



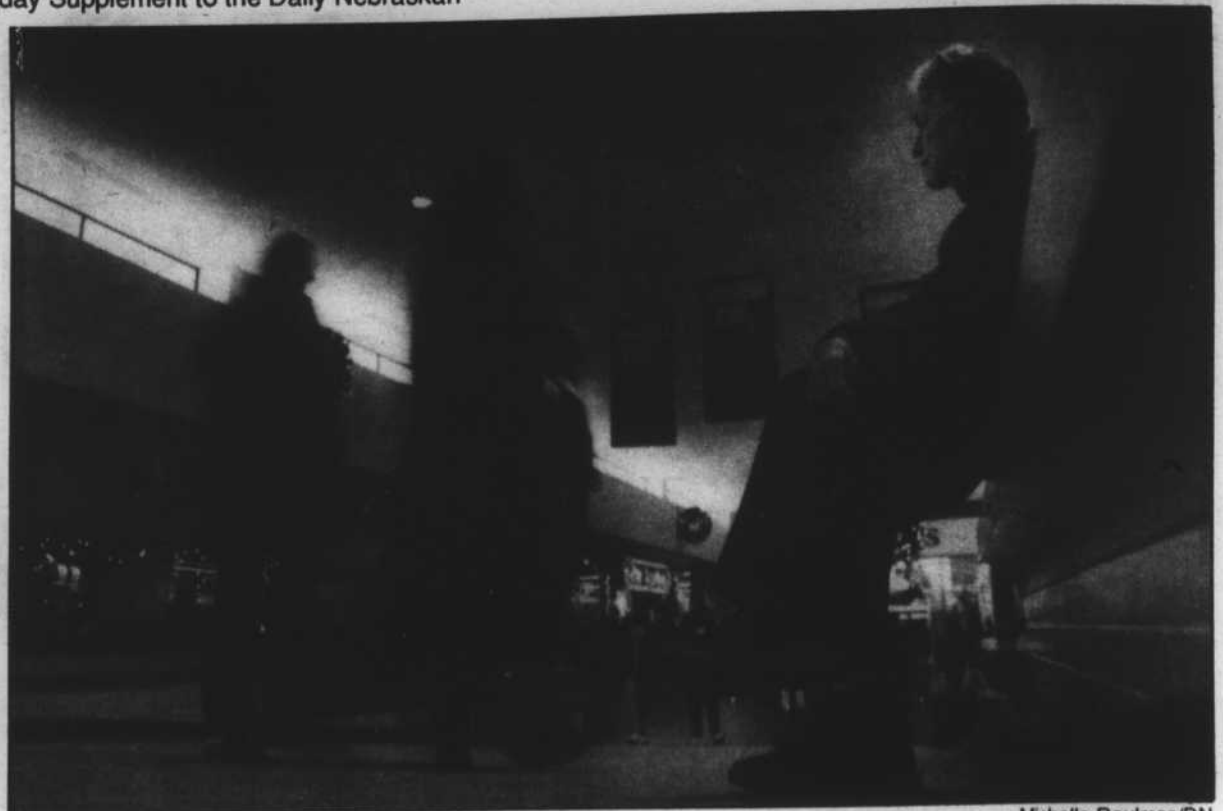
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'Tis the season to go shopping, but Jim Williams of Lafayette, La., takes a break and watches shoppers Friday in Gateway Shopping Center.

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Shopping-haters have mall amusement options

By Sean Green
 Staff Reporter

Christmas shopping is one of those things you either like or don't like, there is no middle ground.

Those who like shopping are easy to spot.

When they see a mall, or a crafts store or a hardware store, hear the Christmas music and see the decorations, their eyes glaze over and they look as though they're about to wet themselves.

Those who don't like shopping are even easier to spot.

Their eyes also glaze over, but it's not from shopping-induced rapture, it's from pure horror. They can't stand still, they are pale and they look as

though they may vomit.

Unfortunately, or fortunately, depending on how you look at it, I belong to the latter category.

Not only do I dislike shopping in general, I especially hate Christmas shopping.



Don't get me wrong, I'm not a Scrooge, and I enjoy giving. But I would almost rather die than have to go to a mall to get my holiday cheer.

There's really no problem with either liking or disliking shopping. It's a relatively free country, and there's no law that says anybody has to shop against their will.

The problem arises when you mix a shopper with a non-shopper. It's like mixing eggnog and Easter-egg dye.

You can always tell when you see a mismatched pair of shoppers in a mall. They're usually married, for example. Only a bond as strong as marriage or parole can make a person who doesn't like to shop enter a mall.

The ones who like to shop run from store window to store window with a wad of credit cards clasped in their sweaty palms.

The ones who don't like to shop follow their fanatic devotedly, staring morosely out windows at the free world and wishing they could sit down for a while.

To non-shoppers such as myself, the most frustrating thing about those who like to shop is when they don't buy anything.

It's bad enough to waste an entire

day in a shopping mall. But when the day is over and the shopper hasn't bought a single thing, it's as if someone had spent six months training for a marathon and then not entered it.

I ascribe to the "get in and get out" theory of Christmas shopping. Go to the store, buy the present and run for it. Or better yet, start in October and order everything from a catalog.

Those who like shopping ascribe to the "get in, go down every aisle in every store, eat some overpriced mall food, go to a movie, go through every store again in case you missed something and agonize over every purchase for hours" theory.

For those who don't like to shop, there are ways to combat shopping fatigue.

"Name that Muzak," for example, is popular, but during the holiday season malls only pipe in the Christmas standards, so it's not much of a challenge.

Shopping for yourself is OK, for a while, but it gets old when you run out of money.

"Confuse the clerk" is a favorite game of mine. Try making up a foreign language, or asking for something that doesn't exist.

For example, "Excuse me, do you have any door-handle fluid?"

Don't misunderstand me, I'm not against Christmas shopping, and I don't dislike people who shop, when they're not shopping. But I take offense at those who give the kind of gifts that keep on giving, like veneer diseases or a video cassette recording of the "Smurf's Christmas."

But if I'm faced with the decision to shop or do something else... anything else... such as being boiled in tar, I'll take the other option.

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