 words, Clinton spares bird in traditional pardon, WASHINGTON

418. The Atlanta Journal and Constitution, November 26, 1997, Wednesday, CONSTITUTION EDITION, 841 words, ON WASHINGTON; Linder won't seek governor's job Compiled by Ernie Freda from staff, our news services and published; reports

419. The Bulletin's Frontrunner, November 26, 1997, Wednesday, WASHINGTON NEWS 139 words, White House In Holiday Mood.

420. The Bulletin's Frontrunner, November 26, 1997, Wednesday, WASHINGTON'S SCHEDULE, 85 words

421. The Bulletin's Frontrunner, November 26, 1997, Wednesday, LAST LAUGHS, 428 words

422. FNS DAYBOOK, NOVEMBER 26, 1997, WEDNESDAY, GENERAL NEWS EVENTS, 90 words, EVENT: FIRST LADY TO RECEIVE WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE TIME: 11:30 am, LOCATION: White House, South Lawn. -- November 26, CONTACT: Marsha Berry, 202-456-2960

423. The Herald-Sun (Durham, N.C.), November 26, 1997, Wednesday, Durham; Pg. C5;, 217 words, Briefly

424. THE KANSAS CITY STAR, November 26, 1997 Wednesday, METROPOLITAN EDITION, Pg. A2;, 25 words, Starbeam, BILL TAMMEUS

425. M2 PRESSWIRE, November 26, 1997, 173 words, GE LIGHTING Tipper Gore tops National Christmas Tree with GE Lighting-designed star

426. News & Record (Greensboro, NC), November 26, 1997, Wednesday, ALL EDITIONS, Pg. D1, 806 words, MORE THAN 1,400 TAKE PART IN URBAN MINISTRY'S FEAST OF CARING, BY JANE WELBORN; Staff Writer

427. The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, November 26, 1997, Wednesday 72, Transcript #6007, 8919 words, APEC - Summing Up; Assisted Suicide; Fat Facts; Grace For Children

428. The San Francisco Chronicle, NOVEMBER 26, 1997, WEDNESDAY, FINAL EDITION, DAILY DATEBOOK; Pg. E2; LIVELY ARTS, 597 words, Happiness Is a Day Off, Jerry Carroll

429. USA TODAY, November 26, 1997, Wednesday, FINAL EDITION, NEWS;, Pg. 8A, 975 words, Reno delays decisions on independent counsel, Paul Leavitt; With staff and wire reports

430. FDCH Political Transcripts, November 26, 1997, Wednesday, NEWS EVENT, 906 words, RECEIVES THE WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE; WASHINGTON, D.C., HILLARY

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HEADLINE: ARTIST'S PASSION IS CRYSTAL CLEAR

BYLINE: By Steve Stanek. Special to the Tribune.

BODY:

Inside a small garage in rural Cary, artist Robert Stewart has created works of art coveted by presidents, foreign dignitaries and other national leaders.

Folks who drive by Stewart's two-bedroom ranch and workshop will see no hint that his glassworks are in such demand.

But his latest work, an igloo made of 56 shining pieces of glass, was commissioned by Hillary Rodham Clinton to decorate the two-story Christmas tree in the center of the White House's Blue Room.

Stewart, 43, is one of 195 glass artists from around the country--including several from Illinois--who were asked to contribute ornaments.

"It's pretty cool to think that the White House wanted me to contribute something that thousands of people will see," Stewart said. "I hope they use it every year. I'd like to go on tour through the White House someday and be able to say, 'Hey, that's my ornament.' Even if they don't use it every year, it will go in the White House archives, which is an honor in itself."

Glass ornaments for the tree also came from Christine McEwan and Jim Freeburn of Elmhurst, Keith and Deanna Clayton of Sidney, Raimundas Lapsys of Wheeling, and Kevin and Char Eagleton of Mount Carroll. Also, 42 needlepoint artists in Illinois will make ornaments for the tree.

The igloo reflects this year's White House theme of Santa at his workshop.

Republican presidents also have enjoyed Stewart's work. President George Bush used an ornate glass box that Stewart made to decorate the Oval Office. One of Stewart's glass boxes also decorated the White House during Ronald Reagan's presidency.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin, former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and former Polish leader Lech Walesa also own Stewart's glass boxes. The boxes range from $100 to several thousands of dollars.

The foreign leaders received the boxes from former Gov. James Thompson, who often presented Stewart's artwork to dignitaries. Thompson learned of Stewart through the Illinois Artisans Program, which promotes artists and craftsmen through exhibits and by selling their works in one of its four shops around the state, including one in Chicago's Thompson Center.

In a 1993 Tribune interview about Stewart's work, Thompson said: "His boxes are innovative, attractive, well-done, and reasonably priced. I started giving them as gifts on trade missions. As his boxes got more elaborate and artistic, I gave them to more important leaders."

Ordinary folks also like them.

"Whenever we get them in, we sell them right out," said Laura Eisen, assistant manager at Material Possessions, a Winnetka gift boutique. "They're simple, beautiful boxes, and nicely priced. We tell people that the person who makes them has also made things for heads of state, and that always interests them."

Stewart uses the nearly lost technique of glass beveling to produce his works. It involves using grinding wheels to cut and polish pieces of glass, including fine crystal.

Stewart uses machines built before World War II to do the work, because none has been built since. He then solders the pieces together.

For this year's White House ornament, he had to follow two key rules: The ornament had to reflect the Santa's workshop theme, and it had to be globe-shaped, not an easy task for someone who works with flat pieces of glass.

"At first I wondered, 'How is he going to do that?' " said his wife, Barbara. "A glass blower wouldn't have a hard time, because it's easy to blow a round piece of glass. But how do you take something flat and make it round?"

Stewart first made a clay model. Then he cut and polished 55 small pieces of glass, fit them together and soldered them into place. The resulting ornament measures about 5 inches tall and 5 3/4 inches across.

"I figured that since Santa lives at the North Pole, his workshop would probably be in an igloo," Stewart said with a laugh. "I had a lot of fun with it."

Stewart entered glassworking at age 21, after he and his wife attended a Art Institute of Chicago exhibition. He liked what he saw and decided to learn how such work was done.

He found some books on glass beveling but found no one who practiced the craft, so much of his early work consisted of trial and error. Several years later, he met two old-time glass bevelers, since deceased, who taught him the secrets of the trade.

One of Stewart's biggest honors came in 1989, when the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., included Stewart's decorative boxes in a seven-month exhibition of glass art.

"It's still incredible to me to think that I've gotten this kind of recognition," Stewart said. "I would be doing this kind of work even if there were no market for it, because I love doing it. I've been lucky enough that once people see my work, some of them get hooked on it and keep buying it.

"The feeling is like when you win a race. Hundreds or even thousands of people train for marathons, but there are only a few winners. I feel like one of those winners."

GRAPHIC: PHOTOS 3PHOTO: Robert Stewart's glasswork has won friends in high places. One of his pieces, an igloo Christmas ornament (right), will adorn the White House tree this year.; PHOTOS: Cary artist Robert Stewart uses many tools and techniques from the early 1900s to craft his glass boxes and other creations. Below, Stewart uses a spinning stone to smooth the beveled edge of a piece of plate glass. Tribune photos by Jerry Tomasell.

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Honorable Mention: WHITE HOUSE

By Julie Semrau

Since President and Mrs. Clinton came to the White House five years ago, they have literally and figuratively invited thousands of artists to share the holidays with them. In yet another example of art transcending politics, the varied ornaments provided by America's artisans inspire unity in all who enter the White House during this most celebrated time of the year.

Sometime during the late summer and early fall of each year, thousands of artists open their mailbox to the surprise of a letter with official White House letterhead. Is it a joke or a clever marketing idea? No, it's a request, on behalf of the first lady, that the artisan submit an ornament for one of the White House Christmas trees. The letter is only the beginning.

One talented pastry chef returned the acceptance letter on behalf of her students at a community college in Michigan. Michaelle Stidham is a Certified Working Pastry Chef who works with the editors of *Country Folk Art Magazine*. She and her students learned the measurement requirements, brainstormed edible material choices and decided together how to depict the

