The War Against Parents

Sylvia Ann Hewlett and Cornell West

"Mothers and fathers are entitled to time for their children, economic security, a pro-family electoral system, a pro-family legal structure, a supportive external environment, honor and dignity." These are the key points to a parents' bill of rights that is the culmination of this fine and insightful book. I agree with Jonathon Kozol, "parents everywhere will find it healing and restorative." I am a parent who's bumped up against social structures that denigrate parenting while offering words of praise and adulation for parents. This book gives me great hope. Buy a copy and, after reading it, pass it on to another parent. 300 pp. $24 (cloth).WAP

Invested in the Common Good

Susan Meeker-Lowry

This is as much a how-to and reference book as it is a compassionate plea for both re-evaluating and restructuring our current economic system. Susan includes several profiles of alternative systems and structures currently working, from Community Supported Agriculture to local currencies to community organizing. This is an essential book. 258 pages. $17. ICG

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A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest

Lynne Cherry and Mark J. Plotkin

Based on a true story, this children's story affirms a shaman's wisdom of the healing properties of native plants. We have much to learn from the World Community, this books helps our children open up to other knowledges. 30 pp. $16. SHAMAN

Guide to World Hunger Organizations

Volume II

Michael Williamson, editor

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Leslie Baker, illustrator

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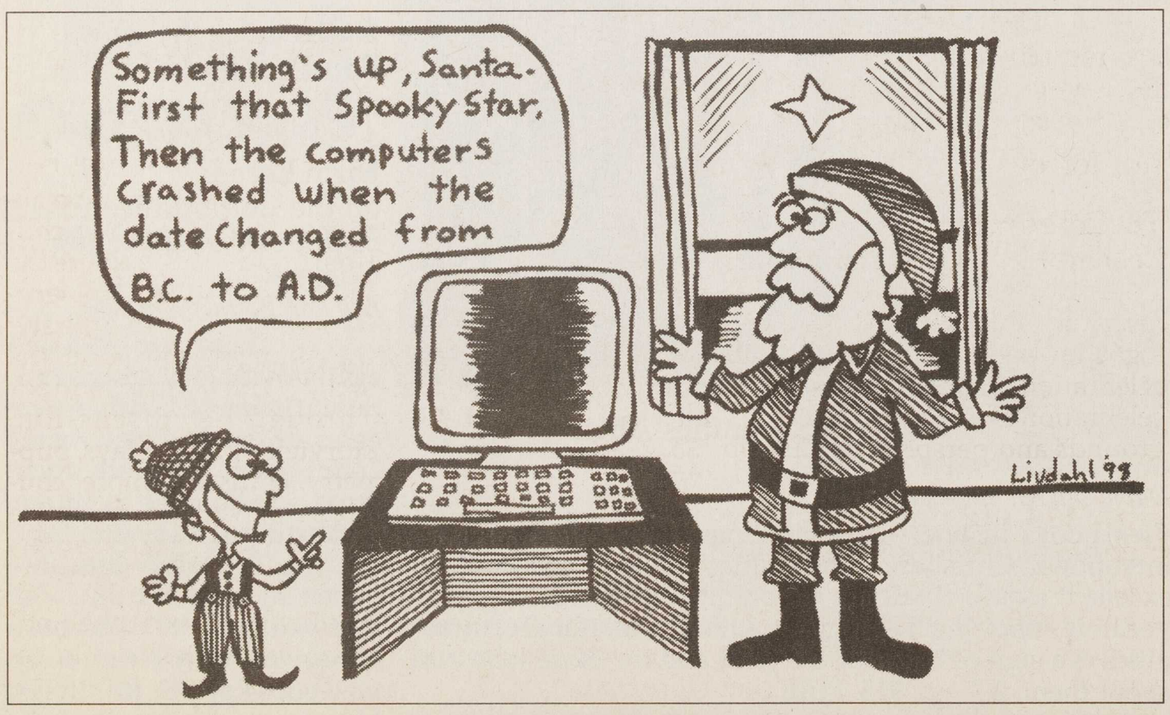

Celebrating

The Alternative Wedding Book

Create a Beautiful Wedding That Reflects Your Values And Doesn't Cost the Earth

When a couple is bombarded by consumer, cultural and family pressures to have the "perfect" wedding, their wedding can become a social event rather than a significant religious and personal celebration. This resource offers engaged couples, clergy and others involved in planning weddings practical advice and personal stories from people who chose to incorporate their values into their ceremony and celebrations.

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Searching America for New Tradtions That Fill Us

Meg Cox

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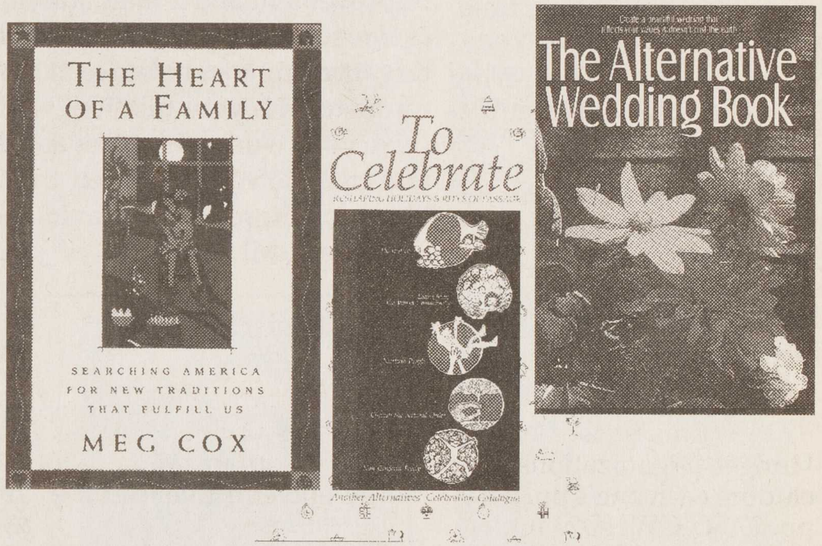

"Eat, drink and be merry... 'cause this is all there is. The guy who dies with the most toys, wins," says Consumo.

"There's enough for everyone's need, but not for everyone's greed," says Alternatives.

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Ashley Nedeau-Owen

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Phyllis Vos Wezeman and Colleen Aalsburg Wiessner

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