

# TWIN & TRIPLET TALK

November/December 2005



My children are nestled, all snug in their beds, while visions of all the Halloween candy they got danced in their heads. Like last year, I took Alexandra and Maya trick-or-treating to Coquitlam Centre and like last year, I wish someone would have told me, or at least reminded me, what chaos it would be. But you know what? THEY LOVED IT! And almost every other young kid there liked THEM. I'm sure it had something to do with the fact that they were both dressed up as Dora the Explorer who apparently seems to be a kids' favourite. We even had a few little boys and girls chasing them trying to get a hold of their backpacks. Luckily for me, Alexandra and Maya took it all in stride and didn't mind it (as long as no one tried to grab their treats, I suppose). Needless to say, we came home with more goodies than they could ever eat (or should I say, than *I would ever let them eat*) so as I write this newsletter I am conducting my own little taste test – and so far it all tastes great! Y-U-M-M-Y!!!!

♪ It's beginning to look a lot like ♪ Christmas, everywhere you go! Did you know that there are about 50 shopping days left before Christmas? Well, now that Halloween is over, what else did you think I was going to write about? And it seems that more excitement is on the way! Read further to find out more about what your dearest Co-Leaders have planned for us!



As predicted, **Jackie Harvey** spoke to a sold-out audience on October 11, 2005. We're certain that everyone who attended received valuable information relating to hormonal health issues. If you missed her seminar and would like to know more about Jackie Harvey, please check out her website "[www.jackieharvey.com](http://www.jackieharvey.com)".



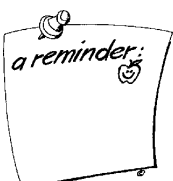
If you needed any proof of how much our Club has grown this past year, then all you needed to do was be at our Halloween Party on October 29, 2005. The Church hall was bursting at the seams. Children in costumes were scattered everywhere and there were even a few dressed-up moms, too. Our most notable costumes were **Elaine, Madyson and Jacob Jungen** (who would have made Walt Disney proud as Cruella DeVil, Pongo and Perdita), **Savanna, Grace and Brooke Adams** (who brightened the room as cheerleaders), and **Debby, Daniel and Connor Moran** (who brought storybook to life as Dr. Seuss, Thing One and Thing Two). Almost everyone who attended was treated to a special musical performance by local entertainers Bobs & Lolo and The SeaNotes Band. **Elsa "Extraordinaire" Edwards** and her fellow Halloween Party Committee members **Kim Adams, Nicole Jung, Elaine Jungen, Cara Muller, Paula and Hoge Paulson, and Brenda and Doug Stewart** did a fantastic job in making this another successful event for the PoCoMo Moms. Thank you to our party organizers and to those who brought delicious food and treats for everyone to enjoy. Congratulations to **Robyn Steed** who won our 50/50 draw. Woo!Hoo!, Robyn!!!

***Wishing you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! Cheers!***  
***~Elizabeth~***

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## NOW BACK TO BUSINESS.....

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 17, 2005**. Please note that the meeting will begin at **7:00 p.m.** As with our recent meetings, there will be quite a few events taking place, with the focus being on the Holidays.



Like last year, we will begin with a you to get all, if not most, of your **WISH TO PARTICIPATE, YOU MUST RSVP TO**



**Cookie Swap.** This is the perfect opportunity for Christmas baking done in one night. **IF YOU Jackie Neale or Cara Muller NO LATER**

THAN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>. The number of participants will determine how many dozen of your home-baked cookies, squares or other treats need to be prepared so it is essential that you RSVP. Please have your goodies pre-packaged in freezer bags according to the number of participants. Each participant will leave with the same number of a variety of cookies. And hopefully, with enough will power, these will last you through the holidays. A list of ingredients in your baked goods would be greatly appreciated as there are a few food allergies amongst members and their families.

Next on the agenda will be a special presentation by **Irina Tikhonovitch**. She will be providing us with a demonstration and display on her new DVD photo album-making business. If you've ever wanted to get all your photographs organized and saved presentation-style on a DVD with music, titles, and more, she can do it for you. These would make excellent and unique gift ideas for Christmas or any other special occasion!

