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50 things to know about Christmas

by Tracy Drake

With one of the most important of the Christian holidays (Christmas) approaching, it is a time to question the very meaning of the holiday. The commercialized Christmas today has caused most people to forget the true meaning of Christmas, and not appreciate it for what it represents. The following are 50 facts to help the world get back into the true spirit of Christmas.

1.) First of all, for Christians, Christmas is the holiday celebrating the birth of God's child and the Earth's Savior, Jesus Christ. He was born to Joseph, a carpenter, and the Virgin Mary.

2) Jesus was born in Bethlehem because Caesar Augustus decided that the people of the world should be taxed in their hometowns. Thus Joseph had to go to Bethlehem, the city of David (Joseph was a descendent of David), and it just so happened that Mary had to give birth there in a manger, for there was no room in the inn.

3) The three wise men were Melchior, the oldest, who brought gold, Gaspar, who presented frankincense, and Balthasar, who gave myrrh. They were wealthy Persian philosophers and astrologers.

4) They were not really kings, but they were the first to believe in Jesus as the Savior.

5) December 25th is not actually Christ's birthday. A popular theory as to why this date was chosen is because in the fourth century the Romanians celebrated the winter solstice December 25th, and St. Gregory of Rome supposedly wrote to St.

Augustine of Canterbury and suggested that the Christians celebrate Christ's birthday on the same day as the solstice.

6) The word 'Christmas' originated from the words *Cristes Maesse*, meaning, "the mass of Christ".

7) The earliest known tradition of decorating Christmas trees was the use of fir trees in Strasburg, Germany, in the seventeenth century.

8) Santa Claus can be traced to the young Bishop Nicholas of Myra, Lycia in Asia Minor (now Turkey) almost 1700 years ago. He became a Saint because of his many good deeds.

9) St. Nicholas's tomb is a shrine in Bari, Italy.

10) There is a Santa Claus. There is also a St. Nick, San Nicola, Sancte Claus, Christkindl, Pelze Nicol, Kris Kringle, Hoteiosho, Pere Noel, Petit Noel, Father Christmas, Grandfather Frost, Sinkerclaas, Sonnerklaas, Dun Che Lao Ren, Papa Noel, Tomten,

Jule Nissen, La Befana, Buller Clos, Ashenclos, Schimmelreiter, Weihnachtsman, Sint

Niklaes, S a n t Nikolaus, Samiklos, Santiklos, Niklo, Niglo, and T h e Holyman.

11) The first written description of St. Nick in

America was by Washington Irving.

12) According to a study at Yale University, most three-year-olds recognize Santa Claus long before God.

13) In Japan Santa, or 'Hoteiosho', travels on foot and has eyes in the front and back of his head so he can see good and bad children.

14) In Italy 'La Befana', a female, carries a hand bell, a sack on her back, and a cane as a threat to the naughty children.

15) At Christmas time, children roam the streets of Italy blowing paper trumpets, and shepherds wearing colorful attire march through towns with bagpipes, oboes, and reeds. They stop when passing a carpenter shop to honor Joseph.

16) On Christmas Eve in France a glass of wine is poured over logs in fire-

places, and dinner is eaten after the midnight Mass.

17) The French adults do not exchange their gifts until New Year's Day.

18) In Sweden, the Star Boys reenact the three kings' journey to Bethlehem, traveling through towns singing.

19) At dawn, Swedish families ride in sleighs to church services.

20) In Poland, the traditional Christmas supper has twelve courses- one for each Apostle.

21) The Polish also place straw all over the floors of their homes and sometimes lay their sleeping children in the straw to symbolize the Christ baby.

22) In Mexico, Children roam the streets, swinging at pinatas.

23) In many countries Christmas is instead Epiphany on January 6, which is said to be the date of the manifestation of God to the world through Jesus.

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24) Christmas comes in the middle of the summer in Australia, so after breakfast and the gift exchange, families eat their Christmas dinners on the beach.

25) Palm trees are decorated for Christmas in Australia.

26) In Russia, five piles of straw are set up in some homes. Each represents either wealth, poverty, death, marriage, or a single blessedness. At midnight, a hen is brought in to "determine" the family's fate by choosing a pile.

27) In Germany and Austria, Father Christmas once traveled with scary, masked helpers called *Buttenmandln*. Now, men dress up like these and grab

and squeeze children in the streets.

28) The Dutch call Santa's helper *Pieterman* (Black Peter) because his face and hands are stained black.

29) On the Phillippine Islands Christmas is celebrated from December 16 to January 6, making it the one of the longest Christmas celebrations in the world.

30) Natal, a South African province, was discovered by Vasco de Gama on Christmas Day in 1497. Natal is the Portuguese word for Christmas.

31) Christmas Island in the Pacific Ocean was discovered by William Dampier on Christmas Day in 1688.

32) Ft. Christmas in Florida was founded on Christmas Day 1935.

33) The use of holly, mistletoe, yulelogs, and Wassail bowls come from Pagan customs.

34) Supposedly, the Christmas tree is derived from the paradise tree symbolizing Eden.

35) The first person to put lights on a Christmas tree was the German Martin Luther in the sixteenth century.

36) The first lit Christmas tree in America was presented by a Pastor Schwan to his church in Cleveland, Ohio in 1851.

37) People spend close to \$100 million each year for Christmas trees and decorations.

38) The average temperature in Jerusalem on Christmas is 52 degrees. In Fairbanks, Alaska it is -9 degrees, and in Australia it is 75 degrees.

39) The concept of Rudolph was written by Robert L. May in 1939.

40) Louis Prang of Boston created the first Christmas card.

41) Part I of the famed *Mesiah* by George Handel describes the Nativity, Part II describes the death of Jesus, and Part III describes the Resurrection.

42) The largest Nativity scene is in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

43) The largest Christmas tree ever, once grew in Wilmington, North Carolina. It was 75 feet high and 100 feet in diameter. It has five thousand lights, and was said to be 300 years old.

44) The first Christmas seal was created by Emily Bissell in 1907 for the Delaware Tuberculosis Association.

45) The Beatles have had the most Christmastime number one singles and albums. Their albums were number one in

1963, '64, '65, and '67, and their albums topped the charts in 1963, '64, '65, '67, '68, and '69.

46) Sir Isaac Newton, Clara Barton, and Humphrey Bogart were all born on Christmas.

47) W.C. Fields and Charlie Chaplin died on Christmas.

48) The most heavy and expensive turkey was 78 pounds and 14 3/4 ounces. It was sold at an auction on December 15, 1982 in England for 3000 pounds.

49) The cost of 'true love' this year according to the "Twelve Days of Christmas" has been estimated to be anywhere from \$12,481.65 to \$51,764.94 - either way it is a decline from last year.

50) Washington Irving and Clement C. Moore through their writing, and Thomas Nast through his political cartoons have created today's popular image of Santa Claus.

It is easy to see that Christmas has been around for quite a while, and has been affected by people all over the world. The traditions and customs have shaped a holiday that joins all of the people of the world one day a year for celebration and rejoice. We cannot let the commercial and materialistic industries take the true meaning of Christmas away. Christmas means so many things to so many people.

