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Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Where Did Santa Come From?

BY: ARIELLE CARAVEO

Santa Claus has been around for a long while; but how did people find out about Santa Claus? Why is Santa also recognized as Jolly Old St. Nicholas? Did he forever put presents under Christmas trees?

In the fourth century A.D., in a land now known as Turkey, there lived a bishop named Nicholas. He was a thriving and very generous man that loved to see smiles of happiness on children's faces. Nicholas wore a beard and a red cloak trimmed with white fur and left gifts for good or/and poor, unfortunate children in their shoes - not under trees or in stockings, as he does today. Sometimes he would even throw them into their windows!

Later canonized, Nicholas was the patron saint of many children and sailors. The saint's name, "Sinter Nikolass", later evolved into "Sinter Klaas". However, as Dutch people immigrated to the United States, the name manipulated again into what is known today as Santa Claus!



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	DECEMBER	JANUARY
DATES	15th - Boys BB vs. Saucedá (AWAY)	1st - HAPPY NEW YEARS 2006!!!
TO	16th - Christmas Break Begins (No School)	4th - End of Christmas Holidays (Back to School)
KNOW	17th - Boys/Girls Soccer vs. Central (HOME)	14th - Boys/Girls Soccer vs. Progresso (HOME)
	19th - Girls BB vs. Central (HOME)	16th - Girls BB vs AP Solis (AWAY)
	21st - Winter Begins, BURR!	19th - Boys BB vs. AP Solis (AWAY)
	23rd - Boys BB vs. Central (HOME)	23rd - Daylight Savings
	25th - Christmas Day!	

Christmas Carols You've Probably Never Sung

BY: NATALIE RIVERA

Suzy Snowflake

Sid Tepper and Roy C. Bennett

Here comes Suzy Snowflake,
Dressed in a snow-white gown,
Tap, tap, tappin' at your windowpane
To tell you she's in town.

Here comes Suzy Snowflake;
Soon you will hear her say,
"Come out ev'ryone and play with me;
I haven't long to stay.

If you want to make a snowman,
I'll help you make one, two, three.
If you wanna take a sleigh ride,
The ride's on me."



Here comes Suzy Snowflake;
Look at her tumblin' down,
Bringing joy to ev'ry girl and
boy;
Suzy's come to town

I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus

I saw Mommy tickle Santa Claus
Underneath the mistletoe last night.
She didn't see me creep
Down the stairs to have a peep;
She thought that I was tucked up in my
bedroom fast asleep.
Then, I saw Mommy tickle Santa Claus
Underneath his beard so snowy white;
Oh, what a laugh it would have been
If Daddy had only seen
Mommy kissing Santa Claus last night.

Pine Cones and Holly Berries

Pine cones and Holly Berries
Popcorn for you, apples for me
Red striped candy, nut cracker handy
Kettle a-bubbling hot as can be.
snow clouds hang low and threatening
Maybe in won't, praying it may
the brightest fireplace glows in every face
Waiting for Christmas day.



Nuttin' For Christmas

S. Tepper, R. Bennett (c) 1955

I broke my bat on Johnny's head;
Somebody snitched on me.
I hid a frog in sister's bed;
Somebody snitched on me.
I spilled some ink on Mommy's rug;
I made Tommy eat a bug;
Bought some gum with a penny slug;
Somebody snitched on me.

Oh, I'm gettin' nuttin' for Christmas
Mommy and Daddy are mad.
I'm getting nuttin' for Christmas
'Cause I ain't been nuttin' but bad.

I put a tack on teacher's chair
somebody snitched on me.
I tied a knot in Susie's hair
somebody snitched on me.
I did a dance on Mommy's plants
climbed a tree and tore my pants
Filled the sugar bowl with ants
somebody snitched on me.

Chorus

I won't be seeing Santa Claus;
Somebody snitched on me.
He won't come visit me because
Somebody snitched on me.
Next year I'll be going straight;
Next year I'll be good, just wait
I'd start now, but it's too late;
Somebody snitched on me.

So you better be good whatever you do
'Cause if you're bad, I'm warning you,
You'll get nuttin' for Christmas.



Are Today's Video Games Too Violent?

A Special Report

BY: BEN DE LOS SANTOS



Screenshot from Postal 2

was short lived as game consoles began to evolve. It was up to a point where government officials thought games were too violent for most people.



students brought weapons and began to fire upon their fellow classmates. Some studies have even proved that violent cause increased aggression and even violent behaviors. I, myself know this from years of aggressive playing. Retailers say



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"I do not believe that the government has any business telling me and my wife what entertainment our children should be exposed to"

-Danny Goldberg, President of Artemis Records

An eight to seven ratio says that games are too violent and cause violent behavior. The controversial issue is violence in games. This wasn't a major problem until Mortal Kombat was created. Parents found actions in the game were too graphic. ESRB was created to ensure that games like this wouldn't target small children. This

Government officials discovered that children were attempting to reenact many hazardous stunts from the game they played, for instance, exploding tanks of gasoline or other things. In addition, three events took place where



that games are safe for adolescents and older youth, however, this is questionable since children commit violent action themselves.

Last year, a report said that the entertainment industry is guilty of advertising violent, adult-oriented material directly to kids. Senator Lieberman wants to put a stop to this. Opponents say such a bill violates the Constitution and the right of free speech.