Nowadays, it seems that you can't get much for a Tootie! Well, for \$2.00, you can be treated to a **MINI-Manicure OR MINI-Pedicure, OR you can learn to make one or two greeting cards**. It is essential for you to RSVP for any of these offers so that we can try to ensure that we can accommodate as many people as we can! Please RSVP to **Robyn Steed** LATER THAN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>.

Finally, if you have artistic talent and have some holiday crafts or wares that you would like to sell, we will also have a **Mini-Craft Sale**. This would also provide you with an opportunity to get your Christmas shopping or selling done early! If you would like to participate, please RSVP to **Robyn Steed** LATER THAN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> so that we can have sufficient tables set up.



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**Darla Furlani and Craig Hodge** will once again open their home and welcome us for our **Adults Only Christmas Party**. The date is set for the evening of **Saturday, December 10, 2005**. In conjunction with this Party, we will be holding a **Silent Auction**. Our organizers have started to canvas local merchants and businesses for everything from spa gift certificates, housecleaning gift certificates, car detailing gift certificates, fine wine, etc. The more items...the better. **So, we are also asking (NICELY!) that each member of our Club donate just one item to be featured in our Silent Auction**. With 100+ members, can you just imagine how much of Darla and Craig's home we can fill? The item can be from yourself, or from a friend or family member that you know of who is willing to donate anything. We will even arrange for pick-up of the item(s). Please contact **Elsa Edwards** (at 604-525-9892) or **Brenda Stewart** (604-937-5534) for more information.



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Please join us for our second annual **Multiple Christmas Skating Party** on **Monday, December 19, 2005** from 10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Moody Park Arena (701 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New Westminster). This will be THE ONLY children's Christmas party for our Club so please bring the entire family to join in the festivities. We have reserved exclusive use of the rink for this event. Food and drinks will be available from the concession; however, if you are willing and able to organize people to bring a favourite food dish to share, please contact **Brenda Stewart** as soon as possible. If all the boys and girls are good (and, of course, all of ours are), Santa – the man in red himself, will be making a skating appearance. So, come out and enjoy the fun!

If you think that your kids may be too young to participate, think again. There will be something for everyone, regardless of age. There will be the usual lap skating and an area will be cordoned off for our young hockey players. For those just learning to skate, traditional metal racks are available or you can be creative and use an upside down garbage pail or chair. For toddlers, you are permitted to bring your plastic push car with the handle and skate behind them pushing them on the ice, or their stroller if they are still in one (strollers with plastic wheels work best). If your children are not skating inclined but would still like to attend the festivities, they can choose to play in the "snow box and snow house with all the snow toys". **Helmets are mandatory for children on the ice**. For parents who are not avid skaters but need to accompany their children on the ice, you can rent "corkers", which are non-slip rubber attachments for



your shoes that allow you to walk on the ice without slipping. There will be some instructors/guides on hand to give us assistance and guidance for all the children.

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Why not learn something new that will benefit both you and your young children. Chubby Little Hands, created by our very own Brenda “who-doesn’t-have-enough-to-do” Stewart, is presenting workshops called “**ASL for Babies and Children - Teach your child to use sign language**”.

For a Special “PoCoMo Mom’s” Rate of just **\$25.00** per family (which includes up to two parents and three children), you will enjoy a 1½ hour session in a fun and informal group environment. Please contact Brenda at (604) 937-5534 or [brendawithtwins@telus.net](mailto:brendawithtwins@telus.net) for dates, locations and further information. Alternatively, a brochure for Chubby Little Hands can be found on our website.

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### **LOOK WHO’S COMING...**



Only a few more weeks to go for **Lorelie and Richard Sadowski** who are expecting fraternal boys in December 2005, early Christmas presents for **Kjell and Chantelle**.

**Mandy and Don Pister**, and their children, **Brody, Camryn and Devlin**, will be expanding their family on December 5, 2005.

