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Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents -
YINZER YULETIDE -
December 12-22, 2019

Decked halls, merry events, shopping, and shows will make the O'Reilly Theater your home for the holidays.

Artistic Director Marya Sea Kaminski and Managing Director Lou Castelli today announced the complete line-up for Yinzer Yuletide, Pittsburgh Public Theater's brand-new holiday entertainment experience at Downtown's O'Reilly Theater.

The festivities begin with The O'Reilly's large front windows, which will glow with decorations inspired by department store displays of yesteryear. Creating these nostalgic tableaux are The Public's top Scenic Artists, Celeste Parrendo and Mark Kissner. The holiday presence will continue inside the theater with shopping for Love Pittsburgh items, a Santa's Workshop gift area for kids, and Nebby and Nice bars offering everything from hot chocolate and Curly Tail coffee (which helps support animal rescue) to craft cocktails.

Yinzer Yuletide's signature event is the live variety show, Pittsburgh Lights & Legends, hosted by WQED star Rick Sebak. The O'Reilly stage will become Rick's cozy living room, where he will welcome an array of sparkling

guests. At each of the eight performances will be Pittsburgh icons Lenora Nemetz and Etta Cox; seven-year-old vocal phenomenon Victory Brinker; rocker Josh Verbanets; juggler and clown O'Ryan the O'Mazing; and Ben Prisbylla, whose Ukes & Suits is a YouTube sensation. The show will be music directed by Nick Stamatakis. Also featured will be TV clips of holiday lights in local neighborhoods. Pittsburgh Lights & Legends runs Thursdays through Sundays, Dec. 12-15 and Dec. 19-22 at 7:30 pm.

On weekends during Yinzer Yuletide, join Clark Griswold and his family for the 30th anniversary of National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. The classic film will be screened at The O'Reilly on Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 13, 14, 20 & 21 at 9:30 pm. Bars, shopping, and more will be open during this time.

Yinzer Yuletide also has a movie and more for the kids. On Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 14, 15, 21 & 22 at 10 am, bring the little ones to Breakfast With Santa & Mickey's Christmas Carol. Jolly Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for complimentary pictures and a sweet and



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**PITTSBURGH PUBLIC THEATER
PRESENTS YINZER YULETIDE -
DECEMBER 12 - 22, 2019**

Schedule & Ticket Prices - Pittsburgh Lights and Legends

Thursdays through Sundays, Dec. 12-15 and Dec. 19-22 at 7:30 pm.

VIP Seating, \$41; General Admission, \$31; Half-price for kids, \$20/\$15.



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Wednesday Wine Flights: Holiday Wine and Cheese, December 4, Greer Cabaret Theater

An annual tradition, the Holiday Wine and Cheese night offers the perfect holiday wine and cheese pairings.

PURE YANNI, DECEMBER 9, BENEDUM CENTER

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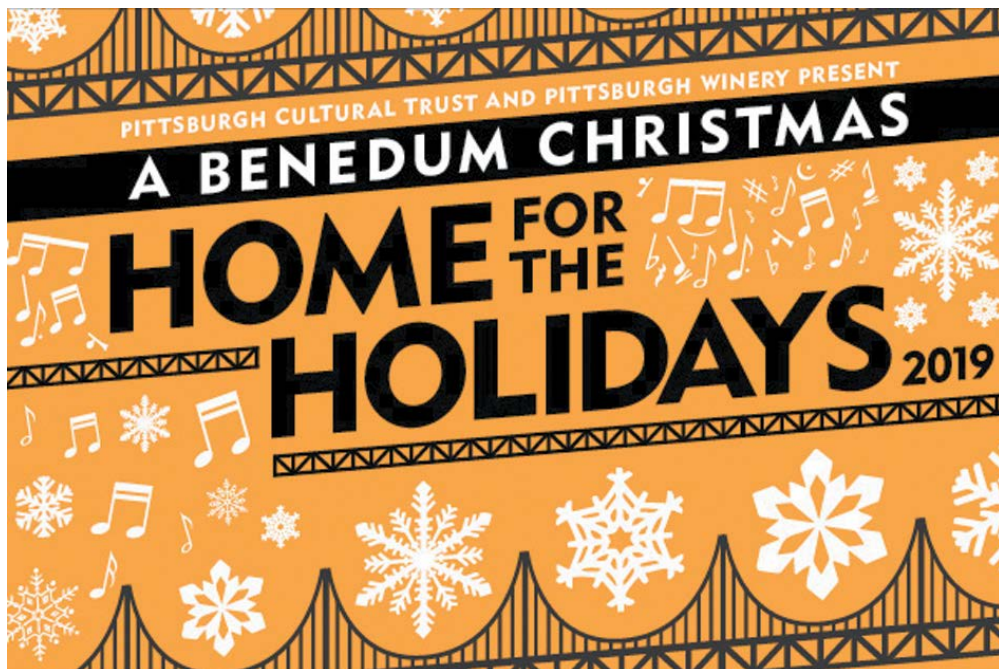
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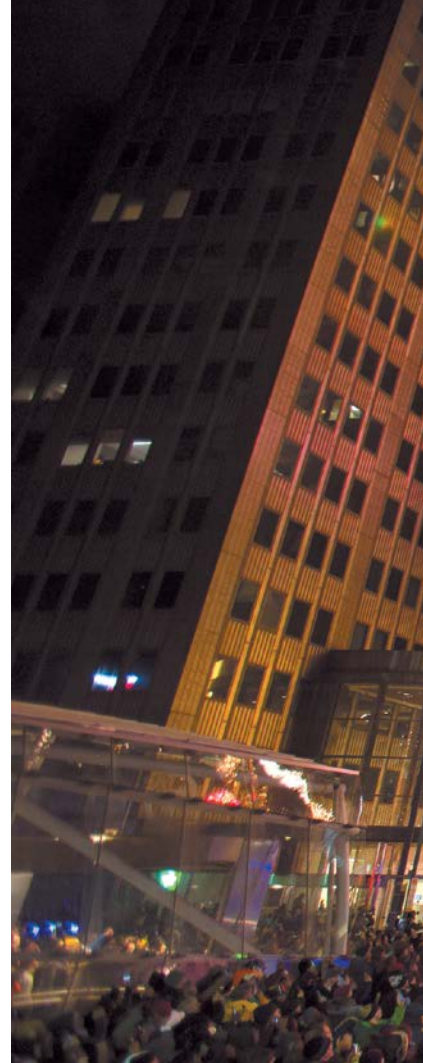
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**HIGHMARK FIRST NIGHT PITTSBURGH 2020,
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DOWN THE STRETCH



What are the 2019 Steelers? Without their franchise quarterback and star playmakers at skill positions, they are a team rebuilding on the fly, dependent on a resurgent defense and the ability to minimize mistakes. And when mistakes aren't minimized, it's ugly. After ten games they are what they are, a middling team at 5-5, with an injury report full of guys supposed to fill the voids at receiver and running back. JuJu Smith-Schuster and James Conner haven't necessarily lived up to those expectations as much as they'd like to this season, but the Steelers are a better team with them on the field.

