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A faux "cheddar & bacon" perogi made with a traditional Polish dough. Served with a dill cashew cream sauce on the side. WARNING, CONTAINS NUTS!

FEATURE

USE THE SCHWARTZ - MTL SMOKED MEAT PEROGI DINNER PLATE - \$18

4 mega sized caraway dough perogies with a potato, sauerkraut, chive & garlic filling topped with a generous portion of MTL SMOKED MEAT, swiss cheese, finished with an an in-house made Cognac mustard drizzle. Bonus dill pickle spear on the side.

THE BIG SWEETIE - \$11

4 oversized & absolutely delightful apple/cinnamon/brown sugar dessert perogie. Guaranteed to act as a love potion when you share it with a friend.

THE CHEESECAKE- \$11

4 oversized graham cracker crumb encrusted, cream cheese filled perogies with a mixed berry compote & chocolate infused whipped cream.







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WORDS FROM THE

WIZARD

OTTAWA - WELCOME TO THE HOUSE OF TARG!

We've got a wicked month of live music, classic arcade action and handmade perogies coming your way!! December is upon us and as such the wizards of TARG are hard at work prepping extra food for a busy schedule of XMAS parties and events. Check out our PEROGRAM for details on shows - we've got a special HOL

out our PEROGRAM for details on shows - we've got a special HOLIDAY edition of our community CRAFT SHOW, two nights of SEASONS BEATINGS, some wicked new editions of our monthly JAZZ NITE, a FREE pinball tournament, BURLESQUE nite, ALL AGES show plus a whole slew of wicked bands that are visiting with us on their travels — don't miss the first edition of T.A.R.G. 1077fm All Request Radio - a brand new radio themed DJ nite with live bands designed to make you move.... You say it DJ Doctor DAVEY PHD MD plays it!! It's finally cold outside but the arcade is warm and toasty, we are looking forward to some quality time spent with friends and family - thank you for your continued support - see ya soon!! - Yogi

TARG HOLIDAY HOURS

SAT DEC 9 - Closed to the public between 4pm-7pm (open before & after those hours)
FRI DEC 15 - Closed to the public between 4pm-7pm (open to public after 7pm)
Xmas Eve/Day: SUN DEC 24 & MON DEC 25 - Closed
Boxing Day: TUES DEC 26 - 8pm - 2am (closed during the day)
MON JAN 1 to THURS JAN 4 - CLOSED (Wizard Break)
REGULAR HOURS FOR ALL OTHER DATES



TARG JIBBER JABBER



JARS IN BARS

You may have noticed one of these at local watering holes around town. They were put there by a collective of local bartenders who love giving back to the community. This genius fundraising initiative is in support of THE SHOEBOX PROJECT - to make boxes full of items that women in local shelters need to care for themselves and to give them encouragement to get through the difficult times ahead. Please consider forgoing a few games of pinball & pop some loonies in the jar at our bar while visiting TARG... every bit counts. Thanks eh! www.jarsinbars.ca

SHOPPING MALL VS ARCADE

The Wizard Works Holiday Craft Show is back. Thurs Dec 21 5pm-10pm. A great way to pick up some last minute items, support local wizard makers & most importantly it will keep you out of those infernal Shopping malls.



CRAFT BEER IN A SMALL CAN!!!

We are proud to be partnering with Side Launch Brewing Company (Collingwood On) so we can offer you some more unique choices from the TARG beer fridge. If you are a fan of Czech styled pilsners you are gonna love Side Launch Mountain Lager (ABV 4.7% · IBU 27). This friendly little beer boasts an easy going light flavour with a crisp noble hop finish & it's our only craft offering in a 355ml can. Don't miss the boat & stick to your usual - give this guy a try for only \$6.50.

WICKED SHOWS ALERT

2 SOLID REASONS TO ATTEND

THE SICK THINGS from MTL are one of the most exciting new rock bands around. The triumphant return of BEARSHARK!

COME GET YOUR BEATINGS

Ottawa Punk Legends THE TRAPT reunite + more punk & thrash. Party like it's 1986

A WEIRD XMAS PACKAGE THE DOUBLE PUMPERS ARE

BACK. Bonus: a sweaty crooner, an impersonator, a joke telling wizard interpretive dancers, videos & a flea circus?????