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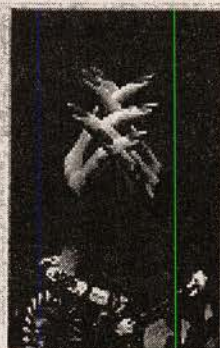
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The Christmas Tree

By Jenni Brown

Have you ever wondered how it came to be that every family ventures out into the snow and cold of December to cut a tree to take home and decorate? I will tell you the history of the Christmas tree.

Since the early days nature every where was alive. Every spring and river had a spirit. Evergreens were not first used as a decorative value, but as a way to bring nature indoors.

The first Christmas tree was introduced by a man called Luther. Luther hated the devil, who he felt was lurking very near him. Once Luther felt the devil was in the same room and through an ink bottle at it. Luther had always been associated with the joys of family life and the love of children. One starry Christmas Eve Luther went for a leisurely walk through the snowy woods. He was so

astounded by the star filled sky that he cut a small, snow covered spruce, took it home for his children and decorated the tree with many candles to represent the stars of the heavens. It was not until 58 years after his death that we met with any reference to the Christmas tree.

The Strausburg is the first Christmas tree in Literature. The custom of using Christmas trees started in Strausburg and spread to Germany. The Christmas tree was always the center of the German celebration. We derived our custom from the early Germans and England.

Christmas trees are not only for one family to enjoy.

Some Christmas trees are known nation wide, and are enjoyed by millions of people all over the country.

Wilmington, North Carolina is home to a large

Oak tree festooned with Spanish moss. The grand Oak holds over 1,000 ornaments and more than 750 multicolored lights each year near Christmas time. Beneath the tree 12 lights symbolizing the 12 apostles along with the Christmas Crib scene. 10,000 people attend the celebration around the tree each year.

At the foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains grows a mile long avenue of Deodar Cedars. There is a very interesting story to how they got there. In 1882 a world traveler, Captain Fredrick was traveling in India when his eye was struck by a magnificent sight. On the slopes in the Himalaya Mountains he spotted the beautiful Deodar Cedars of India. Excitedly he gathered the seeds and planted them at his home in California. Three years later when the seedlings were two feet tall Frederick's son trans-

planted them on two sides of a long private driveway leading to the ranch. These two feet seedlings are today the gorgeous, illuminated trees thousands of tourists visit each year.

In 1925 General Grant Tree in General Grant National Park was designated as the nation's Christmas tree.



Many people concerned with the safety of the environment purchase a fake tree. The fact is that Christmas trees are grown on Christmas tree farms or cut to better the environment for the older trees in the wilderness. The plants in danger of extermination are Holly, Groundpine, and Mountain-laurel.

Go buy a real Christmas tree. It will provide such a Christmas spirit, Holly, Groundpine, and Mountain-laurel will not be necessary. Have a Merry Christmas, and enjoy the Christmas tree.

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The principal has the final say on censoring an article.

To make *The Quaker* a credible newspaper, we will aim for accuracy and objectivity.

We must also respect the rights of others while we gather and present news. We are not permitted to invade a person's right to privacy.

It is also our duty to make prompt corrections when necessary.

Since *The Quaker* is a forum, we encourage input from our readers in the form of stories, essays, letters, etc.

Concerns

Don't Drink & Drive

by Sara Caplinger

New Year's eve is the night of celebration. Champaign glasses are clicked and the famous song "Ole' Lang Syne" is heard every where.

Why do millions join together to bring in a New Year? In hopes to make the coming year better than the one that will soon become the past? Many people make resolutions but hundreds never get to achieve their goals. When the celebration comes to an end and the ball has fallen in Time Square, this is when the accidents begin to happen.

Every day accidents happen, whether it is a person hit while walking across the street, or a two car collision over 50 percent of those accidents are because of drinking and driving. Drunk driving acci-

dents could be prevented. If you ever decide to get into a car while intoxicated, remember you could be taking your life, the lives of people who decide to get into your vehicle with you, and the lives of people out on the roads. Do you know you are taking all of their lives in your hands? Do you want that responsibility?

An estimated 2,200 teenagers die each year (that is roughly our school times 2) because of alcohol related accidents. This year why don't we make a resolution not to drink and drive this New Year's Eve. The lyrics of "Ole' Lang Syne" begins with "Should old acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind..." Don't become an old acquaintance, **Don't Drink & Drive!!!**

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times it was believed that the dead returned to earth at Christmas. Food and drink were set out for them. Today, the children set out food for Santa Claus.

Christmas in Spain is a time of sincere and beautiful religious ceremonies. Many families gather around manger scenes, (Nacimientos), every evening during Christmas. They sing carols, and children may shake tambourines as they dance for the Christ Child. The children receive their gifts January 6, which are said to be left by Magi passing through on their way to Bethlehem. Parades honoring the Three Kings are held in the big cities on that day.

In Poland, the daylong fast of the Wilgilia

ends with the appearance of the first star on Christmas Eve.

In many homes wheat, or other grain from the harvest are put in the four corners of the main room. Straw is also spread on the floor and even under the white cloth on the dining table as a reminder of the Manger.

There are Polish, Ukrainians and other Slavic people who put their children to sleep on beds of hay or straw representing the newborn Christ.

Pasterka, the midnight Mass of the Shepherds is a sacred night. The legend is that those whose lives have been pure and blameless may see in the winter sky, where the heavens have parted, a vision of Jacob's Ladder.

Bad habits

by Shawna Smith

The bathrooms are filled with smoke every period after classes due to the fact of a bad habit called smoking. Some of the students here at the Salem Senior High School will rush to the bathrooms once they hear the bell ring after a class to fulfill their desire. It is a known fact that 2.3 million teenagers in a America are smoking between the ages of 13-19.

Mr. McShane has been the principal here at the school for eight years. There has been no smoking allowed in a designated area since he has been here. When there was a designated area you had to follow these requirements.

- 1) you had to have permission from a parent(s) or legal guardian
- 2) you had to only smoke in the designated area
- 3) you had to have a pass to smoke during your study hall.

The students (whether they are the user or nonuser) here at SHS would like to have the designated area back for the purposes such as to be allowed to smoke or for those who wish to use the restrooms without having to smell like smoke. There is a reason why the public schools can not allow such action. Last year the federal government made it illegal to purchase tobacco products under the age of 18. The Salem Board of Education adopted a

policy which states no use of tobacco shall be presented on public grounds from the first arrival of students and the last departure of students after classes.

Smoking is something that is chosen by the person who wishes to do so. That is the extent of it. Smokers should respect the nonusers and keep the restrooms clean. Restrooms are made for emergencies not habits.

Students who choose not to do such actions have tried to stop the smoking here in the school. All they ask for is the user to choose to smoke where the nonusers do not have to be. If you, as a non-smoker or smoker would like to leave a suggestion of how we can get the smokers who choose to smoke in the restrooms to respects the decision of not smoking here in the schools stop by the office and let Mr. McShane know.

