

BOXING DAY

...AT THE MIDWAY SKATING RINK

Matt
The last time I skated was 20 years ago. It comes right back to ya. I'm better than I remembered! I had to unbutton my coat.



I'm gonna take one last circuit. I think they're gonna kick us all out and run the Zamboni.

Big Mama Connie brought her grandson Darnell from Massachusetts to see her granddaughters Amelia and Marcia, who are on a visit to their other grandmother, Grandma G, from Germany, where their father, now in Iraq, is based.



She made one round! She's only three and she can skate really good. I done it since I was six. I'm eight now.

Once I went skating and I hit my head on the ice. Then I didn't want to skate for a long time. But then I got over it.

Kristin and Justine took Darnell for a spin.

No, we don't know him. My mother was talking to his grandmother and saw a child in need. He's not really interested in learning to skate. He's more interested in being pulled around the rink.

And he's heavy!



Kristin

Justine

I just came down with Justine and the Jamaican on Ice.

I wanted to take my Jamaican boyfriend skating, but he couldn't stand up.

On dry land.

... So we decided to leave that for another day.

It feels good to get outside in the winter. There are so few opportunities. And Christmas all you do is sit inside and bake.

Nancy and Troy:

I was a lot better at roller-skating than ice-skating.

I'm here from Brooklyn, visiting my girl friend's family. They said, let's go skating, so I said, Sure.

I've never skated before.



Actually, I was deterred by the whole "gear package" [that you can rent]—helmet, knee pads, elbow pads. I said, That is a sign. Then I couldn't stand up in the skates. I figured, if I can't even stand ... I returned the skates.