Despite all of this, in a down AFC with one of the easiest remaining schedules in the league, it's not out of the question for the Steelers to make it to the postseason. Their

opponents in Weeks 12-16 have a combined record of 17-33-1, with a season finale against Baltimore. The only loss the Steelers have to a losing team this year came against the Browns in that fracas of a game Week 11. Three of their five losses came by a combined nine points, with two of those games fumbled away late. Is there hope that Mike Tomlin and friends can right the ship? Sure. Most assuredly because of the defense.

After an offseason where the talk was focused on getting turnovers, the defense has delivered with 26 takeaways in ten games and a plus nine turnover ratio, both good for second in the league. Last year they mustered 15 takeaways total. Bringing in Minkah Fitzpatrick to play safety has obviously made a huge difference, his 5 picks lead the NFL,





but plays are being made all over the field. It starts with the pass rush. 34 sacks puts the defense on pace for 54 this season, which would best last year's total. T.J. Watt ranks third in the league with 10.5 himself. But gaudy sack numbers don't tell the whole story. Simply pressuring the quarterback and infiltrating the backfield disrupts the rhythm of the offense, leading to big play opportunities. The Steelers have a total of 123 pressures (hurries, QB hits, sacks), the most in the AFC. Bud Dupree has become a force and rookie Devin Bush is showing why the Steelers traded up in the first round to get him. While his name isn't mentioned a lot when discussing how dominating the defense can be, Steven Nelson has locked down his side of the field opposite Joe Haden. He's turning into one of the most valuable free agent signings of the offseason.





The defense is holding teams to 20 points a game. Asking the offense for three touchdowns isn't asking for much, is it? But they are averaging... 20 points a game. It's about mistakes for this football team. They will swing the pendulum one

way or the other. See the losses to San Francisco and Baltimore for example. Hold onto the football and have two more victories. To make the playoffs the Steelers will need to finish with at least nine wins. It's up to you, offense.



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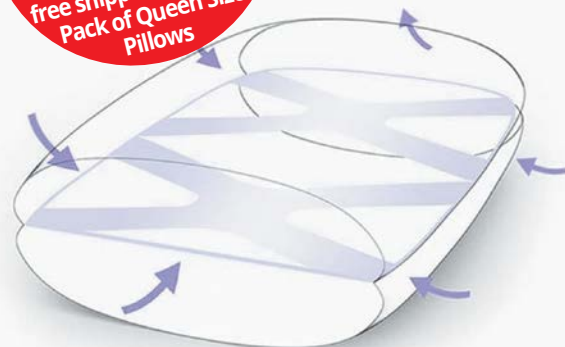
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HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND LOVE THE HOP BOMB

I've always lived by the idea that if a little of a good thing is, well, good then a LOT of a good thing must be great. Whether we're talking about pie, music, or Bill and Ted movies...more is almost always better.

Applying my idea to the beer world is pretty easy, too. If some alcohol and hops in a beer are

good, then a lot of both must be great! Like any other opinion there are many very strong opinions on this topic but thankfully there's only one person writing this so I get to share mine. The beers in question are big, rich, hoppy, bitter, and higher in ABV than your average beer. These "Hop Bombs" as they've become known are the



opposite of a calm, well-balanced beer. These are designed to be big and in your face from the first sip. They're not meant to be lawnmower beers as much as a fine wine isn't meant for tailgating. In short, they're great.

So what makes a hop bomb rise above the rest? To start with they're almost always classified as IPAs or some sub-genre of such. More likely than not you'll see the word "Imperial" or "Double" tagged on to the front of the style, making the majority of hop bombs Imperial IPAs. This isn't to say that all Imperial IPAs are hop bombs, or vice versa. The truth is a little more nuanced than that.

Almost always American IPAs, hop bombs stand out due to their ultra-high bitterness and hop profile. To back this up and make the beer enjoyable these are often higher ABV to balance out the bitterness just enough. Measured in IBUs, or International Bittering Units, these beers often top the scales for what the human tongue is able to taste, which taps out at around 100 IBU.

Done correctly these beers are complex, bitter, and just balanced enough. When done incorrectly, a hop bomb beer can do exactly what its name implies and bomb.



Thankfully along with Vecenie Distributing I've collected some of the best winter release hop bombs to let you know what to expect and hopefully remove some trepidation you might have with picking some up on your next beer run.

BELL'S BREWERY HOPSLAM

Every winter around the beginning of January Bell's Brewery releases what has become the gold standard of hop bombs with their Hopslam Double IPA. Available in the winter months for a



short period of time, this hop bomb packs a killer hop punch without being too over the top.

With demand for this beer growing every year, there were some years where Hopslam was fairly difficult to find. Fresh, aromatic beers like this rule the market for a brief period, with some hop heads even learning when delivery trucks show up at the distributor so they are the first to get it. In years past many distributors and bottle shops that received Hopslam got 5 or less cases, making it a very hot commodity. Thankfully Bell's has upped production on this popular beer so it's a little easier to get, but it will likely never be as available as we would like.

Hopslam comes in at 10% ABV with a respectable 70 IBUs. Originally sold in bottles, Bell's made the great choice of canning Hopslam as its sole non-draft package. This protects the fragile compounds that are imparted into the beer via the abundance of hops used while making it cool quicker, transport more easily, and be infinitely recyclable.

Hopslam pours amber with a slight cloudiness that fades into surprising clarity. Once poured





expect abundant white foamy head with a lasting ring. On the nose there's strong citrus hop aromas with a hint of malt in the background. As long as it's not too cold you should also get aromas of pine and resin as well.

As for the taste, hoppy citrus flavors dominate the initial taste with malty sweetness in the middle leading to a finish that's bitter and piney. Hopslam has a full mouthfeel with just the right amount of carbonation. It's rare I have nothing bad to say about a beer but Hopslam is one of those that I just simply love.

