

Santa dons red-and-white getup for furry clientele

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Jack Hein, or Santa Claus to those who visit him and sit on his lap, says he's never been bitten, but he has been peed on twice.

No, Jack isn't Santa Claus for unruly children, but he does don his red-and-white suit for the furry clientele of the Pet-O-Mine Shop, 4014 Leavenworth St., Omaha.

Wally Hein, Jack's brother and owner of the pet shop, said his son suggested the Santa Claus-for-pets idea six years ago.

The first year, an outfit came in with a professional camera and background, Wally said, but it didn't pay to do the job.

The photographer helped set up a Polaroid camera and showed Pet-O-Mine how to do the job itself, Wally said.

This year, Santa will arrive on Dec. 15 at 10 a.m., but customers can call the shop to make sure when Santa will be in his chair.

Wally said the number of visi-

tors to Santa Claus varies each year because pet owners don't want to bring their pets out in the cold weather or snow.

"If it's cold weather, they won't come," Wally said.

The Humane Society used to have a Santa Claus in October when it was warmer, but Wally said he hasn't seen any advertisements for one this year.

"The first year, I got here at seven in the morning and they were lined up almost halfway up the hill in front of the shop," Wally said.

But no time during the day seems to be the busiest, Wally said.

"You never know, there might be no one here and two minutes later, there's a line," Wally said.

Jack, who has been Santa Claus for the last three years, said he didn't receive any special training to be a pet Santa Claus.

"Last year, the ones they said would be mean and maybe not

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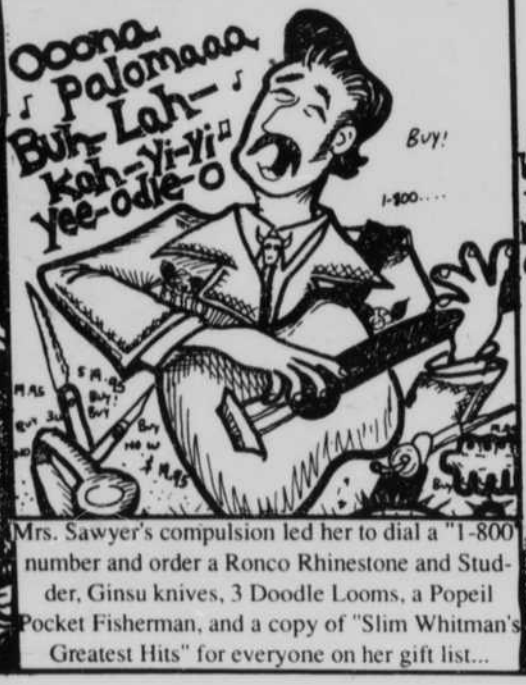
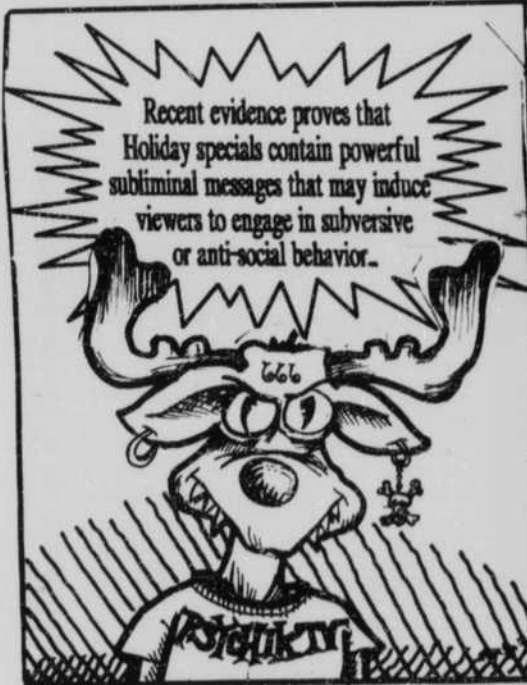
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