LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

My name is Brandon Mattox. I am 4½ years old. I have been a very good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a case tractor, a choo choo train set, a gun, a big truck, and some animals to go with my toy zoo. I want you to bring my cousins Jeremy, Mandy, and Crissie a lot of toys, too. I will leave you two pieces of cake and a glass of milk under the tree and an apple for rudolph. I love you, Santa

Love,
Brandon

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy six years old and I am in the first grade. I have tried to be a good little boy but sometimes it is hard.

I would like for Santa to bring a turbo train, connect game, bed four game, battle ship game and if you have anything else left. But brit don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Don't forget my first grade class and my teacher, Mrs. Spickler. Don't forget my Grandmother's and Granddad's.

Chip Fay

Santa (Chris Myers) unloads his pack during the Christmas play presented to the Nicholas County Schools PTA program last Tuesday night.—Guthrie photo.

Dear Santa,

Hi, My name is Tryna Ishmael. I am seven years old. I want a Tropical Barbie, a watch, a radio, headphone cassette, easy bake oven and a big surprise. I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree. Don't forget my Mom and Dad.

Love you,
Tryna

P. S.: My little sister, Kennetha wants a newborn baby, my little pony and some more surprises.

Dear Santa,

We are two girls ages 9 and 6. Being good all year is hard but we have made it. Please bring both of us a Silk Haired Cabbage Patch Doll. Junise would like a stroller and Ursha wants a Barbie Doll House. Som:: new clothes and a few surprises would be nice. We will have milk and cookies under the tree for you.

We love you Santa,
Junise and Ursha Mitchell

Dear Santa,

My name is Kristin Warner and I am 6 years old. I have tried to be a good girl this year but it's hard, especially with two big brothers.

I would like to have a three wheeler, a get in shape set, my little pony, clothes, surprises and whatever else you think I'd like.

Your girl,
Kristin Warner

P. S.: Don't forget my brothers, Charlie and Jeremy.

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. But whenever my brother and I fight, my Mom makes us read the book about fighting. So this year my brother and I will will leave chocolate chip cookies under the tree. I want for Christmas a Cricket Doll and a Finders and Keepers and a medium Popple. Don't forget Grandma, Grandpa, and the last thing, don't forget the Senior Citizens.

Love,
Shawna

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Melissa Glass. I'm 10 years old. I've tried to be a good girl this year. I would like a Cabbage Patch Kid and clothes and whatever else you would like to bring me. Also don't forget my little sister, Jennifer, she's 18 months old. She would like to have a Kid Sister Doll, table and chairs and some clothes. I'll leave you cookies and milk under the tree.

Love,
Melissa and Jennifer Glass

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a bicycle, wrestling ring and figures. Don't forget my two front teeth, because Pappy Pete pulled them.

Don't forget Mamaw and Pappy Pete as they have tried to be good.

Love,
Kyle

Dear Santa,

My name is Wesley Livingood. This year I would like a Pound Puppy, Operation, Two-speed Chevy pickup, Flex, Robo Struk, Robimus Prime, and some surprises. Don't forget Mamaw Snapp, Mamaw and Papaw Bussell, and Mamaw and Papaw Livingood, and all my cousins. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Wesley Livingood

Dear Santa,

My name is Danita Livingood. This year I would like a My Child, Pound Puppy, Flappy Dog, Bed Bugs, Trouble and some surprises. Don't forget Mamaw Snapp, Mamaw and Papaw Livingood, Mamaw and Papaw Bussell and all my cousins. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Danita Livingood

Dear Santa,

My name is Blake Roser and I am 3 years old. Would you bring me a basketball for Christmas? I have been as good a boy my age can be and Mommy says that's pretty good!

Love,
Blake

Dear Santa,

My name is Allison Grant and I am 5 years old and in kindergarten this year. I have tried hard to be good this year but you know how it is when you're 5 years old. There are so many things to do that sometimes get me in trouble. I, after checking your list, you find I have been good enough for you to come see me, please bring me Kid Sister, a popple, Jem, a Barbie car, get-in-shape girl, Dream Glo Barbie and some surprises.

I have a brother, Jay. Please bring him some things he wants. He doesn't obey as well as I do but he's a pretty good brother.

We'll leave cookies and milk for you.

Love,
Allison Grant

Dear Santa,

My name is Jay Grant and I am 4 years old. I haven't been an angel but I've been pretty good. If you think I've been good enough, please bring me a Popple, a Pound Puppy, My Buddy, clothes for Ken, Hulk Hogan, Thumb wrestlers, a wrestling ring, and some surprises.

