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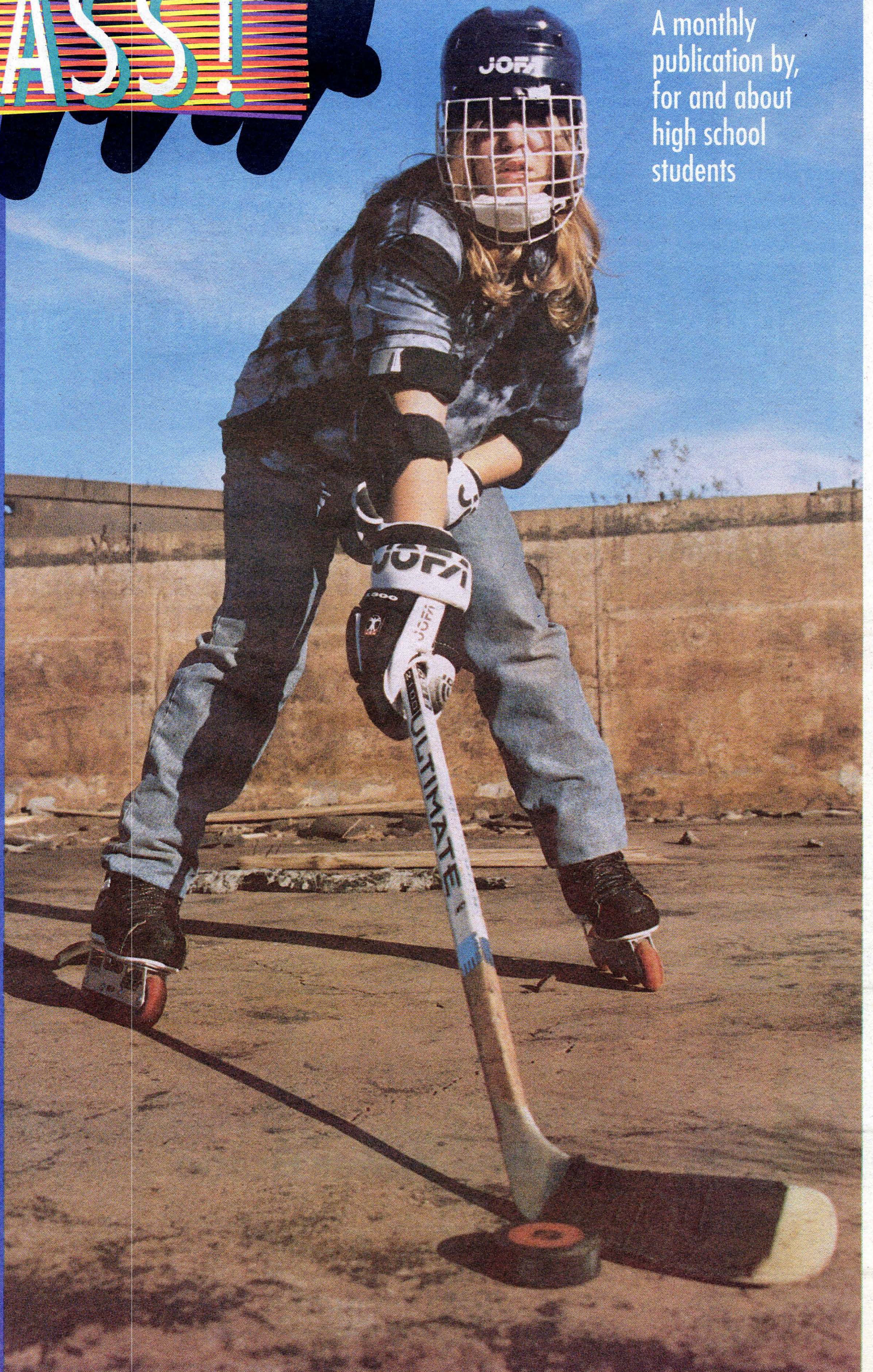
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November 18	Football State Tourn. (Silver Bowl)
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November 24-25	Thanksgiving break
November 29-30	Bowling Semi-finals/finals (Showboat)
December 13	Career Day, (Hacienda Hotel)
December 15	Bill of Rights Day (Just so you know)
Dec. 16-Jan. 2	Winter break
January 3	Classes resume
January 16	Report Cards distributed
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no school)
January 27	Honor Band Concert (UNLV Ham Hall)
February 4	Senior High Solo & Ensemble Festival
February 10-11	Wrestling, AA/AAA Div. Tourn.
February 17-18	Wrestling, State Tournament
February 20	Presidents' Day, No School
February 22-25	Basketball Division Tournaments
February 24-25	Speech Tournament
March 3-4	Senior High Choral Festival
March 10-11	Senior High Orchestra Festival
March 17-18	Senior High Band Festival
March 17-18	Senior High Drama Festival
March 27	Science Fair (Cashman Field)
April 10-16	Spring Break
April 18-19	Stage Band Festival
May 6	Secondary Schools Math Contest
May 10-13	Baseball, AAA Div. II Tournament
May 11-13	Track, AAA Div. Tournament
May 12	Golf, Swimming, Softball tourns.
May 18	Baseball, AAA State Tournament
May 23-25	Senior Exams
May 29	Memorial Day (No School)
June 1	Report cards distributed

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This first edition of CLASS! -- the only newspaper by and for Clark County high school students -- indicates the direction and purpose of your new monthly publication.

CLASS! is the place to share ideas and news about what's going on in the young-adult world. It's "Information-Central" for announcing each school's activities that other kids and parents are invited to attend. And it's a showcase for the talented writers, artists and photographers in your schools. A panel of student-advisors and educators will keep you current with what's important to today's youth -- and to the community. Stay tuned...the best is yet to come.

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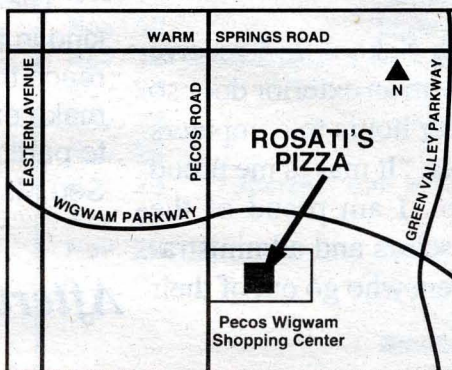
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National group honors Tanaka for innovations, risk-taking

by Lana Tanaka

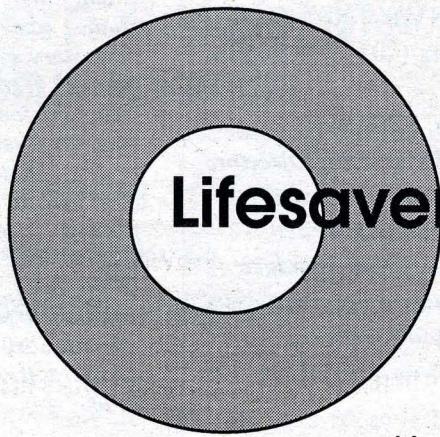
Clark High School Principal Wayne Tanaka has been recognized by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Met-Life Insurance as Nevada's Principal of the Year for 1994.

Taking risks to help students, participating in school activities, and solving problems are examples of what Tanaka does to insure the success of the school's learning environment and development.

Some of his more successful "risks" are the magnet program, the One Neighborhood for Everyone project and a community watch for the residents of the surrounding area.

"I was told that I was recognized as Principal of the Year because of the way we worked with the community to make Clark High School safer and more secure ...and the way we bring new ideas into the high school program, making Clark a national model of success," says Tanaka. NASSP will soon announce their choice for National Principal of the Year.

"If I am selected, Clark High School will receive \$10,000 to build a computer lab with an exterior door so every student can have access after hours to computers and work processors," says Tanaka. "It makes me proud to be part of Clark High School. I am proud of the students, parents, teachers, counselors and administrators. I especially thank our teachers who go out of their way to "build our builders."



Lifesavers -- the kind that don't melt in your mouth

CPR training puts you on the front line

By Annemarie Clark

It's your sophomore year of high school and you're sitting in health class listening to your teacher talk on and on about the importance of knowing CPR. You begin to wonder, "When am I ever going to use this? I have a healthy family and healthy friends. What's the point?" To those of you thinking this, stop right there.

Knowing CPR (Cardiovascular Pulmonary Respiration) is worthwhile. Most likely, those you spend the most time with will be the ones you would save.

According to Ms. Diane Hovland, advisor of the Explorers program, "It can happen at any time, and it can happen to anybody." If that is the case, then more people need to be informed and taught how to perform CPR. You can take a course at the YMCA, contact the American Heart Association -- or join the CPR Explorers Program at Clark. It is open to everyone.

CPR can save someone's life. "It's really important for regular people like us, because regular people are the first ones [at an emergency scene]. Professionals arrive because regular people make the call," explains Ms. Hovland.

Knowing CPR is something you can carry with you throughout life. Take CHS graduate Melanie Isom. She was involved with the program at Clark and will now be teaching CPR to BYU students as a part-time job. The CPR program has helped others as well, including graduate Amanda Heffner and Senior Jason Ferrari. Heffner has saved two lives with her CPR knowledge and Ferrari revived a child at Wet N' Wild.

The CPR Explorer Program has been at Clark for three years -- the first of its kind in the United States. "The more posts we have, the more people we can reach throughout the valley," reflects Ms. Hovland. She says that teenagers make excellent instructors and she would like to encourage more Clark students to participate. The CPR Explorers meets on Saturdays; any student may join. See Ms. Hovland in room 106 or Ms. Diane Bordenave in room 208.

Afterthoughts

by Alan DeTiberiis

"Let's go get our eyelids pierced, it'll be different," someone said. Different? That's not different, that's painful. "I'm getting black eye makeup to darken my eyes...it will really make me look different." NO...it will make you look DEAD!

Folks, having your body pierced and making yourself look dead is NOT different; it's a TREND. Look around school; how many people look different? A lot. That means it's a trend and they are conforming.

We hear "Different is Better," "Dare to be Different," "Different makes you you." But different is not what you wear on the outside; it's what you feel on the inside. In high school we are all desperately looking outside for identities. We need to look *inside*.

Dare to be different by not conforming. Writer e.e. cummings said "Conforming leads to the presidency" and right now I don't think any of us want that. Listen to the voice in your head—BE YOU! Then go get your eyelids pierced. Just an afterthought, thanks for listening.

