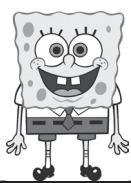




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The Life and Legacy of Stan Lee

BY: AUSTIN OLIN

As most of you know, Stan Lee recently passed away at the age of 95 on November 12th. Stan worked in the comic book industry most of his life and he is best known for his work with Marvel Comics and Marvel Studios. Perhaps the most interesting part of Stan Lee is his fan base. The HBO host Bill Maher recently wrote a cynical blog post for his Real Time website where he stated, "The guy who created Spider-Man and the Hulk has died, and America is in mourning. Deep, deep mourning for a man who inspired millions to, I don't know, watch a movie, I guess." After that he went on to write, "Now, I have nothing against comic books — I read them now and then when I was a kid and I was all out of Hardy Boys. But the assumption everyone had back then, both the adults and the kids, was that comics were for kids, and when you grew up you moved on to big-boy books without the pictures." Maher was hit with tremendous backlash from around the nation after these comments; however this did get me to wonder if he has a valid point. Are people really over exaggerating Stan's death?

Lee has quite an amazing history, but it wasn't until I saw how the employees of his company replied to Maher that I truly understood the effect that Stan had on the world. The letter states, "Countless people can attest to how Stan inspired them to read, taught them that the world is not made up of absolutes," the letter continues, "that heroes can have flaws and even villains can show humanity within their souls. He

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Christmas Memories

BY: SHHS STUDENTS

With the help of our awesome English Department, we asked our students to share their best Christmas memories. Here is a selection of some of the most humorous, touching, and well, memorable.

"My favorite winter experience was when my family had a dance battle. My Grandma tried doing the robot. Then my Grandpa and younger brother copied her. My little sister tried making her own dance. The dance moves were fun to watch as she made them up and my older siblings were singing and dancing along."

"In my family we do a tree like all the other people. Like we all put up a bunch of decorations inside and out. The most common thing we do is getting together with friends and family. Christmas is not about the toys or the food, it is family."

"We went to my Grandmother's for Christmas and we were opening our gifts. When it came to be my turn, I grabbed a big box with my name on it and began to tear it open. And to my surprise, it was a dog! A little Chihuahua I named Rascal. He was so cuddly and just a little ball of sleepiness. When we were done, Rascal went to bed with me. In the morning, my sister was screaming bloody murder, and the reason why was because Rascal had peed on her. I swear I was laughing for 3 hours straight! He truly was a little rascal!"

"My favorite holiday memory was when my parents bought my brother a very expensive bike and put it in his room. Then my parents got me a lot of gifts for under the tree. I had way more presents than him and he threw a fit (which is what my parents wanted). My mom sent him to his room and he was super sad. He got in his room and saw the bike and was super happy."

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BY: MADDIE PEEKS

-The Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen-

One of the worst humanitarian crises is currently happening right under our noses. Since armed conflict erupted on March 22nd, 2015, millions of people in Yemen have been displaced from their homes and cut off from necessities like water and healthcare. In addition, vicious cholera outbreaks have ravaged the innocent Yemenis. All these factors have led to thousands of deaths, including hundreds of child casualties. So far this crisis only continues to grow, causing Yemen to require the greatest level of humanitarian need in the world.

The Yemeni Crisis began in 2011-2012 with a revolution against Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, dictator for over three decades. After his resignation, his former Vice President Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi struggled to reunite the politically fractured country while fending off threats from Al-Qaeda and Houthi militants. In 2014 Houthi fighters swept into Yemen and forced Hadi to agree to a “unity government,” where all parties are forced to cooperate in the legislature. After the Houthis established this new government, Hadi soon fled, making his way to Saudi Arabia. In March of 2015, Saudi Arabia began a bombing campaign of Yemen in response to Hadi’s calls for mili-

tary support in order to retake the Yemeni government. The bombings soon escalated from targeting only Houthi forces and loyalists of the former Yemeni president Ali Abdullah Saleh, to attacks on civilians.

In the last three years there has been one airstrike every 99 minutes, that’s 14 per day. Not only have these airstrikes displaced two million people and resulted in 10,000 deaths, they have also cut off the everyday needs of Yemeni civilians. They have caused the closure of land, air, and sea routes, meaning that fuel, food, and medical supplies are running dangerously low. Only 14% of the national food supplies have actually entered the country since last March, meaning 10 million people are at risk of being without drinking water. Due to the bombing of farms, ports, airports, and the border of Yemen, over 12 million Yemenis are starving. Thousands of hospitals have been either destroyed or shut down because of a resounding lack of medical supplies and power cuts, leaving over 15 million citizens with no access to healthcare. The lack of healthcare resulting from this allowed for a massive cholera outbreak leading to 2,224 deaths and 1,035,676 suspected cases as of April of 2017. Many of those who died were children be-

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A child dies every 10 minutes in Yemen. GOOGLE IMAGE SEARCH

Talk Nice to Rice

BY: MALIA HEWITT



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We have all heard of people singing to their plants in order to make them grow, but is there actually science behind it? A Biodynamic farmer did an experiment called “Rice Water” where he proved that our thoughts and intentions have an effect on plant growth and quality. A Biodynamic farmer is someone who has a holistic, ecological, and ethical approach to farming, gardening, food, and nutrition. Biodynamics is the agricultural branch of a philosophy called Anthroposophy, based on the teachings of Rudolf Steiner, who also founded the Waldorf school movement.

The “Rice Water” experiment was conducted by placing a cup of rice in three separate jars and adding the same amount of water to each. Each jar is sealed with a lid, and treated with specific vocalized greetings every day for a month. Every morning the farmer said something positive to the first jar, something negative to the second, and simply ignored the third. For example, the farmer greeted the first jar with love or a blessing, to the second jar he might curse or speak to poorly, always ignoring or snarling at the third jar. After a month, the results were measurable. The first jar, that was treated positively, smelled like sweet rice wine or rice pudding. The second jar, that was treated negatively, developed a nasty green mold and smelled terrible. The third “ignored” jar was said to have smelt strange, with the aroma not smelling too terrible, but there was something definitely off about it. The farmer concluded his experiment by stating, “That was quite enough proof for me of the power of intention.”

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History of Christmas

BY: EVAN DAVIS

Christmas time is upon us once again, the time of year when people put aside their differences to embrace the good in each other. It's around this season when we see the Salvation Army Santas with their red pails and grinning faces. It's this time of year when we start to think of others rather than ourselves for a change. Christmas, in summary, is about forgiveness, a fitting end to the year. However, this festive holiday has been around for quite some time, and the definition of Christmas we are now so familiar with is actually a very recent addition to a long standing festivity.

In the early years of the Holy Roman Empire, Christmas didn't exist. Instead, a holiday called Saturnalia was in practice. This holiday was celebrated from approximately the 17th to the 24th of December. Saturnalia was the celebration of Saturn, God of agriculture. To start off the holiday, a sacrifice would be made at the temple of Saturn, and then there would be a week long feast and gift exchange. During this holiday, the once secured social order would turn on its head, slaves would become

masters and masters would be slaves. The Holy Roman Empire had great distaste for this hedonistic holiday

and with the aid of Pope Julius I, devised a plan to clean up this messy celebration. The plan was to sponsor a holiday that fell somewhere near the celebration of Saturnalia. In 400 AD, the celebration of Christ's birthday was planned to occur on December 25th. The people of Rome started to celebrate the birth of Christ with some of their previous holiday traditions, at least the ones approved by the Catholic Church, such as feasts and gift giving. Slowly, the Romans were converting to Christianity and the celebration of Christmas along with the majority of Western Europe.

The Holy Roman Empire lost a great amount of power over the years, but its powerful legacy was preserved through its spread of Christianity, which in turn expanded the celebration of Christmas to once polytheistic regions of Europe.

The English were especially fond of Christianity and the celebration of Christmas itself. During the Medieval Ages of England, Christmas was especially popular and even greatly resembled the celebratory practices of Saturnalia. On Christmas Day people would attend church, just as the Romans attended the temple of Saturn. The people would crown a King of Misrule, who would be a peasant or a pauper, and the rich or merchant class would become that person's slave for the day, effectively turning the well-structured social class on its head. The celebration of Christmas in England was once banned by Charles I. However, the holiday was brought back after the Second English Civil War when Charles I was beheaded in 1649. It was also around this time that the American colonies were starting to get a great deal of Protestants that were being persecuted in England.

The Protestant floods into America stifled the spread of Catholic Christian views and values, which included Christmas. In fact, in some of the colonial settlements, Christmas was actually banned. The celebration of Christmas didn't take to the states until the 19th century when Irish and German Immigrants started to enter the United States. The industrial age of America brought with it a large surge of Catholic immigrants that celebrated Christmas. However, the majority of Americans still saw Christmas as the cel-



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A Snapshot of History

A Man on the Moon - Neil Armstrong

BY: MADDIE PEEKS

On May 25th, 1961, President John F. Kennedy announced the United States would put a man on the moon by the end of the decade. Two years later on November 22nd, 1963 Kennedy was assassinated. After this tragedy, NASA worked tirelessly to fulfill his wish: to send a crew to the moon and bring them home safely. Only eight years after Kennedy's "Man on the Moon" speech, on July 20th of 1969, man took their first steps on the moon. The Space Race was effectively over and Kennedy's wish was fulfilled, all within the decade. The name of the mission: Apollo 11.

On July 16th, astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins boarded a Saturn V rocket designed to lift them up and into space. As the clock hit 9:32 A.M., the engines roared to life, allowing the rocket to lift from the tower. Within 12 minutes, Apollo 11 was orbiting the Earth. One and a half orbits later the crew was given the "ok" for a Translunar Injection, or in other words, the go ahead to set course for the moon. Three days later Apollo 11 was in lunar orbit, and the next day mankind was to set foot on the moon.

