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**Independent**

# **HOLLY DAYS IDEAS!**



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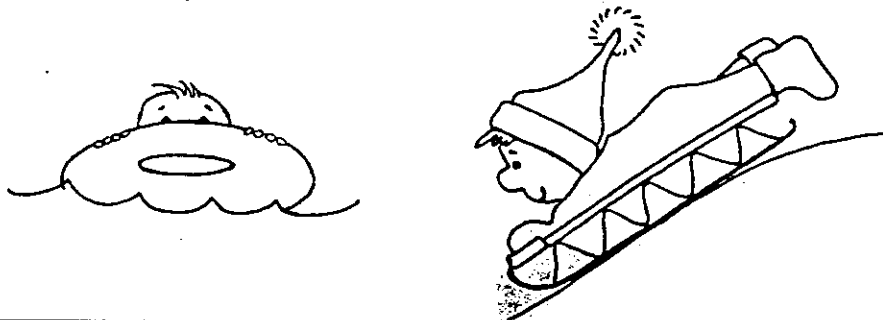
## HOLIDAY HUNT

Choose a classmate to work with you on this scavenger hunt. See which pair of students is first to clip from the paper all the holiday items in the list below!

- The word "December"
  - A picture of Santa
  - A turkey
  - A holiday-wrapped gift
  - A Christmas tree
  - A dreidel
  - A holiday wreath
  - A star
  - Name of a city where it snows
  - A dove
  - A tree ornament
  - A reindeer
  - A U.S. map to guide Santa
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## SPORTY FUN

Winter and summer sports are often different. Cut pictures of sports equipment from the newspaper and paste them on a sheet of paper. Under each, write if it would be used in summer, winter or both.



## NOT JUST FOR READING

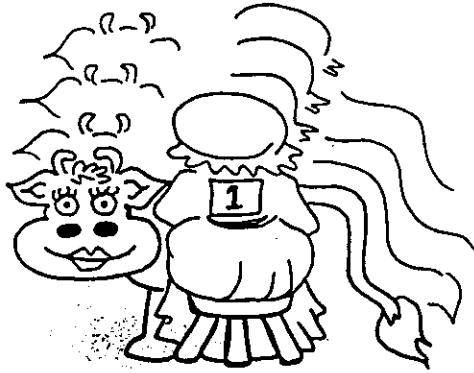
Newspapers are for reading, but they have other uses as well. You can even wrap holiday gifts in newspapers! Think of 10 ways to use the newspaper and write them down. Some of the ways might be silly!

Now tell your list to your classmates and see how many newspaper uses your whole class has found.



## "THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS"

On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me  
A partridge in a pear tree  
2 turtle doves  
3 French hens  
4 calling birds  
5 golden rings  
6 geese a-flying  
7 swans a-swimming  
8 maids a-milking  
9 ladies dancing  
10 lords a-leaping  
11 pipers piping  
12 drummers drumming



Read the words to the song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas". In the newspaper, find things that come in sets of one through twelve. For example, shoes come in sets of two, tires in sets of two or four, and eggs in sets of twelve. Clip the sets you find and paste them in order on a sheet of paper. If you cannot find a set for a number, clip the number itself from the newspaper and paste it on the sheet of paper.

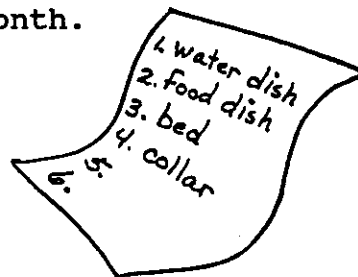
Rewrite "The Twelve Days of Christmas" substituting the items you have found for the things listed in "The Twelve Days of Christmas".

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### HOW MUCH IS THAT DOGGIE?

Locate the pets for sale in the classified section of The Daily Independent. Select a pet and write a letter to the owner telling why you would like the pet. If the owner's name and address are not given, make up a name and address.

Now use the grocery ads to estimate how much it will cost you to feed your new pet for one month.



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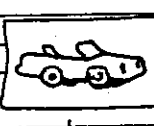
### GREETINGS!

Design a Hanukkah or Christmas card to send holiday greetings to a friend or relative! You could use letters, words, or pictures from the newspaper to decorate your card. Write an original holiday greeting to include in your card.