Some suggestions that have already been thought of is: teachers monitoring the restrooms on there free time, hall monitors, room-mothers coming in and being in the restrooms at all times, a camera in the rest rooms, a silent smoke detector where a light would flash in the office, or even making the punishment harsher by having suspension in school. We as non-users do not put down smokers, we just wish for a cleaner school.

Concerns

The meaning of Christmas

by Sara Caplinger

Tis' the season to be jolly parents off of work, students home from school, families reuniting. Still what confuses me is why is everyone screaming with frustration? Could it be the discount signs at our local stores that have been up since the day after Thanksgiving? Maybe. The malls are filled, stores are crowded and people are fighting to get to that last Barbie doll left on the shelf while forgetting the reason for Christmas. Christmas is not about the expensive gifts under the tree that "Santa" had brought. Christmas is about cel-

ebrating the birth of Christ, and being at home with the people who love you, your family.

Let me take you back about forty years. A little girl about nine wakes up on Christmas morning in hopes of finding that new bike she had been wishing for. Running down to the Christmas tree with her five brothers and sisters she just knew it had to be there. As long as she had wanted the bike she had done nothing wrong to endanger her chances. Walking around the Christmas tree searching for her new bike, disappointment invaded her when she realized there was no gift shaped like a bicycle. As the presents were being passed

out, her loyal big brother came to her and handed her a little heart-shaped box beautifully wrapped and secured with a bow. While holding on to that little box, she tried to think of what she had done wrong. It wasn't she who had punched her younger sister but her bother. Yet, he still got a new truck. Her older sister had brought home a "D" on a report card and she brought home an "A" and yet again, her older sister got that pretty new sweater she wanted. Her father finally noticed that his young daughter was upset and he had known why. Putting his arm around her, he began to ex-

plain to her that Christmas was not about getting the gifts that you want but being at home with your family. After hearing her wise father's words, she began to realize that bike was not so important to her, being at home with mom, dad, brothers and sisters was important to her. Looking down at her heart-shaped box, she began to pull at the bow, then as she tore at the wrapping the room seemed to grow quiet. Lifting up the lid she found a small pink piece of paper with "It is out on the porch..." written on it in small print. Opening the door tears filled her eyes as she saw the glimmer of a new red bike.

Why I Hate Computers

by Travis A. Szwedko

I know what you're saying, "Computers are our future." Well, I agree to some extent that computers are beneficial to our lives in some way, whether it be helping with homework, aiding in business, or for fun. These reasons are just fine, but sometimes these infernal contraptions give me a pain in the butt.

From my stand point, the technology in our society is developing much too quickly for us to get used to. So we're basically struggling to catch up. In our every day lives we are effected in some way by these stupid machines. In turn, we become dependent on that

screen in front of us. If we keep depending on T.V's and computers, the entire population is in trouble. It's getting so bad that by the time my class is in their forties, the monkey that doesn't mess it's pants will be king.

We have to stop taking technology to the next higher level. Right now we are at the top and the only way to go is down. We have to stop some-

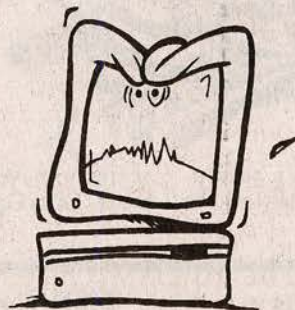
where. Now, maybe I'm being unappreciative of the master minds behind the

keyboard and color monitor, and just maybe technologically challenged, but the fact is that our youth, our future is sitting in front of an idiot box instead of a real

teacher. The folks at Apple and IBM want me to believe that it is a better way to learn. Well guess what? Nothing beats a real live

teacher, but why should I bring unemployment in to this. If our younger generation learns from a glass screen, what are they going to depend on?

Since this whole issue is formatted on computer, it effects the entire Journalism class. When working on the past few issues, I've heard countless four letter words and the like muttered from our section editors. My point is this: What's wrong with what we have now? Why should we improve what we have. To all the computer hackers, and computer companies, stop and think if you should make improvements. But, that's just my opinion.



Concerns

Getting rid of the unwanted?

by Erika Leach

Once again, Christmas is right around the corner! That means family, food, egg nog, and presents that we just do not want. Do you ever wonder why someone could actually buy you something so odd? Well, the question is, what are you supposed to do with these gifts that you really don't want, without being rude about it? You can't really go up to the person and say, "excuse me, but I really didn't like

the gift you bought me, I'd like to take it back." That's just not the best thing to do, but what is? I asked a few people what they do in this situation, and they said....

Nicole Chengelis- Use them somehow, so I don't hurt anyone's feelings.

Jana Stewart- Sit on them with my big leg.

Mrs. Wilms- Give it back as a present to the person

who gave it to me the following Christmas, and if they ask why, she'd say "Well you seemed to like it so much, I decided to buy you one too."

Beth McDevitt- Give it to Mark Ramunno.

Erica Godfrey- Give them to Libby, so I don't have to buy her a birthday present.

Christina Mullen- Give it to Goodwill.

Matt DeBarr- Give them to Abby so she can pretend Nick gave them to her.

Phil Simon- Sell them, and buy Mr. Turner a new pencil sharpener.

Abby Hill- Give them to Josh Board to play with while he's grounded.

Natalie Herron- Use it to keep my fire burning so we don't use all the trees.

Another New Year's Resolution

by Lisa Hardin

Everyone is making new year resolutions for 1996. Making new decisions regarding future actions. In most cases people tend to make a goal that takes a period of time to accomplish. **Josh Himes'** goal for his new year's resolution is to get his grades up to be able to wrestle. In another case, people wish things for other people such as **Lisa Kegl**. She wants Casey Phillis to learn to be

able to stay between the white and yellow lines while driving her car. **Casey Phillis** wants Lisa Kegl to stay out of her refrigerator. As most of your New Year's resolutions, people seem to have



a plan for themselves to abide by, such as for **Christina Mullen** wanting to find herself the right man in the nick of time, and she seems to have someone in mind. **Erin Galchick** wants

to keep away from guys at her work "big mistake". **Rachel King** plans to stay engaged. I'm sure there are people with ten different goals, rules, or plans for the future of the 1996 year. The purpose for a new year's resolution is to make yourself feel good to know you can do something or accomplish something for yourself or someone else. If you stick with your goal, rule, or plan you will feel good about it.

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Editorial

Blue Christmas

by Michelle Roberts

Yes, it's Christmas time. The best time of the year. Presents. Family. Loved ones. Joy for the whole season.

Or maybe not. Christmas is the most stressful time of the year. Everyone knows that. Look at all the people you still have to buy for. And what exactly do they like? and what if you no longer have a job to pay for them all. Your car payment's due and the insurance companies that don't care if you have money left to pay. Then there's the relatives. Or worse, no one to spend Christmas with so you're all alone. Your parents still have to buy presents, but for whatever reason money's short and they're under tons of stress. And then you start to think about everyone who won't be here for the holidays, whether someone

dead or your boyfriend/girlfriend who dumped you or whatever. The sensationalism is getting to your head and if you even hear, "Have a Holly Jolly Christmas," once more you'll fly. It's not the most wonderful time of the year.