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All colors, all accents,
all living in harmony

by Sandra Lee

Anytown USA is considered a "life-altering" camp, but the teenagers who collectively represented the broad spectrum of socio-economic backgrounds in America did not know how much information would be taken, given, and discovered in the course of a few days.

Students from across the Las Vegas valley were given the opportunity to participate in Anytown USA, sponsored by the National Conference, formerly known as the National Conference of Christians and Jews, a human relations organization. Other Clark students at Anytown were Tiffany Lawrence and April Cobos.

A glimpse of the Anytown banner, which depicts the world encircled by rainbow-colored people reaching for each other's hands, signalled the delegates that it was a weekend to leave "defenses and artillery" outside and to allow ourselves to wear our hearts on our sleeves.

After dinner we started the "mixer" games. One, *The Privilege Walk*, should not even be called a game because of the serious emotions it uncovered. While we all lined up, the leader started giving commands:

"If any of your ancestors were brought to this land by force...take one step back." All the African-Americans took a step back. Others: "If you lied in order to take a step forward, take a step back" and "If your parents tell you that you can do anything, take a step forward." All of us spread across the room we were asked to look around.

My emotions were so mixed. I wanted to help the people in the back come forward and I wanted the people in the front to move back...or at least to go forward myself. Most of all, I missed the line symbolizing our equality with which we began.

We then formed a circle and had a respectful, though emotionally charged, discussion. Mixed feelings numbed me at first, but as people began to share emotions and experiences, I recalled some of my own.

This is what Anytown is all about: a place to voice your opinions and concerns, your experiences and questions; a time to come together and share in order to understand. In a matter of hours, I had an affinity with people I didn't know before, but could completely relate to now.

"What affected me the most was the stereotyping exercise," says

Kappa League encourages self esteem

by Durell DiLuzio

Many people accept as fact that, in this country, many youths are drawn into the dangers of society. They get involved with the wrong people and wrong situations for reasons that are as varied as the people involved. Somehow, these young men must find their way out of this endless, damaging cycle.

Some students at Clark have opened their options by pledging themselves to a fraternity -- the Kappa League. Started in the fall of 1990, it's the first high school fraternal organization in Las Vegas, and is under the guidance of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Both organizations stress academic achievement and leadership, and help build self-esteem.

The Kappa League, consisting of young males in grades 9-12, takes part in many community services, as well as fundraisers and college trips. Some fundraisers include parties (non-alcoholic) for adolescents, auctions, and talent shows. Members are active in food drives and pageants, hosting the NAACP banquet, and providing free haircuts and school supplies for needy children.

[Editor's note: the Kappa League story will be continued in the December edition of CLASS!]

Tiffany. "We wrote down the stereotypes of the major ethnic groups... and were all laughing, but once we saw what people said about us, it wasn't a joke anymore." At first everyone was angry and defensive, but at the end of the discussion, "We realized that the people in the room really didn't feel that way. It was meant to dispel generalizations," she added.

Jacqueline Matthews, executive director of the National Conference's Southern Nevada Region, says, "Kids today are looking at an extremely rich tapestry of languages and cultures. We want to introduce them to it, and help them appreciate themselves and others."

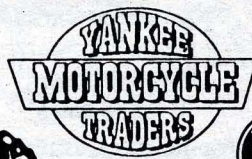


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Cheyenne -- The 31 Flavors of Fashion

by Kimberly Burgett

Many teens were unaware of what "retro" meant, but now Cheyenne students are beginning to focus on the past, mostly in the way they dress.

Some students dress in fashions that their parents have a hard time admitting they once wore. Other students continue the fad of over-sized pants, while still others remain content with the comfortable jeans

STUDENT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Nov. 1	Soccer Team bake sale
Nov. 1-22	Human Relations canned food drive
Nov. 2	Halftime Show Review
Nov. 4	Soccer Awards
Nov. 7, 8	Honor Choir
Nov. 18, 19	Honor Orchestra
Nov. 30-	Fall theatre: "Harvey"
Dec. 2	
Dec. 3	Sadie Hawkins Dance
Dec. 3	All-City Orchestra Festival
Dec. 5	Choir and Orchestra bake sale
Dec. 5-7	French Club bake sale
Dec. 8	Winter Concert: Orchestra/Choir
Dec. 9	Status Day of the Living Dead
Dec. 12-14	Human Relations bake sale
Dec. 13, 14	Band Concert

and a tee-shirt.

Styles are like personalities: there's a unique fashion for everyone. Teens seem to be searching for the fashion statement that best says who they are, but not necessarily what they do

Fashion is a form of expression for males as well as females.. Some guys wear the trendy hip-hop pants, while others prefer the ever-so-popular Levis 501 style.

Sometimes the clothes young adults wear vary according to a difference in their music taste. Whether they like rap, punk, techno, reggae, or just good old rock-n-roll, there is a style out there for every person.

From A to Z, Cheyenne is the fashion 31 Flavors of Las Vegas.

CHAMP can work like a... well, like a champ!

by Mike Cericola

A new attendance and motivational program has been designed to help students to improve their attendance: Cheyenne High Attendance and Motivational Program -- or CHAMP. It was developed for students who are "at risk" for graduation because of poor attendance, 12 or more absences. Select teachers observe and work with such "at risk" students, who are not allowed to leave campus for lunch and who are closely monitored as they pass between classes that do not follow the established bell schedule.

Students leave the program after they have demonstrated good attitude and good attendance and academic performance. The student is then assigned to an advisor, who will continue to monitor the student's grades.

SPORTS CALENDAR

WRESTLING

Dec. 1	@ Chaparral
Dec. 3	Cimarron Tourn.(away)
Dec. 8	vs. Rancho
Dec. 9,10	El Monte Duals (Calif)
Dec. 15	@ Eldorado
Dec. 20	Spartan JV Duals (away)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 29	vs. Eldorado
Dec. 2	@ Green Valley
Dec. 6	@ Chaparral
Dec. 9	@ Western
Dec. 10	@ Durango
Dec. 15-17	Tournament (Page, AZ)
Dec. 27-30	Sun Devil Classic (TBA)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Nov. 29	@ Chaparral
Dec. 1	vs. Basic
Dec. 6	vs. Rancho
Dec. 8	@ Basic
Dec. 13	vs. Durango
Dec. 15	vs. Silverado

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 29	@ Eldorado
Dec. 2, 3	Galena Tourament (Reno)
Dec. 6	vs. Chaparral
Dec. 9	@ Rancho

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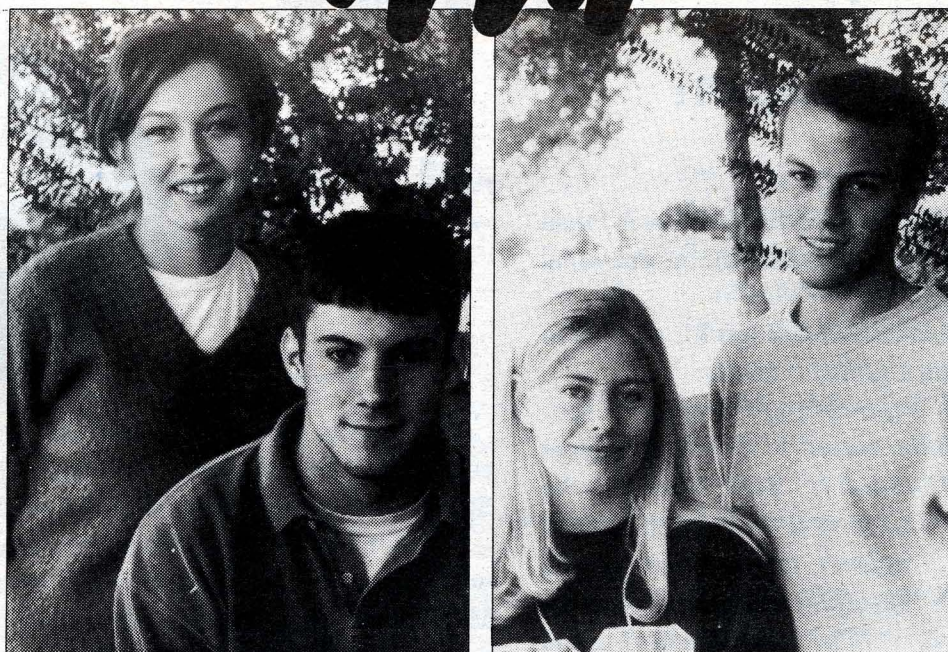
Interact gets its new act together

by Kara Pohe

Interact officers at BCHS have decided to reorganize the club, splitting it into four committees, each with a chair. The new divisions are Club Service, Vocational Service, International Service and Community and School Service.

The "Interactor of the Month" will now be chosen by a new point system, and the four Interactors with the most points at the end of the year will be treated to breakfast by Rotary Sunrise.

Members who attended the recent Interact symposium in Idyllwild, CA, returned with a variety of ideas for events, including a T-shirt designing contest and the stuffing and hanging of Santa Surprise bags. Members who attended the symposium were Anna Lindskoog and Jen Eugster. Boulder City Rotary paid for the trip.



EAGLES. September Eagles of the Month honors went to Jeny Bania and Brian Bailes (left photo), and the October Eagles are Virginia Hoekenga and Randy Tobler (right). Lady Eagle Bania plans to attend the University of Arizona and become a marine biologist. Eagle Bailes hopes to attend UC/Berkeley and go into law or education, Lady Eagle Hoekenga will major in engineering or journalism at an unnamed private college, while Eagle Tobler will prepare for a physical therapy career by attending BYU or Southern Utah University.

Boulder City drops an is no longer

out of its league

by Virginia Hoekenga

In the past two years, Boulder City's AA opponents have been able to argue that we belong in the AAA league because BCHS had more than 700 students. But the enrollment count of September, 1994, shows that the school now has 674 students.

Based on this count, Principal Bill Garis submitted an appeal to the NIAA board at its September meeting in Reno. However, prior to that meeting the board decided that BCHS should stay in the AAA for a second year, then return to AA next year.

"Boulder City just does not belong in the AAA, playing schools with 3,000 people," explained volleyball coach Mrs. Quintero. On the positive side, Boulder City will again be playing traditional rivals such as Moapa and Virgin Valley.

Comments were mixed: "We won't be intimidated by other teams," says one student; "AAA is a higher level of competition" according to a faculty member; and another says "AAA means less travelling time."

