The end of geometry as we know it?

by Tracy Drake

"Mr. Bosu, you forgot!" I exclaim, after searching the whole building for him.

"Oh! That's right," he says foolishly, as he walks out of the teachers' lounge. "Tracy, I just forget things. That's why I'm retiring." He starts laughing.

"Seriously?" I ask.

"No, not seriously." Actually, Mr. Ken Bosu is seriously considering retirement simply because he has put in almost thirty years of service as a teacher. He says he is "98% sure" that this school year will be his last. It has been twenty-seven years at Salem High School, and all Mr. Bosu has to say is, "It's just time to retire."

It has been a challenge for Mr. Bosu. After all, he teaches the dreaded Geometry course, a problem area for many students. But many students and teachers will tell you that he has handled it well. From my own personal experience, I had never gotten an A in any math class ever until Geometry class my sophomore year.

The greatest honor Mr. Bosu has gotten from teaching is seeing his students after graduation, and the success that they have achieved. "I've had several students who have gone on to very successful careers," Mr. Bosu hopes that he has contributed to their success. He also believes that he has served the school well, and he hopes others think that, too.

However, there is a downside to being a geometry teacher. "I dislike grading papers," Mr. Bosu says. That is okay, because many students dislike doing papers.

As for life after retirement, Mr. Bosu says he is going to "maybe work part-time, relax...and play golf. I would like to go to Florida or Arizona for the first three months of each year." Mrs. Bosu says Mr. Bosu likes to do many things (they both enjoy nice weather, golfing, and bowling), so he won't have nothing to do. They aren't planning on moving, though, because their family is in Salem.

Mrs. Bosu also says her husband is going to spend a lot of his time with his two grandsons, Kenny and Lance, who are 12 and 10 years old. "They're his pride and joy," she says.

The last day of school for Mr. Bosu will likely be a sad, yet proud day for him. "I will be somewhat sad," he says, "and relieved."

According to The Book of Holidays by J. Walker McSpadden and The American Book of Days by George William Douglas, March 17 was not the day Saint Patrick was born, but the day he died. Modern Catholic scholars placed his birth year as 385 AD and the year of his death as 461 AD. This makes him seventy-six years old when he died, not well over a hundred as the legends have it.

March 17 is Ireland's greatest national holiday as well as holy day. Wherever Irish people live, the day is known for high spirits and deep feeling; a colorful, joyful occasion which nobody wants to miss.

This great festival of national and religious devotion isn't just "a great day for the Irish", but for all of us.

Saint Patrick's life is so thickly strewn with loving legends that separating the historical from the imaginative is difficult. Legends also spread faster than fact. We have all heard...that Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland. Many of us have read how the sun refused to set for twelve whole days and nights after he died, but stood perfectly still as not to bring a new day without him. Relatively few of us, however, know the actual facts of his life.

Saint Patrick's Day has also been of agricultural significance in Ireland. It is the day when the stocks are driven out into the pastures for the summer. "Saint Patrick turns the warm side of the stone uppermost," the old Irish saying has it, and farmers start planting their potatoes on that day. The very earth of Ireland, the crops and cattle, follow him.

Saint Patrick's Day to you and me is a day to have fun by wearing green and going around giving a little pinch to those without green. Of course, we all want to find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. So all of you, on March 17, look for a rainbow and only dream where it ends and what will be found there.

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The torch burns on by Janet Metts

As most people know, it is time once again for the Olympic Games, and for the first time in 12 years they will be held in the U.S., in Atlanta, Georgia. But what most people don’t know is how and why the traditional Games were started.

In 776 B.C. the Games were dedicated to the Greek God Zeus. People thought the training would bring honor, discipline, and friendliness between nations. These Games had been going on for 2,700 years till they were discontinued in 393 A.D., and weren’t started up again till 1896 by a Frenchman, and have been going on every Olympiad since (an Olympiad is the first year of a four year cycle).

During the Olympics there are certain traditions that are done. First of all, relay runners starting from Olympia, Greece and go to where the games are to start, to light the torch for the Olympic Games. During the running, a plane or ship is used when necessary to travel across water or other obstacles. A torch is carried which is lit by the rays of the sun while the runners are running, and the torch stays lit till the end of the Games. Another tradition is a parade that is held with the President or the Monarch of the Host Country who walks in with all the athletes which are in National groups. When the Games are over they all enter the stadium together to represent unity.

Participation in the Olympics is a very challenging, but honorable position to be in. These athletes are very goal-oriented, and have very positive attitudes. In a way that is somewhat of a requirement to participate.
A great olympian’s last Olympics
by Jenni Brown

Jackie Joyner-Kersee will be making her last Olympic appearance during the upcoming Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia. Kersee has had more obstacles discouraging her athletic ability than most people could have taken. With the support of her family, friends and fans Joyner-Kersee has overcome the obstacles and became the world’s greatest female athlete.

The neighborhood Jackie Joyner-Kersee grew up in had little for children to do. There was a recreation center, but Jackie was too young to go there. One man gave her a place to go. He let Jackie come to the recreation center even though she was not old enough. Jackie ran with the older girls and was soon passing them. That one person who gave a little girl a place to play, also gave her a very bright future.

The obstacles this athlete has overcome are amazing. She has had injury after injury, minor hassles with the sponsors, not to mention her asthma, which never fails to give Kersee some trouble at competitions. Jackie has had races where her asthma has filled her mind with the distracting fear of death instead of the race.

Kersee were staying in the same hotel as the big time Olympic sponsors, the Coke executives. Joyner-Kersee, who represents 7-Up, had to dash and dodge through the hotel because everyone was trying to snap her picture. A friendly fan handed Jackie a cool cup of water in a paper Coke cup on the practice field one day. “Agh, I can’t drink that,” was her response.

Once Jackie and her coach/husband, Bob

While competing in the heptathlon during the 1988 Olympics in Seoul Jackie Joyner-Kersee had many ups and downs. She cruised to an easy victory in the 100-meter hurdles, the first of seven events. But during the high jump Kersee strained her left patellar tendon trying to clear the bar raised only 6’1”. This was her second worst performance of her career. She was behind the world-record by 87 points. She was able to gain 11 points in the shot put, but they were soon gone after her slow time in the 200-meter run where she lost 27 points. After the first day she was winning by 181 points, but still behind her record pace by 103 points.