## GIFT LISTS

Make a holiday gift list on a sheet of notebook paper, naming each member of your immediate family. Look through The Daily Independent and cut out an ad for something you would like to give each person on your gift list. Glue the ad next to that person's name.

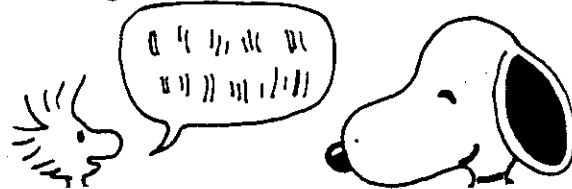
Total the amount you have spent on gifts. What if you only had \$25.00 to spend? Could you buy all the gifts you selected? If not, go back through the paper and select new gifts, keeping within your budget.

	DAD	MOM	SIS	
				
	3,000	4,067	4,223	
				\$3000 4,067 + 4,223 11,290!

## FACT OR FANTASY?

Holiday stories tell magical happenings, like reindeer flying and snowmen talking. Look at the comics page and make a list of the comic strip situations which seem to defy the laws of science, such as animals talking and a super hero flying.

Tell your list to your classmates and decide together which comic strip is the most magical and which is the most realistic.

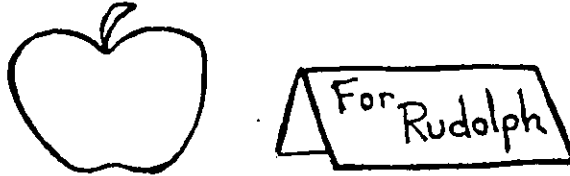


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## NIGHTTIME SNACK

Using the grocery ads in the newspaper, cut out the pictures and prices of at least 3 foods to make a snack to leave out for Santa. Choose something for Rudolph too! Paste the pictures and prices on a sheet of paper.

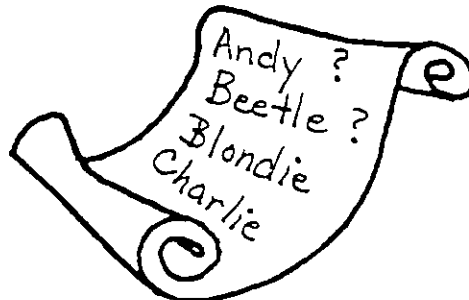
Now add the prices of the foods together. How much will the total snack cost?



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## MAKING A LIST, CHECKING IT TWICE!

Santa needs help with his gift list! He needs to put his list of names in alphabetical order. Help Santa by turning to the comics page and arranging the names of all the comic characters on the page in alphabetical order. Check your list with your classmates to be sure no comic person or animal is left out!

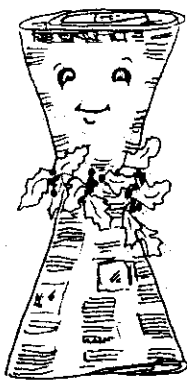


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## CHECK THE MAP!

Find Ashland on the weather map in The Daily Independent. You know that Ashland is in the state of Kentucky. Can you name the states that touch the borders of Kentucky? See if you can name the states Santa must fly over to travel between Ashland and Los Angeles. Check your answers by looking at your classroom map.





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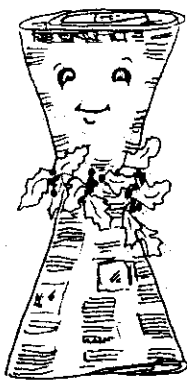
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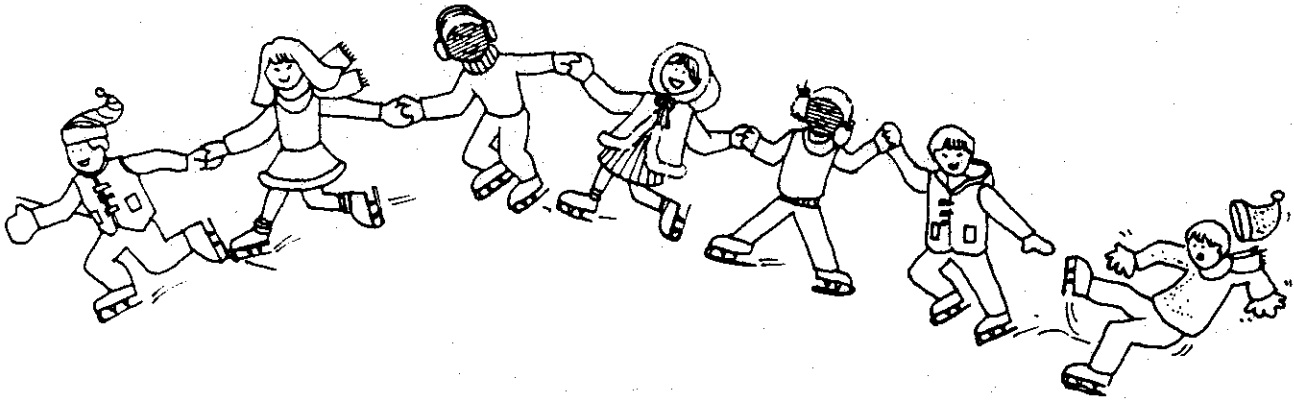
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Using the newspaper ads, try to find listings of at least three jobs that might require a person to work on the holidays.