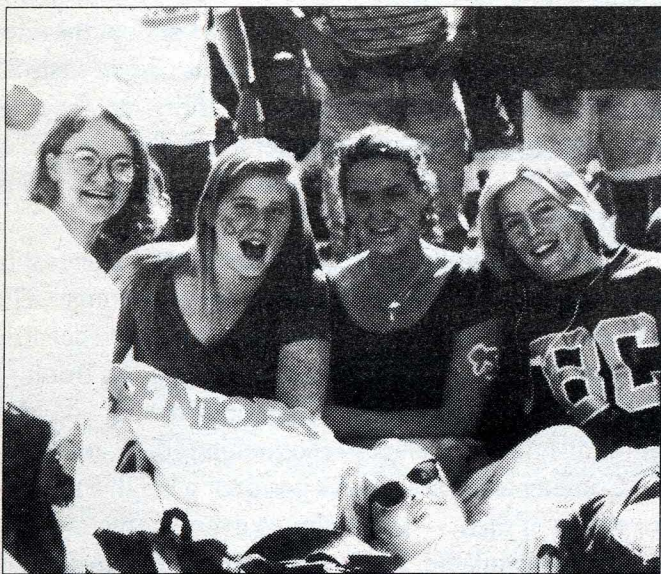
All the world's a stage... and so is Cedar City

by Heidi Harr

Eight theatre students competed and received honors at the Southern Utah University Shakespearean Festival in Cedar City, Utah

BCHS won second place overall in the Westminster Division. Renae Ott and Heidi Harr also placed second for their dialogue from *Othello*.

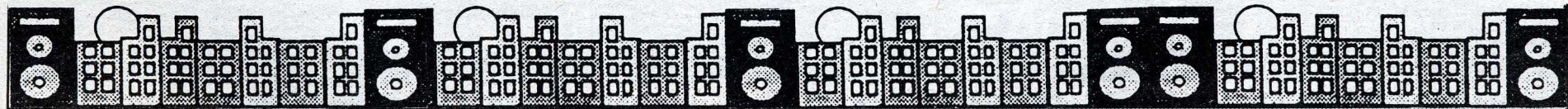
Mike DiSanza joined Vince Fischella and Heidi for a well-received ensemble performance. Evie Coleman, Melissa True and Sean Kearney acted out monologues while Lori Cowan performed scenes with Mike, Heidi and Renae.



RALLY' ROUND. The increased spirit at BCHS showed during the recent pep rally. Above: seniors Anna Lindskoog, Christine Davis-Schiemer, Katie Aldworth, Virginia Hoekenga and Natalie Mitchell are surrounded by a crowd as they do...well, nothing!



OTHELLO REVISITED. Renae Ott and Heidi Harr perform a scene from Shakespeare's *Othello* at the recent competition held in Cedar City, Utah.



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Teachers join Close-Up teacher exchange in Japan

by Chris Weber

Renee Leonard and Richard Vaughan, GVHS teachers, will be in Japan until Nov. 20 as part of a group of 40 American teachers in the international Close-Up program.

Prejudice due to a lack of education is reason enough for nations to come to together...in an attempt to create a global community.

The Close-Up organization, based in Washington, DC, and the Japanese Alliance for Global Partnership have united to create a foreign exchange program among teachers. Forty teachers from Japan and the

U.S. will visit each other's country for three weeks; the Japanese made the first visits.

The guests are both social studies teachers. While here, they spent a day observing GVHS classes. They also experienced Las Vegas night life.

"It's hard to imagine an American city where there is a pyramid, a castle, a volcano that explodes hourly, and a white tiger," said the Japanese guests.

The GVHS teachers attended classes on language and culture.

November-December Schedule

Nov. 18	Football State Championship
Nov. 19	Sadie Hawkins Dance
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Liturgy
Nov. 30	Open house
Dec. 1	Dismissal 1:15pm
Dec. 3	G-2 Dance, 8-11pm
Dec. 7-9	Auditions: Spring Musical
Dec. 16	Advent Liturgy
Dec. 19	Semester Exams, Periods 1&2 (dismissal 10:55am)
Dec. 20	Semester Exams, Periods 3&4 (dismissal 10:55am)
Dec. 21	Semester Exams, Periods 5&6 (dismissal 10:55am)
Dec. 21	Christmas Vacation begins

The answer to a moneyless weekend

(Continued from previous page)

cone -- and the race is on: guys against girls -- to collect items in record time.

"A scavenger hunt brings a night-full of cheap thrills as we rush around town acting like fools," one of the girls says. "The competition between the pals-n-gals is the best part of the evening."

Many other ideas are mentioned for a money-less weekend. One senior says, "when I'm broke, I just go party-hopping until I find one with a good DJ and some good-lookin' guys, then I dance 'til I drop." Another suggests, "Grab a movie and some microwave popcorn, pick up the phone and invite a few friends over for an exciting evening at home."

Who says we need money to have a great time in Vegas?

On the town:

What a bit o' \$ money can do! by Beth Fischman

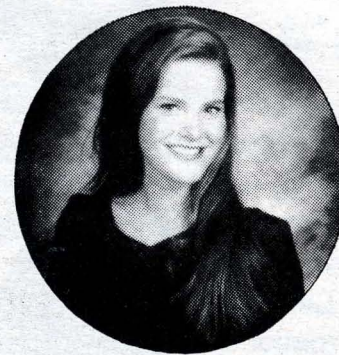
It's Friday night. Everybody is gathered, debating an all-too-familiar question "What are we going to do?" Finally, someone whines, "There's nothing to do here!"

Nothing to do? In Las Vegas, the city that never sleeps? There are so many things to do, it's overwhelming. What can an under-21 person do for a little fun and with a bit of money?

Aside from shows and restaurants on the Strip...

For sports fans, Las Vegas has a team for almost every sport. The Thunder plays ice hockey at the Thomas and Mack, sometimes even playing against professional NHL teams. The Stars play baseball at Cashman Field -- they're not on strike, too, are they? And basketball fans can go to UNLV Rebel Games. Las Vegas also has indoor soccer (the Dustdevils), arena football (the Sting) and Canadian football (the Posse).

For those looking for something a little more thrilling, there are several theme parks and rides. Scandia and Funtazmic are fun for the whole family. Admission is free



Kristin Stangeland

Pageant novice soars to the semi-finals

"And now the semi-finalists will be announced," the MC said calmly as the contestants held hands nervously. And the last semi-finalist... "Miss Kristen Stangeland, Green Valley High School."

Out of 53 contestants in the Miss Teen Nevada pageant last month, Stangeland was one of only three girls who had never before participated in a major pageant. Many of the other 50 had been modeling from four to six years. She says it took total preparation and hard work.

"Just to get prepared took months," Stangeland says. Even more hard work went into the pageant itself. She had to compete in the dance, swimsuit and evening gown categories and in a day of interviews with the judges.

Stangeland is president of the BVHS Key Club, Debate Team and Speech Club. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and is involved with many other school-related activities. Outside of school, she takes modeling and acting classes, and has appeared in a variety of international and national commercials.

She would like to major in drama and international business, then pursue a degree in law -- perhaps becoming an entertainment attorney after attending the University of San Francisco. She may not be able to participate in future pageants because of her college plans. She believes education is a priority over hobbies.

at the MGM Grand Adventures Theme Park but the rides cost \$15. Grand Slam Canyon at Circus Circus costs \$3 per ride or \$9 for an unlimited pass. If driving about an hour isn't a problem, the Desperado roller coaster at Buffalo Bill's (Stateline) is intense. It's \$3 per ride and worth every cent.

For the culturally aware, there are plays, ballet (especially the Nevada Dance Theatre) and museums. The category of museums includes some pretty eccentric things -- the Liberace Museum, the Guinness Book of World Records Museum, the Antique Automobile Museum (at Imperial Palace) -- something for everyone.

Comedy clubs are always good for a laugh and there are plenty of them -- one at almost every casino. Movies are always available, but if you're tired of the same old movies, try the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, interesting to say the least.

With all these places to go, who says there is nothing to do in Las Vegas?

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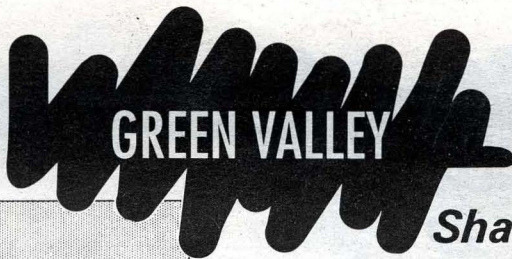
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**Ugly Kid Joe
and shopping malls
wow exchange kids**

by Paul Dodge

[Editor's note: Paul's excellent report unfortunately had to be severely edited for length.]

Imagine your school: more than 3,000 students, twice the size of your old one, and everyone spoke a different language than you do.

That's what faced a group of exchange students who arrived here from Finland, Germany, Holland, Japan, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden. They stay with host families, learn about the U.S. and have fun in the process.

"You can buy lots of crazy things," one says, and "School is shorter...but also more strict," notes two others. Several exchange students comment on the size of our country and the shopping malls, and some are fans of American music.

"I like American Music more than the music in my country," says Maija from Finland. "I like Ugly Kid Joe," comments Florian from Germany.

Some will stay for a year, others for a semester, but they can have the experience of a lifetime. Rasmus from Sweden jokes, "I want to go gambling."

**Strumming
and
humming
with the
Honors
musicians**

by Rebekah McBeth

Thirty-two GVHS students recently joined other talented students from all over the district in auditioning for the Clark County School District Senior High School Honor Choir and Honor Orchestra.

The Orchestra will perform in concert Saturday, Nov. 19, 7:30 pm at Artemus Ham Hall at UNLV. The Honor Choir concert was Nov. 8.

Students auditioning for the Choir were required to sing a quartet piece and a solo. The audition also included demonstrations of skill in sight-reading music, clapping rhythms of unfamiliar music, and vocally matching notes played on the piano. Students trying out for the Honor Orchestra had to learn a scale and play two difficult pieces.

This is an extra-curricular and voluntary activity on the part of the students, whose practice for the auditions was not done in class.

**Shakespeare comedy continues
through Saturday, Nov. 19**

by Jason Goldberg

Have you ever imagined a time when young lovers roamed a mystical forest of fairies?