That night everything was done to help the injured knee. She had ice, ultrasound, a cross-fiber massage and slept with a mild electric current running through her knee. Bob Kersee said, “some people wrote of the world record after the first day. They were the people who didn’t know Jackie.”

The next day Jackie did very well in the long jump, and then lost 86 points in the javelin throw. “The knee was sore. I wasn’t using the legs. I was just aiming,” said Jackie after her throw. With a promise to her fans, she had to give her best in the 800. She did that by running an outstanding time of 2:08.51, her best time ever. This was good enough to give her a world-record score of 7,291.

The Seoul Olympics were over, but Jackie’s athletic career was not even close to an end. Jackie competed in the 1992 Olympics and will be competing in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jackie did not perform as well as she would have liked in the past outdoor and indoor track seasons. She has accomplished many outstanding goals and it is time for a break. This will be the last Olympics for Jackie Joyner-Kersee. After all what else could she accomplish, the only records she could break are her own.
Concerns

Speaking from experience

by Shawna Smith

School is a place to get an education. It is where you start your dreams and goals for the future. Back in the old days you did not have to finish school in order to succeed in life. But today is the future and we must strive to finish school in order to succeed in life. School is the start of our careers in life. "In order to achieve your goals, or even try to achieve your goals, you need to finish school," says Robert Smith, a former High school student.

Smith quit school February 3, 1995. He had planned on moving to Finlay to go to school at Liberty Benton. A job opportunity opened up for him, and instead of going to school he went to work at a shop called Hisan. Smith then realized that he couldn't pursue anything by staying at Hisan and decided to move back to Salem where he could enroll at the SHS again to further up his education. Much to his dismay, there are policies here at the SHS that must be followed.

1) If you are 18 and drop out of school and want to return, you must be able to complete all your credits in one year.
2) If you are 18 and drop out of school and want to return, and can not make up all your credits in one year, then the SHS recommends vocational school. This way the person can get training as well.
3) If you are 18 and drop out of school, and have a full time job but want to return to school. The SHS recommends getting your G.E.D. Being 18 is considered legally an adult. An adult's work schedule is full time. Therefore, interrupting the full time school schedule that is required by students.

Robert Smith decided to get his G.E.D. His plans are to go to Culinary school and the Military. Smith says, "It's hard to pursue your life without having a diploma. If I can change one thing I would have not dropped out of school."

Students who think about dropping out of school should reconsider. Getting a job is hard, especially if you don't have your diploma. The society is changing rapidly. People need to become more educated. If people would become more clear about how the society works as a whole maybe then there would be less drop outs. As Smith says, "I have one thing to say, and that is to stay in school." Take it from advice from the experience.

What car do you drive?

by T.A. Szwedko

What is the most popular thing to do when you get a new car? The only thing that comes to mind is cruising. The activity of cruising has been around since the invention of the high performance automobile. It gives you a chance to be with your friends and see the town. But the one reason to cruise State Street is to see all the cars whose owners have spent day and night working on their pride and joy. Whether you drive a Candy Apple Red Trans Am or a beat up pick-up truck, a car can show personality.

The questions for a few S.H.S students and staff were what kind of car they drive, why they drive it, and if they thought it fit their personality. Most answers were negative, but if they had the car they wanted, we'd have a lot full of sports cars. Here's what some of them said:

Craig Apinis-Dodge Daytona-"I can fit alot in it."
Mr.Bennett-Pontiac Grand Prix-"It had everything I was looking for."
Tim Lucas-Oldsmobile Omega-"I got it for my birthday."
Brianne Gray-Ford Tempo-"It's what my mommey got me."
Sarah Guappone-Pontiac Sunbird-"Cheap."

Shawn Devan-85 Monte Carlo-"It's the greatest Chey made."
Tom Capel-Olds Cierra-"I could afford it."
Janel Agee-Ford Tempo-"Free"
Chris Mayhew-Pontiac Grand Am-"No, I want a 96 Z-28."
Vince Logan-Lamborgini Countach-"It's in the shop right now."
Pat Greenemeyer-76 Malibu-"It's big and long."
Mr.Shivers-Plymouth Station Wagon-"It was inexpensive and it is my work car."
The need for money
by Theresa Frazier

SHS students get money through various ways. Some people have jobs or parents who will support them until they are 18, even if they can get a job and are just too lazy or feel that their great lives in Salem take up too much time restricting them from going out and looking for a job. A lot of students at SHS have after school jobs though. Although some of the SHS students say their parents do not give them money even if they do not have a job because they do not need it, or they can not afford to just dish it out to them.

SHS students need to learn the responsibility of having a job. Having a job teaches a lot of responsibility through learning to manage your money and time efficiently. You also need to make sure that you are going to sleep at a reasonable time so that you can go to school, without falling asleep while your sitting through your classes, and keep good grades. Below is what type of an allowance SHS students get, if any.

Rachel McCoy- If your in high school, and can work, get a job.
Robert Zeck - $20 a week and I have a job
Diane DeFazio- At one time my parents loved me, and they gave me allowance, nowadays, they’ve banded together with a bunch of aliens and certain members of the CIA and decided not to bother anymore. But maybe one day they’ll snap out of it, right?! Cortez Monford- $30 a week
Devon Cleland- I am a slave
Bert Barker- I don’t get blank
Scott Beamer- I get whatever I want!
Casey Collins- I don’t believe in chores and allowances, it is against my religion.
Beth Sowers- I don’t, I get money when I want or need it.
Dan Polishay- My parents give me Spanish currency, hoping I will flee the country.
Sean Gibson- Zip (occasional spankings)
Liz Russell- My parents give me a bread crumb a day if I do all of my chores, if not I receive severely cruel and unusual punishments.

Angie Carlisle- I have a job I don’t get allowance

Love at first sight
by Lisa Hardin

Love - need I say it? - is what it’s all about. John Langone, in his book Like, Love, Lust: A View of Sex and Sexuality, looks at love as a “solid sterling, glittering gold and sparkling diamond of our emotions, the universal human experience that evaluates the spirit, quickens the pulse, makes silky putty of the brain and parting such sweet sorrow. It is the warm positive feeling we have for another, a feeling that includes a desire to remain close to, to touch, that person. It can also make us sick and jealous and even suicidal.” According to Langone, it has been known to turn into its opposite, hate, or co-exist with it.

