

Santa Claus Ain't Comin' to Town!



PARENTING TIP:
To help your children cope with the news that Santa's not real, consider telling them he died instead. Maybe because his cholesterol was too high. They'll learn a valuable lesson about proper nutrition and they won't mistrust you for the rest of their lives. To add authenticity, try staging a realistic funeral. Good luck!

Tattler We Reveal What Millions Have Suspected: There is no Santa!

EXCLUSIVE

NORTH POLE—A five-decade long investigation has finally confirmed one of the most widely supported conspiracy theories of our time - Santa Claus is not real. The findings, surfacing so close to the holidays, have retailers and parents alike fearing the true meaning of Christmas may be lost forever.

The investigation started back in 1952 when Tattler reporter Preston Notty began conjuring up memories of his childhood in Glastonbury. I remember the handwriting on my Christmas presents bearing a striking resemblance to my mother's writing, wrote Notty. Mom was dyslexic, but I always just thought it was a coincidence that Santa wrote my name backwards, too.

After his death, the reporter's sons and daughters took up the investigation. All the Notty boys and girls set out to prove Santa wasn't real.

More hard evidence surfaced in 1973 in an East Hartford home. Cookies and carrots that had been left out for Santa and the reindeer remained completely untouched the next morning!

Then from 1993 to 2002, the Notty boys and girls undertook a massive surveillance of every department store

Santa in the country. If they could prove that not one of these show Santas was real, they'd have the last batch of proof they needed to convince the world. They systematically tranquilized and tagged each Kringle, fitting them with a discreet tracking device so they could record their every move.

We finally got the evidence we needed, said Marcus Notty. In ten years, we followed 8,576 Santas and not one of them was making toys. Not one of them was checking his list twice. Not one of them was judging the reindeer games.



Key evidence surfaced when this department store Santa was shot with a tranquilizer dart, tagged and released back into the Crystal Mall. Later, trackers found him sans beard and red suit at a local adult club, "certainly not making toys."

Instead, the Notty boys and girls recorded Santas participating in such unKringle-like behavior as hanging out at OTBs, eating venison, reading from the Koran and shopping on Ebay.

Though the Notty report proves that Santa does not actually exist, it does leave one question unanswered. What's the true meaning of Christmas now?

While parents and retailers alike scramble to devise a new story to attach to Christmas, the Notty clan vow to celebrate the day by remembering a man who gave his life for the noblest of causes — Preston Notty.

Holiday News

Secret Santa Gift Underappreciated

HARTFORD—After 24 employees had opened their Secret Santa gifts at the Zabco holiday party, systems analyst Jimmy Velner noticed that the gift he purchased did not seem to be appreciated as much as he had anticipated.

The scale model of Han Solo frozen in liquid carbonite failed to illicit even a smile from its recipient, 62-year-old bookkeeper Martha Sleck.

A thank you would have been nice, said a disappointed Velner. That's a limited edition and it comes with a holographic trading card. I guess she must already have one or something.

Sleck was later seen trying to trade the statuette for some lavender bath beads.

Dreadel Dora Spins Out of Control at Local Mall

MANCHESTER—According to a spokesman for the Buckland Hills Mall, holiday attraction Dreadel Dora spun out of control Sunday, scaring several shoppers and knocking over a Hickory Farms Kiosk.

Authorities believe Dora flew into a fit of rage because no kids wanted to have their picture taken with her or sit on her lap.

I feel her pain, said Dora's publicist. We really thought the kids would come,



Dreadel Dora: disappointed, delirious, dizzy.

particularly with the fall of Santa. It shows us all there's more healing to do before we can accept a new oversized nonsensical holiday mascot.

Reached for comment, a tearful Dora responded, I'm sorry I lost it, but I was really hurt. I'm made of clay, not stone.

Office Holiday Parties at Wood-n-Tap – 54% Jollier!

HARTFORD—A recent study by the Connecticut League of Office Party Planners revealed that holiday parties held at the Wood-n-Tap Bar & Grill in Hartford are 54% jollier than those held elsewhere.

CLOPP researchers note that the elevated jolly quotient is due to the fun, high-energy atmosphere, the amazing food and the stellar service.

And not to be discounted is the flexible menus and

party plans, said CLOPP director Harvey Nyce. The restaurant ensures maximum jolly-itude by ensuring each celebration is ideally-suited to the budget and tastes of the organization and guests.

The Wood-n-Tap also scored high in festiveness, merry-making and joy.

To plan an office party or any other holiday party at the Wood-n-Tap, call 860-232-TAPS.



Holiday Schedule

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| Thanksgiving | Sorry, Closed |
| Christmas Eve | Open till 7pm |
| Christmas Day | Sorry, Closed |
| New Years Eve | Party Time! (stay tuned for more info) |
| New Years Day | Open at 4pm |



The Tattler GIFT GUIDE

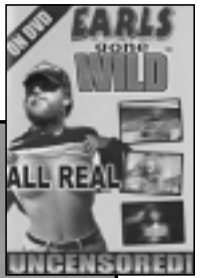


New on DVD - Earls Gone Wild!

