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Holiday Traditions at the ALC

By Cruz Perez-Solis

I went around the ALC and asked everyone what their families or they do as tradition to the holidays of December and here are their answers.

Jayson's family makes cake every year for Christmas and they share it with their neighbors. While Nolan's family has an old fire alarm that every year goes off during Christmas time; it's probably saying let's open the presents already. While over at Eli's house his family loves to play a game where you wrap multiple smalls gifts in a ball with cling wrap and most times the game is played with gloves or oven mittens, and a pair of dice. My family also plays this game. Its tons of fun and very exciting.

Both Hayden's and Jake's families play a game called "dirty bingo." Another fun activity my family loves to play on the holiday. Sabryna's family would go and eat tacos at her grandparents' house for the holiday, I'm sure there's a variety to choose from. Trent's house has Hersey pudding, and he says they always have to make more. Josh and his family eat Christmas lunch, open presents, play games and listen to music the rest of the day. A pretty normal Christmas hang out and have fun with music in the background. enjoy the little things.

Quinton tells me that his family takes little plastic presents and tosses them on the Christmas tree. It's almost like a game of darts, I wonder if they have a point system. Using different rows of lights as various point ranges; that'd be really interesting. Mick's family go to their family's to have dinner and watch the movie "the Polar Express." That movie is one of my favourite movies to watch on Christmas day. did you know that there's an elf in the film who's legs and arms weren't moving during the moment when all the children got off the train?

Christian and his family go out to eat and watch old Christmas movies for the holiday, nothing to special but, still fun and spending time with the family. On Christmas Eve, Angeli and her family open one present. Just one, any more than that is not allowed. There are unspoken rules for Christmas and that's one of them. They then go to Sparta, Wisconsin to go to visit her family. There is a table full of food and come Christmas Day they open all the presents and stockings. Then go to spend time with immediate family.

Me? Well I wake up get dressed, take my allergy medicine, brush my teeth, play music. Ok let's be serious now; a bit of everything. Visit family, go to see a movie if everyone agrees, have a feast of food on the table and eat until everyone is full. We then open the presents one by one because the moms want as many pictures as possible. I believe the record for our family was 53 pictures of one person opening presents. In the morning I'm excited to eat and listen to music and watch movies all day, and then my day goes just a bit sour when it's time for pictures. Other than that my family also paints and does karaoke and we even play games like dirty bingo, the cling wrap ball of presents and sometimes go to the classic board games like Monopoly or Sorry.

Cling ball gifts: Usually played with more than 3+ players. Everyone can buy a couple of cheap small gifts, and the they get wrapped into one big ball with cling wrap.

Here's how the game works:

Take two dice, your ball of presents and a pair of oven mittens or fuzzy gloves.

Give one person the ball and then start!

One person puts on the mittens and starts unwrapping the ball to uncover the gifts.

The next person in the circle starts rolling the dice. They roll until they get doubles at which point the ball and mittens pass to them.

Keep going until all of the cling wrap is unwrapped, and see who gets the most gifts!

Dirty bingo: This is just one of many popular holiday party games. All you are going to need are the following (and remember that this is just a fun game so don't get to angry or upset if someone takes your present):

Any type of bingo cards

Bingo markers

Bag or bingo wheel

Inexpensive or gag gifts

People to play the game

All you need to do is have someone who pulls and says the numbers/pictures/or word and you mark what was said. The first person who gets a BINGO gets to pick the present that they want, and the game continues the next BINGO chooses their present, and so on, until finally everyone has a present.

Now here comes the fun part! Don't erase the cards; keep going until someone gets another BINGO. Now that person can then take a new present or they can take the present of another player. When my family plays there's a limit to how many times one present can be taken, and that limit is two to three times, but some families have no limits and presents can be swapped until the game is over..

Hersey pudding recipe: remember if you want more than the recipes serve then just double everything, the recipe below is the same one from https://www.hersheys.com/kitchens/en_us/recipes/quick-creamy-chocolate-pudding.html. I made some of the pudding myself at home and let me tell you that it is amazing.

2/3 cup sugar

1/4 cup HERSHEY'S Cocoa

3 tablespoons cornstarch

1/4 teaspoon salt

2-1/4 cups milk

2 tablespoons butter or margarine

1 teaspoon vanilla extract



First, Stir together sugar, cocoa, cornstarch and salt in medium saucepan; gradually stir in milk. Second, Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils; boil and stir 1 minute. Remove from heat; stir in butter and vanilla. Pour into individual dessert dishes. To avoid a skin from forming on top, press plastic wrap directly onto surface; serve warm or refrigerate at least 2 hours. Garnish with whipped topping, if desired. Third and finally, enjoy!

How to Build a Snowman

By Liniquer Perez

A classic Christmas favorite is building a snowman. People young and old love getting out and putting a snowman up in the yard for anyone driving by to see. Maybe you've never made one before, or maybe you just need a refresher, but either way, here are the basic steps to building a snowman:

1. You have to find a nice, big, snowy place where you can work. Make sure the snow is easily packed. Keep in mind, that the fewer leaves and twigs, the cleaner your snowman will be. You may want it looking good, so you can put the snowman in front of your house so that the people who pass by your house look at it

2. Form a handful of snow into a ball and pack hard. Roll the ball on the ground, accumulating more and more snow as you grow. Keep it tightly rolled as this will be the lower part of the body.