John Langone states that scientists have search for ways to enhance love and for a chemical that would be known as the love potion. Langone says the only things scientists have noticed was the feelings people have when they see their love at first sight. They get heart palpitations, flushing, and heavy breathing. This is a feeling that people call love.

It is no wonder, amid all the inappropriate uses of the word, that so often love is a synonym for lust, for having sex, a four-letter word that changes the meaning of making love to “making out.”

Moreover, there’s also the existing question, is there love after first sight?

Some individuals stated there could be lust at first sight, but not love. This is probably the truth. If you think about it, could you really just spot someone across the room and say, I love you. How could it be if you didn’t know a thing about him or her?

Love, at first sight, is this possible? This was a question posed to a group of males and females in their late teens and early twenties recently.

Some argued that it was an unknown subject for people who don’t have a love at first sight, or even a loved one at all. One person said, “God made a special person for our own status that fits us like a key and lock, and that is able to see the affection for one another through the eyes deep into the soul.”

Mr. Esposito believes in and has been a victim of love at first sight. He believes that it is the attraction that brings people together. He is still with his love at first sight Mrs. Esposito. It is now 24 years that they have been together.

Scientists have done a study to determine if love is needed from the very start. Is it necessary to be loved to know how to love? Scientists gave new born babies to foster mothers to raise without a word spoken to them, or any display of love and affection. The babies without love eventually died. Scientists have not been able to actually determine the words, the meaning, nor could they describe the feeling. It is a proven fact, that we could not live without love.
Political correctness
by Sara Caplinger

Why is it that when one walks into a room filled with girls it is appropriate to say, "hey guys," yet it is offensive to walk into a room full of guys and say, "hey girls?" It is socially correct, but in terms of being politically correct it is wrong.

Political correctness is the use of correct terminology that is not seen as sexist, racist or offensive to any social class. Examples of political correctness are:

Socially correct - Politically correct

waitress server
stewardess flight attendant
broken family binuclear family
bankruptcy positive restructuring
dwarf person with androplasia
handicap physically/mentally challenged
blind visually impaired
fired, unemployed, uninstalled, unassigned, decruited
liar factually challenged

These words are just a handful of words circulated throughout our country.

This new trend of terminology has gone as far as deleting the line "don we now our gay apparel" from the famous Christmas song Deck the Halls because it refers back to cross dressing and homosexuals. Oxford University Press recently wrote a politically correct version of the New Testament and Psalms. The Lords prayer now starts, "Our father-mother in Heaven, "Thy right hand up holds me" from the sixty-third Psalms upset the left handed people. So the Psalm was changed to "Your strong hand up holds me. Last, "kingdom" a male dominate word is now "dominion."

Political correctness is on the rise in the nineties. Not only has it improved us but made us a stronger nation. Political correctness has made people more aware of the many cultures that surrounds our country. It has also took a part of eliminating racism and sexism. Overall, it has allowed people to become more excepting of others with different religious and sexual preferences.

Information for this story was taken from "PC crimes and misdemeanors" by John Leo from U.S. News and World Report.
Save our animals

by Katie Frank

I have been working at the Salem Area Humane Society ever since I was in fifth grade, doing volunteer services. That’s a long time, and believe me, I’ve seen almost everything possible.

I have to say, first and foremost, that we do not kill our animals when we run out of room. The only time we would put them to sleep would be if they were sick and in pain. When the rooms get filled to capacity, which is rare, the workers are asked to bring some pets home (this is how I got my mutt, who was dumped off on Sharp street as a puppy). We care and love for every cat, dog, horse, rabbit, cow, pony, pig, ferret, raccoon and chicken there is.

If anyone can think of an evil act done to an animal, then I and the others who work here have probably seen it. Our office dog was brought in about a month ago. He was saved from a farm where he was sick, starved and covered in mud. Bo, a German shepherd/husky, weighed in at only 30 pounds. His ribs stuck out from his filthy hide.

Now, he is up to about sixty five pounds, which is still light for his breed. We have a cat that was shot in the eye with an arrow and a cow who was saved from a farm where several other cows had already starved to death. If these acts were against humans then it would be front line news. But since they are animals, people tend to think this is not a problem.

If dealing with abusive owners and idiotic people isn’t enough, we also have to deal with the local dog pounds. When we can, we go up to the pounds to save some animals, but often we just can’t. A cat doesn’t have a prayer in the place, but a dog may live up to a week. Thursdays are death days, where numerous animals are rounded up in a room. The big dogs attack the little dogs while they are hellishly being killed from the carbon monoxide of a truck. They are then buried all together in pits; sometimes they are all not entirely dead. It may sound exaggerated, but these Dachaus (that’s a concentration camp) for your pets are just like that. Fortunately, caring people in the county have found out what happens behind the walls and are fighting back.

But while there are so many depressing sights to see at Salem Area Humane Society, there is also plenty of good. Not many things are better than watching an animal who was near death come make to life, turning into a beautiful pet.

Whenever I walk into the cat room (where I work most at), I’m greeted by sixty smiling, loving faces. It’s like an ego rush; going to a place where everyone adores you, even if they are cats. All the animals there are like family, and even though we’re all glad to see them get homes, we also get a little sad.

But people now must know something— they MUST spay or neuter their pets. There is no longer an option around this. Too many innocent animals are murdered because their owners didn’t care enough to fix them. If you see an animal that looks abused, call the shelter. Write to county officials and tell them that you are concerned about the inhumane treatment of cats and dogs at the pound. Hurry, because Thursday comes every week.

Lucky charms

by Michelle Roberts

Since St. Patrick’s Day is right around the corner, what better way to celebrate it than to talk about charms. Good, or even bad, luck charms have been around for centuries. When a person has a charm, they can bring the luck upon themselves or others.

Although modern science and technology say that these talisman do not work, most people believe they do. Rabbit feet, lucky stones, socks and clothing, drawings, hexes, crosses are all examples of conventional good and bad charms which lots of people carry around.

