

TREASURE TRAILS TIMES

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SANTA MISSING

Breaking story by editor in chief - Aaron Hutchens



The world was in shock today when the extraordinary news of the kidnapping of Santa Claus was released.

The identity of the kidnapers remains a mystery and no ransom demand has yet been received. The only information to be released to date is a picture of poor Santa being held captive, a letter that the kidnapers allowed Santa to send to Mrs Claus, and the flight path details of his sleigh.

It seems that Santa's sleigh was last seen on radar when it flew over Newport on the Isle of Wight. The sleigh always flies in a straight line and was travelling at a constant 50 mph. The sleigh's emergency beacon briefly pinged 3 hours and 24 minutes later but quickly vanished. A source at the Goonhilly Downs Earth Tracking Station suggested that the sleigh vanished over 3,300 acres of forest.



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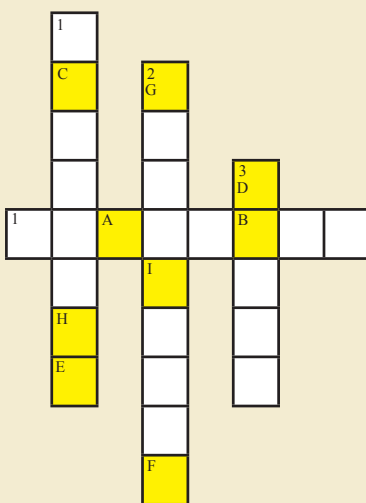
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TREASURE TRAILS CHRISTMAS TRIVIA CROSSWORD

Solve the crossword clues and enter the answers in the grid. Then place the shaded letters in the relevant spaces below to reveal a secret and useful name.



Across

- Which group had a UK Christmas No. 1 with "I Have a Dream"?

Down

- What is the first name of George Bailey's Guardian Angel in It's a Wonderful Life?
- Which of the 'Wise Men' came from Arabia?
- According to Clement Moore, which of Santa's reindeer is the only one with an 'x' in their name?

A B C D E F G B F H I

SOS: SAVE OUR SANTA

Exclusive feature by our Crime Correspondent - Sam Willsher

Whilst the rest of the world worries about the future of Christmas, the intrepid Treasure Trails Times is on the case of saving Santa.

Mince Pie Private-Eye, our very own private detective who normally helps set our Trails, has spotted something in the letter that Santa was allowed to send to Mrs Claus.

Mince Pie believes that a secret message was hidden in the letter that will help reveal his location. The only problem is that he hasn't cracked it yet, so is hoping that our intrepid trailers may be able to help. The letter is published in full below.

My Dearest Mary,

As you have probably been told by now, I have been kidnapped and am being held hostage. My kidnapers are treating me well and have said that I will be released without harm once their ransom demands have been met. They will be in contact shortly. So please don't worry.

In the meantime keep the preparations going for Christmas. You need to know that the code for the safe is C=A, D=B, and give the elves this message:

*K CO DGKPI JGNF KP C #QZTUV JQNKFCAN
#QZTUV. QWVUKFG K ECP UGG CPQVJGT
ECDKP PWODGTGF UGXGPVA #KXG.*