The Green Valley High School Theatre Department will take you on such a journey -- through the pages of William Shakespeare and into a world of enchanting comedy -- with their performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The play, directed by Dane Madsen, will be presented Tuesday through Saturday, Nov. 15-19, in the GVHS theater. Tickets, which may be purchased at the door, are \$2 for students and \$5 for adults.

"I think we have a real strong cast for this Shakespearian comedy, says Mr. Madsen, drama instructor, about his performers and crew members.

The play revolves around four lovers, the king and queen of the fairies, and the mischievous Puck.

Adding to this interesting comedy are six characters called "the rustics," who perform a play-within-a-play for the lovers and their families.

This year's theater season will also include the comedy-drama *Dandelion Wine* and the musical *The Apple Tree*, which will run in February and April, respectively.

Auditions for actors and technicians are open to all students.

**Tennis team -- victim
of tiebreaker count**

by Paul Dodge

The Green Valley High School men's tennis team earned first place in the Sunrise division and a trip to the state tournament in Reno, after completing their season with an 11-0 record.

The team battled it out with Reno High School for the state title, but the two undefeated teams finished in a 14-14 tie.

In tennis, unlike other sports, play does not resume in a team tie-breaker. The winner is determined by which team won the most games in the match.

"It's just a matter of sitting and waiting and waiting, while the officials count the games," according to tennis coach Jeff Horn.

Reno had 107 games while Green Valley had only 103, resulting in a heartbreaking loss for the Southern Nevadans.

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Dec. 2	Basic (home)
Dec. 6	Valley (home)
Dec. 9	Chaparral (away)
Dec. 19/20	Lady Wolves Tourn. (at Basic)
Dec. 28/30	Moapa Valley Tourn

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Dec. 2	Basic (away)
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Dec. 9	Chaparral (home)
Dec. 15/17	Virgin Valley Tourn.
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Nov. 17	Bonanza (Santa Fe Lanes)
Nov. 22	Gorman (Sunset Lanes)
Nov. 29	Cheyenne (Sunset Lanes)
Dec. 1	Durango (Gold Coast Lanes)
Dec. 6	Semi Finals (Showboat Lanes)
Dec. 7	Finals (Showboat Lanes)

Silverado 'tutors'
make the little ones
feel special

by Devon Jean

Wonder why a high school student might want to go back to elementary school? (No, not to color.)

But every Wednesday, a group of 15-25 Silverado students spend their afternoons at Louis Weiner Elementary as part of an organization called "Helping You, Helping Me." Their mission is to tutor the children and provide more of a one-on-one approach to education.

The program began 10 years ago, when a high school teacher and an elementary teacher thought that this arrangement would help both students at both levels.

The two schools were paired, based mainly on their location and the need for tutors.

A lot of time and patience go into this program and both sides are to be commended for what they accomplish -- especially the Silverado "tutors."

"The children enjoy working with the older students," explains Mrs. Slack, one of two teachers involved at Weiner Elementary.

She watches the young students reading or practicing with flash cards and says, "The emotional connections make the younger students feel very special.

Any Silverado student interested in becoming involved with the "Helping You, Helping Me" program should speak with Mrs. Lasley, the program coordinator, in Room 320.

There's always room for caring students who would like to share their knowledge with others and help their community at the same time.

CREATIVE TEACHING AT SILVERADO "LETS THE FUN SHINE IN"

Carry the torch: let the (math) games begin!

by Benjamin Fields

Math takes on a whole new meaning in Mrs. Yeoman's math class -- fun.

At the beginning of the year, she holds the Math Olympics, to help students enjoy math and to give them the opportunity to work in groups. The Olympics includes a variety of games such as "rotation."

"We had such a great time, we may hold another Math Olympics at the end of the year," says Mrs. Yeoman.

There were daily winners and, at the end of the competition, gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded by Principal Aldean Reis.

Science classes take a world view

by Devon Jean

Two new science programs have been introduced at Silverado: Global Lab and Marine Science. Students are managing a Radon Testing Project in the Global Lab class, in cooperation with students at the Environmental Protection Agency lab on the UNLV campus.

Marine Science students exchange information about coastal environments with a school in Belfast, Maine and are hoping to communicate with students in Russia.

A senior in Environmental Studies at UNLV works with students in the science department three days a week, helping with telecommunications and the Global Lab recycling program.



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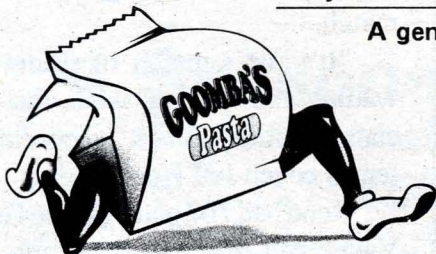
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Aerosmith. Period.

By Josh Barnard

I can now die happy. The concert of the century was last month at Thomas & Mack Center: Aerosmith, with new hits and timeless classics, stronger than ever in their late years.

Opening with their raw, matter-of-fact Eat the Rich, Steven Tyler pulled the crowd into the Aerosmith mystique, and went into a frenzy such as you would expect from a modern '90s rock band, not a 43-year-old man. They reached their peak with an explosive four-song encore.

Aerosmith will be back for the opening of the long-anticipated Hard Rock Hotel. If they do perform, spring for the ticket money -- it's definitely worth it.

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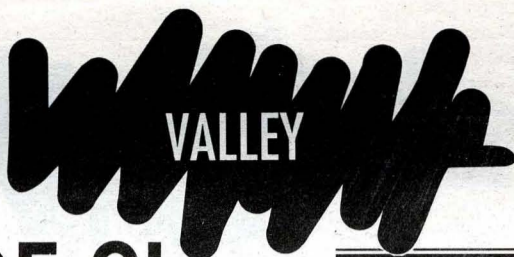
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PRIDE!

It may have been a low blow but Valley keeps heads high

*An Editorial
by Cindy Davis*

Hearts filled with pride, students involved with activities, teachers working with students, and people enjoying where they are. This is what you see when walking through Valley High.

We recently received a small blow to the ego, but we still stand tall. We were put down for standing up for ourselves in the local press. To those who took the chance to express [to the newspaper] how you feel, I say, "Bravo!" Our students can stand with pride for what they believe in.

Ever since we were little, we have been told, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." Another important lesson we learned was to respect others. Valley has demonstrated that sticking together through rough times can result in coming out on top, which is what we have done.

I applaud all the students who stood up and showed that we do not have to take what we do not deserve. Valley High School is a place to be proud of, it is a place where we are getting an excellent education, and it is a place that many of us call "home."

PRIDE 2!

Did the controversy affect voting on the school bond?

*An editorial
by Larry Gradel*

How does the Review-Journal's recent article affect you as a Valley High School student? Does this recent attack against Valley bring us more school spirit and bring us together as a student body?

The most important question is: did these allegations against our school affect the way people vote for the \$905 million dollar bond issue? The bond issue, if passed will give Valley students access to the same technology as a student in a new school.

Nevadans with common sense value a good education over negative propaganda. Our school has reached a higher level of school spirit from all of this. The R.J. has brought our school together to face a great problem.

Those who wrote letters to the editor should be as proud of themselves as they are of their school.

We will never know what process the R.J. went through to pick the letters for their paper. Of all the letters, how many had problems, if any? Our education will be affected by all of this, as well as our future.

We might not be prepared for what's ahead, but we sure learned a lesson about speaking out for ourselves.

Show time
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Showtime

by Karla Culberson

The Valley High School Theatre Arts Department will offer two productions this year. The first is Story Theatre by Paul Sills. This presentation will continue through November 18. Tickets are only \$5.50. The other production will be performed on December 14 only. It's called "Broadway Musical Showcase...Off Off Broadway & More." Tickets are also \$5.50.

by Cindy Davis

Adopt-a-Student

Valley High is developing a program called PASS: Programs for Assisting and Supporting Students. We will use the Mentor Program, or *Adopt-A-Student* and it is expected to start by the second quarter..

The Mentor Program was designed to help students get through high school. "Adopted" students will meet with a faculty member who will help them determine a goal for the day

Most students have a long-term goal for high school, graduating. These students will be taught to make short-term goals which will eventually give long-term results.

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BLOCK SCHEDULING EARNS GENERAL APPROVAL

by Carli West

"A" days, "B" days, 50-minute lunches -- what are these crazy things happening at Chaparral High School?

It's "block scheduling," which Principal Mike West said is going better than he anticipated. "Several other schools in Las Vegas have inquired about it and expressed an interest in developing some type of block scheduling," West says, adding that he has heard positive remarks from students and that school morale seems to be up.

There is an overall calmer aura on campus due to decreased passing periods, according to West, who has had far fewer complaints from students about school compared to last year.

"I hope we can use the extra time during lunch to hold club meetings ... because it has been proven that students' involvement in extra-curricular tures as the sole form of teaching.

Many teachers find the extra time convenient because they have

more time for activities. "Students are more involved in the learning process," English teacher Paula Naegle said. "I wish we could have done it a long time ago."

West said that the administration is involved in a self-examination process, evaluating the curriculum to ensure that it is up to date and exploring teacher training opportunities to help the teachers develop new methods of teaching.

Although not everyone is head over heels in love with block scheduling, it is pretty popular overall among the staff and students. For the most part the changes have been easy to adjust to. There is the occasional long day for some, but that's not much different from the past. "Last year I was skeptical, but on the first "A" day I knew the year was going to be great," Senior Sarah Temkow said.

The British are coming! The British are coming! History class in Revolution

by Jannie Meyer

Abstract history lectures came closer to reality recently when Hayward Harrington's history class recreated the Battle of Hastings, from the Revolutionary War. The "British army,"

whose ranks were made up of students, included two officers and three soldiers.

The Americans were ready for them, with ample warning from Paul Revere and William Daws, who scurried into the courtyard screaming "The British are coming, the British are coming!" The American troops, including four horsemen and four Minutemen, were in position for the attack. The final minutes of the battle were filled with joy as the Americans

soaked the British in delightful defeat once again.

[Editor's note: It was gratifying to see that the modern Battle of Hastings welcomed women into the ranks of "horsemen" and "Minutemen."]



