

# 'Scrooged': sentimental remake of classic story

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The present movie season has gotten off to a profitable, and maybe even respectable beginning. From the tortured genius story of "Bird" to the warmly optimistic "Cocoon," movie-goers have plenty of choices during the coming vacation and holiday season.

But this is not just any holiday coming up, it's Christmas. 'Tis the season to be jolly, fa-la-la-la and all that. And of the two dozen or so films due in the crass marketplace of celluloid in the next month, we already have at least two specifically calling to the yule-tide spirit.

"Scrooged" is the best of the two films, and this year's token remake of Dickens' classic, yes, you guessed it, "A Christmas Carol."

Unlike what might be expected from a film starring Bill Murray, this is not a trashing of the story but a sentimental reworking. It also is not a stale rehash, but updates the story, quite conscious that what it is doing is, by now, cliché ridden.

Murray plays Frank Cross (as in a bad mood or a thing they nail people to), the youngest network president in television history and he will do, like he has done, anything to remain at the top. He is producing a live television version of the Dickens story for Christmas eve starring John Houseman as narrator, Buddy Hackett as Scrooge, and the Solid Gold Dancers.

Murray is the Scrooge of the larger film, except he loves Christmas. He still believes it a humbug, but it's his humbug. He's going to keep everyone glued to their sets for Christmas and get an 80 ratings share. He doesn't believe in the season or the sentimentalities that underlie it, but he will capitalize on them.

With less than a day to go he is visited by the ghost of his former boss, played by John Forsythe and benefiting from all the advances in film ghost technology. He gives the Marley warning of the three more

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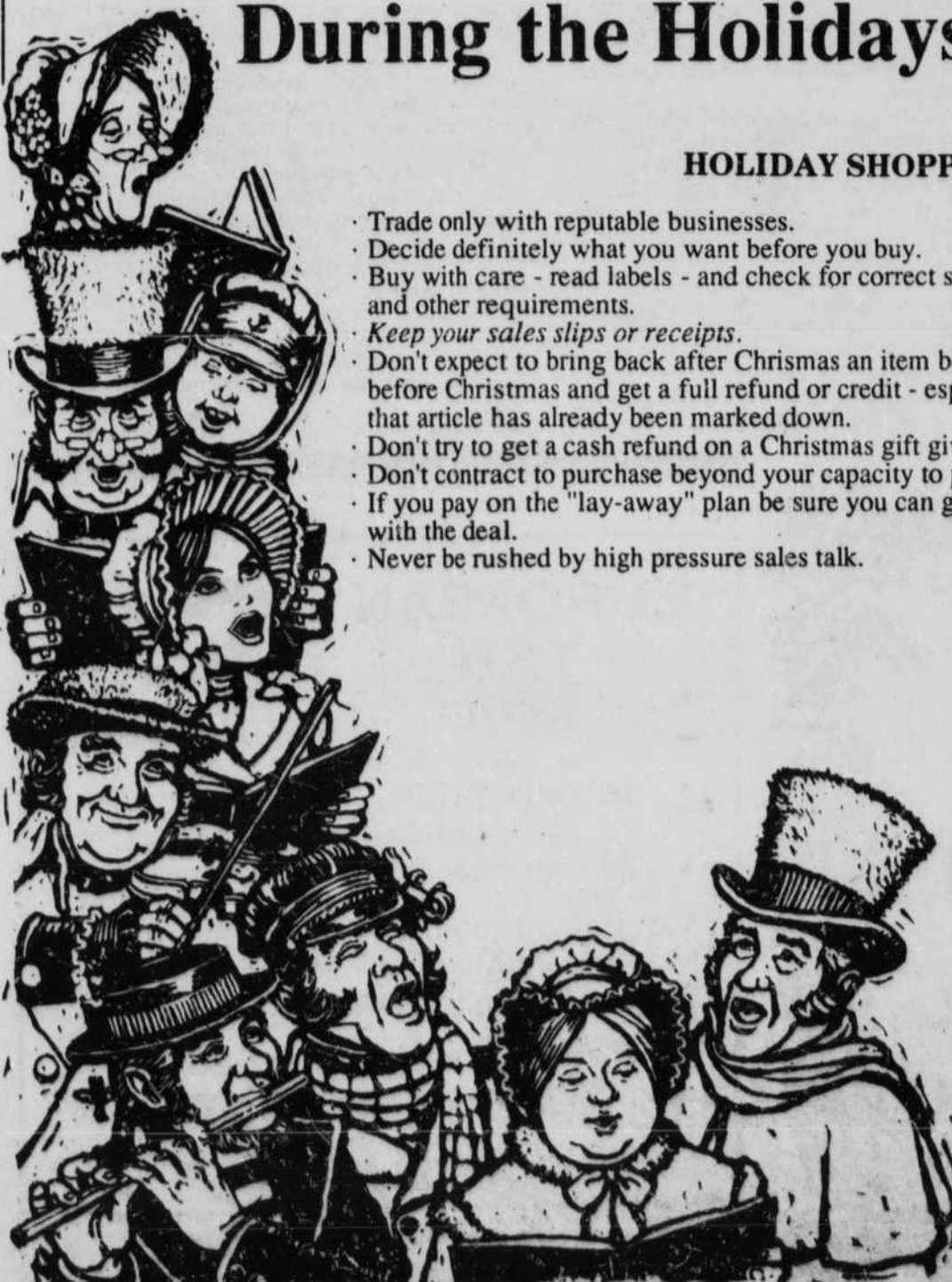
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## HOLIDAY SHOPPING GUIDELINES

- Trade only with reputable businesses.
- Decide definitely what you want before you buy.
- Buy with care - read labels - and check for correct size, color, and other requirements.
- Keep your sales slips or receipts.
- Don't expect to bring back after Christmas an item bought before Christmas and get a full refund or credit - especially if that article has already been marked down.
- Don't try to get a cash refund on a Christmas gift given to you.
- Don't contract to purchase beyond your capacity to pay.
- If you pay on the "lay-away" plan be sure you can go through with the deal.
- Never be rushed by high pressure sales talk.
- Read all papers you are asked to sign and keep a copy.
- Don't buy from advertisers who "lure" you with attractive advertised goods but then try to pressure you into something else.
- An appeal to buy "wholesale" is usually wholesale bunk.
- Sidewalk vendors, peddlers and hawkers will be long gone after Christmas.
- A guarantee should be specific and in writing.

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- Don't assume that all purchases can be returned. Articles such as sale or clearance items, floor models, and intimate apparel usually cannot be returned.
- A merchant is only obligated to take an item back if it's defective or was misrepresented.
- Exchanges, returns for credit and refunds are courtesies extended by stores to maintain customer good-will.
- In most cases, the customer must return the goods within a specific time period, and they must be in new condition.
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