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Who's gonna run this town?

Beverly girls powderpuff flag football looking tough for Salem

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This Friday, the light will shine bright, a crowded stadium will roar with fans, and longtime rivals Beverly and Salem will face off, not in a traditional football game, but in Girls Powderpuff Flag Football. After a loss in 2006, the Panthers captured

Running Back, Andra Gougian carries the ball in practice earlier this week.

back-to-back victories last minute, close victories in 2007 and 2008. The 2009 team has built confidence in their weeks of preparation, and this year's match is sure to be an entertaining game to see.

After weeks of preparation including daily practices, memorization of numerous plays, and mock scrimmages, the girls are more than ready for Salem.

On Sunday, the seniors tested their skills in a scrimmage against Lynn Classical. Each team alternated running a series of twelve offensive plays, learning how to maneuver in a game situation while playing against a tough, physical opponent. Although no score was recorded, the Panthers are confident in their performance and prepared to face Salem.

Coached by Principal Mr. Gallagher,

Ms. Sudak and Mr. Parsons on offense and Mr. Smith and Mrs. Henebury on defense, the team started practice a week earlier than usual this year and has comprehensively reviewed film of both the scrimmage this year and previous years.

On offense, the Panthers are led by Quarterbacks Brenna Bailey, Allie Murray and Lydia Maggiasco and Running backs Heidi Bezemes, Courtney Brennan, Andrea Gougian, Corey Konaxis, Bridget Leahy, Elaina Lazarides, Hayley Lorge and Kaitlyn Arzu.

The offense is further propelled by receivers Katie Avigian, Megan Brom-

ley, Katie Moriarty, Beccah Stains and Olivia Wilson, and protected by the line, compromised of Centers Marina

Gates.

Defense has benefitted by strong performances from Mary Accomando, who is also the teams kicker, Jenn Gallione, Allie Donnelly, Jenny Geary, Laura Frazier, Sammy Wright, Kate Sarcione, Hannah Monaco, Caresse Caron, Brittany Carr, Kelsey Flynn, Pobyn Spiridigliozzi and Christina Norris.

The team prepared for the upcoming game with both indoor and outdoor, mental and physical practices that included film review, play review and scrimmages, led by the dedicated coaching staff.

With all of this preparation, there is one guarantee: This year's game is going to be an exciting, riveting competition.

IF YOU GO:

When: Friday, November 20
Time: 7PM
Where: Bertram Field, Salem
Cost: \$5

Babcock and Makaylla Irving, Guards Colleen Coz, Brianna Glidden, Brie Mari, Tackles Hannah Moffie, Kerri Richardson, Ali Cecchini, Erica Pisa and Lauren Lacy, and Tight Ends Mary Brennan, Nicole Cronin and Amber

BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

GUIDANCE UPDATE

Upcoming Field Trips:

Universal Technical Institute
December 2
Open to Juniors and Seniors

ITT Technical Institute
December 10
Open to Juniors and Seniors

Marian Court College
December 16
Open to Seniors

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to bring to attention the fact that while we are trying to stay flu- free, there is limited soap and hot water available in the bathrooms. It is in my great interest that this problem be fixed.

Throughout the past few weeks, many students have been out sick, missing days of school and important tests. When they come back to school, a nurse has to take their temperature in order for them to be allowed into class.

We take these precautions in preventing the flu at BHS, but we forget about the most simple ways to do this.

As children growing up, we always learned to wash our hands with soap AND hot water to stay clean in order to not get sick. In high school, these guidelines should be followed.

The school has begun to provide us with hand sanitizers in the classroom. On the container, it says that the sanitizer kills bacteria. Nowhere does it say that it kills viruses. The H1N1 is a virus that needs to be stopped by using soap and hot water.

I believe that we should focus more on providing faculty and students with the hygienic necessities that help us stay flu-free.

Sincerely,
Mariah Thomas '11

This is it ... or is it?

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Staff Writer

The "light man" appears on stage, a giant model of a robot covered in hologram projections. "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'" begins to play, and The King of Pop appears as the light man opens. Thus, the concert begins.

In April, Michael Jackson announced 50 concerts in London which would be his final performances there. He dubbed the tour "This Is It." The theatrical elements of the would-be concert were amazing. My favorite parts of the movie were the

was how well MJ knew the steps of his songs. He knew exactly what he wanted for the songs he was performing. He constantly critiqued his backup band, constantly striving for perfection. Jackson clearly had not missed a beat.