You won't believe what these Iowa cabbage farmers will do when we put the cameras on them! It's 90 minutes of uncensored action with 100% real Earls going wild in the fields, in the hay loft and even at the stock car races.

Order now and get a second bonus video -

Earls Gone Wild: Spring Harvest.



Gillette Trumps Schick's Quattro with new MACH•17 Razor

The disposable razor biz is all about one-upmanship. Two blades are



better than one. Three are better than two. And with the Quattro, Schick was betting four blades would be a full one better than three. But they didn't count on the superior math skills of the engineers at Gillette who have just escalated the face race by introducing the world's first 17 blade razor - a full 13 better than the Quattro. It's the biggest breakthrough in shaving until the next one!

Working from Home is Just Like Working at Work with the new Home Cubicle



The Home Cubicle comes packed in styrofoam for protection and includes computer, bad hand-out calendar, spouse picture and total loss of identity.

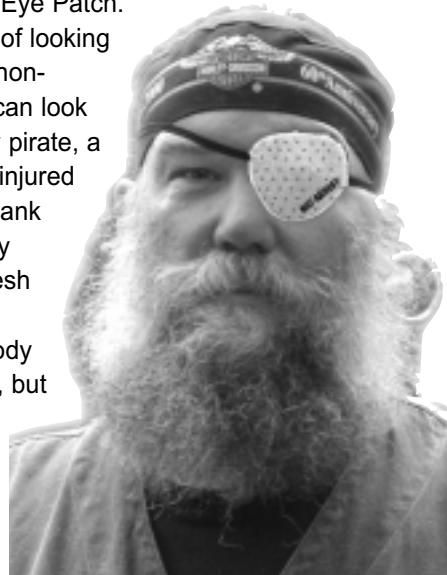
The Chia-Clapper - 2 Wrongs Make a Right

Ch-ch-ch-chia! Clap on! Ch-ch-ch-chia! Clap off! As seen on TV, just clap your hands twice and alfalfa-like sprouts start to grow on a strange little ceramic creature. The Chia-Clapper. Give it a big furry hand!

Nic-Arrest Introduces Nicotine Eye Patch So Even Tough Guys Can Quit

Quitting smoking is tough. But for tough guys, it's even tougher. Fear not, help is on the way with the new Nicotine Eye Patch.

Now, instead of looking like a wimpy non-smoker, you can look like an ornery pirate, a gang-banger injured in a prison shank fight or a burly biker dude fresh off Lasik eye surgery. Nobody likes a quitter, but everyone will love your new look with the Nicotine Eye Patch!



Apple iWac - 1st Computer Designed for Surfing Porn

There are computers made just for email, for video games or for graphic design. Now, the latest in the line of purpose-built home computers, the iWac, is specially designed and equipped for surfing porn-related websites. Features include a compact keyboard with integrated mouse for true one-hand operation, a panic button that instantly replaces any

porn site with an authentic-looking spread sheet and Apple's newest operating system OS-ex.



n-ertainment News

Survivor Contestant Writes Expletive on Tribal Council Ballot

Producers Say Personal Attacks on Jeff Probst Will Not Be Tolerated

PEARL ISLANDS — Censors scrambled, producers cringed and Jeff Probst grimaced as a ballot bearing profanity was held up to the camera during an episode of the reality show, Survivor.

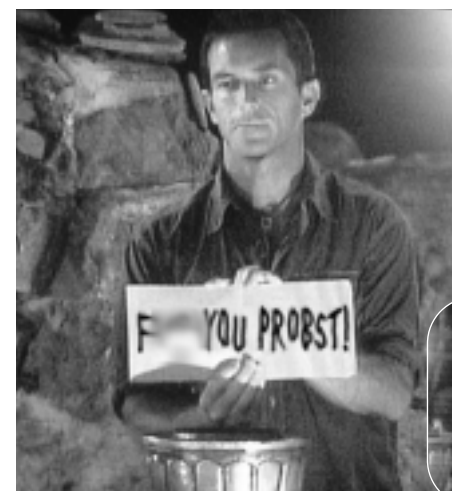
During the show's signature Tribal Council, contestants write down the name of another player they wish to vote off. The host, Jeff Probst, then reads the ballots and holds them up for the camera. During this episode however, one player took the opportunity to attack Probst by delivering an f-bomb aimed clearly at the hyper-critical host.

He had it coming, said the culprit. When the

cameras aren't around, he's always strutting around our camp, hitting on our girls and eating McGriddles. Go back to Rock-n-Roll Jeopardy. Question: an a-hole. Answer: who is Jeff Probst?

A spokesman for CBS said, We will not tolerate that kind of language, nor such a personal attack on the host. I admit, Jeff can be a little bit of a %&*@#\$, but this show airs during family hour.

