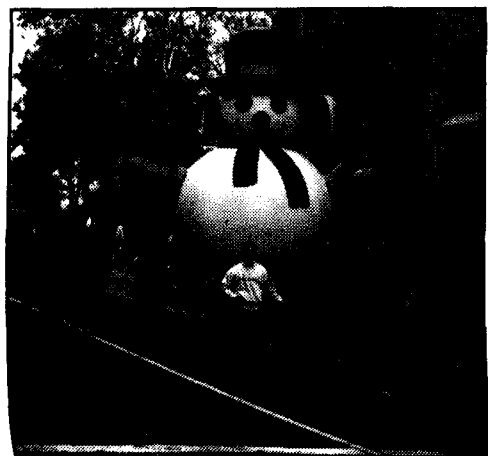


# Celebrity from North to appear in Holiday Parade

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The air has a nip in it, and it is charged with anticipation. Families, couples, friends, and pets begin to arrive and settle into a spot: chairs are unfolded, strollers parked, thermoses filled with cocoa or coffee are uncapped and blankets are unfurled to envelope one another within every available space along the streets. The people continue to arrive, like the townsfolk of "Whoville", gathered together to welcome the season. The Grinch hasn't stolen Christmas on this day: the crowd, carried up in the spirit of goodwill, impulsively holds hands and begin to sing "Da Who Voray" Okay, it doesn't get



Frosty the balloon man this cozy, but there is a tangible spirit of holiday cheeriness that pervades. The rumbling beat of the oncoming bands sound in the distance like thunder. The sound grows and suddenly, the first cars of the lead are spotted: police cars with lights flashing. The murmur of excitement rolls down the crowd like a wave as each person turns to whoever they're



Photos courtesy of Harrisburg Mayor's Office

Watch out, better not pout, you-know-who's in town. Santa Claus was last year, and he returns again for this year's Holiday Parade

with and smiles, "The parade is here!"

The City of Harrisburg's annual Holiday Parade will take place on Saturday, November 21 at 10:30 a.m. It will be televised live on WHP TV-21 at 10:30 a.m. This year's theme is "Hollywood Holidays" and it will feature over 2,000 marchers in more than 100 parade units. Besides fire trucks there are dozens of floats by area businesses, radio stations, civic groups and clubs and organizations. A popular spectacle are the giant helium balloons, featuring characters like "Mighty Mouse."

There are also a dozen marching bands, various color guard units, and kid clubs like

boy and girl scouts and baton twirling schools strutting their stuff. Even these organizations add flourishes to their uniformed appearances to match the holiday season. One group, the Coyle School of Irish Dance, will be marching in this year's parade for their first time. The dancers will be in their traditional Irish dance costumes and wearing green stocking caps. About fifty dancers will be participating, dancing to "Christmas in Killarney."

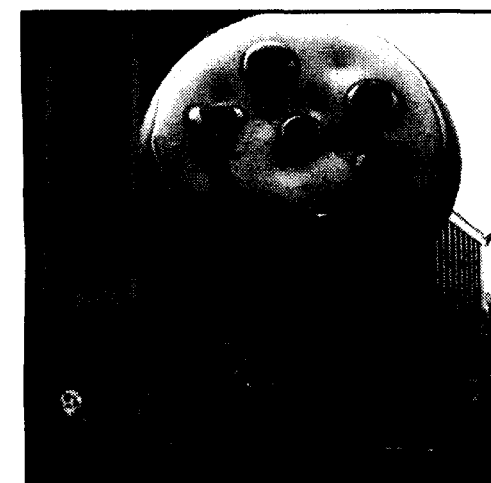
One tradition that never changes is the grand finale of the arrival of Santa Claus. For many years, Santa chose to travel the parade on a fire truck, but in recent years, he has appeared in an elegant horse-drawn carriage.

The parade route begins on City Island and then travels up Second Street to North Street, then down to and continuing along Front Street, and then back onto City Island, where it disbands.

On-street parking is free for the day except on the parade route. There is also free parking at the Market Square and Locust Street Garages from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The parade also kicks off the Fourth Annual Bell Atlantic-Harrisburg Holiday Winterfest on City Island. Thousands of lights illuminate the downtown area and city Island. There are many events every Saturday (Noon to 8 p.m.) and Sunday (Noon to 6 p.m.) from Nov. 21 to Dec. 13 on City Island which includes a Kidsfest, Holiday Marketplace with crafts for sale, and a Winterfest Cafe. Call 255-3020 for information.