A KNOCKOUT EVENING

Toughen Up Pree-Play
Boxing Day. Door Crasher
DEAL - All the arcade
action you can handle for
\$5. PUNCH-OUT Challenge on
the Big Screen.



TARG RADIO?

Join us for our 1st radio themed ALL REQUEST dj nite with Dr Davey Phd Md - You say it, he plays it + 2 sets by THE BUFFS doing all THE B-52's Tunes.



TIME TO DANCE AGAIN Our first event back after our brief Wizard Break. 80's Dance Party w Remi Royale + Live Joan Jett & The Police tribute bands





SKA JEFF'S HI-FIVES

THE HOLIDAYS ARE TYPICALLY A TIME OF JOY AND CHEER WHICH MAKES FANTASTIC FOR FAMILY MOVIES, BUT NOT FOR THE CULT CLASSICS BELOW WHICH TAKE A TWIST ON THE HOLIDAY FILM FORMULA AND MAKE THEM SADISTIC, SINISTER, AND SPOOKY. THIS MONTH I AM COUNTING DOWN MY TOP 5 CHRISTMAS SLASHER FLICKS.

#5. CHRISTMAS EVIL (1980)

A deranged department-store Santa becomes a cold-blooded killer in this taut psycho-thriller that spends time looking back at the poor fellow's life. This sadistic holiday chestnut is a cult classic, and is also titled Terror in Toyland.

#4. JACK FROST (1997)

After an accident that left murderer Jack Frost dead in genetic material the vengeful killer returns as a murderous snowman to exact his revenge on the man who sent him to be executed. It has developed a cult following for its comical death scenes and cheesy special effects.

#3. SILENT NIGHT, DEADLY NIGHT (1984)

The Charles E Sallier Jr holiday cult horror classic. After Billy Chapmen parents are murdered, a tormented teenager goes on a murderous rampage dressed as Santa, due to his stay at an orphanage where he was abused by the Mother Superior.

#2. GREMLINS (1984)

Horror & humor combine seamlessly in this monstrous box-office hit from Steven Spielberg & director Joe Dante. A small town is besieged by some furry & not-so-cute little creatures during Christmas after a young man ignores the warnings of a wise elder regarding their care & feeding.

#1. BLACK CHRISTMAS (1974)

During their Christmas break, a group of sorority girls are stalked & killed by a stranger. At the time, it was the highest grossing made-in-Canada film ever & made enough of an impact to get the attention of writer/director John Carpenter. It is now regarded as a pioneering slasher film.





OTTAWA PUNK HISTORY

Back in the late 80's the Ottawa underground music scene was quite vibrant & surprisingly most sub genres were well represented by amazing bands: Crossover (Grave Concern) to College rock (Fluid Waffle) to Hardcore (Harsh Reality) but for UK influenced Punk THE TRAPT were definitely at the top of the heap and arguably one of the best bands to come out of the city.

They were active between 1985 - 1990 & played a ton of shows at One Step Beyond, Porter Hall, Sandy Hill Community Centre with bands like Fugazi, The Problem Children, DOA & on rare occasion took their amazing Stiff Little Fingers/The Clash inspired tunes on the road to Montreal & Toronto.

"A Minute Late... A Dollar Short"
exists as their only publicly
released recording - a 1989 7inch
you probably don't have but is well
worth searching for on youtube or
you can experience it live when
they perform killer tunes like "Car
Bomb" & "Yes Sir, No Sir" at
Seasons Beatings Fri Dec 22
@TARG.



KJMAXX'S WICKED WAX

EVERY YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE, AND EVERY FREE-PLAY SUNDAY EVENTUALLY DOES AS WELL! THESE ARE KJMAXX'S TOP 10 GRAND FINALE JAMS ON WAX TO HELP SEND OFF THE SLEEPY ARCADE WIZARDS AFTER A FUN-FILLED TOUGHEN UP!!