TRÖEGS INDEPENDENT BREWING NUGGET NECTAR

If only we could just squeeze hops to get their delicious, complex flavors out but sadly that isn't how brewing beer works. Don't tell that to the folks at Tröegs Independent Brewery though, as that's just what the label for their Nugget Nectar Imperial Amber Ale suggests.

Don't let the beer name fool you, while this beer is "officially" an Imperial Amber Ale, one taste and you'll call it a hop bomb for sure. Released around the same time as Hopslam, Nugget Nectar is another one of those beers that fans wait for all year and purchase en masse once on the shelf.

Tröegs uses ultra-fresh hops to give this beer huge aroma and flavor that's hard to beat. Which is why this 7.5% ABV beer with 93 IBUs. Speaking of hops, Tröegs uses Palisade, Simcoe, Tomahawk, Warrior, and its namesake Nugget to give

this beer complexity that is hard to find in a beer this high in bitterness.

Nugget Nectar pours a deep amber fading to orange with a solid white, foamy head that leaves amazing lacing inside the glass as you drink. The aroma is all-in on the citrus with an earthy sidecar that's also found in the taste. Here, you'll get grapefruit upfront with hoppy bitterness throughout. Even with all this bitterness and hop flavor, the finish is slightly bready with just a hint of lingering bitterness and citrus.

This means that Nugget Nectar is a surprisingly easy to drink hop bomb, especially when it's as fresh as possible.

VICTORY BREWING HOP WALLOP

Another Pennsylvania brewery making a big IPA for the winter season is Victory Brewing Company with their Hop Wallop IPA. This 7.5% ABV Imperial IPA gets its color and malt character from the pilsner malt, while the giant hop flavor is all thanks to the mix of Citra and Simcoe hops. Together these give Hop Wallop both earthy and fruity notes that help to balance the bitterness of this beer to make it a hop bomb without being so bitter it isn't fun to drink.

Hop Wallop pours a clear golden color that's topped by a soft bright white head. On the nose for this beer you'll get lemon peel, orange zest, and a big dose of resinous hops. On first taste you should get some light toasted malt that's backed up immediately with dank resinous hop character

that leans towards the pine end of the scale. The finish brings in the citrus in the hops and the full dose of bitterness this beer has to offer.

ONE MORE THING...

Before I send you off running to pick up these killer winter IPAs, I wanted to mention a new brewery in Kane, PA by the name of Logyard Brewing. Logyard is worth mentioning thanks to their intense focus on quality that is only matched with their ethos of being hyper local, sustainable, and of course great at making beer.

Their dedication to using the most local ingredients possible is one that, in my opinion, should be mimicked by nearly every small brewery. By doing this they not only give us great beer, but invest in their own local community and economy.

So, if you find yourself a little bit past Titusville and Tionesta, PA check out Logyard Brewing and until then, you should start seeing their beer locally thanks to Vecenie Distributing.



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LUMAZE NEW HOLIDAY ATTRACTION!

Lumaze, a brand new indoor holiday festival, has made its U.S. debut in Pittsburgh at the 31st Street Studios in the Strip District.

Following “A Fairytale Christmas” theme, guests of all ages can escape the winter elements at Lumaze, joining their favorite Storyland characters to explore illuminated structures, navigate through a light maze, and help Santa find all the presents he’s misplaced.

“The holiday season is such an exciting time for families, and with winter weather being so unpredictable, we know it can be difficult to plan to attend outdoor events that can be wet, cold and muddy,” said Jackie English, event coordinator for Lumaze Pittsburgh. “We wanted to create an event with beautiful displays that we could guarantee to be warm, dry, safe and family-friendly, and that’s how Lumaze was born.”

Pittsburgh, English said, was the perfect place to debut Lumaze.

“The city has such a community and family feel to it,” she said. “We’re so happy to be here.”

Under the twinkle of one million lights, there are plenty of opportunities to capture the magic of the season in Instagrammable moments and cherishable family photos.

For Santa’s littlest elves, there are numerous attractions, including a gingerbread house playground, scavenger hunt, bouncy unicorns, LED hopscotch and swings, and Louis the Locomotive—a free, trackless train—as well as kid-friendly food options. Children also can visit Santa Claus to share their wish lists and take a photo with the big guy in red. Photos are free, but a freewill offering will be accepted and all proceeds will support local charities, including the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation, Variety Pittsburgh and Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh.

There’s holiday fun for bigger elves, too! Adult guests can enjoy live entertainment, dine at the Burgh’s most popular food trucks, and kick back at licensed bars throughout the venue. Food trucks participating include: Steve and Benny’s Chicken Shack; PGH Crepes; Sinkers and Suds;





Franktuary; Rogue BBQ; Grandma's Lamanas Stromboli; Mac & Gold; Hoshi; Cousins Maine Lobster; and Brisketburgh.

Weekly date nights—held from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays—give adults an opportunity to take an extra second under the mistletoe, wander around the light gardens, sample seasonal food and beverages, and maybe even make or receive a proposal.

But it wouldn't be Christmas without a little bit of holiday shopping. Guests can get a head start on checking off items on their shopping lists at the Lumaze Christmas market. Managed by I Made It! Market, the pop-up shopping center features more than 30 local boutique shops, artisans, and libation producers who will be selling a variety of custom artwork; homemade décor and accessories; handmade clothing and jewelry; sweet treats, adult beverages, and other delicacies; natural beauty, skincare, and wellness products; and so much more.

"This is the place where you can get that perfect, beautiful photo for social media, but it's also a place to live in the moment and make memories and start traditions with your loved ones," said English. "We are looking at the big picture with Lumaze and want it to become a yearly event that families add to their annual Christmas traditions. That's the real magic of the season, and we hope to be a part of that."

To ensure that as many people as possible would have the opportunity to experience the light display, Lumaze gave away 1,000 family passes to help those who couldn't afford to at-





tend via "Lumaze Gives Back." Though the initial dates have passed, Lumaze is encouraging families to apply for future dates online.

It's taken a full year of planning to transform the 31st Street Studios, and old steel mill turned production studio, into the magical Lumaze display.

"It took us about 10 days to get all of the physical elements and the displays put in place before opening night, but we have been planning the event since January," said English. "We researched and planned the light displays, finalized the theme and then started the design process. When this is over, we'll start planning again for next year's event."

"I like to think we have the luckiest jobs in the world because we get to think about Christmas all year long."