Please bring my sister, Allison, something. She's 5 and likes girl stuff.

Also don't forget Scot, Brad and Whitney when you stop in Carlisle. They are my cousins and they're always good.

We'll leave you cookies and milk under the tree.

Love,
Jay Grant

Your Christmas Party Headquarters

Make our Ambassador party department your first stop for holiday parties. You'll find everything you need--from the invitations to matching plates, cups and napkins. There are even festive decorations. And when the party is over, clean-up is easy, too!

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VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

A wish that your Christmas blooms with happiness, love and caring!

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Joyous Holidays

The Merriest of Christmases to all our loyal customers. In every department, we think you're the best!

Norma Jean and Mona, et. . .

Four Seasons

Christmas Blessings

Best wishes for a great Yuletide season!

Hall's Barber Shop

NOEL

Joy to the world, the Lord has come! May peace on earth become a reality at this holy season.

Rose Brady,

Nicholas Co. P.T.A.

PEACE

The best gift at Christmas time is the gift of love! Merry Christmas!

Carlisle Cleaners

Joy

Let us spread His message of love and peace throughout the land. To all men of good will — a blessed Christmas!

Sims Jewelry

Becky & Lois Beauty Shop

Wishing you love, happiness, peace and joy throughout the Holiday Season. Merry Christmas to all.

Becky, Lois, and Wilma

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Rejoice at this holy season!

West End Market

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Greetings to you and all whom you hold dear. A Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Baker's Dept. Store

SPORTS

Bob Watkins

Sports In Kentucky

Dick Howser will be walking his dogs today...maybe

Sobering thoughts of the season and things.

The holiday season makes some of us sentimental and "home for the holidays" television commercials get me right here. How about you?

It is a time of year when I am reminded of a few special people. Folks who make me humble, remind me, and some of you, of what's really important. Dick Howser is one of those special people.

The Kansas City manager's struggle with brain cancer the past six months has been of particular interest and Howser's courage aside, it is the man's perspective on life that comes to mind this holiday season because so many of us get caught up in distortions of what is really important. There are tangles here — petty things (my team, your team), jealousies, hard feelings. But let's fare it, anything this side of what Dick Howser is looking at this Christmas season is not all that important.

"My health is right here," Howser told reporters last week, holding his hand high over his head. Lowering his hand to his waist, he added, "The rest of me is right here. You know what I've been through. If my health falters a bit, you're going to see me back off a little."

But here comes the bottom line. Dick Howser was asked about his future plans. He looked at his watch.

"What's next for me? This afternoon," he said. "I'm serious. It's 1:30 now. What's next for me is going home, taking the dogs out for a walk, feeding them. People talk about three months from now, or six months from now. But who knows? We don't know about next Wednesday. Nobody does."

But the object lesson Dick Howser would have each of us take to heart, I believe, is simply this: Life is too short, too uncertain to waste even a precious moment.

So, with the holiday season in mind, go home and hug your kids, tell your spouse you love her or him. Telephone somebody you've had hard feelings toward lately and say "Merry Christmas, I'm thinking about you."

Think about Dick Howser out there walking his dogs — maybe.

Odds 'n ends

Points: Todd May, Kentucky Mr. Basketball in 1982, and UK signee who transferred to Wake Forest and then Pikeville College, continues to distinguish himself in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. This season the Pikeville College star leads the KIAC in scoring with a 42.9 points per game average . . . More points: Remember Harvey Grant? The junior college standout in Kansas last season was apparently headed for Kentucky until he pleaded no contest to a shoplifting charge last spring. UK withdrew its scholarship offer and Grant signed with Oklahoma where, as of Dec. 15, he was averaging 15.2 points and a team high 9.3 rebounds per game for the Sooners.

Comment: Counting freshman Derrick Miller, UK has three forwards on its roster this season; Ira Thomas and Richard Madison are the other two. Meanwhile, Rewards May and Grant are averaging 58.1 points per game.

UK signee update

John Pittman: As of last week the 7-1, 250-pounder from Rosenberg, Texas, was averaging 20.8 points and 15.7 rebounds for the Terry High Rangers (11-2). Pittman's numbers aside, doubts that he will be able to qualify under Proposition 48 remain.

People...

✔ Jack 'Goose' Givens, UK All-American and most valuable player in Kentucky's NCAA championship victory over Duke in 1978, has a view on the 3-point basket. "I don't like it I hate it . . . and I was a shooter." Comment: Givens scored 2,038 points for UK, third highest in history.