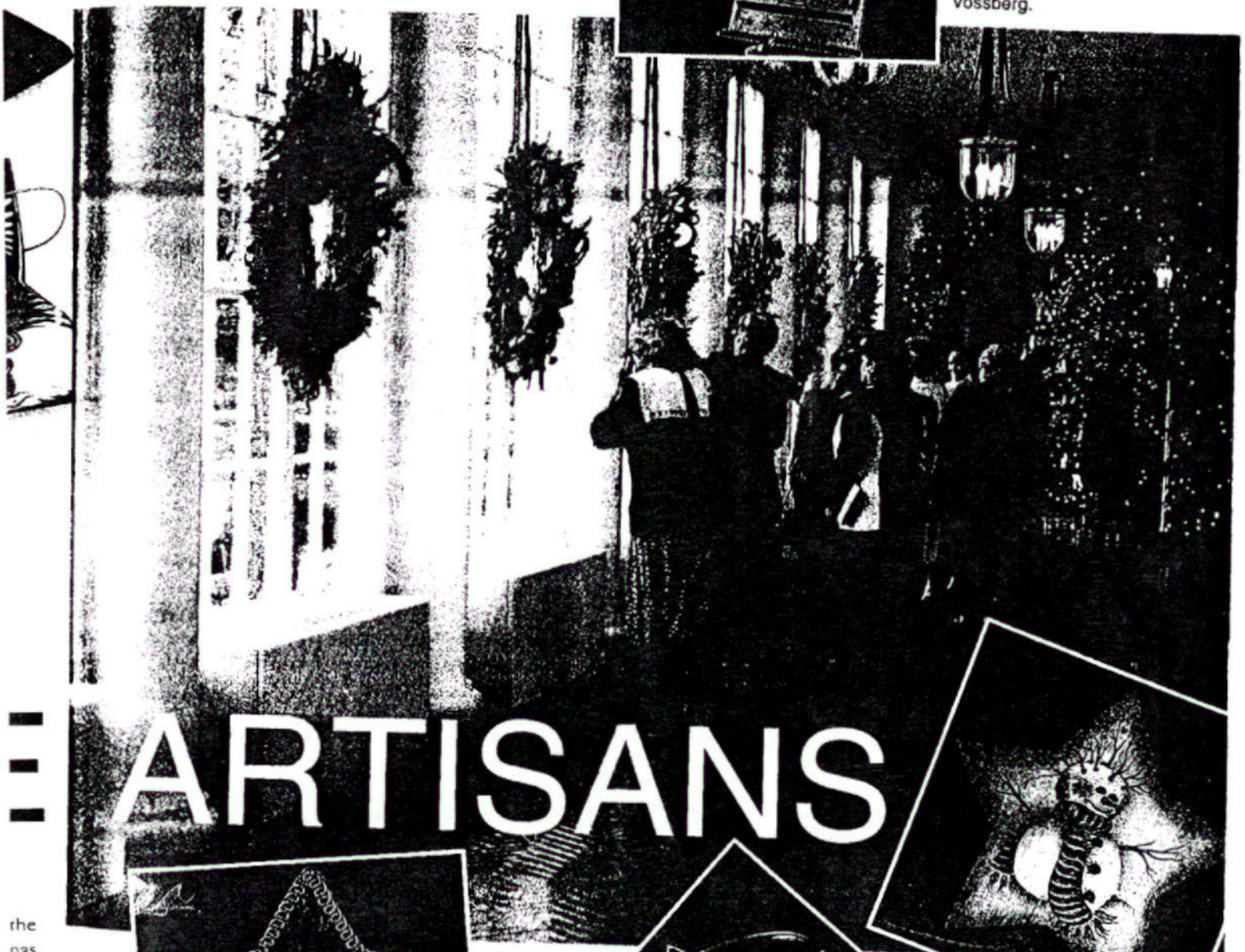
This is just a sampling of the ornaments presented to the White House by the Society of Decorative Painters. On these pages, you will see ornaments from the SDP collection of 1,400 that graced the White House. They are labeled by their artisan.

Opposite page (top row, left to right): Blake Higgins, Mary Ann Spainhour, Cynthia Bowman and Vi Thurmond. (Bottom row, left to right): Mary Ann Spainhour, Nancy Acker, Sharyn Binam CDA and Terry Perniciaro. All photos courtesy of the National Society of Tole and Decorative Painters, Inc., unless otherwise noted.



Left: Mrs. Clinton accepts a piece from former SDP president Valerie Bernardino as former board member Rosemary Thigpen looks on. The piece, titled "One Nation Under God" was painted by Society member Juliet Martin.

Below: Members of the SDP tour the White House at Christmas. Photo by Julie Vossberg.



ARTISANS



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Gail Bonifay CDA



Penny Hobbs

phrase "visions of sugarplums danced in their heads." The result was 13 ornaments, a baker's dozen, made with a combination of shortbread dough, gingerbread, marzipan, royal icing and gum paste, an edible sugar paste.

The overwhelming sentiment about receiving the invitation to submit a work of art is honor. Linda Haderer, an artist from northern Michigan, participated during 1993, "The Year of the American Craft." For that year's angel-themed Blue Room Christmas tree, Linda produced an Earth Angel inspired by the northern woods that surround her small town of Petoskey.

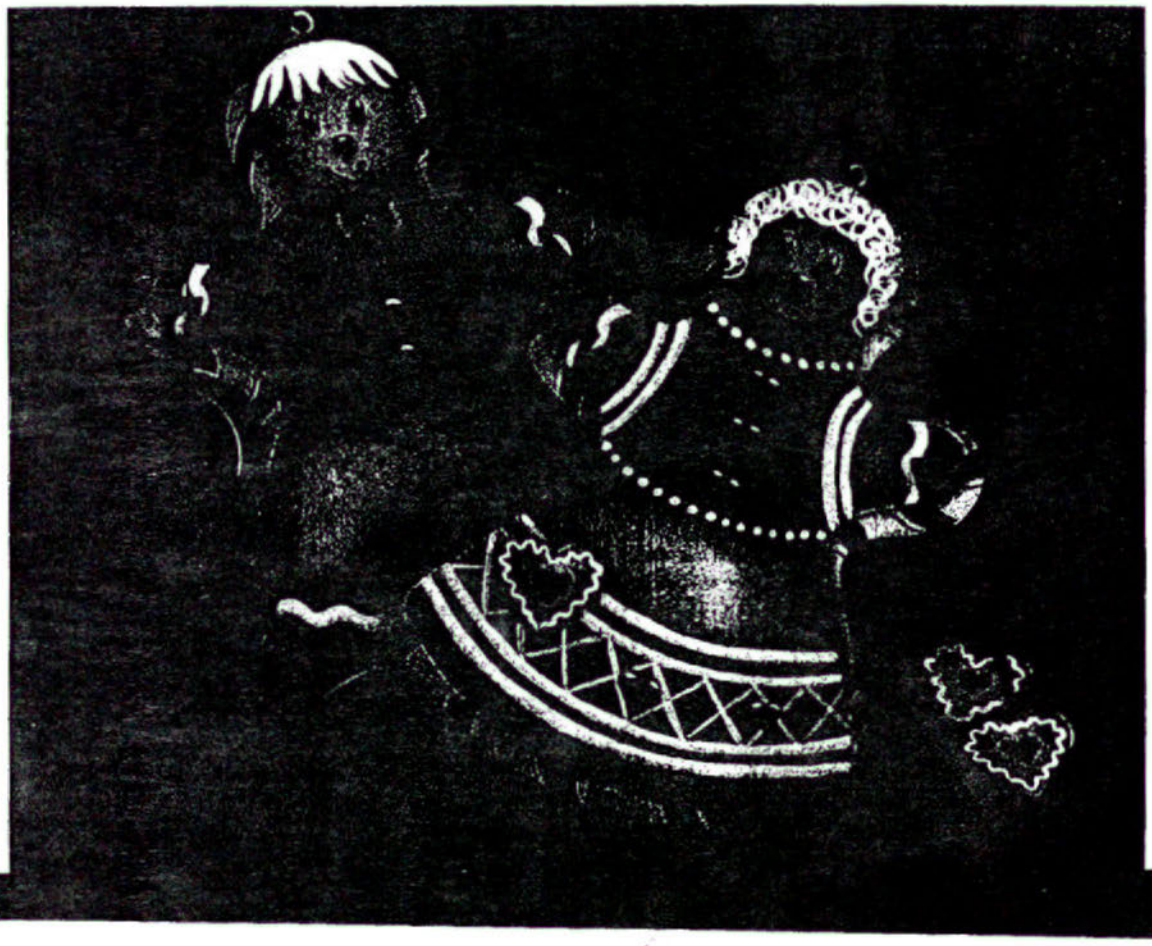
"She was truly an 'American Maid,'" laughs Linda. "We're from upper Michigan, and it was important that she be a gift from here." The angel carried a Petoskey stone and a birch bark canoe. Other embellishments included deer hide, sweet grass, quills and an intricate reproduction of Indian corn made of tiny seed beads.

Linda did not attend the White House Christmas to see her angel hang on the Blue Room tree, but she has many fond memories of the experience. One of her most memorable events was when the grocery store clerk who regularly bagged her groceries recognized her from local newspaper coverage. "This can happen to anybody," says Linda





"American Maid" by Linda Haderer was made for the White House's 1993 theme, "The Year of the American Craft."