For more information about Lumaze, visit LumazeLights.com/pittsburgh-christmas.

PARKING

Parking available on site at the venue for \$20. Signage will direct guests to additional parking in the Strip District for \$10-\$15, with shuttles providing transportation to and from the 31st Street Studios. Visitors can reserve a parking space in select lots. For more information about parking, visit www.lumazeparking.com.

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CHRISTMAS HUMOR

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

Claustrophobic.

Why does Santa have 3 gardens?

So he can ho-ho-ho.

Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

Because he had low elf esteem.

What do you call an elf who sings?

A Wrapper!

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Frostbite.

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Ice Crispies.

A wonderful Christmas song told me to Deck The Halls....so I did. Mr. and Mrs Hall were not very happy.

Don't you hate that awkward moment when Santa Claus has the same wrapping paper as your parents!

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?

Nothing, it was on the house!

What's red and white and gives presents to good little fish on Christmas?

Sandy Claws.

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What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wrapper?

Ribbon hood.

Never catch snowflakes on your tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter!

What do you get when you combine a Christmas tree with an iPad?

A pineapple!

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What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

"It's Christmas, Eve!"

There was once a great czar in Russia named Rudolph the Red. He stood looking out the windows of his palace one day while his wife, the Czarina Katerina, sat nearby knitting. He turned to her and said, "Look my dear, it has begun to rain!" Without even looking up from her knitting she replied, "It's too cold to rain. It must be sleeting."



THE POLAR EXPRESS TRIVIA

A young boy lies awake in his room one snowy Christmas Eve. He's listening for a sound he's afraid the he might never hear – the ringing bells of Santa's sleigh. This timeless tale is destined to become a classic for generations to come! How well do you remember The Polar Express?

1. In the Polar Express movie, what is "The First Gift of Christmas?"

2. What sort of "liquid refreshment" is dispensed to the children during their trip?

3. What word does the conductor punch into the ticket of "the young man with all the questions?" at the end of night?

4. What article of clothing was in the coffee pot of the mysterious hobo that lived on top of the train?

5. When it comes to hot chocolate, there's only one rule! What is it?

6. At what time did the train arrive at the main boy character's house?

7. What kind of animal gets in the way of the train on its journey to the North Pole?

8. What was the name of the "steepest downhill grade in the world?"

9. What word did the conductor punch into the "know-it-all's" ticket?

10. While on the train, the young boy main character does something, and then exclaims, "I've wanted to do that all my life!" What did he do?

TRY YOUR HAND AT THESE TRIVIA QUESTIONS ABOUT FRANK CAPRA'S IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE.

1. "Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?" What is the name of the stumbling, bumbling, but very lovable angel who helps George realize what a wonderful life he has?

2. What is the name of the city where this story takes place?

3. "I wish I had a million dollars!" What two words follows this George Bailey quote twice in the film?

4. How much does Violet spend on licorice?

5. Which president's picture hangs in George Bailey's living room after the money was lost?

6. What is the name of the book that Clarence is reading in the beginning of the movie?

7. What does George pile high on Mary's sundae even though she says she doesn't like it?

8. Who lost the \$8,000?

9. Where is Mary working when George tries to find her after Clarence changes everything?

10. What does it mean when a bell rings?

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The Czar shook his head and said, "I am the Czar of all the Russias, and Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!"

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care. They'd been worn all week and needed the air.

Q. What do you get if you cross mistletoe and a duck?

A. A Christmas Quacker.

Q. What do call Santa when he stops moving?

A. Santa Pause!

Q. Where does a snowman keep his money?

A. In a snow bank.

Q. Why do mummies like Christmas so much?

A. Because of all the wrapping!

Contributed by: Skylablue Gorman

Q. Why is Christmas just like your job?

A. You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit!

Did you know that according to the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Rein-

deer", Santa has twelve reindeer? Sure, in the introduction it goes "There's Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen..." That makes eight reindeer. Then there's Rudolph, of course, so that makes nine. Then there's Olive. You know, "Olive the other reindeer used to laugh..." That makes ten. The eleventh is Howe. You know, "Then Howe the reindeer loved him..." Eleven reindeer. Oh, and number 12? That's Andy! "Andy shouted out with glee." The proof is in the song!

A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

1. Pig Pen is the only person that Charlie Brown knows who can do what?
2. When catching snowflakes on his tongue, Linus thought the flakes needed something. What?
3. What might Linus do with his blanket when he grows up?
4. How much does Lucy charge for psychiatric help?
5. During Charlie Brown's psychiatric session with Lucy, he reveals that he has pantophobia. What's that?
6. Instead of getting "a lot of stupid toys", what is it that Lucy wants for Christmas?
7. In dictating a letter to Santa, Sally ultimately asks Santa for one gift. What is it?
8. Lucy was kissed once during the show. Who kissed her?
9. How many good reasons did Lucy give Linus to encourage him to memorize his lines for the play?
10. What part is Sally asked to perform in the Christmas play?
11. Here's a tough one: What song did Schroeder play indicating it was his selection for the Christmas play music?
12. What song did Lucy ask Schroeder to play that she didn't recognize until he finally played it with only one finger?
13. What traditional Christmas carol does the entire Peanuts gang hum, and then eventually sing at the end of the show?

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FROSTY THE SNOWMAN TV SHOW TRIVIA

These questions are based upon the Frosty The Snowman Christmas television special.

1. What action causes Frosty to come to life?
2. Upon coming to life, what were Frosty's first words?
3. In an effort to keep from melting, where did Frosty travel to?
4. What was the old hat that Frosty wore made out of?
5. Who was the original owner of Frosty's magic hat?
6. What did the traffic cop accidentally swallow when he yelled "STOP!"?
7. How did Frosty travel to the North Pole?
8. Frosty's pipe was made from what?
9. What was Professor Hinkle's profession?
10. What was Professor Hinkle's rabbit's name?
11. Throughout the show, a little girl helps Frosty. What is her name?
12. How much was a train ticket to the North Pole?
13. Frosty was made of a special kind of snow that never disappears. What kind of snow was it?
14. What were Frosty's last words at the end of the show?

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HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

Every Who Down in Who-ville Liked Christmas a lot...But the Grinch? Well, let's just say he had a different idea about Christmas! Try your hand at these trivia questions based on the television show How The Grinch Stole Christmas.