Carnes is Ms. Teen Nevada, will seek Ms. Teen U.S.A. crown

by James Conway

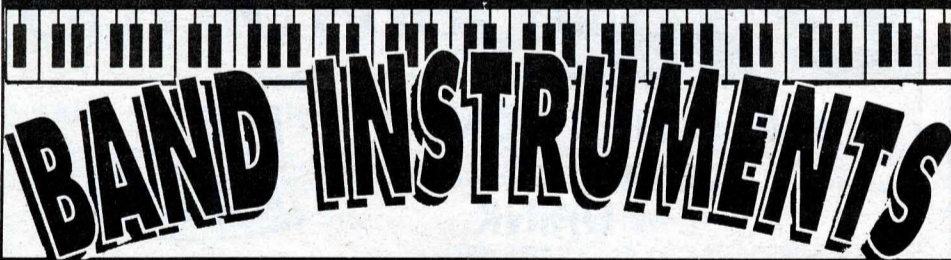
Alley Carnes, senior, has been named Ms. Teen Nevada. She will now start preparing for the Miss Teen U.S.A. Pageant next summer in Biloxi, Mississippi. Carnes is on *Short Flags* and the Varsity Bowling team -- her highest score is 263 -- but she doesn't see a professional bowling career in her future.. She maintains an astonishing 4.1 GPA and plans to become a genetic engineer.

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Nov/Dec Good Things to Do

Aiming for the stars:

51 take aviation class

by Chris Caples

New to Chaparral this year -- and for the first time in the West, a flight course is offered in the high school. At Chaparral, 51 students in the two flight classes are taught by teacher Pat Savage, himself a student pilot who will receive his pilot's license later this year.

The seed was planted when Vice-Principal Larry Lee was approached by *Youth in Aviation*, an organization dedicated to passing on the love of flight to young people. The class teaches about careers in aviation.

Upon completion, students will qualify to take the ground portion of the pilot's test. Savage teaches required principles such as the physics of flight, equipment, rules and regulations, navigation, safety, and weather.

Recently the class toured the North Las Vegas Airport and examined planes with

professional pilots. Recently, the students actually got to fly planes by themselves. Local pilots donated their time and money to provide the class with this unique experience

But wait, there's more! Trips are also planned to McCarran Airport, a control tower, and possibly Nellis Air Force Base. The consensus on the class seems to be 100% positive.

"It's a great class for those interested in aviation and an exciting alternative class to C.H.S. students," says junior Steve Rasbach. Of course, much backing comes from a cornucopia of supporters. "Youth in Aviation" (aka *Young Eagles*) and its head, Dick Schultz, are major supporters who contribute equipment and help with fund-raising.

- Nov. 17 Bowling v. Las Vegas (Showboat)
- Nov. 17-18 One Act Play Festival (6pm)
- Nov. 18 State Football Tournament
- Nov. 18-19 Forensics @ Green Valley
- Nov. 19 Sadie Hawkins Dance (8-11pm)
- Nov. 21 Bowling v. BC (Lucky Strike)
- Nov. 25-26 Wrestling Tournament (Mesquite)
- Nov. 29 Womens basketball v. Western Men's basketball @ Western Women's soccer v. Cheyenne Wrestling @ Virgin Valley Wrestling @ Cheyenne Wom. Soccer v. Gorman, Fntn. Pk Women's Basketball @ Gorman Men's basketball v. Gorman Wrestling, @ Boulder City Women's basketball @ Cheyenne Men's Basketball v. Cheyenne Women's soccer @ Silverado
- Dec. 7 Choir Concert, Little Theatre, 7pm
- Dec. 8 Wrestling @ Bonanza Women's soccer @ Silverado
- Dec. 9 Women's basketball v. Silverado Men's basketball @ Silverado Readers' Theatre, 7pm
- Dec. 8-9 Wrestling, Gold Tour. @ Eldorado
- Dec. 9-10 Jazz Band Conc., Sam's Tn., Noon
- Dec. 10 Band Concert, Little Theatre, 7pm
- Dec. 13 Women's basketball v. Bonanza Men's basketball @ VoTech Women's soccer v. L.V. High Play Auditions, 2pm
- Dec. 14-15 Holiday Assembly, Gym, 12:30 Wrestling @ Western Women's basketball v. Cimarron Women's Soccer @ Green Valley
- Dec. 16-17 Wrestling Tournament, Gym
- Dec. 19-22 Men's basketball Tour. (Encinitas)
- Dec. 29-21 Women's basketball Tour. (Utah)

A little movie review

by Jill Englund

EAT DRINK MAN WOMAN

Not your typical teen flick: set in modern China, a chef has lost his sense of taste. He struggles to keep his family together by cooking elaborate Sunday banquets for his three daughters, who are too focused on their own relationships to notice what they're eating. The stories are well tied together, the feasts are incredible, the ending was perfect and fitting. This movie is food for thought.

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GORMAN

10-K stroll now history; replaced by Gael-a-Thon

by Beverly Bunnell

To choose to walk or to play games? Five years ago students walked and walked and walked for pledge money in an effort to supplement the school budget. The event was the Walk-a-Thon.

Apparently, two years of a 10K stroll was enough, so three years ago "the powers" designed a different method to incorporate students into the fund raising process. It is called the Gael-a-Thon.

The Gael-a-Thon kick-off was in the fall of 1991. Raffle tickets were sold; winners received televisions, radios, and even cash. The fund raiser has grown more successful each year, with more and more students participating.

Gaels who sell their quota are given a day to compete with other classes for additional prizes. Competitions include volleyball, tug-of-war, free throw, football toss, limbo, egg and spoon, trivia, three-legged race, golf chipping, the obstacle course and the "sew what."

The day ended with an Olympic style parade to the gymnasium and presentation of prizes. Students tagged the proceeds for their favorite Gorman club or sport, giving them direct input into the budgeting of their special interests.



GAEL-A-THON. Quota-filling students compete for extra prizes. Above: Kristin Barrett does a limber limbo.



HOPPING FOR PRIZES. Aiming for bonus awards for selling their Gael-A-Thon quota in raffle tickets, Cathy Martin and Danielle Johnson try a three-legged race. The raffle replaced the Walk-A-Thon of the past two years.

Raising awareness and money for war on hunger

by Patrick Foil

Hunger War '94 is an attempt to lead Las Vegas into the war against hunger through a campaign that will educate students and Las Vegas about hunger, and will raise money and food for the hungry.

Students, faculty, and parents are encouraged to raise money by fasting for 24 hours, starting 7:45 a.m. Nov. 21, and collecting pledges for each hour they fast, or by donating lunch money on Nov. 21. It will be donated to Oxfam America, which helps Third-World nations, and to the Catholic Worker, and Crossroads Family Shelter, local groups fighting hunger.

Gorman will invite Gov. Bob Miller to fast with us, to attend Mass on Nov. 22, and to speak about hunger in Nevada. Gorman has also asked radio station KKLZ to promote our campaign by doing the morning show from our campus on Nov. 21.

Students are encouraged to bring non-perishable food to their first period class on Nov. 22.

A very small movie review
by Vanessa Cruz

"The Little Giants"

Two thumbs up? Nope. Five stars? Not even close. A ten? Try a one. This movie is delightfully boring.

It's about a small town pee-wee Football league named the Cowboys. They have try-outs for the new season and some kids are rejected. Of course they are! These kids were dense when it came to football. Besides, the writers needed a plot.

So the rejects formed their own football team and named it the "Little Giants." The townspeople were thinking "one town, one team." So brothers Darry and Kevin O'Shea, coaches for the team, decided that they would have a play-off to decide which team stays.

Can you guess what happens next?

"Wes Craven's New Nightmare." If you've seen enough Freddy Kruger, save your money for the holidays.

November-December

Calendar

Nov. 18	Football State Championship
Nov. 19	Sadie Hawkins Dance, 8-11pm
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Liturgy
Nov. 30	Open house
Dec. 1	Dismissal 1:15pm (faculty meeting)
Dec. 3	G-2 Dance, 8-11pm
Dec. 7-9	Auditions for Spring Musical
Dec. 16	Advent Liturgy
Dec. 19	Semester Exams, Periods 1&2 (dismissal 10:55am)
Dec. 20	Semester Exams, Periods 3&4 (dismissal 10:55am)
Dec. 21	Semester Exams, Periods 5&6 (dismissal 10:55am)
Dec. 21	Christmas Vacation begins

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Editorial

Honors diploma is a Catch 22

by Richard Holmes

It's a big deal, you know, to be able to say you're a student who got a Honors Diploma. At graduation, you get all kinds of accolades. This special diploma means you're a distinguished scholar -- ready for Harvard, no doubt.

There are certain requirements for your Honors Diploma: four years of literary immersion, two years of mathematical phenomena, three years of scientific theory, and three years of foreign language. Unfortunately, the Honors Diploma becomes the *end* rather than the *means* to an end.

What if you're a Honors Diploma student and aspire to become another Picasso? Easy enough, you say, so you enroll in an art class. "No can do!" says the system. You have to take Chemistry I to get your Honors Diploma. "No problem," you say. "I'd rather be an architect anyway, so I'll take drafting."

"No can do!" says the system. "You must take Spanish I or you'll never get your Honors Diploma." Well, architecture is no big deal; I'm a much better singer anyway. I want to take Spectrum to enhance my vocal ability. "No can do!" says the system. "You must take French II to stay in line for the Honors Diploma, to assure you of placement among the finest scholars in the country."

So now it's four years later. You did what the system told you to do. You took all those classes and you're ready to get those scholarships.

Now it's *Catch 22* time: As your counselor says, "Please list all your extracurricular activities and awards, such as your participation in Spectrum, your art awards, and the housing design project you should have done by now."

Yes, the system won, but it's like the story of "The Lady and the Tiger": the Honors Diploma will open doors for you, but you don't know which doors it will open.

Deadly poison, fancy lace -- thanks to Hothouse Theatre

by Isela Gutierrez

Deadly poison, cold-blooded murder, and lace -- these describe the fall play at Las Vegas High School. *Arsenic and Old Lace* will be performed Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 17-19.

This will be the first performance by Hothouse Theater, Las Vegas High's new theatre company. Gary Sessa, the director, says "This is a great show with a really good cast and a neat set. Exciting cast, exciting set, exciting show. Come see it."

Arsenic and Old Lace is a macabre comedy about two eccentric, elderly sisters who live together and, by the time the curtain rises, they have already murdered 12 people.

Starring as the elderly sisters are Rachel Cram as Abby Brewster and Melinda Pfundstein as her sister, Martha. Other cast members include Bryan Severance, Nick Richards, Sebastian Raimundo, Clinton McBeth, Monica Rowland, Mason Simons, Mike Larson, SkyHoffman, Adam Rushfield, Curtis Penn, Ethan Ruff and Brian Peterson.

