

“Today I am going to be green.”



Bonnie Lee Pett Harris, Hempstead, New York

“Today I am going to be green. I always enjoy being green best of all. Yesterday I was yellow and the day before brown. It's really nice being able to be a different color every day. My brother is pink today and when we go to school together I imagine that we shall look somewhat like a rose with its petals, the pink and green together.

“I heard that long ago, maybe a hundred years or something like that, people couldn't change color each day and had to be either brown or white or black or yellow. How dull that must have been! Imagine! It's just so much nicer now the new way, everyday being a different color, and never knowing ahead what color you are going to be.

“My great-grandmother used to tell my mother about how people tried to band together by color. What confusion there would be if people tried that now. Everyday you would have to try to find new bands and the next day they would be broken by the color changes. Now we just all enjoy each other because we do, and that's it, and the colors only help to make the parties pretty. I'm happy it's like this, aren't you?”

Several months ago we began our Tricentennial Program by asking for your thoughts on life in America by the year 2076. We anticipated some very interesting predictions of the future. And that's exactly what we received. More than 50,000 responses came in from every state in the country.

Your ideas were intelligent and imaginative and show a significant insight into the problems and opportunities that face the nation.

One request we made was to imagine that when you got up this morning, you found that it was the year 2076. We asked you to tell us of the many changes you saw and what you felt about this new world of the future.

The responses we received proved to be most imaginative. And we wanted to share one of our favorites.

We plan to make a book available containing some of the most interesting letters we've received. If you would like to obtain a free copy, please write to us.

Please note that all ideas submitted shall become public property without compensation and any restriction on use or disclosure.

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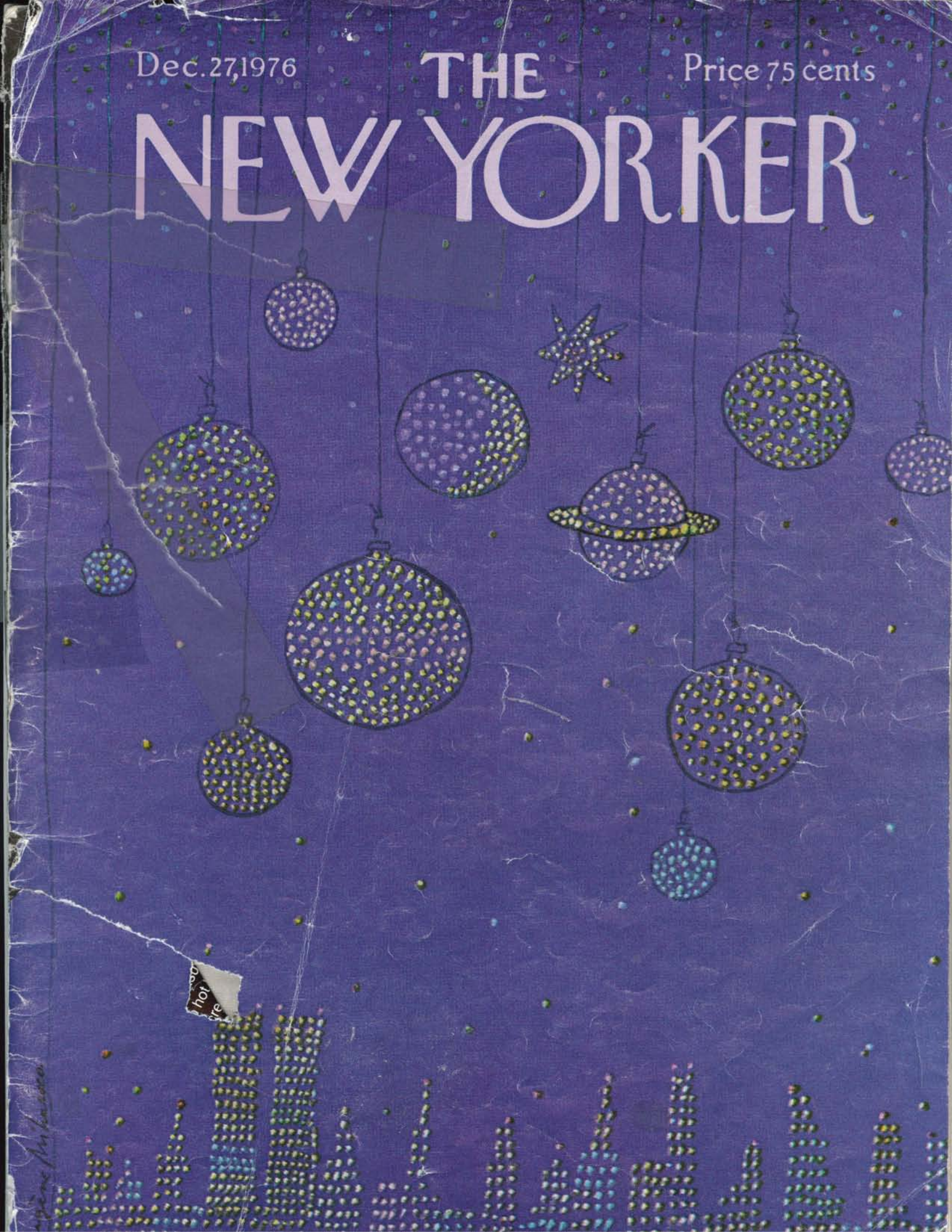
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