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### **Military Mom Finds Out not all Soldiers Receive Gift Packages, so she sends 10,000 to Ungifted Soldiers**

By Kyle Young



LeAnn Boudwine of Wisconsin has two sons, each in the United States Army, where they receive gift packages on the holidays. But she was unhappy to learn that not all soldiers received gift packages, so she decided to do something. She sent 10,000 packages to the other soldiers. "Soldiers tell us how good it makes them feel to know that we are thinking about them," said Boudwin. They have been sending packages nonstop for ten years. They are planning to keep on going for as long as they can.

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### **UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO DONS** by Nathaniel

Did you know that we have a great university right here in the heart of San Francisco? It is called University of San Francisco (USF). USF was founded on October 15, 1855. It was founded by the Jesuits, and it was a one room school house along Market Street. It has about 6,800 undergraduate students and it has a total of 55 acres. Just like CDS, the students at USF do community services. Their website is [www.usfca.edu](http://www.usfca.edu). There were many famous athletes that went to USF, such as Bill Russell, Phil Woolpert, and Bill Cartwright. Maybe think about coming out to support USF by attending a sporting event. The men's sports are baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, track and field, and tennis. The women's sports are basketball, beach volleyball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, track and field, and indoor volleyball. There are also many more club sports that they have. USF has so many sports that you could go to and if you do go remember to don your yellow and green. I hope you visit one of their games and get to know USF. GO DONS!



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### **The Daily Awww: tiger**

Just after a 300-mile road trip, British Royal Navy Lieutenant Nick Grimmer heard a noise coming from his car, so he called over friends to take apart the car to locate the noise: a kitten! Lieutenant Grimmer later stated, "He was hanging on for dear life. I had no idea how long he had been there," though he thinks he crawled inside at the airport. The animal most likely climbed aboard to escape harsh weather or a certain predator. Then Grimmer put out flyers. No owner contacted him. So, to give this poor kitty a home, Grimmer's boss adopted him, and now calls him *Tiger*.



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## **Honorable Mentions - Youtuber raises money for charity Topic sent in by Alex**

Many of us think of youtubers as being greedy, but recently some youtubers, TheAtlanticCraft, raised money for hurricane relief showing that anyone can make a big impact.

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### **The Happy Horoscope By Democritus**

- ♏ **Capricorn: You will shed the skin of failure. - Dec. 22-Jan. 19**
- ♒ **Aquarius: You will grow a new mind. - Jan. 20-Feb. 18**
- ♏ **Pieces: You will comfort the crow of your burdens. - Feb. 19-Mar. 20**
- ♈ **Ares: You will taste the trials of light. - Mar. 21-Apr. 19**
- ♉ **Taurus: You will try time and time again. - Apr. 20-May 20**
- ♊ **Gemini: You will feel aloft, as if on a cloud. - May 21-Jun. 20**
- ♋ **Cancer: You will take every chance you get. - Jun. 21-Jul. 20**
- ♌ **Leo: You will try to find another way. - Jul. 21-Aug. 22**
- ♍ **Virgo: You will light a new path. - Aug. 23-Sep. 22**
- ♎ **Libra: You will cry tears of happy nostalgia. - Sep. 23-Oct. 22**
- ♏ **Scorpio: You will love a new find. - Oct. 23-Nov. 21**
- ♐ **Sagittarius: You will greet the end like a dove. - Nov. 22-Dec. 21**

### **December's Happiest Comics - Sent in by Nina**



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### **I do not Step in the Grass**

I do not step in the grass  
Because every time I raise my foot  
I think of the forests of life  
Under every rock, stick, or leaf  
I imagine  
How if we were giants  
Our forests would be tiny  
Like reeds in the wind`  
I do not step in the grass  
I see the ants, the deer of the dirt  
And the innocent spiders creating a home  
I see the flies flocking to their food,  
Not unlike people  
And I imagine our forest  
Being destroyed by giants  
And that is why  
I do not step in the grass - By OI.Y