

Desperately Seeking Santa



DEAR TIM

Dear Tim:

I'm in a bit of a spot and I was wondering if you could help me out. I had a rather unfortunate instance of bad behavior last week and now I'm afraid it might have blown any chance I had at scoring some

serious Christmas loot. I assure you it was not typical of me. I'm usually well-behaved, but I was having a moment and it got away from me. Anyway, I was thinking maybe if I could explain the circumstances to the big man, he might consider keeping me on the "nice" list again this year. You seem to know everybody. Any chance you have Santa's cell number?

-Scared on Squirrel Bend

Dear Scared:

If I had Santa's cell (and I'm not saying I don't), he'd be putting me on the "naughty"

list if I gave it out to everyone who asked. But I think I may have a solution to your problem nonetheless. It just so happens that Santa's going to be stopping by the store on Tuesday, December 22 and sticking around for the Tremont Center Santa Celebration from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. I'll bet if you come by, Old St. Nick will take a meeting and you can explain yourself. From my experience, he's a pretty forgiving guy. So if you tell it to him straight, he'll probably let you off with a warning. No guarantees, but it's worth a shot. And while you're here you can meet Santa's reindeer, hear some holiday carolers, enjoy free cookies and hot chocolate, take a horse-drawn carriage ride and even tape a video message to our troops overseas. It will be a great holiday event, and it might just put you back on the "nice" list where you belong.

Dear Tim:

Christmas dinner potatoes: baked or mashed?

-Spudder on Spruce

Dear Spudder:

I like my potatoes like I like my YouTube clips: mashed.

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