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HOLIDAY HUMOR!

Did you know there are towns where the very name conjures up visions of sugar plum fairies, elves and reindeer 365 days a year? From Saint Nicholas PA to Christmas Cove Maine—it's hard not to adopt the yuletide glow. Consider these seasonally themed towns:

North Pole, Alaska - Was originally called Homestead, but was renamed in 1952 hoping that toy manufacturers would come there for the "Made in North Pole" bragging rights. Sadly, none did. But they still respond to thousands of children's letters to Santa each year.

Rudolph, Wisconsin - Although not inspired by the famous red-nosed reindeer, it still has a drawing of Rudolph on all its street signs and many letters come through the village post office just to get their sought-after Rudolph postmark.

Santa Claus, Indiana - It was originally called Santa Fe, but was asked by the U.S. Postmaster to change its name in 1853. The post office here gets over a million holiday cards and letters to Santa from children every year.

The 3 most common phrases that sum up Christmas are: Peace on Earth. Goodwill to Men. and Batteries Not Included. So this year I bought my kids a set of batteries with a note

on it saying "Toys Not Included."

According to Jay Leno, the Supreme Court has ruled that they cannot have a nativity scene anywhere in Washington DC. This wasn't for any religious reasons. They just couldn't find three wise men and a virgin.

Christmas is a time when kids tell Santa what they want, and adults pay for it. Deficits are when adults tell the government what they want, and their kids pay for it.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!