

THE FOREST CHRONICLE

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THE NUTCRACKER

It is Christmas Eve at the Stahlbaum house, a large and grand house with the most beautiful tree imaginable. The Stahlbaums are hosting their annual Christmas party, welcoming the arrival of their family and friends. The children, Clara and Fritz, are dancing and playing as they welcome their friends too. The party grows with festive music and dance as godfather Drosselmeyer arrives. He is a toy maker and full of surprises.

The children started opening their gifts, then Drosselmeyer gave Clara and Frits their gifts. Clara opened her

gift and it was a beautiful nutcracker all in red and black, and Frits' gift was also nice. Then Frits became jealous of Clara's nutcracker and grabs it, throws it on the ground and almost breaks it, and then gets sent straight to his room.

That night Clara could not sleep because she kept thinking about her nutcracker, so she went downstairs to see if her nutcracker was fine where it was. Then she got the nutcracker, went to the sofa, and went to sleep. Then she had a beautiful dream of her and her nutcracker.

By: Genesis Ayala (age 10)



UPCOMING EVENTS

BY: ALMA CHAVEZ (AGE 11) & PERLA DEL RIO (AGE 11)

- 1/9/07 4th & 5th grade girls' soccer registration begins for any girl who wants to play!!
- 1/12/07 Youth of the year competition. It's going to be on!
- 1/12/07 V.I.D. PARTY for anyone who brought their card every day for the month of December!!
- 1/16/07 The Club closes at 5:30 pm for a staff meeting, so be sure to tell your parents.
- 1/27/07 Youth of the Year finals!
- 1/29/07 6th & 8th grade boys and girls basketball team begins!

WAR AGAINST IRAQ

After months of threats and international problems, the United States invaded Iraq on Thursday, March 20, 2003. After, they gathered soldiers in UN army inspections after a proposition supporting the war failed. The war faces unbelievable opposition from France, Russia, China, Germany and the great majority of the UN. The United States and the United Kingdom, with a military ground force of about 300,000, encountered stiff Iraqi resistance. The war is a crisis in Iraq.

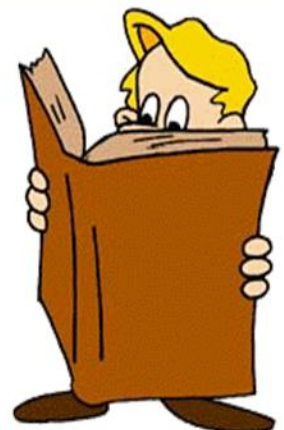
By: Jessie Arrequin (age 11)

A NEW YEARS STORY

New Years Eve is not really a holiday. But it is the last day of December and the way it works is that you wait until midnight. If you are not sure what time it is, you could turn on your t.v. But I'm not sure what channel it's on. The reason I'm saying I'm not sure what channel it's on is because there is a channel that is located in New York.

On that channel it shows a big ball and shows a count down for you and when it's midnight the big ball pops and everybody out there says HAPPY NEW YEAR. Also you can say it.

By: Karina Marquez (age 9)



POETS CORNER

New Years Poem

New Years is in January,
 In January some places it snows,
 I don't think it snows because it
 doesn't really get cold,
 But if you think it's really cold
 you may think it will snow
 But I still don't think it will
 snow.

By: *Karina Marquez (age 9)*

BOOK CRITIC

Title: *Baby Mouse: Queen of the World*

By: Jennifer L. Holm

This book is about a girl (really a mouse) who spends most of her time daydreaming and going through life, seeing things thinking what life could be.

Title: *Baby Mouse: Beach Babe*

By: Jennifer L. Holm

This time it's baby mouse's summer vacation and she is going to spend it at the beach, but she doesn't have anybody to play with and her brother Squeak is feeling pretty left out.

Title: *Shark Boy and Lava Girl: The Daydreamer*

By Robert Rodriguez

This book is about a girl and a boy who discover they are shark boy and lava girl but they don't remember. So they go to earth to find the daydreamer to figure out who they are. The bigger problem is that he doesn't know either. Will they ever find out?

THE FAIRYTALE

Once upon a time there was a frog that turned into magic. A human being turned into a frog, that is what happened to the frog. Ok, to make a long story short, these pigs came and said, "What happened to the human that turned into a frog?" One of the other pigs said, "I don't know and who cares," so they walk away to go home. When they got home that had a snack. I mean, not a snack, but a dinner. As soon as they finished, they realized that there was a wolf in there and he said, "I already saw you eat and now I want to eat you!"

By: *Karina Marquez (age 9)*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hello people! I hope you have a good new year, because that means a new start for 2007. Also, you get to be with your family. Aren't you excited? Good for you! So my resolution is to get good grades. What's your resolution for this year?



By: *Kevin San Juan (age 12)*

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"MY RESOLUTION IS TO GET GOOD GRADES."

ASK PERLA DEL RIO (AGE 11) & ALMA CHAVEZ (AGE 11)

8 year old Uriel Chavez asks...

Q: How can I stop my friend from hitting me?

A: You can ask your friend why he does it and if he can stop.

7 year old Oscar Guzman asks...

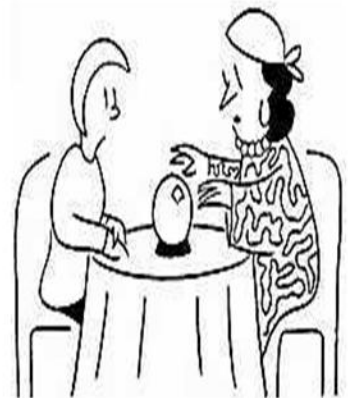
Q: How can I stop my friend from saying bad things to me?