On the 20th, Armstrong and Aldrin climbed into The Eagle, the lunar module and landing craft, leaving Collins behind to orbit in the command module, Columbia, to do experiments and take pictures. As Armstrong and Aldrin descended, it became clear that something was wrong. Armstrong announced that he was switching to manual pilot, then he and Aldrin fell silent. Alarms could be heard in the background. Finally, at 4:18, Armstrong broke the tension. "The Eagle has landed," he declared while the control room burst into celebration. The Eagle only had around 30 seconds of fuel remaining. At long last, at 10:56 P.M., with

an audience of half a billion people worldwide watching, Armstrong descended to the lunar surface uttering one of the most famous phrases known to the human race, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

Aldrin joined him shortly after and Armstrong snapped his picture, catching his own reflection in Aldrin's helmet; thus creating one of the most iconic photographs of all time. After initial observation, Aldrin described the lunar surface as "magnificent desolation." From there the pair explored the moon for around two hours, collecting samples and taking photos. During this time they picked up 47.5 pounds of lunar material and left behind an American flag, a patch honoring the fallen Apollo 1 crew, and a plaque reading, "Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the moon. July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind." About 21 and half hours after their time on the moon, Aldrin and Armstrong rejoined Collins in lunar orbit. They splashed down safely in the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii on July 24th after spending over eight days in space, fulfilling Kennedy's challenge and making history. Post flight, Collins expressed confidence in future journeys, to Mars in particular. Meanwhile, Armstrong spoke about the historical significance, describing Apollo 11 as, "...the beginning of a new age."

As a side note, one of the interesting perceptions about the picture "A Man on the Moon" is that many people believed that the astronaut being photographed was Armstrong; particularly since he was the first man on the moon. In reality, it's Aldrin. But, it's also the first selfie ever taken in outer space, as Armstrong caught his own image in Aldrin's reflective visor.

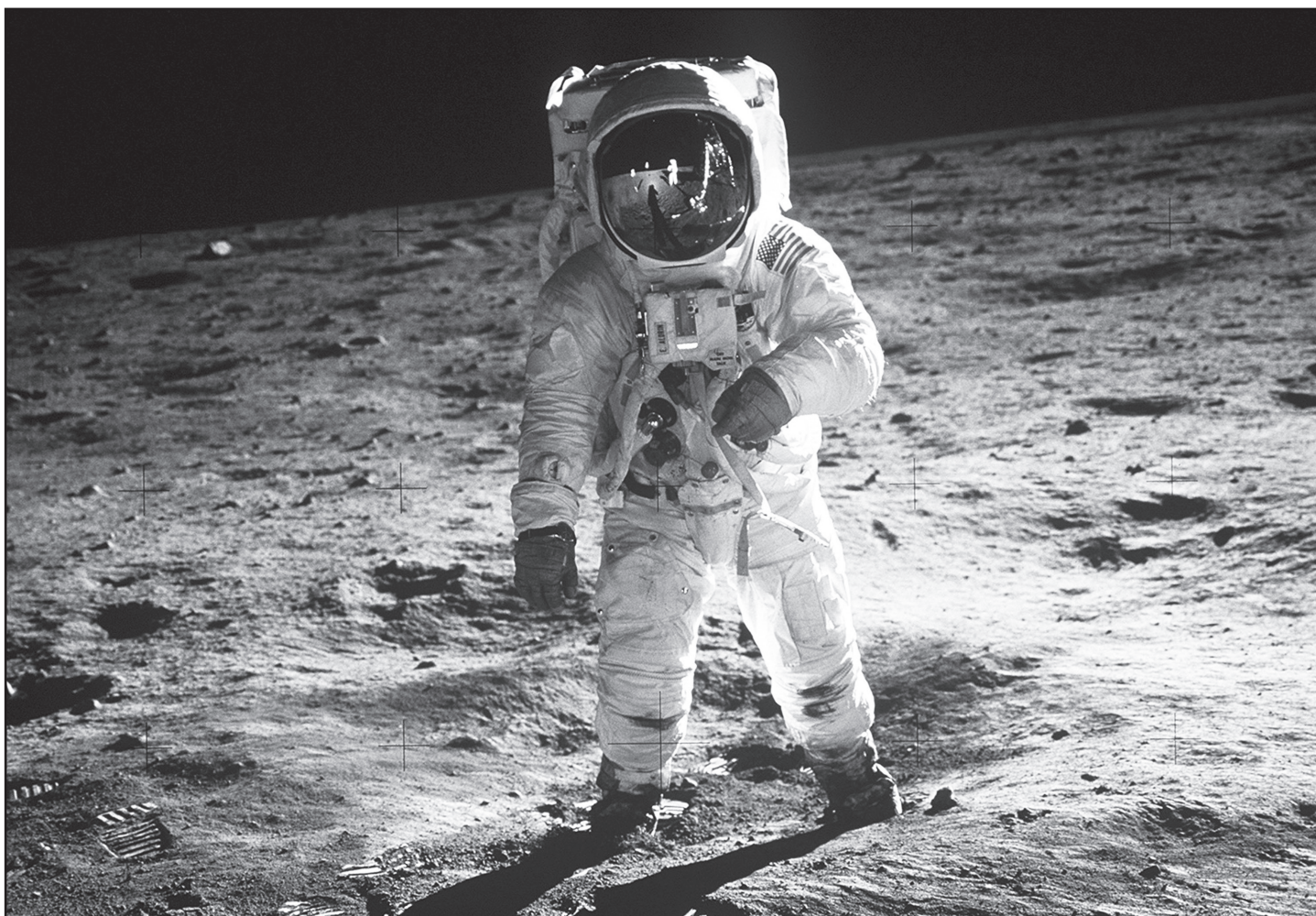
Stan Lee

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gave us the X-Men, Black Panther, Spider-Man, and many other heroes and stories that offered hope to those who felt different and bullied while inspiring countless to be creative and dream of great things to come." I think that this is what Maher doesn't understand. Lee created something much deeper than just some superheroes; he created a family of characters that each have their flaws and challenges to overcome, just like everybody else. In every movie you see these heroes show love and acceptance for each other in their fight for the greater good; even though they are all flawed, they know that they have responsibilities to themselves and to society that they hold above all else. I believe this is why superhero teams are among the most popular stories. Different characters come together and set aside their differences to achieve great things, just like you do in your own relationships. These connections and bonds that you make in your own life are what drive you to care for these heroes, and I think this is why so many people cared for Lee as well.

With a mix of having a cameo in every movie, as well as being a huge public figure in general, Lee became the face of Marvel. Every bond and emotion that you felt from a Marvel production was directly associated with him. By appealing to individuals through the different superheroes' personalities, Lee held a strong connection with his fans, and when he died, people felt like they had lost a lot more than just an old comic-book writer; they felt like they had lost a friend.

Thank you Stan Lee for showing us the true meaning of family, teaching us that great power comes with great responsibility, and most of all, making us believe that no matter how awkward or flawed you may be, you can do anything you put your mind to. You may be gone, but you will never be forgotten.



Aldrin (pictured) on the moon.

NEIL ARMSTRONG/ NASA

Senses of Christmas

BY: EVAN DAVIS

Christmas time is nearly upon us once again, and as this festive holiday approaches so do memories of Christmas' past. Christmas memories are often imbued with an array of sensations and emotions. However, each memory, whether it's baking gingerbread cookies with your grandmother, or humming along to a catchy Christmas tune, can be broken down into two stimuli: scent and sound. The reason behind this is due to the way memory is developed in the brain.

Memory is the reactivation of a specific group of neurons, or brain cells. These groups of neurons are connected through a synapse, or a bridge between the neurons. The stronger synaptic

connections are the more activated ones, such as Christmas memories. These memories are often called flashbulb memories and are quite vivid due to the constant reactivation of them. These flashbulb memories are formed through environmental input, or stimuli. Our brain takes in stimuli and processes it through a portion of the brain called the hippocampus, a member of the limbic system most often associated with memory. The hippocampus then takes this input of stimuli and converts them into synaptic groups.

The reason the two aforementioned stimuli, scent and sound, are especially potent in forming long-term, flashbulb, memories are due to how the brain is wired.

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Christmas Memories

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"My favorite winter/holiday experience would be when I went to Disneyland on Christmas Day. We stayed all evening and rode all sorts of Christmas themed rides. Down the main street of Disneyland, they were making it "snow". All of the characters were also dressed in a Christmas themed outfit. I would love to go there for Christmas again."

"One of my favorite holiday memories is the year me and a few of my cousins went up in the mountains to find snow. We all met up before beginning the drive up. Everyone piled into the cars and we were off. Along the way we got lost, but eventually we found what we were looking for. The higher we drove, the more snow there was. I remember sticking my head out of the window to try and catch the falling snowflakes while someone else stuck their head out of the sunroof. We finally found the perfect spot to go sledding after about an hour of driving. All I remember after that is the feeling of the cold wind and snowflakes hitting me in the face as I sped down the hill. The feeling of the stinging snow on my numb face is one I will never forget."

"One of my favorite Christmas memories was when I was about seven or eight years old. That year I desperately wanted a toy dog that moved and barked on its own. I got the dog, but my cat was terrified of it. He wouldn't go near that thing for around two weeks, until it broke. Of course it broke after only two weeks."

"Back when I was a young boy, I lived in Mexico, near the area of Puebla, a small town. I came to the U.S.A. with my

parents. The first day I came was Christmas. It was the first time I saw snow. I played and played till I was cold and wet. This would be my favorite Christmas memory."

"My favorite Christmas memory is waking up at 1:00 a.m. to see the glowing white tree shining and illuminating the room. Under it were tons of presents with neat little bows and colorful wrapping paper. We have a tradition where we always set at least one present unwrapped and on the tree, so that at least we have something to mess around with when we wake up before our parents. I remember boiling myself a cup of hot cocoa and eating a pop-tart, just to notice the gift waiting for me was a Nintendo 3DS. It was the top thing on my list. I played that thing for hours before my parents woke up. I may not get much, and I may not be well off, but Christmas time wouldn't be right without the ones that I love."

