

This season's hottest gift: Apple i-pad

By Kaitlyn Lauber

The Christmas season is at its peak and shoppers are scrambling to gather last minute Christmas gifts for their friends and family. This year's new gift ideas range from the classic Christmas pajamas to the new Apple iPad. The iPad is expected to be the most popular Christmas gift for 2010.

There's no wonder about just why the Apple iPad will be the top selling Christmas gift for

2010. The apple iPad blows all other gifts out of the water with its sleek and slim design and lightweight status, as well as its ease of use and fluid screen changes. The iPad is the first of its kind. It's a sleek tablet that allows one to seamlessly glide between different applications, movies, games, and music with the tap of a finger.

The Apple iPad can be purchased at the Apple store, Walmart, and Best Buy as well as other fine retailers.

But good luck finding one this close to Christmas! Best Buy has totally sold out, and has put the iPad on back order even in their online store. However, the iPad can still be purchased online at Walmart.com and Apple.com for delivery after Christmas. The iPad runs for \$499.99 for the 16GB, \$599.99 for the 32GB, \$629.99 for the 16GB with Wifi +3G, and \$729.99 for the 32GB with Wifi + 3G. Good luck to all of you holiday shoppers, best wishes and have a very Merry Christmas!



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Early Christmas for Raider sports teams

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus! And on Wednesday he arrive delivering victorious presents to many of the good little Raider boys and girls. Fulton forces prevailed in bowling, swimming, wrestling and volleyball. Standing tall among the night of triumph was a 3-1 win by the boys bowling team over rival East-Syracuse Minoa and a 97-79 boys swimming decision against Pulaski. Elsewhere the wrestlers rolled to a 55-15 win at Cortland and the girls volleyball team swept Pulaski in three games. The ES-M girls spoiled what would have been a perfect night for Raider forces by scoring a 3-1 bowling win.

Fulton passed its first major test of the young season on Wednesday when the Raiders outpointed ES-M 3-1 to improve to 3-0 on the season. Dan Wahl led the charge with a high game of 248 and a high series of 629 with Dan Donaldson and Kyle Denson following. Donaldson totalled 576 on the day and Denson scored a 573 including a 248 high game. ES-M was led by Joseph Erardi's game high 257 and 643 series with John Monaghan (599) and Nate Piston (587) also flirting with the hallowed 600 series mark.

The girls found themselves on the opposite side of a 3-1 final against the highly respected Spartans, who were led by Alyssa Boccardo's 739 series. Pacing the Fulton attack with a 257 high game and 652 series was Mikayla Guernsey while Jamie elen and Kylie Clifford finished at 478 and 465 respectively.

Scott Bullard led off the winning 200 medley relay and also scored two individual triumphs to help the boys swim team gain its first win of the season. Bullard won the 50 freestyle in 24.5 and was first to touch in the 100 backstroke at 1:12. Fellow medley relay teammates Josh Strauss and Ross Gardner also added first place points to the winning total as Gardner took the 500 freestyle in 6:19.09 and Strauss won the 100 breast stroke in 1:15.01. Steven Hanczyk ruled the diving platform with a 179.2 point total and Austin Curtis rounded out the winning relay side for the Raiders.

The girls volleyball team rebounded quickly from a poor showing on Monday to smack Phoenix 25-16, 25-16 and 25-13 for a three game sweep. Improving to 3-2 overall and 3-1 in league play, the Raiders were led by Erika Johnson's eight kills and two aces and six kills and two aces from Sara Campolieta. Kali Kearns collected 13 assists for the girls, who will be busy next week with a tournament in Watertown

followed by their own tournament on December 28 and 29 respectively.

The Raider wrestlers made quick work of Cortland on Wednesday by scoring five pins on their way to a lopsided win. Mitch Woodworth pinned his opponent in 44 seconds at 98 pounds and Zach Race scored a 215 pin in 1:04 to lead the way. Also nailing six point slams were Troy Richardson (130), Mark Aldasch (145), and Nick Muckey (189). The Raiders will look to defend their title at next week's Kenneth Haines Memorial Tournament on Dec. 28 and 29 at SUNY Oswego's Laker Hall.