This is why so many people commit suicide over the holidays. The stress and the bills and the loss of loved ones gets to them. The true meaning of Christmas isn't the thing you think about when you've got five months of bills you can't pay.

So, how do you tell it's depression? Time tells. If your feelings affect your schoolwork, your activities, your relationship with family and friends, then it's beyond normal.

Lots of people assume they know what depression is because they've

had at least a touch of it. It's natural to feel sad when you've been hit by life's inevitable losses. It's a loss when you move to a new house and leave the old one behind. It's a loss to break up with a boyfriend or girlfriend especially when he or she is the one breaking up.

Environmental factors also play a role in depression. A depressive episode can be triggered by moving, graduation, losing a job, winning an award, or a hundred other of life's changes.

So over the holidays, if you're feeling in the dumps I found some ways to help you feel good again.

Sometimes when you're in an ugly mood, you need to go ahead and wallow. It's okay to give yourself permission to hole up in your room and listen to sad songs or watch a tear-

jerker on t.v. Studies show that releasing tears also releases the pent up feelings behind them.

Nothing makes you feel better than having a good laugh. Lots of laughter is good for the soul, and is sure to squelch a bad mood. Hang out with someone who always seems to look at life on the brighter side.

According to scientists, there is a crucial connection between food and mood. If you are sad, moody, and sluggish all the time it could be the food you're eating. Processed sugar may give you a quick "high", but a steady diet of it can leave you feeling pretty low. Good for your mood foods include carbohydrates, which calm and relax. Proteins, make you alert. So if your feeling down follow these suggestions. They really do work.

The gift of giving

by Megan Zagotti

Christmas means different things to different people. It is a time for giving and receiving, but some people are not as fortunate as others. There are many children that, when making out their Christmas lists, they don't put the more expensive items that you or I might ask for. They just feel lucky to have food, clothes, and shel-

ter. With the terrible conditions of the world today people need help.

There are different organizations and groups that try to give these unfortunate people a more Merry Christmas.

My church, First Baptist Church, helps a lot of the needy people in our community. We have a Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. The food pantry always

gives away food, especially during the holidays. They make food baskets for these people, free. The contents of these baskets are turkey, fresh fruit, potatoes, canned food of all kinds, candy, and just about anything you can think of.

Even in our school people try to help. Different clubs do things to raise money. Mr. Viencek's classes collected over two

hundred dollars to help. We are now collecting wrapped toys for Toys for Tots.

If you would like to help also, you can donate money, hats, gloves, jackets, or any winter product to a church in your neighborhood. You could help make a difference for a young child or adult to have a better Christmas and a Happier New Year!

Editorial

Equality?

by Katie Frank

I could never forget this incident for as long as I live. I was working at the Humane Society doing volunteer work, lifting and carrying bags of dog food out to the kennels. I suppose I was carrying a hundred pounds, which isn't all that heavy if you're used to carrying that much, like I am. Then, low and behold, along comes one of the male community service workers. Being the "prince charming" that he is, he says to me, "A woman shouldn't be carrying that much weight. They're not strong enough. This is a man's job." Whatever

Where do some people come off, anyway? First of all, this was none of his business. Secondly, I don't and won't ever need a man to "come to my rescue". I told him, on no uncertain terms, that I was quite capable of handling this myself, thank you very much. Let's get this straight women are just as strong as men. Period.

I'm not talking about feminism here. I'm talking about equal rights. Yes, there are still some people that think the woman's place is in the home. But, it is, sadly, still a man's world. It's no secret that women get paid less for the same hours a man works in some places, and in other places companies would rather hire a man with less experience than a woman with more experience. Why? Because he's a guy.

I remember, yet again, another example. It was last year, in my sophomore health class. We were talking about sexual stereotypes. Always eager to voice my opinion, I raise my hand, saying simply, "We [women and men] were born equal. We should die equal." I thought the class, if not the whole then the majority, would agree. Was I ever wrong. The class laughed at me, and two particular students teased me about it for the rest of the day. One girl even said that women should only have certain rights, that we shouldn't be a hundred percent equal. A girl said this! When I got home that day I burst into tears. I couldn't believe after all those years and all the effort women put into becoming equal resulted that. It still bothers me.

It's time for some people out there to wake up and see the world for what it really is. This isn't the fifteen hundreds any more! Guys out there need to realize that women are human, just like they are, and for us to be submissive is totally out of the question. And some girls out there need to understand this, too. Kill the bugs yourself, mud puddles won't bite, rats are cute and Prince Charming was just a dorky guy on a mule. Its time to stand up and get the due credit we all deserve.

Cliques?

by Jadey Berger

Okay, here's the story: Mr. Ladner asked me to write an article about cliques. I said, "Mr. Ladner, who's going to want to read a story about cliques written by Jadey Berger? Nobody that's who!" But, obviously here I am writing the story. What exactly is a clique? Your group of friends? The people who accept you? The people you sit with at lunch? The people your parents like? The people who you talk to? The people you talk about? The people who talk about you? The people who compliment you? The people who see you cry? The people who you see cry? The people you tell all the good gossip to? The people you are yourself around? Or the ones you hide yourself from? The people who give you advice? Or is it all of these?

In my opinion there are only two types of people in this world. Therefore cliques are pretty much irrelevant. The first type are the people who cling on to things. The ones who will never leave Salem, or will only leave with friends. The kind that turn ritualistic and do what is expected of them, or what they believe should be expected of them. These people can be happy just about anywhere as long as they have what they think they need. As long as these

people have stability or a sense of they will be completely happy. These are the dependable people, the ones that always stay. The second type of person is the one who always runs away. The people who fight to leave, who need movement. The type of person who runs will make his/her life harder than it needs be. Their life will be a never ending quest for newness and adventure. This type of person finds it very difficult to ever be happy, or to hold onto happiness once it is achieved. So, I still want to know, what is a clique?

I, myself really don't have a problem with cliques. If a clique is your group of friends, then I have one. I am a part of a clique because I have friends and we hang out. okay, I have it defined: A clique is simply a group of friends, and somewhere in the history of the word it received a negative connotation.

If cliques were forced upon a person then, then and only then would they be evil. Everyone chooses their friends. If someone wants to be just like their friends, therefore putting themselves into a situation where they will be judged on the same scale as someone else, regardless of all affecting variables that is their choice. Long live cliques?

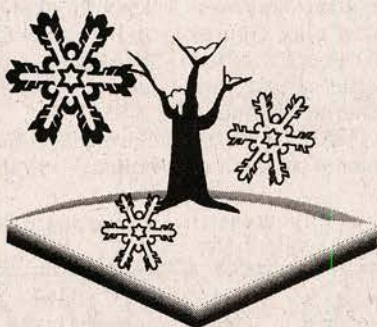
News

Snowdays?

by Beth Arnoto

It's the same thing every year, kids wake up and see snow all over the ground for the first time. They figure, "we won't have school today!", so they get back in bed and wait to hear their school's name on the radio. Finally, when it's getting late, they realize their school will not cancel classes for the day. They have to get up and get ready even though they will more than likely be late and have to face the teacher handing out the tardy slips.

