

Foodbank short of items

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and tuna were missing. "As this recession gets worse, we'll have more and more of that," said Detective Keith Woudstra at 11th Division Police Headquarters in Georgetown. "All the toys were thrown out because we didn't want" to chance it with the chemicals from the fire extinguishers, said Ms. Elliston. The carpeting must also be replaced, she said, because babies crawl on it and children play on it. "The kitchen was completely

done in too," she added. Volunteers had to take everything out and re-wash dishes and utensils.

There has been a marvelous response from the community," she pointed out. Offers to help clean up the start replenishing supplies have come in from people involved in local hockey, other churches, and residents in the community.

Eighteen Georgetown District High School students showed up Monday afternoon to help at the

foodbank. GDHS teacher Kirk Brush's grade 10 data processing class wiped the baking soda, used to neutralize the fire extinguisher chemicals, from every can, bottle and jar. Instead of data processing, "now we're food processing," joked Mr. Brush, to help out the needy cause.

About 425 people use the foodbank, said Ms. Elliston, or 150 families in Georgetown. "We go through about 3,000 pounds of food per week," she explained.



This is just a small sample of the food, clothes and other items vandals destroyed after breaking into the Love and Christ Foodbank located in the basement of the Mountainview Baptist Church in Georgetown

Thursday night. The vandals used the fire extinguisher to contaminate food and clothes given out by the foodbank. (Herald photo)

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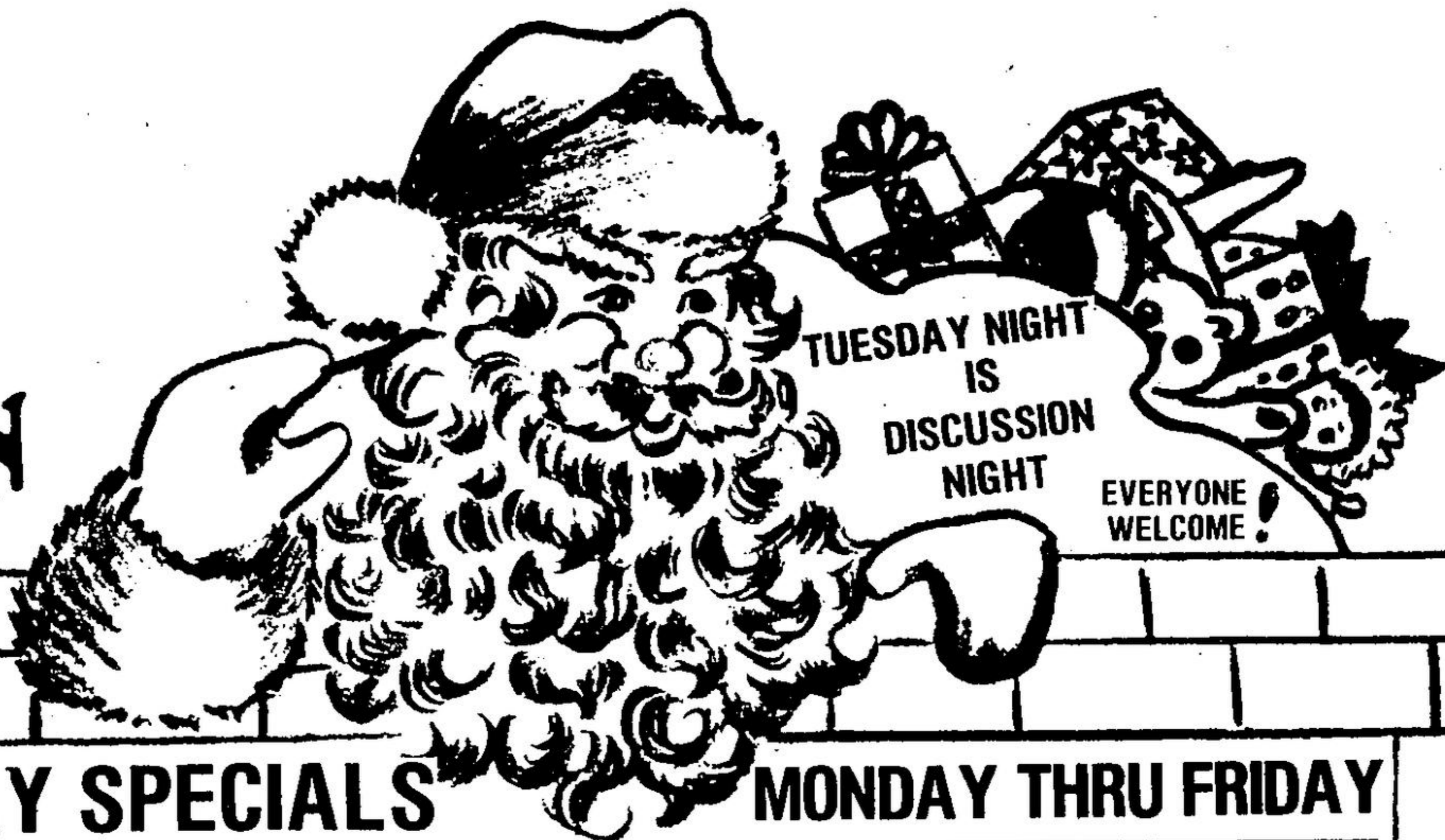
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