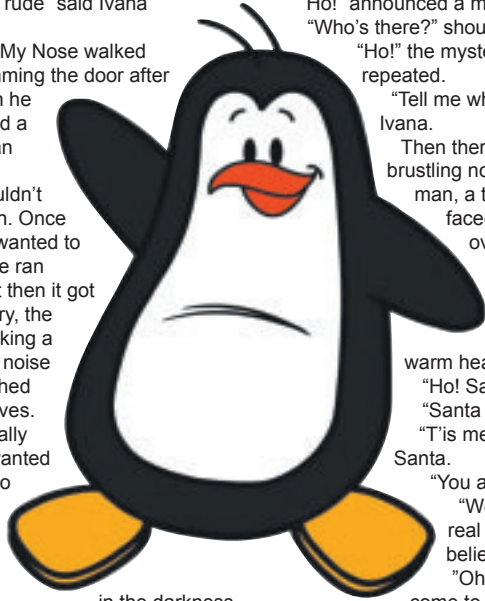


"He is just so cool," the twins rudely interrupted.  
 "Ahhhhhhh!" he shouted, "I'm going on a walk" he continued.

"Wow, he's rude" said Ivana Tinkle.

Ivana Pick My Nose walked outside, slamming the door after himself. Then he looked around a bit and saw an entrance to a forest, he couldn't resist going in. Once he got in he wanted to explore, so he ran excitedly. But then it got dark and scary, the wind was making a terribly scary noise and as it pushed along the leaves. Ivana was really scared. He wanted to go home so he looked for an exit but couldn't see anything



in the darkness.

All he wanted was to be with his psychotic parents and annoying sisters.

"Wait a minute, I am the best and loudest rapper in the North Pole. Surely if I do a rap someone will hear me and save me," thought Ivana. So he rapped

– "Santa Clause's belly, just like a bowl of jelly, wicky, wicky, waaa, wicky, wicky,

waa."

Suddenly, the trees were blowing like mad. The dirt on the ground was blowing on Ivana's feet and face.

"Ho!" announced a mysterious voice. "Who's there?" shouted Ivana.

"Ho!" the mysterious voice repeated.

"Tell me who's there" yelled Ivana.

Then there was silence and bustling noises. Out came a man, a tall man, a bearded faced man, a slightly overweight man, a man you knew had a golden smile and a man who had a jolly and warm heart.

"Ho! Said the stranger

"Santa Clause" said Ivana.

"T'is me Santa Clause" said Santa.

"You are real" Ivana said.

"Well actually I'm only real to the people who believe in Santa Claus.

"Oh, well have you come to take me home?"

said Ivana.

"Yes, come along now."

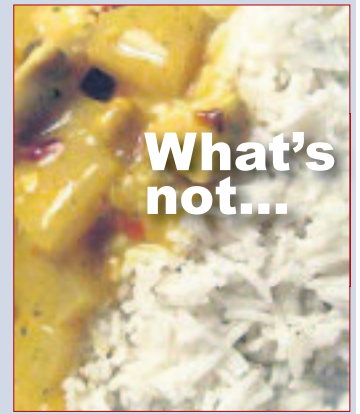
Santa Clause took Ivana Pick My Nose home.

Ivana Pick my nose, Ivana Tinkle, Ivana Winkle, Wilbur Na Pig and Ivana Tinkle Winkle Pick My Nose all had a very merry Christmas and happy new year!

**S**ANTA. The 'man in red' is probably the most talked about person this week, as he packs up his sleigh in preparation for his annual round-the-world trip on Christmas Eve. Remember to leave out some refreshments for Santa and his team of reindeers – which will help fuel their global present-drop.

**N**ew Year Sales. If Christmas sales are anything to go by, the New Year sales are going to be bargain-ful. Take a break from the shops over the Christmas holiday, reboot the system and the wallet and then ravage the New Year sales.

**M**ulled Wine. Full of festive spices like cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg, mulled wine is Christmas in a glass. Leave it simmering on a low heat so it's ready to serve when visitors require a warm welcome – a non-alcoholic version can also be made with cranberry juice.



What's not...

**N**EW Year's resolutions. It's that time of the year when we all strive to be better, healthier people – and fail miserably. But the question is, will your resolution this year be to keep more resolutions than you did last year? Will your 100 per cent commitment to the gym and your diet last beyond January?

**C**razy sale shoppers. We've all seen them, grabbing, tearing, pushing. Due to this year's expectations that sales are going to hit rock bottom, *The Echo* recommends that protect your shins when entering shops or at the very least borrow your children's skateboarding and roller skating helmet, knee and elbow pads.

**T**urkey curry. Need we say more.



What's hot...

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<b>Bud bottles</b>	<b>20 box for</b>	<b>€18.00</b>
<b>Carlsberg cans</b>	<b>12 for</b>	<b>€10.50</b>
<b>Bulmers litre bottles</b>	<b>3 for</b>	<b>€10.00</b>
<b>Miller bottles</b>	<b>15 for</b>	<b>€15.00</b>
<b>Tennents 6 pk cans</b>		<b>€5.50</b>
<b>Smirnoff litre vodka</b>		<b>€21.99</b>
<b>Lindemans wine</b>		<b>€6.99 each</b>
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