- 10. THIN LIZZY GET OUT OF HERE
- 9. ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA IT'S OVER
- 8. REO SPEEDWAGON TIME FOR ME
- 7. CHEAP TRICK AUF WEDERSEHEN
 - 6. SQUEEZE GOODBYE GIRL
- 5. ROY ORBISON PENNY ARCADE
- 4. THE MONKEES ANOTHER PLEAS-ANT VALLEY SUNDAY
- 3. STEAM NA NA HEY HEY KISS HIM
 - 2. HERB ALPERT & THE TIJUANA BRASS- SPANISH FLEA
- 1. GARY WRIGHT DREAM WEAVER

EVERY SUNDAY UNLIMITED ARCADE

UNLIMITED ARCADE ACTION FOR \$5 9PM / 19+

PLUS SWEET 100% VINYL JAMZ COURTESY OF DJ KJMAXX

TOYS JOSH

WELCOME TO THE SECRET UNIVERSES OF MY TOY COLLECTION.



WHAT BUGS ME ABOUT STRANGER THINGS IS,

EVERY TIME SHE USES HER POWERS, HER

LEFT NOSTRIL BLEEDS- YOU'D THINK BY

SEASON 2, SHE WOULDA FIGURED OUT TO

STUFF SOME KLEENEX UP THERE!





IMPERIAL COMMERCIALS





PEROGRAM

A GUIDE TO ALL THE CONCERTS TAKING PLACE AT HOUSE OF TARG THIS DECEMBER.

SAT DEC 2 - House of TARG, and Ashton Brewing present: SWITCHED ON SYNTHS: Pop Edition w/ FEVERS + DOUCE ANGOISSE + HONEY BEARD + KI ***SYNTH OVERLOAD***

WED DEC 6 - House of TARG and PBR present:
JAZZ NITE w/ SUPER AWESOME CLUB + THE
CARLETON UNIVERSITY FUSION ENSEMBLE
Ottawa's renowned groove engine SUPER AWESOME
CLUB features Matt Ouimet (drums), Steve
Boudreau (keys), Jake Von Wurden (bass), Wayne
Eagles (guitar). Guaranteed to make you quit
music and sell your instrument. Joining them are
THE CARLETON UNIVERSITY FUSION ENSEMBLE
playing compositions by WEATHER REPORT,
CARLA BLEY, ALLAN HOLDSWORTH, MAHAVISHNU
ORCHESTRA, MIKE STERN, ERIC DOLPHY,
CHICK COREA & more ***1\$ off perogies every
Wedesday!!***

THUR DEC 7 - House of TARG and Whitewater Brewing present: BLOODSHOT BILL w/sg CASA LEGARTO + CHRIS LANDRY A rare performance by the legendary one man show that's got it all - fans of psychobilly and garage/blues will certainly not forget this evening - Gold!!! Doors@8pm ***EARLY START/EARLY FINISH!!***

FRI DEC 8 - House of TARG, CHORD productions and Beaus All Natural present: REPLACIRE w/sg NORILSK + MANGLER + PRONOSTIC + MESSORA With numerous tours and gigs behind them REPLACIRE has just released their debut album, "The Human Burden". A 41 minute delve into the psyche and assault on the senses. With grinding riffs, interweaving melodies and intense composition REPLACIRE hope to leave their mark and cross over to fans of various kinds of Metal.

SAT DEC 9 - House of TARG and Ashton Brewing present: THE CREEPS w/sg WASTED POTENTIAL + THE NEW CALLING Join us for this stacked

bill featuring a rare performance by local heavyweights THE CREEPS and a special opening set by local newcomer/supergroup NEW CALLING (members of WARP LINES, WHITE WIRES, BONNIE DOON) ***HIGH ENERGY FUN***

WED DEC 13 - House of TARG, Ottawa Punk Pinball League and PBR present: DECEMBER FREE PINBALL TOURNAMENT - Last one of the 2017 season!! There is still time to qualify for the big Season Finale Invitational Championship in January (stay tuned for details) FREE/NO COVER OR ENTRY FEE - just pay for your games as you go, all ages and skill levels welcome!! ***NEVER GIVE UP***