The player was subsequently eliminated from the game. The tribal council scene was later re-shot and the offending ballot was replaced with one bearing the message, Stay Tuned for CSI.



Probst holds the offending ballot. And below, the culprit said, "Jeff thinks he's so cool. Thinks all the girls on the show want him. I got fed up."



Local Cover Band Pleases Crowds by Playing Covers of Other Cover Bands' Covers

HARTFORD — A new Hartford band is creating a buzz at happy hours across the city by solely playing covers of other cover band covers.

The band, 3 Degrees of Separation, played to a packed house last weekend at the Deja-Vu Club. They opened the show by covering The Machine's cover of Pink Floyd's Comfortably Numb before

ripping into a raucous cover of a Riders on the Storm cover of the Doors' Light My Fire.

But the high point of the night was undoubtedly the band's mind-scrambling finale, a dead-on cover of Texas Flood's cover of Stevie Ray Vaughn's cover of the venerable Jimmy Hendrix hit, Voodoo Child.

Siegfried Mauled by Pet Gerbil

Carl Weathers and Rest of Predator Cast Prepare to Run for Office

Jessica Simpson Protests the Slaughter of Innocent Fauxs to Make Faux Furs

Joyce Dewitt Misses John Ritter's Funeral; Had a Double-shift at Target

...and on the 7th day, he made eggs benedict.

It's the seriously inventive, seriously delectable, Serious Sunday Brunch! Start with warm pastry and fresh fruit, then choose one of these serious entrées, all for just \$9.95... seriously!*

Egg Pies (like a frittata, only better)

Border Style — Seasoned ground beef, cheddar and jack cheeses, tomatoes, jalapenos and scallions

Kim's Favorite — Spinach, artichokes, mushrooms and reggiano cheese

Pomodoro — Sliced tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, basil and caramelized onions

Choice Bennies (served with home fries)

Florentine — Creamed spinach and poached eggs with hollandaise on a toasted English muffin

Cowboy — Grilled sirloin and poached eggs with hollandaise served on a toasted English muffin

Sebastian — Crab meat and poached eggs with hollandaise served on a toasted English muffin

Waffles-n-Toast

Belgian Waffles — Topped with fresh fruit and whipped cream

French Toast — Served with maple syrup

Cinnamon Raisin French Toast — Stuffed with cream cheese and served with maple syrup

Sunday Cure

House made Bloody Mary, Bloody Martini, Mimosa and more!



*Our full Dinner Menu is also available for Brunch.

Play with your Food



it's time to play...

BODY PART -OR- HICKORY FARMS Product

Think you know your anatomy? How bout your processed packaged holiday snacks? Here's your chance to test your knowledge of both. Decide if the following are body parts or actual Hickory Farms products. Answers are below.

- 1) Smooth Triangle
- 2) Maple Nut Roll
- 3) Mounds of Montgomery
- 4) Patrician Canapes
- 5) Salty Nuts
- 6) Medulla Oblongata
- 7) 8oz. Beef Stick
- 8) Soft Palate
- 9) Corn
- 10) California Navel
- 11) Adam's Apple
- 12) Nutty Cheese Balls
- 13) Sweet Hot Mustard Squeezer
- 14) Smoky Chub
- 15) Toe Cheese
- 16) Turkey Stick
- 17) Funny Bone
- 18) Parti Havarti
- 19) Patella
- 20) Cheddar Horn



Tattler Readers Poll

ISSUE #4 Poll

Who's Gonna Fill Santa's Shoes?

- ___ Marty Claus
- ___ Steve Guttenburg (if he's free)
- ___ Rupert from *Survivor*
- ___ Chanukah Harry
- ___ One of those guys from ZZ Top
- ___ The Kwanzanator

Email your response to:
thetaptattler@hotmail.com

ISSUE #3 Poll Results

Which Wurst is Best?

- 24% bratwurst
- 0% lindenwurst
- 8% oprahwurst
- 7% liverwurst
- 5% bensonwurst
- 38% marykateandashleywurst
- 12% knockwurst
- 6% kittenwurst

TOTAL RESPONSES: 18,542

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JOLLY Jumbled

Unscramble the following Santa-themed words. Then, use the circled letters to answer the Santa riddle. The answers are at the bottom, but don't look till Christmas.



- NNEDRO □○□□□□
- RHNTO □○□□□
- OGSKTCNI □□○□□□□□
- NIMHYCE □○□□□□□
- AHT □□□

Q. Why did Santa file for divorce from Mrs. Claus?

A. Because she's a ○○○○○○○

ANSWER KEY

Jolly Jumbled: DONNER, NORTH, STOCKING, CHIMNEY, HAT Riddle: HOHOHO
Body Part or Hickory Farms Product: 1H, 2H, 3B, 4H, 5H, 6B, 7H, 8B, 9B, 10H, 11B, 12H, 13H, 14H, 15B, 16H, 17B, 18H, 19B, 20H