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## Merry mayhem

*Holiday activities prove boredom resistant*

As we endure these final days of ubiquitous scantrons and Michael Bolton's Christmas songs, I offer this list of "Top Ten Things To Do While on Christmas Break" as a guide to making others' holiday moments just as miserable as yours.

10. Go to your local mall dressed as the Easter Bunny. Stand in front of the pictures-with-Santa booth. Hand out fliers to children that read: "Santa ran over Big Bird," "Santa molested Tickle Me Elmo," "Santa killed Barney," etc.

9. Go to your local supermarket. Fill your shopping cart with all of the egg nog in the store. Get in line at the aisle labeled: Fifteen Items or Less. After the cashier rings up all of the egg nog, try to pay with Monopoly Money.

8. Sneak over to your neighbors' house with the most obnoxious Christmas lighting display. (Ya know, the one with their front yard stuffed full of snowmen, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, reindeer, children, angels, mangers, donkeys, wise men and candy canes.) Unscrew one light bulb from every strand of lights.

7. Go to the local ice skating rink. Every time the zamboni gets ready to clean the ice, throw yourself in front of it screaming, "For the love of humanity, everyone must burn their Michael



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Bolton Christmas Albums!"

6. Go to the Police Station dressed in clothes, carrying a knot of Christmas lights and with ornaments dangling from your neck and clothes. Put some fake blood on your face for effect. Sit there for about 30 minutes, looking at their Christmas tree. When they ask you are there, tell them your Christmas tree is tacked your family.

5. Go back to that same supermarket where you bought the milk. Sit down in the dairy section. Begin drinking egg nog from the carton. Tell them your fridge is broken and the manager to give you a ride home.

4. Go to the Gap. Buy 30 pairs of socks. Pay with pennies. Return one pair for the next month. When they ask you are returning the socks, tell them things like "They didn't fit my dog," "They don't taste right," "They gave me a burning rash," etc.

3. Go to Wal-Mart dressed in running clothes and a tank top like Richard Simmons. Buy some mistletoe. Stand at the entrance. Kiss everyone who is returning something.

2. Go to Toys 'R Us dressed as a disgruntled elf. Wander through the aisles proclaiming, "That fatty-boy Claus is Satan!"

1. Give fruit cake to all of your relatives. Hope your Christmas tree lights don't short out and catch your house on fire. Feliz Navidad Prospero Año Nuevo.

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### MAIL CALL

#### Concealed weapons law wastes funding

In response to Donny Ferguson's Dec. 8 concealed handgun column: I agree in principal to many of

Ferguson's arguments, but I disagree with his fear of regulation.

I believe the bearing of arms is a Constitutional right for all law-abiding citizens. I think, however, it is only prudent a person who is allowed to carry firearms in public meet a few basic requirements.

I don't want ex-felons, substance abusers or mentally unstable individuals to carry, or even own, firearms.

I believe one should completely understand the state laws concerning deadly force, pass a written test and pass a practical test to demonstrate the safe and effective use of a

firearm. Texas has the most comprehensive permit system in the United States and all items are addressed.

Texas is one of 31 states that has implemented a non-permit system which means permits are not be capriciously denied.

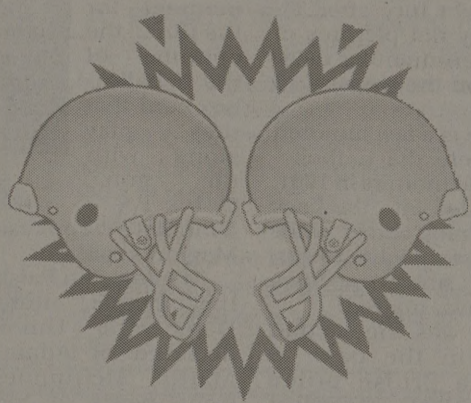
My biggest complaint with the current system is the amount of money required to obtain a permit makes the cost prohibitive for people of lower income.

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