His dancing was just as good now as it had been back in the '80's. You could tell his age was affecting him because his movements were not as nimble or smooth as they had once been. Even still, he was pretty amazing.

The downside of the movie was that, as I watched it, I realized that he wasn't alive anymore. It was sad seeing what could have been. Also, the band was learning how to play the songs and often made mistakes. MJ would get frustrated and often have to go back and play the songs over again. The film also could have focused more on the actual concert rather than taking breaks to show irrelevant footage, such as the auditions for the dancers in the beginning, which really wasn't that exciting.

Overall, however, this wasn't enough to take away from the experience. IMAX really enhanced the film, also. The downsides are very small, and overall the movie was fantastic. It appeals to the die-hard, as well as casual, Jackson fan like myself. The concert would have been spectacular if Michael Jackson had lived to perform it. I was blown away. This was something only the King of Pop could pull off.

REVIEW



redone videos for "Smooth Criminal" and "Thriller." In "Smooth Criminal," Jackson is cast into an old black and white 1950's movie. He is cornered, and as he jumps out the window, the camera shifts to the stage, and MJ performs the song. For "Thriller," all who were involved dressed up as zombies and paraded around the makeshift graveyard they had created for the concert.

What was the most impressive part of the movie

Welcome to the widget

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Staff Writer

Did you know that there is a widget on the Beverly High School online homepage? Do you know what a widget is? The widget is a fairly new addition to the BHS homepage that goes unnoticed by many students.

A widget is a customizable box that can present news or photos in a fun and easy way. Our widget allows you to upload candid photos of you and your friends.

If you just scroll down to the bottom of the page, you will see the widget on the right-hand side.

By clicking "Upload your images to the yearbook" at the top of the widget, you can upload up to ten appropriate photos. You can upload photos of you and your buddies taking part in any school-related activities or in activities outside of school.

The Beverlega widget is constantly rotating through the photos that have been uploaded so far. There are currently over 65 photos of students from all grades.

These pictures include photos of the opening football game, of the breast cancer walk, of Halloween, and of students just

hanging out. You might even catch a glimpse of some special faculty candids.

Each photo that you upload is added to the widget's scrolling marquee. The uploaded photos are also sent to the yearbook staff and are considered for inclusion in the yearbook. With more hits everyday, you don't want miss your chance to have your candids in the yearbook. So start uploading!



A screen shot of the widget on the BHS homepage, bhsonline.org.

Panthers claw at cancer

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Staff Writer

If you have been to a recent Beverly High School football game at Hurd Stadium, there's a chance that you might have seen a group of students selling black t-shirts that say "Panthers Claw at Cancer."

These students are members of Mrs. Marescalchi's Marketing 2 Class. For their DECA project this year, they began collaborating with the Jimmy Fund in an effort to raise money for cancer research.

DECA is an international association of students and teachers of marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality, and marketing sales and service.

Selling T-shirts, collecting donations, and planning events are things that they are doing to help accomplish their goals.

Their goal is to raise at least \$5000, and they are well on their way, having already raised over \$900 in just a few short weeks.

Another goal is to collaborate on fund raiser with other schools in the NEC. They have sent out a challenge to schools nearby to help them "claw at cancer."

If you have any interest in supporting this cause, contact any of the group members: Dan Hegarty, Curtis Manuel, Liz Zarkades, Will French, Courtney Brennan, and Bridget Leahy, or visit our website at www.clawatcancer.com.

Getting Paranormal

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On November 7th Mr. Gibbs and Mrs. Faustina, 17 members of their Paranormal Club, and six parent chaperones went on the "Remembering Salem: Ghost and Historical Tour."



They learned a lot about Salem history and its supposedly haunted sites, even capturing an orb (a mass of energy) in a photograph of the John Hart house. John Hart was an interrogator during the witch trials who was given the name "the strangler" since he would threaten to choke people's children until their parents confessed to witchcraft.

The Paranormal Club meets every other Wednesday in Mr. Gibbs's room in upper A Wing. Their next meeting will be on Nov 25th.

Upcoming events being planned include a paranormal investigation at "Remembering Salem" in January and an overnight on the USS Salem in April.

Visit www.bhspanormal.webs.com for more information.

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