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Seasons Greetings!

I've been racing to my mailbox all month in anticipation of hearing how friends and acquaintances are doing, how they feel about their year and what their hopes and wishes are during this sentimental season.

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From Sandra Day O'Connor —

"Hello from rural Arizona! Once I left the court I realized how much I missed working up a real sweat, doing real work. I'm still feeling great, so I hired on as a wrangler at the Circuitous 9 Ranch. After watching me talk the steers into voting in favor of their own branding, the boss man moved me to a new job. I start herding cats next week! Feels like old times, except for catching my robe in my spurs."

From Mel Gibson —

"Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas! Swell Kwanzaa! Delightful Ramadan! Terrific Vishnu Day! Love that Buddha! Gotta go! I'm rushing to another bris for the Malibu Sheriff's Department, but let's keep in touch. Have your spiritual adviser call mine and we'll do something fun in '07—how about mock the Darfur genocide?"

From George Bush —

"Hey, how are you? Hey, how am I? Hey, who am I? Hey, why am I writing this? Dick? Karl? Condi?"

From Russell Pearce —

"Merry Christmas! I'm sending you a link to a great Web site that I haven't actually read but from the head notes it sounds like the upside of 'Operation Wetback.' Check out 'Operation Involuntary Servitude' and see if that doesn't solve both our illegal alien and labor problems!"

From the Hewlett-Packard Board —

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From the CIA —

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From the FBI —

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From my identify thief —

"I am now you and your family. Thanks for leaving your card in the ATM. Everyone loves "your" gifts, and mostly I like being you, but can I give Uncle Ralph back?"

From Governor Janet —

"It's been a great year for me. I love keeping my job and am excited about my newest idea—all day *and all night* kindergarten! Drop them off at 5 and pick them up at 6, and I'm talking years old, not hours of the day! I'm working on something similar for teenagers, too!"

From Angelina Jolie —

"I just adopted everyone under 21 in Lichtenstein."

From Madonna —

"I just adopted everyone over 21 in Lichtenstein."

From Bill Gates —

"I just bought Lichtenstein!"

From Sheriff Joe —

"Am sending you a gift box along with holiday wishes. I know that the pink boxers have become as traditional as a fruitcake, but the holiday Taser is new. The laser shoots green and red while playing 'Here comes Santa Claus,' and is just a great and *totally* safe way to clear out anyone in front of you in the 'gift return' line on the 26th!"

And my holiday letter to all of you: May your briefs be short, your law suits pressed and your judgments compassionate, and may we all roll into 2007 eager to do good for and with each other. ☺



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