Jolly young St. Nick, AKA Craig Weaver and his number one elf, James McKay, made the rounds at G. Ray Bodley High School on Wednesday, delivering Holiday candy-grams for the National Honor Society. Today is the final day of classes at G. Ray Bodley High School oriod to the holiday break. (Mrs. Ryan photo)

Entertainment

Two blockbusters close 2010 offerings



At the Movies

By Hunter Gorton

Christmas break is upon us! And what better time to check out a movie. Just in time for the holidays two blockbusters with big-name stars are due out this week; *Little Fockers* and *Gulliver's Travels*. As always, be sure to check the local listings for times and theaters for some of the last releases of 2010. *Little Fockers* - A comedy sure to be one of the funniest movies of the holiday season, "Little Fockers" stars big names like Rob-

ert De Niro, Ben Stiller and Jessica Alba. Greg (Ben Stiller) has just taken a job that raises suspicion among his overbearing father-in-law Jack (Robert De Niro). Although Greg has a job as a nurse, money is still tight and he takes a second job working at a drug company. He and his wife Pam (Teri Polo) have been together for ten years, but his fa-

ther-in-lawstill doesn't trust him and wants his daughter to be more stable financially. Their beautiful twins will soon be having a birthday party and it will be the last chance for Greg to redeem himself or the circle of trust will be broken for good.

Gulliver's Travels - In an epic modern take on a classic tale, Jack Black is Lemuel Gulliver, a mailroom clerk at a New York newspaper. After Gulliver bluffs his way into a secret assignment writing about the secrets of the Bermuda Triangle, he is hurtled into an undiscovered land, Lilliput. In this new fantastic world Gulliver is a giant and is big in size and ego, especially after he starts telling tales of creating some of the world's greatest inventions and placing himself at the center of its most historic events. Gulliver's position is enhanced even further when he leads a new group of friends against their longtime enemies. Thinking he will be triumphant, Gulliver loses and puts his new friends in danger. He will need to find a way to undo the damage caused by this quarrel and in doing so learn that its' not how big you are on the outside, but how big you are on the inside that really matters.

Coming of 2011 presents challenge

With 2010 coming to a close, everyone who has seen or heard of the novelty new years eyeglasses, has the same thing on their mind: How are they going to make glasses for 2011?

In 1991, two musicians from Seattle began to sell the glasses in Times Square on New Years Eve, and since then there have always been two loops or zeros in the year, so the glasses were easy to make, and balanced. But now that 2011 is coming up, there has been a design challenge presented to the makers of the glasses.

The 1's present an issue, because there is nowhere that a designer can really put a lens in. However this is seen as a positive, because kids now need to wear less conservative things as the years go on, and most of them will not be able to remember when the '00's were next to each other.

This year's solution happens to be something simple, yet creative. The designers of the glasses decided to make the second lens of the glasses in the middle of the one. So there will be a two, then a lens for the zero, and the first one in 11 will be just a rim, with a lens in it, followed by the one.

With this year's solution completed, and ready to be made, this will leave everyone asking, yet again: What will the design be next year?

By Patty Morrison



Designers had their work cut out for them with the dawn of the new year as they scrambled to fit a lense in the popular New Year's Eve glasses.

Quote of the day:

"Money and success don't change people; they merely amplify what is already there."

Will Smith

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Raider Sports

Track teams compete at John Arcaro Invitational

The indoor track team traveled to Hamilton College last weekend to participate in the annual John Arcaro Memorial Invitational against some fierce competition with schools such as league rivals ESM and J-D. The format of the meet was two person relays, which means that the two runners from each team had their times added together for a placing overall in the meet.

The meet started out with Fulton's lone hurdler Kim Goutermout fighting for a place against teams of two, so she was already at a disadvantage compared to others. She finished in 26th place overall, with a time of 11.28 seconds. Next up it was the distance crews time to shine with solid performances in the 1600 meter run for the boys and the 1500 meter run for the girls. The most notable performance was by Mary West with a time of 5:42 for a 14th place finish out of 42 competitors.

The sprinters gave one of the the premiere performances of the day with the 300 meter dash run by Jim Ireland and Dylan Rizzo, who both ran solid times that put them in the mix for sectionals. But perhaps the best performer of the day was senior Morgan Cooper, who came in second overall out of 48 other girls with a time of 45.10 seconds. Cooper wasn't the only person to finish second overall on the Fulton team, as thrower Nick Morse threw the shot put 40 feet 2 inches but did not score any points due to a inexperienced partner in the event.