"By far my favorite holiday memory was when I was about 12. My grandparents and other family came from out of state. My brother and I had no clue that our family was coming to visit. At the time, I hadn't seen my family for over a year due to my Mom's work and family traveling. When my family arrived, I had no words. I was so happy to see my family because it had been so long since I'd seen them. About an hour or so into the family party, my grandmother and I baked cookies and good sweets. It was by far one of my favorite memory because I got to see my family and spend valuable time with them before they had to go again."



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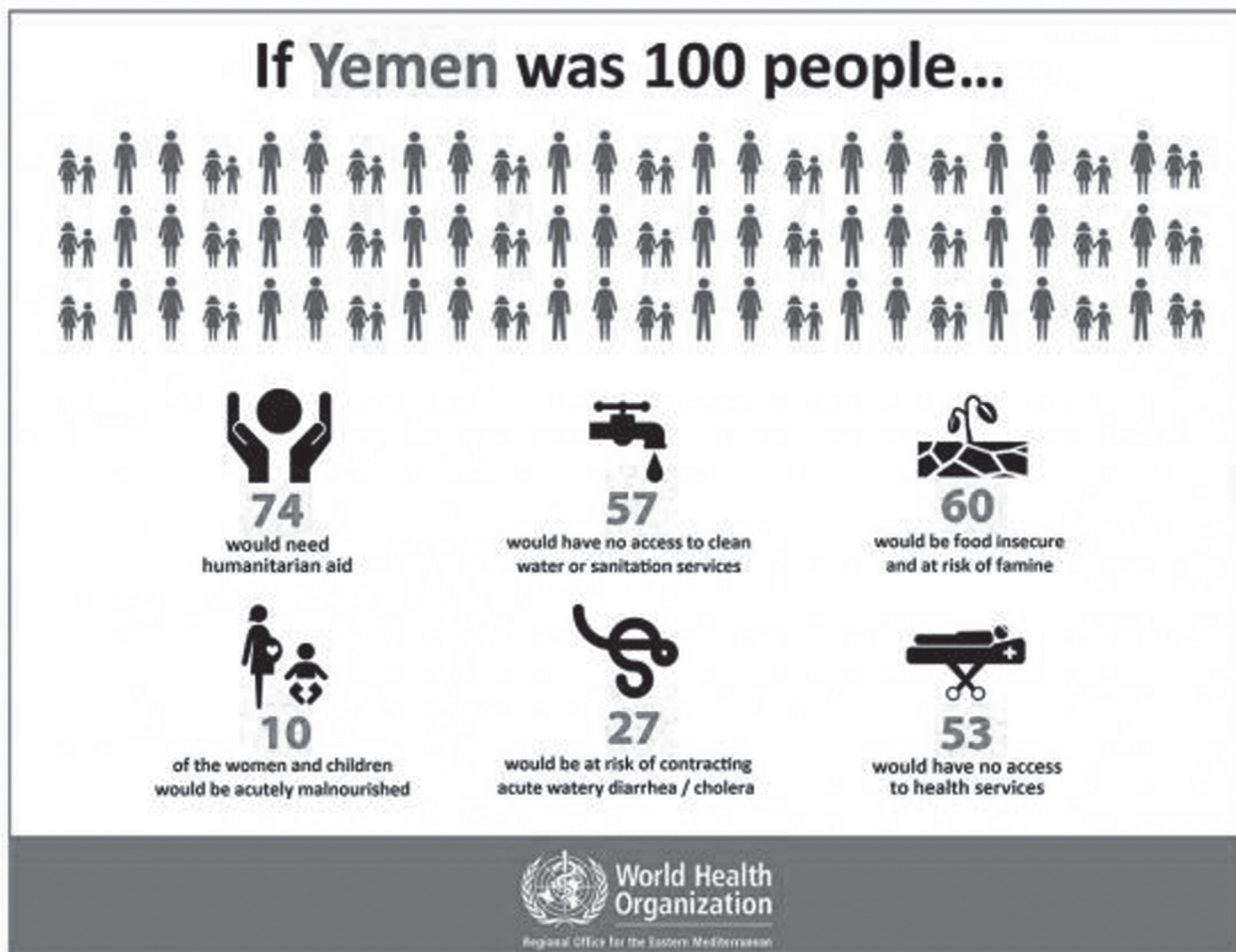
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cause their malnourished bodies cannot fight off the disease. In addition, aid programs and vital resources are being blocked from entering the country by foreign militaries who hope to starve out the Yemenis. Together, all these factors have led to over 22 million people in Yemen in desperate need

of humanitarian assistance. As war continues to ravage Yemen, thousands of civilians have been killed and tens of thousands injured. Last August nearly 500 innocent citizens were killed in the first nine days of the month. Yemeni civilians are constantly threatened by violence, disease, starvation, malnutrition, and dehydration. As of

2018 the conflict in Yemen is causing what could quite possibly be “the worst famine in 100 years,” says the United Nations. Currently, 22.2 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, that of which 11.3 million are in immediate need in order to live. Children are particularly in danger, in fact, over 11 million Yemeni children are in need of aid. Statistics by UNICEF say that every 10 minutes a child in Yemen dies from war related causes. These problems become worse and worse as the conflict continues and innocent Yemenis are prevented from receiving lifesaving assistance.

The war in Yemen will not be solved through this endless conflict. The International Rescue Committee or IRC believes a peace treaty that is beneficial to both parties is what will end the fighting. However, it will take assistance from both the United States and the United Kingdom to make this dream a reality. In the meantime, many humanitarian groups are attempting to bring aid to the people of Yemen. Despite the closure of ports, groups such as the IRC and the Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE) have retained access to the affected populations. Both of these groups run medical treatment centers, treat children who are malnourished, and train paid health volunteers. Both groups also hope to get more Yemenis easier access to clean water in the near future. But what can you do to help? We may be powerless to stop the fighting, but we can help in other ways. You don’t need to risk your life in war torn Yemen to help its citizens, you can simply just donate to relief organizations such as the IRC and CARE who are both working tirelessly overseas. Your dollar can go towards saving lives in Yemen, whose people live under circumstances we will never know here in America.



The Christmas Truce

BY: MADDIE HARRIS

The Christmas truce happened during the relatively early period of WWI in 1914. In the week leading up to the 25th of December, French, German, and British soldiers crossed trenches to exchange seasonal greetings and talk. In some areas, men from both sides ventured into no man’s land on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to mingle and exchange food and souvenirs. Men were caroling with brass bands and some played games of soccer with one another, giving one of the most memorable images of the truce. The Germans placed candles on their trenches and on Christmas trees. Peaceful behavior was not all present, there was still fighting going on in some sectors, while in others the sides settled on little more than arrangements to recover bodies.

The next year, a few units arranged ceasefires, but the truces were not nearly as widespread as in 1914. This was partly due to strongly worded orders from the high commands of both sides not allowing truces. Soldiers were

no longer able to show goodwill until 1916. The war had become much more bitter after devastating human losses suffering during the battles of the Somme and Verdun, and the use of poison gas. The truces were a way of stopping overly aggressive behaviors and often entailed small-scale fraternization, engaging in conversation or bartering for cigarettes. In some areas, there would sometimes be ceasefires to allow soldiers to go between the lines and recover wounded or dead comrades, and in other places there would be an agreement to not shoot at soldiers who were resting, exercised, or worked in full view of the enemy. This Christmas truce was significant due to the number of men involved and the amount of participation. Even in very violent sectors, an enormous amount of men openly gathered in daylight and was remarkable as a symbolic moment of peace and humanity amidst one of the most violent events of human history.

The Christmas truce lasted

through Christmas night, and in some areas until New Year’s Day. But the truce never happened again because every time the soldiers would try to cease-fire during the holidays, they would get stopped by officers threatening to discipline them. There was only one truce that happened in 1914, and not another until 1916. In the lead up to Christmas in 1914, there was many peace initiatives. There was a public message for peace called the Open Christmas Letter addressed to the women of Germany

and Austria, signed by a group of British women suffragettes at the end of 1914. Pope Benedict XV, on December 7th 1914, had begged and pleaded for an official truce between the warring governments. He asked “that the guns may fall silent at least upon the night the angels sang.” This attempt officially got rejected. During WWI, the soldiers on the Western Front did not expect the celebrations on the battlefield, but even a world war could not destroy the Christmas spirit.



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Time Flies When You're Having Fun

BY: BRADLEY WOLTHUIS



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On the 27th of September, I was given the opportunity to witness one of the most amazing and inspirational events I've ever seen. My family had purchased tickets to the Oregon International Airshow earlier in the year, and it was finally commencing. To kick off the show, the announcers sparked the excitement of the crowd by informing the attendees that a C-17 Globemaster was on its way to initiate the opening flag ceremony, putting us all on the edge of our seats as we scoured the skies for the inbound plane.

Before I could even see the plane, the air began to vibrate as the roar of the aircraft's engines grew closer. Right as the noise began to rumble my chair, I saw the gigantic flying fortress. As it passed overhead it began to circle the airfield. Moments later a handful of trained skydivers leaped from the C-17 with the United States flag as the national anthem was performed. The divers glided through the air trailing the flag and landed right front and center for everyone to cheer.

The show then continued with demonstrations of aerobatics by multiple pilots. They flew back and forth across the runway while remaining in sync as they performed corkscrews and loops. They zoomed by each other not even ten feet off the ground, and after they crossed, they pulled back on the controls to execute a perfect loop while trailing a stream of smoke. Continuing the aerobatic portion of the show, the Canadian Snowbirds took to the runway to perform their formation takeoff. Nine pristine jets, flown by accomplished pilots began to streak down the runway while maintaining a precise formation. To my surprise, this was even more exciting than the previous performance! As they took to the air, they quickly began their performance by completing multiple formations that awed the crowd. Speechless, I continued to watch as they performed a formation barrel roll and then broke off to create a pattern in the sky. I never imagined being able to see this kind of skill and precision let alone being so close to the action.

