

# Cookie Chronicles

## World News

### Scandal Storms North Pole

*Reindeer Windstorm arrested and charged in Rudolph Case*



In a shocking turn of events, Christmasville Police have arrested reindeer Windstorm for assaulting

Rudolph during the 2004 blizzard that culminated in the disappearance of the famed sleigh team leader.

Santa's Naughty and Nice team cracked open a case that, on its surface, appeared to be nothing more than a freak accident.

According to Police Chief Buffy Summers, "Windstorm is being indicted for assault and for illegal gambling on reindeer games. His arraignment is scheduled for January."

Prancer, who has been leading Santa's team for the last two years, said, "I don't think any of us saw this coming. Windstorm was one of our fastest flyers, and he did a good job for the team. He's ruined a promising career."

Bearchek, the reindeer flying coach, said, "Windstorm always had a jealous streak. He seemed obsessed with joining the team ever since Rudolph's son Lightning filled the last opening. But I never thought he would go this far."

North Pole Mayor and former sleigh team member Blitzen said, "Windstorm's behavior has set a terrible example for all young reindeer aspiring to be on Santa's team. But my heart goes out to Comet, who must feel such sorrow and shame at his son's wrong."

Windstorm's family could not be reached for comment.

With Christmas rapidly approaching, Santa has no time to make major changes to this year's team. He will fly with only eight reindeer. Rudolph will be returning for the first time since his accident, leading with his son, Lightning. Also flying: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, and Cupid. The novice program will also be temporarily suspended.

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### Lights Out!

Santa's twin brother, J.R. Claus, resurfaced, sabotaging

major residential Christmas light displays across the nation over the holidays.

"We were bewildered at first," explained FBI Special Agent Fox Mulder. "Some blamed local kids, but the assailant accomplished his feats in amazingly short spans of time, sometimes hitting several cities in different states on the same night."

"But then a webcam caught J.R. vandalizing a display in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. He wrote 'Bad Santa' in lights all over the rooftops and lawns."

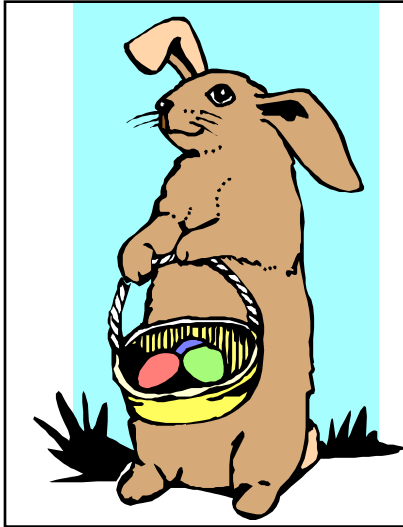
"J.R. Claus continues to avoid capture. We're asking everyone to keep an eye out for the elusive criminal."

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## BUSINESS

### EASTER FACTORY TO PICK UP THE PIECES AFTER FIRE



#### Factory Fire

Early in December, a serious fire damaged the Easter factory that specializes in coloring eggs for the March holiday.

The factory is part of the color division of Bunny Enterprises.

"None of our R&D facilities were damaged," said the Easter Bunny. "But the fire ruined our manufacturing floor.

"We're going to have to replace the dyeing and sorting lines that were installed during factory renovations three years ago," added Bunny. "There's also significant smoke damage. Fortunately, no one was hurt."

The color factory was shut down for routine maintenance to prepare for the big rush in March.

"We're lucky this didn't happen during our peak season.

When the eggs start rolling in, the factory runs twenty-four seven."

As a perishable product, the colored eggs are only processed for two weeks out of the year. The coloring process, which include brights and pastels as well as tie-dyes and sparkles, tends to reduce egg storage life.

#### No Broken Chocolate Eggs

"It would have been much more catastrophic had we suffered a fire in either the sweets or packaging divisions," added Bunny.

The sweets factory runs all year. Colorful jelly beans tumble down the line for three months of the year to fill Easter demand, while foil wrapping machines dress hollow chocolate bunnies in many sizes.

Outside of Easter season, the factory processes special orders like Santa's annual supply of stocking stuffer confections or the delicate truffles made for Cupid's velvet Valentine hearts assembled in the packaging factory.

The fire was discovered late at night by Ron Puff, a security guard. Authorities believe it started from a frayed Christmas light string.

"We'll work rabbit-time to get things fixed for March," said Bunny. "Kids don't need to worry."

The Easter Bunny delivers countless baskets of goodies to boys and girls each year. Part of his duties includes hiding colorful eggs for children to hunt on Easter morning.

## Community Calendar

#### January 9th, 2008

Santa's Workshop Party

#### February 1st, 2008

Christmasville Winter Parade

#### March 16th, 2008

Workshop Innovation Conference

#### April 14th, 2008

Spring Reindeer Training Camp Begins

#### May 15th, 2008

Elf Snow Surfing Contest

#### June 6th, 2008

Summer Reindeer Games

#### July 31st, 2008

Mrs. Claus' Cookie Bake-off Festival

#### August 7th, 2008

North Pole Orphans Charity Bell-a-thon

#### September 9th, 2008

Naughty and Nice Softball Tournament

#### October 22nd, 2008

Elf Talent Show

#### November 22nd, 2008

Frosty's Ice Skating Ball

#### December 26th, 2008

North Pole Pancake Brunch

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