THUR DEC 14 - House of TARG and Whitewater Brewing present: THE SICK THINGS w/sg
BEARSHARK + ONIONFACE Playing high energy rock n roll, while making nods to the best of punk, glam and powerpop - anyone who caught THE SICK THINGS amazing set last summer at TARG knows that this is a band to watch out for. This night also features the highly anticipated return of TARG favourites BEARSHARK - welcome back fellas!! Doors@8pm ***HIGHLY RECOMMENDED***

FRI DEC 15 - House of TARG and Beaus All Natural present: SLO' TOM'S CHRISTMAS CHAOS PARTY!! He'll get your toe tappin', your funny bone twitchin' & your tears flowin' with all of his AMAZING country hits. SLO' TOM is an Ottawa institution - he played in the legendary punk band FURNACEFACE, he fixes your amps at SPACEMAN MUSIC - You can't mis with SLO' TOM & his uber talented HANDSOME DEVILS. ***GUARANTEED FUN***

SAT DEC 16 - House of TARG, Shade Nyx's Theatre Macabre and Ashton Brewing present: BURLESQUE NITE: KINKY KRISTMAS 3 Featuring the best of Ottawa BURLESQUE, BOYLESQUE,

BELLY DANCING, FETISH DEMONSTRATIONS and LIVE MUSIC!! We are proud to be continuing this annual show/tradition of holiday cheer and giving - fundraiser for Cornerstone Women's Shelter. ***ADULT CONTENT***

WED DEC 20 - House of TARG and PBR present: SUPERMURGITROID Jazz Nite w/ F8-BIT A new jazz series at House of TARG!!! F8-BIT are a cover band dedicated to classic console game themes. The quartet consists of some of Ottawa's highest-scoring jazz players, who owe their quick fingers and epic grip strength to blistering rounds of Super Mario Kart as much as they do to music school. Expect to hear modern takes on the themes from PUNCHOUT, SUPER MARIO WORLD, EXCITE BIKE, MEGA MAN, THE LEGEND OF ZELDA, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG and many more of your favourite classic console games. F8-BIT deliver a total K.O every time! Doors@8pm ***EARLY START/EARLY FINISH***

THUR DEC 21 - House of TARG and Whitewater Brewing present: WIZARD WORKS HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW Just in time for last minute gift ideas!! Check out some of Ottawa's craftiest vendors selling unique and inspired items all in the comfort of our humble Arcade. Totally free and all ages/family friendly. Doors@5pm ***EARLY START/EARLY FINISH***

FRI DEC 22 - House of TARG and Beau's All Natural present: SEASONS BEATINGS NITE 1: THE TRAPT + WORLD WAR 4 + POLICE N THIEVES + UNCOOPERATIVES Ottawa's low culture seasonal event of the year!! Join us for NITE 1 (Christmas Cacophony) of this amazing annual event featuring a reunion set with Ottawa legends THE TRAPT ***HIGHLY RECOMMENDED***

SAT DEC 23- House of TARG and Ashton Brewing present: SEASONS BEATINGS NITE 2: REMI ROYALE + HEINO + THE DOUBLE PUMPERS + GANDLAF + MORE Ottawa's low culture seasonal event of the year!! Join us for NITE 2 (Weirdo Wonderland) of this amazing annual event featuring a killer mixed bill of legendary performers ***HIGHLY RECOMMENDED***

SUN DEC 24 - ***CLOSED FOR XMAS EVE***

MON DEC 25 - ***CLOSED FOR XMAS

RATIONS and DAY***
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lay cheer and TUES

TUES DEC 26 - House of TARG and Collective Arts Brewing present: TOUGHEN UP! FREE-PLAY BOXING DAY 2017 Free-Play is getting shoved over to BOXING DAY - we wouldn't dare leave any Free-Play Fanatics hanging! DJ KJMAXX & Guests - Spinning 100% vinyl arcade jamz. Sleaze rock, Punk, Metal & retro electronic tunes to provide the soundtrack to your highscore pursuits. All pins & vids are set to Freeplay for your unlimited arcade pleasure!! ***FREEPLAY***