Following the Snowbird demonstration, two Vietnam-era helicopters left the ground to begin their flyby passes across the airfield. The Bell AH-1 Cobra even demonstrated an attack run. The pilot flew full speed towards the target, guns blaz-

ing, and at the last second pulled up to swing around for a second run. The Bell UH-1 Iroquois also circled the airfield during the Cobra's demo and quickly stole the show after the attack run ended with a center field landing.

Towards the end of the show, the presenters prepared to announce the Legacy Flight. A tradition of the airshow, two pilots fly in formation, one flying the Fairchild Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II (Warthog) and the other flying a WWII fighter. This was such an inspirational moment in the airshow as the pilots showcased the massive tech-

nological developments in the aviation industry and it invoked an overwhelming feeling of patriotism.

Flight is a magnificent technological development and has expanded our horizons as humans. We are able to execute extraordinary achievements and do what no other era of time has ever done. Being able to fly is not just a means of transportation to me; it is a way for me to experience the world from another point of view. I would highly recommend this show, rating the event a 10 out of 10, the Hillsboro air show is the best way to experience the beauty of flight.

Talk Nice to Rice

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This experiment shows how important your intentions truly are, even if it's something as simple as making breakfast for your family around the holidays. If you have poor intentions your result may have a bitter taste to it, on the other hand, if you have a positive attitude when creating this meal, your dish will most likely have a sweet taste to it. Maybe this is why your favorite dish to make tastes so good; it is made with love. This goes for more than just tasty meals, it applies to your relationships with others as well. If you treat others with appreciation and gratitude, especially around this holiday season, you will most likely receive the same in return, and get that "sweet smell" or "sweet result" in those relationships. If, for some reason, you say rude things to the family members you wish wouldn't have been invited to Christmas dinner, you might create a negative energy around the table. This experiment shows how positive thinking and good intentions can have positive outcomes. You might want to try this experiment on your own and see how important your intentions might be.

History of Christmas

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celebration of Misrule, and scoffed at it. This type of behavior was changed forever when Charles Dickens re-defined the holiday in his literary masterpiece, a Christmas Carol. The story that Dickens told shaped Christmas as a holiday of giving and forgiveness, rather than a holiday of greed and misrule. After the publication of a Christmas Carol, the popularity of Christmas rose tremendously. In 1870, Christmas was officially recognized by the United States Government.

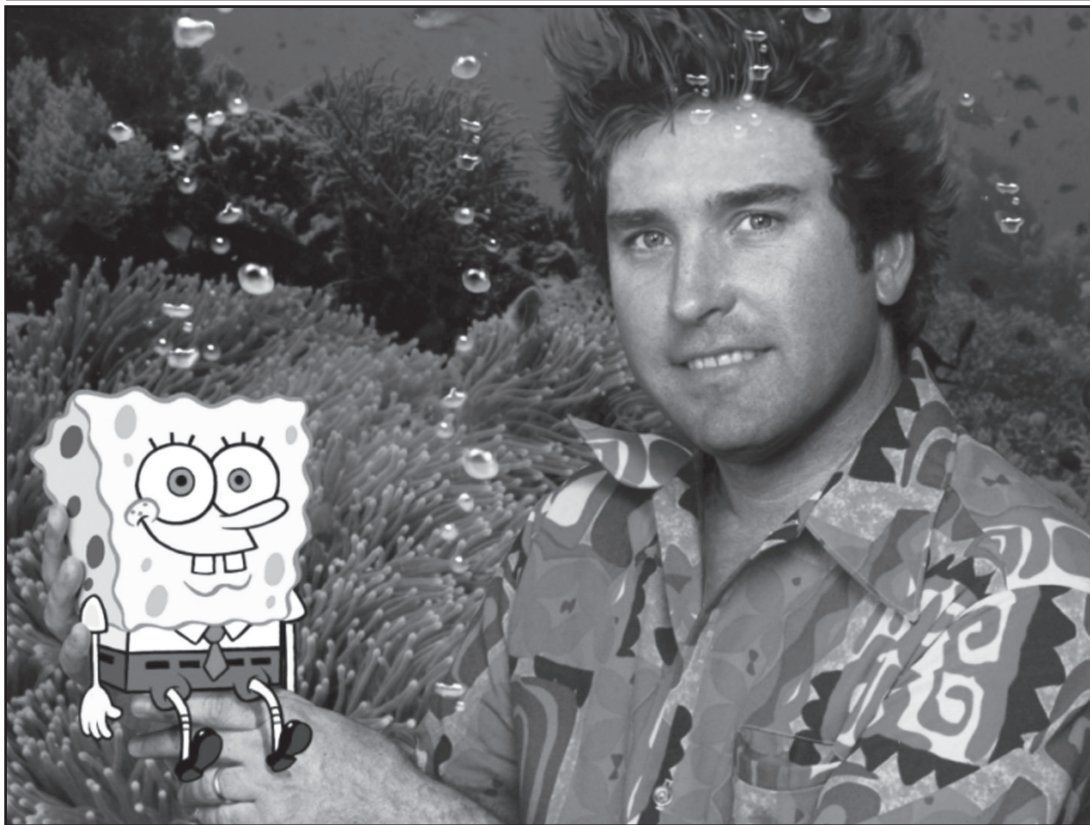
Christmas is a mosaic of holiday tradi-

tions that has evolved and changed due to the time periods in which it was celebrated. Today we know it as a time of forgiveness and giving, but as you delve further into the past you'll notice that Christmas serves as an outlet for that time period's mood. Christmas is already adapting to our cultures ever growing desire for technology. People seem to be focusing on the presents rather than their family. If history is good for anything, it's good for reflection. In the spirit of Christmas let us all enjoy a merry time with our families.



Roman celebration of Saturnalia.

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Stephen Hillenburg and SpongeBob SquarePants.

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Stephen Hillenburg: A Tribute to Greatness

BY: EVAN DAVIS

Stephen Hillenburg, creator of SpongeBob SquarePants and other cartoons, passed away on November 26th 2018, at the age of 57 from ALS. An accomplished marine biologist, writer, producer, and cartoonist Mr. Hillenburg will be greatly missed. We at the Huskian would like to pay tribute to Mr. Hillenburg by telling you his life story.

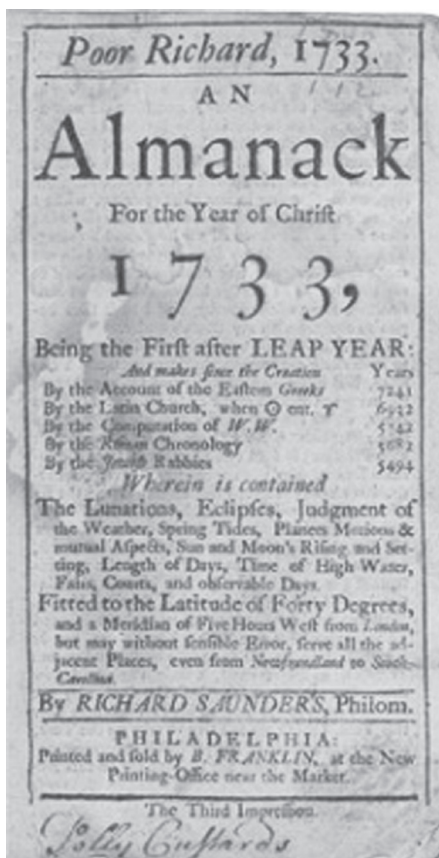
Stephen Hillenburg was born on a military outpost in Lawton, Oklahoma, on August 21st 1961. When Hillenburg was only a year old he and his family moved

to Orange County California. As an early child, Hillenburg enjoyed playing in the tide pools when he went to the coast with his parents; he loved viewing the marine wildlife. In an interview with the Washington Post, Stephen once stated that he would take things that "should have been left there and that ended up dying and smelling really bad." Stephen later took this interest in marine wildlife and began a career by teaching at the Orange County Marine Institute in 1984. Hillenburg wished to pass on the passion of marine

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This Week in History...

BY: REBECCA JONES



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December 18, 1719: Thomas Fleet publishes "Mother Goose's Melodies for Children".

December 19, 1732: Benjamin Franklin begins publication of "Poor Richard's Almanac".

December 17, 1791: The New York City traffic regulation creates the first one-way street.

December 19, 1843: "A Christmas Carol", by Charles Dickens, is

published. 6,000 copies were sold.

December 17, 1862: General Ulysses S. Grant issues Order 11, expelling Jews from his Military district.

December 21, 1891: The first game of basketball

is played by 18 students in Springfield, Massachusetts

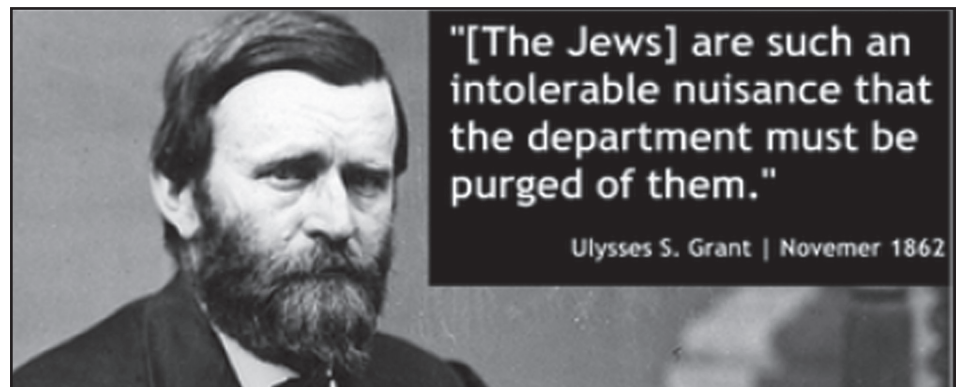
December 17, 1900: A prize of 100,000 francs is offered for communications with extraterrestrials. Martians are excluded, they are considered too easy.