DIFFERENT

BY: ADRIAN CASTELLANOS

Have you ever been socially labeled? Have you ever been made fun of because of certain preferences-whether it is your type of music, style, friends, or anything else? Examples include preferences in rock-rap (music), preppy or grunch (style), or loud or happy (friends). If you have, then I'm sorry. If you've done this, then you should take some time to



apologize to the person or people you think or know you've hurt before. We shouldn't live with so much hate or prejudice. I mean gosh, we're still kids! We should soak up this time to live without that stuff because we'll face a lot of it in the real world. Therefore, please don't "hate" or judge someone just because they're different.



How Not To Get Bored During Winter Vacation

BY: NICOLAS SANCHEZ

There's nothing like a vacation. Especially when you ask for it and make plans as to what you're going to do. Of course, Christmas is a vacation you get without asking, but for some reason your plans fall short and you run out of things to do. As a result, you end up getting bored. Read up on my suggestions on how **not** to get bored, they may just help you survive the Winter break.

- ❖ Go to a friend's house and chill
 - If you do not already know, get a list of your friends' phone number, schedule, and house directions.
- ❖ Organize some family games or activities
 - Start looking for those missing pieces of your favorite board games.
 - Start getting the equipment needed and recruiting the people to play your favorite pick-up sport or game.
- ❖ Have access to wheels or know somebody that does?
 - Go to the mall, movies, weight room, or even an arcade room



I should have taken Nick's advice!

Movie Review

BY: BENE DE LOS S.

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King Kong (2005)

A flamboyant, and foolhardy documentary filmmaker, Carl Denham, sails off to the remote Skull Island to film his latest epic with his leading lady, Ann Darrow. Natives then capture Ann to use as a sacrifice as they summon "Kong" with the local witch doctor. However, instead of devouring Ann, Kong rescues her. Kong eventually is taken to New York City where he searches high and low for Ann. Eventually Kong ends up on top of the Empire State building fighting off World War 1 fighter planes.

Wolf Creek

It was supposed to be the vacation of a lifetime in the Australian Outback. Fun, sun, and adventure had awaited them, but what happened to the group of twenty or so backpackers that took a wrenching detour into the depths of unrelenting terror? Based on a true story, "Wolf Creek" is the haunting tale of the backpackers' unthinkable ordeal, a nightmare - so real it was destined to become a horror legend.

Cheaper by the Dozen 2

Hoping to bring their family together for a memorable summer vacation, Tom Baker and his wife Kate take their twelve offspring to the rustic Lake Winnetka. But their retreat soon becomes cut-throat when they enter into a competition against the over-achieving members of a super-sized family headed by Tom's long time rival, Timmy Muraugh. "TWO THUMBS UP!"

Christmas Jokes

What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?

"A cookie sheet"



Which of Santas' reindeers should mind his manners the most?

"Rude"olph



What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

"Its Christmas, Eve"

How do sheep in Mexico say "Merry Christmas"?

"Fleece Navidad"

Spotlight Shines on You



This week our spotlight features Noemi Eleonor Flores. Noemi has been a part of our very own Stingerettes soccer team since her 7th grade year.

Besides playing soccer, she enjoys listening to Tejano music and shopping at Melrose. A couple of her favorite snacks are tamarindo and cheese-flavored Ruffles. The all "A" student is looking forward to her soccer game on Saturday and visiting her family during the Christmas vacation.

BY: ARIELLE CARAVEO



Jesse Jalomo earns spotlight honors this issue, congratulations Jesse! His favorites include: Madden 2006, NCAA 2006, Call of Duty (games), rock and jazz (music), and eating Pizza and candy. When not at school, he likes to play football and basketball. His extra curricular activities include basketball and FCA. His family consists of his dad, sister, and brother. He considers himself as a funny, stupid, friendly, "cool", and nice person. His favorite quote is, "One team, one goal."

BY: ADRIAN CASELLANOS

Mandy's Rants

Christmas is around the corner, probably the most desired time of the year. Hopefully this year it will snow again, as it did last year. But that's not all that coming, it's going to be the beginning of a new year (2006). So, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Can you believe it? Not a single rant...it truly must be Merry Christmas this year.



Boys & Girls



Schedule

Dec. 3	Veterans	Home
Dec. 10	Sauceda	Away
Dec. 17	Central	Home
Jan. 14	Progreso	Home
Jan. 21	A.P Solis	Away
Jan. 28	Mercedes	Home
Feb. 4	Cuellar	Away
Feb. 11	Mary Hoge	Home

* Girls- 9:00am
* Boys-10:30am



*Games played on Saturdays only!

TOP TEN

BY: MYRAH GUERRA

Most Wanted

10. Money
9. Nintendo Ds
8. Satellite Radio
7. Apple ibook
6. Digital Camera
5. PSP
4. Razr v3 (cellphone)
3. Plasma TV
2. Ipod nano
1. Xbox 360



Most Horrible

10. Visit from a teacher
9. Coloring book
8. School supplies
7. Fake jewelry
6. Book
5. Barbie
4. Toy car
3. Underwear & socks
2. Hand-knitted sweater
1. NOTHING AT ALL!



Did you know that Holly Berries are poisonous?

Did you know Coca-Cola was the first beverage company to use Santa for a winter promotion?



Did you know that Franklin Pierce, the 14th president, was the first to decorate the Christmas tree in the White House?

Weird FACTS

BY: MICHELLE AGUERO

Did you know that "Jingle Bells" was originally written for Thanksgiving, but later became one of the most popular Christmas songs?



Did you know in Greek, "X" means Christ? That's where the word "X-mas" comes from, not because someone took the "Christ" out of Christmas?