The leading point scorers of the day were Dylan Rizzo and Nick Tallents, who placed fourth in the triple jump event with both jumpers

clearing the 33 foot mark. The Raiders travel to SUNY Cortland over break for another meet at some of the runners favorite track so far this season. Look for spectacular performances by these underdogs of the league as they fight to make themselves known. *By James Ireland*



Mary West, right, was one of several Raider runners to perform well at last week's Arcaro Invitational at Hamilton College. (James Ireland photo)

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Girls basketball vs. Carthage (5:30/7 p.m.); JV Wrestling @ Carthage Tourney (4 p.m.); Hockey vs. CBA (5:45)

Tuesday, Dec. 28: Booster Tournament Boys Basketball: JV: Fulton vs. Marcellus (noon); E. ROchester vs. Sayre (1:30); Varsity: E Rochester vs. Sayre (4 p.m.); Fulton vs. Marcellus (5:30 p.m.); Wrestling @ Haines Tournament @ SUNY Oswego (10 a.m.); JV Volleyball Tournament @ Fairgrieve (9 a.m.); Varsity Volleyball @ Watertown Tournament (10 a.m.); Indoor track @ Kirschenheiter Relays @ SUNY Cortland (2:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, Dec. 29: Boostere Tournament JV: consolation (noon); championship (1:30); Varsity: consolation (4:30) championship (6 p.m.); Wrestling @ Haines Tournament @ SUNY Oswego (9:30 a.m.); Girls basketball @ Marcellus Tournament (TBA); Volleyball @ Fulton Tournament (Fairgrieve) (9 a.m.)

Friday, Dec. 31: Hockey @ C-NS (12:30)

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NFL Picks



Brett Williams

Last week: 8-8

Overall: 112-56

Brett's Picks:

Week 16:
Pittsburgh
Dallas
New England
NY Jets
Baltimore
Kansas City
St. Louis
Detroit
Jacksonville
Indianapolis
Houston
San Diego
NY Giants
Tampa Bay
Philadelphia
Atlanta

Week 17:
Atlanta
Pittsburgh
Minnesota
Chicago
Indianapolis
Kansas City
New England
New Orleans
NY Jets
Philadelphia
NY Giants
Baltimore
Jacksonville
San Francisco
St. Louis
San Diego



Max Fobes

Last week: 10-6

Overall: 104-64

Max's Picks:

Week 16:
Pittsburgh
Dallas
New England
Chicago
Baltimore
Kansas City
St. Louis
Miami
Washington
Indianapolis
Houston
San Diego
NY Giants
Tampa Bay
Philadelphia
Atlanta

Week 17:
Atlanta
Pittsburgh
Minnesota
Chicago
Indianapolis
Kansas City
New England
New Orleans
NY Jets
Philadelphia
NY Giants
Baltimore
Houston
San Francisco
Seattle
San Diego



Mr. Senecal

Last week: 8-8

Overall: 101-67

Mr. S's Picks:

Week 16:
Pittsburgh
Dallas
New England
Chicago
Baltimore
Kansas City
San Francisco
Detroit
Jacksonville
Indianapolis
Houston
San Diego
NY Giants
Tampa Bay
Philadelphia
New Orleans

Week 17:
Atlanta
Pittsburgh
Detroit
Green Bay
Indianapolis
Oakland
Miami
New Orleans
NY Jets
Philadelphia
NY Giants
Baltimore
Jacksonville
San Francisco
Seattle
San Diego



Nick Mattice

Last week: 8-8

Overall: 100-78

Nick's Picks:

Week 16:
Pittsburgh
Dallas
New England
NY Jets
Baltimore
Kansas City
St. Louis
Miami
Jacksonville
Indianapolis
Houston
San Diego
Green Bay
Tampa Bay
Philadelphia
Atlanta

Week 17:
Atlanta
Pittsburgh
Minnesota
Green Bay
Indianapolis
Kansas City
New England
New Orleans
NY Jets
Philadelphia
NY Giants
Baltimore
Jacksonville
San Francisco
St. Louis
San Diego



Don Wilmot

Last week: 12-4

Overall: 99-69

Don's Picks:

Week 16
Pittsburgh
Dallas
Buffalo
Chicago
Baltimore
Tennessee
St. Louis
Miami
Washington
Indianapolis
Denver
San Diego
NY Giants
Seattle
Philadelphia
New Orleans

Week 17
Carolina
Pittsburgh
Minnesota
Chicago
Indianapolis
Oakland
New England
New Orleans
NY Jets
Philadelphia
NY Giants
Baltimore
Jacksonville
Arizona
St. Louis
San Diego

School of Thought compiled by **Christine Proud & Andrew Pitcher**

How do you plan to ring in the new year?



"I have a two-year-old daughter: I'll be sleeping."
Mr. Murray



"Party!"
Gage Grogan



"Sleeping."
Mrs. Patrick



"Church party!"
Gessyca Smith

Meteorology and you

by *Carson Metcalf*



Today:



Cloudy with a few snow showers. High in the upper-20s.
Record high-61 (1957)
Avg. high: 34

Tonight:



Mainly cloudy. Low around 20.
Record low: -6 (1989)
Avg. low: 18

Christmas:



Cloudy with snow showers. High in the mid-20's, low in the mid-teens.
Record high/low: 64/-22 (1964/1980). Avg. 34/18

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