This snowman is about as classic as classic can be!

3. Make another smaller snowball for the center section and lift it carefully so that it does not break the snow. You may need two people to pick up the snowball and put it into position.

4. Reduce the size of the ball again for the head and place it on top.



Teacher Chloe Pittelko's son Arlo proves that even imperfect snowmen can still be cute!

5. When the three parts are in place, pack some snow to help them stick together. If your snowman falls, you can use some rocks or a stick to hold it together.

6. Give your snowman a face! Use coal, rocks or big buttons for the eyes. The time-honored tradition of using a carrot as the nose is foolproof. A row of pebbles or a curved twig works nicely as a mouth. And remember, your snowman doesn't have to be smiling.

7. If you want to, tie a scarf around its neck, so that the snowman looks very good.

8. Top your snowman off with a hat. Maybe it's a knit beanie, a bucket or the traditional black top hat — anything works. Just make sure to secure it to the head so it doesn't blow off in the wind.

9. Create small arms with extra snow or fallen branches. You could have your snowman hold a shovel or something that you have in your house to give it a little extra personality. Add any other decorations you want to make your snowman your own!

BIG Events of 2018

By Cruz Perez-Solis

2018 is coming to an end, so it's getting to the point where we can look at the year as a whole and wrap up the things that happened. To start off, a lot of good things happened this year! We saw happy events on local levels and global scales. Here are a few of the notable things that happened..,

The Good

4. The royal wedding. Prince Harry married American actress Meghan Markle at the Windsor Castle in the English county of Berkshire, UK. A beautiful site to see and I bet a grand and exciting wedding!

3. Prince William the Duke of Cambridge, and his wife Catherine the Duchess of Cambridge had their third child in April this year. The child has been named, Prince Louis Arthur Charles.

2. The movies *Avengers' Infinity War*, *Black Panther*, *Venom* and the *Ant-man & Wasp* came out and had positive reviews, filled the internet and



cinemas with excitement, plus hilarious memes flooded social media within days. Bonus fact: Zendaya took 300 kids from her hometown to see the movie the *Black Panther*.

1. The 4th instalment to the Avengers movies has released its trailer. *Avengers: Endgame*, will be releasing April 26, 2019. It'll be a huge jumpstart to open up the Marvel Cinematic Universe possibly even introducing character from Marvel owned by Sony and Fox. I hope it'll be the greatest movie surpassing its predecessor *Avengers: Infinity War*!

Unfortunately, with the good comes the bad, and 2018 is no exception. While there were tons of happy moments, there were some less than happy ones as well. Here's a look at some of the bad things that we saw happen this year.

The Bad

4. We have lost an entire subspecies has gone extinct; the last male white rhino has passed away. What is worse is we could eventually lose more due to hunters and rhino breeders, breeding and illegally selling rhinos for people to cut off the rhino's horns for medicine and illegal drugs.

3. Hurricane Florence, started as a tropical storm on September 1st over the Cabo Verde Islands and moved its way across the Atlantic towards the south eastern parts of the United States. The hurricane has killed 51 people in the Carolinas, set records for rain and widespread flooding in many areas within North Carolina and caused thousands to have to evacuate.

2. The 2018 California wildfires will be remembered for decades to come. These fires have engulfed over 1,890,438 acres. This is the most destructive and deadliest year for wildfires recorded in California. A report came out stating the wildfires have already costed an estimated \$3.5 billion in damages, including \$1.792 billion in fire suppression costs. Dozens have died or are unaccounted for. Fields, farms, towns, business, and even people have perished in these monstrous fires.



1. Celebrities we have lost

Verne Troyer, who is an actor who is best known for his role as mini me from the Austin Powers movie. He passed away at the age of 49.

Malcom J. McCormick, better known as Mac Miller, was an American rapper from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He passed away from mixing party drugs in his apartment, this caused an overdose at the age of 26.

John McCain, a long-time Republican US Senator from Arizona passed away at the age of 81.

Stan Lee, born Stanley M. Lieber, was an American comic book author and known as the father of the Marvel Universe. Sadly, has passed away at the age of 95. *"Excelsior!" – Stan Lee*

Stephan Hawking; named one of the greatest minds to ever live., has passed away He was a scientist, an author, and a father. 76 years on earth goes by too fast.

Aretha L. Franklin, famous singer, Civil Rights Activist, actress and pianist died this year. She began her career as a child when she sang gospel at the New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. We lost her at the age of 75. *"R.E.S.P.E.C.T" – Aretha L. Franklin*



Tim Bergling, an American DJ by the name of AVICII, rose to the top of charts with songs *Hey Brother* and *Wake Me Up*. His cause of death was speculated about for a long time. Sad he was lost to suicide at the age of 28.

George and Barbara Bush both passed away this year. The 41st President of the United States, George H. W. Bush has passed away at the age of 94. His wife, the former First Lady, Barbara Bush passed away at 92.

Hanukkah

By Liniquer Perez

On December 2nd, members of the Jewish community began celebrating the holiday of Hanukkah. It is a major event in the religion each year, and each year it falls around Christmas time. Hanukkah also includes gifts, parties, food and stories about an ancient miracle that happened thousands of years ago.