A: Ask him why he does that and try to work things out with your friend.

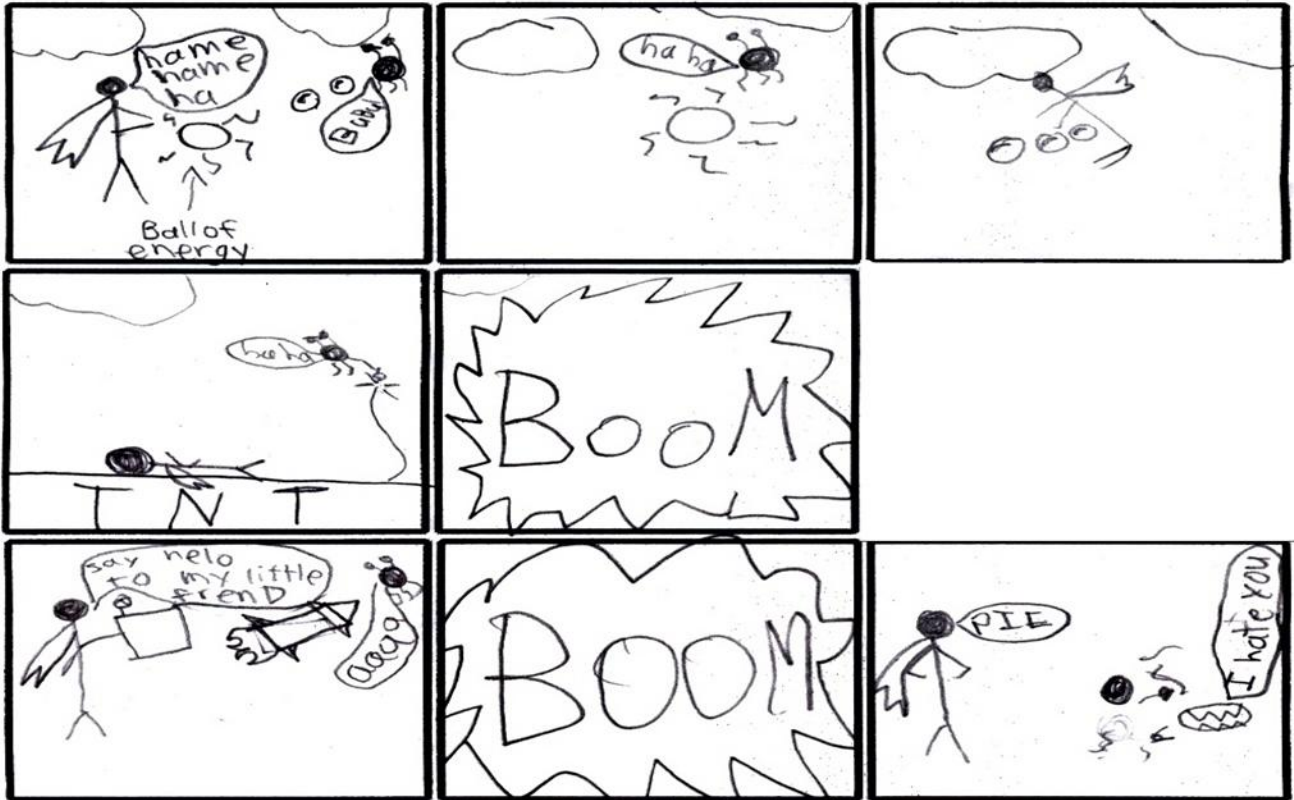
9 year old Karina Marquez asks...

Q: How can my friend stop asking me for a pencil?

A: You can get your friend a box or a bag with pencils in it.



COMICS BY CATHOUSE TREEHOUSE PRODUCTIONS



BY JERRY VALENCIA

Age (10)

Comic Section

JASON'S MYTH

You know I, the incredible J-as in Jason Arreguin— the myth guy all around earth and boy, I'm good. Also on Halloween before this was a Boys and Girls club, "What was the story?" asked Jerry. It was a place where they locked you up and cooked you up. They ate you piece by piece every month and they lost 1000,000,000,000 kids. The savages died of starvation and then no more kids. Then they died and this is a story of the club...I bet you \$0.01. Did you know about 100 years ago this Boys and Girls Club used to be a children's asylum? A children's asylum is an institution for the maintenance and care of mentally ill kids and orphans that require specialized

assistance. Rumor has it that staff back then were cannibals. Cannibals are people that eat each other. Back then the staff would invite kids to the kitchen for snack time and told them that they would feed them pizza. The pizza was filled with poison and the kids got knocked out. The staff would then take the kids into the back storage room of the kitchen and chop them up bit by bit and store their meat in the freezer. At 12pm the staff would even have their buffet when everyone was asleep. The staff ate the kids at the Boys and Girls Club. Peter fought Poncho for the buffet.

By: Jason Arreguin (age 10) & Afa Prescott (age 10)



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BOOK CRITIC CONT'D

Title: Queen Bee: The Graphic Novel

By: Chyanna Clugston-Major

This is a great book for teens and people who love comics. This book is about a girl who has psychic powers and meets a girl who has the same power and they try to take over the school.

Title: The Wizard of Oz: The Graphic Novel

By: L. Frank Baum

This is a good way to spend an afternoon spacing out without a care. This is about a girl who dreams she went to a different planet.

Title: Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg

By: Gail Carson Levine

This book is for people who love mystical places. This is about fairies who try to save their homeland. *By Sharon Jimenez (age 12)*

Forest Chronicle update:

Due to the winter break the Forest Chronicle will combine the February issue with the March issue. Thank you for reading!!!

WORD SEARCH

By Chris Harris (age 10)

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