Provide students with a list of items for a suitable winter wardrobe - hats, boots, sweaters, jacket, etc. Ask them to compare advertisements for these items and draw up a chart of prices so that they can see the best buys for their money.



### TIS THE SEASON



Holiday time is when families often get together with relatives and friends. Find two news items that show different family life styles or gatherings.

Often during the holiday seasons, newspapers report on volunteers who help others. Find a news item about a volunteer. Using information from it, write a friendly letter to the person commending him.

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UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Educational Fund) was established in 1946. Find a news item about children who need emergency aid. Also, check the papers for stories of needy people in your community. Can your class do something for them?

On December 19th, President Eisenhower recorded greetings to the world for peace and good will via satellite. Look at the television schedule. Discover special programs that will be broadcast during this holiday season. Watch one of them and write a review of the show.

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## BE CREATIVE!

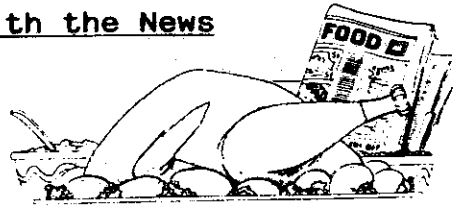
Begin a holiday journal today to focus on reports of varying holiday celebrations and tradition. Find out how holidays are celebrated around the world. Different lifestyles may at first seem strange, but these traditions are ones families have followed for years.

Using letters, symbols, graphic photos you find in the newspaper, design your own holiday greeting card.

Clip a news item about a holiday observance. Underline several key words in the story and try to write a poem using the words you choose.

Look at the weather map or temperature listings near the holidays. List a place where the temperature was much different from the one in your home. Write about how this might have changed your celebration.

## Let's Get Cooking - Planning Holiday Menus with the News



Festive meals are an important part of holiday celebrations and family occasions. Locate the food section in your newspaper. Take note of any mention of holiday foods. Plan an interesting meal by clipping pictures from ads. Check all the grocery ads for any sale prices on ingredients for the holiday meal you are planning. Choose one specific holiday dish and plan the ingredients you will need to prepare it.

Families often have their own special holiday traditions. In the form of a letter to the editor, come up with your own special family tradition and tell why it's important.

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## GIFT GIVING

Gift giving is often part of holiday traditions. Clip out a photo or a drawing or an item and of a person and tell why you would give that person that gift.

Many gifts can't be put under a tree. Write a page about what you would most like to give the world and why. Design a sheet of wrapping paper with a bow and tag. Cover your written page with this sheet of wrapping paper. Your classmates can "open" your gift and read what you would like to offer the world. Mount these wrapped gifts on a bulletin board.

Make a list of all the names of the characters in the comics. Pick out an appropriate holiday gift for each one of them. What would you give Snoopy or Garfield for the holidays?



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Rewrite the story about the signing of the Constitution in the news format.

Select stories and editorials in the newspaper that could not be printed in a country where freedom of the press is denied.

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As consumers, we have both wants and needs. Needs are what we must have to remain healthy and stay alive - for example, food, shelter and clothing. Wants are items we would like to have: things to enjoy or make life easier. Scarcity occurs when the item you need or want to buy is in short supply. Find examples of wants and needs in the newspaper.





## Charles A. Dana

Charles Dana, born in 1819, was nine when his mother died. He and four other siblings were sent to live with various members of his mother's family. Charles went to an uncle in Vermont. While there he studied Latin at school and worked hard on the farm. At age 12, he was sent to another uncle who owned a store in Buffalo. There he worked as a clerk. In school, he studied Greek. Seneca Indians came to trade at the store, so Charles went to their reservation on Sundays and learned their language.