The story of Hanukkah remembers events of around 2,200 years ago. A Greek king ruled over ancient Judea. His name was Antiochus IV. He had taken over for his father Antiochus III, and when he came into power he changed the rules. The kingdom of Judea was located partly in today's country of Israel and home to many Jewish citizens. Antiochus III was benevolent towards the Jews and allowed them to practice their customs and religion, but Antiochus IV made Jewish customs and the practice of Judaism against the law. He wanted Jews to follow Greek customs. His soldiers erected an altar to a Greek god. They put him in the Second Temple of the city, a sacred place for its Jewish citizens. They killed a pig in the temple. They wanted to make this religious place less holy.

Judah Maccabee fought to get the soldiers to leave Jerusalem. While the Jewish forces were small, in two years, the invading soldiers were driven out. Judah told his people to clean the temple. He told them to light the menorah, a sacred candle holder with eight branches. When the people expelled the soldiers and rebuilt their temple, they did not have much oil to light the menorah. The amount they had should only have lasted one night, and instead it lasted eight. That is part of the miracle that has informed the way Hanukkah is still celebrated today. While some scholars think that the story diverges from the widely taught one above, the history of miracles and the celebration of Hanukkah has lived on in the Jewish community.



There are many ways Hanukkah is celebrated today. People often celebrate by eating a variety of traditional foods. One dish that's often eaten are potato pancakes, called *latkes* in Yiddish. They are the most popular Hanukkah food. They are shredded potatoes mixed with onion, egg, flour and seasonings, then formed into small pancakes and fried in oil. The crispy *latkes* are served with sour cream and applesauce on the side.

There are a lot of games to play, both old and new. Dreidel is the most classic game that people play during Hanukkah. Some newer games are things like Hanukkah Checkers, Hanukkah MadLibs and the Jewish-themed pack for Apples to Apples.

In addition to these games, families generally exchange small gifts during each night of Hanukkah and, of course, light the menorah. The miracle that Hanukkah is based on happened long ago, but it is still celebrated by many today and is an important part of the holiday season.

Stocking Stuffers for Everyone on Your List

By Angeli Padilla

December is a time of playing in the snow, putting up the Christmas tree, sugar cookies, and hot cocoa. But what about the stockings, this little detail can be easy to forget but Important. Stuck on what to put in stockings this year? Maybe I can help.

Beauty Lover

Maybe you have a beauty lover in your life! Here are some ideas to fill their stockings...

Face masks (every makeup lover likes a refreshing face mask!)

Rollerball perfumes for on the go

Travel size makeup removal wipes

Bath bombs (relaxing, fragrant and fun!)

Travel size makeup bag



These "Yes to Cucumbers" masks are \$2.24 at Target!

Tech Fan

Have a techy in your life? These are just some ideas to fill their stockings...



This waterproof JBL speaker packs a big punch for \$59.95, plus it comes in a ton of great colors!

A portable battery charger for emergencies

Wireless Bluetooth headphones,

Mini/portable Bluetooth speaker

Custom-made USB flash drive

Custom-made phone case



This adorable sloth is actually a power bank! For \$28, he is definitely one of the cuter options.

The Outdoors(wo)man



YETI brand is known for its ability to keep cold cold and keep hot hot. This mug is \$24.99 at Cabela's and comes in lots of great colors!

Some of us have some pretty outdoorsy people on our list, so here are some great ideas for them...

YETI coffee cup or a nice coffee mug (with lid)

Some soft, thick socks

Batteries (you can never have enough batteries!)

A pocket knife or multi-tool

A pair of work-worthy gloves

For Your Feline Friends

We can't forget our friends with four legs!

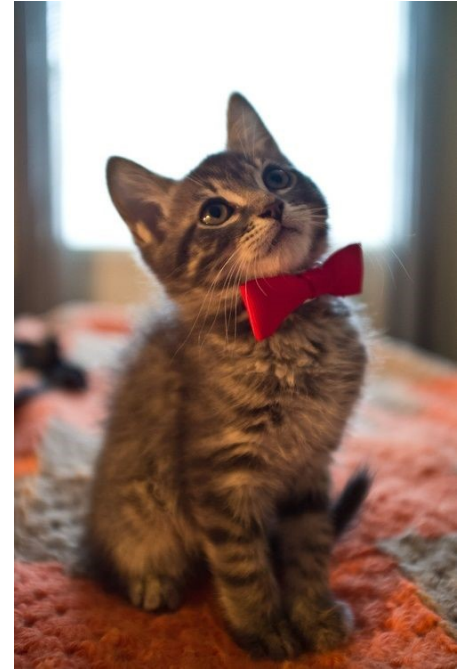
Catnip (a well-known favorite)

Yarn

Cat bowties (fashionable and totally adorable!)

A holiday cat collar for the next holiday

Cat toys (of course)



Okay, I don't actually know where this cat bowtie is from, but the cat wearing it looks awfully cute!



Kong makes some great toys that your pet is sure to love! They come in a variety of sizes and in cat and dog versions!

And Your Puppy Pals

Definitely counts as a member of the family.

