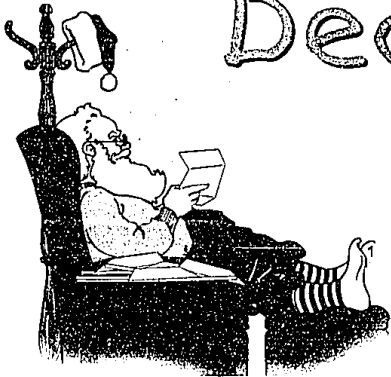


# Dear Santa Claus...



play with my younger sister Tiffany. Santa, I will be leaving you milk and cookies I made for you myself, also I will be leaving a special treat for your reindeer as I always do.

Love,  
**Erica & Tiffany Morris**



leave a toy for my cat.

Love,  
**Becca Prueter**



Dear Santa, Please bring me a princess Barbie and Tie-Dye doll, and Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream Maker. Please bring my sisters Rachel and Jaclyn some Barbies too. We have been good. We love you Santa. Thank You.

Love,  
**Rebecca Reynolds**

Dear Santa, I have been trying to be a good boy. I hope you bring me some nice toys. I would really like "Woody" to go with my "Buzz Lightyear."

Love,  
**Cody LaRoue**



Dear Santa, I've been good. I would like a Barbie Motor Home.

Love,  
**Alaura Gibbons**



Dear Santa, How are you doing? I am fine. I have been a good boy. Did you know that I am a big brother now? My sister's name is Hannah. She is a cute baby and she cries really good!

Could you bring me a big construction set for Christmas? A soft blanket for Hannah would be great.

I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

I love you,  
**Zachary Fecher**



Dear Santa, I want a video game - please.

Love,  
**Michael Davis**



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Thank you Santa.

Love,  
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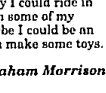
Dear Santa, I saw you at the tent in Farmington. You asked me what I want for Christmas. I want a Black Mongoose Racer - X bike. Can you fit that into your sleigh? Maybe some day I could ride in your sleigh with some of my friends. Or maybe I could be an elf and help you make some toys.

From,  
**Graham Morrison**



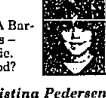
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Love,  
**Christina Pedersen**



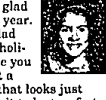
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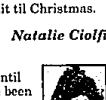
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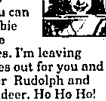
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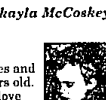
Thank you,  
Love,  
**Shelby DiFiore & Julia too**



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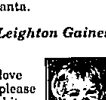
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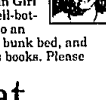
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Love,  
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Dear Santa, I hope you had a good year. Please bring me a Bitty Baby, American Girl clothes, and bell-bottom pants. Also an American Girl bunk bed, and Junie B. Jones books. Please

Love,  
**Natalie Gaines**



**The North Pole got plenty of mail this year, and much of it came from Observer readers. These letters were penned - and penciled and crayoned - by youngsters who answered our call for Letters to Santa.**

**In response, Santa Claus said he appreciates the good wishes and hopes to fill many of the requests. He urges kids to keep being good and remember the milk and cookies.**

**"Merry Christmas!" Santa added.**

could hear the bells ring at Christmas time. I wish everyone could be safe and happy and warm. I also wish for an American Girl doll named Samantha Parkington. I would take very good care of her.

Love from your friend,  
**Marisa Ventura**



Dear Santa, I forgot something on my list it was a Lionel train.

Thank You,  
Love,  
**James Brunner**



Dear Santa, I've been good in school all the time. In school, some of the kids are good and some are not. I like Christmas so much because it is fun in the snow. I like presents like clothes, dolls, and a big doll house, and a big oven, lots of puppets, an artist set, a black jacket, a little t.v., a book you could write in, a bookshelf, and lots of books cause I love to read.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
**Puanani Hammer**



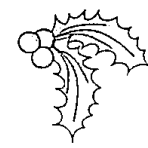
Dear Santa, Could you please give me Grand Champions feed and wash stable, Magic Attie Club Heather doll and a gymnastics set for Heather. Hope you, Mrs. Claus, the elves and Rudolph and the other reindeer have a very Merry Christmas!