This is pretty typical the first couple of days it snows in a school year. Conditions have to be pretty



bad for school to called off. "Road workers are out all night", said Superintendent Mr. Randy Engle. "We are constantly in touch with the police department and the weather advisory services." He also said they try to have

the radio stations informed about closings by 6 o'clock a.m., but can't always make it. In each school year the

school gets "five free snowdays" said Mrs. Wilms, a duty aide. Just remember, the last thing the radio stations or the staff members at school want is for you to call each morning it snows asking if you have school that day.

Clothes for the needy

by Jim Treharn

Student council recently collected various items for the needy here at SHS. Among those items collected were 20 hats, 27 gloves, 7 scarves, 1 sweater, 1 jacket, and \$293. A very special thanks should go out to Mr. Viencek's classes who contributed \$285 toward the total amount. All of the items collected will be distributed to the needy of the area by the Christian Womens Association. Stu

dent council also collected \$301.71 for United Way during the three day collection first period and ice cream bars were awarded to the top 5 classes for the total 3 days and free movie passes for the overall highest class. Mrs. Dohar, student council advisor said she is very pleased with her students overall effort and efficiency in their work toward the advancement of Salem High Schools high quality of education.

Club Activities

Freshman Cheerleaders

Advisor: Devon Johnson

Continuing their cheers for Freshmen Boy's Basketball and Varsity Girls Basketball

Student Council

Advisor: Audrey Dohar

Collected mittens, hats, scarves, and money for Christian Womens Association, and distributed those items to the needy students at SHS

PEP Club

Advisor: Darlene Heineman

Upcoming door decorating contest for Christmas, "LOVE THOSE QUAKERS" keychain sale \$2.00, waitress night at Pizza Hut 12/18, and a sweetheart dance 2/10

Freshman Class

Advisor: David Janofa

Now selling Diamond Club Discount cards as a fundraiser, see student council members of Mr. Janofa to purchase one for yourself

National Good Teen Day January 16

Advisor: Robert Viencek

Judging took place on 12/4 for the annual National Good Teen Day Art Show and the essay contest is on-going, and there is the upcoming annual National Good Teen Day

Reconition assembly on 1/12

Physics Club

Advisor: Ken Campradt

Upcoming bridge breaking competition 12/20 and robotics seminar in January

German Club

Advisor: Fran Reed

Recent Thanksgiving bonfire and upcoming ice skating, skiing, and banquet

National Honor Society

Advisor: Connie Kress

Upcoming new member selection and blood bank

News

Christmas here and there

By Amanda Woodyard

In every time zone Christ's birthday is celebrated. The only difference is the detail in how people go about it, and religions. Almost everywhere in the world for at least this day there is peace and goodwill among men.

Many of the World's traditions stem from Germany. The traditional Christmas tree originated in the Black Forest of Europe. There, firs and spruces were first decorated with sparkling glass balls and garlands of tinsel. Marzipan, lebkuchen, stollen, and springerle are some holiday treats that have German origin.

In Germany evil spirits were once said to roam free at this holy time.

On Knocking Knight, the last Thursday before Christmas, mummers in costumes went around to houses knocking on doors, rattling cans and cowbells, cracking whips in effort to drive the spirits away. Old Father Christmas is like Santa Claus, except he was once believed to travel with frightening masked companions who punished naughty children.

In Austria, Saint Nicholas parades through the streets accompanied by a band of Büttenmandln. They are clothed in all straw and wearing fur masks. They pounce upon and squeeze the young people they meet.

In Italy, a female Santa Claus, known as

Lady Befana gives the gifts. According to legend, when Christ was born the shepherds told her of the event, but she delayed setting out. Every Christmas since, she has wandered in search of the Holy Child. She goes down chimneys, leaving gifts at each house in hope that He is within.

Going down a boulevard in Paris in December you are most likely to see dolls, toys and animated figures in the shopwindows. Small painted clay figures made in Provence, called santons, "little saints", are also sold. Some are miniatures of butchers, bakers, priests, and policemen to be given as gifts.

In the rural areas of France children gather holly,

laurel, stones and moss from the woods for decorations. Adults go to the woods too, to bring home the Yule log. On Christmas Eve wine is poured on the log and then ignited. A late supper is then eaten after midnight Mass- which may be cooked over the log's flames. In the cities the tradition is kept by eating cakes shaped like logs and covered with chocolate icing to resemble tree bark. Then stockings are hung up for Father Christmas to fill. Adults exchange gifts later, on New Year's Day.

In Sweden, Christmas is the holiday of holidays. In the heathen

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Entertainment

Your very own band...

by Jadey Berger

Warning (yes folks this is a disclaimer): This article is tongue-in-cheek/sarcastic. If you think that you are a Super-Alterna-Teen and say that you listen to alternative music, when actually you listen 107.9 *The End*, or if you have no sense of humor please Do Not Read this article.

"Hello! Cleveland!", that could be you. Kiddies, don't you think fame would be fun? The untalented are more than welcome, talent is not a necessity. The same goes for intelligence, beauty, manners, or any hint of tact, or politeness. Are you that boy or girl who fantasizes about being on the front wall at a Greenday concert (oh, uh, sorry was it a Nine Inch Nails concert?) with that lustful look in your eyes? (I personally find pinball more intellectually stimulating than Greenday.) But back to the lust situation, I am not talking about hormonal lust for Billy Joe or Trent Reznor, but about the lust for fame and fortune. Are you the boy or girl who gets excited just thinking about prancing around a stage, being able to do whatever you want? You could show your famous butt to a whole audience if you wanted to. Shake it baby.

If you were famous just think of all the people you could make feel bad and treat bad. It would be just like high-school only it would be on a more massive scale and people would not discourage it. If you did decide to drop your pants to your knees, some lowly, underpaid roadie would have to slunk out onto the stage. He would then have

to humiliate himself by bending over behind you and pulling them back up. If you would turn out to be cool enough to insight a riot just think of all the work those fat security guards would have to do.

Think of all the ways you could lie to the public. Oh, what fun! "I didn't really do anything with Courtney Love, we were just in that room for a really long time. Well, uh, I swear we are just friends, we just really like to spend time alone." (Purely hypothetical quote.) Bush gets my best band at lying award for 1995. I wanted to give them worst band of the year, but there are so many candidates I just couldn't decide. I am a musical snob and I am proud. Sarcastic hypothetical quote, "No, that song isn't about Kurt Cobain, really we swear." Ya, and your voice is beautiful and you have talent. (Hey man nice shirt.) So, I was right fame does not depend on talent.