In 1839, after saving \$200, he entered Harvard. The amount of reading caused him difficulty with his eyes. The expense of school left him without money. After two years of college he left to teach so he could earn money to continue his education.

Dana learned of an experiment in cooperative living at Brook Farm. Twenty people pooled their resources to live there. Each one had duties to perform. Charles went there and taught German and Greek, milked cows, contributed articles to magazines the group published, was head waiter in the dining room and became secretary-treasurer for the community. Here he came to believe in equal pay for equal work whether man or woman. Eventually, the group went bankrupt, but it was

there Charles met his future wife, Eunice.

Through Brook Farm he met Horace Greeley who hired him as an editor at the *New York Tribune*. Then, Dana convinced Greeley and four other newspaper editors to pay for articles he planned to write each week while covering the revolution in France. This possibly became the first syndicated column.

Greeley and Dana viewed slavery differently. Dana thought it basically immoral and must be abolished. Greeley opted to allow the South to secede from the Union. Dana left the *Tribune*. During the Civil War, he served the Union as an assistant secretary of war.

Charles Dana became the editor and part owner of the *New York Sun* in 1868. He soon tripled the number of readers to 120,000 and remained as editor for 30 years. His definition of news is often quoted as it appeared in the *Sun* on August 25, 1871.

"When a dog bites a man, that is not news, but when a man bites a dog, that is news."

One editorial from the *Sun* is still reprinted during the Christmas season. Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon, whose friends told her there was no Santa Claus, wrote the newspaper, "Please tell the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

"Virginia," the editorial writer wrote, "your little friends are wrong. . . . He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia. . . he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

### Language Arts

◆ Imagine yourself as a newspaper editor. Write three headlines for this short biography of Charles A. Dana.

### Mathematics

◆ How many readers did the *Sun* have before Dana tripled its readership?

◆ How old was Charles Dana when he entered Harvard?

### Social Studies

◆ Buffalo, New York lies on the shore of what Great Lake and along what river?

### Media Experience

◆ With two classmates, prepare a radio script on Charles Dana. Each of you take a different time in his life—youth, young adult, adult. Read the script aloud to your friends.



Answers: Mathematics: 40,000; 20 years old; Social Studies: Lake Erie, Niagara River

# SHOPPING IN THE NEWSPAPER

**Student Objective:** To use newspaper advertisements to shop in the newspaper

Advertising is important to newspapers for three reasons:

- (1) Newspapers need advertising to make money for the newspaper business.
- (2) Businesses need advertising to tell people about their products and services.
- (3) Newspaper readers need advertising to learn about products, to learn about stores that sell products and to know the prices of products.

**Directions:** Go shopping in the newspaper. Use your newspaper to find the information needed.

Your father's birthday is next week, and you don't have a gift yet. Shop in the newspaper for a gift. Your limit is \$20.00.

Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_

Store \_\_\_\_\_

Can you find a business in the newspaper that sells each of the following items?

Place to buy



Automobile Tires \_\_\_\_\_

Television \_\_\_\_\_

Men's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_

Furniture \_\_\_\_\_

Jewelry \_\_\_\_\_

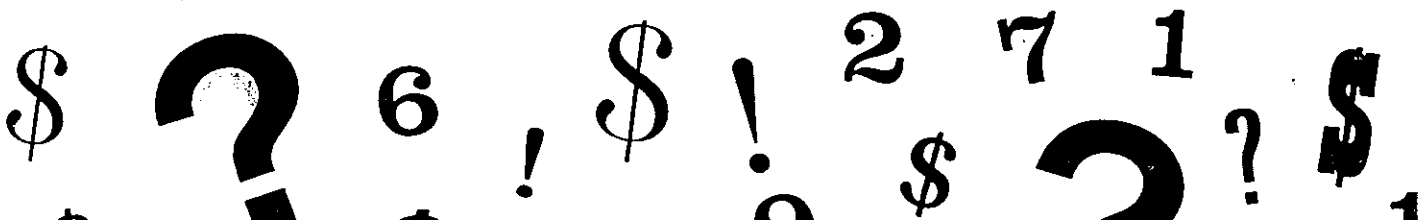
Real Estate \_\_\_\_\_

Shoes \_\_\_\_\_

Groceries \_\_\_\_\_

Toys \_\_\_\_\_

Used Automobile \_\_\_\_\_





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## Different Christmases

Woman celebrates her first holiday in the United States

## Hanukkah an 8-day celebration

Read through the newspaper for several weeks and clip or make note of charitable organizations or events that need volunteer support. Find out as much background as you can about the groups and their needs. With your classmates, select a group or event to lend your support. Decide what you can do to help. Carry out and evaluate the project.