Bring friends, family, chairs, blankets, thermoses, snacks and smiles. Most importantly, don't forget your little kid: the one that you once were.



Smile and wave!

## Hershey opens sweet season

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Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the ...

Oh my! Is it that time of year again? It must be: The air is getting colder, the stores are filling up with Christmas decorations, and the clerks are getting nastier. It must be Christmas time again, so here's a way to relieve some of the "end of semester blues" and get into the holiday spirit.

Hersheypark's Christmas Candylane, which opened Nov. 13th and runs through Jan. 2, is one very "sweet" way to tell Christmas is coming. Hersheypark transforms into a Christmas wonderland with a million twinkling lights setting the stage for all the sweet smells, sounds and tastes that come alive with the traditions of the season.

In Tudor Village you can find

beautiful hand-crafted gifts and collectibles as well as Hershey's chocolate for everyone on your shopping list. Hershey's product characters come to life in their holiday best to greet you, and stroll along with carolers and brass ensembles warming the air with their festive tunes.

Santa makes his castle right here with his eight tiny reindeer — but don't forget Rudolph — where children can learn more about them. Speaking of children, there are over a dozen rides for the kids, including the newly added Minetown Train Village, a wonderland of exciting train displays. The newly expanded area opens on Nov. 27 and is full of many other exciting surprises.

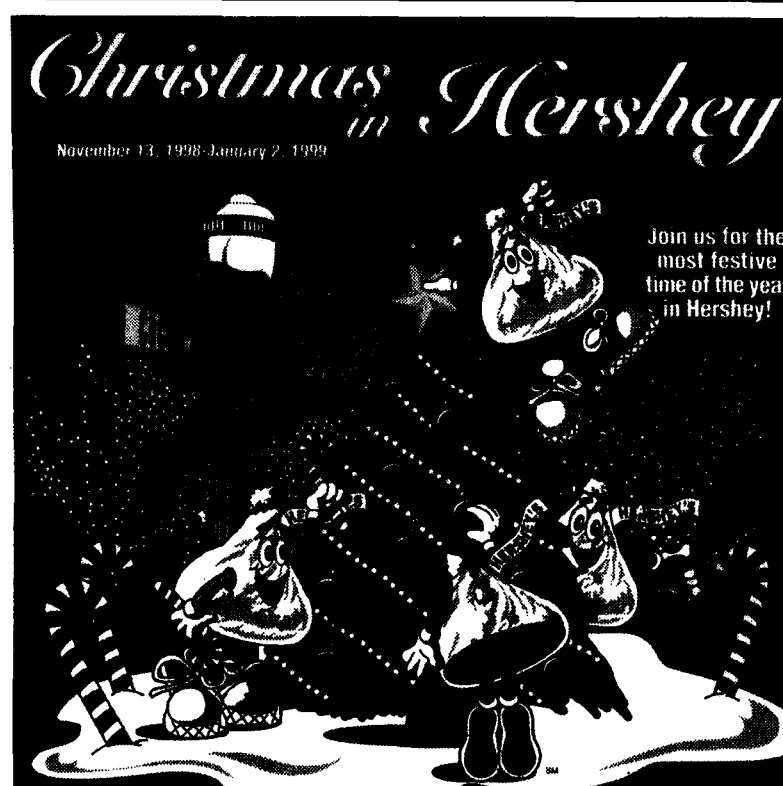
For the young and old, there is now access to ZooAmerica on weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Hershey's Chocolate World is

open for its 25th Anniversary celebration. In the Hershey Museum you can explore Christmas past with old-fashioned trees and ornaments, and learn about the legacy Milton S. Hershey left behind. A miniature train and trolley exhibits Hershey in the roaring 1920s and features many famous Hershey landmarks this year.

The heated theater is featuring A Music Box Christmas, a song and dance cast that will perform all of your favorite holiday songs in a 25 minute show.

Admission is free to the park, but you must pay as you ride the old-fashioned Carrousel, The Candylane Twilight Express and other selected rides. You can even snuggle up with your significant other on the horse drawn carriage rides while sipping hot chocolate in the crisp holiday air.

For more information, call (800)



HERSHEY, or visit the Web site at [www.800hershey.com](http://www.800hershey.com).

Christmas is fast approaching with only 37 shopping days left! No, we

can't deny it, so we might as well enjoy it before it disappears in the blink of an eye to sneak up on us again next year.