OOPS ... Santa got caught in a compromising position this year * ...

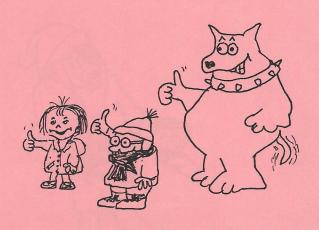




Critics maintain that he has lost all credibility and should step aside for the good of Christmas.**

But kids still think he can deliver the goods and just don't get what all the fuss is about.





Is this really the best that we can do as we approach the third millennium?

** With all the distractions caused by the many months of drawn out controversy, some worry (others hope) that Santa may not have been keeping track of who's been good and who's been bad...



We hope you've been good just the same,
but if you've fallen short,
we wish you the strength to do better
in the future,
a gift we can all surely use.

best wishes ani and bob

More Notes:

* During a year of national obsession with sex rather than substance, the US Postal Service did not issue a LOVE stamp nor was one available from previous years for use in this holiday mailing, breaking a longstanding tradition of our annual christmas card.

Golden Oldie Treat:

In what seems to be a recurring event, our production team doesn't get into production until just before the christmas deadline, which means that many of you receive this card late, the theme of our precomputer era 1980 edition that very few of you saw, so we reprise the simple two frame design of that year here in our 20th anniversary edition:



After many occasions this year that we wished to send a special thank you note with a cute original illustration for a special occasion, a good time or a considerate act, our good intentions did not come to fruition [we never got around to it]. To all those who deserve thanks in this category, please accept our sincere appreciation for whatever it was that put us in your debt.



Christmas sort of snuck by me this year ...



Hope it didn't get past you.

in memory of the passenger jetload of helpless Iraqi's who die quietly every day year after year