**Leanne and Bob Dalton**, and their son **Oliver**, are also expecting early Christmas presents on December 6, 2005.

More early Christmas presents. **Jennifer and Michael Evans** are expecting their twins on December 10, 2005.

And still more. **Mariana and Nikolay Maltcheva** are expecting their lives to change on December 21, 2005.

**Robyn and Will Steed** are expecting one last addition to join **Brendan, Johana, Owen and Hayden** in February 2006.

**Victoria and Mark Parhar**, and their daughters **Hana and Jasmine**, will welcome a new addition to their family on February 10, 2006.

**Melodie and Todd Hrycenko**, and their sons **Dustin and Matthew**, are expecting TRIPLETS on Valentine’s Day 2006.

**Kulli and Christopher Yee** are expecting fraternal boys on March 6, 2006.

Congratulations to all of you! We look forward to meeting your new bundle(s) of joy!

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**AND HEEEEEEEEERE’S.....(and this, of course, is our “Member Profile” Section)**

**Nicole Jung, Club Secretary** - It’s my turn to be the member of the month I’m not much for writing so I’ll make it short and sweet. I’m Nicole Jung, (pronounced young). I am a mother to Ashly (12), Thomas (17 months) and Hannah (17 months), and a wife to Eddy. My husband is a wonderful man who stays at home and sends me to work at the City of New Westminster. My Mom is the angel that comes by twice a week to send my husband to work. We are very lucky to have such wonderful people to support us. We all love the outdoors so we spend as much time outside as we can. I enjoy crafts including scrapbooking and card making. I love to read (hahahaha) and learn. I take tons of courses through work. My husband is a painter who spends his

'spare' time writing music and playing his guitar. Ashly is very athletic. She enjoys soccer, basketball and driving her brother and sister crazy. Thomas and Hannah are wonderful. Thomas enjoys the sandbox outside and Hannah enjoys her Lego. The most important thing I have discovered over the past 17 months is just when you thought they were sleeping through the night, meal time and nap time was set and you have a wonderful routine where everyone is happy, they either get teeth or the #@\*?ing time changes!!! I'll see everyone soon. Take care.

**Elizabeth Bajcic, Newsletter Editor** – For those of you who don't yet know me, I am your "always-behind-schedule" newsletter editor. I am Mommy to fraternal girls, Alexandra and Maya, who are now 3-years old. Together with my husband, Milan, we are proud to say that we have survived the first few years of parenthood. But not without help, as most of you already know. We have been blessed to have my parents and my mother-in-law ALWAYS ready and willing to help out whenever they can! Even to this day, they help keep me sane! Working only about five days per month (where I actually do get paid), I am a stay-at-home Mom for the most part. When I'm not at the office, I am kept busy with Alexandra and Maya's parent-participation preschool and more activities than I even knew existed when I was their age. I am in constant awe of their increasing energy levels, but even more so in my ability to keep up with them. For me, the best part of being a member of our Club is that there is at least one person going through all the trials and tribulations that I am and the advice I get is always helpful. Who else but someone else who has twins is going to be able to relate to what you're experiencing? So, ladies, I strongly encourage you to come out to as many Club events, meetings or otherwise, as you can! You will be amazed at what you can learn from this wonderful group of people!

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Good company, good friends, good coffee! And if you're lucky, maybe a snack or two. If our once-a-month meetings aren't enough, here are some great opportunities for you to still get together with some of your favourite people!

**Expectant to New Moms (up to 1 year)**, Burnaby/NewWest/Tri-Cities – *Debby Moran* – (604) 468-8596

**New Moms (up to 1 year)**, Maple Ridge – see *IDP Playgroup information*

**Toddler Moms (1 – 2½ years)**, Burnaby/NewWest/Tri-Cities - *Sabina Perrin* – (604) 777-2701

**Toddler Moms (1 – 2½ years)**, Maple Ridge – see *IDP Playgroup information*

**Preschool Moms (2 – 3 years)**, Maple Ridge Area – see *IDP Playgroup information*

**Preschool Moms (2 – 3 years)**, Burnaby/NewWest/Tri-Cities – *Michelle Mozel* – (604) 936-8946 and *Elsa Edwards* – (604) 525-9892

**IDP Playgroup** takes place on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. – Noon. IDP is located at Garibaldi Place on 224th and Dewdney, next to the auction. Multiples of all ages, and their siblings, are welcome. Volunteers are needed for set-up and to help in cleaning up afterwards (washing any dishes used and sweeping, as required). If you are planning to attend on any one of the days and can offer some assistance, please contact Robyn Steed for a schedule and sign-up sheet.