I asked several students at SHS about their own personal luck charms or about their luck in general. Here are a few of the responses that I received.

Cathy Grimm (10) - I have absolutely no luck! I’m the unluckiest person in Salem!
Amanda Olson (12) - I haven’t won the lottery yet...
John Phillips (11) - I’m so unlucky that I get to live in good old Salem! (real lucky, huh?)
Sarah Frank (11) - My cat, Mickey, is my lucky charm, and because of him, I WILL pass Algebra 2.

Kelly Kettell (12) - My unlucky charm is my lucky charm.
Sean Gibson (12) - I got a scratch ‘n win game (Bank Shot) and I scratched off the first block and it said “OT win”, which means double prize. When I scratched off the prize, it said 1 dollar! It’s because I work at Burger King!

So let the luck o’ the Irish be with you!
Who kidnapped Mr. Jeckavitch? Part One
by Katie Frank

When the phone rang, Detective Charlie Zek was sitting at his desk, drinking his fourth cup of black coffee. It was a rather slow day, a good day to kick back and do nothing at all. He had just gotten back from a short trip to his home town, and wasn't quite ready to settle down and work again. Zek looked over at the receiver for a moment, staring at it as though he had never heard it ring before; he didn't expect any calls today. March wasn't the most exciting month for him and his young partner, Detective Alisha Malone. But, he just sighed and picked up the phone.

"Hello, Zek and Malone Private Investigators, Zek speaking," he said monotonely.

"Is this Charles Zek?" A voice asked. It sounded like a man, and it was familiar, but he had no idea who it was.

"Yes it is."

"You probably don't remember me, Charles. But this is your old high school principal, Mr. McShane." Zek jumped. "Oh, Mr. McShane. Yeah, I remember you. It's been awhile, hasn't it?"

"Too long, I think. I haven't heard about you for the longest time, and when I found out you went into law enforcement... I knew you'd be able to help me."

The man's voice seemed disturbed, and Zek was curious.

"Why? Is something the matter?" The detective asked.

"Do you remember Mr. Jeckavitch?"

"Sure I do. I had him for four years. It's been eons since I picked up a trumpet, though. Is he still teaching band?"

There was an odd silence that bothered Zek. "Mr McShane?"

"Mr Jeckavitch disappeared Friday after school. Nobody knows where he is, we're be went. The police are saying that he just skipped town, but I can't believe that. Anyone who knows Mr. Jeckavitch knows that. But the police can't turn up any evidence that says he was kidnapped. I'm at my wit's end, Charles. And I knew if no one else was going to search for him, I had better do it myself. Then when I found you. Since you are a former Salem student, I thought... I know that it's a long way for you to come here, Chicago to Salem, but if you could take this case I would greatly appreciate it."

And money's no problem." Zek reclined in his chair. "So, Mr. J just disappeared. I don't like the sound of that. I just got back from a trip, but for you, I'll take it."

Mr. McShane breathed a sigh of relief. "Thank you. Thank you very much."

"Me 'n my partner, Malone, will catch a flight today; we'll be in Salem by tomorrow morning. You can tell me the details of the case then."

"Okay, okay. I'll meet you in my office tomorrow at around two. And thanks again."

"You bet. Bye."

Malone stuck her head in from the other room. "What was that all about?"

"Pack your stuff. We're heading for Ohio."

"Oh, really?"

"We're leaving tomorrow."

"Really?"

"Really."

"Bye."

"Bye."

"Good night."
Club Activities
French Club
Advisor: Mrs. Arter
Celebrated Mardi Gras with a party.
Now planning spring activities including the banquet.

Yearbook
Advisor: Mrs. Hays
Collecting pages to meet deadlines. Had concession stand on March 8.

Letters to Bosnia
by Jim Treharn
Congressman James Traficant asked Salem High School to show our support to the troops in Bosnia by participating in the national Operation Valentine. Student Council Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman officers coordinated the project. Student Council supplied paper, and postage for all letters written and turned in before February 29, 1996.

Student Council wanted to get the entire school involved. Our English department teachers, Mr. Esposito, Mrs. Esposito, Mr. Ladner, Mr. Lantz, Mr. Mucci, Mr. Powers, and Mr. Vienneck agreed to ask their students to write letters. Mr. Martinelli and Miss Yereb's art classes made Valentines with meaningful messages. Student Council received a total of 552 letters and cards.

Freshmen Student Council Members separated, boxed, and mailed the letters on February 29.

If any one wants to write additional letters, they can be mailed to: NO GREATER LOVE; c/o OPERATION JOINT ENDEAVOR, APO AE 09391 (for Army, air Force, Marines (Land Forces) ==因为我= NO GREATER LOVE; c/o OPERATION JOINT ENDEAVOR; FPO AE 09392 (for Navy and Marines (Mobile Forces).

Good Teen Day art show opens
The 1996 National Good Teen Day Art Show had its formal opening on Sunday, March 10, at The Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown. The one day showing was at 1:00 with a ceremony and reception. Later the art show will be on display at Bliss Hall, Youngstown State University for a two week run beginning March 11 to the 25.

The keynote speaker was Dick Wooten, an author currently working on a book about Charles Burchfield's early life. The title of the speech is: "Charles Burchfield: Greatness Knows Many Hometowns."

National Good Teen Day originated in Salem, Ohio in 1992. It was created to focus on the inherent good in America's teenagers. The inspiration for the day comes from a quote from Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States. "When you look for the good in man, you'll always find it."

In a proclamation issued from the White House, President William Clinton said: "The choices teens make today will determine the future for all of us, and we must strive to set an example of hard work and responsible behavior. On the occasion of National Good Teen Day, we pause to recognize the teens who set just such an example for their peers—young people who make valuable contributions to our society, bringing their remarkable talents and energies to bear in their studies and activities, and caring for their families and friends, and in helping their communities. We can learn a lot from these youths, from the creativity, optimism, resilience that enable them to navigate the complex path to adulthood."

U.S. Congressman James A. Traficant, Jr. is the national spokesperson for the day. He has been instrumental in getting recognition in both Congress and the White House. In a recent statement, he said: "I join the citizens of the district in saluting President Clinton, President Bush and more than 250 Congressmen and Congresswomen who have recognized the merits of national Good Teen Day and have consistently supported it."