Honors Diploma by any other name is Distinguished Scholar

Honors Diploma is the new name for what once was called the DS Diploma -- for Distinguished Student. Students in grades 10-12 take these courses to qualify: 3 English, 2 math, 2 science, 2 social studies and 2 foreign languages. Ninth-grade honors students who entered since July 1994 take 3 English, 2 math, 2 science, 2 social studies, 1 foreign language (not including a first-year course) and 2 elective Honors courses.

EDITORIAL

A good book is hard to find

by Monett Haley

What would you think if you went to look up a word in the dictionary but couldn't find an available copy? Or how about trying to check out *Where's Waldo?* for your little brother, only to find that Waldo really is missing!

Every day all across the country, books are being challenged or banned. Sounds ridiculous, but what's more ridiculous are some of the reasons given for banning these books.

For example, *The Diary of Anne Frank* was dubbed a real "downer," and *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* was banned in some libraries because "if there is a possibility that something might be controversial, why not eliminate it?"

If society banned every book that had a

questionable word or controversial theme, what would we have to read? Perhaps the Bible? No way! The Bible, too, was banned since it is "obscene and pornographic" and contains "language and stories inappropriate to children."

When others attempt to ban books from public schools and libraries, they are infringing on the constitutional right of free speech. People should be allowed to choose reading material without being bombarded by the views of those who find it offensive. Who are they to determine which books are "bad"?

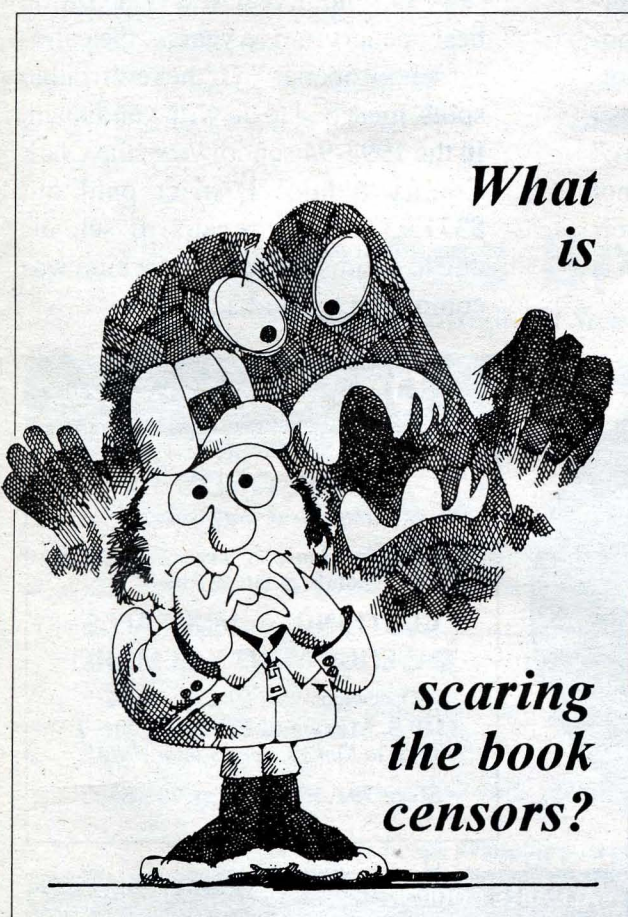
No book should be banned because some people find it offensive. Reading is a way to stimulate the mind, to develop and learn new ideas and concepts. As one student quipped, "Next they'll try to ban the alphabet because the letters are in offensive positions."

The Offenders

The following books have been banned or challenged in the past six years:

- Grimm's Fairy Tales
- The Diary of Anne Frank
- Of Mice and Men
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Where's Waldo?
- Tarzan
- Gorillas in the Mist

- Little House on the Prairie
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
- Lord of the Flies
- Brave New World
- Catcher in the Rye
- The Giving Tree
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
- Little Red Riding Hood
- Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee
- The American Heritage Dictionary
- The Bible



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ELDORADO

'Alternative scheduling' may be in the cards for Eldorado

by Rachael Browner

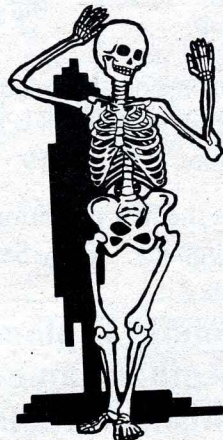
Approximately 2,200 students attend Eldorado. Many have heard about alternative scheduling but don't know what it is.

Principal Gail Dixon says, "There are literally hundreds of different kinds of alternative scheduling. We are looking at various types called block scheduling. That means you wouldn't meet every class, every day.

"We will probably be all right in terms of enrollment, but the year after next, the district will have to look at something else to do," she adds.

The Clark County School District will not know until next year where it stands in terms of high school enrollment — whether they go double sessions or year-round. Decisions about scheduling are made at the district level and not at the building level.

Within as little as two years, Eldorado may need to change to alternative scheduling. EHS will probably not be on an "alternative schedule next year." However, by the time the class of 1997 graduates, Eldorado and other high schools in fast-growing Clark County may find it necessary to adjust to a new type of scheduling.



Death takes a Holiday at EHS!

by April Gilliam

Death Takes a Holiday is the name of the first play the Eldorado Theater

offers this year. *Death Takes a Holiday* will be presented November 17 through 19. It is a three-act play set in aristocratic, modern Italy. The play begins with Death deciding to live the life of a mortal for three days. On this holiday, Death, going by the name of Prince Sirki, stays with the Duke, who is the only one who knows Death's true identity.

The play has a cast of 13 people. The main character, referred to as the Shadow of Prince Sirki, is played by senior Hamaas Gilchrist, who says, "Being in this production has been a wonderful experience, and all the cast members have been fun to work with."

The cast enjoys working with Director Eddy Schumacher. Adrienne Rice (playing Alda) says, "He lets us create our own characters and is open minded to new ideas."

Editorial Fashion

has nothing to do with it

by Shannon Einarson

No frayed shorts, no half-shirts, and shorts much be fingertip length.

These are a few of the dress code rules adopted by the Clark County School District.

Many think the fingertip length rule should have a few exceptions. One example is for tall people. When they wear shorts, the shorts *always* look shorter than they really are. And some people argue that they have extra-long arms

When asked what the purpose of the dress code was, Assistant Principal Hoffman replied, "The purpose is to create a reasonable atmosphere for students that will not distract from the learning process." Most students say it is not difficult to modify their dress if the dress code is called into question.

Does EYE keep the peace or fine-tune misbehavior?

by Hamaas Gilchrist.

EHS students have new visitors in the hallways and even in a few classrooms. Their eyes watch carefully and help keep the school safe. These are the school's cameras.

Are they a violation of privacy or a necessary aspect of school life? One thing is sure, the cameras add to school safety. In the past four years, EHS security has been tightened successfully and Eldorado has been running smoothly. Having dedicated faculty members and officers on duty deters negative situations. But are the cameras necessary?

Most students say the cameras do serve a useful purpose. Others argue that the addition of cameras causes them to be more creative in their methods of misconduct. Officers Johnson and Grey say that the school's surveillance cameras have aided in numerous arrests and have kept an eye on potential trouble spots.

Johnson says that the start of the '94-'95 school year was "one of the best openers in five years... the calmest school opener." Of the few trouble spots, most had to do with vandalism. In the 1993-94 school year, the Clark County School District paid out \$371,957.59 for repairs to schools due to vandalism, most of which was committed by students.

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THE EXPERIENCE

[Editor's note: Thousands of Las Vegans turned out for one final "cruise" of Glitter Gulch before its closing to make way for the heralded Fremont Street Experience. Following are excerpts from is one student's report.]

by Darlene Barbeau

I went with my father in our '49 Cadillac for a cruise down Fremont Street. First we went to Cashman Field to get organized. Groups of people were talking...everyone had something to say about their car. Many didn't think the closing of Fremont Street was a bright idea...some were really sorry it was closing, and others think it will be a failure.

Jeena Huntzinger, Spanish teacher, was in this historic event. She drove a 1930 Model A Ford Deluxe Coupe. She says, "It's sad to see an era die, but I hope the future brings new traditions."

One reason this event is so sentimental to some people is because they would get together and kiss as they drove down the famous street.

Artists, performers go public -- pronto!

Just a couple of months into the new school year and LVA has already accomplished an amazing season of music, visual art and theatre.

Choir students performed a Pop Concert for more than 500 people. The 20-song concert featured familiar songs, mostly from top artists.

Chamber Music classes offered their first concert of the year, with a program ranging from Bach to Latin. Their next concert is set for Feb. 1, 1995.

"The Bad Seed," a terrifying story of a young girl apparently born evil, was the first play offered in the Black Box Theatre. Future BBTheatre presentations are "The Grapes of Wrath" and "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens.

Reflections Arts, works by the Visual Arts department, were displayed in the LVA auditorium. The students showed current projects side-by-side with art from their pasts, even in elementary school.

Also travelling back in time, the Renaissance Festival provided a great opportunity for LVA students to return to an era when knights were brave and damsels often were in distress. Students appeared as palm readers and jewelry hucksters; the band and choir kept the Festival in "goode cheere" with medieval music.

[Thanks to Heather Sprout, Davyd Zelenik, Robert Meagher, Jehremy Saylor and Julie Ulanowski for their contributions to this report.]

November 15

November 17

November 22

November 23

December 2, 3

December 8, 9

December 8, 9

December 9

December 14, 15

Choir Concert, 7pm, Auditorium

CCSD Honor Orchestra Concert

(Time and place to be announced)

Culturama "Winter Wonders"

International Studies Program

7-9pm, and Noon-2pm, Upper Gym

Madrigal Dinner, 6pm, Cafeteria

"Heart Beats in the Street,"

Dance Performances, 7pm, Auditorium

"A Christmas Carol,

Theatre Production, 7pm, Black Box Theatre

"Winter Wonderland,"

Bands, orchestras and choirs,

Noon and 7pm, Gym

"Year of the Child,"

Visual Art Showcase, 5pm, LVA Gallery

One-Act Plays,

Theatre Production, 7pm, Black Box Theatre

short stuff

By Destiny Bakken

Three new programs have been added to the Academy: Visual Design, Photography and Ceramics. New students have brought the total enrollment at LVA to about 1,100 for the 1994-95 school year -- putting enrollment near capacity. The teaching staff at the Academy has increased by 24.

By Wroderick Burke, Jr.