THURS DEC 28 - House of TARG and Whitewater Brewing present: MATLOCK EXPRESSWAY (Oshawa) w/sg SWIM TEAM + NOJAH + SAM HICKEY This show is ALL AGES!! Doors@8pm ***EARLY START/ EARLY FINISH!!***

FRI DEC 29 - House of TARG and Beaus All Natural present: T.A.R.G. ALL REQUEST RADIO w/DJ DR. DAVEY + THE BUFFS (Live B-52's Tribute) Dance your face off to all your favourite tunes with our first edition of T.A.R.G. radio - all request, all the time!! DR. DAVEY is your on call resident DJ playing nothin but the hits you've been dying to hear plus 2 sets of live music from our studio band THE BUFFS (Mtl) paying tribute to the mighty B-52's!! Tune in and get down ***DANCE PARTY***

SAT DEC 30 - House of TARG, Ottawa Ska Syndicate and Ashton Brewing present: VOTP SKA NIGHT w/sg THE SENTRIES + MORE TBA Voice of the People!! The monthly Ska and Reggae Night featuring DJs LONGSHOT, SNAPPY & guests with live bands playing the best SKA, REGGAE AND ROCKSTEADY music to make you move. ***SKANK TILL U DROP***

SUN DEC 31 - House of TARG and Collective Arts Brewing present: PLANET BOOGIE NYE FREEPLAY PARTY w/DJ KJMAXX and guests- Join us for a special NYE edition of TOUGHEN UP! FREEPLAY SUNDAYS All pins & vids are set to FREEPLAY mode from 9pm-2am for your unlimited arcade pleasure. Special guest DJ's spinning 100% vinyl on our spaced out laser powered mothership ***NIGHTFLIGHT TO VENUS***

ACROSS THE STREET EY (JOSH STAFFORE) MAYFAIR MAYFAIR

CARTOON, CEREAL, PAJAMA PARTY SAT DEC 16 - MAYFAIR THEATRE

HEN I WAS A KID, I'D WAKE-UP AT A STILL-DARK-OUT, UNGODLY HOUR ON SATURDAY. The routine of that treasured pre-dawn time would start with classic cartoons like Top Cat and Jetsons, intercut with strange no-budget commercials from Rochester for J

& E Grocery. I'd eat C3PO's cereal and marathon through the thinly veiled G.I. Joe and Transformers attempts to get my allowance via action figure purchasing. Kids today don't know how lucky they are when it comes to consuming pop-culture. In those 1980's dark ages, we didn't have the ability to watch whatever we wanted whenever we wanted (that would take a lot of VHS tapes). I shouldn't complain, because I can now watch Real Ghostbusters whenever I want. It's a great luxury, but my nostalgic mind often wanders back. If you have similar fond memories, or would like to introduce someone younger to the experience, a Mayfair favourite returns December 16th. Put on your favourite pajamas, and join us for 3 hours of (Holidays themed!) cartoons. There's even amazing retro commercials in between the shows. If only the 60 cereal boxes that we buy for the event still had prizes in them! But...that's another old man geeky complaint.



ABOUT THE SATURDAY MORNING ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT-CEREAL SATURDAY

Morning Cartoon Party On Saturday December 16th at 10:00am, the Mayfair Theatre will tune back in those fuzzy UHF memories of childhood! The program features an all new Holidays themed program curated by Kier-La Janisse, featuring three hours of classic cartoons (including retro commercial breaks!), plus a bottomless bowl of cereal for everyone who attends. Feel free to bring your own spoon and (reasonably sized) bowl. Pajamas encouraged! If you miss this one, stay tuned for the next Saturday Morning event, which happens quarterly! Admission is value-priced at just \$5 Kids Club members / \$7 children / \$8

members / \$12 non-members / \$9 seniors.

MAYFAIR THEATRE - 1074 Bank St. - www.mayfairtheatre.ca



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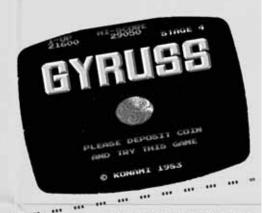
On the screen bottom when GYRUSS is introduced is the following phrase: "Please deposit coin & try this game." If the phrase is as exciting as shown in the demos, then the game must definitely be something to crow about.