**The coffee groups are currently in the process of being restructured. In the meantime, please contact these ladies directly for more information!**

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### CLASSIFIEDS

\*\*\*Please note that the following items DO NOT have any descriptions attached. Full descriptions and further information (if provided) can be found in the Forum Section of our website (under Articles Offered and Articles Wanted). Alternatively, please contact the buyer/seller directly.

If you have an item or items that you want to sell or buy, please post the information on the website. Readers will have access to that more often than having it printed only once in our newsletter giving you the opportunity to sell or buy the item(s) you want much quicker.



**- Peg Perego Aria Twin Side-by-Side Stroller - \$250.00**

Contact Jodi at [jodimitchell@yahoo.ca](mailto:jodimitchell@yahoo.ca)



**- Graco "Tot Wheels" Walker - \$45.00**

Contact Candace Dyck at (604) 468-1811 or [brianandcandace@telus.net](mailto:brianandcandace@telus.net)



**- Baby Trend Triple Stroller - \$275.00**

Contact Debbie Krysciak at (604) 826-2399 or [krysciak@telus.net](mailto:krysciak@telus.net)



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Contact Cora Naylor at (604) 467-8072 or [cnaylor@taylor.net](mailto:cnaylor@taylor.net)



**- Ballet Slippers, Tutus, Costumes for Boys and Girls – various prices**

Contact Rose at (604) 931-5545 or [www.lookatmecostumes.ca](http://www.lookatmecostumes.ca)



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Contact Donna Stevenson at [ddct@shaw.ca](mailto:ddct@shaw.ca) or (604) 466-3382



- Leap Start Activity Walker - \$25.00
- Baby Einstein DVD Set - \$20.00
- Fisher Price Bouncer Chair - \$25.00
- Farm House - \$5.00
- Rocking Dog (blue) - \$10.00
- Activity Walker - \$20.00

Contact Alexis at (604) 434-3730



- Gently Used Maternity Clothing

Contact Robyn Steed at [robynsteed@telus.net](mailto:robynsteed@telus.net)



- Crib, Change Table, Dresser

Contact Jean Berry at [jberry@capcollege.bc.ca](mailto:jberry@capcollege.bc.ca) or (604) 986-0475



- Double Breast Pump
- Twin Front-to-Back Stroller

Contact Tanja at (604) 316-5555 or [bcmtn\\_girl@hotmail.com](mailto:bcmtn_girl@hotmail.com)



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Contact Carola at [clothes@meerkerk.ca](mailto:clothes@meerkerk.ca)

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### Mommy's Kitchen

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Most fruits and vegetables are available, however if you have a special request please let me know and I will bring it in for you. Meat-vegetable combinations can also be created for those with children old enough to eat meat. Teething biscuits are available in no dairy and no egg selections.

#### Prices:

Fruits, vegetables - \$5 per portion (14 - 1oz frozen cubes)

Cereals - \$5 per portion (14 - 1oz frozen cubes)

Teething biscuits - \$3 per dozen






Please give 2 days notice for all orders. \$5 delivery charge.

