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DEAN SENDS X-MAS GREETINGS

Eschewing bizarre physics references for one straight year!

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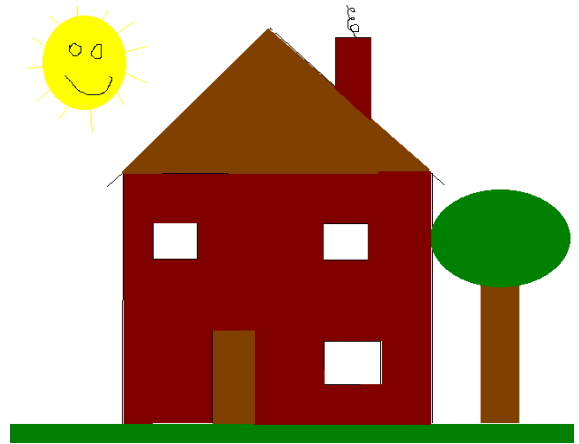
erry Christmas to you and yours. I hope this holiday season finds everyone happy and healthy.

Christmas is just around the corner and this year it's holding a water balloon that it's going to plaster you with as soon as it sees you come around the bend. To be forewarned is to be forearmed, but as everyone already knows that they have forearms I don't see what good this information is really going to do you, but don't say I didn't warn you.

But other than committing malicious pranks that could very well cause you to catch your death of cold, Christmas is also a time of friends, family and fun. And what exactly that has to do with Dean abusing a couple of homonyms in the previous paragraph is left as an exercise for the reader.

As for what I've been up to, the cat remains unreplaced and the car isn't quite so new, but I do have some major news to impart. Yup, I went ahead and bought a new computer as I was getting tired of not being able to run all of the latest viruses. But now I not only have the ability to lose a hard drive to the latest rogue virus, I can also play all of the latest games. Yay! Oh, and I also bought a new house, but who really wants to hear about that?

Oh, you do want to hear more about the house? Really? Well there's not really much to tell. It's a big two-story brick place with a pretty fair sized yard for a place that's smack dab in the middle of suburbia. The big yard was pretty important because otherwise there wouldn't be room for the pool. But to give you a better impression you'll note the next column features a painting that I commissioned an artist to render of the place which may not have captured the feel of it overly well; but I suppose you can't expect too much from a 6 year old that's only being paid 2 dollars for their effort.



ARTIST'S RENDITION OF MY NEW HOME. NOTE: NOT TO SCALE

Work continues on about the same and I just celebrated my fifteenth year with the company. I'm still enjoying the work and the pay is pretty decent so the incentive to move on is pretty much non-existent. That is until I can find that job that will pay me to drink beer and watch TV, but I'm given to understand that the applicant field for those jobs is pretty cluttered, so odds are that I may be here for a while more.

This summer I did see a few of you when I made my way to my 20-year high school reunion. It was a pretty decent time and I look forward to another five years hence when I can once again amaze my classmates with the fact that I'm taller than they remember.

And lest you forget, I do indeed have a rarely viewed webpage that can be found at:

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Dean_Lenort/homepage.htm

And as the remainder of this newsletter draws to a close, it's time to once again remind everyone that homonym and simile don't mean the same thing and it really pisses me off when you mix them up. But really, it is my sincere hope that this holiday season is a good one full of fun and cheer for you and yours.

Dean