English literature students viewed "The Merry Wives of Windsor" during the Shakespeare Festival in Green Valley. The play went on as a classic rock group played in the background, mixing Queen and Steppenwolf with Shakespeare.

By Arlevia Bell

The Rap community got together for

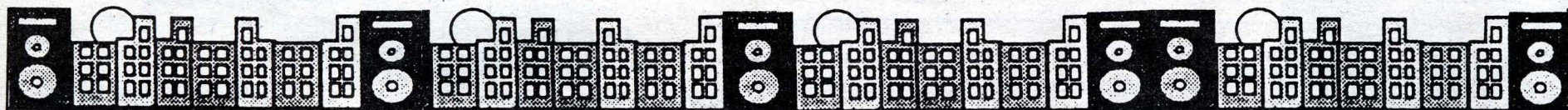
the First Annual Rap Music Awards, held recently at the Sands Convention Center. The show was hosted by rap legend Kurtis Blow. It was the first award show of its kind.

By Toni Sutton.

The Nevada School of the Arts has come to the Academy campus. The school offers supplementary one-on-one training for musicians and visual artists. Spring semester starts Jan. 16.

By Davyd Zelenik.

"I have never before worked with so many talented students with the ability to break into the professional music industry," predicted Ms. Kamerin, choir director. Sure enough: four students from the choir department went to New York to cut a demo for a recording company.



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To shake or not to Shakespeare

by Michelle Hickman

Shakespeare is a name to make most students cringe. But some of the fun in Shakespeare came to Rancho when Aldo Billingslea, an actor who performed at the Shakespearean Festival in Cedar City, Utah, visited Rancho.

Billingslea has been in many Shakespearean plays, such as "Love's Labors Lost" and "Richard III." He has also worked in Alaska as an artist in schools.

While at Rancho, Billingslea discussed being a Shakespearean actor.

Mrs. Henderson explained, "I felt he needed to discuss how he, a black man, works in what is not usually thought to be a black area."

The teacher obtained Mr. Gunderson's permission to plan a tour to the Festival next summer for any students who are interested. Mrs. Henderson and the students will study the Festival plays ahead of time and will have fundraisers to pay for the tour.

Munch-a-burger, get Rancho-wise

by Kelli Vaz

Rancho welcomed incoming freshmen with a barbecue served on a staggered schedule so some new freshmen could munch while the others could mingle and get familiar with the school.

Hamburgers and pop were served while the Varsity cheerleaders gave short talks; students representing other organizations helped the newcomers find their classes and get acquainted.

Barry Gunderson, Rancho principal, said the purpose of the barbecue was to make kids feel better and overcome any anxiety. "We want them to associate with Rancho and be proud of the school." "Education and friendship last a lifetime" is the Rancho theme this year. The motto is "Students First."

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How do you say 'Algebra' in French?

by Brenton Davis

Starting the school year at a new school is tough, but try starting in a completely different country!

This was a reality for Rancho's French foreign exchange student, Anne Laure DeBeauregard, one of 91 exchange students who came to Las Vegas.

Anne has spoken English for only six years, but she is fluent. Try taking Algebra II in a foreign language!

Her hobbies include windsurfing and basketball and she hopes to play for the Rams. She also enjoys the music of U2, The Pretenders and The Doors.

Anne is from a village on the southeast coast of France. Her mother is a teacher, her father a chemist and pharmacy owner. The family designed and built their own home complete with an indoor pool.

But Anne doesn't miss France. She says her school in

France is much more difficult and some of the French people aren't very friendly. Anne prefers the American way of thinking and the way we accept people regardless of race or religion.

Seven deadly things you should never say...

By Tifane Paul

...to a girl:

1. You remind me of my mother, and my grandmother, too.
2. Really, the Super Bowl is the only game I care about.
3. Of course I'm friends with all my ex-girlfriends.
4. Why don't you EAT something?

5. Okay, if we can't see each other Friday, how about Saturday?
6. I've always thought six children was a nice number.
7. I swear, just as soon as it's over between me and my ex, I'll be free to go out with you exclusively.

... and to a guy:

1. I'm on a diet.
2. You were supposed to call me an hour ago.
3. I had this dream we were getting married.
4. I think football is a stupid game.
5. Okay, if we can't see each other Friday, how about Saturday?
6. Can't you ever get here on time?
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Editorial

Give us more teachers!

[Editor's note: Rancho's student population fell more than 100 students short of the 1994-95 projection, resulting in reassignment of two teachers to other schools, according to a school district formula. While school administrators acknowledged that the move was necessary and fair, some students feel the sting of overcrowded classrooms.]

by *Jeremy Bussell*

I am sure you all know that Rancho High School was recently crippled with the tragedy of losing two teachers. It is time we all got together and got really ticked about it.

What has this done to us as students? I'll tell you what it has done. It has caused an increase in the number of students per classroom, making it harder for students to receive the individual attention they need.

A great injustice has been served to you, my fellow Rams. When I walk into classrooms such as Mr. Chen's second-hour Algebra II class and there are more than 40 students and not even enough chairs to go around, I come to the conclusion that something is wrong. Yet we still lose teachers...why?

The reason given by the district was that we did not have enough students. Not enough students?! Well, 2,853 students seems like enough to me.

If class sizes remain reasonable, 25-30 maximum, educational research shows that:

- A: student grades improve;
- B: there are fewer failures;
- C: there is a lower dropout rate; and
- D: more students complete their courses and graduate.

These facts are especially true for student populations who speak English as their second language. About 20-25 percent of the students at Rancho fall under that category.

The school board purports to want to increase the graduation rate and lower the dropout rate. If this is so, why then must teachers be lost?

Those students who are already borderline can only fall further behind. Eventually their grades will fall even more and the dropout rate will just increase.

The Rancho High School motto is "Students first." We must pull together and make a stand for our futures and the futures of those who will follow in our footsteps. Students have a desire to learn, and the proper tools must be made available to them.

If that means more teachers, then give us more teachers!

Out of the frying pan And into your plate

by *Leslie Nino*

The Culinary Arts program at Rancho helps prepare students for jobs in the food preparation field. This is one of only three such programs in the district — VoTech and ATTC [Area Trade Technical Center] have the others.

At Rancho, 70 students are in the first-year program and eight are in their second year. Students receive a Certificate of Competency, which will help open doors for them. Employers like to know they have hired someone who does not need basic training.

Second-year culinary arts students run their own restaurant, *The Ranch House*. They prepare and cook for faculty members and parents every Wednesday, taking turns filling all the positions in a restaurant, punching a time clock and receiving a weekly "paycheck" of points.

The Culinary Arts Department also caters for many sports banquets and school functions, for Rancho and the district.

The Playhouse

by *Denise Harris*

*We are all dolls in the Playhouse,
Being played with by children —
Children whose imaginations overpower ours.*

*They tell us how to move,
Where to stay,
And when to rest.*

*We are dolls in the Playhouse,
Trapped by powers unknown to us;*

*We are locked in the dark
Longing to learn.*

*We are all dolls in the Playhouse
Hoping one day to be free,
No longer troubled dolls trapped —
We are all dolls in the Playhouse.*

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College-bound seniors should be up and running by now

By Amanda Lane

Seniors, you are on the spot! It's time to make important decisions that will affect your entire lives. Should you go to college, a technical or trade school, sign up with the armed forces, or go straight into the work force?

Those planning to go to college should already be in the college search-and-apply process. Seniors should be working on college applications and scholarships, writing letters to college financial aid offices requesting information, and signing up to take the ACT or SAT tests. Information on the test dates and deadlines along with practice tests and registration packets is available in the counseling department.

UNLV offers a preparation course for the SAT and ACT. The cost for the courses is \$100 for the SAT and \$90 for the ACT. See your counselor for more information.

When applying for scholarships, follow the directions set by donors. Be sure to read the application for requirements and eligibility guidelines, and allow sufficient time to complete a professional-style application. Allow adequate time for teachers, counselors, and employers to write letters of recommendations, and, most important, return applications on time.

During December, plan to attend Financial Aid Night and pick up a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Request that the school registrar send your seventh semester transcript to the colleges where you have applied.

"Stage mom" supportive of Sarah's yen for royal title

by Amy Meyer

Durango sophomore Sarah Weldon is well on her way to becoming a beauty queen. Weldon has hopes of eventually achieving the title of Miss USA, but for now she will settle for first runner-up in the recent Miss Teen Nevada Pageant.

When asked how it felt to be part of the Miss Teen pageant, Weldon said "It was exciting and a lot of fun." Weldon said that her biggest influence is her mother, because she is very supportive and is the typical "stage mom."

Native Tongue can play a heavy lick

by Mai Vuong

A refreshing instrumental rock band, Native Tongue, was featured in a recent issue of Scope Magazine, a publication read mainly by people who go to see local bands.

Durango student Jim Pappa plays bass guitar with the band, along with his brother Darrin, lead guitarist, and Matt Muntean on percussion.

The band believes the Scope article is great exposure for them in Las Vegas. The free publication captures some 35,000 readers.

Native Tongue has been together for about a year and a half and describe their style as "heavy fusion, a category with few followers." Their greatest influences were Al DiMeola and Black Sabbath with Dio.

The three musicians expect to be together for a long time, "until someone dies," according to Jim Pappa.

An Editorial Stand by Me

by Irene Goya

Standing for an entire period for coming in late to class can be seen as corporal punishment if it causes any physical pain, according to Clark County School District assistant general counsel, Daniel Hussey.

Corporal punishment is not illegal by state law. Some argue that standing in class for an entire 55-minute period is not corporal punishment. If it were, then places like the DMV, local casino buffets, and Disneyland should be reported because they're getting away with murder.

Standing shouldn't be something to break sweat over, especially for young, fit teens like us. It seems that teachers have had to go this route because standing was their effective solution to end the tardy problem.

Steve Painter, math department chairman, says that the standing policy cut his tardies by two-thirds last year.

Students this year have a choice between standing and detention...and 80-85% of students prefer to stand rather than spend personal time in detention.

Let's face it. Tardies are never going to disappear. It will always be part of school. Students will always have tardies because we will always have flat tires, forget books in our lockers, have to check out a cute guy or girl, or get caught at a traffic light while zooming to school from lunch.

Leg cramps are not the only way to get kids to class on time.



Z-Man: school mascot

Some of us as children dressed up like Superman or thought that we could fly. Tony Zaranti, a senior at Durango High School, has been given the opportunity to fulfill the childhood dream as Z-man.

