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Season's Greeting and other thoughts



A special end-of-year message

Wópila táŋka — profound thanks — to our donors and supporters for your steadfast commitment to restoring Buffalo to Native lands. As we honor the sacred season of the Winter Solstice — when we carry one another forward in the returning light — we reflect on the immense progress made possible by your generosity

Drawing from Lakota values and the vision of **Tanka Fund**, your partnership breathes renewed life into our culture, our communities, and the land itself. By bringing Buffalo home, we honor our ancestors and create a healthier, more sustainable future for generations to come.

Your unwavering support is a living example of what can be achieved when we walk this path in unity. From all of us at Tanka Fund, we extend our deepest gratitude and look forward to another year of hope, resilience, and restoring our relatives to their rightful place.

Mitákuye Oyás’iŋ — We Are All Related

The Tanka Team

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This holiday season, we invite you to reflect with pride on something truly special – that you took an active role in helping Native students achieve their dreams through education.

This time of year is often filled with a focus on family and connection. At the American Indian College Fund, we see the impact of your care and generosity every day. From the scholars earning their degrees to the dreams that are being realized, your belief in Native students creates ripples of change that extend far beyond the classroom.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Your commitment to education and the future of Native communities is something I hold close to my heart, and it is an honor to celebrate this season with you.



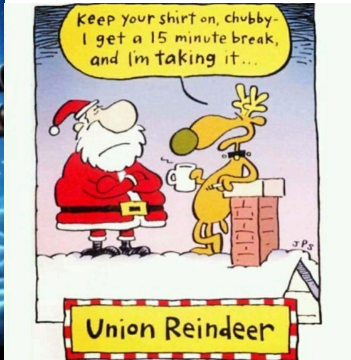
Wopila tanka (With great thanks),

*Cheryl Crazy Bull*

Cheryl Crazy Bull (Sicangu Lakota)  
President & CEO - American Indian College Fund



The MAGA Far Right  
Nativity scene :  
No unmarried  
mothers, no middle  
eastern people, no  
refugees, no one  
seeking emergency  
accomodations, and  
definitely no wise  
men. 🤔😂🤔



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### 13 Bizarre Christmas Laws You Never Knew Actually Existed

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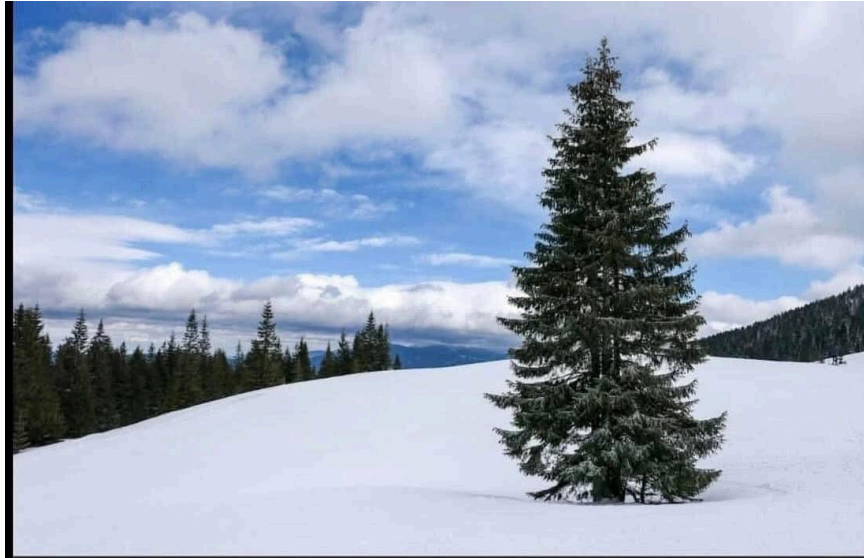
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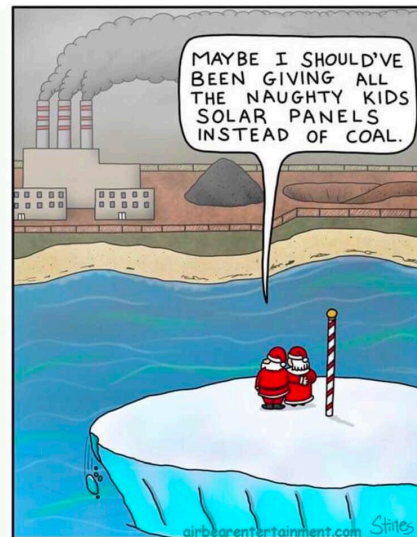
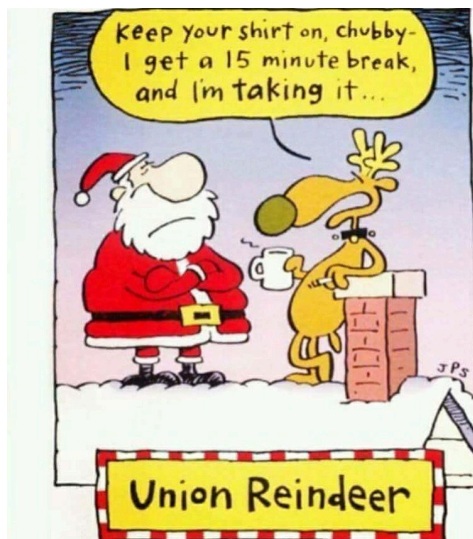
### [How Johnny Marks, King of Christmas Hits, Made “Rudolph” a Classic](#)

<https://blogs.loc.gov/loc/2024/12/how-johnny-marks-king-of-christmas-hits-made-rudolph-a-classic/?loclr=ealocb>





We buy 30 million Christmas trees every holiday season. Imagine if we all bought living potted trees and then planted them in the spring.



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When you ask a cardiac nurse to hang the Christmas garland



- Iceland's meanest Christmas tale involves **Jólaötturinn, or the child-eating Yule Cat**, who roams the Icelandic countryside on Christmas Eve attacking and eating children who fail to wear at least one new piece of clothing. Best behave.
- Every country has its own festive holiday traditions. Sweden's particular tradition involves gathering around the squawk box on Christmas Eve to watch Donald Duck — **a tradition that dates back to 1959.**



Photo credit: NASA

## Sharing the wonder

On December 24, 1968, Apollo 8 astronaut Bill Anders captured an image that had never been seen before in human history: **the planet Earth rising above the horizon of the moon.**

Anders and fellow astronauts Frank Borman and James Lovell had traveled nearly a quarter million miles to orbit the moon but, at that moment, unexpectedly found themselves **captivated by their home planet.**

"Here we came to study that moon and yet, it was this gorgeous earth rise, this colorful, delicate-looking planet coming up that, in my view, was the most spectacular view of the whole flight."

—Bill Anders



Back on Earth, an estimated one in four across the globe tuned in for a special Christmas Eve **television broadcast** from the crew. As they orbited the moon, Borman, Lovell, and Anders transmitted images of the lunar surface, before taking turns reading **from the book of Genesis**.

As one of the **most turbulent years in American history** came to a close, astronauts from the **first crewed mission to the moon** gave the nation—and the world—a sense of perspective and hope.

**WATCH THE EARTH RISE**

**May you enjoy this day of light reading,  
staying in pj's, cooking or eating too much,  
feeling the warmth of family and friends, or  
taking naps,  
counting your blessings, remembering there  
is so much for which to be grateful as well as  
so much to do!**

**So glad you are on this journey with me.**

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