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Christmas Spirit

by Mary Nance

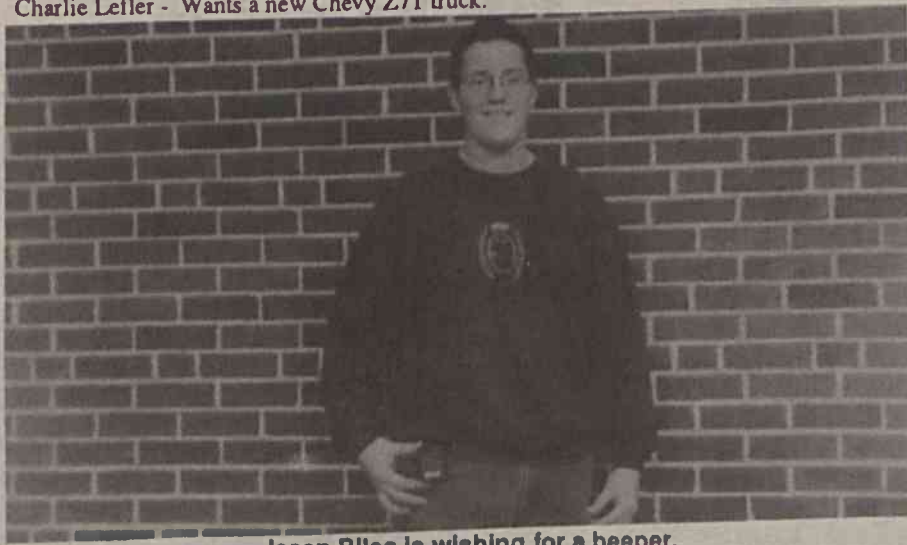
"What do you want for Christmas?" This seems to be a popular phrase as the Christmas holidays draw closer. Many people, especially children and teenagers, anticipate waking up on Christmas morning to open their presents. However, have you ever wondered what Christmas morning would be like if there were no gifts to open or stockings to empty? A plethora of people in the world today, and yes-even in Albemarle-are happy just to have a roof over their heads on this day. Cold and hungry, their only Christmas wishes are to have shelter, food, and warmth. We do not think about these necessities when we think of the holiday season. At my church every year, we adopt a needy family at Christmas time. Therefore, we provide them with a Christmas dinner and other food items, money for heating in their house, a few gifts, and a Christmas tree. Vividly, I can recall the look on their faces when our church group came through their door that winter day. My heart filled with joy and warmth as I watched the children's eyes light up with happiness. As the Christmas holiday approaches, we need to be more grateful for what we have and not act so selfish. Just remember this: the holidays are not only a season of receiving but also a season of giving.

All I Want for Christmas . . .

by Allison Hudson

Christmas is just around the corner. Stockings are being hung, fruitcake is piling up, and Christmas lists are being made. Many students have a list of Christmas wishes as long as Florida. Some students have something very special in mind that they are wishing for this holiday season. These things are so special that they would settle for only it and wish for nothing else. On the other hand, a great deal of students want a lot more than just one thing. In fact, it was overwhelming to hear of all the wishes that students from AHS are wanting when they wake up on Christmas morning. So, if you have a list as long as Florida or a list that contains only one thing, I hope all of your Christmas wishes may come true. Here are what some of your peers are wishing for this Christmas.

- Alison Buerpeau - Hopes for a red Chevy truck.
- Kelly Rakes - Wants DJ with a big red bow wrapped around him.
- Johr Brooks - Wishing for world peace.
- Mondarius Henry - Wants everyone to get along and a special someone to surprise him on Christmas morning.
- Jason Biles - Hopes for a beeper.
- Kelley Morehead - Wishes for a six changer CD player.
- Tonya Smith - Hopes for someone special at her doorstep tied up with a big red bow.
- Charlie Lefler - Wants a new Chevy Z71 truck.



Jason Biles is wishing for a beeper.

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Those Strange Relatives!

by Katie Mabry

With the Christmas holiday near, we all get a time of relaxation and some time with our family. But some of us here at Albemarle High School can't relax and spend time with our family; we have to put up with "weird" relatives during the holidays. These are some of the answers I got when I asked some of the students if they had any "weird" relatives.