This is the second year The National Good Teen Day Art Show was open to any high school student currently enrolled in an Ohio high school. The chairman for the event is Anthony G Martinelli. He remarked: "the National Good Teen Day Art Show is an excellent way to showcase the artwork of America's talented teenagers."
Phil’s day off
by Jim Treharn

Well here it is, the story you have all been waiting for—Ground Hog Day ‘96. Just a short little trip on over to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania to see Phil the world’s oldest weatherman. Phil is not just your ordinary ground hog. He lives in a one of a kind heated room at the local Punxsutawney library and never hibernates like ordinary ground hogs. Once a year he is handled by the Secret Society so he can be presented on February 2 at 7:15 a.m. and tell the members the forecast for the end of winter.

This year Bill Gower and I went to see the rodent, braving negative temperatures and a two mile uphill walk, so we could return and give you a first-hand view of Phil’s special day. We left Thursday, after school, for what was to become a very interesting trip. The actual act of getting over to Brookville, a town near Punxsutawney and the location of our motel, only took about two hours. Upon checking in and unpacking we left in search of the night life in the booming town of 20,000 people. To our amazement the town was actually alive after 5:00 p.m., unlike Salem, and we quickly located the local establishments. After a great night we returned to the motel and slept, dreaming of the impending appearance of Phil.

The next morning we left for Punxsutawney, a trip that only took about 20 minutes. Looking at the town in all of its splendor reminded me of driving through Lisbon and Salem back-to-back with a sprinkling of Leetonia throughout. Eventually we arrived at Gobblers Knob which is the place of Phil’s emergence. Parking, we began our long, cold, and steep ascent to the actual spot where Phil was awaiting us. After the festivities and Phil seeing his shadow (which means six more weeks of winter) we returned to the motel and then home. Unfortunately, I allowed Bill to drive and instead of the 2 hours, we returned in only one hour and 45 minutes. The trip itself was worth the 2 Saturday detentions and the missed assignments, but I wouldn’t recommend it to anyone else in the near future, unless you enjoy blowing your Saturday sitting in detention.

We sadly left Punxsutawney around noon and began the journey back to town, stopping at various shops along the way, making sure to give ourselves the time to see the world’s largest ground hog.

The Quaker
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Casting for “Damn Yankees”
by Beth Arnotto

The cast for the play “Damn Yankees” has been chosen. Those students include...

Joe Boyd-Mike Newman
Meg Boyd-Addie Clutter
Mr. Applegate-Steve Jenkins
Sister-Katie Frank
Doris-Diane DeFazio
Joe Hardy-Matt Newman
Lola-Mandy Simon
Gloria Thorpe-Regan Hendricks
Van Buren-Ryan Ferreri
Rocky-Mike Newman
Smokey-Chad Hofmann
Henry-Dan Polshaw
SoHovik-Chad Wilson
Linvile-Nick Ferreri
Welch-Kyle Markovich
Bryan-Jim Cosma
Vernon-Rich Grinstad
Bouley-Ryan Smith
Lowe-Jason Bungard
Mickey-Tom Jenkins
Lynch-Devon Cleland
Miss. Weston-Sarah Frank
Commissioner-Mr. Janofa
Baseball fans, singers, and dancers

Stephanie Beltempo, Devon Cleland, Katie Cleland, Beth Cole, Annie Crowgey, Jennifer Dean, Diane DeFazio, Alisia Dumovie, Celeste Elliott, Jen Fawcett, Katie Frank, Erin Fritz, Hannah Fritzmen, Stacey Gardner, Stephanie Godfrey, Quinn Hazen, Lia Irizarry, Jackie King, Jackie Mong, Lori Pim, Liz Russell, Stacey Schneider, Alicia Stittle, Ragan Thompson, Sarah Tomidajewicz, and Pam Williamson.
I went to the 7Mary 3 concert at the Odeon in Cleveland, that is a truly embarrassing thing to admit. I hate 7M3! I went to see the opener Poe (and the tickets were free.) Poe should have been the head liner. Poe agreed with me when I stated this fact. They don’t even like 7M3 and they are on tour with them! Poe stole the show.

The high lights: Poe singing the alt-rock quintessential classic Jane Says by alt-rock gods Jane’s Addiction, the lead singer of Poe Poe her self stage diving, Poe’s hot Norwegian guitarist Toby, and Poe’s Cello-player Cameron. While Poe was singing Jane Says the crowd went crazy and everyone around me was singing along. Poe opened up with their most personal song That Day, and the crowd didn’t know what to do, because it is such a beautiful song. They did a hard edged version of Dolphin that the crowd loved. And, of course, every one was into it when they sang their hit song Trigger Happy Jack, “Can’t talk to a psycho like a normal human being.” Poe dedicated Trigger Happy Jack to all the boyfriends in the audience. She dedicated their song Beautiful Girl to all of the girls in the audience.

Everyone thought that that cool sound was a bass with fuzz. They have musically untrained ears. The heavy wailing/thumping sound that is characteristic of Poe is actually a cello with distortion.

Now comes the important part, how I escaped the terrible southern drawling, or should I say drooling, of 7M3. 7M3 is a very icky thing and they are very ugly in person. They are all as old as my parents, fat, fashionably challenged and sweaty. I got to go back stage and hang out with Poe! It took a lot of begging, pleading, and luck. I was at the right place at the right time and now I am on first name basis with Poe the band, Poe the singer, her brother the camera man, her drummer, her cello player, her guitarist, and her publicist.

Everyone calls the lead singer Poe, even her brother. Her real name is actually Annie. But it isn’t a rock star head trip, the Detroit native seemed very nice and down to earth in person. When I met her she gave me a hug after I told her that she was beautiful.

The band members were all actually very human. They talked about how they were tired from all of the incessant travel. They also talked about how nice it was to just sit and actually talk to people. The cellist, a California native, told me how much he misses the sun. He and Toby, the guitarist, even spent their free time in Cleveland in a tanning salon. They were fantasizing about the beach!

Then came the high light of the evening for me. 7M3 was finally done, the crowd was finally out of their misery and they came backstage. I was still backstage. I ignored famous people! It was a very liberating experience to finally fully display my musical snobbery. I was the only person in sight not fawning over them. To reiterate what I said earlier, they are very unpleasing to the sight and nasal senses.