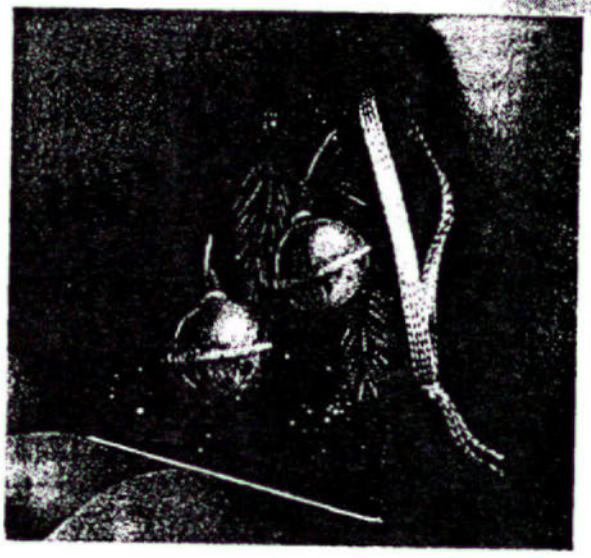


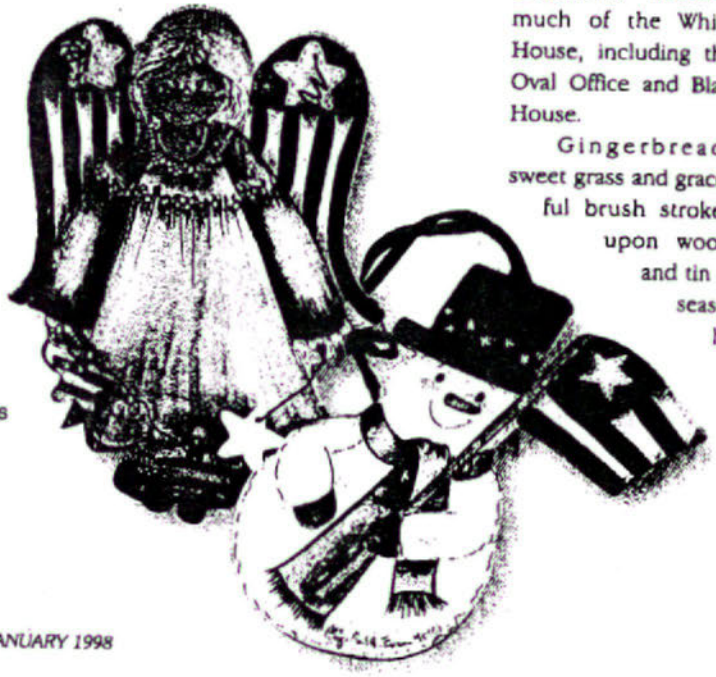
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of the widespread White House Christmas calls to artisans. "We are all just regular people who touch each other."

It took hundreds of "regular people" with a love and talent for painting to answer a special request made by the White House in 1994. The theme was "The Twelve Days of Christmas," and the participants were members of The Society of Decorative Painters. In 1993, the group decorated much of the Blair House, home of Vice President Gore and his family. In 1994, the Society helped adorn the Blair House and the White House.

In contrast to the individuals who received those surprise invitations, members of The Society of Decorative Painters kindly offered their talent as a way to beautify a White House Christmas and gain recognition for their prestigious group.

The Society's president that year, Donna Bryant Waterson, and board member Rosemary Thigpen worked together to earn the White House's request for ornaments and to rally their members. Society members produced approximately 1,400 ornaments in less than six weeks. They gave so many that the Society-made ornaments adorned much of the White House, including the Oval Office and Blair House.



This handmade angel graced one of the White House trees courtesy of Linda Haderer.

Gingerbread, sweet grass and graceful brush strokes upon wood and tin are only the physical manifestation of the season's true spirit. As Linda Haderer said of her handmade doll, "She may be an 'Earth Angel,' but she represented that important saying, 'Peace on earth and goodwill to men.'"

Please see source page for details.

Competing for the White House



By Marian Behan Hammer

Like cabinet appointees, Christmas trees for the White House do not just slide through the system. Each tree that is chosen to adorn the presidential mansion must first go through a lengthy vetting process. The process resembles a national beauty contest, and like most beauty contests, it starts at the state level.

Every other August, members of the National Christmas Tree Association in each of the evergreen-growing states enter a contest to choose the grower of the most desirable tree. Spruce, cedar, all the firs — including Douglas fir — and all the pine varieties are accepted. Each state winner may then submit a tree to the National Christmas Tree Contest, held to elect a grand champion during the industry's national convention. In 1994, the national convention took place in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. In 1996, growers met in Kansas City, Missouri. They will meet in Ashville, North Carolina in 1998.

State winners who want to compete in the national contest have to chop down and haul their entry to the convention site, an expense that eliminates some growers. In the 1996 convention, out of which 1997's White House trees will ultimately come from, there were 25 entrants and two winners, one for each year between contests.

In recent years, growers from Ohio and Oregon have won. This Christmas, however, the White House honor goes to Samford Fishel, a tree grower from North Carolina. For the Blue Room, an 18-foot Fraser fir has been selected by White House chief usher, Gary J. Walters.



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Top: The grand champion of the National Christmas Tree Contest will be displayed in the Executive Mansion at the White House.

Bottom: The North Carolina Fraser Fir is the most popular Christmas tree and is the 1997 winner to be displayed at the White House.

Opposite page: The Blue Room is transformed into a Christmas fantasy with the winning tree displayed in the middle of the room. Other smaller trees appear in the family quarters of the White House of both the Clinton and Gore families.



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Smaller Fraser firs will also appear in the family quarters of both the Clinton and Gore families.

This is not the first time North Carolina trees have been selected. According to Patricia Thiel Wilkie, Executive Director of the North Carolina Christmas Tree Association, "The North Carolina Fraser fir has been the White House tree eight times. This fir is the preferred tree because of its superb needle retention, beautiful color and long-lasting aroma."

Fishel says, "We have 450 acres of trees. The White House trees will come from our choice of Fraser fir trees in a group taller than 14 feet." Although the grand champion grower makes the choice of which trees will be offered, final approval falls to Walters with the help of Irvin Williams, horticulturist and grounds superintendent at the Executive Mansion.

"We usually contact the grower some time after summer begins and set a date to check out his trees," says Walters. "This is not too early to think about Christmas at the White House." The choice is not easy, explains Williams, who has been involved in the process since the Kennedy administration. "Trees must be perfect. The branches must be open enough for all the ornaments to hang properly and be seen. A tree must be narrow enough to fit through a 54-inch wide



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doorway without being too tightly baled. Any tree under 18 feet, 6 inches is too short — its top has to fit into a chandelier anchor in the Blue Room where we secure it to a hook," William says. Here it will be viewed by more than 100,000 tourists and visitors during the holiday season. This may not be the only White House tree, but it is the star.

Once the White House has approved of the choices, it is up to the grower to get the trees to Washington. Faraway growers usually ship by air, but North Carolina's Fishel has his own plans. "We'll cut the trees early one morning, helicopter-lift them from the field to a refrigerated truck, and they'll be in the capital early the next morning."

Fishel's truck will then rendezvous with a wagon cart provided by the National Park Service from its Oxen Hill Farm near the capital. Drawn by two Belgian draft horses, it will carry the trees to the north portico of the White House. In this land of photo opportunities, cameras will be waiting along with staff and family members.

Please see source page for details.



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Opposite page (top): The winning tree was grown by the Fishel family from the Grouse Ridge Christmas Tree Farm in Grassy Creek, North Carolina. Pictured from left to right are Sanford, Sarah Beth, Maggie and Deborah Fishel.

Top and opposite page (bottom): The winning tree is drawn by two Belgian draft horses to the north portico of the White House where plenty of cameras will be waiting along with staff and family members.

Bottom: Mrs. Clinton accepts the 1993 winning tree alongside its grower, Wayne Ayers, and Keith and Heidi Jacobs. Keith was president of the National Christmas Tree Association at the time.



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A Nation's Christmas

By Julie Semrau



THE WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Most of us think that planning our family's holiday is as busy and as joyous as it gets. The process and festive feeling multiplies when yours is the first family, and the entire nation is invited to enjoy the event.

Although most Americans will not be present personally at a White House Christmas, the entire nation enjoys the holidays via the television and newspaper coverage of the season. Within days of Thanksgiving, approximately 50 volunteer decorators adorn White House mantels, hallways, rooms and more than 22 Christmas trees. By the beginning of December, the White House, complete with a different unifying theme each year, is unveiled to the public. Recent years have seen the emphasis put on thousands of handcrafted ornaments made by artisans from around the country.



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Advance planning makes each year's celebration a success. The process begins immediately after Christmas with a discussion of that year's successes and failures. Neel Lattimore, Press Secretary to the first lady, explains that the initial discussions even cover the issue of traffic control. Were there bottlenecks in some rooms? Was there something interesting or beautiful to look at during the entire hour?

Thousands of ornaments created by craftspeople throughout the country are among the most beautiful items at a White House Christmas. Each year, White House staff and the first lady decide a central theme around which to base the ornament requests. Says Lattimore, "Artists have always had a place in the White House celebrations, but it's never been done to this extent before. The Clintons like to reach out to America in this way."

Although this year's theme and the



Top: First lady Hillary Clinton plays an instrumental role in planning for the White House Christmas.
Above: This White House greeting card shows a painting of the Blue Room at Christmas by Thomas McKnight. His paintings have adorn the cards for the past years.
Left: More than 100,000 holiday visitors view the official White House tree on display in the Blue Room.
Opposite page: Smaller trees grace the other rooms in the house.

White House Recipes

FRUIT PUNCH

(Makes 1 1/2 gallons)

1 cup sugar
1 1/4 cups fresh lemon juice
1 1/2 cups apricot nectar
2 cups fresh orange juice
3 cups fresh apple cider
1 1/2 cups pineapple juice
2 quarts ginger ale or 1 quart ginger ale and 1 bottle champagne
2 cups cranberry juice
3 ounces grenadine syrup

Mix all ingredients together and serve very cold.