December 18, 1956: Japan is admitted to the UN.

December 19, 1957: "Music Man" opens at the Majestic Theater in New York City for 1375 performances.

December 18, 1966: Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" is aired for the first time.

December 20, 1973: Montreal Canadian, Henri Richard, scores his 1,000th National Hockey League point.



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Feed the World

BY: JOREL LEYBA

Christmas music really sets the mood around the holidays, but the same songs are redone by various artists constantly. These songs get repetitive and annoyingly become earworms that you can't decide if you like or not. One song I find truly exceptional and puts me in that perfect Christmas mood is, "Do They Know its Christmas?" This is the one song that I don't mind getting stuck in my head, and it was performed by Band Aid to raise money for the famine in Ethiopia. This song was written in 1984 by Bob Geldof and Midge Ure after they had heard of the devastating famine in Ethiopia. The song has in it some of the biggest song writers and performers in Britain. Bob and Midge did this so the charity would not go unnoticed. This song was released On December 3 in the United Kingdom, and quickly became the number one Christmas song of the UK. In the UK,

"Do They Know its Christmas?" sold 3.75 million copies alone and made the UK chart at number one for five weeks.

This song starts with solos sung by Paul Young, Boy Gorge, and Bono, the lead singer of the band U2. Their extraordinary voices really make the whole song give you chills. To add to this gathering of all Britain's talented singers they had Phil Collins on the drums and John Taylor on bass. They were originally planning on having Paul McCartney and David Bowie in the song, but they already had their hands tied with prior arrangements.

What I love so much about the song is when the drums start and the amazing vocals of such talented singers, as well as the fact it has a catchy tune. Beyond all that is the meaning. It shows us the problems outside of our own lives and that Christmas is a time for charity. The goal was to raise money to aid the people of Ethiopia, but it also

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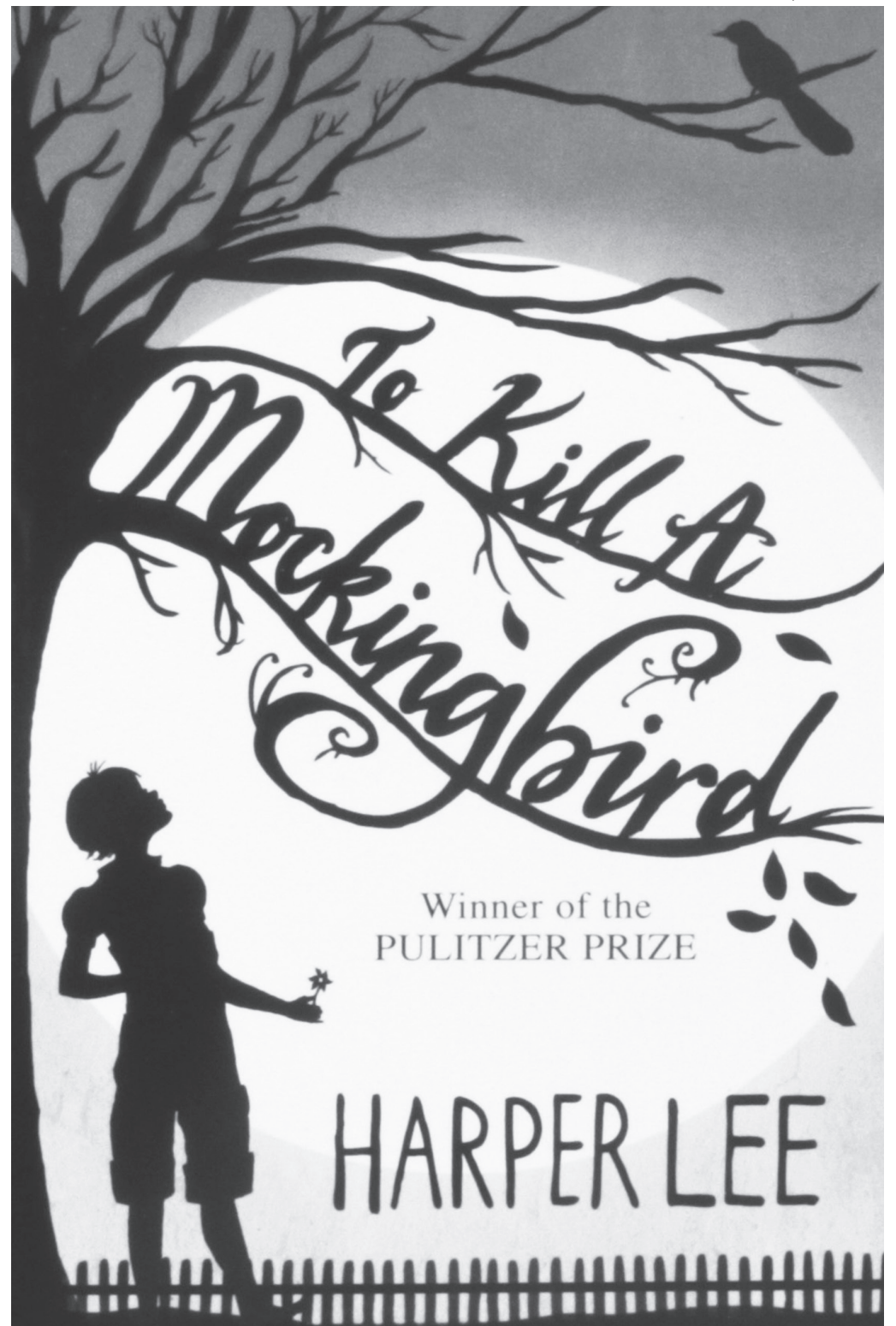
To Kill a Mockingbird

BY: SHAYLA SANDERS

Christmas is near and most people are filled with cheer. One way to get into the Christmas spirit is to read a good book. An amazing and heartfelt novel that would be a good read during the holiday season is To Kill a Mockingbird, written by Harper Lee. The name may seem morbid, but it is a truly inspiring and captivating story. It is an original piece and a great one at that. The layout and design of the story is so unique, unlike any other book you'll read.

The dialogue is one of the main parts of the story that is particularly special. Harper Lee did an outstanding job. The way the characters think and speak is incredibly real. The way she incorporated accents into the characters' speech is astounding. For example, in chapter nine when Atticus said, "You just hold your head high and keep those fists down. No matter what anybody says to you, don't you let 'em get your goat. Try fightin' with your head for a change." When you read,

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Kaitlyn's Kitchen

-Hot Cocoa Cheesecake Cups-

BY: KAITLYN VICTOR

With holiday cheer all around us, it's almost impossible to not get excited for Christmas. What better way to celebrate than a cute, new twist, on regular hot chocolate? With crumbly crust, a creamy cheesecake, and of course whipped cream and marshmallows, who could say no to this delicious dessert?

Ingredients:

- 10 Oreo cookies
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 2 8 ounce packages cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup teaspoon sugar
- ¼ cup teaspoon unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 eggs
- ¼ or 2 oz cup semi-sweet chocolate
- ½ cup mini marshmallows
- Whipped cream

Reviews:

- Worth going to the hospital for. - Sidney 9.5/10
- Rich, but decadent. - Malia 9.5/10
- I don't like cheesecake, but it was delectable. - Brad 9/10
- Choco-licious! A pleasant surprise. - Evan 10/10



Directions:

First, preheat your oven to 325 degrees and place paper cupcake liners in a 12 cup muffin tin. Set this aside, and begin to either crush up or blend the Oreos until you produce fine crumbs, you may use a food processor for this as well. Once that is done, add the melted butter and stir until combined. Then, press approximately one heaping spoonful of this mixture into the bottom of each paper liner. Bake for 8 minutes. While that is baking, in a medium to large sized bowl, beat together the cream cheese, sugar, and cocoa powder. Add each egg, one at a time, mixing on low after each just until combined. Evenly spoon this over the 12 crusts, to almost full. Bake for 22 to 25 minutes, or until the center bounces back slightly when light pressure is applied. Let these cool completely, then refrigerate for 2



hours. While baking, place a piece of parchment paper on a baking sheet and set aside for a moment. Next, melt the semi-sweet chocolate as directed on its package, and spoon into a resealable plastic bag. Cut a small opening at the tip of one corner, and squeeze about a 2 inch tall half heart shape onto the parchment paper to resemble a small mug handle. Repeat this process 12 times and refrigerate until needed. Once the cheesecake has set, remove the liners, drizzle any remaining chocolate over the top, add whipped cream, marshmallows, and the small handles, and enjoy!

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applies to others in need. The song has a line "Well, tonight thank God it's them instead of you" which almost makes you feel bad, but it's true. You should feel thankful for the life you have and not be stingy or greedy with your money because there are other people in this world that have it way worse and they could use your help.

