SANTA EXPOSED!

Mark Wrendt and Clement Clarke Moore

"Does the right thing before Christmas. When all through the house, Turn out lights and go to bed, Except the children, of course, who must be up."

Santa Claus is the most important man in the world. He brings joy to children of all ages around the globe. Some might argue that he is even more significant to adults. After all, who doesn't love a magical story of a jolly old elf delivering presents on Christmas Eve?

But what if I told you that Santa Claus is a fraud? That the beloved holiday figure is nothing more than a myth, a figment of our collective imaginations? Would you believe me? Well, keep reading and let's explore this alternative perspective.

I ask the traditional question: "What do you want for Christmas?" The usual reply is, "Something new and exciting." But what if we consider the real question: "What do you want for Christmas?" The answer is often, "Nothing." Why? Because we are already surrounded by so much stuff. We have everything we need, but we want more. We want something that is unique, that is special, that is meaningful. We want something that is not just a physical object, but a representation of who we are and what we stand for.

Next to Jesus Christ and the Beatles, Santa Claus is the most well-known, most beloved person in the world. He is the ultimate icon. The name comes from the Greek work, sant, which means "holy" in Greek. The name is also associated with the life of St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children. In fact, many stories about St. Nicholas have been told over the centuries, some of which have been used to create the modern image of Santa Claus.

But what if I told you that Santa Claus never existed? That the stories about him have been created by the people who told them? That the image of Santa Claus has been a product of the marketing industry? Would you believe me? Well, keep reading and let's explore this alternative perspective.

When we see something new, we should question it. We should ask ourselves: Is this a real phenomenon, or is it a product of the marketing industry? Is this something that we really need, or is it something that we are led to believe that we need?

Many children are told that Santa Claus is a real person, that he exists somewhere in the world. But what if I told you that Santa Claus is a figment of our collective imaginations? That the stories about him have been created by the people who told them? Would you believe me? Well, keep reading and let's explore this alternative perspective.

Santa Claus is a symbol of the holiday season. He represents the spirit of giving, the joy of sharing, and the warmth of family. But what if I told you that Santa Claus is a symbol of consumerism, a symbol of the commercialization of Christmas? That the image of Santa Claus has been used to sell products and services, to promote the consumer culture? Would you believe me? Well, keep reading and let's explore this alternative perspective.

I believe that the image of Santa Claus has been used to sell products and services, to promote the consumer culture. He is a symbol of the indulgence of the holiday season. He is a symbol of the overconsumption that is so prevalent in our society. He is a symbol of the commercialization of Christmas.

But what if I told you that Santa Claus is a symbol of the problems that we face today? That the image of Santa Claus has been used to mask the real issues that we face, to distract us from the real problems that we need to address? Would you believe me? Well, keep reading and let's explore this alternative perspective.

I believe that the image of Santa Claus has been used to mask the real issues that we face today. He is a symbol of the problems of consumerism, of the problems of the commercialization of Christmas. He is a symbol of the problems of the holiday season.

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FILM

STARDOM OF THE HAYABUSA, Story of the first city in the world to be illuminated by electricity, in Atheneum Cinema, December 14, 8 p.m.

RUGBY 50, 50th Annual San Diego International Tournament, 11am to 5pm, Liberty Station, January 9.

ANACAPA FONERS, Nature History Museum, Balboa Park, December 29, 5:30 p.m.

LECTURES AND TALKS

HUNGER: Is the World Running Out of Food? A panel discussion, sponsored by California Department of Food and Agriculture, 150 Capitol Blvd. Friday, December 28, 8:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL: Congressman vs. Indian Pacers, Balboa Park, January 2, 8 p.m.

RUGBY 50: Annual San Diego International Tournament, 11am to 5pm, Liberty Station, January 9.

BASKETBALL: Congressman vs. Montezuma Sol, Balboa Park, January 6, 8 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

DEAD MEAT CHRISTMAS Faire: Arts and crafts market in and around the Santa Fe Market, Santa Fe Drive, December 15 from 10am to 5pm.

SANTA LUCIA SLOPEN Christmas Festival, Vail Lodge, 5:30 pm to 5pm, December 28.

HOLIDAY FILMS FOR CHILDREN: including "A Bear for Us" and "Little Orphant Annie," Dessert Co. Lila, Balboa Park, December 17, 3:00 and 5:30 pm.