Created by Konami in 1983, by a man named Yoshiki Okamoto (who was also behind the creation of Time Pilot), GYRUSS is exciting, addictive and unpredictable. The game objective is to reach Earth, which is approximately 2,750,000,000 miles away. To get there, you gamers must travel through 25 stages of our solar system, all the while battling enemies of the Icleodan Empire (the Exarsions, Petarians, Gigorions,

to name a few). Gyruss almost has the exact same feel as Galaga, with a bonus level after the 2nd stage, where you'll encounter the Zigmas & the Dogmas. Our journey begins at Neptune, where through two warps (stages), you'll be shooting anything & everything, all while traveling in 180 degree circles. After Neptune, for the other planets, including Earth, you'd have to pass through 3 warps. The game can get addictively challenging as enemy ships can appear instinctively out of nowhere, so stay alert & keep on the move. Players can pick up an extra life at 10,000 points.

A sun like ship will appear between 2 pod like blue ones at certain intervals of the warp. Destroy the sun like ship to double the firepower. Make this your priority because the extra weaponry increases your chances while handling more difficult enemies throughout the warp.

And finally, AVOID THE ASTEROIDS! These things come out of nowhere & block your path. Stay out of their way, as they cannot be destroyed. Happy Holidays fellow gamers!



ABOUT PROFESSOR BERNIE - VIDEO GAME PHD.

He's a TARG fixture & can be found at the TVs watching his beloved Senators or rippin' it up on Classic Vid Games. He's a bit of a "chip-nut" so bring him a bag of All-Dressed and he might give you some valuable vid tips in exchange.

THO THE CASE

WELL, THAT'S A TOUGH ONE...

Simple answer is, Heino (Heinz Georg Kram) is one of Germany's most successful singers of popular music & traditional Volksmusik... like 50 million records sold successful. Known for his baritone voice and trademark combination of light blond hair & dark eyeglasses... he is let's just say, a pretty interesting looking dude.



In the 70's he launched the rather bizarre TV show Sing Mit Heinc featuring lip-synced sing-alongs & a very

high quotient of lederhosen-clad guests. He can be best described as Germany's National Treasure.

Things get complicated when you introduce L.A./Toronto actor/writer Marc Hickox into the discussion. He also performs under the moniker Heino.... whaaat? Hickox, a veteran of Toronto's Second

City Sketch Comedy Troupe, became obsessed with (the real) Heino's minimal & rigid performance style and quickly took on the highly unusual project of impersonating him. In 2003 he received the Canadian Comedy award for best one-man show for the "Heino Happy Hour".

Since then he has always taken time out of his busy acting career to perform his twisted Karaokesque tribute at weddings, a funeral, Alpine Village Oktoberfest in Torrance California, Beau's Oktoberfest and as far afield as Cuba and Buenos Aires.
"I stick to classics, anything that sounds ridiculous with a German accent."

Hickox actually once met the real Heino at the café he owns just south of Cologne. "I was in costume, kissing little old ladies and signing autographs," he says. "And he came out of his office, made a little joke." Hickox's German friend translated the singer's awareness of his act. "I had an argument with Martin Short one night. He said the character was



The Real Heino immortalized in a rad velvet painting.

great, but you'll get sued unless you change the name. I said it's a great character because it's a real guy, and once I met him, I felt Heino could give a rat's ass."



Heino & Heino - not a weird German cop show... just actor Marc Hickox meeting the legend he has been impersonation for nearly 2 decades

Still don't really understand who Heino is? Witness Marc Hickox perform as Germany's most successful crooner at Seasons Beatings Nite 2: A Winter Weirdo Wonderland Sat Dec 23 to further complicate your bewilderment & become throughly freaked out - that is the best you can hope for at Ottawa's Low culture event of the holiday season.