SPICE FRUIT BARS CHRISTMAS COOKIES

(Makes 90 bars)

1 pound sugar
6 1/2 ounces butter
8 ounces molasses
Pinch of salt
1 teaspoon lemon rind
1 teaspoon mace
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 ounce baking soda dissolved in 1/3 cup water
4 eggs
6 cups bread flour
3 ounces sliced almonds
3 ounces currants
2 ounces candied lemon peel
2 ounces candied orange peel

Cream together the first 7 ingredients. Stir in the dissolved baking soda and the eggs. Next, mix in the flour. Then, add the remaining ingredients and mix well. Allow the mixture to rest overnight in refrigerator. Using a number 8 tube, pipe 6 strips of mixture on parchment paper, 4 inches apart. Bake at 350° until firm. Allow to cool. Brush on chocolate and decorate with nonpareil. Yield: 6 strips, each cut into 15 pieces.

SMOKED SALMON WITH PEPPERCORN CRUST AND TARRAGON MUSTARD

(Makes 8 appetizer portions)

1 side of fresh salmon, filleted
Kosher salt

TARRAGON MUSTARD SAUCE:
2 ounces Dijon mustard
6 ounces low-fat sour cream
1 bunch fresh tarragon, chopped

Mix all ingredients. Season to taste. Let stand to blend flavors.

PEPPER MELANGE:
1 tablespoon each rough cracked peppercorns using black, white, pink and Szechwan peppers

You will also need an outside charcoal grill with lid and a double handful of wood chips soaked in water.

Light charcoal in outside grill. Allow to burn down to glowing coals while preparing salmon. Preheat oven to 325°. Lightly season both sides of fillet with kosher salt. Using cracked peppercorns, coat both sides of salmon, pressing pepper into filet well. In a large, nonstick pan, heat a little vegetable oil and sear fillet on both sides for about 2 minutes each. (Cut fillet in half, if necessary.) Place some of the soaked wood chips on top of the hot coals to create smoke. Place this pan inside grill on wire rack with fish. Close grill. When smoke subsides, repeat smoking process. After second time, remove salmon to baking dish and place into 325° oven for 7–10 minutes until just flaky. Remove from heat and cool. Cut into bite-sized squares and serve on platter with sauce on the side.

CHORIZO CORNBREAD STUFFING

Good side dish with turkey or chicken

(Makes 4 servings)

2 teaspoons olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 cup butternut squash, diced into 1/4-inch pieces
1/4 cup carrots, diced into 1/4-inch pieces
2 teaspoons ground cumin
salt and pepper to taste
1/4 cup sundried tomatoes, diced into 1/4-inch pieces
1/2 cup stale cornbread, crumbled
2 tablespoons white bread crumbs
1/4 cup chorizo sausage, cooked, drained and crumbled
1 egg, beaten
1–2 ounces turkey or chicken stock

Preheat oven to 350°. Heat olive oil in pan. Sauté garlic until soft. Add squash and carrots, sautéing until tender. Add cumin, salt and pepper. Add tomatoes and warm, but do not overcook. Set aside to cool. Combine cornbread, bread crumbs and chorizo in a bowl. Add vegetable mixture and using two forks, toss together. Add egg. Toss to mix. Add small amounts of stock, tossing mixture to achieve stuffing consistency. Bake in covered dish in 350° oven for 30 minutes.

Optional preparation: spread stuffing onto turkey scaloppini and roll up, tucking edge under roll. Roast in 350° oven for 25 minutes. Slice and serve.



THE WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Christmas in Washington

A Holiday Tradition Since 1983

Executive Producer **George Stevens, Jr.**
Produced By **Michael Stevens**

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's White House Tour

VTR: Monday, December 8, 1997
11:00A - 12:00P

FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S WHITE HOUSE TOUR

SCRIPT ITEMS ENCLOSED:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1.	Entrance and Welcome
1A.	Reveal of Grand Foyer
2.	Mrs. Clinton Crosses Hall
3.	Reveal of Christmas Tree
3A.	Mrs. Clinton Speaks About Tree
4.	Mrs. Clinton Enters Dining Room
4A.	Mrs. Clinton Speaks About Gingerbread House
5.	President's December 18th Reading

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ENTRANCE AND
WELCOME

(MRS. CLINTON DESCENDS STAIRCASE...
AT FIRST LANDING SHE SPEAKS)

(SUGGESTED COPY)

MRS. CLINTON

Good evening and welcome to the White House.

(AS MRS. CLINTON DESCENDS FINAL THREE STARS)

MRS. CLINTON (CONT'D)

Although this house is the official residence of American Presidents, it really belongs to all of us.

Because so few Americans can make it to our capitol for the holidays each year - and even fewer into the White House - I want to show you some of the season's traditions and special decorations in this beautiful house.

(INTO: REVEAL OF GRAND FOYER)

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REVEAL OF GRAND FOYER

(MRS. CLINTON APPROACHES RE-POSITIONED CAMERA)

(SUGGESTED COPY)

MRS. CLINTON (CONT'D)

The traditions of a White House Christmas are as varied as the families who have lived here. George Washington did not actually live in the White House, and when John Adams moved into the newly finished mansion, he wrote how cold it was that first Christmas.

Just down the hall here from this beautiful foyer, Thomas Jefferson played his violin while his grandchildren danced in the East Room. And much later, John Kennedy and Jackie probably listened to his favorite carol, "Silver Bells", right here as it was played on this lovely grand piano.

(MRS. CLINTON TURNS TO REVEAL PIANO AND PORTRAIT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN BACKGROUND)

MRS. CLINTON (CONT'D)

Benjamin Harrison, in 1889, was the first president to have a Christmas tree in this house. Like all first families who have followed, our Christmas tree is in the Blue Room.

(INTO: MRS. CLINTON CROSSES HALL)

(2)

MRS. CLINTON
CROSSES HALL

(MRS. CLINTON WILL CROSS IN FRONT OF
CAMERA - LEFT TO RIGHT - WHICH WILL BE SHOOTING
TOWARDS THE EAST ROOM)

(INTO: REVEAL OF CHRISTMAS TREE)

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REVEAL OF CHRISTMAS TREE

(MRS. CLINTON ENTERS BLUE ROOM)

(INTO: MRS. CLINTON SPEAKS ABOUT THE TREE)

(3A)

MRS. CLINTON SPEAKS
ABOUT THE TREE

(STANDING BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS TREE)

(OPENING: POSSIBLE SPEAKING POINTS)

I. This Year's Tree: the Details

a) Where from?

b) What kind?

c) How chosen?

II. An Introduction to Christmas Decorations (Historical)

a) Do First Families bring their own?

b) Which families were known for what style decorations?

c) How many visitors get to see them each year?

III. The Clinton Family Decoration Touch (Discussion)

a) What was done to the tree in 1993 or 1994?

b) What was done to the tree in 1995 or 1996?

(MORE)

(3A)

MRS. CLINTON SPEAKS
ABOUT THE TREE
(Cont'd)

(MIDDLE: POSSIBLE SPEAKING POINTS)

I. This Year's Decorations - Background

a) How determined?

b) Why designers?

c) Solicitation Process?

II. This Year's Decorations - Mrs. Clinton Discusses Her Favorites.

a) Example #1

b) Example #2

c) Example #3

(MORE)

(3A)

MRS. CLINTON SPEAKS
ABOUT THE TREE
(Cont'd)

(CONCLUSION: POSSIBLE SPEAKING POINTS)

("SOCKS" MAKES A VISIT.
MRS. CLINTON PICKS HER UP, CONCLUDES)

I. "Socks'" Ornament on Top

II. The Significance of the Skirt at Base of the Tree

III. An Invitation to the Dining Room

(SUGGESTED COPY)

MRS. CLINTON (CONT'D)

One of the joys of Christmas here at the White House are the holiday treats, and there is one culinary tradition in particular that we all look forward to.

(INTO: MRS. CLINTON ENTERS DINING ROOM)

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MRS. CLINTON ENTERS DINING ROOM

(MRS. CLINTON ENTERS FROM HALL)

(INTO: MRS. CLINTON SPEAKS ON GINGERBREAD)

(4A)

MRS. CLINTON SPEAKS ABOUT GINGERBREAD HOUSE

(POSSIBLE SPEAKING POINTS)

I. Introduction to Gingerbread House Tradition (Historical)

II. Presentation of This Year's House & Theme

III. Details of House (e.g. Santa's "Sleigh Phone")

IV. Tour Close (two versions)

Version A: For Live Performance

- Mrs. Clinton offers a personal, family-based anecdote about her holidays here since 1993 and what she's hoping for in 1997.

OR

- Mrs. Clinton wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season, especially all of the boys and girls at Children's Hospital.

Version B: For Television (President's Reading)

a) Transition to how Christmas is really a time for children, even here at the White House.

b) Mrs. Clinton introduces tradition in the Clinton family of the President's reading of "The Night Before Christmas" and how it's become something that school children here in the capitol look forward to each year.