Laura Cauble - I have a strange relative that is the same age as my boyfriend, but he calls me a child.
Stephanie Cooper - My grandmother is lacking a few marbles, and she always brings us presents.



Jason is trying out new places to hide.

Unfortunately the presents either come from Family Dollar, or she wraps up something she had lying around the house. We've gotten pillow cases, men's garter belts, and Liberty Bell candles.
Meg Mabry - My uncle tried to teach me how to stand on one hand and to fly a kite correctly.

Jon Osborn - Actually my relatives are normal. The holidays give me a chance to hang around with my cousins. One is a really athletic redneck.
Susan Rose - I have one weird uncle who when he comes home, he tries to get me to move to Georgia with him and run some "new business."
Susan Byrd - Most of my relatives are sane, but my grandpa has always called my mom "Sally Polly."

Amber Tinkham - I have an aunt who still believes in Santa Claus.

Heather Braley - My Grandpa usually calls me my uncle's and aunt's names.

Michelle Sides - My Grandma Sides is a sweet woman except for when she cooks chicken and dumplings. Don't eat the so-called chicken because it is really rabbit.

Jason Smith - My uncle Lars visits from Germany and brings 1,000 year old fruit cakes.

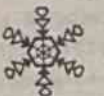
Annette Boysworth - My older (over the hill) uncle rides Harley motorcycles.

Zoua Vang - My cousin calls me Zowie.
Jason Calloway - My aunt buys me underwear every single year.



Santascope

by Jennifer Lowder



Sagittarius (Nov. 23- Dec. 21) You are starting to get tired of putting on a front for your so called "friends." You need to wake up and come back to reality because you are never going to get anywhere unless you can be yourself. Do not worry about changing because you will meet new people who like you for who you are, not who you try to be.

Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 20) Your life seems to be bouncing off the walls. It's time you settle down and figure out what's right for you. Do not worry about trying to impress everyone. The only person you need to impress is yourself.

Aquarius (Jan. 21- Feb. 19) This is your month to shine. It seems lately that everything is going your way. Do not forget about that special someone who you had your eye on earlier in the year because they will start to come around.

Pisces (Feb. 20- Mar. 20) It's time for you need to get over that break-up that happened back in the dark ages. You need to get out more and experience a new group of friends. Do not be so hard on yourself. Soon things will get better.

Aries (Mar. 21- Apr. 20) You are happy, content, and satisfied on the outside. The appearance, however, is different from the true inner feeling of yourself. Try to stop and reflect on past memories and remember that history sometimes repeats itself. Keep smiling and try to listen to your heart.

Taurus (Apr. 21- May 21) Your wealth will flourish if you use what you have wisely but do not be afraid to invest it. Because of your wealth, you may end up with more friends than you ever had before. But do not forget about your true friends which are true riches.

Gemini (May 22- June 21) You are feeling lonely this month. It seems like you have no one to turn to. It's time you start to let your friends and family help you out.

Cancer (June 22- July 23) It seems as though you are getting your love life finally situated. You need to try to forget that old flame because there are better things to come. But do not lose total and complete contact with that old flame because that special someone can come in handy at times.

Leo (July 24- Aug. 23) During this time period, after having a wonderful experience with a special someone, you now feel that you have missed the true meaning of love. You need to go back and look for the definite truth within. It is the only way you will truly satisfy your broken heart.

Virgo (Aug. 24- Sept. 23) Your parents seem to be breathing down your throat all the time. It's time you get out of the house and get a job. Maybe getting a job will show your parents that you are a responsible person. Maybe now they will stop bugging you.

Libra (Sept. 24- Oct. 23) Party, 'fiesta', a great happy time is about to emerge into your life. Open your eyes and look for the deep meaning of this experience. Get ready also for a confrontation with someone who you thought you once knew because they have totally changed.

Scorpio (Oct. 24- Nov. 22) Your love life seems to be keeping you up late at nights. You are not really sure who or what you want. It is time you make your own decisions. If you do not make this decision soon, someone may end up getting hurt. It could be you!