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### Trees & Wreaths

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**PAISLEY FARM  
AND GREENHOUSES**  
Rt. 133 W. Boxford 352-6043  
Finest Balsam Firs & all  
your other holiday needs.

### *Gifts for Pets*

**ESSEX BIRD SHOP  
and PET SUPPLY**  
For all the feathered and  
furred critters on your list...  
over 20 varieties of wild bird  
feeders, 4 "squirrel proof"  
bird feeders. Sunflower,  
mixed seed, safflower, corn,  
etc. 5 pounds to 50 pounds.  
Parakeet Seed, 2 pounds for  
95¢. Science Diet, Iams,  
Eukanuba, Purina Pro Plan  
- pet foods. Cages, toys, and  
accessories. Christmas  
stockings and gift certi-  
ficates too! Rt. 133. 768-7408

Design a holiday card using letters, symbols, graphics and photos you find in the newspaper. Write an original holiday greeting to include in your card.



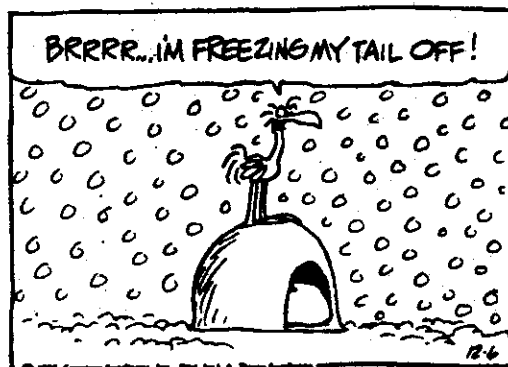
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## Children bring elders holiday cheer

## Landmark students make it a point to volunteer their time to help needy

Collect an assortment of both foreign and domestic envelopes with as many different postmarks. Try to match postmarks with a corresponding dateline in your newspaper. Find out information on the postmark city, such as its location, population, founding date, etc.

Holiday stories describe magical happenings, like reindeer flying and snowmen talking. Look at the comic pages and make a list of the comic strip situations where comic characters are defying the laws of science by talking or flying.



Read Clement Moore's famous poem, "The Night Before Christmas." Using his story as a guide, write a short news account of the event. Remember to include the who, what, where, when, and why in the lead paragraph. Create an interesting headline for the story.



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Festive meals are an important part of holiday celebrations and family occasions. Locate the Food section in Wednesday's newspaper. Plan an inviting meal by clipping pictures or recipes from the advertisements. Is your meal well balanced? Divide the ingredients into the four food groups.

## **The holidays are cookie time**

## **Here's a festive holiday apple punch**

## **Cooking traditions on the North Shore**

Write a news story for one of the following headlines. Be sure to include the 5 W's:

**STUDENTS REQUEST LONGER HOLIDAY VACATION  
NEW YEAR IS POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING**



Find a news story that tells how important the holiday season is to local store owners.

# Christmas may be merry for retailers

Cut a photo or a story about a tradition that is peculiar to your community. Write a paragraph about how the tradition started.

## Bell tradition in U.S. rings back to 1924 Ipswich family

By The Associated Press and Times staff

BOSTON (AP) - Ancient Greeks rang bells to summon people to prayer.

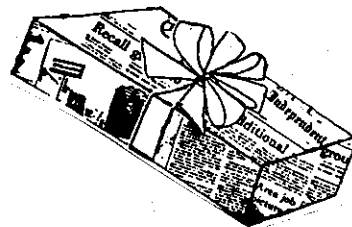
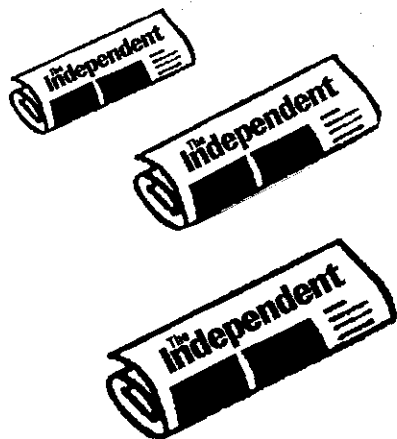
In 17th century England, men went from town to town tolling tower bells in contests to see who could devise the most unrepeated sequences of the huge bells.