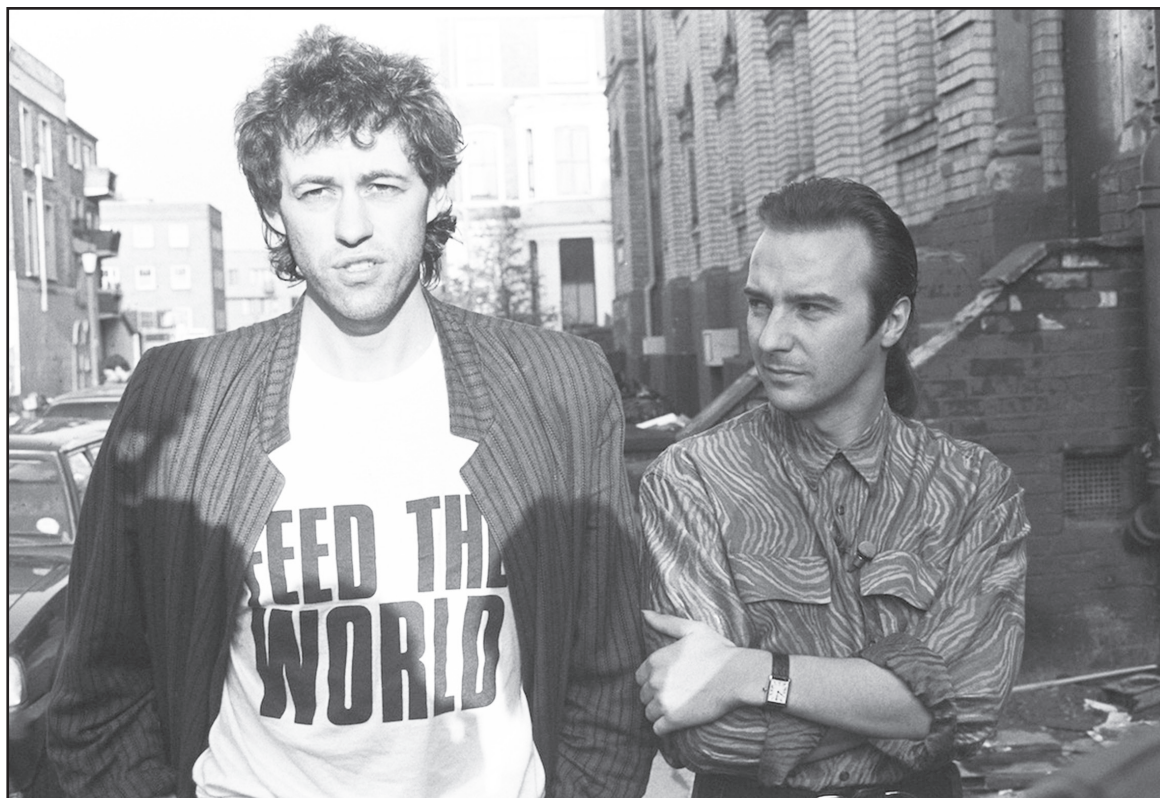
Unfortunately, the Band Aid program could not do as much as they had originally hoped, but they did do a bit of good. The biggest problem was that Ethiopia was in a civil war so it was difficult to get them the supplies they needed. Not only was the civil war a problem, but many countries in Africa have corrupt governments and to be able to distribute the resources would

involve setting up military agencies. The real difference that this fundraiser did was bringing attention to some serious world issues. If you hear a news story

on a famine far off in another country, you won't care or even notice, but if all your favorite singers bring the issue to your attention in a song during Christ-

mas time you suddenly feel more inclined care for the subject. Christmas is not always a warm and happy time for everyone, so you should reach out and help

others as much as possible. The more kindness and generosity we give for people in need, the more Christmas is truly about joy, laughter, and friends. This is a perfect Christmas song because it has all the aspects of love and generosity and is truly heartwarming. You hear all the time from your parents that Christmas is for giving and not receiving, but this means so much more when what you're giving can be life-saving. Next time you hear this song make sure to listen to the lyrics, enjoy the talent, and carry out the message.



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Shuddersome: *Tales of Poe* Review

BY: KAITLYN VICTOR

The play recently put on by the SHHS drama department, *Shuddersome: Tales of Poe*, was a telling of some of Edgar Allen Poe's greatest and most well-known poems. The play was narrated by Mr. Poe's half-sister, played by Breyann Babbitt, who explained certain things, talked about her half-brother, and read some of his poems. While bringing the poems to life, all of the scenes had background characters called shudders that took care of the sounds or events that transpire outside of the character who is speaking. They also helped create emphasis on lines meant to convey more than simply the words said. Between each reenactment

of the poems, the narrator would lead the audience into the next poem, sometimes by reciting others.

The play was very pleasing to the eye and helped to easily convey what was happening. It made it very easy for people of any language arts background to understand the poems and what the audience was meant to feel. The actors did a great job bringing the story to life and truly committing to the character at hand. From the happiness of silver bells, to the pain of death, the audience felt it all, and absolutely loved it. Congratulations to all involved with the play on another success, and we all excitedly await the next.



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Great Christmas Movies

BY: MEAGAN BAHAM

Christmas is an amazing time of year, where during Christmas break you grab a nice cup of hot chocolate and candy and watch classic Christmas movies. Have you ever wondered what made these classic Christmas movies so great? There are plenty of Christmas movies that you have never even heard of, but there are a select few that almost every family watches every Christmas. So what makes these classic Christmas movies so entertaining and embody the spirit of Christmas?

A classic movie that I know most families watch every Christmas is *Elf*. It is no wonder why *Elf* is such a great movie, it is hilarious and it has that classic romantic aspect. *Elf* was the only movie that made me want to believe in Santa. Granted, *Elf* did have moments that I questioned, overall it is a fantastic movie. *Elf* is a great movie for after a long day, you come home, grab some Christmas cookies and relax, and then laugh your head off.

This next movie has always been one of my favorite Christmas movies, *The Miracle on 34th St.* In the movie, a little girl does not believe in Santa. When she meets a Santa at Cole's department store, her hopes and belief start to grow. It turns out this department store Santa is actually the real thing.

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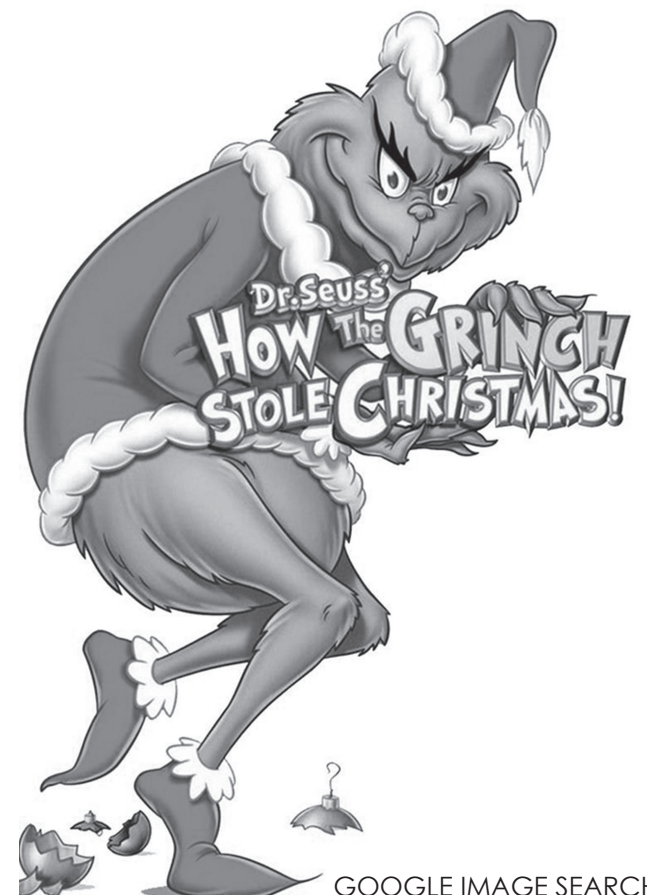


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Materialistic Christmas

BY: CHLOE TYLER

What is the first thing that many people think of when it comes to Christmas? Presents and decorations? When did Christmas become all about sales and money? Many think that presents are the most essential part of Christmas, but really, Christmas is about family and religion. For many people, Christmas can be a sad time because they don't have the extra money to buy people presents. Christmas should be a happy time for everyone. I think that your family enjoys your presence more than actual presents. As most of us know, Christmas is celebrating the birth of Jesus. When Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph were not expecting everyone to come bearing gifts, but they did and Mary and Joseph appreciated the gifts. Like Mary and Joseph, you shouldn't have the mindset of always getting gifts at Christmas; it should be a pleasant surprise if you do.

I know that my favorite part of Christmas is spending time with my family. We have many traditions like cutting down and decorating the tree, baking sugar cookies with my grandma, alternating who gets to put the star on each year, eating a ton of homemade chex mix, reading the bible to my family Christmas Eve, and best of all is spending amazing time with my family. Of course giving and receiving is a big part of our family traditions also, but it is never the thing that people look forward to the most in my family. In my opinion, this is what it should be like with all families, looking forward to

spending time with each other and not just being excited for presents, but being excited for family.

Even though we see each other a lot, I get so excited to see my family at Christmas because I love them and I cherish spending time with them. I loved watching my little cousins crashing into everything on their brand new hoverboards on Christmas Day. I enjoy eating the enormous monster cookie my grandma always makes for my cousins and I to share. I look forward to going ice skating a few days before Christmas every year. We always take a huge family picture with all smiles, and then of course a silly one, and I always look forward to doing these things with my family. I hold onto memories and traditions longer than any present I've ever unwrapped. I think that if I asked some people everything they got for Christmas 2017, they couldn't list everything. Although, if I asked the same people where they went and what family they saw, they would remember. During Christmas morning while unwrapping all the exciting new presents you have collected, you might get caught up in the moment, and think presents are the most important part of Christmas. In reality, Christmas

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is about celebrating your religion, and mostly, spending time with family. As the Grinch once said, "Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."



The Greatest Gift to Give

BY: HAILEY GREEN



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Throughout the years, racism has been a rising issue all around the world. People have decided that how they identify themselves as human beings is by one thing they cannot control; the color of their skin. Using that one contribution to justify mistreating one another, they accuse one another of racism and yet are racist themselves, putting their own race above another and creating a prejudice against those other races.

You, yourself, cannot choose your race. Not a single person can wake up in the morning and change their skin like they can clothes. In all reality we are all quite the same, we have the same basic needs; everybody needs food to eat, shelter to live, and air to breathe. People also have similar wants, we all want to be treated fairly, everybody wants love and understanding in their life. This is why using your skin as something that makes you better than someone else is cowardly; people are simply using their skin color as a mask instead of pushing themselves to develop their own identity based on their character.

Shouldn't we think about judging a person specifically on their character; basing our judgments on a person's actions, not their ethnicity? Our thoughts on one another would be so much nicer if we focused on whether or not someone is kind and selfless and puts everyone else's needs above their own. If you personally were judged by your looks and skin color, wouldn't it bother you that they're not looking at the bigger picture and you as a hu-

man being instead of a stereotyped group of people? If you really think about it, wouldn't you much rather be kind to those who put themselves out there and help with charity or do volunteer work just because they want to give back to their community? We should put it in perspective and comprehend the fact that we've been wrong about this; we need to change the way we categorize people.