Some healthy homemade treats

A warm blanket

New leash

Toys (squeaky, stuffed, ball, rope)



Drawing by Liniquer Perez

SNOW FLAKES:

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MEETS

SCIENCE

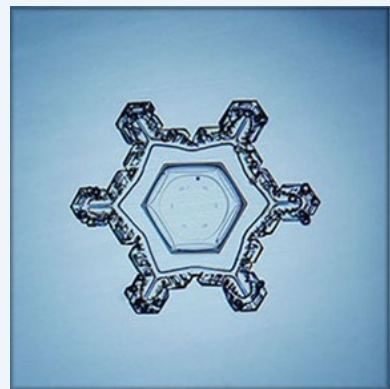
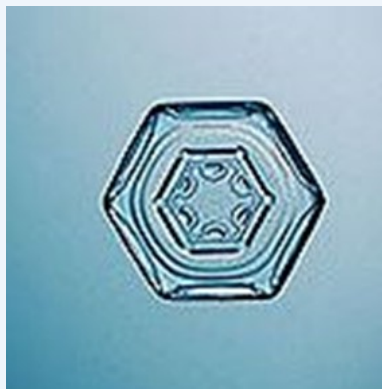
By Eli Sund

If you live anywhere in the upper northern hemisphere of the world, you've probably made snowmen and angels with them, or have avoid going out to eat because of their tendency to make roads a slushy mess. But how do they form? Why are the six sided and unique? Find answers to these and other burning questions by reading this article

So the question still remains, how are snow flakes formed? Well, it all starts with a microscopic water droplet, a dust particle, and the bitter cold. This tiny little droplet will float around in a cloud, and then it will come into contact with an even smaller particle of dust, be it pollen or dirt or some other thing flying around, and the water will freeze to it. Once its frozen to it, more water droplets will stick on and crystallize while falling through the atmosphere, making the iconic hexagonal shaped snowflake.

So why are they hexagonal and not just smaller pieces of hail? Well this is because that when the molecules crystallize, they will bind together in what is the most efficient way. And this for water molecules, having one oxygen atom and two hydrogen atoms, happens to be the familiar six sided pattern that tends to be so mesmerizing.

The reason that every time the snowflake forms uniquely, it is because of how much atmospheric conditions have to do with the pattern of the snowflake. As a snowflake falls it tends to go through many different conditions, such as hot or cold spot, humid or dry spots, and so on and so forth.



As you can see in the pictures above, there are three main types of snowflake. There are many more, but I wouldn't be able to fit them all onto the same page. The first type of snowflake, is called the dendrite snowflake do to it's tree-like branches. They tend to form in temperatures of -4 to -13 degrees Fahrenheit (-20 to -25 Celsius) where the atmosphere has plenty of moisture for them to form such intricate patterns. The second snowflake is classified as a thin plate snowflake. They are partly formed dendrite snowflakes, but due to warmer temperatures and less moisture in the air, they form into a less intricate plate. The third and final snowflake is known as a sector plate. They are similar to the thin plate, but lacked the moisture to form intricate patterns, and went through a cold spot that allowed them to start to branch off.

So as you can see, there is a lot more to snowflakes than just frozen water particles. Be it too warm or too cold, there are all kinds of ways to make these flakes of snow falling from the sky unique and intricate. So now that you know all of this, go head and bore your whole family at Christmas brunch and tell them how the icy stuff they all hate is formed.

Sabryna's December Playlist

1. Thank u, next – Ariana Grande
2. Thank u, next – Ariana Grande
3. Thank u, next – Ariana Grande
4. Thank u, next – Ariana Grande
5. Thank u, next – Ariana Grande
6. Africa - Toto
7. Thank u, next – Ariana Grande
8. Thank u, next – Ariana Grande
9. Thank u, next – Ariana Grande
10. Thank u, next – Ariana Grande

December Movie Playlist

1. How the Grinch Stole Christmas
2. Creep
3. Krampus
4. High School Musical 3
5. Polar Express
6. 8 Crazy Nights
7. To All the Boys I've Loved Before
8. Horton Hears a Who
9. Merry Christmas Drake and Josh
10. Sierra Burgess is a Loser

DIY Ornaments

By Quinton Riley

It may seem like ornaments are just part of decorating the Christmas tree, but there is a lot of history behind them. Ornaments actually became part of the Christmas tradition in the 16th century in Germany. In Germany, people would decorate evergreen trees with apples. The apples on the tree represented the forbidden tree in the garden of Eden in the Bible. Martin Luther, a figure of religious reform at the time, is said by some to be the first to put candles on the Christmas tree as an ornament or decoration. Not many people use candles anymore because of the fire hazards they present, but many of us probably have a Christmas tree up in our home that we've decorated with lights, ornaments, popcorn or garnish.

If you like the history behind ornaments, you might be wondering how to make your own! Here are a couple of ways...

The first, is a homemade *Tie-Dyed Globe*

First, you need to collect materials. You'll need: clear glass bulbs, some crayons and a hair dryer.



After you've collected those materials, the first thing you need to do is open the globe at the top. Then, remove the wrapping from the crayons, break them into small pieces and put them in the ornament. After that, heat the ornament with the crayons in it from the outside until the crayons melt. You can swirl around the crayon wax and coat the inside of the clear globe with colorful tie-dye. If you did it right, you should have a cute fun project for the kids and family to work on.

