

# Here comes Santa Claus

Scituate welcomed the holiday season with two major local events, the Santa Stroll at Scituate Harbor and CORSE's North Pole Express train ride.

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Penelope Houghton, 4, looks up in apparent wonder as Santa makes a surprise appearance on the seventh annual Scituate North Pole Express from Greenbush Station on Sunday, Dec. 7.



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ALL ABOARD!



Ben Petrie, 3, of Scituate, checks out the Santa and snowman decorations.

# 'Polar Express' comes alive

As children boarded a train in Scituate on Saturday, the magic of Christmas seemed to be present.

Two local organizations sponsored the 7th annual Scituate North Pole Express, which recreated aspects of the popular children's book "The Polar Express" on four trains located at the Greenbush Commuter Rail Station.

The enchanted moments included sipping milk with cookies, singing carols, hearing stories, meeting Santa Claus.

Just in case it didn't seem real enough, every child received a bell, as did at least one child in the book written by Chris Van Allsburg, which might have reminded them or adults present of the magical experience portrayed in

the 2004 animated Christmas fantasy film produced and directed by Robert Zemeckis.

Scituate CORSE Foundation (Community of Resources for Special Education) and SHORE (Scituate High Opportunities and Resources for Education) sponsored the Christmas event, which serves as a fundraiser.



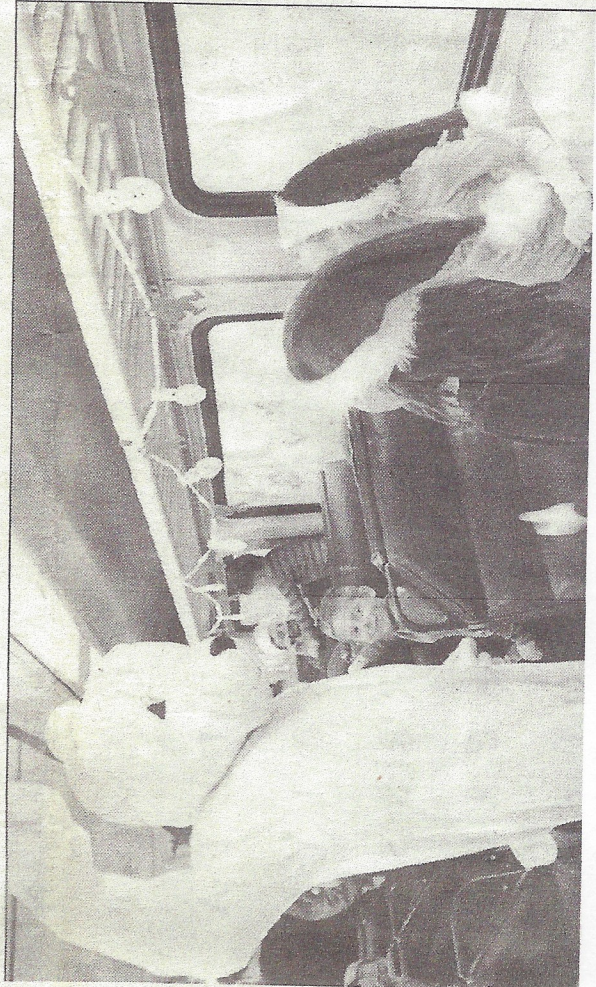
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Jack Savage, 2, of Scituate, meets Mrs. Claus.



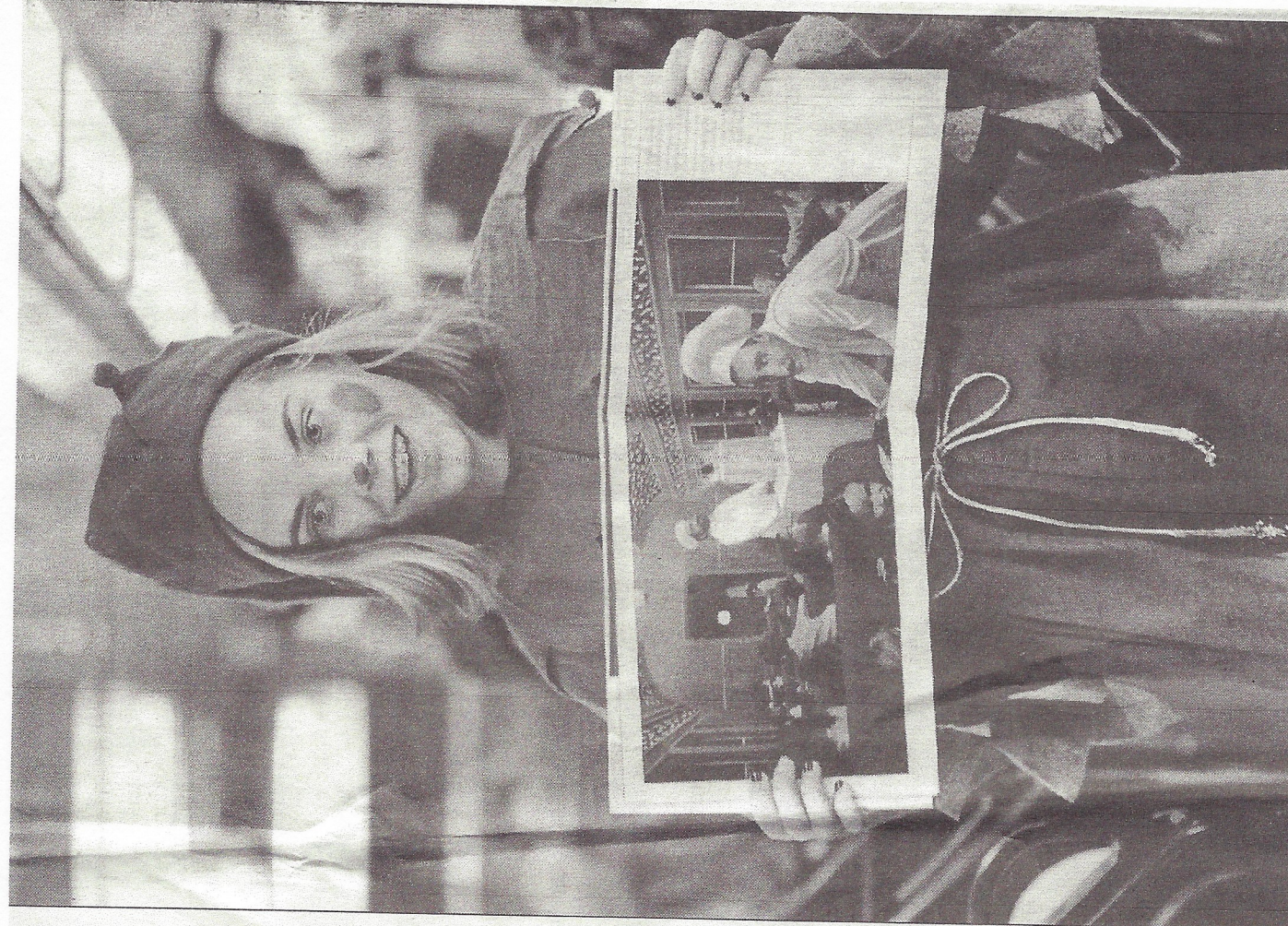
Elves, from left, Hannah Tobin, James Flanagan, Kathryn Parks, Olivia Vegnani, and Lou Quattrucci on the 7th annual Scituate North Pole Express.







Santa makes a surprise visit to meet the children on the seventh annual Scituate North Pole Express.



Elf Megan McConaughey, 14, of Scituate shows passengers the pictures while a second elf reads "The Polar Express."