That is my story. I met Poe, talked to them for awhile, ate all of the black olives in their dressing room and a banana too. I hope that some day everyone will be as lucky as me. The finale of the evening was me actually walking them to their tour bus. Cameron said that he had a very good evening. He said he wanted to end it by doing something crazy, so, that he would remember it for a long time. He suggested that he hop into one of the fluorescent orange construction barrels and we roll him into the street. We wouldn’t, so I hugged him one last time and left. It was a very sad goodbye because for one night I felt like I actually had famous friends and most particularly a famous cello-playing friend.

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Big Brother, watching out for you? Or just watching?

You have no privacy, no security, no life, thanks in part to this country’s wonderfully corrupt government.

Your life, your actions, your thoughts and views, are at all times being affected by the government. Mass media: television, radio, newspapers. These mediums don’t tell you what you want to know. They tell you what the government wants you to know, what the government says you’re allowed to know.

When you buy something, it’s recorded into a computer somewhere. Libraries keep track of what you read, video stores know which movies you rent. Banks keep all your account information in computers. Everything from the crimes you have committed to the brand of cat food you feed your cat is recorded in a computer.

The government, at the same time it promises you freedom, equality, and above all, privacy, can tap into those computers and take a look at your life.

These computers also contain information the government doesn’t want you to know: top-secret agencies spending taxpayer’s money on top-secret things. Nuclear weapons, chemical warfare. Cloning humans.

The government lets society take a part in its decision-making, but it is a small part indeed compared to the number of actions the government takes without the public’s awareness. Voters may vote on things which had already been decided months before.
People are watching you!

by April Ramsayer

* glad it didn't happen to me
** people are still talking about it
*** really embarrassing
**** totally humiliating

Some of the worst things happen to the best of us. People hope that no one has seen them, but they always are watching. No matter how you try to run away from the fact that you just did something really stupid, you can't. No matter how you try to hide the red in your face, you can't. Like I said, someone is always watching you. Just face the fact that usually everyone, whether they admit it or not, has had some incident that they can't escape. I have some students here who would like to tell you a few of their most embarrassing moments. I'm glad they didn't happen to me.

I am going to start them out with one of my many stupid moves.

April Ramsayer: "I was in the Alliance Burger King with my friends. In order to use the restroom you have to walk by people. Well, in my case the people happened to be hot guys. I tried to play it off as if I didn't notice them. I was concentrating on them from the corner of my eye, so much that I failed to notice the slippery when wet sign. Well, I got their attention, all right, when I slid right into a wall and landed on my butt. Oh, I was totally humiliated." ***

Christina Mullen: "I was at the Johnny Appleseed Festival with my friends. I was walking down the sidewalk by two good looking guys. I had a can of pop in one hand and a caramel apple in the other. I tripped and fell over a rock. I got up and the caramel apple was stuck to my head and the pop split all over me. One of the guys helped me up, but was laughing like crazy." ****

Josh Ott: "I was in an elevator with, whom I thought was my mom, and a bunch of strangers. I just kind of turned my head to the side without looking at the person and whispered, "mom, I just farted." I felt something really weird and people were laughing. I turned around and it wasn't my mom, and it wasn't a fart. ****

Merry Heineman & Erin Engler: "We were rollerblading down State St. Erin had a tennis skirt on. Erin tripped and rolled on to State street and fell. Everyone had to swerve around her and saw her underwear. I went to help her up, and I fell too." ***

Erin Helms: "My most embarrassing moment would have to be when I was a Freshman. I was walking down the hall, caring a can of paint. Well, the lid wasn't on tight enough and the whole thing spilled all over me. I had to go the rest of the day looking like a smurf." ***

Regan Hendricks: "I was playing on a church basketball team at an away game. It was game point and everyone was cheering. I was really nervous because they were screaming my name and counting on me to win it. Just then, I went to take a shot, and that was when I won the game, but for the opposite team. I was humiliated." ***

Lisa Keglor: "I was at the Southern Park Mall with all of my friends. Someone said something really funny. I felt like I had to do number one, and then I did. I made a mess all over the shoes in Kaufmans." ****

Micheal Kaiser: "One night, it was really late out, my boyfriend and I were lying on the hood of my car. He was tickling me. I felt the urge to suddenly use the restroom. I tried as hard as I could. I told him I was going to pee, but he still tickled me. I knew it, just my luck, I made a mess all over him, and he had to wear that uniform to work." ****

Robert Zeck: "I was at the Boardman Skate Connection about two months ago. I didn't know why I was there, because I hardly know how to skate. I started getting a little bit better as each song passed. I was mad, because everyone that knew how to skate was dancing. There were a lot of hot girls in the center of the floor and I wanted to dance to impress them. I was going and I started to get a good rhythm. I was trying to get their attention so hard that I did a 180 and landed on my butt. I was totally humiliated."****

Liz Russell: "I was walking to school with my friends. I had headphones on, so I couldn't hear everyone laughing. Then I saw one of my friends laughing and I took off my headphones. I wanted to know what she was laughing at and she pointed to the back of my dress. I felt back there and my whole entire skirt was tucked into my underwear."

The Award goes to.....

by Jennifer Weingart

Tis 'the season for giving and receiving. No, it's not Christmas, it's the 38th Annual Grammy Awards. Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men opened the show with their chart topping hit, "One Sweet Day." But unfortunately for Carey it wasn't a sweet day. Despite six nominations, she ended up without a single Grammy.

Newcomer Joan Osborne also didn't have a good night either. Osborne ended the night with six nominations and nothing to show for it. She performed, "One of Us" off her current album, "Relish." It's no wonder that she didn't win. The other musicians that she was up against are known for more than one song. Can you say one-hit wonder? Seal came out a winner with 3 awards;

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Seal came out a winner with 3 awards;

Record of the Year, Song of the Year and Best Male Pop Vocal Performance. He performed, "Kiss from a Rose." It's a good thing that he didn't sing that bad on the recording or, it would

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Case One: School Daze
Chapter Four: Mass Hysteria

Yaktree watched as the blood flowed freely from his arm into the plastic hose connected to his vein. As students passed out to the left and right, he turned up the volume on his headphones and felt at home. Lizard Queen sat at his side, hooked up to a similar hose. A Red Cross bleeped the "big" four letter word.


