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## Season's Greetings And A True Christmas Story

The time was December 1979, approximately 9:30 pm. I had just taken a group of college students to a dinner theatre production-adaptation of the Humphrey Bogart, Peter Ustinov 1955 Christmas movie, "We're No Angels."

On the way home, the college van broke down. Stranded on the highway with no heat, we watched countless cars pass. After nearly an hour, one car stopped and a young man offered to assist us (10:30 pm).

He said he was no mechanic, but offered to drive some of the students back to campus. Now we didn't know this guy from Adam, so we rejected his offer. Besides, as I explained to him, the college was nearly forty miles away.

It didn't take long for us to realize that the young man sincerely wanted to help. My sister, fortunately, lived in the city, so I instructed the students to remain with the van while I rode with the young man to my sister's house. As a safety precaution, they wrote down his license number (11:00 pm).

At my sister's house, I borrowed her car, notified the college, contacted another cousin who agreed to take some of the students back to college and also called a towing company. The young man and I returned to the van and then divided the students up and took them back to my sister's house (11:30 p.m.).

The young man and I once again returned in his car to the van and waited for the towing truck. When it arrived, I was informed that I would have to ride with the tow truck driver to the garage. The young man suggested that he drive behind us and then give me a ride back to my sister's house.

When we returned to my sister's house, my cousin

had arrived and we prepared to take the students back to the college in my sister's and cousin's cars (1:00 am).

Once again, the young man offered to take some of the students. This time, we declined his offer (seventy miles round trip) and offered to pay him for all his assistance and generosity on that very long and cold night. He refused the money, shook everyone's hand, wished us a Merry Christmas and drove away.

I enjoy telling this holiday story for two reasons, 1) like a fourth angel (the other three were characters in the play we saw earlier that evening), the young man assisted us unselfishly and 2) it reinforced the fact that there are good and bad people everywhere. By the way, the young man was white (European American) and everyone else, including the students, was African American. Season's Greetings, forever Kwanzaa, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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### Brochure Details Facts About The Clark County School District

A new brochure is available from the school district's Public Information Office that details facts about the school district. Information contained in the brochure includes student enrollment, accelerated academic programs, attendance age requirements, and scholastic testing data.

The brochure, designed to resemble a teacher's chalk board, is titled "Clark County School District Fact Board." The fact brochure will be updated annually to include current enrollment

## Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Launches School America

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a national public service sorority with more than 175,000 members, has launched a major initiative called "SCHOOL AMERICA." The sorority, which was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1913 by 22 young black women, has as its goal the re-establishment of literacy as a family value in every American home. One of the key components of SCHOOL AMERICA is reader registration which involves registering persons to serve as official readers. Just as voter registration was the key to political progress, reader registration is the key to economic progress. The commitment of registered readers is to read at least one story a week to a child between the ages of 1 through 10 beginning now and continuing throughout the year 1990.

"Registered Readers" may read to children in their homes or their communities. What is important is that they read and read regularly.

The goal of Delta Sigma Theta is to register over one million readers. To accomplish this task, the sorority is asking the leaders of national organizations to join as partners in implementing this program. Partners are asked to encourage the members of their respective organizations to join Delta Sigma Theta in signing up as many people as possible to become "Registered Readers" in this communities and to become "Registered Readers" themselves.

The idea seems simple. Yet the task is gigantic. Delta Sigma Theta and its 800 chapters of undergraduate and graduate women know that a collaborative effort is essential to mount a strong and effective campaign to register readers as a means to secure economic rights by promoting literacy via family reading activities. With the remarkable advocacy of

and budget figures.

Copies of the Fact Board brochure may be obtained at the district's Public Information Office, 2832 E. Flamingo Road, or by calling their office at 799-5304.

literacy demonstrated by the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, with whom Delta Sigma Theta has already formed a partnership, and the willingness of religious, fraternal, professional, social and civic organizations to become partners, this task can be accomplished.

The national president of Delta Sigma Theta, Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, member of Alabama State Legislature and president of S.D. Bishop Community College in Mobile, Alabama, explains the program this way: "The merits of reading out loud to a child on a regular basis are well documented. It is a simple, yet powerful gesture that reaps long-lasting benefits not only for the child and the person reading to that child, but for society as well. We hope that everyone will join us in this initiative...parents,

### Hancock School To Unveil Mascot At Grandparents Day

The new school mascot for Doris Hancock Elementary School will be unveiled publicly for the first time during a Grandparents Day program in the multipurpose room, Tuesday, January 2 at 9 a.m. The school is located at 1661 Lindell Road. Moe's costume is a caricature of a hawk.

According to Principle Marcy Theede, the students do not know the real identity of the adult wearing the mascot outfit. Purchase of the made-to-order uniform was made possible by the school's Parent Teacher Student Organization (PT-SO).

Close to 100 grandparents of Hancock School students are expected to attend. Prizes will be given to grandparents who traveled the longest distance to attend the event.

The mascot was selected by the Hancock student council from entries submitted by each classroom.

Moe wears a Disney-style uniform in school colors, blue and white.

## Gamma Phi Delta Sorority To Sponsor "Senior Career Night"

Delta Kappa Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. will sponsor a "Senior Career Night" featuring Black Colleges and Universities. The event will be held Thursday, January 18, 1990 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Western High School, 4601 W. Bonanza Rd.

Alumni from various colleges and universities, as well as Professionals from different disciplines, will be on hand to answer questions and offer assistance in filling out applications for admission and financial aid.

All Seniors and their Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend.

## Food Drive At School Collects More Than 50 Boxes Of Food

Students at Walter Long Elementary School conducted a holiday food drive December that resulted in more than 50 boxes of food being donated to the Salvation Army. The food was picked up by Salvation Army representatives December 13 and will be distributed to needy families in the community.

The more than 650 students brought canned goods and prepackaged food items to school to share with families that need assistance during the holidays. Each classroom filled more than two boxes of food.

The food drive was coordinated by art specialist Carolyn Clark and fifth grade teacher George Carque.

teachers, religious leaders, neighbors and people from all walks of life who care about the future."

Through the generous support of the Burger King Corporation, Delta Sigma Theta has started "Reader Registration" programs through its local chapters and has already signed up

thousands of "Registered Readers."

For more information to become a partner or to obtain a "Read Registration" card, write SCHOOL AMERICA, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., 1211 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Suite 312, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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