But it wasn't until December 1924, when Margaret Shurcliff led her six children in a performance of tunes on handbells on Beacon Hill, that a musical tradition was born.

## SPECIAL DAYS

Friday December 1st is Rosa Parks Day. In 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama. Find a news article in today's newspaper about a person fighting for their civil rights.

Walt Disney was born on December 5th in 1901. He created many great cartoon characters. Turn to the comics pages and find your favorite comic strip character. Decide what holiday gift the character would most enjoy.



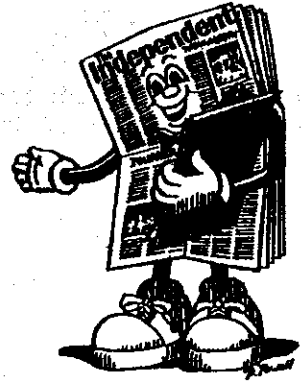
Educational Fund) was established. Find a news item about children in need emergency aid. Check the newspaper for stories of needy children or adults in your community. Is there something your class can do to brighten their holidays?

# People baring soles for the poor

MANCHESTER - No, she's not Imelda Marcos.

Debra Olszewski's growing collection of used Reeboks, Avias, Nikes and Keds is intended to keep people from going barefoot in the Dominican Republic.

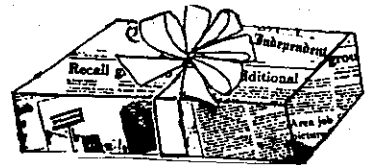
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December 21st marks the beginning of winter in the northern hemisphere. On this date, the direct rays of the sun are over the Tropic of Capricorn. Divide a sheet of paper into two columns. Find datelines in the newspaper that are from other countries. Put all of the datelines on a world map to show where they are located. Label the columns on your paper "Warm Season" and "Cold Season." Write the datelines in the appropriate column.

Wright Brothers Day is on December 17th. On this date, in 1903, the Wright Brothers flew their plane over Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Wilbur and Orville Wright made the first successful airplane flight ever. Their achievement began a whole new world of fast and efficient transportation. Start a collection of newspaper photos that show how Americans depend on various forms of transportation. Mount each picture on cardboard and list an advantage and disadvantage of each.

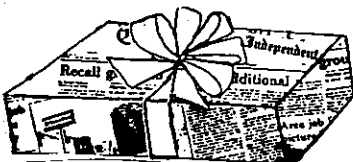
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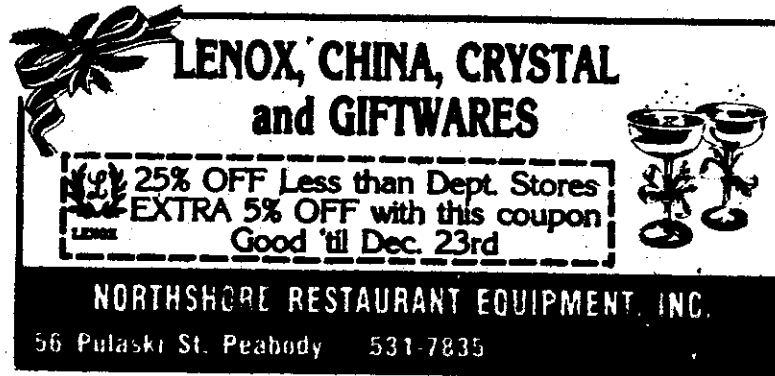


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As a consumer you must learn to make choices on how you will spend your money. As students or adults, we cannot have everything we want. Our allowance or income is limited and we have to make choices among different ways of spending money. Pretend that your Uncle Joe has given you \$25 as a holiday gift. Use newspaper advertisements to make a list of all the items you would like to buy that cost \$25 or less. List your choices on a sheet of paper. Now you are faced with one choice to make. Was your decision easy?

Make up five math words problems using the holiday ads from the newspaper. Have a classmate complete the problem.



