

## Spend wisely

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Unfortunately these toys are usually "do-everything" toys that children saw advertised on television. What we need to remember as friends and parents when shopping is that many toys children see advertised and eventually find under the tree, aren't fun to play with at all. The toys that flash, run, produce, make noises and do tricks are simply something to watch. These toys get boring very fast.

The more things a child can do with a toy himself, the more play potential the toy has.

There once was a time when, as children, we thought we'd grow up and give our "irreplaceable" toys — those wonderful, simple toys — to our children.

But, for some of us, the "next" generation is just now beginning to move into the toy-receiving stage and already our toys are out-moded. Take a look at your old toys:

—Our wind-up dog can't teach one to count, read or sing. Our baby dolls don't cry, wet, or say "mama" in seven different languages. Worse yet, our tinker toys are all breakable.

—Your plastic army men would surely be blown apart if shot by the new flashless laser guns on the market today.

—Oh sure, our race cars could still win races - maybe - that is if you're racing downhill.

—And remember your Barbie doll? She's outdated. Barbie, who

has been around for nearly 20 years, seems to get a new body build, tummy tuck and face lift every year.

Our Barbie's hair won't grow by pushing a button, her skin won't tan and her body won't bend into a pretzel.

But your Barbie didn't have an office or a house except those you made yourself with cardboard and material. Right?

Today's Barbie has a camper, a sailboat, a beauty pageant stage, a hairdresser, a penthouse apartment, a motorcycle, a sports car, a jeep, a supermarket and a wardrobe twice as big as the average woman's.

The only thing Barbie doesn't have is land and a farm. At least most of us have her beat in this capacity.

Toys...toys...they're everywhere. It's a sad thing today to ask a child if he has a certain toy and watch him stop and think for three minutes to remember if he does or not.

So this season, make Christmas a special, worry-free, happy, inexpensive time for you and your children. Don't dread Christmas' coming because you feel you have to go to the shopping malls and fight crowds just to walk away with an empty wallet and a loaded charge card. Why carry the Christmas blues into January and February in the form of large bills? By then most children are looking for other toys to play with anyway.

## Choose animals for food carefully

UNIVERSITY PARK — Illness in animals generally causes a rise in body temperature, making it difficult to reduce the temperature of a slaughtered carcass. This slow cooling contributes to rapid fermentation near the bone and in the thick parts of the carcass.

Every precaution must be taken when choosing animals for food and, it is not always easy to distinguish between the early and more advanced stages of a disease.

Besides the danger of transmitting the disease to humans who consume the food unknowingly, meat from diseased animals is hard to keep.

Strict federal and state inspection laws make it almost impossible to get diseased meat that was prepared in an inspected

slaughter and packing house. Inspection laws do not apply to those who butcher for their own family and non-paying guests.

Penn State offers a noncredit correspondence course titled Dressing and Curing Meats. It discusses the choosing and preparation of cattle for butchering at home as well as cutting and processing, lard rendering, preserving meats, and processing meat products and, curing and smoking meats.

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Spend small and think big. Have you ever seen the fun children can have with a huge cardboard box? A house, a fort, a cabin, a castle, a barn — all possible from a cardboard box.

Of course, you don't want to give

a cardboard box for Christmas so fill it with colorful balls, books and lots of stuffing.

Most children love to spend hours playing with their pets — be they dogs, cats, rabbits or even colts and calves. A puppy or a cat

can be a longtime friend and makes a great Christmas present. Imagine your child's face when he/she sees a puppy under the tree.

So this Christmas when selecting toys, do your wallet a favor and follow the advice of home economist Joan Lamberson: "It isn't so much what the toy can do that's important, it's what and how much the child can do with the toy that makes it a valuable tool in play."

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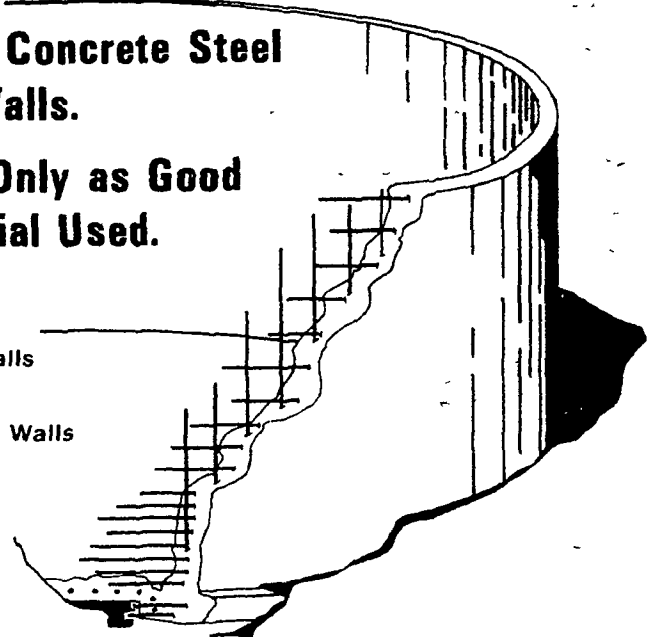
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