FAZE - SONGS BY FAZE Label: Independent Cassette Released: Sept 2017

If you've seen FAZE, I challenge you not to love them. Whether you're a hardcore fanatic, a d-beat warrior, a psych wizard or anything in between, you need to hear this band.

Every single song is amazing in it's own right, and this is captured best live with Faze switching effortlessly between heavy psych punk weirdness, hardcore grooves, dance-y post punk and even d-beat.

If you've seen them recently, you've definitely heard these tunes, and will be overjoyed you can now listen to them while going about your business. While their initial demo is still great, am happy to report that their songwriting is definitely improving, and even more consistently catchy on this EP than before. There's a couple slower slammers on this EP, and the initial two tracks are a mix between dance-y post punk and psychedelic noise that I love oh so much. Listen to Faze NOW.

FFO: Impalers, Quetzal Snakes, Warthog, Pura Mania

CHRISTMAS ACCORDING TO SLO' TOM



To my faithful readers:

Instead of my usual snappy answers to stupid questions, I've decided to share some tips to help you through the Holiday Season.

EVERYONE KNOWS CHRISTMAS IS THE WORST TIME OF THE YEAR.

It's the time when you can't ignore the cold weather any longer so you've gotta dig out your lame parka and boots and mitts and all that crap. It's the time when you have to pretend to like your family. If you don't run around taping a bunch of Christmas cards to your fridge and raving about how much you love your idiot siblings, people think you're some kind of deviant! Ugh. To hell with that. It's the time of year when all you've got to look forward to is a severe January 1st hangover and three months of sleet, shoveling and wet feet. Everyone knows that Christmas sucks. Think about it: if the seasons were quitar players, who would Christmas

be? Yngwie Malmsteen!!! Loud and flashy, but totally sucking in ways you didn't even know were possible! Ha! So here's a few tips to try to help you through the WORST TIME OF THE YEAR:

TRY TO STAY POSITIVE:

Look, just 'cause Christmas is a super bummer doesn't mean you can't try to enjoy yourself. People drink like crazy during the holidays so you can get away with way more stupid drunken shit than any other time of the year. If there's some terrible ideas on your 'bucket list' now's the time to grab a couple dozen tall boys and make your dreams come true! If you can't stay positive...

GET INTO THE NEGATIVITY!!!

With all the shallow, crass commercialism in the air, it's a great time to really dig an ultra-

depressing negative vibe! I love to wander through the worst mall I can find and just soak up that bleak, superficial atmosphere. YEAH! Really get into watching that mindless robotic consumerism. Now, go home, mix up a nice strong vodka & egg nog and turn on CNN! AWESOME!

MOOCH!

The Holidays are a great time to hit your folks up for that loan, bug your friends for favours, and generally abuse the good nature of others. You won't believe the kinda shit you can get away with when people are full of "Christmas cheer" and don't want to "feel like a Grinch". What are you waiting for? 'Tis the season... to milk the system! Well, I'm running outta room here so that's about it for this month.

REMEMBER, CHRISTMAS IS THE WORST TIME OF THE YEAR

but there's always a silver lining: as mentioned, one of the few redeeming things about the holidays is that people usually drink a lot. So maybe, just maybe (in comparison) you won't seem like such a lush! Good luck, dear Readers.

Merry Christmas...

- Your pal, Slo' Tom



KICK OFF THE XMAS SEASON AT HOUSE OF TARG WITH SLO' TOM'S CHRISTMAS CHAOS PARTY, FRIDAY DEC. 15TH!

Hundred Pacer (revisiting their much raved about Echo and The Bunnymen set!), Slo' Tom and The Handsome Devils with Special Guests (including Remi Royale and Maureen Hogan!), Dance Bash with DJ Rey Dar Luv and SLONOVOX and much much more! It's gonna be a f*cked up Christmas... again!