Can I trash Alanis Morrisette? Of course I can, I am the Editor-in Chief. I know it is needless to say, BUT she is really winey. The truth at last! Now that is real music to my ears. That song, the one with sexual references, that made everyone say, "Wow, she's a really strong, yet angry woman." Well, it is about no such thing. The song was about a weak immature girl that took too long to get over a broken heart. A strong women would move on and stop blaming a man for her own weaknesses. Intelligence is not a necessity of fame. I know that we

do not have MTV in Salem, but there was a Thanksgiving day Alanis special. Maybe she doesn't interview well, but she appeared to be really dumb, to me. And finally, she was the Tiffany of the Canadian market in the eighties. Gee, I wonder why they don't market and sell that alongside off the so-called alterna-queen's crowning achievement, *Take this little jagged pill so you can die and get away from my voice*? Are you ready to start your very own band yet?

If you have your very own band you can be as disgusting as you want to be. I am really sorry I know so many useless greenday facts, and especially useless Billy Joe facts. All right, I admit it, I read the Spin article on greenday. Crucify me. All other useless facts I received through osmosis (they snuck into my brain). Anyway if you were famous, like wannabe punks (or is it Punky Brewster's?), you could walk out on stage and scream into the microphone, "If you're in the first three rows watch out for flying spit!" Or you could play with long strands of the stuff while being interviewed by a prestigious music magazine. Goodbye Miss Manners, hello spittle fondling.

Are you ready to start that band yet? You no longer have to work hard, put years in, or pay your dues to the music industry. Look at Silverchair, they are like twelve, and famous already! (Yes, I know they are not really twelve, but they look like they are.) The only

drawback is that they had to be (must have been) willing to become nothing but regurgitation of the corporate machine. (Aren't big words fun?) I couldn't even call Silverchair sell outs, because somehow I doubt they even had a style to sell out before they hit the radio.

There is yet another easy way to start a band and receive instant fame (don't worry I am not talking about suicide or marrying someone who commits suicide), I am talking about rehashing heavy metal and throwing in a few drug references. Instant fame, add water and mix, pass GO, collect your check, and step right UP!! Candlebox: "Now, May-a-a-a-be I didn't mean to be Gun n' Roses part two. Now may-a-a-a-be I didn't mean to think it was 1985..." Everyone has already ran to the closest concert or favorite cool store and traded in Metallica for Pantera and Nine Inch Nails. Maybe your band could be the next ACDC. Or even better you could be the next Iron Maiden.

Well, good luck with your very own band if I have convinced you to start one. Always remember: The worse you are the better of a chance you have to be famous. (Collective Soul, Hootie and the Blowfish, need I say more?) And if you do have talent, consider staying in the garage and entertaining your friends, it'll be better that way. Please direct all hate mail concerning this article to Mr. Ladner's room, or to my personal E-mail address, SALE_215.

Entertain

Holiday Flicks

by Jennifer Weingart

Christmas is just around the corner. If you are looking for something to do, why not rent a movie? There are a lot of good Christmas movies out there. Here are three holiday videos sure to get you in the holiday spirit.

"The Santa Claus" (PG). Look out Mrs. Claus! Santa just fell off a roof and Tim Allen witnessed it. Now he is serving as Santa's replacement. Allen shows his versatility going from T.V. to his first movie. This was a good funny movie definitely worth the price of renting.

"Miracle on 34th Street" (PG). This movie is based on the nineteen forty seven film classic. Susan Walker was told the truth about Santa at an early age. Now at age six, she still doesn't expect to get her true Christmas wishes. Then she meets a department store Santa who claims he is the real thing. Christmas day he gives her a reason to believe there is a Santa Clause.

The excellent cast along with a well written script makes this definitely worth a try. This movie stars: Mara Wilson, Dylan McDermott, and Elizabeth Perkins. Wilson played Robin Williams' daughter in "Mrs. Doubtfire." McDermott starred along with Winona Ryder in "How to Make A American Quilt." Perkins played in "Indian Summer."

"National Lampoons Christmas Vacation" (PG-13). The Grizwalds are looking forward to a nice, peaceful, family Christmas at home. But, little do they know their Christmas will be the farthest thing from peaceful. Everything that can go wrong does go wrong in the Grizwald household. If you are looking for a good laugh, this is the movie you want.

New on the shelves

by Jennifer Weingart

Christmas is rapidly approaching and if you are still looking for the right gift, or maybe an early present for yourself, try a book.

Hidden Jewel
by V.C Andrews \$7.00 (paperback)

Young Pearl Andres from New Orleans, Louisiana has always dreamed of becoming a doctor. She gets a summer job in an old hospital as a nurses aide.

Pearl is made aware of her familie's sinful past. Her troubled mother, Rudy, leaves. One of her twin brothers is involved in an accident, while the other

is deathly ill. Pearl's father hides from what's happening by drinking.

Her dreams slip away. She goes searching for her mother and the truth about her family.

The Client by John Grisham \$7.00 (paperback)
Mark Sway happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. He ends up knowing a secret that could get him killed. The mob will do anything to keep him quiet. His only place to turn is Reggie Love, a young lawyer who agrees to take his case.

Jordan The Man His Words and His Life by:

What does Christmas mean to you?

by April Ramsayer

Christmas means receiving not giving, right? Wrong! The true purpose of Christmas is to give to others and not expect something in return. Christmas has sentimental values to some people, but to others they could care less. It's the time to be with your family and friends. It's the time to give thanks for the love that everyone shares and for the roof that you live under. But the most important reason for Christmas, is that we celebrate Christ's birthday.

It all began when a great census of the world was being taken, in that year which began the Christian era. And Joseph, because he was of the house of David, went with Mary his wife to register in the town of David called Bethlehem. While they were there, Mary brought forth her first born son, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. We all know the beautiful story of how the shepherds came to see the child, guided by a star, and how twelve days later the wise men from the east reached the end of their journey, bringing him gifts of frankincense and myrrh. The

twelfth night is for that reason considered the real end of the Christmas season, when decorations are taken down and, much as we hate to part with it, the Christmas tree must go. It is true, that the birth of Christ began the Christian era. No matter how long we make it last, Christmas is a holiday which never outwears its welcome.

Everyone knows that we celebrate Christmas day on December 25, but no one knows if that is the exact date of Christ's birth.

The Apostles did not record the year of his birth and when the first Christian calendar was worked out in the sixth century, the date was miscalculated by at least four years. Later scholars have determined that Christ's birthday must have been between 7 B.C. and 4 B.C., but it has not been thought necessary to change the calendar to correct the error. Christmas is Christmas, no matter when it began.

Christmas, as you can see, has a great deal of meaning to it. It is a lot more than it appears to be. It has true value to it's name. Sometimes things like Christmas, can be deceiving.

So come on and start giving, and stop all of the receiving.

Mitchell Krugel \$5.99 (paperback)

Krugel takes you behind the scenes, and gives you the inside information on Michael Jordan. From interviews and close

friends you learn what makes him tick. Also in the book some popular questions are answered: such as why he retired, and how he came to grips with his father's murder.