Shania Twain won Best Country Performance by a Group for "That I've Loved Most." She wondered, "Do you pay off? Did she come from? Who is she? Where did she get it?" It actually works. That plastic has been discovered, the end is near! The end is now!!

Pitt glanced around. He felt wise, somehow. Secure in his newfound belief. He finished his fries and turned to Sivie. "Question," he stated. "Yes?" Pitt spoke. "Let's say I lob a brick at your head. In order to squash your brains, it first has to travel halfway to your head. Do you follow me?" "Yes... I believe so." "Ok, then it has to travel from that first halfway point to your head, again traveling only halfway. If that brick keeps traveling halfway to your head, it'll never hit. It'll keep getting closer and closer, but it won't ever touch you." That said, Pitt fell silent and cradled the secret of life, his empty lunch tray, in his lap.

Sivie blinked. He inhaled, then thoughtfully exhaled a second later. As the brain kept his heart and lungs pumping, he slowly realized that Special Agent Pitt was rapidly losing his mind. "Ooaaa... Uhh, I see, son. Gotta go check on that whole alien situation. Bye." As Sivie walked away, Pitt savored lovingly stroking his tray. He picked up his plastic silverware and tucked it into his hair, so it stuck up in the air, not unlike antennae.

Yaktree and Lizard Queen entered the computer lab, where Sivie sat, punching keys on his Ti-82. He muttered to himself "Wow. It actually works. That Pitt freak seems to know what he's talking about." Then he looked up as Yaktree cleared his throat.

"Look what we found," said Lizard Queen. "It was taped to a freshman's back." She held out a piece of paper, which read "Kick Me" in large, untidy letters. On the other side, a message was scrawled in what appeared to be dried blood.

Dear Humans, it read. Take this warning to heart: Your world will be overrun by us, The Dimension Alliance. If you refuse to abandon this planet you haughtily dub Earth, Leave Earth, and you may yet live to lead happy lives evading our scout ships for eternity. Stay, and face certain annihilation from our mighty forces.

You have three weeks to reply to this message.

Good day,
Second Lieutenant Komsdof, DA

"All praise the Alliance!" Sivie scratched his chin. "Hmmm... that's nice of them to warn us, isn't it? Oh, did I happen to tell you yet that Special Agent Pitt has gone quite mad? It's true, he's loony."

"Well, uh" stammered Yaktree. "I've known that for quite some time. Isn't that right, Queenie?"

Lizard Queen nodded quite vigorously. "Uhh, yeah, I know he was crazy since I met him."

Sivie cocked his eyebrow. "That boy worries me sometimes..."

To be continued...
Sports

March Madness
by Todd McLaughlin

It's that time again, March Madness or "The Big Dance". Teams are getting ready for their conference tournaments so they can get a shot to get in the NCAA tournament. As March Madness approaches, here's a not so bold prediction. Number one Kentucky will win the NCAA tournament.

Despite their only loss in late November to University of Massachusetts, the Wildcats have been outscoring their opponents by an average margin of 23 points, which is the best in the nation. They're the first team in the nation to win in the three year old Mullins Center.

No, the question won't be will they win it? It'll be over whom and by how much?

George Washington who? No, not the president, the University. They pulled off one of the biggest upsets this year by beating Massachusetts, who was number one and now stands at number two. The minutemen, lead by Marcus Carmey, were 28-0 until GW came into the Mullins Center and beat them for the fourth time in a row, and are the only team to win in the three year old Mullins Center.

Talking about upsets number three Kansas was just upset by Oklahoma in a Big Eight conference game. Kansas is 24-3 and is lead by Scott Pollard and Greg LaFrentz.

Another upset came when number six Cincinnati, lead by senior Danny Fortson, was knocked off by Marquette. The Bearcats are 22-4 and sit atop the newly formed Conference USA tied with Memphis.

Basketball: The End
by Jason Humphreys and Crystal McCoy

The girls basketball team finished off the season in fourth for offense and sixth for defense, having a record of 9-12 overall, and 4-6 in the MAC.

Amy Englert, leading scorer and rebounder, with the help of Shelby Perry, the leading three-pointer, lead SHS through their rollercoaster season. With injuries and sickness getting in the way, people had to be placed in different positions to cover for the loss of the others.

Although "they need to improve their attitude, fundamentals, and desire to play, they're a great group of young ladies," said Mr. Zeigler. "They've grown more aggressive as a team and individually."

Next year, Zeigler said he is looking for "five girls determined to play and an overall improvement from the returning players. They have to determine for themselves if they want to play or not. It doesn't matter if they're a freshman or a senior if they're determined and work hard."

The boys basketball team saw their season end at Boardman on February 26 in the first round of the boys sectional basketball tournament at Boardman, losing to Youngstown Chaney 81-66.

Ryan Zocolo and Josh Hendershott lead the Quakers in scoring, while Jason Rice, Rick Straub, Casey Rhodes, and Louis Angelo, made helped to keep the Quakers in the game. The Quakers fell behind by 10 points early, but stormed back to trail by only four at the half.

The future does look bright for the boys basketball program. The junior varsity, playing as many as six different freshmen, finished at 11-9. The freshmen boys basketball team won five of their last seven games. In addition, both the seventh and eighth grade teams posted winning records.

Other teams to look for in the tournament include number four, the University of Connecticut (27-2) (17-1) lead by Ray Allen. They just broke their own record for Big East conference wins in a single season.

Two Big East Conference teams, Georgetown (24-6) and Villanova (24-5), also have the talent to go to the Final Four.

Georgetown just beat Villanova, who was without Kerry Kittles. Allen Iverson poured in 37 points for the Hoyas.

