

## 3 Lists You Can Use

Shop, celebrate, eat, drink.

THE INFO



### Holiday in a Box

Five surefire gifts—already boxed—for you and yours

**EAT.** Woodhouse chocolates look elegant, and not a bite in the batch tastes less than exquisite. We should know. We tried each one. To be thorough. FROM \$22; WOODHOUSECHOCOLATE.COM

**READ.** The 64 interviews with famous writers brim with common sense and wisdom.

THE PARIS REVIEW INTERVIEWS, BOXED SET, PICADOR, \$65

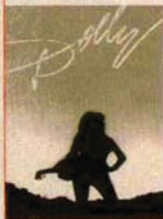
**WATCH.** Charles Kuralt traveled around the U.S. for CBS, interviewing American originals. *On the Road with Charles Kuralt* collects his famous mini-profiles in three DVDs. SET ONE, \$39.99

**WEAR.** The folks at Equmen call it a “core precision undershirt,” but it’s Spanx for men, plain and simple. Who knew a blend of polyester, spandex, and nylon could do so much with ... so much? Unscientifically put, it squeezes the fat so tightly that it begins to resemble muscle—at least in the mind of the tester (who also, not incidentally, tested the chocolates).

FROM \$89; EQUUMEN.COM

**LISTEN.** Dolly has more than a dollop of Parton: four CDs with 99 songs span 36 years—the hits as well as the hidden gems by the singer-songwriter-showstopper.

\$49.99



## HANUKKAH HELPER 8 Gentile Reminders

Tuckered out by years of wise men and mangers, one Jewish woman from Texas has a few insights.

### > Hanukkah, Chanukah:

It doesn't matter how you spell it, as long as you can pronounce it. That guttural “ch” should come from the back of your throat.

### > It's not a Jewish Christmas.

The two holidays may be close on the calendar, but Hanukkah is a minor holiday. It doesn't come close to the significance of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, or Passover.

> **What's the story?** “They tried to kill us; we beat them; let's eat.”

### > Instead of wishing me

“happy holidays,” try saying “Chag sameach” (khag sa-may-ach). That will blow me away.

### > Do you really have eight nights of presents?

Ask my kids and they'll snort and say, “Yeah, if you count school supplies and socks!”

### > No one would dream

of asking an employee to work late on Christmas Eve, but I'm lucky if I get home in time to light candles even four of eight nights.

> **If you ask me** if my kids had a good Christmas, I can either lie because I really don't want to go into it, or risk embarrassing you when I explain that we had an excellent Hanukkah.

> **I pay extra** for Hanukkah gelt made in Israel. But after my poodle ate five bags of the foil-wrapped chocolate coins (and tinsed the sidewalk for the next eight days), I stopped buying it. *Ann Powell*