(INTO: PRESIDENT'S DECEMBER 18TH READING)

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PRESIDENT'S
DECEMBER 18TH
READING

- To be taped on December 18th
- Highlights to close the piece

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SAMPLE QUESTIONS
FOR OFF-CAMERA
DISCUSSION FOR VOICE
OVER MATERIAL

1) When was the fist tree put up in the White House?
2) Tell us a little about this year's Christmas Card:
   - Who painted it? Of What?
   - How does it compare to the previous four years?
3) How many tourists visit the White House at Christmas time?
4) What is your favorite White House Christmas story?
   - Historical?
   - Personal?
5) Who created this year's Gingerbread house and what went into the making of it?
6) Could you recount the following anecdotes?
   - Teddy Roosevelt's banning of Christmas trees and how his children went around him and snuck one in.
   - Thomas Jefferson's playing of the violin and how his grandchildren danced to it at a reception.
7) Please tell us about the decorations over the mantles in the Green and Red Rooms.

(MORE)

SAMPLE QUESTIONS
FOR OFF-CAMERA
DISCUSSION FOR VOICE
OVER MATERIAL
(Cont'd)

8) How did the Clinton Family spend their first Christmas in the White House? What will you be doing this year?

9) For all the children out there, what chimney does Santa typically use at the White House?

10) And what is on your wish list this year for you, and the nation?

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CHISTMAS IN WASHINGTON

WHITE HOUSE SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1997

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****EVERYONE WILL NEED PICTURE IDENTIFICATION****

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1997

8:00AM

Southwest gate entry

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8:00AM CHARLES HAYKEL, JAMES DADEY, JENNIFER KOCH, WILLIAM KASSMAN, DONALD HADDOCK, MATTHEW NOWACK, ROBERT DICKINSON, ROBERT BARNHART, ELIZABETH FORSYTHE, and ~~KEITH CARROLL~~ (With Crew Coffee and Doughnuts) arrive at the NORHTWEST GATE. After they are cleared by Secret Service, they proceed to the STATE FLOOR to begin set-up for the 11:00am video taping with THE FIRST LADY.

Note: As approved by GARY WALTERS, the lighting truck that was used for the Kennedy Center Honors video taping, from the previous evening, will remain at the White House overnight in the NORTH PORTICO AREA. It will now be unloaded for our use as well.

8:30AM-11:00AM VIDEO, AUDIO, AND LIGHTING SET-UP ON THE STATE FLOOR

9:15AM ALLAN KARTUN, WILLIAM PHILBIN, GARRY HOOD, MARK MUHEIM, and ALLISON MILLER arrive at the NORTHWEST GATE. After they are cleared, they proceed to the STATE FLOOR.

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11:00AM-12:00PM VIDEO TAPE RECORD WITH THE FIRST LADY

LOCATION 1: Entrance from the second floor stairs and crossing the GRAND FOYER.

LOCATION 2: Crossing the GREAT HALL from the GRAND FOYER to the BLUE ROOM.

LOCATION 3: Walking into the BLUE ROOM and in the BLUE ROOM.

LOCATION 4: Walking down the GREAT HALL from the BLUE ROOM to the Gingerbread House in the STATE DINNING ROOM.

LOCATION 5: Walking through various Rooms.

12:00PM-1:00PM B-ROLL VIDEO TAPE RECORD (Without THE FIRST LADY)

12:00PM Crew not involved with the B-Roll segment strikes equipment and departs via NORTHWEST GATE.

1:00PM-2:00PM STRIKE ALL EQUIPMENT. All crew departs via NORTHWEST GATE as soon as strike is completed. MICHAEL COLBERT drives mini van with audio, video, and coffee equipment and MATTHEW NOWAK drives lighting truck out through the NORTHWEST GATE.
*NOTE: Video tapes will go to HENNIGER-CAPITOL VIDEO, 2121 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Suite 101, Attn: Mary Clifford (PH: 202-965-7800) to be transferred from DigiBeta to Beta SP. Also, all of the audio, video, and coffee equipment will be brought to the Production Office at the National Building Museum.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1997

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NORTHWEST GATE

CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON CREW VEHICLES

639-0165

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1997

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL ARRIVE AT THE NORTHWEST GATE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1997. AS APPROVED BY GARY WALTERS, THESE VEHICLES WILL PARK IN THE NORTH PORTICO AREA. ALSO, THE LIGHTING TRUCK FROM THE KENNEDY CENTER HONORS RECEPTION ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, HAS BEEN APPROVED BY GARY WALTERS TO REMAIN OVERNIGHT IN THE NORTH PORTICO AREA. THIS TRUCK WILL ALSO BE USED FOR THE CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON VIDEO TAPING. ALL DRIVERS SECURITY INFORMATION IS ON PREVIOUS PAGES.

through south west gate

1998 Silver Dodge Caravan
(Crew/Video Equipment Van)
Driver: Michael Colbert
VA tag# VET-3261

Arrives: 8:00AM
Parks in North Portico.
until load-out.

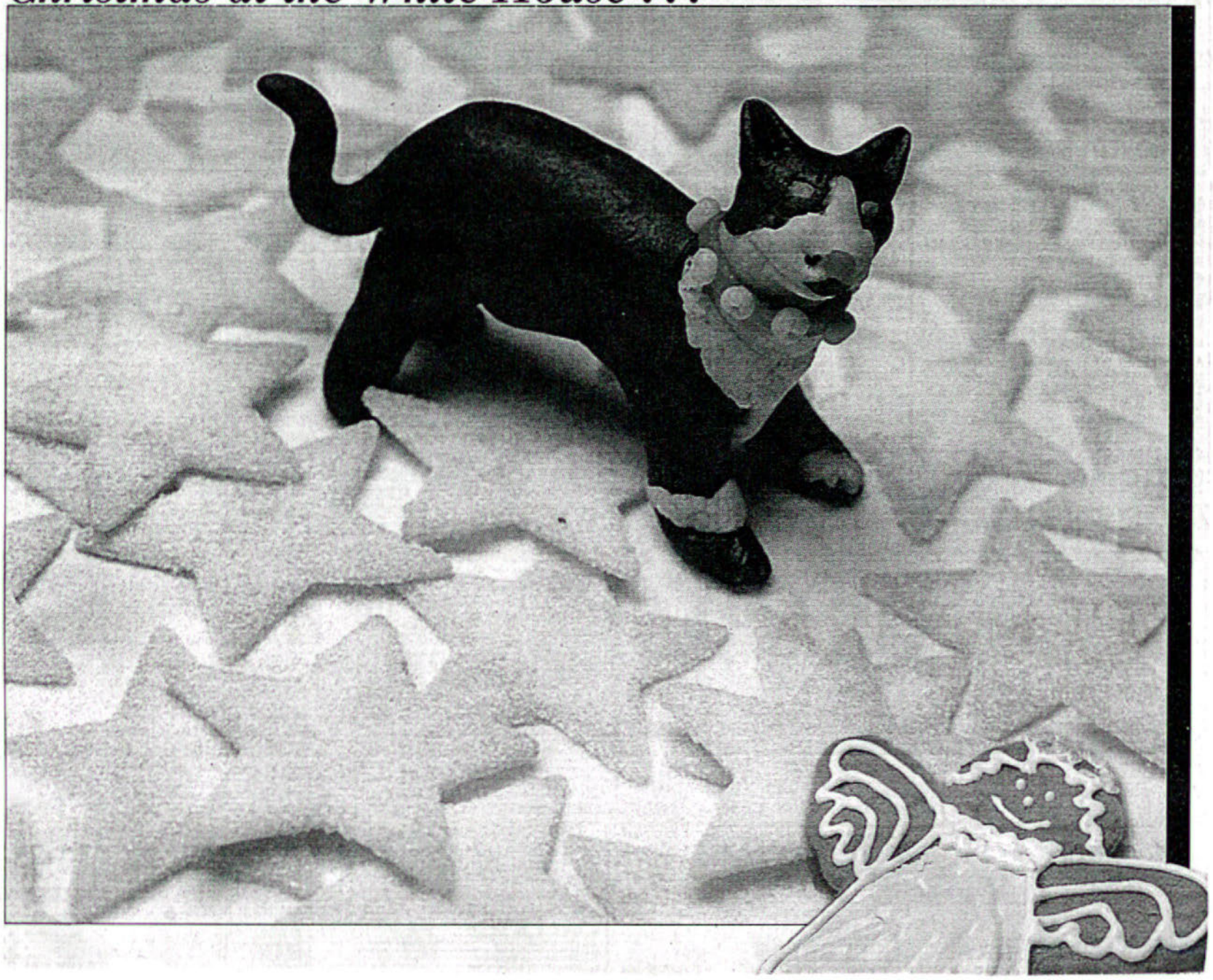
1998 Silver Volvo Station Wagon
(Dwight Hemion)
Driver: Keith Carroll
MD tag# EVY-866

Arrives: 9:15AM
Parks in North Portico
until end of video taping.

1997 Taupe GMC Jimmy
(George Stevens)
Driver: Amanda Key
MD tag# MO 37589

Arrives: 10:15
Parks in North Portico
until end of taping.

Christmas at the White House . . .



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All the President's Gingerbread Men

Tarts & Truffles & Tales of Baking 80,000 Sweets

By Candy Sagon
Washington Post Staff Writer

Remember wa-a-ay back in June, when most people were buying bathing suits and stocking up on suntan lotion? That's when White House pastry chef Roland Mesnier began baking for Christmas.

That's right, June. As First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton explained at the unveiling of the White House Christmas tree earlier this month, one of the biggest shocks of her first year in the White House was learning how early Christmas preparations must begin.