Three time champions, the Purdue Boilermakers, behind their mastermind Gene Keady, will have a shot at a Final Four berth. The NCAA tournament games will begin this week on Thursday.
The Quaker

Sports

Faces in the crowd
by Crystal McCoy and Jason Humphreys

Name: Kristy Quinn
Letters: 2
Sports: Softball
Favorite Pro Team: Cleveland Indians
Favorite Athlete: Prefontaine
Favorite College: OSU
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Bennett
Favorite Musical Group: Garth Brooks
Favorite Song: The Mighty Quinn
Future Plans: Go To College
Things You Like About SHS: The new and improved Barb
What Do You Want To Do Before You Die: Go back to Europe
Who's Your Hero: People who decorate other peoples lockers with obscene faces.
Nickname: Krimmy

Name: Stacey Manis
Letters: 2
Sports: Softball
Favorite Pro Team: Philles
Favorite Athlete: David Miller
Favorite College: Kent-Salem
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Bennett
Favorite Music Group: U2
Favorite Song: Closer
Future Plans: Major in Medical Technology
Things you like at SHS: Wes Memories of the Barbs, Sleazy Beez
Who's your hero: Hoochies
Nickname: SpaceStacey

Name: David Miller
Letters: 7
Sports: Track, Cross Country
Favorite Pro Team: New York Yankees
Favorite Athlete: Steve Prefontaine
Favorite College: OU
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Bennett
Favorite Musical Group: The Charlie Daniels Band
Favorite Song: The Devil went down to Georgia
Future Plans: Go to college and learn to make a lot of money
Things You Like About SHS: People who fill our hallways with the pleasant smell of smoke
What Do You Want To Do Before You Die: Become President of the U.S.
Who's Your Hero: Cheech and Chong
Nickname: George

Three on Three Basketball tournament
by Ross Coffee

Despite falling short at the District wrestling championship at Akron Firestone, Nick Bourne, Josh Mendez and the Salem Wrestling team have much to be proud of. Both Bourne and Mendez were eliminated, failing to reach the State Wrestling tournament, which was held this past weekend.

Under first year coach Don Hernandez, the Quakers were very competitive. Bourne's record was 26-5 going into districts with 16 pins, nine decisions, one major decision, and five losses. Mendez had a record of 27-5 with eight pins, one technical fall, three decisions, 15 major decisions, and five losses.

Bourne placed third in most of his tournaments this year. He placed first in EOVL, first in Sectionals, was the two time champion at Everett Hoppel Tournament, and second in the Howland Invitational.

Mendez placed third in EOVL, second in Everett Hoppel Tournament, second in the Howland Invitational, and third in Sectionals. Mendez said, "I've been wrestling a lot of state ranked athletes."

When looking at how they will feel when wrestling is over Bourne said, "It depends on when it ends for me. If it's after a couple wins in state I'll feel fine." Mendez said, "My season would be more complete if I made it to state."
The All-Cranmer Team

The best Salem Quakers of the 1990's
Basketball Edition
by Lance Cranmer

Boys

G Beau Hendricks 1992
A talented point guard and consistent shooter that was third team All-area his senior year. During that year he averaged 12 points a game while shooting 76 percent from the free throw line. He still holds the record for consecutive free throws at 29.

G Brock Engle 1995
Because of his height, Engle could play either guard or forward but usually he was out front handling the ball. Undoubtedly his best performance was at home versus Canfield last year when he scored 13 of Salem's first 17 points in the game and led Salem to a 70-64 win over the state-ranked Cardinals. Engle averaged 12.9 points a game his senior year and was by far my favorite player of the 90's.

F Ryan Zocolo 1996
Zocolo, a natural shooter with amazing accuracy, was Salem's most reliable player in 1996. He averaged well over 19 points a game making him one of the top scorers in Salem history. In the season, Zocolo set Salem's single season record for three-pointers breaking Beau Hendrick's record of 44. After Hendrick's injury he became Salem's only real scoring threat.

F Josh Hendershott 1996
A natural athlete with great jumping ability and amazing talent, Hendershott seemed to make something happen every time he got the ball. If it hadn't been for his injury that caused him to miss half of the year, he may well have been remembered as one of Salem's all-time best. His junior year he was third in scoring for Salem averaging 10.7 ppg. Before his injury this year, he had been averaging 12.5 points a game. Hendershott's best performance of the year came in the loss to West Branch. He scored 18 points.

C Brian Petrucci 1992
Salem's last real superstar. He was a player that was guaranteed to get around 20 points a game and was a true leader. He may have been the best player to play for Salem in the 1990's averaging 19.4 points and nine rebounds a game. Petrucci was first team All-MVC, first team All-area, and honorable mention All-Ohio. He led the team to their last winning record of 12-10.

A very talented point guard who was not known as a big scorer but he contributed a great deal to the team. He, along with fellow seniors Jaime Ostarchic and Brad Erath, was one of the very few bright spots on the 1993-94 Quaker team that finished 2-19.

Girls

G Tarran Turvey 1995
Turvey was a talented point guard who led the team her senior year scoring 13 points a game. Her speed and quickness were her weapons, not to mention she was a pretty descent shooter hitting 49 percent from the floor. She currently holds the Salem record for assists in a season with 95.

C Megan Alix 1994
Although she was not a statistical leader, she was one of the best all around players that Salem has had. She led Salem in shooting percentage and was special mention All-area. She was a major factor in the team that went to the final four in the state her senior year.

F Valerie Scott 1994
No question that she was the best to play for Salem in the 1990's and arguably she was the best player in Salem history. Her senior year she was first team All-Ohio and Division II Co-Player-of-the-Year. During that year which she averaged 19 points a game, Scott set Salem's all-time record for scoring with 1,707 career points. She also holds the Salem record for steals in a season with 93.

F Tennille Abrams 1995
Another one of Salem's all-time best, she was a three year starter and special mention All-area. Abrams was one of the most consistent free throw shooters and currently holds the record for consecutive free throws with 17. She was also a good scorer and an excellent rebounder also. Her senior year she scored 12.5 points a game.

C Liz Winch 1995
Center for one of the great teams in Salem history, the team that went to the 1994 Ohio State semifinals. Her height and shot blocking ability made her one of the best centers in both the MVC and the MAC.

6th (wo)man - Jana Stewart 1997
Even though Stewart's career isn't over, she had to be on this team. She is another one of those players like Val Scott. She is a playmaker that can dominate the game when she's in. She may be one of Salem's best three-point shooters of all time. The only thing that could keep her from setting many Salem records was the fact that she missed most of this year due to two knee surgeries.