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...to our little (and not so little) bundles of joy

Samuel Payn	November 1
Christina Sato	November 1
Alexandra Sato	November 1
Tristen Hawke	November 5
Dominick Hawke	November 5
Joshua Dyck	November 6
Jacob Dyck	November 6
Trista Jung	November 6
Paige Jung	November 6
Julianna Van Beest	November 10
Christina Van Beest	November 10
Christopher Barnett	November 11
"Baby Boy" Salvatierra	November 11
"Baby Girl" Salvatierra	November 11
Maia Faccone	November 12
Luca Faccone	November 12
Paige Greenwood	November 14
Paul Krysciak	November 15
Aiden Krysciak	November 15
Frederique Payn	November 19
Gabrielle Payn	November 19
Devon Edwards	November 20
Tyler Edwards	November 20
Olun Greenwood	November 23
Ben Greenwood	November 23
Kate Eisner	November 28
Emily Eisner	November 28
Brandon Hodge	November 28
Dawson Hodge	November 28
Emily Renaud	November 28
Kate Renaud	November 28
Dallin Burbank	December 3
Alex Burbank	December 3
Chantelle Sadowsky	December 3
Morgan Swail	December 9
Julia Swail	December 9
Sophia Lee	December 11
Evelyn Lee	December 11

Max McClenaghan	December 18
Liam McClenaghan	December 18
Claire Brnjac	December 21
Michael Brnjac	December 21
Robyn Smart	December 25

...and to the Moms and Dads

Michelle Baly	November 1
Michael Sato	November 1
Doug "Fireman" Stewart	November 1
Shane Adams	November 2
Ray McAlister	November 3
Mike Van Geyn	November 3
Eddy Jung	November 4
Sabina Perrin	November 6
Darla Furlani	November 10
Stephen Kaczor	November 12
Cathy U	November 19
Andrzej Krysciak	November 23
Gary Gignac	November 24
Janice Templeton	November 26
Laura Curran-Burden	November 27
Dean Corkill	November 28
Meg Torres	November 29
Monica Morris-Reade	December 2
Kim Adams	December 5
Laurie Kallin	December 7
Art Demsky	December 8
Sacha Bryce	December 9
Candace Dyck	December 12
Lisa Ryzak	December 17
Peter Ferguson	December 21
Derrick Stevenson	December 22
Carl Greenwood	December 24
Mike McClenaghan	December 24
Michael Hickey	December 25
Mike Reade	December 27
John Homenuke	December 28
Elaine Jungen	December 28
Ino Dias	December 30
Alison Gignac	December 31
Nareeta Stephenson	December 31

The above birthdays were taken from our current files, which are currently in the process of being updated. My apologies if you or any family member has been omitted, or if any names have been spelled incorrectly. Please provide us with the correct details so that we won't forget you next year!

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Alexandra and Maya are now 3-years old, but it seems that almost any parent of 2-year olds could write the following article (from *Parents*, November 2005):

#### Life With a 2-year-Old

When my son, Zain, was an infant, nursing constantly and keeping me awake at all hours, I met another mom with a squimpy, energetic 2-year-old. I asked her, point-blank, "Which is harder – what you're doing, or what I'm doing?" She looked at me with a mixture of compassion and mirth, and lied to my face. "What you're doing is harder," she said.

Now that Zain is almost 3, I know that raising a 2-year-old is truly the hardest thing I've ever done. Just imagine any employer trying to hire someone to do what we do.

**Wanted:** Mother of 2-year-old.

**Job Description:** Equal parts zookeeping, nose-wiping, and debris management. Prefer candidates who relish reading the same book over and over, who enjoy being stared at in grocery stores, and who have at least three hands.

**Salary:** \$0

**Benefits:** Unlimited sticky kisses, full-contact hugging, and the satisfaction of knowing that every time your child bumps himself or catches a cold, only you can make it all better.

For me, this has been a mottled year of anguish, bliss, and introspection. Spending the day with a 2-year-old is like working for a cranky, hormonal, half-drunk boss. At least at work you'd know when a conflict was brewing. You'd have time to prepare for it and write memos in your defense. But a 2-year-old will just suddenly freak out because you won't let him hold your knife, walk into the street, or put his hand in a dog's mouth.

We've had some ugly moments. Zain used to have an insatiable desire for throwing things (preferably at people). No amount of threats or time-outs deterred him, and I questioned my own fitness as a parent. Thankfully, the violent urges petered out, but they were replaced by snatching urges. Another child could be holding a piece of belly-button lint, but that would be the piece of belly-button lint that Zain couldn't live without.