Chief Usher "Gary Walters came to me in mid-June and said it was getting very late for planning Christmas. I couldn't believe it," she recalled.

Believe it. Although this year a cost-conscious White House has cut back by a third on the number of holiday parties and receptions it is hosting, Mesnier and his longtime assistant, Franette McCulloch, still must bake for nearly six months to provide the 80,000 nibble-size pieces of cake and cookies for the hordes of guests invited to the president's house this month. (And that's in addition to the hundreds of gallons of eggnog, thousands of boiled shrimp and dozens and dozens of platters of grilled vegetable torte, steamed buns with red curried chicken, sushi rolls and other canapes from chef Walter Scheib.)

So how do Mesnier and McCulloch keep up the Christmas spirit for six months? Like this:

Ho ho ho, 250 fruitcakes into the refrigerator by July.

On, Donner! On, Blitzen! On 2,500 gingerbread cookies by the dog days of August.

Better not pout, better just keep baking those 20,000 brownies, macaroons, pecan diamonds, hazelnut butter crescents, sables, German leckerle, linzer cookies and fruit bars by September.

Yes, Virginia, there *are* 70 loaves of panettone; 180 pumpkin, applesauce and passionfruit cakes; 100 coconut

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White House holidays, clockwise from left: A marzipan Socks parades through sugar cookies (can a chocolate Lab be far behind?); a tree of chocolate dusted with green sugar; Franette McCulloch, left, with master chef Roland Mesnier; a sea of marzipan poinsettias and a blithe gingerbread angel.

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It's a Piece of Cake . . .

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sheet cakes; 250 three-foot bûche de Noël logs; mountains of chocolate truffles; and literally thousands of tiny raspberry tartlets, mini-savarins, baby blackberry- and raspberry-mousse cakes and petits fours glazed with fondant or frangipane buttercream with hand-piped icing wreaths or candles by November.

Plus, 11 lords a-leaping, the 80 pounds of gingerbread and 40 pounds of chocolate, icing and marzipan needed for the annual White House gingerbread house, unveiled two weeks ago.

Oh, and a bunch of fresh fruit platters in a pear tree.

And remember—this is an easy year. A piece of cake, as it were. Says Mesnier, "Last year, we made 120,000 pieces."

But what's 40,000 goodies one way or another when you've done this 18 times? And Mesnier has. He was hired in 1979 after just one interview with former First Lady Rosalyn Carter and has remained the White House's sultan of sweets through four presidents. Obviously, he's skilled at more than just pastry.

Says one chef who often helps Mesnier during state occasions, "Roland's famous for anticipating his employer's needs. His antennas are always out. Even before Clinton was nominated the first time—when it just looked like he might be the next president—Roland was already trying to find out what he liked to eat."

Many, both inside and outside 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, consider the stocky 52-year-old Frenchman a national treasure, as much for his show-stopping desserts as for his obliging nature and infectious enthusiasm.

"He's always calm, never flustered, never loses his temper," says well-known D.C. pastry chef Ann Amernick, who worked with Mesnier in 1980 and 1981. Amernick, who now makes desserts for Cashion's Eat Place in Adams-Morgan, calls her time with him "an experience of a lifetime.

"He's a perfectionist. A job isn't over until it's done right. We worked very hard, but he's also very funny. We had a lot of fun," Amernick remembers.

"He's like a big kid," agrees McCulloch, glancing at him fondly during an interview in the cramped White House pastry kitchen. He's so enthusiastic, she adds, that she has to caution him against revealing ahead of time the secret theme to this year's gingerbread house.

"See," says Mesnier with a mischievous grin, holding up a marzipan Santa Claus, "here is Santa Claus talking on his cell phone—we call it a sleigh phone—to a very important person. But I can't tell you who," he adds coyly.

A week later Mrs. Clinton reveals to a crowd of 300 reporters that the house's secret theme is Santa's workshop, and Mesnier, happy as a kid showing off a new toy, explains that the Cell Phone Santa perched on the roof of the workshop is talking to President Clinton, "asking his permission to take Socks with him on his rounds." A marzipan Socks peeks out of Santa's bag of gifts. (Later on Mesnier jokes that next year he may have to add a chocolate dog to the house in honor of the president's new chocolate-colored Labrador puppy.)

Anyone who doubts Mesnier's charm should watch the effect his French accent, big smile and good-natured jokes have on a room full of jaded reporters, all of whom can't help but laugh when he describes the "six months of fun" he and McCulloch had cutting 80 pounds of gingerbread with a band saw (really) and mortaring the slabs together with "chocolate insulation."

Despite his lightheartedness, Mesnier is nothing but serious when it comes to the details of his art.

For the gingerbread house, for instance, he's adamant that everything on it be completely natural. "We don't cheat and use cardboard or a wood frame," he stresses. He draws up blueprints for the house, calculating its weight and the support the pieces will need, and then he makes gingerbread shims and supports to hold it all upright, with chocolate to cement the pieces in place.

"Roland has a good mind for engineering," explains McCulloch, who calls herself the aesthetic one. "I say 'I don't like that color' and he changes it."

The two of them have worked together for the past 15 years, since McCulloch took one of Mesnier's pastry classes at L'Academie de Cuisine in Bethesda.

Slender, with blue eyes and a penchant for bright pink nail polish, McCulloch admits that before the class she wasn't all that interested in pastry. Now she's passionate about it.

"To come up with a delicious recipe, you have to be a dreamer," she says, gesturing with her hands for emphasis. "You have to daydream and visualize what it should look like. It's not uncommon for me to wake up in the middle of the night and have solved the problem of making some dessert."

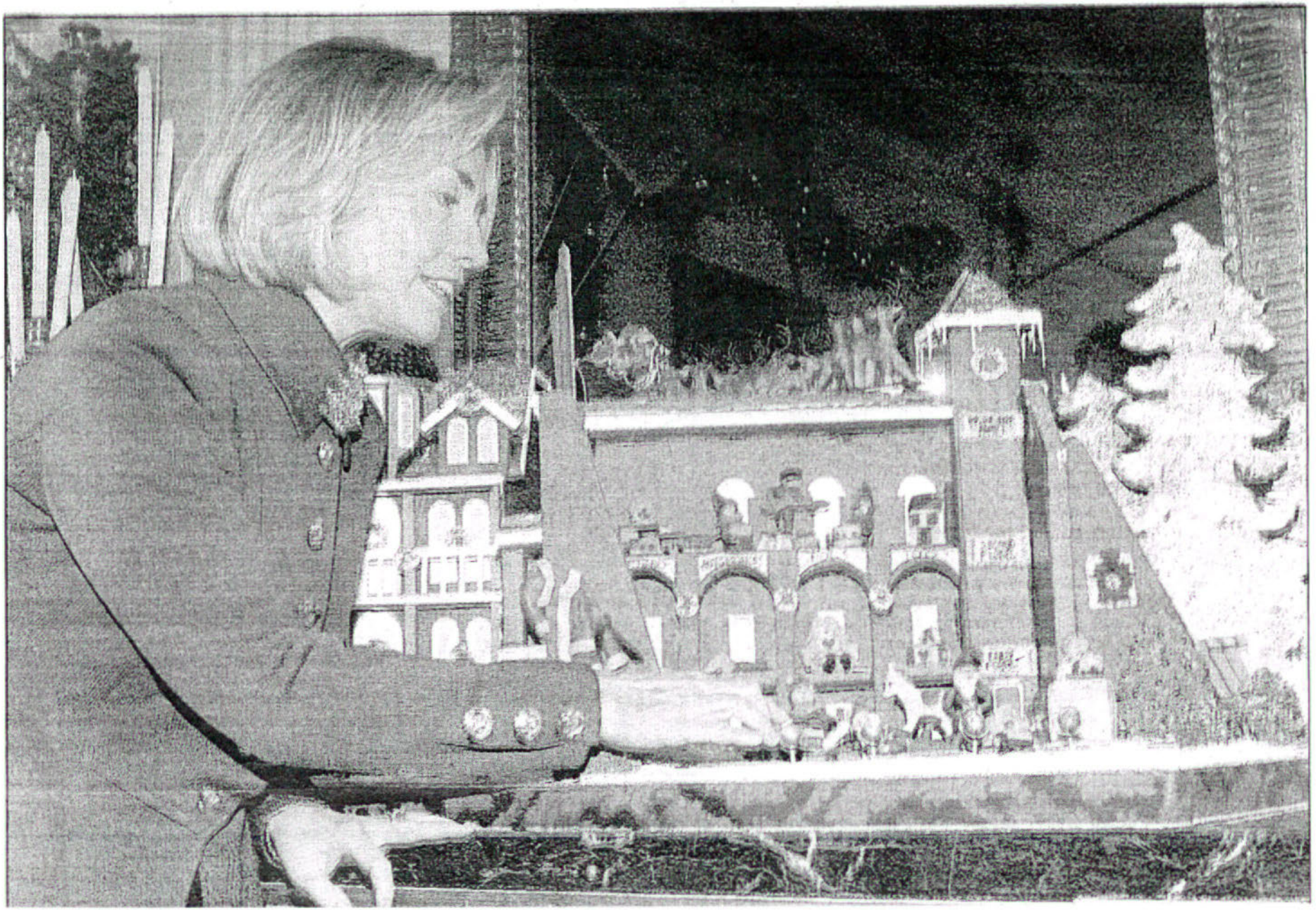
Together, Mesnier and McCulloch have made such dreamy desserts as miniature pulled-sugar produce crates painted with food coloring to resemble wood and filled with green and white "asparagus" made from sher-

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HOUSE CHRISTMAS

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FIRST LADY Hillary Rodham Clinton (opposite page) admires 80-pound gingerbread house by White House pastry chef. A stuffed version of Socks the Cat (l.) tops the tree at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. The intricately decorated tree dwarfs the First Lady (top). Above, 1997 commemorative ornament.