Entertain

Case One: School

Daze

Chapter Two: New faces in the crowd.

by Jesse Vingle

Pitt gnawed greedily at a rubbery bit of flesh. The lunch lady said it was fish, he had his doubts. Yaktree sat staring off into space, chewing on a three day old cheeseburger.

Pitt spoke. "Sivle tells us there's communists in the library. Doesn't make any sense, though. They're so nice."

"Yeah," nodded Yaktree. "I'll bet you a million dollars this is all a big scheme set up by some nefarious alien race, hoping to cause chaos and anarchy and overrun our small planet in the resulting confusion. Were this a perfect world, we would become slaves to said alien race, and all our offspring would be devoured generation after generation. But no, this is life, so we'll most likely be forced to once again save the planet from certain destruction."

Pitt sighed. "It's hard being a hero."

At that moment, a gorgeous brunette approached the table. Flashing her ID, she stated "I'm Special Agent Lizard Queen. I'm your new partner. And, I've got news from Sivle. He says the communists are not an issue at this time." She pulled out an 8x10 glossy of an alien spacecraft. "This craft was found in a deserted field just south of Salem. Aliens have landed, boys, and it's up to us to save the world."

Yaktree and Pitt stood. "I must insist on that million dollars now, Pitt,"

said Yaktree casually, sipping his Lipton Brisk Iced Tea.

"Right..."

Moosehead strolled down the hall, just after sixth period. Leaving the English wing, he noticed an odd sight. A freshman, an innocent little freshman, was apparently getting mauled by a huge ball of snarling green snot. Thinking about helping the poor child, he decided against it. He was already late to class as it was. The small student's cries for help went unheeded as Moosehead hurried to his next class.

Pitt sighed and picked up his walkie-talkie. "Pitt calling Thor, come in Thor. Special Agent Pitt here, requesting Thor's assistance, come in Thor. Over."

The walkie-talkie buzzed to life. "Thor here, what do you want? Over."

"Uhhh, I'm supposed to tell you to follow the supposed communists around a bit. You know, the usual: find out their eating and mating habits, sort through their trash, find out if they have any offspring. Over."

Thor scoffed. "You had to tell me to do that? My friend, I am one weasely step ahead of you. One of the librarians has already given away her communist secrets. Unfortunately, she's no longer communist. Don't quite understand why, though. Over."

Pitt cocked an eyebrow. "She renounced her communistic ways? Over."

"Yeppers," said Thor. "Mrs. Y is no longer communist. We need not worry about her any more. Over."

"Cool. Over."

"See ya later."

Over."

"Yeah. Over."

Sivle handed Yaktree an 8x10 of a huge snarling green ball of snot. "That, my boy, is a smithering blazamorf. These creatures are planning on overtaking Planet Earth. That's why we're here."

Lizard Queen looked at the picture over Yaktree's shoulder. "Hmmm..." she said. "Looks kinda like my cousin. But, Sivle, if the world is overrun by hostile alien life forms, won't we need a little more backup, or at least some nuclear weaponry?"

"Never fear, lass!"

Sivle pulled open his jacket, showing off some thirty-odd bricks of C-4 strapped to his chest. "We've got ways around total world domination. We'll simply sacrifice ourselves for the good of the world. Plus, we've got three new Agents, aside from yourself. Yes Ma'am, Secret Agents Evil, Petro and Strizap-Izon have joined our league. That brings the total to, ummm... eight Agents in all. Eight is more than enough Agents to save the world. Plus, if we need it, we've got another installment of Agents stationed not far away, in Warren. That's another six or seven Agents there. We're all set, ready to meet any opposition."

Yaktree looked at Lizard Queen. "See? Nothing to worry about." He looked at his watch. "Ahhh... almost time to go home."

Thor slipped out of the muffler on Mrs. X's car. Using his Ancient Arts of Concealment Handbook, he had somehow forced himself into the muffler, in a last-ditch attempt to follow Mrs. X home. It had worked, and now he was lying in her front yard, crumpled and hurt. But, he was here to do a job, and his job he would do.

He leapt to his feet and walked over to the garbage cans. Lifting the lid, he was vaguely surprised when he saw a latex Mrs. X Mask staring right back at him. Looking around to make sure no one was watching, he grabbed the mask and slipped it into his pocket.

To be continued...

Christmas Trivia

by April Ramsayer

1) In what year was December 25 selected as the day for Christmas?

Answer: In 349 A.D., Pope Julius Set the date.

2) How many Christmas Cards does the average family send during the holidays?

Answer: 26

3) Christmas is the only religious holiday in America that is also a legal holiday. When did this happen?

4) Eggnog is the custom of what country?

Answer: The United States

5) What does the Word Carol mean?

Answer: It comes from the middle English word "Carolen," Which means "to sing joyously."

6) How many Christmas presents does the average family wrap?

Answer: About 30

Sports

New season wrestlers

by Crystal McCoy

Football ended and now comes wrestling. But, this year it'll be a little different. Coach Hernan, a former Austintown wrestling coach, has taken the place of Coach Janofa. "Coach Hernan is a great coach, but it won't be easy to replace Coach Janofa," said Wayne Benner.

The SHS wrestlers have been preparing for this season in many ways. Some took up other sports to stay in shape. Others lifted weights, ran, and maintained

their weight. Now that the season is about to begin, they're trying to gain weight or lose it. Many say that it isn't easy to lose the weight and that it is much easier to gain.

Nick Bourne said he has set his goals to "being the league champion and qualifying for state tournaments." Others, like Bourne, have been slowly building themselves up to reach their goals. And they will show what they've got at their first match against West Branch on December 13.

A step up for Hernan

by Crystal McCoy

The beginning of a new wrestling season is usually pretty tough for a coach. He must get everyone into shape and in the right weight classes, even when it means losing or gaining weight. When it's your first year of being the new head coach at a new school, it's even more difficult.

Mr. Hernan is the new coach of the SHS wrestlers. He was formerly the wrestling coach in Hubbard he was the assistant coach for Salem two years ago.

As a four year letterman at Youngstown State University, is very qualified for the position.

Hernan wrestled in four National tournaments, and in the Regional Olympics in 1976. Hernan said he hopes to, "win the league every year, and to send several wrestlers to districts and state."

He said, "I'm really excited to be the new head coach. I have so much respect for Coach Janofa. I used to ask him what to do, but it's just a funny feeling not having him around."

Hernan is a well respected coach who shows dedication to his wrestlers, and we wish him and the team the best of luck.

Painted death.

by Jesse Vingle

Now I know we've all played sports, at one time or another. Basketball, baseball and football seem to be the most popular, soccer and volleyball coming in close behind. In my opinion, football's the best of the above mentioned sports, but still, football falls far behind what may soon be the most popular sport around.

Perhaps you've heard of it. A few of you may have even played it. But, what is it? Well, it's called paintball, and it's probably the fastest-paced, most adrenaline-packed sport around.

