



Editorial

Welcome back to another edition of the GT (as we call it at Gringo Towers). I know it's been a while since the last one, but it was totally unavoidable.

In between our beloved EdeNorte's belief that electricity is best served occasionally, our charitable Codetel's strong belief that a telephone line and internet are working and should be paid for even when as dead as a stuffed badger that we found snuggled in a plastic wrapped pillowcase at a local department store, and extraterrestrial aliens stealing my baby; we slaved on with the new edition with no expense spared, only to find that Puerto Plata didn't exist any more.

Thankfully the team were able to solve that one - and we had an extra baby, so life as we know it went on - and still is - on.

It's at this time of year that I like to reflect on the events that have taken place during the year,

or the preceding 52 weeks, as my great grandmother used to say. Christmas comes around but once a year and is a time for celebrating life, gift giving, visiting family and relatives, gift receiving, eating mince pies, arguments, crap TV, returning gifts to department stores for the cash, vowing never to visit family and friends again and looking forward to summer.

New Year is that time when you make a resolution not to drink so much the night before; and working on one factor that will make you a better person. Is it possible to be any better? I always find that a bit difficult. Being rich, successful and extremely sexy does have its downsides though.

I can't think of any right now - but I like to say that so nobody gets upset. Where's that packet of EgoBoost™ pills I bought from the online Canadian Pharmacy?

This year, we've invited Santa round for some Schnapps and Gluvine to interview him about this busy time of year. We were understandably a bit incredulous as to exactly how he manages to deliver millions of presents all in just one night. Also, we pointed out that most houses in the Dominican Republic don't have chimneys, and even if they did he probably wouldn't fit down them.

Well, Santa let out a huge roar of a laugh, as only a 1000 year old fat man could do and explained his secret.

"Ho ho ho!" he bellowed.

"Last year I sub-contracted the delivery to Fedex. They gave me a good rate, and any-whoos, I'm not as young as I was."

"Ah, so that would explain why so many presents didn't get there?" I ventured.

"Hmmm," he murmured. My lawyers, Izen, Freezin & Frosty are looking in to that right now."

At that, the old guy fell into a deep snooze. Looks like the caffeine was only so strong.

So goodbye for another month. I'm going down to the basement to dig out all the presents I received last year and couldn't use. As long as the dust and mildew rub off, I can do my bit for the world ecology and recycle them to all my dear (and not so dear) friends.

If there's one thing I'd like you to remember, it's the words of the great philosopher and gynaecologist, Aristotle.

"Live life fully, deeply, push, push," and "Who ate all the pies?"

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"I know what a sextet is, but I had rather not say."

World News

Cars Endure Nipple Kissing

Beijing saw more than 120 people kissing cars in a contest where the winner got the chance to buy the car for the equivalent of just 12 cents.

The lobby of Xizhimen Jiamao Shopping Centre was the scene where six Chevrolet cars with plastic nipples attached had to endure the participants kissing the nipples for over 24 hours without actually touching the cars. Participants were



allowed a generous ten minute break every seven hours.

More than 400 people applied to take part in the

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