If you would like to go above and beyond, there are other homemade ornaments you can make as well! This next one will make an adorable character ornament for your tree.

googly eyes. Take some colorful paper and cut it up into small pieces. Take strips of paper and put them in ornament and then glue a face on the outside in the shape of the character you want to create (or make one up as you go!). This is an easy way to bring your kids favorite TV characters to life like Elmo and Cookie Monster. Always remember to be safe when working with things like hot glue guns, especially if you have little hands helping you!

For this next one, you'll again need some clear bulb ornaments. You'll also need a hot glue gun and some



Anxious

By Angeli Padilla

I'm scared to walk out my house
Scared of the unknown
How do I overcome when my self-esteem is so low?

It's like an itch I can't get rid of
A disease of the mind
I just wish I wasn't consumed with worrying all the time

When you walk in front of people,
Does your chest ever tighten?

Do your hands begin to sweat?
These are the things that happen to me
When I'm desperately trying not to fret

Keep your head held high is what I always say
But how can you follow your own words
When you're consumed with worrying all day

This is my life day in and day out
I just wish I could be confident without any doubts

I Wish

By Angeli Padilla

I wish I could change the world
Like we all know it needs
And I dream of a world where
We don't even know what racism means.

I am scared, brave, and fearless
I used to not believe
That the world is so cruel
And has so many needs

But now I see people
Getting judged by their size and ethnicity
I'm starting to see more and more
Of this culture of negativity

But what I'm really just trying to say
Is that this all needs to change
Aren't we all sick of the random shootings and outrage?

But I can't do it alone
So I'm asking you
Stand up with me
And let's show them what we can do.

History of Santa Claus

By Angeli Padilla

We are all familiar with a man named Santa Claus, but we are maybe not as familiar with the story behind the man who fills our stockings and puts presents under our Christmas trees. Here's some more information about the man behind the myth.

St. Nicholas was a bishop who lived in the fourth century in a place called Myria (now called Turkey). He was a very rich man, because his parents had passed away and left him with a lot of money. He was also a very kind man and had a reputation for helping the poor and giving gifts to people who needed it.

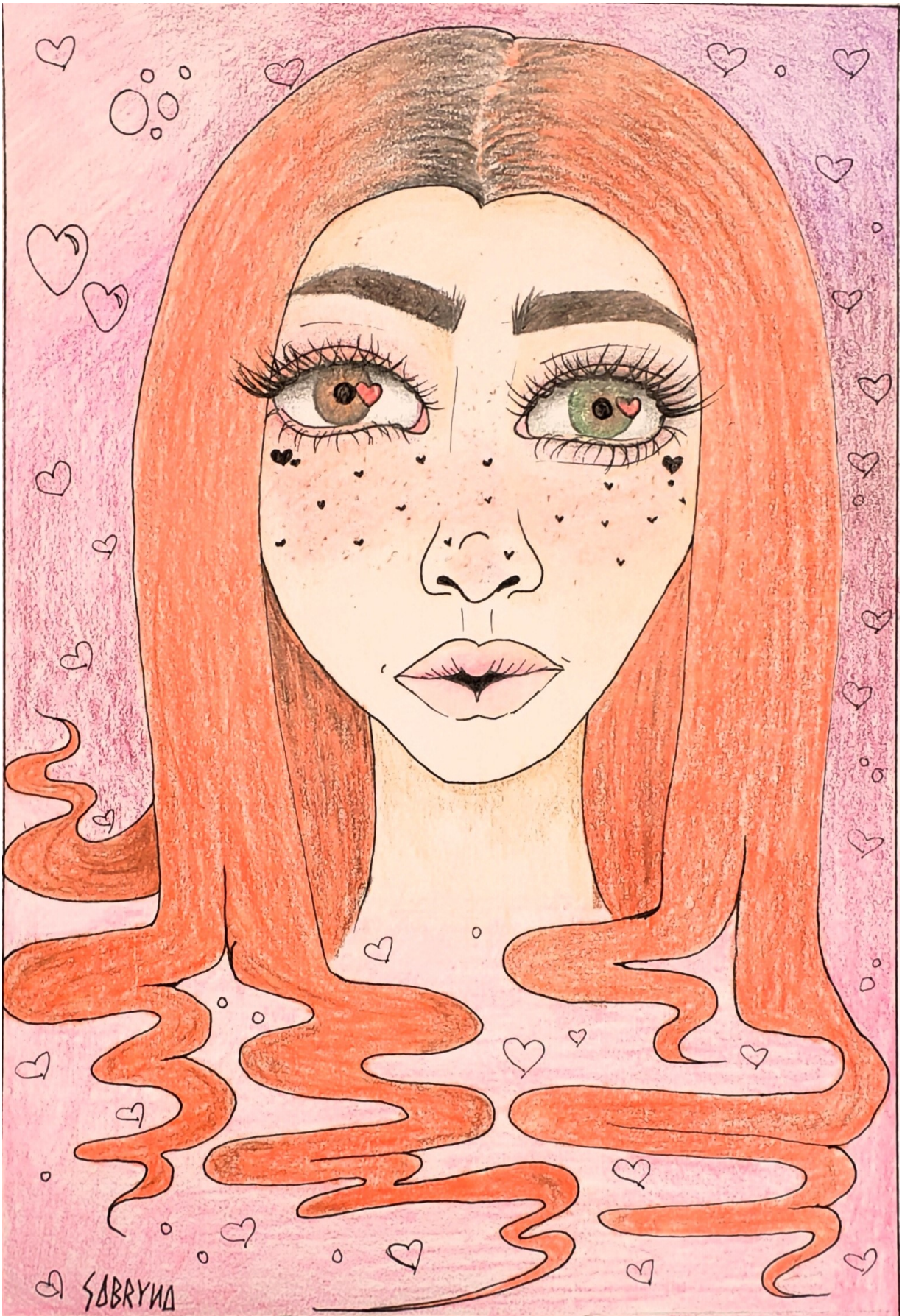
There are several legends about St. Nicholas, although we will never know if any are actually true. The most famous story about St. Nicholas tells us how the custom of hanging up stockings to put presents first started!