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In colonial times, bartering was a common practice. Even now in some countries, bartering is a means of exchange. Farmers, instead of using money, might swap goods or products such as poultry and vegetables for a doctor's services, or in exchange for a piece of farm equipment. Clip pictures of items from the newspaper and glue each on an individual card. Working in small groups or as a class, exchange cards with other students until you can successfully "bargain" for the item you want. Was the swap fair? Did the other person think it was fair? Why do you think we use money today instead of barter?



Select three people who frequently are in the news. Create two New Year's resolutions for each of them!

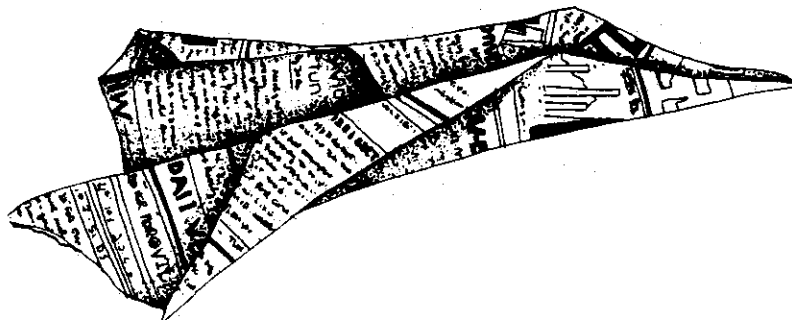




WRIGHT BROTHERS DAY is on December 17th. On this date, in 1903, the Wright Brothers flew their plane over Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Wilbur and Orville Wright made the first successful airplane flight ever. Their achievement began a whole new world of fast and efficient transportation.

### Activities

- 1) Start a collection of newspaper photos that show how Americans depend on various forms of transportation. Mount each picture on cardboard and list an advantage and disadvantage of each.
- 2) Display pictures of planes from all periods of history. After a discussion of the many uses man has made of the plane, let the class have a great time designing their own airplanes from parts of newspapers that you are finished using. When all of the planes are completed, have a flying contest. Have each student throw their plane twice. Students can measure the distance to see which plane flew the farthest. You may give awards to the plane that flies the highest, the one that stays off the ground the longest, the most creative, etc.
- 3) Conduct a transportation poll with a friend. Students can ask others what form of transportation they use most. Have students graph the results.
- 5) Have students imagine a new form of transportation and explain how it works. Choose a name for the invention and draw a picture that describes it.



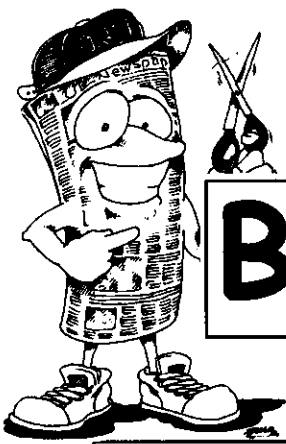


BILL OF RIGHTS DAY is on December 15. The first ten Amendments were proposed on September 25, 1789 and ratified on December 15, 1791. They defined the rights of the people of the United States.

#### ACTIVITIES

- 1) Find a news item that illustrates one of the first ten amendments in action today.
- 2) Freedom of the press is part of the First Amendment. Have students go through the newspaper and find an article they think the government would not let the papers print if we didn't have this right.
- 3) Have students make posters showing as many of the rights granted them in these Amendments, as they can in the newspapers. When the projects are completed, have students explain which rights are shown in their pictures.
- 4) Write a column defending a local or state issue that your class feels is important.
- 5) Prepare a "Bill of Rights for Students". Post these rights on a bulletin board.