How do you play? Simple. Dress up in camouflage, put on weird-looking masks, and run around in the woods shooting each other with small, almost solid balls of liquid paint. Now, these balls of paint, when they hit, actually hurt (surprise surprise). That's what makes this game so attractive to many of today's youth. The only other place you can go to run around shooting people with guns is the Armed Forces. You could get killed doing that. This is war, only you can't get your legs blown off or your innards suddenly becoming outterds or anything. It's safe, as long as certain guidelines are followed.

But paintball is fun. Fun to the third degree. It's great. If you've

never tried it, and you don't mind a few bruises here and there, it's the best way to waste an afternoon with about ten other people.

Sure, it's expensive, but it seems you have to pay to play just about any sport these days, right? If you've got the dough, you can play. Although, the price tag is a bit high. A good beginner's gun costs right around \$120, and that's not including the camouflage clothing and the \$65 facemask or the paintballs themselves, which run about \$10 per 150-200 rounds. Plus, there's the CO2, without which the gun won't fire.

Now, if you're still wondering why anyone would want to run around in the woods painting other people to death, then paintball may not be the game for you. But trust me, it is a good way to get rid of stress. And those who have played it all agree it's the greatest sport around.

Of course, when teens get these paintguns, some may get the urge to shoot at innocent people, like old woman drivers or small elementary children. But I know that we Salemites are good, innocent kids, right?

Yeah right.

Well, in closing, if the idea of legally shooting moving targets without killing them sounds like fun to you, I suggest you give paintball a try.

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Sports

RJT College bowl predictions

by Ross Coffee, Jason Humphreys, and Todd McLaughlin

Aloha Bowl, Dec. 25

Ucla 7-4 vs. *Kansas* 9-2
Kansas because they have a good running game and strong defense

Prediction- Kansas

Rose Bowl, Jan. 1

USC 8-2-1 vs. *Northwestern* 10-1
Northwestern has a powerful running game, but is matched by USC's passing game.

Prediction-Northwestern

Fiesta Bowl, Jan. 2

Nebraska 11-0 vs. *Florida* 12-0
The battle of the undefeated as

Tommie Frazier, and Danny Wuerffel go head to head. We feel both teams are evenly matched, but the team that controls the ball will be the victor.

Prediction-Upset, Florida

Alamo Bowl, Dec. 28

Michigan 9-3 vs. *Texas A&M* 8-3
We think Michigan will win because of their strong running game with Tim Biakabutuka.

Prediction-Michigan

Peach Bowl, Dec. 30

Virginia 8-1 vs. *Georgia* 6-5
Virginia because they have a tough defense.

Prediction-Virginia

Sugar Bowl, Dec. 31

Virginia Tech 9-2 vs. *Texas* 10-1-1

We think Virginia Tech will upset Texas.

Prediction-Virginia Tech

Gator Bowl, Jan. 1

Clemson 8-3 vs. *Syracuse* 8-3

Todd thinks they will win because they have Simien Rice and he's an all American Defensive Linemen

Prediction-Syracuse

Florida Citrus, Jan. 1

Ohio State 11-1 vs. *Tennessee* 10-1

Ohio state will win because of their powerful running game and tough defense.

Prediction-Ohio State

Cotton Bowl, Jan. 1

Colorado 9-2 vs. *Oregon* 9-2

We think Colorado because they have a strong passing attack, and a good defense.

Prediction-Colorado

Orange Bowl, Jan. 1

Florida State 9-2 vs. *Notre Dame* 9-2
Florida State will win because they have a strong passing game with Danny Kannel, and a strong running game with Warick Dunn.

Prediction-Florida State

Boy's Basketball getting started

by Todd McLaughlin

The boys basketball team is getting started. They got off on the right foot by starting the season 2-0. They got two big come from behind wins over Beaver Local and

Marlington. Then fell to Youngtown East and the very powerful East Liverpool Potter. "East Liverpool was just to big for

us inside and we couldn't held their post play". coach Longanecker said. "They will be one of the top five teams in the state"

Longanecker added. But the team bounced back and got a big win over Hubbard. The team stands at 3-2 right now and has a

chemistry within the team". Longanecker said. "We have a bright future ahead of us" stated Longanecker.



rough road ahead of them. "I'm pleased with the team" concept this year, we have a lot of

Sports

Faces in the crowd

by Todd McLaughlin and Ross Coffee

Name: Andy Smith
Grade: 11
Number of varsity letters: 3
Sports: Soccer, Baseball
Favorite pro team: Houston Oilers
Favorite athlete: Deon Sanders
Favorite college: Penn State
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Tina Hayes
Favorite music group: Smashing Pumpkins
Future plans: Go to college and play soccer
Things you like about SHS: The people
What would you like to do before you die: Get Erin Helms her dream date with Todd McLaughlin
Who's your hero: Amber Mansour

Name: Abby Hill
Grade: 11
Number of varsity letters: 4
Sports: Soccer, Track, Basketball [2yrs.], Volleyball [1yr.]
Favorite pro team: Cleveland Indians
Favorite athlete: Matt DeBarr
Favorite College: University of North Carolina
Favorite teacher: Mr. Zimmerman
Favorite music group: Bush
Favorite song: Come Down
Future Plans: Go to college, play soccer, become a orthopedic surgeon
Things you like about SHS: Friends and lunch
What would you like to do before you die: skydive
Your hero: Josh Board

Name: Kara Clark
Grade: 12
Number of varsity letters: 6
Sports: Volleyball, Softball
Favorite pro team: Cleveland Browns
Favorite Athlete: Michael Kolich
Favorite College: Ohio University
Favorite teacher: Mr. Bennett
Favorite music group: Ice Cube
Favorite song: Boombastic
Future plans: go to college play volleyball
Things you like at SHS: Michael Kolich, all my friends especially my lunch table and Mr. Bennett
What would you like to do before you die: Learn to be like Mike Kolich
Who's your hero: Emily Drotlett and Kelly Edmond

Name: Michael Kolich (FiFi)
Grade: 12
Number: 3
Sports: Football
Favorite athlete: Kara Clark
Favorite College: Ohio University
Favorite teacher: Mr. Bennet
Favorite music group: K.C/K.E
Favorite song: Rat In a Cage
Future plans: Marry Kara Clark and be a doctor
Things you like at SHS: Kara Clark and Eric Hooper
What would you like to do before you die: Marry Kara Clark
Who's your hero: Kara Clark

Lady Quakers back in action

by Jason Humphreys

The Lady Quakers are struggling to survive the loss of some key players. Jana Stewart, went into the season knowing that she needed knee surgery. She had completed the first two games of the season, but she is hoping to return. The Quakers are 2-2 in the season and 0-1 in the MAC after suffering a 3 point 44 -41 loss to Canfield in the last few seconds. Emily Mlinarcik is the



only remaining Senior this year. There are seven Juniors. The Juniors include Sarah Sommers, Shelby Perry, Jana Stewart, Amy Englert, Sarah Fennema, Melanie L'Italian, Casey Fisher, and one sophomore, Courtney Pilch. Captains are Emily Mlinarcik and Jana Stewart. Mlinarcik commented, "Each game we're improving and we've stepped up each game. Even though we're inexperienced, everyone is doing a great job in every game."

JV Team Pictured