It goes like this:

There was a poor man who had 3 daughters. The man was so poor, he didn't have enough money for a dowry, so his daughters so could marry. For those who don't know, a dowry is a sum of money paid to the groom by the bride's parents on the wedding day for marrying their daughter. This still happens in some countries, even today!

At any rate, one night, Nicholas secretly dropped a bag of gold down the chimney of the poor man. This meant that the oldest daughter was now able to marry. The bag had fallen into a stocking that had been hung by the fire place to dry. This was repeated later with the second daughter. Finally, determined to discover the person who had given the money, the father secretly hid by the fire every evening until he caught Nicholas dropping in a bag of gold. Nicholas then began to beg the man to not tell anyone what he had done, because he didn't want to bring attention to himself.

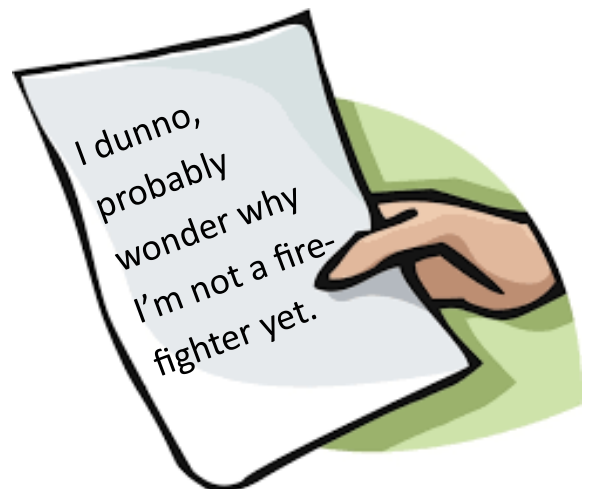
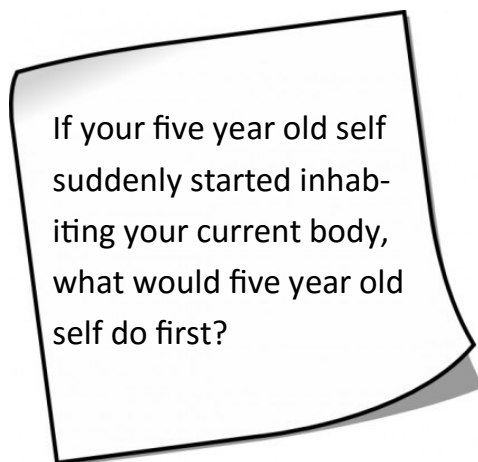
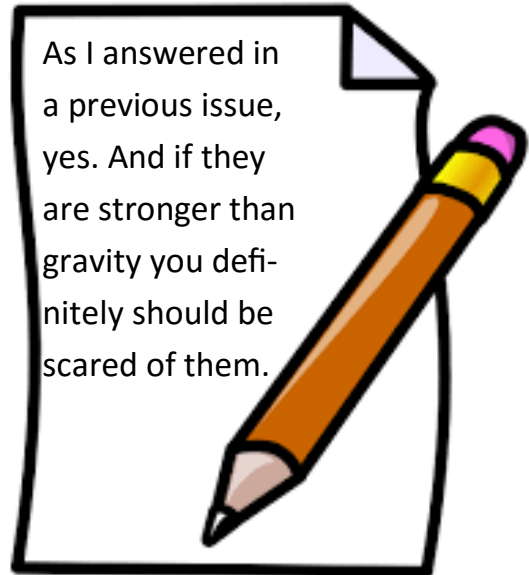
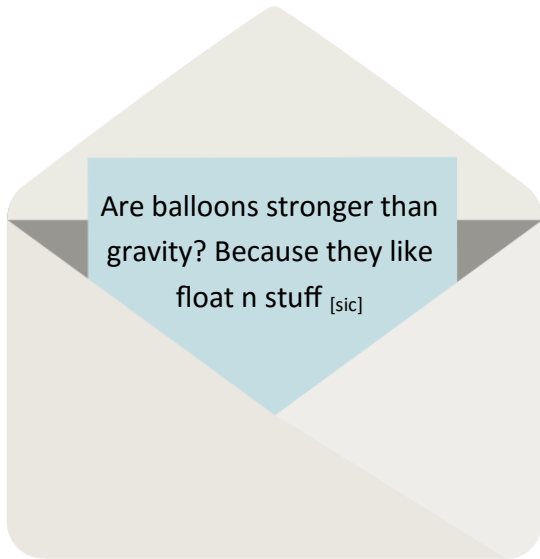
As it does, soon the news got out and when anyone received a secret present it was thought it was maybe from Nicholas. Because of his kindness, Nicholas was made a Saint. There are many different stories based on how the man we know as Santa Claus grew from the stories of St. Nick's generosity, but as the years went on, the myth of Santa grew and grew and so did the stories of his appearance. A big, jolly, happy, fat man has become what we associate with Santa. Children all around the world have an image in their head of the man who will deliver them presents and treats, and many of them wait eagerly for him to arrive.

