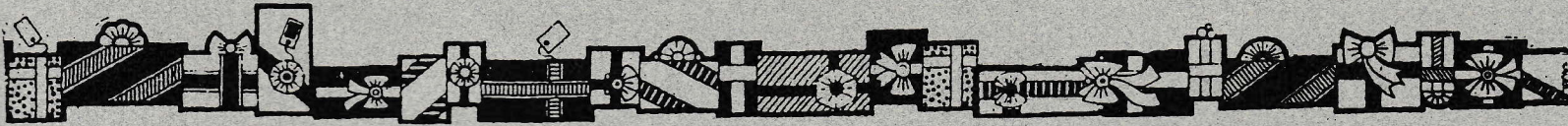

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HAPPY WISHES

HAPPY CHANUKAH!!

The eight day celebration of Chanukah will start on December 24th this year with the lighting of the first candle to take place on December 23rd. We wish all our friends and neighbors of the Jewish faith a very happy holiday.



HAPPY KWANZAA!!

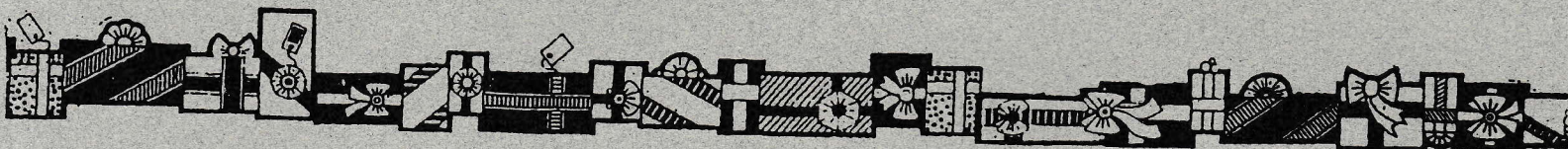
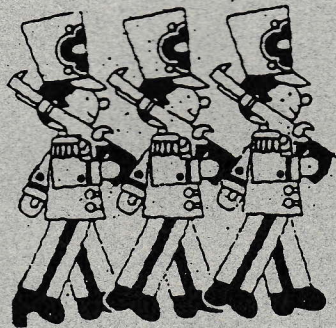
Kwanzaa begins December 26th and continues for eight days. We wish our African American friends a blessed holiday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

To our Christian neighbors we wish a very Merry Christmas

and to all....

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



ENGINEER'S CORNER

by Chuck Brown

Pointers for Keeping Cozy...

To minimize energy use, position the plastic grills in your heating unit to direct air flow into the center of the room. Do not direct air flow towards the windows. This wastes heat, requires higher fan speeds to keep your apartment comfortable while increasing your electric bill.

On sunny days, keep your shades raised to get the benefit of solar heat. Pull shades or drapes at night to retain heat.

Do not block convectors with furniture. Doing so will interfere with the circulation of heat throughout the apartment.

NEVER turn off your heating unit via the valve, but turn on or off by the switch at the top of the unit only. Turning off the valve may result in a pipe break causing considerable damage to your unit and units below.

Make sure your filters are clean! This will keep your system running smoothly and will cause less strain on the motor.

Keeping Your Apartment Odor Free...

While cooking, please make sure that you keep your overhead kitchen light on.

The light switch operates the damper for the exhaust system that pulls odors from the building. Your neighbors will also appreciate your leaving the overhead kitchen light on when you are cooking.

HUMIDIFIER HINTS

Humidifiers are used by many residents to increase the comfort level of their homes during the heating season. When properly used, humidifiers do not cause a problem;

however, when the humidity level of the home is allowed to get too high, serious water damage can occur. Moisture will condense on the cool window glass frames causing damage to carpeting and window sills. Water may also travel to the unit below and this will cause damage to this unit also.

To prevent water damage problems, a humidifier should not be used without a humidifier gauge. The maximum humidity should never exceed 30 percent in the unit.

During cold weather, it is normal for some frosting of the windows to occur.

KEEP THE HUMIDIFIERS AS FAR AWAY FROM THE WINDOWS AS POSSIBLE.

Mop up any pooled water **PROMPTLY** to avoid damage to your sills, carpeting and the unit below.

Turn the humidifier off when cooking, bathing or entertaining large groups of people.

CHRISTMAS TREE TIPS



If you are planning to have a live tree this holiday season the following suggestions will be helpful:

1. Take an old bed sheet with you to wrap the tree in before you carry it through the building to your apartment.
2. Cut off the base of the tree so it absorbs water readily and water daily.
3. To dispose of tree - remove all decorations, remove from stand and **CALL THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE FOR DISPOSAL OF YOUR TREE - FREE OF CHARGE.**

Is There a Santa Claus?

The following article originally appeared on the editorial page of the New York Sun, September 21, 1897, and was reprinted for many years in the December 24 editions of the newspaper.



We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor, I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says "If you see it in The Sun it's so."

Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

115 West Ninety-fifth Street

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless work about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, not even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

November 27th & 28th - Closed
December 24th - Closed
December 25th - Closed
December 31st - Closed at 2:00 PM
January 1st - Closed

**We wish you a Happy, Healthy,
and Prosperous New Year!**



PARK TOWER HOLIDAY PARTY

The Annual Holiday Party will be held in the Park Tower Lobby on Monday, December 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All residents are invited so plan to attend and enjoy this special occasion to meet with your friends and neighbors. There will be a harpist and or'deuves to enjoy.

FITNESS FOCUS

**During the upcoming Holidays, the
Health Club hours will be
as follows:**

November 27th - Closed
December 24th - Closed at 5:00 PM
December 25th - Closed
December 31st - Closed at 5:00 PM
January 1st - Open at 11:00 AM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Tuesday, December 16th
7:30 PM in the Party Room**

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