SPORTS

HOCKEY: Dodgers vs. San Diego Spirit, Sports Arena, December 17, 3:00 pm.

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BASKETBALL: Balboa Park vs. Elderly Lions, Sports Arena, December 18, 7:00 pm.

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IOWA CHRISTMAS Tournament, beginning Thursday at the Athletic Club, Monterey Field, Balboa Park, Monday, December 19, 7:00 pm.

BASKETBALL: Conquistadors vs. Oregon State, Sports Arena, December 21, 7:00 pm.

TEEN'S Christmas Vacation Tournament, beginning Thursday at the Athletic Club, Monterey Field, Balboa Park, Monday, December 19, 7:00 pm.

BASKETBALL: Balboa Park vs. Elderly Lions, Balboa Park, December 21, 7:00 pm.

YACHT RACES: Sponsored by San Diego Yacht Club, San Diego, San Diego Bay, December 21, 7:00 pm.

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TENNIS: Christmas Vacation Tournament, beginning Thursday at the Athletic Club, Monterey Field, Balboa Park, Monday, December 19, 7:00 pm.

GOGO'S Christmas Tour, Balboa Park, December 21, 7:00 pm.

MUSEUMS + GALLERIES

ROBERT TIBREY: paintings at Seger-Calvert Gallery, March 27, 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

JAYE LAWRENCE: Four Sculpture Triangles, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

EUROPEAN NAMERSTI at the Fine Arts Gallery, Balboa Park, Thursday, December 17, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

COLLECTING THE BAY: Collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Balboa Park, Thursday, December 17, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

GALLERY MEETING: monthly meeting of the San Diego Camera Club, Balboa Park, Thursday, December 17, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

ARTISTIC INNOCENCE: exhibit of works by Boothner, Calkins, and Houghton, Saturday, December 19, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

WATERCOLORS of California Westselves by Allen Miller, C. Warren Hayes, and Robert Anthony, Balboa Park, Thursday, December 20, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

AFRICAN PICTURES: Textiles, baskets, and more at John and Yang Gallery, 3719 India Street, December 25.

FILM: At the Historic Museum, Balboa Park, Thursday, December 21, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

PETER LODDER'S collection of early California scenes and related artifacts, Correa Gallery, 5249 Centennial Ave, San Diego, December 20, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

PROTESTER: Philmore Osura, Knudsen Art Center, Seger-Calvert Gallery, Thursday, December 17, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

FESTIVITY: Christmas Edition, Balboa Park, Thursday, December 17, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

UNIVERSITY OF THE AMERICANS: 50th anniversary of the founding of the university, Balboa Park, Thursday, December 20, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

FESTIVITIES: Christmas Edition, Balboa Park, Thursday, December 20, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

FUN CITY: Exhibition by Richard Lindner Combustion Engine by Richard Lindner, Palmetto Park, Balboa Park, Thursday, December 17, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

DEAD SEA SCROLLS: Library, Government College, Balboa Park, Thursday, December 17, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

INDIANS OF MEXICO: Museum of Man's new museum, Balboa Park, Thursday, December 17, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

OVERSEAS: "The Story of the Japanese," San Diego Museum of Natural History, Balboa Park, Thursday, December 17, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

THE WOUNDED WARRIOR: A Vietnam veteran's story, Balboa Park, Thursday, December 17, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

NEW YEARS DAY SPLASH: Members of the San Diego Museum of Natural History, Balboa Park, Thursday, December 20, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

THE 1000-acre property, the Balboa Park, Thursday, December 20, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

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Bread Cheese
Vinegar and Thou

—Emerson Wilmer—

...in my mind, all the thoughts of preparing recipes have been driven out by the overwhelming emotions of despair. One day when my roommate, Loren, and I were returning from a long, harrowing day of housecleaning, we stumbled upon an old recipe book. It was filled with recipes for bread, cheese, vinegar, and thou. I was immediately drawn to the recipe for bread. Loren, however, was less interested. She preferred the cheese recipe, which involved grating cheese and mixing it with vinegar until it was just right. I, on the other hand, was captivated by the recipe for bread. It described a process of kneading dough, letting it rise, and then baking it until it was golden brown. Loren smiled at me, knowing that my obsession with bread was a passing fancy. She was right. Within a week, I had forgotten all about the bread and returned to our usual life of preparing meals. Loren's cheese recipe, however, had remained in my mind. I would often find myself grating cheese and mixing it with vinegar, creating a delicious concoction that Loren and I would enjoy together. But as for bread, it was a distant memory. Loren was right — my obsession with bread was a fleeting one, and I had returned to our normal life of preparing meals.
MOVIES
READER'S GUIDE TO SAN DIEGO MOVIES
DUNCAN SHEPHERD