1. Where did the Grinch live?
2. What was the most likely reason that the Grinch hated Christmas?
3. Although the Grinch disliked many things about Christmas, what was the one the one thing he liked least of all?
4. "If I can't find a reindeer, I'll make one instead!" What was the Grinch's dog's name?
5. As the Grinch ransacked Who-ville, what was "the first thing to go!"
6. The Grinch cleaned out the icebox. He even took the last can of what?
7. While stealing a Christmas tree, the Grinch was caught in the act by a small Who (not more than two!)...what was her name?
8. After being caught in the act of stealing a Christmas tree, the Grinch offered up a lie about what he was doing. Why did he say he was taking the Christmas tree?
9. Only leaving bare wall with nothing but hooks and some wire, what was the last thing the Grinch took from the house?
10. How did the Grinch know that he hadn't stopped Christmas?
11. How much did the Grinch's heart grow that day?

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RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER MOVIE TRIVIA

1. In the 1964 classic Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer, what was the name of the elf that wanted to be a dentist?
2. What was the snowman narrator of the show's name?
3. What was Rudolph's father's name?
4. What was the name of the coach of the Reindeer Games?
5. Yukon Cornelius referred to the fog being "As thick as _____"?
6. What is the name of the Lion King on the Island of Misfit Toys?
7. On the Island of Misfit Toys, what did the water pistol shoot instead of water?
8. On the Island of Misfit Toys, why was the cowboy a misfit toy?
9. On the Island of Misfit Toys, why was the train a misfit toy?
10. On the Island of Misfit Toys, what was the name of the Jack-In-The-Box?
11. What was the name of the young doe (girl reindeer) that told Rudolf that he was cute?
12. When Bumble had Rudolf and his family trapped in the cave, what animal noises did Hermie make to lure Bumble out?
13. After Yukon Cornelius knocked him unconscious with a rock, what did Hermie do to Bumble to render him harmless?
14. After rescuing Rudolf and his family from Bumble, a terrible accident causes Yukon Cornelius and Bumble to fall off a cliff. Fortunately, neither was hurt in the incident. Why?
15. Near the end of the show, Bumble is looking for a job and displays a special skill. What is it?

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Knock knock
Who's there?
Knock, knock
Who's there? Mary!
Mary who?
Merry Christmas



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Q: What do you call Frosty the Snowman in May?

A: A puddle!

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Q: Where do reindeer go to dance?

A: Christmas balls!

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Q: If Frosty the Snowman married a vampire, what would they name their child?

A: Frostbite!!

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Q: What's red, white and blue at Christmas time?

A: A sad candy cane!

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Q: What did Mary Poppins want from Santa?

A: Supercalifragilistic-expialisnowshoes!

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Q: Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

A: A mince spy!

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Q: What Christmas song is hidden in the alphabet:

"A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z"?

A: Noel (No "L")

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An honest politician, a kind lawyer and Santa Claus were talking when they all noticed a \$5 bill on the floor. Who picked it up? Santa of course, the other two don't exist!

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Oh!, Oh!, Oh!,
P Q R S T U V W X Y Z!

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Knock Knock,
Who's there?
Hanna!
Hanna who?
Hanna partridge in a pear tree!
Q: Where does Santa sleep when
he's traveling?
A: In a Ho, Ho, Hotel!

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Q: What is the name of Santa's
meanest reindeer?
A: Olive! ... "Olive the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him names!"

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It's a romantic full moon, when Pe-
dro said, "Hey, mamacita, let's do Wee-
weechu."
Oh no, not now, let's look at the
moon!" said Rosita.
Oh, c'mon baby, let's you and I do

Weeweechu. I love you and it's the
perfect time," Pedro begged.
"But I wanna just hold your hand
and watch the moon." replied Rosita.
Please, Corazoncito, just once, do
Weeweechu with me."
Rosita looked at Pedro and said,
"OK, one time, we'll do Weeweechu."
Pedro grabbed his guitar and they
both sang.....
"Weeweechu a Merry Christmas,
Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, Wee-
weechu a Merry Christmas, and a Happy
New Year."

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CHRISTMAS QUOTES

Don't you hate that awkward mo-
ment when Santa Claus has the same
wrapping paper as your parents!

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Remember, at Christmas time it's not
how big your tree is, or what's under it.
It's who's around it that counts!

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Maybe Christmas, the Grinch
thought, doesn't come from a store....
Dr. Seuss

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The two most joyous times of the
year are Christmas morning and the
end of school.
Alice Cooper

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Mail your packages early so the post
office can lose them in time for Christmas
Johnny Carson

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I once bought my kids a set of bat-
teries for Christmas with a note on it
saying, toys not included.
Bernard Manning

☺ ☺ ☺

What I don't like about office Christ-
mas parties is looking for a job the
next day.
Phyllis Diller

WHO SAID IT?

Each of these phrases is a quote from a
Christmas song, TV show, movie or story. Can
you remember which Christmas character said it?

1. "Bah Humbug"
2. "Don't you cry, I'll be back again some day!"
3. "One can never have enough socks. Another Christmas has come and gone and I didn't get a single pair. People will insist on giving me books."
4. "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"
5. "I never thought it was such a bad little tree. It's not bad at all, really. Maybe it just needs a little love."
6. "This fog's as thick as peanut butter!"
7. "The thing about trains... it doesn't matter where they're going. What matters is deciding to get on."
8. "We elves try to stick to the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corns and syrup."
9. "You want the moon? Just say the word and I'll throw a lasso around it and pull it down."
10. "Let's face it. We all know that Christmas is a big commercial racket. It's run by a big eastern syndicate, you know."

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NAME THAT CHRISTMAS MOVIE!

Here's the quote, you name the Christmas movie that it's from!

1. "Teacher says, every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings."
2. "What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."
3. "It's a one year membership to the Jelly of the Month Club."
4. "You'll shoot your eye out kid!"
5. "He never got his picture on bubble gum cards, did he? Have you ever seen his picture on a bubble gum card? Hmmm? How can you say someone is great who's never had his picture on bubble gum cards?"
6. "Uh, since the United States Government declares this man to be Santa Claus, this court will not dispute it. Case dismissed."
7. "Bless this highly nutritious microwavable macaroni and cheese dinner and the people who sold it on sale. Amen."
8. "We're your worst nightmare... Elves with attitude."
9. "Fog as thick as peanut butter"
10. "Lovely, glorious, beautiful Christmas, upon which the entire kid year revolved."
11. "The thing about trains... it doesn't matter where they're going. What matters is deciding to get on."
12. "Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?"

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T'was the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

Clement Clark Moore

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Once again, we come to the Holiday Season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice.