This is the time of year that we should

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Great Christmas Movies

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Santa has his hands full as he not only has to save the little girl's Christmas faith, but prove to her mother, her potential new father, and the U.S. legal system that Santa is not just a myth. You will be in tears as hope wins out.

This last movie is one that I know we have all heard of, and this movie is *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. It is amazing; the songs are classic, and hard not to sing along with. In addition, the story itself is good. However, what makes this movie great? What I found is that with all this joy and happiness to Christmas, there is still this certain eeriness to it. Have you ever watched the classic Grinch and seen the way he is designed? The Grinch has a puckered mouth and when he smiles, it curls. The Grinch has a slight scariness to it that makes a perfect Christmas "scary ghost story".

Whether it's my favorite three, or whatever your classic Christmas movie choices are, I hope you have a wonderful time curling up in the soft glow of your own special holiday film.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Feminism: A Fight for More Rights

BY: JACOB THOMPSON

Women's rights have been such a big thing for our society and it is an absolutely great wonder to have so much changed in the last 100 years. We are definitely no longer walking; we are running in terms of women getting the same rights as men. But when should we question if we really need another feminism movement, at least, in the United States of all places? At Seneca Falls, women fought tooth and nail for the same rights as men, and they got a quite a bit from it, and by bit, I mean A LOT. Come to present day America, the age of the common house wife is dying and women are dominating some professional fields 2:1. Times are changing, but why do we still have movements going on for women's rights here? Why don't we have equal rights yet? Realistically we don't, but it's a double edged sword.

Women have more rights than men now according to federal law, societal standards, and statistics given by many verified sources that everyone should see and decide from there whether men have more rights. This also goes far beyond rights, this goes into suicide, worker death rates, and so much more. Yet a lot of this is just ignored by mainstream media, and when it is acknowledged it is shut down under terms of sexism or is flat out denied.

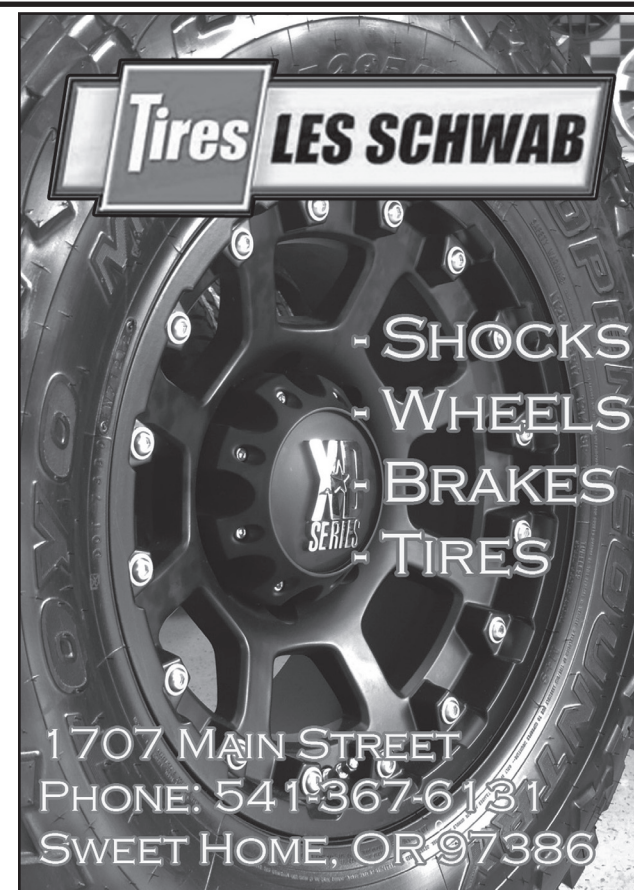
University of York, a university in the UK, wished to hold an international men's day back in 2015, they then released a statement saying the outcries from staff and student made them cancel the event. This event was to highlight the high suicide rate of boys and young adults, 3.53 times more than women according to the American Federation of Suicide Prevention, and the school's lack of male representation in their education department.

This is blatantly sexist and this conversation is still debated to this day. Women are also not required to sign up for the draft and agree to die, yet men are forced to and if they don't between the ages of 18-25 they are fined \$250,000 and/or can face an upward of 5 years of jail time, simply for not agreeing to let themselves get shot at or killed

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The Greatest Gift

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be putting our differences aside and forgiving those around us for all the reasons they irritate us. As the season of giving begins, this is the time of year that arguments we've had with our parents, siblings, or anyone else, need to be set aside and forgiven. Since this is the season of giving after all, have you ever experienced that warm fuzzy feeling inside when a gift you've given to someone is appreciated? To see the happiness light up on their face at the thought of you thinking about them and that they truly appreciate what they have received can bring so much joy to a person. But then you have to remember that just because they have received a gift that they love does not mean that they are obliged to give something to you as well. Something as amazing as bringing joy to a person is completely ruined if you expect them to pay you back or receive something from them too; this is the season of giving, not receiving after all. This ties to the fact that we are all people and we should really put aside our differences, and doesn't that bring us all right back to the one thing we've always held true "The Golden Rule"? Treat others how you want to be treated. If we looked to this as the most important way of identifying ourselves and others, wouldn't that be so much better? We have to put our race aside and look at each other as human beings. If we all did this, we might just feel a little better and hate a little less. Wouldn't that be the greatest gift to give?

Senses of Christmas

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The hippocampus processes all forms of stimuli, however, the speed at which it receives the forms of stimuli is not constant across all forms. The two fastest forms of stimuli to reach the brain are scent and sound, meaning they are the first forms of stimuli to be processed, and subsequently the first things that come to mind when you reflect upon your past.

The emotional aspect of these flashbulb memories is also due to the way the brain is wired. The hippocampus sits directly above and attached to a portion of the brain called the amygdala. Both the hippocampus and the amygdala are a part of a system called

the limbic system. The limbic system deals with primal forms of thinking such as emotional response. The amygdala is responsible for controlling our most powerful emotions such as anger and joy. When we think of our most vivid memories, such as Christmas memories, they typically overlay one of these emotions. Christmas memories are the long-term ones that set atop happy thoughts, whilst grudges for a person might overlay an event that transpired years ago that still gets you riled up.

In essence, most of our feelings and thoughts around this time of year are cheery and bright because of the stimulus that fills the air. The scents of roasting ham, the laughter from distant cousins, and the hum of old Christmas songs on the record player all contribute to an atmosphere perfect for our brains to make cheerful flashbulb memories. We all love this time of year because we are able to delve back into the past without the use of a time machine. Our memories perfectly ease us into this time of year. It's a perpetual occurrence year in and year out, and even when we aren't in December we can still cherish these snowflake memories.



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SHHS Wrestling

BY: AUSTIN OLIN

It's that time of year again, the 2018-2019 Wrestling season is underway! The team has some pretty big goals this year including becoming Oregon Classic Champions, Regional Champions, and of course, State Champions. Something unique about this year's team is it's one of the largest wrestling rosters in Sweet Home history with 51 wrestlers participating, along with an OSAA Sanctioned Women's Team. This is an outstanding number of participants, however Coach Thorpe believes it might also be their biggest challenge to overcome. He states, "It will be challenging to come together and focus on the process to achieve our

goals. This is tough with a big team, but our leadership is helping build that unity."

A lot of the leadership that Coach Thorpe is referencing to comes from the returning State Placers from last season. These State Placers include: Bryce Porter 5th, Nich James 5th, Boe Baxter 5th, Travis Thorpe 4th, and Jackson Royer 4th. Personally, as a newcomer to the sport I have received an incredible amount of advice from not only all of the coaches, but my fellow wrestlers as well. The environment created by this program is extremely welcoming, and even though wrestling is looked upon as more of an "individual sport", I truly believe that the bond

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To Kill a Mockingbird

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you can hear their voices in your mind.

The story itself is very engaging. It's loosely based on Harper Lee's own experiences as a young girl and is set in 1930s America, during the Depression, in Alabama. It is told by an older woman as a child, nicknamed Scout. She partakes in many adventures over the years with her brother, Jem, and the summers with their friend, Dill, from Mississippi. They learn about and experience the racial segregation that occurred during the time. The kids have fun and tell stories about Boo Radley, a neighbor who hadn't been seen in a long time. He was not only feared, but made fun of.

The name, To Kill a Mockingbird, is an interesting one. I believe Harper chose the name because, as said in the book, it is a sin to kill a mockingbird because all they do is sing and give us pleasure. They do nothing destructive or evil. Lee uses this moral truth to make an analogy about how Africans Americans were treated at this time.

Atticus is the deepest character in the story. He is a very calm and wise man. Atticus

teaches Scout and Jem about what it means to be a good person and that it's important to treat others with respect. He is a lawyer who defends a black man on trial, Tom Robinson. Atticus treats Tom as an equal and doesn't judge him for what he was accused of because it hasn't been proven that he did it. Atticus says, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view-until you climb into his skin and walk around in it."

Harper's story was immediately successful. It won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction. It's an American classic and has not been surpassed by any book like it. In all honesty, this novel deserves more awards and everyone should read it, especially during this holiday season. It's the perfect time to sit by a fireplace or in your favorite room and delve into the enchanting world that is To Kill a Mockingbird. If you haven't already bought a copy or borrowed one, then what are you waiting for? It will surely change the way you think about others and give you a nice fuzzy feeling inside.

Girls Basketball

BY: HAILEY GREEN

As Basketball is coming to a start, there are always some things that a new team needs to establish together. Head Basketball Coach Michelle Knight spoke about how much potential they have and how well it will carry them throughout the season.