Love,  
**Sara Dahr**



Dear Santa, I want a gocart for Christmas. I want my own magic wand that can turn cars into a gocart, into a dirt bike and five remote control cars, and a space shuttle and a rocket ship.

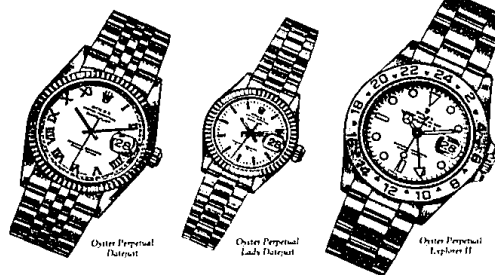
Love,  
**Bryan McConnell**



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Dear Santa, I have an advent calendar. I would like a puppy squeeze pet and the books: Three Little Kittens and Baby's Book of Counting.

I won't forget to put out cookies and milk for you. Have a happy Christmas Rudolph!

Love,  
**Caitlin Wilkins**



Hi Santa, It's me - Andrew! My stocking is hanging by the chimney, all ready for you. I hope you remember to bring the axe that I asked you for. Then I can cut down a tree just like my daddy.

I love you,  
**Andreio Wilkins**



Dear Santa, Hi my name is Emily. I have tried my best this year to be good. For Christmas I would like my doll Heather's nightgown and her nightstand. I want to say hello to Mrs. Claus, Santa's elves, and reindeer. Before I end my letter, I would like to say Merry Christmas to all.

From,  
**Emily Wilkins**



Santa, I want Christmas Angel doll and a yo-yo and a ball and a bell and a piano and a guitar. I like you. I love Santa

**Samantha Saroki**



Dear Santa Claus, My name is D.J. Heebner (formerly known as Dorothy Julia) I have been trying very hard to be the best I can, because I want a lot of things. I know the spirit of Christmas is giving, but I want stuff too. I especially want a new girl's mountain bike. I also want the playmobile zoo I saw at Noodle Kiddo. I want some Halfpenny dolls that I found in a learn and play catalog. I want some books and the Pound puppies Super

Pound Playpen and if you want, (I mean you don't have to) could I please have a Nintendo system and game - that's it.

Yours Truly,  
**D.J.**

P.S. Please bring my cat (since he can't write this) a little mouse or catnip ball. Make sure it's wrapped because he loves wrapping paper.

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I'm looking forward to your arrival on Christmas eve. I have been very good this year and I

## Teachers encouraged to treat Middle East bombing sensitively

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Teachers in ethnically diverse Farmington Public Schools were encouraged to treat the U.S. bombing of the Middle East in as sensitive a manner as possible, said James Myers, executive director for K-12 student services.

"We don't want to ignore it (Operation Desert Fox)," Myers said. "But it should be done in a calming way."

Myers confirmed that he sent a memo to all school building principals on Thursday, Dec. 17, the day after the attack on Iraq began.

Despite the memo, the exact stance taken by civics/current events teachers and other faculty members was to have been determined on a building-by-building basis, Myers explained.

According to Myers, there is a "significant amount of people from the Middle East" enrolled in the district.

But the former Farmington High School principal said there is a good chance that the same sensitive and thoughtful approach would be required no matter where similar military attacks might occur.

"Because we're such a multicultural community," Myers said, "I'm not sure something could happen anywhere in the world that wouldn't affect us in some manner. It's important that we keep that in the forefront and be sensitive."

## City employees honored for service

At the city of Farmington's annual recognition dinner, service awards were presented to the following persons who have completed the following years of service:  
City Employees: Gary Goss,

Public Safety director, 20 years; Dan Potter, Public Safety officer 20 years; Ruby Lee, clerk's office, 10 years; Harry Sienko, DPW, 10 years; Karen Worgess, DPW, 10 years.  
Historical Commission:

Charles Carvell, 20 years; Beautification Commission: Rosemary Fitzpatrick, 10 years.  
Board of Zoning Appeals: Richard Peters, 10 years.  
Construction Board: Kenneth Wallace, 10 years.