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First Pair, staff elves outdo selves in devotion to a Claus

By CHRISENA COLEMAN and KATHY KIELY
Daily News Staff Writers

WASHINGTON — AND YOU think *you* have a lot of holiday chores.

How would you like to have to decorate 36 Christmas trees, untangle 47,950 lights, string 1,348 feet of pine garland, tie 1,464 bows, hang 244 wreaths, bake 80,000 pieces of cake and cookies, whip up 250 gallons of eggnog and address 300,000 cards?

Welcome to Santa's workshop south. Address: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

"I love Christmas. It's a great time of year," First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton enthused Wednesday, as she led reporters on the annual press preview of White House Christmas decorations.

Behind her, a corps of White House staffers and volunteers, looking a bit worse for wear after a week of nearly round-the-clock trimming, smiled. Once again, they had pulled off their annual bit of holiday magic.

The East Room, where President Clinton holds his press conferences, is a forest of Christmas trees aglow with burgundy ribbons and oversize gold balls. Fireplace mantels are topped with New York designer Christopher Radko's miniatures of Santa and his elves, getting ready for the big day.

It's hard to say which is the pièce de résistance. Is it the 80-pound gingerbread house that White House pastry chef Roland Mesnier used blueprints to build and 10 pounds of chocolate goo to cement together? Or is it the spectacular Blue Room tree, topped with a "Socks in the Box" in honor of the First Cat and hung with 103 tiny, new Mr. and Mrs. Claus outfits that the First Lady commissioned from top designers?

"Some of them are a bit over the top," Hillary Clinton acknowledged.

Did she mean that plaid Bill Blass suit? James Purcell's orange satin number lined in fuschia? Oscar de la Renta's red plaid hunting jacket with toggle buttons and shearling collar? Richard Tyler's silver lizard skin suit?

Hillary — who showed up for her tour in a seasonal but sensible emerald green tunic accented by a glittery Christmas tree brooch — wasn't saying.

As for the red-velvet underwire bikini top and matching high-cut panty designed for Santa's wife by Los Angeles' Robin Piccone, the First Lady promised: "Mrs. Claus is going to start her diet right after Christmas."

Hillary said holiday preparations were launched last June, when volunteers nationwide began to create bows, ornaments and needlepoint designs for the White House.

But the Christmas chores are not quite wrapped up for the Clintons, who enjoy decorating their private residence themselves. This year, they'll wait for their daughter, Chelsea, a freshman at California's Stanford University, to return.

"Having her home will be special," Hillary said. "We will do some Christmas shopping and see some friends."

The President has a ritual of unwrapping ornaments with the First Daughter and quibbling about their placement on the tree, she said.

"Then my family starts coming in, and they help. It's something we like to do as a family," Hillary added.

But before the Clintons welcome their daughter, they will greet about 7,500 partygoers — mostly Washington insiders and political donors — expect-



AN ELF and reindeer decoration in the Green Room.

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ed to attend 15 White House soirees this holiday season.

On the menu: 18,000 pieces of shrimp, 250 gallons of potent eggnog, fruitcake, baby lamb chops and an assortment of homemade cookies, chocolate truffles, fruit tarts, and petits fours.

"We love parties" Hillary said. "Who's counting" the number of gatherings? she asked.

The Democratic National Committee is counting. The group, which finances the festivities, cut the number of celebrations from 22 to 15 and whittled the budget by $100,000 from last year.

Still, the $300,000 the cash-strapped DNC is coughing up for parties hardly qualifies as an austerity budget, especially when compared with Christmases past.

The first Christmas at the White House was celebrated by John Adams, who had just lost the 1800 election, and his family amid the wet plaster walls and half-open roof of the unfinished mansion.

And as recently as Dwight Eisenhower's administration, according to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's book "White House Christmas," Presidents had to cadge booze for their holiday parties from the U.S. Treasury Department's caches of confiscated bootleg liquor.

In the early days of the nation, White House Christmas celebrations were relatively intimate affairs for Presidents and their families.

But in recent years, the White House has become a holiday showcase. Between the private parties and the beefed-up schedule of public tours, chief usher Gary Walters estimated 160,000 people will see the White House in its 1997 Christmas splendor.

It also offers a prime opportunity for hundreds of artists to display their creations. More than 500 needlepointers and glassblowers accepted the First Lady's invitation to provide ornaments for this year's Christmas trees.

"I still remember the day I received the letter in the mail from the White House," said Ernest Porcelli of Brooklyn, one of 195 glass artists who was commissioned to make ornaments for the Blue Room tree. "I was in shock. . . . I still am."

Porcelli said his two ornaments are 6 inches in diameter. One has gold and red dots with "1997" blown into it; the other has a snowflake theme.

He had to agree not to make duplicates of the ornaments he crafted for the First Tree, but Porcelli doesn't mind.

"When you are invited to do work for the White House, you just go with the flow," he said from his Union Street studio. "It's an honor to have my work on display at the White House."

Tour the trimmings

You don't have to be a political bigwig or deep-pocketed donor to see the White House decorations firsthand. But you do have to be willing to stand in line.

The White House visitors center opens at 7 a.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays to distribute about 4,500 free tickets to that day's public tours, which run from 10 a.m. until noon. Tickets are handed out on a first-come, first-served basis, and each person in line may claim up to four.

The tickets usually go fast, so come early.

Before your tour starts, you can while away the time by walking behind the White House to see the national Christmas tree on the Ellipse. It's a 40-foot live Colorado spruce, surrounded by 56 smaller trees — one for each state and territory.

In keeping with a holiday tradition, the White House also will offer special "candlelight tours" from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 26, 27 and 29. No tickets are necessary and anyone standing in line by 7 p.m. is promised a tour, but waits of up to two hours are common, so come prepared.

Kathy Kiely



ALL WHITE HOUSE Christmas decorations are originals.

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Washington: Comeback Kid of cities tries again

By Don Shannon
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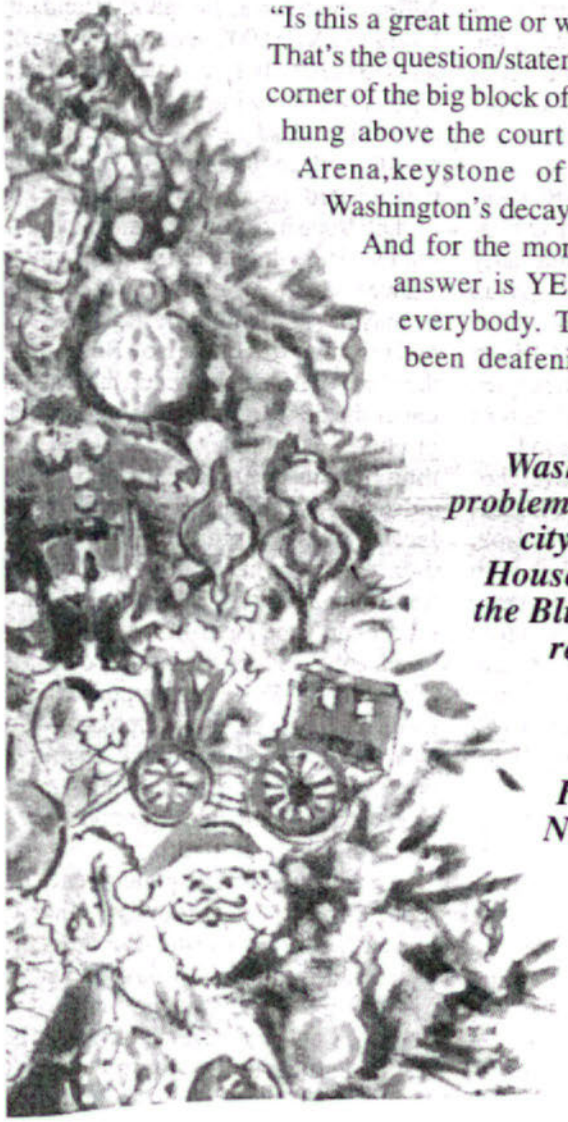
"Is this a great time or what?"

That's the question/statement written on the corner of the big block of television screens hung above the court of the new MCI Arena,keystone of the rebirth of Washington's decayed downtown.

And for the moment, at least, the answer is YESSS from almost everybody. The applause has been deafening for the $200 million stroke of faith by Abe Pollin, who brought his Wizards and Caps in from the sticks while the late crybaby Jack Kent Cook picked up his Redskins and left town because he couldn't get hi name on a new stadium here.