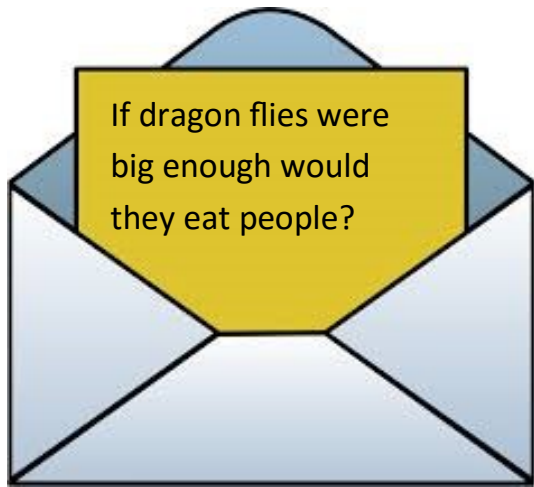


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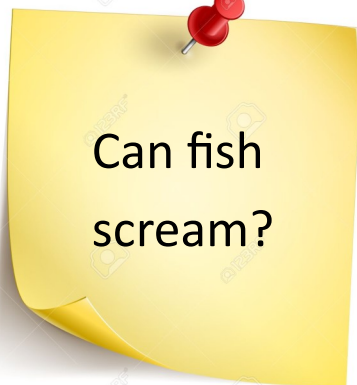
Ask Eli

Everyone's favorite advice columnist, Eli Sund, is here again to answer everyone's burning questions in a new installment of Ask Eli!





Think of it this way, do you know how to fight off a giant dragonfly?



They don't really have vocal chords, and I'm pretty sure it's been proven that fish either don't feel pain or don't remember it long enough to have it affect them, but I'm sure if they were provoked enough they could figure it out.

Winter Activities

By Cruz Perez-Solis

This article contains different activities you can do during the winter, inside and outside. Here are some things you can do, even if it's cold. It can still be fun! So, grab a friend or a sibling and have them help you get things set up and gather supplies with you.

You could start by hanging up Christmas lights, inside or out, and decorating the yard and house with your family. You could even spend some time just making some hot cocoa and watching a movie to get yourself in a festive mood. Another idea is to take some masking tape and make a RC race track and have a race with your siblings or time yourself. Just take the tape and place it along the floor, you can use books as ramps and create jumps.

If you do not have any RC cars, how about some physics? It's quite simple; take a Hot Wheels car and make a ramp with books, rules, or any hard surface with can be inclined. Test how far the car goes on different inclines or different surfaces. Some surfaces may allow the car to go further and different inclines can make the car go various speeds. This is due to gravity and friction! Different shapes, sizes, and weights of cars can move through the air easier than others.

Have you ever thought of creating snow art? All you need is an empty spray bottle, food colouring, and water. Stir it up a couple of times and spray the snow and make some art or write something. Just be sure not to get any of the dyes on your clothing because they will stain.



Some of my favourite things to do when I was younger were making snowballs and snow forts. You know, right? Make a snow fort, create a supply of snowballs and protect your fortress from the other team. The easiest way to make the fort for me was taking a small rectangular tub and packing snow in it to make snow blocks and then stacking them like an igloo. I almost forgot ice skating and sledding! You definitely can't have a fun winter without at

least doing the basics! Roasting marshmallows by a bonfire, snowmobiling, and going camping and telling stories.

Yes, you heard me correctly. There are places where you can set up a tent and camp. Personally I wouldn't do this I would much rather rent a cabin and invite some friends to hang out and play games with. Camping does sound like fun but you need to remember to be prepared and bring extra clothing and maybe a small heater.

Everyone has different things they enjoy to do in the winter. Some people like getting out in the snow and cold, and other people have no interest in anything that means stepping a foot outside. The list of things you can do in the winter is really endless, so those are just some of the exciting things to do during the winter.

How To Wrap a Present

By Eli Sund

Maybe it's your first holiday season where you give presents, or it's been awhile since you wrapped a present. Here is an article to teach you how to easily wrap a present.

Preparation

Step 1: Gather your materials

Surprisingly, you can't just wrap a present with thin air. You will first need several things

Wrapping paper to wrap the present in question

Scissors to cut the paper

Tape to hold the paper together, preferably scotch tape or similar clear style tapes

And of course, the gift in question. Don't be that guy who gives out empty boxes

You also could get bows, ribbons or other decorative items, but these are not required. Also if you have an oddly shaped present, you might want a box to put the present in so it's somewhat easier to wrap

Step 2: Prepare the present

Before you send your present to the recipient, you might want to do a couple things.