✔ Roger Harden, playmaker on last year's UK team, said last week, "When I found out about all of the injuries (to UK's squad) and that coach Sutton was taking walk-ons I was the first one to show up. But they (the NCAA) couldn't take me."

Harden said he plans to return to classes at UK next semester and plans to be a member of Sutton's coaching staff next season, as a graduate assistant.

✔ ESPN will present 14 Final Four highlight programs over a four week period in January that will interest basketball fans in Kentucky. First up will be the 1986 NCAA championship game between Louisville and Duke, set for Sunday, Jan. 4, at 12:30 p.m. EDT.

The 14 shows will feature national championship games played from 1968 through 1986. Besides the UofL-Duke game, some of the featured games are:

Jan. 4 — 1986 game: Louisville versus Duke.

Jan. 7 — 1984 game: Georgetown versus Houston.

Jan. 10 — 1974 game: North Carolina St. versus Marquette.

Jan. 11 — 1978 game: Kentucky versus Duke.

Jan. 18 — 1983 game: North Carolina St. versus Houston.

Jan. 28 — 1980 game: Louisville versus UCLA.

Hoop: Through five games 'Bama starting guard Mark Gottfried had attempted 25 3-pointers and made 16 (64 percent).

PROSPECTS WHO HAVE VISITED UK

Pos	Player	wt	wt	Home School
OL	Bob Crayoroft	6-3	248	Bowl Co.
EB	Willard Dishman	6-0	180	Bryan Station
EB	Kenny Walker	6-3	255	Houston, Tex.
QB	Doug Adams	6-1	190	Hutchinson, Kan. JUCO
DE	Shawn Evans	6-6	220	Madison Central
OL	Todd Gaeziger	6-4	250	Covington Cath.
WR	Eddie Thomas	5-0	182	Fort Knox
QB	✔Freddie Maggard	6-3	200	Cumberland
QB	✔Jeff House	6-2	200	Lou. St. Xavier
RB	✔Dowd Scott	6-1	208	Jefferson Town
LB	Steve Kelley	6-2	218	Hopkinsville
OL	Courtney Longacre	6-2	223	Ferndale
TE	Frank Jacobs	6-5	225	Newport Cen. Cath.
QB	Walt Underwood	6-4	180	Lou. Ballard
WR	Phil Logan	6-2	182	Lou. Holy Cross
OL	Chris Smith	6-3	280	Lou. Male
TE	Dave Fox	6-5½	195	Corbin
OL	Stacey Overton	6-3	250	Paid. Tilghman
LB	Darrick Thomas	6-2	215	Bryan Station
	Junior College			
	✔ Verbally committed to UK			

Greetings

May those you love surround you. To share your Christmas Day: May the blessings of the season Come in your life to stay!

Nicholas County Bar Association

May your Christmas sparkle and shine, may it be decorated with every happiness.

JOY TO EVERYONE!

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Joy and peace

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rejoice!

May you celebrate this special season in the true tradition of love.

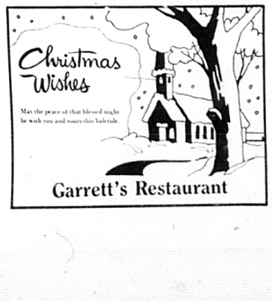
Nicholas County Feeders Supply

Cheer

Blessings to you and your loved ones at this joyous season.

Patricia's Cut Above

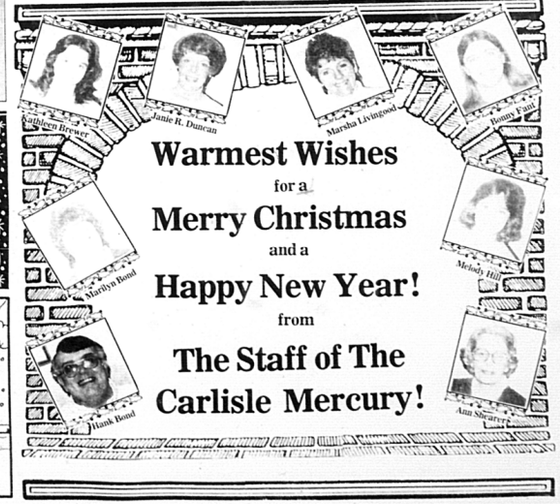
Patricia Dicken



Christmas Wishes

May the peace of that blessed night be with you and yours this holiday.

Garrett's Restaurant



Warmest Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! from The Staff of The Carlisle Mercury!

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