One of the goals they have set is to work on overall teamwork. Knight said, "We first need to work on being good teammates towards one another and staying positive, we're hoping to get some league wins." Knight also proclaimed that their biggest challenge would be, "Overcoming our own mental obstacles and trusting the process and one another." From what she has seen so far from her team is that they definitely have determination. Coach Knight said, "This is a hard working group of young ladies with a lot of grit and determination."

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Feminism

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on the battlefield. Being homeless is a horrible thing that a lot of people do not wish to do. Statistics shown by the FBI show that 60% and rising to 80% of the homeless are men. Now what people should question is why 97% of funding for homeless shelters all go to women, and on top of that, women also have more funding for disease control than men do. (All according to the FBI)

Only now are we getting domestic abuse shelters for men, and don't get me wrong, a lot of women are the victims of domestic violence, but 40% are also men. Every 1 in 7 men get severely injured from domestic abuse. And on the topic of men getting attacked and beaten, while women dominate the area of sexual violence committed against them, a man is 4x more likely to get attacked on the street or be the victim of violence than a woman is, and men are willing to report it more now than ever.

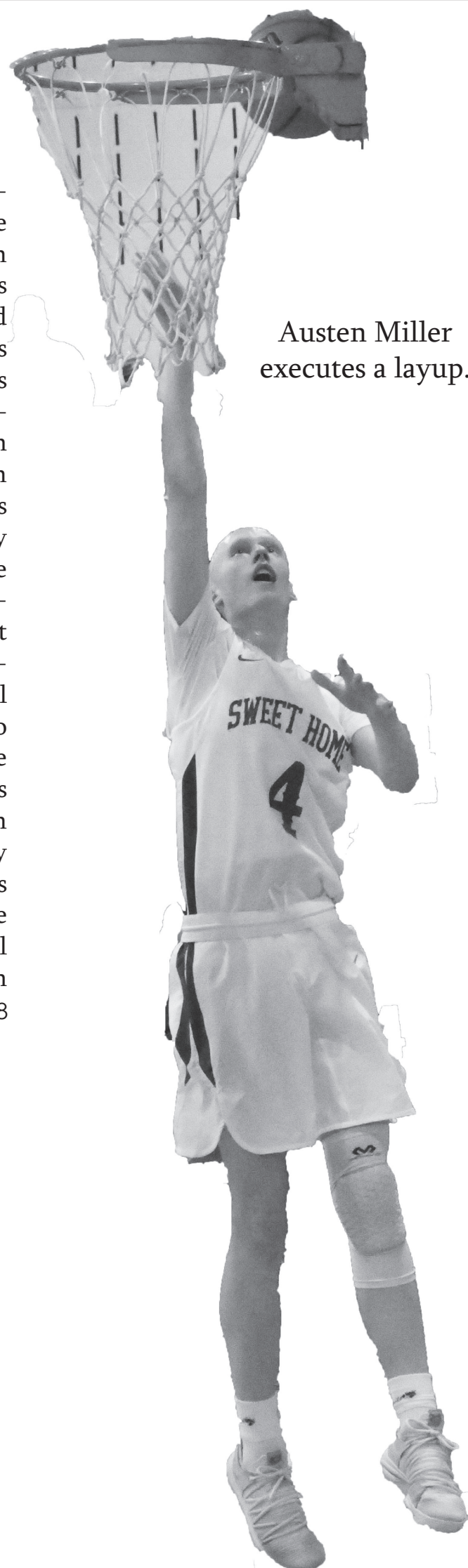
We can't "forget" any of these things anymore, it's time we start realizing what is going on and fix the problems that are occurring. The age of feminism isn't required anymore as we can clearly see women have a lot more rights than men have. Denying what they have is only the worst of our problems and it is making it even worse by trying to run this country into the ground because of it. Wake up America, it's time that you figure out that these people are very uneducated and really need some sort of wake up call.

Boys Basketball

BY: EVAN DAVIS

This year's boys' basketball team is dribbling down the court to victory! Head Coach Emmert stated that this year's team has "a lot of depth and skill." Coach Emmert seems to believe that the team's skills and level of play is competitive enough to carry the team to the playoffs. JV Coach Graville supports Emmert's belief, "...each and every day we get better...the playoffs are achievable." Head Coach Emmert wishes to "reach the next level of play in practice..." believing that this practice will sharpen the team's edge into the playoffs. JV Coach Graville believes that the team needs to, "work on passing and turn overs to bring our level of play to the next level...our turnovers have been a little slow." The team seems to be doing well as the team has already seen

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Austen Miller executes a layup.

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Boys Basketball

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competitive play in the last game. According to Coach Graville, "Casey Tow sunk a shot to tie up the game, and Colton Smith had a big shot to tie the game up to get an overtime at the championships." The teams' improvement appears only to be halted by injuries. Both coaches seem to be in agreeance on this difficulty. Coach Emmert stated, "We lost some of our senior players to injuries, Nathan Virtue with a break in his wrist and Hayden Nichol with his leg from football. This loss of skill will set us back, but we'll get them both back later in the season." The confidence is high, and hopefully the score board will be as well. Go Huskies!



Peyton Ulrich and the Huskies
dominate the court.

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Stephen Hillenburg

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biology to his students, to achieve this Hillenburg illustrated a comic book on tide-pool animals called Intertidal Zone. This comic book was Stephen's first step towards creating the megahit Spongebob Squarepants.

The comic was so successful that Hillenburg went on to pursue a degree in animation/art at the California Institute of Arts. Soon after receiving his degree, Hillenburg went to work with Nickelodeon on their current hit, Rocko's Modern Life, from 1993 to 1996. During this time, Hillenburg was also working on the storyboard for Intertidal Zone which he hoped to make into TV series on Nickelodeon. After making some cuts and a few alterations, Intertidal Zone turned into one of the most popular TV series known today, Spongebob Squarepants. Spongebob first aired in 1999 with an episode consisting of three short animations, all of which set up the characters we know and love today. Hillenburg continued to oversee the show until the premiere of the Spongebob Movie in 2004. The movie was supposed to be the series finale; however, Nickelodeon didn't want to lose their loveable mascot and continued on with the show. As a result, Stephen left Nickelodeon to pursue other interests. The series continued to do well in his absence, but the show was not quite the same without Hillenburg's touch. The show started to tank in viewers and approval ratings, and Nick-

elodeon wanted Hillenburg back.

Hillenburg returned in 2015 when Nickelodeon asked him to direct their new Spongebob movie, Sponge out of Water. The movie's success inspired Hillenburg to continue to oversee the show. With Hillenburg back at the head, Spongebob started to return to its old style and feel. The show actually started to return to its high viewer ratings once again with season nine actually getting the same ratings as season one. Stephen worked on Spongebob full time until he was diagnosed with ALS in 2017. Despite the diagnoses, Hillenburg didn't stop working on Spongebob until his death in 2018.

Stephen Hillenburg may have passed away, but his accomplishments will live on. Thanks to Hillenburg our childhood was filled with the joyful adventures of Spongebob and his underwater friends. The impact of Hillenburg death also far outreaches just TV, due to Hillenburg death there is a movement to have "Sweet Victory" performed at the Super Bowl at halftime. The petition has over 700k signatures as of right now, and is steadily gaining popularity. Stephen's death has also impacted meme culture, with almost two days of Hillenburg tributes on just about everyone's social media. Suffice to say Hillenburg passing is just as impactful as that of Stan Lee's. Stephen Hillenburg, forever a Goofy Goober, will live on in our hearts.

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SHHS Swimming

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Sweet Home hosted a meet with Blanchet Catholic, Junction City, Kennedy, and Stayton to kick off the season. Knowing that this meet would set the bar for the rest of the season, the swimmers were eager for their first race experience. Freshman Jamie Seward placed first in three of her events and her older brother Dakota placed first in two of his as well. Junior Megan Hager shared, "We have a lot of talent, but not a huge team, especially in the boys." With so many new swimmers this season there were many that got personal records in their

events. Coming out of the meet with a 1st place win for the girls and 2nd for the boys, Coach Pargin is looking forward to improve the ability of all the new swimmers.

On Friday December 7, the swim team headed to Newport to compete. A relatively small meet, the team competed against Newport, Kennedy, and Sisters. Sweet Home finished the meet with girls in 1st and boys in 2nd, continuing to hold their ground against competitive teams. Looking forward to State, Hager shared, "We have a solid girls team, and I feel like we have a

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Freshman Malia Hewitt swims and wins the 100 Butterfly.

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Girls

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She believes this to be something that will help carry them through the season. One thing in particular Coach Knight said they needed to work on is to first focus on the little things, such as technique or form, so they can build up from there.

Coach Knight decided to give us some words of wisdom for her team or anyone that has been interested in joining the team. "The only way to see change is to start changing; you have to trust the process, you can't expect to do the same thing over and over and get a different outcome." Coach Knight is excited to see how the season will turn out and get her girls to work as hard as they possibly can.



Head Coach Knight.

Wrestling

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shared between this team surpasses any other program I've been a part of.

The goal of each season is to always show improvement from previous years and Coach Thorpe believes that in order to go beyond last year's success the team has to, "Work harder than before and be disciplined to that training, challenge ourselves with our tough schedule, and win matches that we should." Everyone wants to be champions, but only through hard work and perseverance can this be achieved. Good luck this year Huskies! Go make sure that this season is one for the books.

Swimming

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good chance at placing." She also mentioned that the team has quality swimmers, but not enough quantity. As the season continues, Hager shared some wisdom for the team. "It doesn't matter how long you've been competing. The only thing that does matter is how hard you train and how willing you are to endure the pain." and closed the interview with "Show up to practice." The swim team leaves Friday December 14, for the Philomath Relays and Coach Peargin is looking to stack some of the relays to figure out the best combination of swimmers for Districts and State. The team may be small this year, but with the quality we have, the team may be able to surprise some of our rivals. Some of the newer swimmers have already excelled more than expected and will help improve our position within our league.



Freshmen Chloe Tyler, Jamie Seward, and Malia Hewitt looking cute.

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