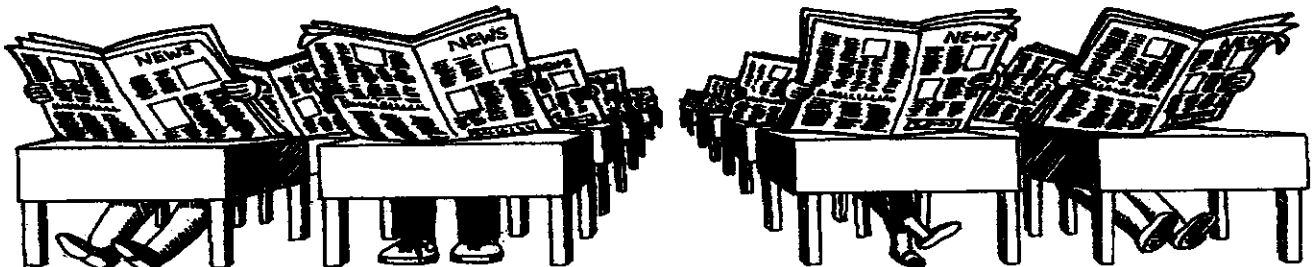




# BINGO

Find a classified ad for something you'd like to buy. Make a list of questions you'd still want to ask the seller.	Find pictures of 3 people who've been in the news a lot. Cut the identifications off. Can your classmates identify them?	Read a news story and write down the answers to the 5 W's and the H.	Read your favorite comic strip. Decide what will probably happen next and draw tomorrow's strip.	Use the index to find the movies listing. Choose a movie, tell where it's playing and what times you could see it.
Find a picture. Before you read the caption, write down what you think is going on. Then read the caption. Were you right?	Find at least 5 ways numbers are used in the newspaper. Cut out your examples and label them.	Find a newspaper story and read it carefully. Can you think of any questions left unanswered? Write them down.	Find stories that mention at least 5 community helpers. Who are they? What jobs do they do?	Find the editorial page. Can you find the name of the newspaper's editor and publisher? Who are they?
Write your own activity that uses the newspaper. Have someone try your activity and tell you the answer.	Read a newspaper story about a person. Write down how you'd introduce that person to your classmates. Try it.	<b>FREE</b>	Find a story that has opinion in it. Underline the words that helped you know that it is opinion.	Find 2 display ads trying to sell the same kind of item. How do they compare in how they appeal to the buyer?
Clip a newspaper story, cut the paragraphs apart and scramble them. Put them back in order and compare to the original.	Find the weather map. What was the warmest and coldest place in the country?	Find and cut out a mugshot of a person. Who is the person? Why is he or she in the news?	Have a friend cut out 3 short news stories and separate the headlines from the stories. Try to match the stories and heads correctly.	Choose a display ad and write a math story problem based on the numbers in it. Have someone try to solve it.
Find 3 words in your newspaper that are new to you. Look them up in the dictionary and write down the definitions.	Look at the sports pages. List the kinds of sports written about and tally the number of stories about each. Which has the most?	Find a story about someone who works in your local government. Who is the person? How does he or she help the community?	Cut out and mount a picture of your favorite comic strip character. Tell three traits the character has that you like.	Find stories from at least 3 other countries. Locate them on a world map and find out at least 1 fact about each.

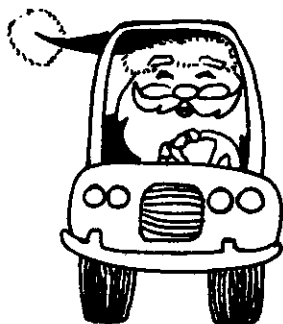
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## CAR, BUS, OR TRAIN?

Santa uses a sleigh for his holiday trip. In the newspaper, find as many pictures as you can of other kinds of transportation. Paste the pictures to a piece of construction paper.

On the paper, draw your own picture of Santa riding in some kind of transportation other than his sleigh.

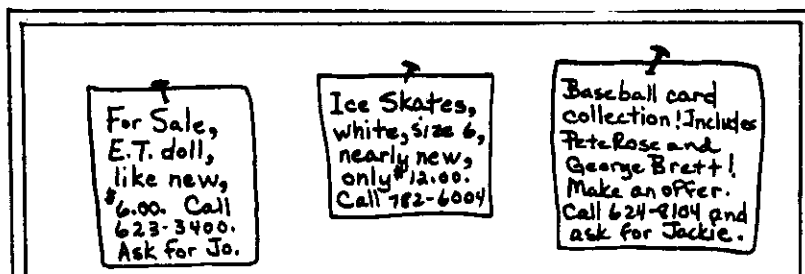


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## CLASSROOM CLASSIFIED

Holiday time means gifts. Write a classified ad to sell one of your possessions to make way for the new. Make your item seem as attractive as possible. Look at the classified ads in the newspaper for ideas. Don't forget to include a price and a way for buyers to call you.

When your ad is finished, put it on the classroom bulletin board. Maybe you'll make a sale!



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## TELL ALL ABOUT IT

Write an article in news story style for one of the following headlines. Be sure to include the 5W's!

1. SANTA LOST IN MISSOURI
2. STUDENTS REQUEST LONGER HOLIDAY VACATION
3. NEW YEAR IS POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING