

The Newsbolt

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The Battle for "Christmas"

Winter is here! Although this should be a time of joy and peace, society has still found a way to argue. The main controversy has to do with the numerous religious holidays around this time. There is the Jewish Chanukah, the Muslim Eid, the classic Santa Claus Christmas, the African American Kwanza, and the Christian Christmas. Each holiday falls in this cold winter season. Now for the controversy: Which one should be recognized as the main holiday of this season?

A majority of Americans would say Christmas is most important, whether it is the Christian or secular

version. But the other holidays want recognition, too. Unfortunately, people don't go around with name tags on displaying their holiday of choice. So the most politically correct statement would encompass all the holidays into one: "Happy Holidays!" This may end all confusion or bias for holidays, but it offends many people. Nobody wants their classic "Merry Christmas" just thrown out the window.

Many Christians view it as a way society is trying to remove "Christ" from Christmas.

It is even con-

sidered politically incorrect to call a Christmas Tree anything but a holiday tree now. Really?

As Christians, are we suppose to compromise about Christmas when we know the true meaning of Christmas? Can we let the traditions of others take away from the core Christian beliefs of the Birth of Christ? We have been a Christian nation for hun-

dreds of years, and even though we may recognize others rights to worship; their traditions should not be lifted higher than the majority.



Varsity Sports Schedules

- Boys' Varsity Basketball**
 JS @ Lucerne.....12-10
 JS VS Bloomington.....12-14
 JS @ Redlands Acad....12-17
 JS @ Mesa Grande.....12-18
 JS @ AAE12-20
 Desert Holiday Tourn. .12-27
- Girls' Varsity Basketball**
 JS @ Lucerne.....12-10
 JS VS Bloomington.....12-14
 JS @ Redlands Acad ...12-17
 JS @ Mesa Grande.....12-18
 JS @ AAE12-20
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Lightning Football "Back-to-Back" Champions

By Tiffany McCollum

The Lightning played the Cal Lu C-Hawks on Friday, December 3rd and won the CIF 8-Man Div. II Championship. The Lightning defeated Cal- Lu 54-6 ending the game in the third quarter by "Mercy Rule". It was awesome for us to win be-

cause now, according to MaxPreps, the Lightning are ranked #1 in the state. Only one other 8-man team has been to the championship four years in a row and that team was Rio Hondo Prep. The Lightning have won three out of the last four times being in the championships and have

been a total of 7 times in the last 10 yrs. Top players in Friday's game were Tyler Carlisle with five touchdowns; Joseph Leichtner, Erik McClay and Levi Garrido all scored six points each! Our football program truly is awesome! Go Lightning!

The “Message of the Christmas Tree”

By M. R. Clyde

It is that time of year, the season to give.... Christmas! Joshua Springs Elementary is presenting *The Message of the Christmas Tree*. The play which is directed by Mrs. Ricki Miller, explains all the different symbols that have to do with Christmas, like the presents, the candy canes, and the Christmas tree. “The Christmas play gives an opportunity for students to be involved in Christmas. It also helps them understand the true meaning of Christmas, while sharing it with others,” says Mrs. Barrick, one of the co-

directors. Unlike the other Christmas plays in the past, every class gets to be in the limelight this year doing a little bit of something. There will be new songs this year like “Little Drummer Boy” and the classics, like “Go Tell It on the Mountain”. This year, they will also be doing “Celebrate the Season”, which is Mr. Ontiveros’ favorite song. “There are always challenges with time and organization,” says Mrs. Barrick, “but the kids love it, so it is worthwhile.”

The Message of the Christmas Tree will be presented in the Thunderdome on December 9 at 6:30 pm.



Mrs. Gibbs Has “Up-graded” to High School!

By Josh Ballinger

Mrs. Gibbs has been teaching here at Joshua Springs for four years and has taught at the elementary, junior high, and high school levels. This is her first year teaching high school, and so far, high school English is her favorite subject to teach. Before she came to Joshua Springs to be closer to her children, she worked at a bank.

Mrs. Gibbs thinks that the new Clean Sweep program is an interesting way to teach students how the choices that they make have long-term consequences, not only for them but for their families as well. She also thinks that the school’s rules changed to suit the changing size of the classes, and to make clear to the student body the seriousness of it.



2010-2011 Basketball Season Begins!

By Bobby Barajas

Lights flash!, the JS Pep Band plays “Lightning Rock” as the basketball team runs on to the court. Clips of lightning are playing on the projector screen, spotlights circle the Thunderdome. The crowd is going crazy and the announcers voice booms over the loudspeaker, introducing each player...



This is the feeling of Lightning basketball.

The boys’ and girls’ varsity teams will be returning starting players that should make this a great year. Both teams also have new coaches for this season, as well. The Lady Lightning will have coach Derek Bogue and the coach for the boys will be coach Brandon Newby.

“For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.”

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Maybe You Should Change That...

Have you been laughed at lately for what you're wearing? Well, here are some fashion dos and don'ts for you. One of the biggest fashion don'ts, according to Glamour magazine, is over accessorizing. So if you're one to wear rings on all five fingers, maybe you should rethink that. Another thing not to do is wear too many colors, yes we know you like the rainbow. One thing you might consider doing though is wearing black; it not only makes you look thinner, but black goes with almost all colors.

