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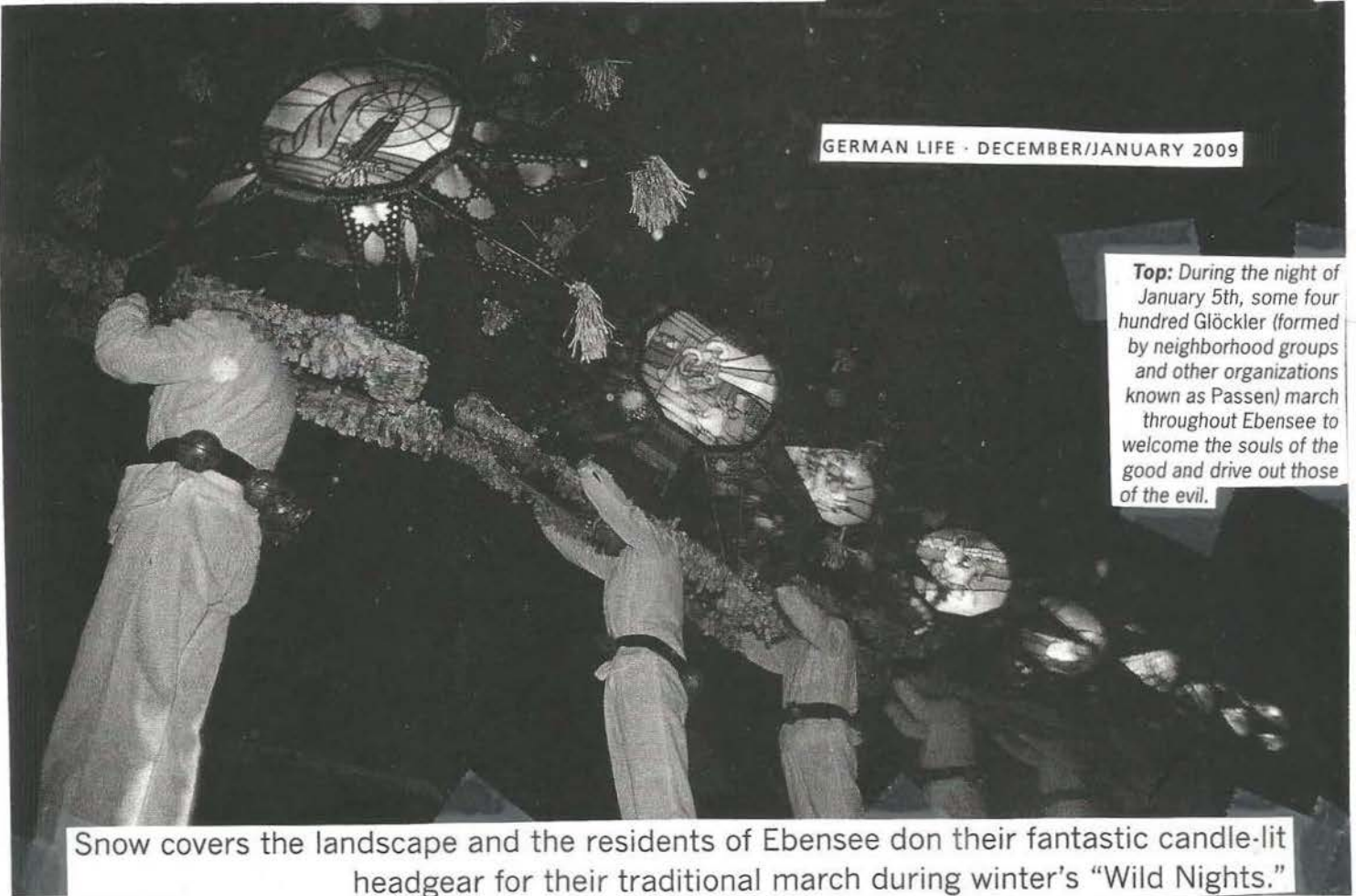
The Warm Glow of Austria's *Glöcklerlauf*

A centuries-old tradition has survived much opposition in Ebensee in the heart of the Salzkammergut province of Austria and brings a festive note to the dark winter nights following the Christmas holidays.

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Top: During the night of January 5th, some four hundred Glöckler (formed by neighborhood groups and other organizations known as *Passen*) march throughout Ebensee to welcome the souls of the good and drive out those of the evil.



Snow covers the landscape and the residents of Ebensee don their fantastic candle-lit headgear for their traditional march during winter's "Wild Nights."

Right: Illumination for the *Kappe* comes from the warm glow of candlelight. Here the candles of a *Kappe* are being lit. Courtesy Matias Tugores Martorell. **Far right:** The white clothing, elaborate headdress, and cowbells comprise the basic elements necessary for any Glöckler.