Dave Barry

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Nothing says holidays, like a cheese log

Ellen DeGeneres

☺ ☺ ☺

I wrapped my Christmas presents early this year, but I used the wrong paper. See, the paper I used said 'Happy Birthday' on it. I didn't want to waste it, so I just wrote 'Jesus' on it.

Demetri Martin

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I haven't taken my Christmas lights down. They look so nice on the pumpkins.

Winston Spear

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Sending Christmas cards is a good way to let your friends and family know that you think they're worth the price of a stamp.

Melanie White

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The principal advantage of the non-paren-

tal lifestyle is that on Christmas Eve you need not be struck dumb by the three most terrifying words that the government allows to be printed on any product: "Some assembly required."

John Leo

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The office Christmas party is a great opportunity to catch up with people you haven't seen for twenty minutes.

Julius Sharpe

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There is nothing as mean as giving a child something useful for Christmas!

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The Holidays are the one time you get to experience all the excitement of rush hour traffic in the mall parking lot.

Melanie White

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This mall Santa seems insulted that I put down that protective paper before sitting on his lap.

Conan O'Brien

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A SOLDIER'S 'TAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

This poem was originally written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa Japan. We proudly print it in honor of all those that won't be home for Christmas and for all those past and present that have served our country... We shall never forget you....

God Bless Our Military, Police, Fireman and First Responders and all of those who sacrifice their family time so that we can be safe knowing there are those that serve our great nation with pride and honor. THANK YOU... AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS,
HE LIVED ALL ALONE,
IN A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE MADE OF
PLASTER AND STONE.

I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY
WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE,
AND TO SEE JUST WHO
IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.
I LOOKED ALL ABOUT,
A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE,

NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS,
NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY MANTLE,
JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND,
ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES
OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND BADGES,
AWARDS OF ALL KINDS,
A SOBER THOUGHT
CAME THROUGH MY MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT,
IT WAS DARK AND DREARY,
I FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER,
ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING,
SILENT, ALONE,
CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR
IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE,
THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER,
NOT HOW I PICTURED
A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.
WAS THIS THE HERO
OF WHOM I'D JUST READ?

CURLED UP ON A PONCHO,
THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES
THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT,
OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS
WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.

SOON ROUND THE WORLD,
THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY,
AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE
A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.

THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM
EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR,
BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS,
LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER
HOW MANY LAY ALONE,
ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE
IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT
BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE,
I DROPPED TO MY KNEES
AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED

CHRISTMAS TV SHOW AND MOVIE TRIVIA

1. In The Polar Express movie, what is "The First Gift of Christmas?"
2. In The Polar Express movie, what word does the conductor punch into the ticket of "the young man with all the questions?"
3. In The Polar Express movie, what sort of "liquid refreshment" is dispensed to the children during their trip?
4. What is the name of the rabbit in the magic hat in Frosty the Snowman?
5. What was the little girl in Frosty the Snowman's name?
6. In Frosty the Snowman, what was the name of the magician with the "Magic Hat"?
7. How much did Lucy charge for a psychiatric session in the classic Christmas TV special A Charlie Brown Christmas?
8. What was "the most likely" reason that The Grinch hated Christmas?
9. Who narrated the original 1966 TV show How The Grinch Stole Christmas?
10. What was Dr. Seuss' real name?
11. In the Christmas Classic, It's A Wonderful Life, what happened every time a bell rang?

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AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE,
"SANTA DON'T CRY,
THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE;

I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM,
I DON'T ASK FOR MORE,
MY LIFE IS MY GOD,
MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS."

THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER
AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP,
I COULDN'T CONTROL IT,
I CONTINUED TO WEEP.

I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS,
SO SILENT AND STILL
AND WE BOTH SHIVERED
FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE
ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT,
THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR
SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER,
WITH A VOICE SOFT AND PURE,
WHISPERED, "CARRY ON SANTA,
IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS SECURE."

ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH,
AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT.
"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND,
AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT."

☺ ☺ ☺

'Twas THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

'Twas the day after Christmas and all
through the house
Children sat slack-jawed, bored on
the couch.

Wrappings and toys littered the floor,
An incredible mess that I did abhor.

With Mom in her robe and I in my
jeans,
We waded in to get the place clean.

When suddenly the doorbell: it start-
ed to clatter,
I sprang to the Security-View to
check out the matter.

The new-fallen snow, now blackened
with soot,
Was trampled and icy and treacher-
ous to foot.

But suddenly in view, did I gasp and
pant:

An unhappy bill collector and eight
tiny accountants.

The door flew open and in they
came,
Stern-looking men with bills in my name.

On Discover, on Visa, on American
Express,
On Mastercard too, I sadly confess,
Right to my limits, then beyond my
net worth,

Over the top I had charged, in a
frenzy of mirth.

The black-suited men, so somber, so
strict,
I wondered why me that they had
first picked.

They stared at me with a look I
couldn't miss,
That said "Buddy, when are you for
paying for this?"

I shrugged my shoulders, but then I
grew bolder,
Went to the cabinet and pulled out a folder.

"As you can see," I said with a smile,
"It's bankruptcy that I'll have to file!"
And with a swoop of my arm, my
middle digit extended
I threw the bills in the fire: the mat-
ter had ended.

The scent of burnt ash came to my
nose,
As up the chimney my credit-worthi-
ness rose.

Without another word they turned
and walked out,
Got into their limos, but one gave
a shout:
"You may think that's the answer to
all of your fears,
But it's nothing you'll charge for at
least seven years!

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A MICROSOFT CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before
Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, except
Papa's mouse.



The computer was humming, the
icons were hopping,

As Papa did last minute Internet
shopping.

The stockings were hung by the mo-
dem with care
In hope that St. Nicholas would bring
new software.

The children were nestled all snug
in their beds,
While visions of computer games
danced in their heads.

PageMaker for Billy, and Quicken for Dan,
And Carmen Sandiego for Pamela
Ann.

The letters to Santa had been sent
out by Mom,
To santaclaus@toyshop.northpole.com -

Which has now been re-routed to
Washington State
Because Santa's workshop has been
bought by Bill Gates.

All the elves and reindeer have had
to skedaddle
To flashy new quarters in suburban
Seattle.

