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Send ol' Santa those requests for Christmas

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The Christmas season is upon us again and people everywhere are making out their letters to Santa. Those who don't trust the U.S. Postal Service have already sent their letters.

So far the requests haven't been too surprising, according to the jolly one. Bo Derek Posters, the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders and Mr. Spock ears are atop many a list. But a few other lists and letters run along a completely different line.

One rotund kid from Corvallis wrote to Santa saying that he already had received one present — all the way from Tennessee — but his mommy wouldn't let him use it yet and he wanted a guarantee that it would work.

"None of my Christmas presents ever work," he pouted. "Why can't I be like my cousin in Eugene — his stuff always works."

Cousin Johnnie from Eugene has indeed been fortunate when it comes to gifts from Santa. Over the years he received many a fine gift but his favorite was a couple of years ago when he got a Richie Doll. All you had to do was wind it up and it marched around giving orders to people who listened and did what it told them to.

But now Cousin Johnnie is worried that his Richie Doll won't last forever and he wants Santa to send him a special fort for Christmas, complete with new offices that he'll keep Richie in.

Just a little farther north, a fellow named Dr. Jack wrote to Santa asking for some toys that wouldn't break. He had all kinds of toys — big, small, black and white, but they all seemed to break down and take a long time to fix. He also asked Santa for some new clothes, because all the ones that he has been wearing were hand-me-downs that nobody else wanted.

Another tear-jerker came from Pittsburgh, from a kid named Willie. He told Santa that he had been bad, playing Pirate all year and killing a bunch of birds one week in October. All that he asked for was another good year for his family.

The bully of Willie's neighborhood was a guy named Bowie. Bowie was a real meanie and his letter to Santa wasn't a pleasant one. He told Santa in no uncertain terms that he wanted to have another kid on the block, Marvin Miller, assassinated for Christmas. He also wanted to take money away from all the working kids on the block and give it back to their bosses. Then, as a special favor, he asked that Billy Lee choke on his cereal and someone steal the ball that the Governor of Maryland was going to get for Christmas.

Not all of Santa's letters were that bad. A distant relative of Bowie's, Pete, asked that all mankind be equal next year. Preferably with an 8-8 season record.

Darryl Dawkins asked for a toy that he knew would break — because he knew that it would make some people happy, even though he scared the jeppers out of some other people.

A tall kid named Eddie gave away the football that he got last Christmas and asked Santa for a pair of boxing gloves.

He already had a pair from his birthday, but something was wrong with them because they made him look awkward and foolish and people booed at him.

Now Santa has to decide whether or not these kids have been good. Who's going to get their present and who will find a lump of coal in their stocking. In the meantime, he's still up there turning out those Bo Derek posters for the rest of us.

It's pick 'em time as bowls near

As the college football season winds down, a multitude of bowl games dot the calendar. And professional teams are now looking ahead to the playoffs.

It's the time of the year when everyone becomes a prognosticator of sorts and one of the best in the business is Joe Harris. Harris is an independent who has been in the business for more than 20 years. He is a regular feature in many large metropolitan dailies and is regarded as one of the most consistent—and accurate—prognosticators.

The following predictions are how Harris views the windup of the 1979 football season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Dec. 15 Independence Bowl—Syracuse 24, McNeese State 21
Garden State Bowl—Temple 21, California 20

Dec. 21 Holiday Bowl—Brigham Young 28, Indiana 24

Dec. 22 Tangerine Bowl—Louisiana State 14, Wake Forest 13
Liberty Bowl—Penn State 14, Tulane 13
Sun Bowl—Texas 10, Washington 7

Dec. 25 Blue-Gray Bowl—Blue 17, Gray 14
Fiesta Bowl—Pittsburgh 24, Arizona 14

Dec. 28 Gator Bowl—Michigan 17, North Carolina 14

Dec. 29 Hall of Fame—Missouri 14, South Carolina 13

Dec. 31 Peach Bowl—Clemson 14, Baylor 13
Bluebonnet Bowl—Purdue 24, Tennessee 21

Jan. 1 Sugar Bowl—Alabama 20, Arkansas 17
Cotton Bowl—Nebraska 16, Houston 14
Orange Bowl—Oklahoma 21, Florida State 14
Rose Bowl—Southern California 20, Ohio State 17
Hula Bowl—West 21, East 20
Shrine Bowl—West 17, East 14

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

Dec. 17 Detroit 14, Green Bay 13
Miami 23, N.Y. Jets 17

Dec. 15 Atlanta 16, San Francisco 14
Chicago 16, St. Louis 13
Cincinnati 17, Cleveland 16
Dallas 27, Washington 13
Houston 20, Philadelphia 16
Los Angeles 20, New Orleans 16
New England 27, Minnesota 10
N.Y. Giants 20, Baltimore 17
Oakland 27, Seattle 20
Pittsburgh 20, Buffalo 13
Tampa Bay 17, Kansas City 16

Dec. 16 San Diego 20, Denver 13

Jan. 5 AFC Championship—Pittsburgh 24, San Diego 17

Jan. 6 NFC Championship—Dallas 16, Philadelphia 13

Jan. 20 Super Bowl—Pittsburgh 20, Dallas 17



Driving the baseline, Sandy's Lee Godfrey finds some resistance from Centennial's Don Brake (22). Brake fouled the Sandy post man on the play and Godfrey went on to score 13 points as the Pioneers posted a 58-48 win over the visiting Eagles.

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low score was a direct result of the turnovers. The Pioneers did something a little different in the second half — they tried to play away from Fenske's side when Sandy was on offense — an unusual tactic when facing a 5-10 guard.

"We decided to keep the ball away from his side because he's so darn quick, he could strip the ball from us before we knew he had moved," Warren explained. "Fenske overplays a lot but we couldn't backdoor him because he gets back so fast. So we just kept the ball away from him and went to the other side."

"It was a very good win for us mentally," he added. "This group of kids practices and practices hard. This game proves to us that if we can cut down our turnovers, we can play with anyone."

Fenske led all scorers with 24. The Pioneers had a good, balanced attack led by Godfrey with 13. Daugherty had 12 and Curtis 11. Godfrey was also the leading rebounder with eight.

"Lee Godfrey had another good game for us statistically except for his turnovers (five)," Warren noted. "He's just a little too relaxed handling the ball. But he had eight rebounds and did a good job of shooting the ball."

"And I thought Paul Daugherty had a very good ball game for us," Warren added. "I think he's capable of doing that every game."

The next outing for the Pioneers, 1-1, will be against Columbia Friday night in the Mt. Hood Tournament. Sandy will tangle with Columbia at 9 p.m. at Mt. Hood Community College.

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Mountain Men to face faculty

The Sandy Mountain Men, the main force behind the basketball rooting section at Sandy Union High School, have challenged the SUHS faculty to a basketball game.

The game will be held in the Sandy High gym Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults and 75 cents for students.

Proceeds will go to the Mountain Men treasury to buy shirts for members of the club.

Mountain Men players will be Mike Riley, Darin O'Brien, Roger Rolofson, David Antis, John Martin, John Allen, Tom Coutts, Frank Kim and D.J. Spriggle.

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