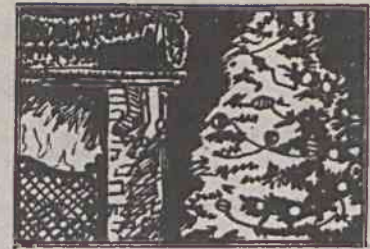


Features

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Santa's Helpers At AHS

by Eloise Odom

The spirit of Christmas is in hearts everywhere. Children's eyes are filled with images of Segas, Super Nintendos, and Power Ranger action figures while older kids look forward or at least hope to get a new car or stereo from "Santa Claus." Many people are also looking forward to helping others during the holidays while also making mucho dinero. Santa helpers, elves, gift wrappers, and many other jobs keep students occupied during the winter holidays. Students have also found the warm hearted feeling that comes with helping an elderly person decorate for Christmas. If you have never had a Christmas job or helped anyone out during Christmas, you should try it. You'd be suprised at how fast it gets you into the Christmas spirit and also how fast any Scrooge in you disappears.



Writing ransom notes is a good source for Christmas cash.



Watch Out Cindy Crawford!

by Jennifer Lowder

When we were little girls we dreamed about being on the cover of *Seventeen*, *Vogue*, or *YM*. Just to be that pretty would be awesome. For one person in this school, her dream is not that far out of reach. Christine Chambers is starting to strive her way to the top. Christine started out when she was twelve years old and has been keeping up with it since. Christine said "It's hard work and dedication, but it's worth it at the end when the pay check comes in the mail." As we all know, models make a lot of money.

will see her on the cover of a fashion magazine or maybe on *Models INC*. Watch out Cindy Crawford!

Christine is signed with Carolina Talent. They are located in Charlotte and help Christine find the right job for her. She has done a lot of jobs since she has signed with Carolina Talent. Christine has done two commercials for Channel 9 and one for Channel 3 in Charlotte. She has also done a Chevrolet commercial and one for Belk's. She has appeared in a Belk's ad in the *Charlotte Observer*. Christine hopes she can pursue her career all the way to the max. Maybe one day we



Is that you Christine?!

Christmas At Blockbuster

by Jennifer Lowder

As Christmas comes closer, and the weather becomes colder, nothing feels better than sitting at home all nice and warm, especially after you just spent the day shopping for nine hours in a crowded mall. Most people usually like to spend the rest of the day relaxing on the couch or the recliner with a cup of hot chocolate and the remote. But wait! As you flip through the channels, you see there is nothing on except QVC and the Discovery Channel. Well to make sure this does not happen to you, I asked the students here at AHS about what movies are the best and came up with this survey. After you read this list,

you won't be without something to do over the holidays.

- 10. *Christmas Bimbos from Outer Space*
- 9. *The Night Before Christmas*
- 8. *Santa Clause the Movie*
- 7. *The Christmas Story*
- 6. *Home Alone*
- 5. *Frosty the Snowman*
- 4. *Ernest Saves Christmas*
- 3. *Rudolph*
- 2. *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*
- 1. *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree...

by Eloise Odom

Have you ever wondered why we have Christmas trees and what started this beautiful tradi-

tion? Many people do not know the answers to these questions. Some people think Christmas trees serve as just a pretty place to put their presents, but others know the real reasons for this pine-scented holiday pastime.



Christmas trees are the all time favorite tradition.

The traditional colors of Christmas trees are green and red. Green represents the continuance of life through the winter and the Christian belief in eternal life through Christ. Red symbolizes the blood that Jesus shed at his Crucifixion. A star is mounted on top of many Christmas trees. It symbolizes the star that led the Wise Men to the stable in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. The Christmas tree itself represents hope and new life. The first ones in the U.S. were used in the early 1800's by German settlers in Pennsylvania. During the mid-1800's, the custom of trimming Christmas trees spread rapidly throughout the world. Today, some form of Christmas tree is part of every Christmas celebration.

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