Saving money on holiday gifts doesn't have to be boring

If you're out of inexpensive ideas for holiday gifts, try this one. Create your own books on tape for friends and family. That's what the Anderson family of Brighton, Collo. does. They check out children's books from the public library and assign apart or sound effect to each family member. Their only expense is the cost of the cassette tape.

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Other thrifty suggestions ranged from creative to slightly odd, but it was clear that people were trying to find every possible way to save

George from California took the 'Scrooge" part of the contest very

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seriously with his suggestion to trim down holiday card lists by not responding to cards this year. He says that way, next year fewer people will bother to write. He'll saw even more proposed to the propose

cherished items. Then she clips black paper to the back of the photo and cuts along the profile with a utility knife. The silhouettes are mounted on white paper and framed. Her total-cost is less than \$10 each.

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Lynne from Ontario, Canada gathers seeds from flowers in her garden.
She uses construction paper to make personalized pockets, which she puts inside holiday cards. Her friends and family remember her fall summer long when the flowers bloom.

Debby from Maine makes sur-vival kits for her fishing buddies filled with adhesive bandages, beef jerky, candy, inexpensive sunglasses, steel leader hooks, bobbers and

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It might sound like Rose from California is joking, but she really does give friends and family rocks. She finds just the right boulder and panist sit with femily! shouse num-ber. She says that people truly use them and she loves seeing them as she drives up to their homes. Doris from Virginia frames pho-tographs that she's taken of friends'

homes during different seasons. She reports the people love the gift.

Finally, the winning Anderson family's second idea was pretty good, too. They create books for their zhildren using inexpensive scrapbooks and photos from old magazines. They make up stories as they read through the books or just share quiet time looking at the pictures.

For more information on past Savviers, Scrapes, extricts or the state of the pictures.

viest Scrooge entries or the Myvesta.org Holiday Survey call 1-800-680-3328 or visit Myvesta.org

left for the day, Children had lots of toys with which they wanted to play. They told me they thought Santa and his reindeer,

his reindeer, Did a real great job with all their gifts

low gear, Santa Claus has departed for another year.

I heard him say as he flew out of

sight, Christmas is over for this year, so good night.

It is late and the moon peeps into the

room
Giving visions of objects all needing

a broom.

Our Son is sure moving around in a

this year.

As far as presents our family didn't do bad at all,

And this Christmas everyone really had a ball.

Tis the night after Christmas,

'Tis the season

Poet's Corner

and We're Snowbound"
By William Jerry Ayers
The snow is almost up to our door,
They say we'll get another foot or
more.

more. ow is falling steadily to the ground

That cold white stuff everywhere can be found.

And we're snowbound.

The roads are too bad to travel,

school is out. The kids are all over the house run-

ning about, Food is about gone, and can't get to Because that darn snow keeps on

coming down.
And we're snowbound.
The CD player is on the blink and won't work.
The electric coffee pot doesn't want

to perk. The kids are screaming to go out and

The kids are screaming to go out and play,
The TV says we will get more snow today.
And we're snowbound.
Now it looks like we are going to run out of firewood;
And didn't by as much bread and milk as we thought we should.
Hat four-wheeled drive ruck, well, it just won't start.
Those kids sound as if they are tearing the house apart.
And we're snowbound
Cabin fever is about to drive you, me, and everyone mad.
If only that snow would stop falling we would be glad.

we would be glad. It seems like weeks and weeks have

slowly gone by, Since we have seen a nice clear blue

And we're snowbound. Say there, wait a minute, isn't that the sun?

YES, the snow has stopped, it's over and done

Well, we guess it wasn't really that bad after all,

We think that now, but just wait until

"The Night After Christmas" By William Jerry Ayers Tis the night after Christmas,

e can't even walk through our house, Things are so cluttered, not even room for a mouse.

Gift boxes and presents all over the

floor, My wife is so exhausted she is now taking a snore. It was so late last night when we all

got to bed. Oh my poor, poor aching head. Paper, ribbons, tinsel and lots of pur

needles too,
Have covered the living room floor,
we can't wade through.

Tis the night after Christmas, Daughter and granddaughters have

for safety the next snowfall, And we're snowbound.

Keep your holidays merry and bright by using electric lights and decorations safely. Live Christmas trees and the fresh smell of pine are holiday traditions in many house-holds, but they can also be a safety

hazard.
"Your home is more likely to be the scene of an accidental fire around the winter holidays than at any other time of the year. The American Red Cross attributes nearly 600 fires a year to Christmas trees alone," ac-

year to Christmas trees alone," ac-cording to Jackson Energy Commu-nications Specialist Karen Combs. Dry needles and electric lights can be a fire hazard, and here are some guidelines for holiday safety— •When you bring a live tree home, saw an inch off the bottom of the tree. Trees form a seal over any cuts, and

that means it can't absorb much wa-ter. A fresh cut allows a tree to drink, -Put your tree in the largest stand you can find. Most tree holders are too small to hold enough water. - Turn off Christmas tree lights when you leave home or go to bed. -Buy lights labeled by Underwrit-ers Laboratories or another testing agent.

agent.
Artificial tree can also pose a fire hazard if not decorated safely. For instance, never put electric light, on a metal Christmas tree and always place space heaters at least there away from anything combustible, including your holiday tree.
If you follow these simple safety rules, you and your family should have a safe and merry holiday sea-



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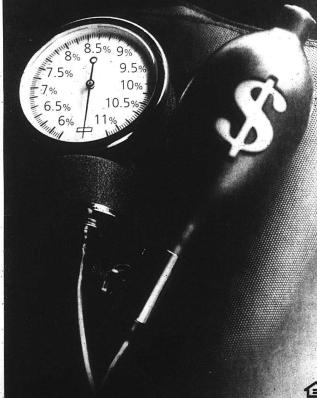
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