After centuries of a life that was sim-
ple and spare,
St. Nicholas is suddenly a new bil-
lionaire,
With a shiny red Porsche in the
place of his sleigh,
And a house on Lake Washington
that's just down the way

From where Bill has his mansion.
The old fellow preens
In black Gucci boots and red Calvin
Klein jeans.
The elves have stock options and
desks with a view,
Where they write computer code for
Johnny and Sue.

No more dolls or toy soldiers or little
toy drums (ahem - pardon me)
No more dolls or tin soldiers or little
toy drums
Will be under the tree, only compact
disk ROMS
With the Microsoft label. So spin up
your drive,
From now on Christmas runs only
on Win95.

More rapid than eagles the compet-
itors came,

And Bill whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.

"Now, ADOBE! Now, CLARIS! Now, INTUIT! too,

Now, APPLE! and NETSCAPE! you are all of you through,

It is Microsoft's SANTA that the kids can't resist,

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Recommended by no less than the jolly old elf,

And on the package, a picture of Santa himself.

Get 'em young, keep 'em long, is Microsoft's scheme,

And a merger with Santa is a marketer's dream.

To the top of the NASDAQ! to the top of the Dow!

Now dash away! dash away! dash away - wow!"

And Mama in her 'kerchief and I in my cap,

Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

The whirl and the hum of our satellite platter,

As it turned toward that new Christmas star in the sky,

The SANTALITE owned by the Microsoft guy.

As I sprang from my bed and was turning around,

My computer turned on with a Jingle-Bells sound.

And there on the screen was a smiling Bill Gates

Next to jolly old Santa, two arm-in-arm mates.

And I heard them exclaim in voice so bright,

Have a Microsoft Christmas, and to all a good night.

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A TIME COMES IN YOUR LIFE



This isn't exactly a Christmas story, but it just might inspire you to take a moment to reflect this holiday season.

A time comes in your life when you finally get it. When in the midst of all your fears and insanity, you stop dead in your tracks, and somewhere the voice inside your head cries out ~ ENOUGH!

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CAN YOU NAME THE ACTUAL CHRISTMAS SONG NAME FROM THE OVERLY VERBOSE DESCRIPTIONS BELOW?

1. Apply ornamental decorative items to the house's connective passage ways.
2. To make clinking or tinkling sounds, using hollow objects, typically made of metal and having the shape of a deep inverted cup widening at the lip, that sounds a clear musical note when struck, typically by means of a clapper inside.
3. My parent's mother was involved in an unexpected trampling incident with an antlered creature of the genus Rangifer.
4. I witnessed with my own eyes my mother engaged in an embrace with an overweight bearded man in a red snow suit.
5. Bestowing an emotion of great delight or happiness on the 3rd celestial body in orbit around the sun.
6. Hollow objects, typically made of metal and having the shape of a deep inverted cup widening at the lip, that sounds a clear musical note when struck, typically by means of a clapper inside.
7. A complete absence of sound during the time from sunset to sunrise.
8. A period of one and 5/7th weeks revolving around the winter holiday celebrated on the 25th day of December.
9. It is our sincerest desire for you to experience a December 25th full of cheerfulness and gaiety.
10. The only thing I desire to acquire on the 25th day of December is a pair of processes attached to the forward section my jaw serving for the pretension and mastication of food.

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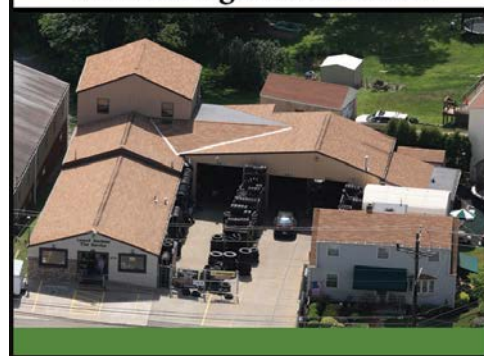
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Enough fighting and crying or struggling to hold on. And, like a child quieting down after a blind tantrum, your sobs begin to subside, you shudder once or twice, you blink back your tears, and through a mantle of wet lashes you begin to look at the world through new eyes.

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This is your awakening.

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You realize that it's time to stop hoping and waiting for something to change or for happiness, safety and security to come galloping over the next horizon.

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You come to terms with the fact that he is not Prince Charming and you are not Cinderella.

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And you realize in the real world there aren't always fairy tale endings

(or beginnings for that matter), and that any guarantee of "happily ever after" must begin with you; and in the process, a sense of serenity is born of acceptance.

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You awaken to the fact that you're not perfect, that not everyone will always love, appreciate, or approve of who or what you are, and that's okay. (They're entitled to their own views and opinions.) And you learn the importance of loving and championing yourself; and in the process a sense of newfound confidence is born of self-approval.

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You stop complaining and blaming other people for the things they did to you (or didn't do for you) and you learn that the only thing you can really count on is the unexpected.

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You learn that people don't always say what they mean or mean what

they say, and that not everyone will always be there for you; and that it's not always about you. So, you learn to stand on your own, and to take care of yourself and in the process, a sense of safety and security is born of self-reliance.

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You stop judging and pointing fingers and you begin to accept people as they are, and to overlook their shortcomings and human frailties; and in the process, a sense of peace and contentment is born of forgiveness.

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You realize that much of the way you view yourself and the world around you is as a result of all the messages and opinions that have been ingrained into your psyche.

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You begin to sift through all that you've been fed about how you should behave, how you should look, and how

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CHRISTMAS SONG TRIVIA

1. How many times does Santa check his list?
2. The Grinch is as cuddly as a _____?
3. It would of been a laugh to see Mommy doing what last night?
4. One foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say what?
5. Good tidings to you, and all of your what?
6. Who was seated next to me a day or two ago in the song Jingle Bells?
7. Why do I want my two front teeth for Christmas?
8. What did Frosty The Snowman do when they placed the magic hat on his head?
9. What does Alvin want for Christmas in The Chipmunk Song?
10. On the eleventh day of Christmas, what did my true love send to me?
11. I'm dreaming of a White Christmas with what?
12. What do Janice and Jen want for Christmas in the song It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas
13. What kind of bird has "gone away" in the song Winter Wonderland?

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much you should weigh; what you should wear and where you should shop, and what you should drive; how and where you should live, and what you should do for a living; who you should sleep with, who you should marry, and what you should expect of a marriage; the importance of having and raising children, or what you owe your parents.

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You learn to open up to new worlds and different points of view. And you begin reassessing and redefining who you are and what you really stand for.

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You learn the difference between wanting and needing and you begin to discard the doctrines and values you've outgrown, or should never have bought into to begin with; and in the process you learn to go with your instincts.

