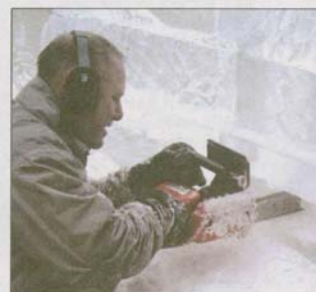


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Santa's sleigh arrived on Dec. 14 at Santa Marta Retirement Community in Olathe. Award-winning ice carver Chet Surmaczewicz, the community's executive director, sculpted a spectacular 7-foot by 5-foot by 5-foot sleigh out of 5,000 pounds of ice, located outdoors in the front drive of the community. Surmaczewicz began carving 350-pound blocks of ice at age 16 and then went on to work under a classical Japanese Chef Gardén manager and ice carver at the Ritz-Carlton in Chicago. His past creations, among many others, include a 35-foot Eiffel Tower and a life-sized baby grand piano that he constructed for Liberace. His renowned ice carvings have been featured across the country – from the front page of the Boston Sunday Globe to a variety of television programs.