Jaws (1975) - Steven Spielberg's thriller about a massive shark that attacks a seaside community. John Williams' iconic score and Steven Spielberg's direction helped make this a classic. Released on July 20, 1975.


Campus Drive In


The Longest Yard (1974) - Directed by Robert Aldrich, this film stars Burt Reynolds as a former college football player who's sent to jail. Released on December 20, 1974.


The Pink Panther (1963) - A comedy about a British detective who is sent to catch a master crook. Starring Peter Sellers. Released on December 19, 1963.


Flesh Gordon - A broad, brassy, easy spoof, ramping it up with heroes, monsters and stuff is surely one of his kind, the only one.

-Archie Winsten, New York Post

"The most ingenious and novel comic film so far. FLESH GORDON combines satire and sex with an element of exotic fantasy creatures."

- Kevin Sanders, ABC-TV

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-New York Suno News

Peter Locke & Jim Birkhead Present
MOVIES

Itchy Hands

—Donald Shepherd—

To cover the movie scene in San Diego, under average conditions, you need to try on your best 9-month-old baby. For the load of the week, the baby was filming on location at the community center. The baby was in the center of the action, and the baby was carrying all the props. The baby was the center of the story, and the baby was the center of the laughs. The baby was the center of the whole movie, and the baby was the center of the production.

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Seasons Greetings From the Reader Staff

The Living Room Blues

—Anita Hamilton—

There was a long, cheerful list of people in the city who were at the San Diego State University Saturday night. The list was long, and the crowd was long, but they all got to see something that they couldn't quite get to see. They didn't quite get to see it because it was too late.

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Ethnic Christmas in San Diego

St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church on Cuyamaca and Park Center will hold its Greek Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 7 p.m. The service will include singing Greek and American carols and a Christmas Eve service on December 25th at 8 a.m. Children will receive a toy and a Christmas Eve service on December 26th at 8 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Serbian Orthodox Church will celebrate its Serbian Christmas Eve service on December 25th at 6 p.m. The service will include singing traditional Serbian carols and the Serbian Orthodox Church liturgy.

The Ukrainian Church of San Diego at 1525 36th Avenue will hold its Ukrainian Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 7 p.m. The service will include singing traditional Ukrainian carols and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church liturgy.

The San Diego Spiritual Church at 6046 Florida Street will hold its Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 7 p.m. The service will include singing traditional spiritual songs and the Spiritual Church liturgy.

We are also celebrating the Christmas season with our friends and neighbors at the following locations:

- St. Apollinaris Catholic Church at 1800 30th Street in the Barrio Logan neighborhood
- St. James the Apostle Church at 1265 20th Street in the Logan Heights neighborhood
- St. Michael the Archangel Church at 1430 29th Street in the Point Loma neighborhood
- St. Barbara's Episcopal Church at 1545 31st Street in the Hillcrest neighborhood
- St. Martin of Tours Church at 1000 40th Street in the North Park neighborhood

For more information, please visit our website at www.sdcatholic.com/christmas.
**Events**

**THEATRE**

A THOUSAND CLOWNS, Arthur Godfrey's comedy, starring Jack Gilford, runs through January 31 at the Playhouse on the Lake in the Thousand Islands. For tickets call 373-5536.

**MUSIC**

Palestine, a musical inspired by the Holy Land, runs a limited engagement at the Roundabout Theatre Company, 725 Seventh Avenue, through January 30. For tickets call 473-2424.

**FILM**

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS, presented by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, performed in concert by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, at the 92nd Street Y on December 18 at 8:00 p.m.

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4 Bedroom, 1 bath near 28th and Garfield. $200. 304-5500.

IF YOU TRAVEL, be sure to read our Travel section. It contains the most comprehensive travel information available. Our classified section will also provide you with the latest travel tips and advice.

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1970 Dodge Dart, 107,000 miles, $500. 306-3500.

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