These days, he's practicing for a career as a professional limit tester. I tell him, "Don't throw the ball inside." A minute later, he'll roll the ball a little. Then he'll drop it from an inch off the ground. Still not technically a throw. Then a little bounce. A few minutes later, he'll push the ball in midair. A throw? I never know when he's actually crossed the line. By the time I step in, I'm not sure which of us has actually won that round.

Whenever I'm feeling frustrated, though, I think about what's been miraculous this year: watching Zain grown from a baby into an actual person with his own passions and a sense of humour. He's the poster child for seizing the day. Balloons make him delirious with excitement. He never met a birthday candle he didn't like. His belly laughs are intoxicating.

And I love our nighttime routine as I put him to bed. In the dark, we recount the events of his day, chat about the people we love, say our prayers, make up stories, and, as he describes it, "talk silly talk". Every night, as I leave Zain's room, I whisper to him, "I'm so lucky to have you. You're the best boy in the whole world." And on most nights, I actually mean it.

Here are the answers to the Brain Teasers that were featured in our September/October 2005 newsletter.

### Brain Teaser

Each question contains the initial letters of words which will complete the phrase. For example, 16 = O in a P means Sixteen Ounce in a Pound.

1. 26 = L of the A (Letters of the Alphabet)
2. 7 = W of the W (Wonders of the World)
3. 1001 = A N (Arabian Nights)
4. 12 = S of the Z (Signs of the Zodiac)
5. 54 = C in the D (including the J's) (Cards in the Deck (including the Jokers))
6. 9 = P in the S S (Planets in the Solar System)
7. 88 = P K (Piano Keys)
8. 13 = S on the A F (Stripes on the American Flag)
9. 32 = D F at which W F (Degrees Fahrenheit at which Water Freezes)
10. 18 = H on the G C (Holes on the Golf Course)
11. 90 = D in a R A (Degrees in a Right Angle)
12. 200 = D for P G in M (Dollars for Passing Go in Monopoly)
13. 8 = S on a S S (Sides on a Stop Sign)
14. 3 = B M (S H T R) (Blind Mice (See How They Run))
15. 4 = Q in a G (Quarts in a Gallon)
16. 24 = H in a D (Hours in a Day)
17. 1 = W on a U (Wheel on a Unicycle)
18. 64 = S on a C B (Squares on a Checker Board)
19. 57 = H V (Heinz Varieties)
20. 1000 = W that a P is W (Words that a Picture is Worth)

And lastly, here are a couple of jokes to help get us in the Christmas spirit.  
My sincere apologies in advance if I offend anyone.

Two young boys were spending the night at their Grandparents. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs.

"I pray for a new bicycle....I pray for a new XBOX....I pray for a new DVD-player."

His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf."

To which the younger brother replied, "No, but Grandma is".



A little kid sits on Santa's lap and Santa says, "What would you like for Christmas?". The kid says, "A \$\*#%@#\$ swingset." Santa says, "You'll have to ask nicer than that if you want Santa to bring you presents. Let's try again. What else would you like?"

The kid says, "A \$\*#%@#\$ sandbox, for the side yard." Santa says, "That's no way to talk to Santa. One more time. What else would you like for Christmas?"

The boy thinks for a minute, and then he says, "I want a \$\*#%@#\$ trampoline in the front yard." Santa lifts the boy off his lap and goes to talk to the kid's parents. He tells them what the kid says, and then he says, "I know how to stop it. Don't get him anything for Christmas except for dog doo. Put a pile of dog doo in the backyard where he wants the swingset, put another pile in the side yard where he wants the sandbox, and another pile in the front yard where he wants the trampoline. That should make him change his tune."

Christmas morning the kid goes downstairs to open his presents, and there aren't any. He runs out the back door, looks around and comes back in. He runs out the side door, looks around and comes back in. He runs out the front door, looks around and comes back in, shaking his head.

His father asks, "What's wrong, son?" The kid replies, "Santa brought me a \$\*#%@#\$ dog, but I can't find him."



As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open-mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped, "Didn't you get my e-mail?"