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You learn that it is truly in giving that we receive. And that there is power and glory in creating and contributing; and you stop maneuvering through life merely as a "consumer" looking for your next fix.

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You learn that principles such as honesty and integrity are not the outdated ideals of a bygone era, but the mortar that holds together the foundation upon which you must build a life.

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You learn that you don't know everything, it's not your job to save the world and that you can't teach a pig to sing.

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You learn to distinguish between guilt, and responsibility, and the importance of setting boundaries, and learning to say NO.

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You learn that the only cross to bear is the one you choose to carry, and that martyrs get burned at the stake. Then you learn about love. Romantic love and the familial love. How to love, how much to give in love, when to stop giving, and when to walk away. You learn not to project your needs or your feelings onto a relationship.

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You learn that you will not be more beautiful, more intelligent, more lovable or important because of the man or woman on your arm or the child that bears your name.

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You learn to look at relationships as they really are and not as you would have them be.

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You stop trying to control people, situations, and outcomes.

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You learn that just as people grow and change, so it is with love and you learn that you don't have the right to demand love on your terms just to make you happy. And, you learn that alone does not mean lonely. And you look in the mirror and come to terms with the fact that you will never be a size 5 or a perfect 10, and you stop trying to compete with the image inside your head and agonizing over how you "stack up."

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ANSWERS TO IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE MOVIE TRIVIA

1. Clarence Oddbody
2. Bedford Falls
3. Hot dog!
4. 2 cents. "Two cents worth of shoelaces?"
5. Abraham Lincoln
6. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
7. Coconut
8. Uncle Billy lost it at the bank. The envelope containing the money got wrapped up in a newspaper
9. The library
10. An angel gets his wings!

ANSWERS TO NAME THAT CHRISTMAS MOVIE

1. It's A Wonderful Life
2. How The Grinch Stole Christmas
3. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
4. A Christmas Story
5. A Charlie Brown Christmas
6. Miracle On 34th Street
7. Home Alone
8. The Santa Clause
9. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
10. A Christmas Story
11. The Polar Express
12. It's A Wonderful Life

ANSWERS FROM POLAR EXPRESS MOVIE TRIVIA FROM PAGE

1. A bell from Santa's sleigh!
2. Hot Chocolate!
3. BELIEVE
4. An old sock!
5. Never ever let it cool!

6. The clock beside his bed stopped ticking at 11:55 when the train arrived.
7. Caribou
8. Glacier Gulch]
9. Learn
10. He pulled the train whistle in the locomotive cab

ANSWERS FROM CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

1. "Raise a cloud of dust in a snow storm!"
2. "Needs sugar!"
3. "Maybe I'll make it into a sport coat."
4. "Five cents please!"
5. The fear of everything!
6. Real Estate!
7. "Just send money. How about tens and twenties?"
8. Snoopy... "ahhhhhggg I've been kissed by a dog!"
9. "I'll give you 5 good reasons!"...as she made a fist.
10. A Sheppard's (Linus) wife. "Isn't he the cutest thing!"
11. Fur Elise. "Beethoven Christmas Music!"
12. Jingle Bells
13. Hark The Herald Angels Sing

ANSWERS FROM FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

1. Placing an old hat upon his head.
2. "Happy Birthday!"
3. The North Pole
4. Silk
5. Professor Hinkle
6. His whistle

7. He traveled by train in a refrigerated boxcar
8. He was a magician
9. A corn cob
10. Hocus Pocus
11. Karen
12. \$3,000.04 - "by way of Saskatchewan, Nome Alaska and Aurora Borealis"
13. Christmas Snow!
14. "I'll be back again someday!"

ANSWERS FROM HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS

1. Just North of Who-ville
2. His heart was two sizes too small
3. Every Who down in Who-ville would start singing
4. Max
5. These stockings!
6. Who-hash!
7. Cindy-Lou Who
8. "Why, my sweet little tot," the fake Santy Claus lied. "There's a light on this tree that won't light on one side. "So I'm taking it home to my workshop, my dear. "I'll fix it up there. Then I'll bring it back here."
9. The log for their fire
10. The Who's were singing. Without presents at all!
11. 3 sizes!

ANSWERS FROM Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer Movie Trivia

1. Hermie!
2. Sam The Snowman!
3. Donner!
4. Comet!
5. Peanut Butter!
6. King Moonraiser!

7. Jelly!
8. He rode an ostrich!
9. He had square wheels on his caboose!
10. Charlie!
11. Clarice!
12. A pig! Oink! Oink!
13. He removed his teeth!
14. Bumbles Bounce!
15. He can put the stars on the top of Christmas trees!

ANSWERS FROM CHRISTMAS SONG TRIVIA

1. Twice!
2. Cactus!
3. Kissing Santa Claus!
4. Rudolf With Your Nose So Bright, Won't You Guide My Sleigh Tonight?
5. Kin!
6. Miss Fanny Bright!
7. So I could wish you Merry Christmas!
8. He began to dance around!
9. A Hula Hoop!
10. Eleven Pipers Piping!
11. Every Christmas card I write!
12. Dolls that will talk and will go for a walk!
13. Bluebird!

ANSWERS FROM Christmas TV Show And Movie Trivia

1. A bell from Santa's sleigh!
2. BELIEVE
3. Hot Chocolate!
4. Hocus Pocus!
5. Karen!
6. Professor Hinkle!
7. Five cents please!
8. His heart was two sizes too

- small!
9. Boris Karloff!
10. Theodor Geisel!
11. An Angel Got His Wings!

ANSWERS FOR NAME THE ACTUAL CHRISTMAS SONG

1. Deck The Halls
2. Jingle Bells
3. Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer
4. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
5. Joy To The World
6. Silver Bells
7. Silent Night
8. The Twelve Days Of Christmas
9. We Wish You A Merry Christmas
10. All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth

ANSWERS FROM WHO SAID IT?

1. Ebenezer Scrooge in Charles Dickens' 1843 novel: A Christmas Carol
2. Frosty the Snowman
3. Dumbledore in J.K. Rowling's, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
4. The Grinch in How The Grinch Stole Christmas
5. Linus Van Pelt in A Charlie Brown Christmas
6. Yukon Cornelius in Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer
7. The Conductor in The Polar Express
8. Buddy the Elf in Elf
9. George Bailey in It's a Wonderful Life
10. Lucy Van Pelt in A Charlie Brown Christmas

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