Guys, if your socks have more than one hole, please throw them away.

Another thing along that line: you are asking to be picked on if you tuck your shoelaces into your socks. If you're wearing sandals, don't wear socks with them; either sandal and toes or no sandals. As for that "nasty" tattoo you want on your arm, you might want to reconsider it—tattoos are not al-

ways attractive.

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"Good heavens, Charles! — You should never wear a Rush Limbaugh tie with a Johnny Carson suit!"

Girls, we know you have nice long legs, but shorts that are so short that the pockets show are just wrong. One of the biggest don'ts a girl could do is wear a too-tight shirt, it is very unappealing. Girls, you should wear clothes that fit your body, even if it's not the size you want.

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What to Buy for Christmas

By Aerielle Burnett

It's that time again...CHRISTMAS! Most people have a huge problem figuring out where to shop and get good deals. Here is a list of some stores you might want to visit and buy Christmas goodies early at: Circuit City, the Disney Store, Old Navy, Target, Best Buy,

Kohl's, T.J. Maxx, and, surprisingly, Wal-Mart. All these stores will have great holiday presents! If you still can't find any presents to get, choose a gift card or money. If you plan to



get a gift card, you can actually get your own card customized by your favorite singer or actor or anything you want. It is a very popular gift to get for your sister, mom, or anyone that you love. Have fun shopping!

Christmas in California

By Josh Ballinger

When you live in a place with more palm trees than snow—like Southern California—it's a bit hard to have a traditional Christmas. But Californians have come up with many creative ways to spend Christmas. In Capitola (which is just south of Santa Cruz), Santa arrives on a surf board instead of a sleigh. Decked out in a red wetsuit

with all the white trimmings, he usual-



ly comes ashore on Thanksgiving weekend. You can also go to the annual Griffith Park Christmas Lights where there is a collection of almost thirty holiday-themed light displays. Disneyland decorates for Christmas every year, and boasts a 60-foot Christmas tree covered with thousands of lights. So there is plenty to do in Southern California for Christmas, even if there's no snow.

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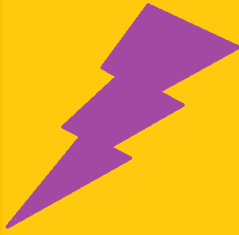
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Raising Up the Next Generation!

The Fabulous Ms. Reynolds

By Aerielle Burnett

Ms. Reynolds has been teaching at Joshua Springs Christian School for two years. She has taught English, art, U.S. and world history, leadership, government, and study skills. Her favorite subject to teach is world history. Miss Reynolds came to Joshua Springs because she had friends who taught at the school and told her how

great the students were and how great the environment was. She also said she is definitely proud of the work she does here.

Miss Reynolds grew up in Yucca Valley. She attended Yucca High, where she was involved in student government and Key Club. When



she got out of high school, she went to college at the University of Redlands with a major in history and a minor in government. Miss Reynolds absolutely loved her college experience, but she felt that Redlands was not her home—but Yucca Valley was. She is a true desert dweller!

A Letter to Santa

Dear Santa,

As you know, I have been really good this year, and I was hoping you could get me some of the things on my list for Christmas. First is an Xbox 360 with Kinect. I mean, I already have a Wii, but with Kinect I don't even have to use a controller. I'm not really sure how that works, but it looks exciting. Next on my list is the new Nook Color. It will be released in time for Christmas, and it's a lot nicer to look at—that's for sure. And maybe if I get one, I'll actually read in my free time. I know my mom would be happy about that. She might even use it, too. But I



guess you could just get me an iPad. I can read on that, as well as play games and download from thousands of apps. It's up to you Santa.

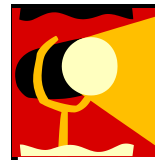
Inception is coming out on DVD and Blu Ray also in time for Christmas, and I would love to have it. Seriously, if you get it for me, I'll watch it every night.

And I forgot to mention games I'll need for that Xbox. I obviously need Call of Duty: Blacks Ops so I can play it with all my friends that already have it. You can fit these in my stocking, right?

A new phone would be cool too. I have a BlackBerry

Bold, but it isn't nearly as cool as the iPhone 4. I could go on Skype and video chat with my grandma for Christmas—that is, if she can figure it out. And see, you wouldn't have to get me a new iPod Touch or Nano, because I can have music on my phone. I know some of my friends prefer their Droids, but I have AT&T, not Verizon, so you don't have to worry about that.

Well, Santa, that's all I can think of for now. I'll write you another letter if I come up with anything else. Thanks Santa, you're the best! I'll leave you some milk and cookies, I promise.
Love,
Becca



Spotlight On...

Newsbolt Feature: Classified Ads!

Starting this month, the Newsbolt will be accepting advertisements submitted by students and staff. If you are trying to sell something (like your Xbox) or have a service you provide (for example, you babysit or fix computers) and would like to advertise, you can place an ad in the Newsbolt for only \$1 per line (one line is about 30 characters)! Remember, parents and other adults read the newspaper as well as students. Forms are available in Mr. Taber's office and must be submitted by Monday, January 10 to be in January's issue.