THIS MONTH MARKS THE 35th ANNIVERSARY OF THE INFAMOUS E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL CARTRIDGE RELEASE FOR THE ATARI 2600, REGARDED BY MANY AS THE WORST VIDEO GAME EVER MADE. A QUICK GOOGLE SEARCH

SUPPORTS THIS RATHER POPULAR OPINION BUT WAS THE GAME REALLY THAT BAD OR IS ALL THIS VITRIOLIC "JOURNALISM" SIMPLY THE PRODUCT OF "GENIUS" BLOGGERS TRYING TO GET ATTENTION IN THEIR LITTLE **CORNER OF THE WEB?**

In the summer of 1982. Warner Communications negotiated a licensing agreement with Stephen Spielberg & Universal Pictures for an astronomical 20+ million dollars. ATARI (a subsidiary of Warner) brought on Howard Scott Warshaw, a bright young game developer & creator of the critically acclaimed 2600 title YARS REVENGE, to get the job done... the only catch was that the "suits" demanded the game make it to market in time for the 1982 Christmas shopping season.... that left Warsaw with an impossible 5

1/2 weeks to make it happen (Yars Revenge took 7 months). Given only a few days to envision the game concept. Warsaw found himself pitching his idea to a less than enthusiastic Spielberg who was looking for something more

> should have it, hubris won out & the game designer defiantly proceeded with his ambitious vision - an unprecedented multi level universe aimed at capturing the sentimentality that the film executed so well.

It is widely recognized that the game failed to achieve greedy

sales targets. resulted in a slew of customer returns & pretty much bombed with the public but

considering it was produced in such a mind-blowing short amount time it's hard not to recognize that some pretty cool things were accomplished with this game.

ATARI"

The game play successfully captured the emotional core of the hit film by including important touch points like interloping scientists, slimy government agents, E.T.'s weird telescopic neck, a caring buddy like Elliot & even Reese's Pieces (that sorta looked more like pixel poop but hey). As E.T. your goal is to get home by collecting pieces of an interplanetary telephone that can

summon the mothership. It's actually really fun to play & challenging to figure out the somewhat cryptic and whacked-out objectives.

To be fair - the game did have some major problems. Continually falling into the "Deep Wells" was enough to make you chew your own legs off... a flaw that wasn't ignored in a Feb '83 VIDIOT Magazine article (the world's greatest arcade culture publication) but in the end the review referred to E.T. as "an otherwise A-1 game".

Unfortunately over the years the ill-fated game really started to pick up steam as the butt-end joke of the video game industry - most likely perpetuated by negatrons who hadn't even played it.

There are plenty of emulated versions of E.T. online to try for yourself. Only then can you determine if you are one of the many haters or if you can find beauty in this "ugly duckling" & become inspired by a creative endeavour governed by the imperative to NEVER GIVE UP.

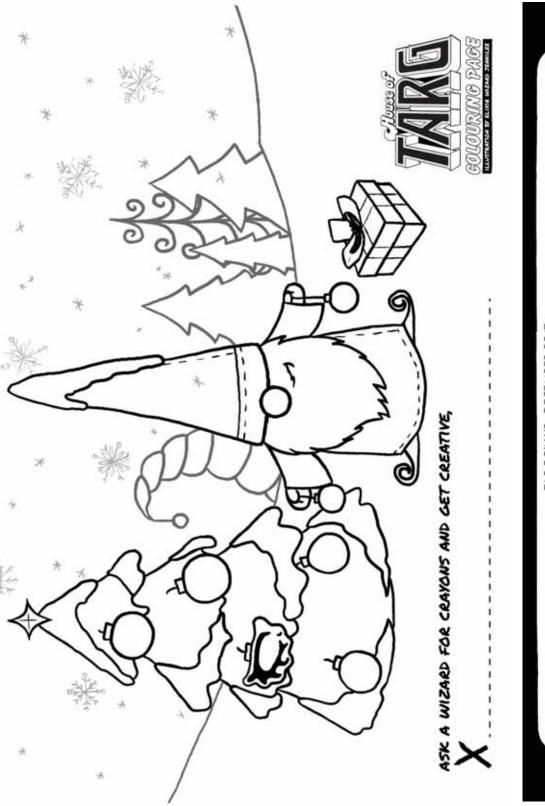


The 2nd most traumatic "Deep Well" of all time, rivalled only by Baby Jessica's



start screen had a really cool pixel art illustration of E.T. & some pretty rad 8bit jamz too!







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