The success of the new arena, a world class sports facility i the heart of Washington, is comparable to the cultural impact o opening the Kennedy Center in a town that previously stage roadshow performances of the Metropolitan Opera in a movi theater. This year, for the first time, JFK wrapped itself in re ribbon like a giant Christmas present to the new city.

When the crowd spills out of the Arena after a game, there ar pedestrians on downtown sidewalks after dark virtually for the first time since the streetcars stopped running four decades ago What those pedestrians are seeing after they leave the brightly li facades of Pollin's palace, however, is a textbook picture of ur ban distress. The boarded-up storefronts of F Street, once the Capital's premium shopping center, may look particularly de pressing—but help is on the way. One step already taken is the reopening of the street in front of the National Portrait Gallery,



Washington has its problems, but no other city has the White House. By tradition, the Blue Room is the residence of the official tree. This year, it's an 18'6" Fraser fir from North Carolina, left.

Drawing of 1997 White House Blue Room Christmas tree for Georgetown & Country by Lily Spandorf

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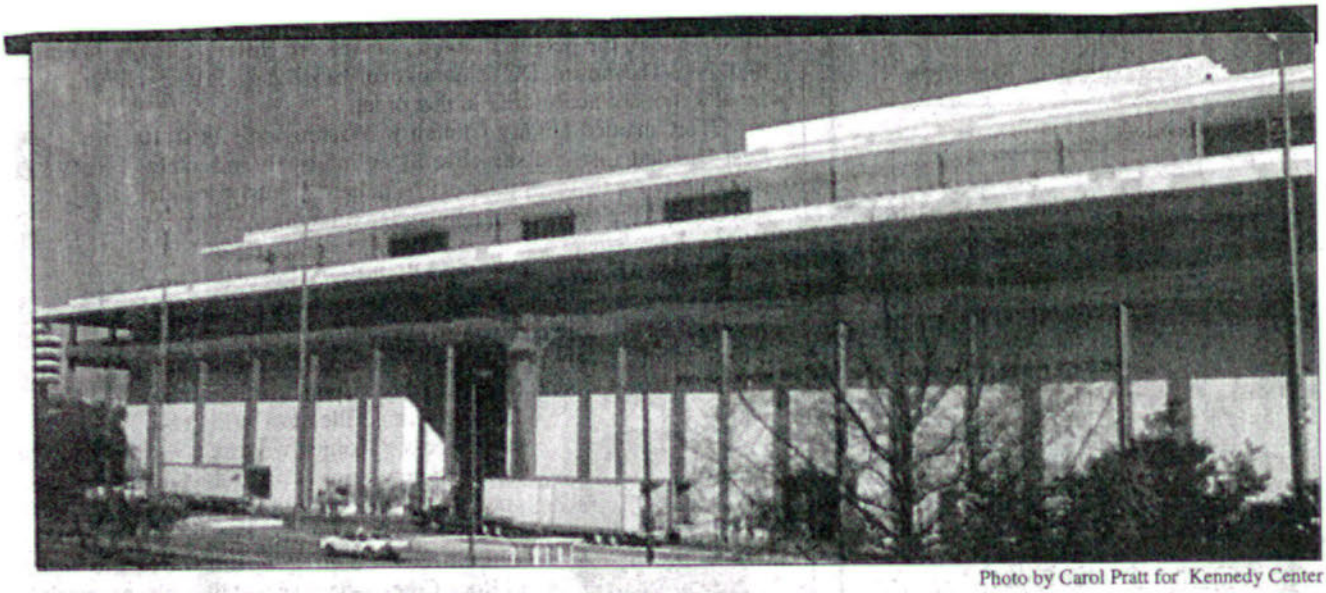


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Dressed for Success: Kennedy Center, once called the "Kleenex box" by a New York Times art critic, is now a gift box, for the first time decorated for the holidays.

where a landscaped pedestrian mall had simply become a home for the homeless like a similar space on G Street NW, in front of the Martin Luther King library. The reopening of F Street instantly improved access to the Arena and gave Washingtonians new hope that the easy passage of the presidential limousine on opening night might have caused Mr. Clinton to consider lifting the roadblock on Pennsylvania Ave imposed by the Secret Service.

Just three blocks west, the old Woodward & Lothrop department store offers another revival opportunity, with the unveiling of a new plan by the Washington Opera for the site.

Purchase of the building last year by philanthropist Betty Brown Casey produced an initial design which shoehorned the auditorium, stage and auxiliary facilities into the existing structure. Now, however, a new proposal by the prestigious firm of Pei, Cobb, Freed and Partners envisions razing part of the old store to make room for a domed auditorium and a grander entrance,

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plus totally new adjunct spaces which could not be accommodated inside the box of the old Woodies.

Changing the plan doubles the original estimate of $100 million for the preparation of a new home for the opera, but Georgetown lawyer Max Berry, heading the fund-raising, is undaunted. With about $50 million committed in his first month's search, he's looking for big donors both nationally and internationally. Patricia Mossel, general manager of the Washington Opera, told GT&C in an interview last year that being in the capital "enables us to go to donors nationally and internationally."

To which Berry adds: "Will a country or a corporation or some elderly person think it's worth $100 million to have their name stamped forever on the auditorium of the world's best opera house, in the capital of the free world? We'll see."

Besides the money, the expanded plan presents other problems. Building arcades over some of the surrounding sidewalks to gain space above will require zoning approval, and demolition of even part of the landmarked original Woodies building could incur serious opposition from preservationists..

To the north of the Arena, another vital element of the central revival has already aroused sharp controversy. This is the projected new and larger Convention Center on the 3-block Mount Vernon tract adjoining the old main library, once designated as a downtown campus of the University of the District of Columbia. The mega-building, which would require the permanent closing of yet another street, sparked immediate opposition from the surrounding community, which saw the project as dooming any hope for continuing rehabilitation of the substantial but dilapidated housing in the area.

Strong objections have come from other quarters, as well. The Committee of 100 on the Federal City, the city's foremost private planning group, organized a task force of architects and planners who denounced almost every feature of the proposal, from its cost ($650 million) to the lack of any opportunity for future expansion despite its mammoth size. The critics pointed to a larger, less costly site near the Conrail tracks just north of Union station, where rail transport could replace much of the truck traffic rated as a major negative at the chosen location. No residential uses exist near the alternate site to be adversely impacted by what truck traffic might still be necessary.

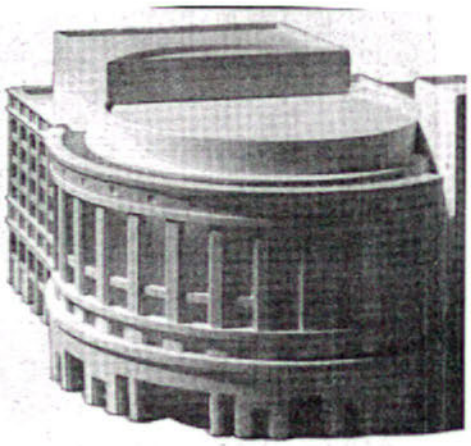
"The trend in convention center design is toward one floor," warned Tersh Boasberg, committee chairman. "The Mount Vernon site will have to be built on 2 floors to get 700,000 square feet of exhibit space and some cities already have that on one floor while other cities are building bigger centers, so that this design would be obsolescent before it was completed."

Despite the opposition, the convention center board is pushing for construction to begin early in the new year, confident that once the project gets under way, critics will be silenced just as were those who objected to the location of the Arena in violation of the L'Enfant plan, the grid laid down by the French designer of the capital.

While many Washingtonians fret over the

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Design for world-class Opera House would replace old Woodie's store.

decline of the old retail core, most now accept a future city center dedicated to a mix of office and government buildings, entertainment, hotels and restaurants, in-town residential area and retail that is more specialized than mass market. Symbolizing the change in progress is the adaptation of the old Garfinckels, an upscale department store which once anchored 14th and F Sts and is now being rebuilt as offices with ground floor shops. Efforts to interest national department store operators failed and Washington appears to be left with a single downtown department store as all others fled to the free parking of the suburbs.

Although it may add little to street life, the colossal Ronald Reagan building at 14th and E streets fills an eyesore gap in the vast Federal Triangle stretching from 8th to 15th streets along the south side of Pennsylvania Ave. As it nears completion, the bedraggled John Wilson District Building, now surrounded by the Reagan structure, is undergoing a long overdue rehabilitation.

Much remains to be done before the "shining city on the hill" evoked by Reagan in an inaugural speech but otherwise ignored by him and later recalled by House Speaker Newt Gingrich and more recently, President Bill Clinton—each gave a little attention to the capital—becomes a reality. A new stirring is certainly discernible, however, in contrast with the late 1980's when a boom went bust, leaving empty lots and "see through" office buildings in much of the old downtown east of 14th.

Whether the trend will carry through to broader schemes like the plan unveiled by a mayoral task force last year is highly problematical. The group, led by Georgetown developer Herbert S. Miller, proposed new museums for children, music and sports to be added to the existing museums in the area between Pennsylvania Ave and N St. east of 12th to 1st streets. The plan even included a "World Sports stadium" built partly above Highway 395 as it emerges from its tunnel beneath the Mall to join New York Ave. No cost estimates were supplied by the task force, nor were any suggestions made for financing the plan.

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