First, you will want to take any price tags off. Then if the item is fragile and put in a box (ie a coffee cup)

Then make sure there is some form of impact protection to prevent damage in case of a fall

Step 3: Get your supplies and wrapping paper ready

First cut out a nice decent but reasonably sized piece of wrapping paper. Either way you do it, you will probably take too much or too little, so try to overshoot and cut it off later

Make sure you have your scissors, tape, to/from tags, and decorative items you might want to put on.

Set all of your supplies up on a nice flat area, like a desk, dining room table, or a hardwood floor

Wrapping the Gift

Step 1: Cutting the paper to length

First, you are going to take the sheet of wrapping paper and lay it flat on your work space, **white side up**, and set your present in the middle with the top facing down. Wrap the paper around, and find where it just slightly overlaps, and cut their. Again, it would be better to have too much than too little. Once it is cut to length, fold the end that isn't being overlapped to make a straight edge, and then tape both ends of the paper to the box and to itself.



Step 2: Folding the ends flat

Once you are done with step one, you should be left with a box wrapped with paper and two ends sticking out. To eliminate this, push two opposite sides in toward the box so the sides hug the corner of the box. You should be left with two triangles sticking up from the box. Crease the sides of these, and push toward the box. Secure them with tape



Step 3: Adding extras

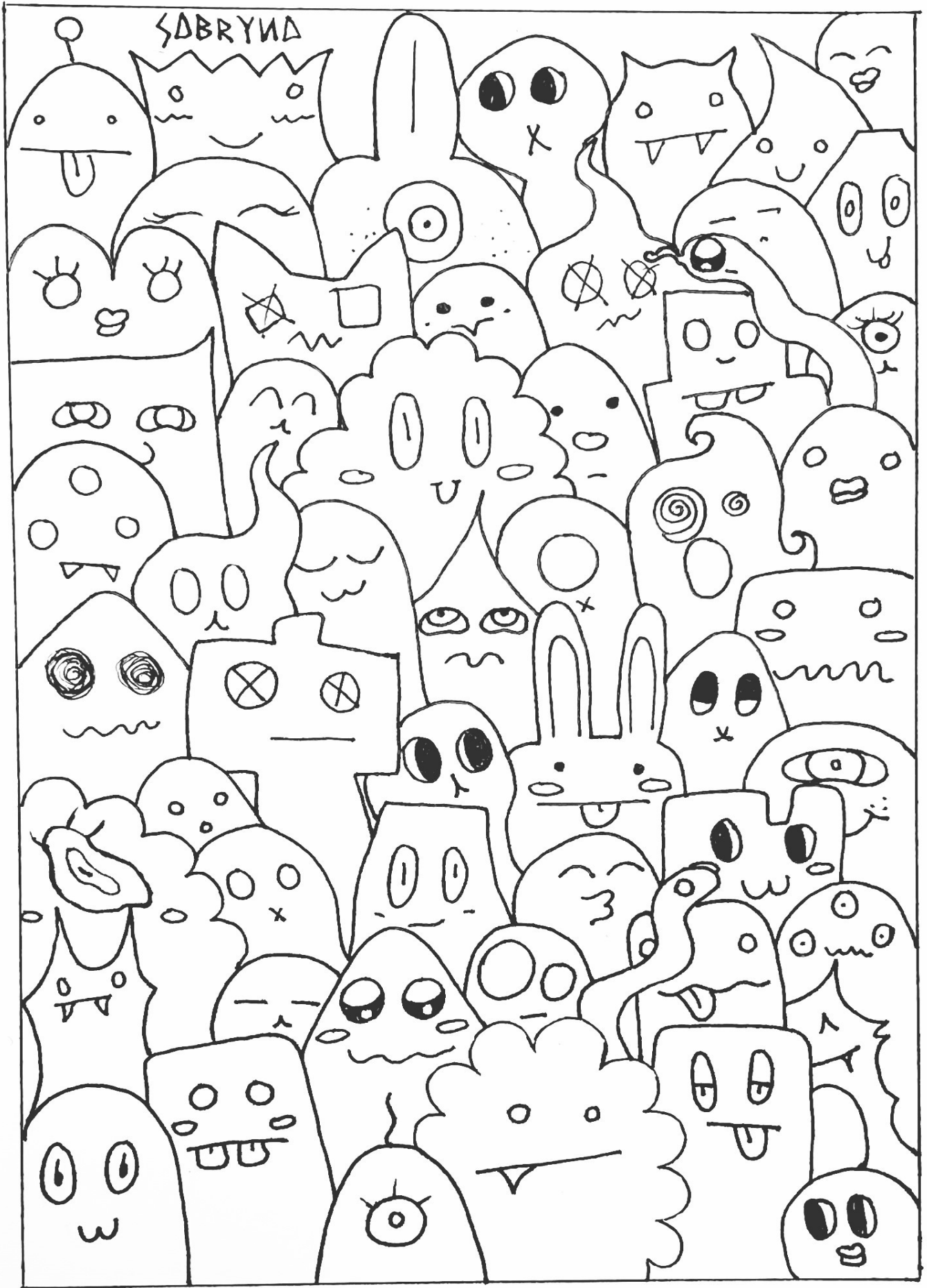
At this point, you should have a wrapped present. If you don't, give up and get a gift bag instead. If your one of the lucky fellas that knows what their doing, Why are you reading this? Anyway, at this point you should put on your name tags, bows and other things that make the present look nice

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