

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to this Christmas and I hope you are too. How is the Mrs.? She's probably going to stuff you with goodies. You'll need the energy. Speaking of energy, my whole family

needs batteries of all kinds. My mother would like a workout mat and wrist weights. I'm not sure what my Dad wants but you'll think of something. My sisters would like anything they get. Most of all will you please bring some gifts to the church to give to the Salvation Army and then give to the poor.

**Yours truly,
Adam Moore**

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope that you can give me one of the things I want, that is a little puppy. That is what I want most of all. I hope that all of the reindeer are fine.

As I do every year I will leave you cookies and the reindeer some carrots. If you do not want milk you can have tea, coffee, or hot

chocolate. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Yours truly,
Robin Douglas**

Dear Santa Claus,

All I want this year is a brand new VCR, for our living room. Also I would like some new fashion clothes, and a real gold chain with a locket on it. If you want to give me some extra gifts that's all right with me. I will leave you some milk and cookies, and also I will give an apple for your reindeer, Rudolph.

P.S. I would like some cat toys for my cat (if you can manage it).

**Yours truly,
Lori Moon**

Dear Santa,

My name is Adam Sutherland and I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a Voltron master motorized Lion Force, Leader 1, Sy-Klone, and a Gremlot Dinobot. I'm going to leave a good lunch on the table for you and your reindeer.

**Love,
Adam**

Dear Santa

I have tried to be a good girl. For Christmas I would like a Hugga Bunch doll, a Prince of Power miniature, a Peaches and Cream Barbie doll, a Cabbage Patch kid pony, and a care bear baby. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you, Santa Claus.

**Your friend,
Staci Metcalf**



TODAY'S CHILD

BY JUDITH ADAMS

Linda is happiest when she's playing outdoors. She's an active little girl who's just five years old, and she really lives her day and is ready to sleep well at night.

She needs warm, accepting parents to adopt her, people who have firm and clear expectations and can be consistent with rules. She's sensitive toward other people, and likes to be cuddled by people she knows well.

It is thought that Linda has a mild developmental delay in receptive and spoken language, and she is receiving speech therapy in a language-enriched pre-school setting. She does like her own way, and will often stick to her guns and be quite insistent, which is why she needs firm, confident parents who can show her love and firmness at the same time.

Linda needs stimulation from children her own age and also from adults, and would respond well in a setting where she can eventually feel she belongs, preferably as the youngest child in the family. She doesn't adapt easily to change, so it will take time for her to settle in and trust new people. While she

tends to be something of a "loner", she also seems to enjoy other children, and an older brother or sister would be a good role model as well as a stimulating companion.

If you think you may be the kind of family Linda needs, and can offer her a loving home and pride in herself, please write to Today's Child, Ministry of Community and Social Services, Box 888, Station K, Toronto. Describe your present family and interests as fully as you can, and include your telephone number.



Tips for holiday shopping by mail

By LILLIAN VERNON

ⓕ Holiday shopping can — and ought to be a pleasant and satisfying experience. Truth is, very often just the thought of it is enough to make one's nerves stand on end!

Shopping by mail eliminates many of the hassles and tensions associated with Christmas shopping — no crowds to fight, no traffic to contend with, no hours to follow but your own!

In the 34 years I've been in the mail order business, I've learned a lot — from my own experiences and from our customers' correspondence — about how to shop virtually pain-free by mail or phone, and I'd like to share a few ideas with you now.

- Read the descriptions about the items you're interested in ordering very carefully. Make certain you pay special attention to sizes, color choices, dimensions, features, weights, personalization, prices and delivery charges.

If you have any questions, phone the company you're ordering from and ask about the product... that way, there will be no surprises when your order arrives.

- Be sure that the return policy is clearly stated in the advertisement or catalog, and that it is one you're comfortable with. Check to see whether satisfaction is guaranteed.

- Take your time when you're filling out the order form. Be sure that you've provided all information requested and that your handwriting is legible. Before you send your order off, it's a good idea to read it over a second time.

- Don't send cash! Use a check or money order, or charge your order to a major credit card.

- Make a copy of your order as well as a copy of your check or money order. Keep these copies, along with the catalog you

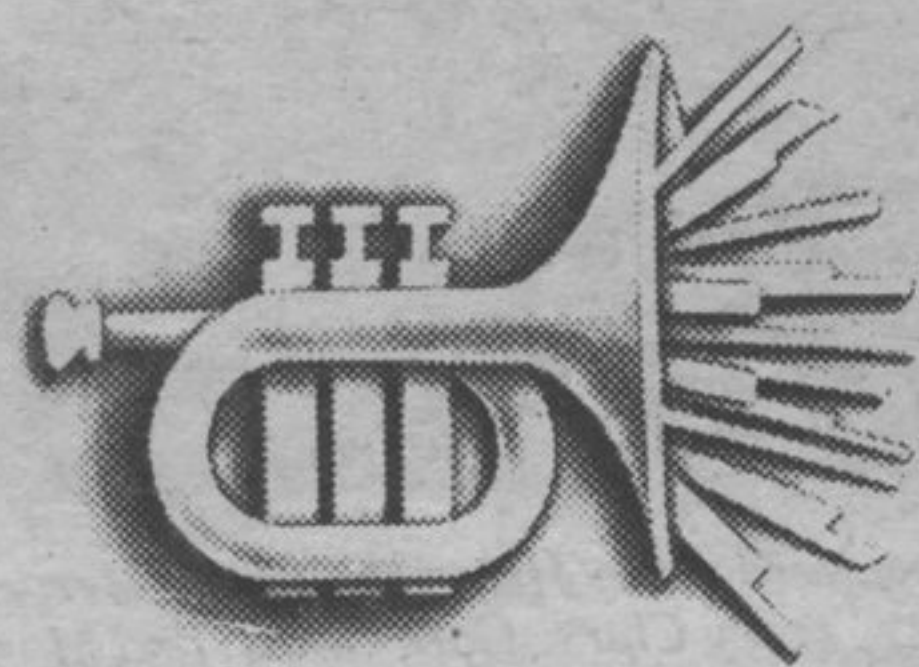


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ordered from, in your files in case you should have to refer to them.

- If it's necessary for you to return merchandise for any reason, be certain to ask the Post Office or the shipping company to provide you with a "return receipt." This document will let you know that your package was delivered to the company, and it will serve as your proof of return.
- Order early! Stocks are most plentiful when you receive a company's advertisements. The longer you wait to order, the larger the risk that the item you want may be sold out.

Holiday mail order shopping is fun, convenient and, if you follow the suggestions above, fool-proof. If you haven't shopped by mail or phone before, I invite you to try it!



Christmas Bingo

December 19

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Total prize money approx. \$2,000

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