Coach/teacher Alan LaRocque thought the school needed a school mascot to help the school's spirit and, with the help of his wife, came up with Z-Man.

But who would take on the awesome role as Z-Man? Zaranti!

Tony accepted the tights and mask and made his first appearance at an assembly after being kept secret.

According to Tony, he likes being the Z-Man. "I get a lot of recognition, I've been on Channel 13 news, wrestled the Rancho Ram, had a dunk contest with the Western Warrior, and even have my own T-shirt and boxers with Z-Man all over them."



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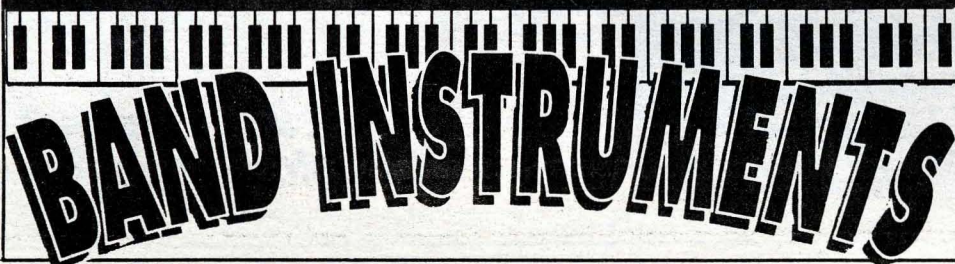
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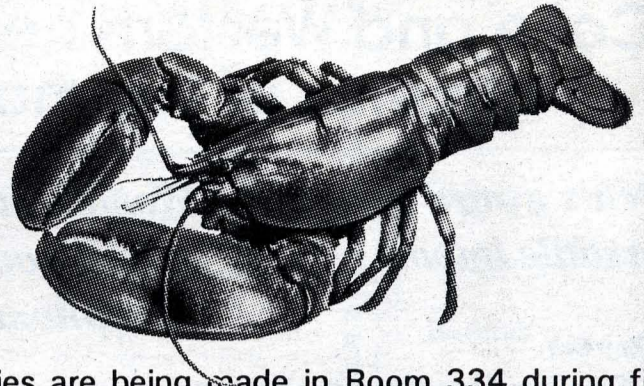
**Le Cercle Francais
flips over
crepes**

Nearly 50 students attended the first meeting of the school year for the French-loving Cercle Francais club, held in the home economics room. Members flipped a crepe or two in a convivial atmosphere -- though a bit crowded.

A second meeting was highlighted by a combination "create-a-quiche" event and a treasure hunt.

All students are welcome to join at any time -- yearly dues are just \$5 -- and Le Cercle Francais meets the first and third Fridays of each month.

**Tanks
for the
memory...
uh, no,
tanks
for the
class**



Memories are being made in Room 334 during fifth period. And it's all thanks to the tanks. The tanks in the new Marine Biology class, which is offered for the first time ever at Bonanza and Cimarron-Memorial High Schools.

The purpose of the class is to expose students to this area of science -- *marine biology in a desert!* Students will learn to set up fresh-water and salt-water aquariums, typical of both low-tide and high-tide zones, aquariums that house eels and those that include plants from different regions.

In addition to the 15- and 50-gallon aquariums, the "pond room" (approximately 300 gallons) is being renovated and restocked.

Classes will learn about different kinds of fish and their respective environments, about water chemistry, environmental interaction, ecological systems and other water science topics. Because of the high cost of salt rock, fish, plants, filters and other supplies, the class is looking for donors of aquarium materials or money.



Kunta Patterson



Kevin Doyle

Kunta Patterson, sophomore, and Kevin Doyle, senior, recently won recognition for achievements "above and beyond the call of school."

Kunta gathered 32 of his buddies in Gerson Park and, using paint and brushes donated by the Housing Authority, gave the complex a face-lift. They completed four buildings in two days and had their eyes on 17 more.

Kevin was awarded a certificate by the National Council of English Teachers for outstanding writing, based on samples written on impromptu themes.

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| Nov. 18 | State Football Tournament (Silver Bowl) |
| Nov. 18 | Jostens: turn in your order (10am-12:30, cafeteria) |
| Nov. 22 | Football Banquet (6:30-9pm, cafeteria) |
| Nov. 22 | Bowling vs. Western (Santa Fe, 3pm) |
| Nov. 23 | Blood Drive (wrestling room) |
| Nov. 23 | Jostens: turn in your order (10am-12:30, cafeteria) |
| Nov. 28 | Honor Society Candy Sales |
| Nov. 29 | Seniors Panoramic Picture (3rd period) |
| | Men's basketball vs. Basic (away) |
| | JV 4:45, Varsity 6:30pm |
| | Bowling vs. Gorman (Gold Coast, 3pm) |
| | Women's Basketball vs. Basic (away) |
| | JV 4:45, Varsity 6:30pm |
| Nov. 30 | Wrestling vs. Virgin Valley (Mesquite) |
| Dec. 5 | Candy Sales, Forensics Club |
| Dec. 7 | Celebration of Metro Gang Unit |
| Dec. 12 | Candy Sales, Senior Class |
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Coke and Western celebrate athletes of the month

Men's award goes to versatile import

by Roy Erb

The Coca Cola Western High School Athlete of the Month award went to Pete Bowman for the month of October. Bowman, a senior and transfer student from Maine, brought the quality of tennis up another notch with his stellar playing.

Bowman made it to the quarter-finals in the zone tournament and was one match away from going to the state tournament.

Described as the most talented player on the team, Bowman won several key matches during the season and, in the process, inspired his teammates.

"The kids were a little down after losing some key players from last year," says Athletic Director Mario Gatto. "Pete was real helpful and he helped the team to qualify."

Bowman's quality of playing wasn't the only thing his teammates admired. "He was very likable and he worked with his fellow players, Coach Gatto says. "He has a real positive attitude. He's a good kid to have on the program."

Although the tennis season has finished, Bowman's athletic endeavors haven't stopped. He's playing basketball this year.

Woman athlete award goes to sophomore

By Roy Erb

Rawnie Ruegner has received the Coca-Cola Athlete of the Month at Western High School for the month of October. This is Ruegner's second year as a varsity volleyball player; she also plays softball in the spring for the Nevada Juniors.

Her primary responsibility was setter for the team. Her coach, Roxanne Nelson, describes her as an all-around setter and an outside hitter. Ruegner has tremendous potential if she continues to work in the off-season, the coach adds.

"She really exemplifies the student athlete," Nelson says. Ruegner is carrying a 4.1 grade point average.

Although only a sophomore, Ruegner was the captain of the volleyball team. Athletic Director Mario Gatto and others have high aspirations for Ruegner.

"When you have kids playing in club ball and also team sports, you can imagine what type of player she will be by the time she is a senior," the coach says.

"She's a true leader," she adds. "If we had six of her on the floor at one time, I would be coach-of-the-year all the time."

Git the straw outter yer teeth, Pappy, an' dance!

The Junior Class Sadie Hawkins Dance is scheduled for Dec. 9, 7-10 p.m. with all the great traditions in place: Dogpatch decorations, Marryin' Sam and the girls doin' the askin'.

Joanne Jones and Dan O'Gara are co-advisors for the junior class. The class will again be involved in community service during the holidays.

In previous years, Western juniors have helped with the Angel Tree and have given Christmas performances and gifts to visiting elementary school children. At this time, the holiday project has not yet been decided.

Call in the Marines!

The ROTC unit at Western will take part in the Dec. 17 Drill Meet at Basic High School.

Teams from ten area high schools will demonstrate marching and exhibition drills and will undergo inspection by Marine Corps Drill Instructors (the feared DI's from many movies) and several Corps recruiters.

The event starts at 10 a.m. and the public is invited.

Can-painters, office-moppers -- Key Club is involved

After spending one day cleaning up the offices of the American Cancer Society and another day painting trash cans and cleaning up at a local park (Park Pride Day), members of Western's Key Club lost no time before they moved on to another community service project. The club is preparing to make holiday decorations for a Las Vegas convalescent home.

This year's Key Club theme is "Respond to the Need." Members plan to do some active fundraising for four health-related organizations: the American Cancer Society, Juvenile Diabetes, Cystic Fibrosis and AIDS.

Ms. Corie Freed, Key Club advisor, says new members are always welcome. Any Western student interested in joining should contact Ms. Freed or Stacy Buckway, club president, in Room 507. The only requirement: energy!

Key Clubs throughout the school district are sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

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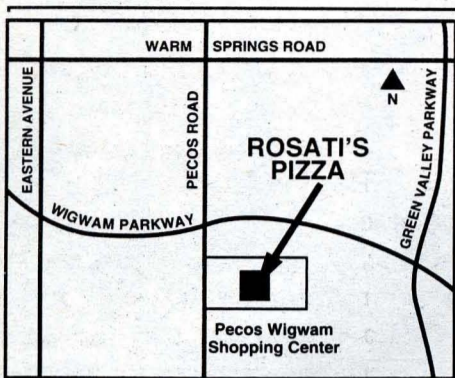
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Honors Orchestra to perform November 18

Students are invited to the annual Honors Orchestra concert presented by fellow students throughout Clark County on Saturday, November 19, at UNLV's Artemus Ham Concert Hall.

Nearly 100 of the top high school students who study stringed instruments (plus another 60 from the middle schools) will present a program starting at 7:00 p.m.

Music students who are members of their school orchestras auditioned last month for the Honors Orchestra. A panel of string teachers from the School District evaluated the students, who performed excerpts from pieces to be presented at Saturday's concert.

Members of the Honors Orchestra will then be considered for selection to the All-State Honors Orchestra.

Nationally-known conductors rehearse with the students in music clinics for two days before conducting the concert. This year's guest conductor is Dorothy Straub, past president of the Music Educators National Conference. Co-teaching the two-day music clinic will be Dr. Barry Barkan, UNLV music professor and orchestra conductor.

Co-chairs of this year's Honors Orchestra are Frank Irvin, music teacher at Eldorado High School and coordinator of the program for high school students, and Bernadette Bedia, who is in charge of the Honors Orchestra for the middle schools.

The District also sponsors an Honors Choir, which performed at Ham Concert Hall on Nov. 8 following music clinics led by Dr. Mark Henderson, Director of Choral Studies at Weber State University, and Ms. Drinda Frenzel, Music Coordinator for Garden Grove (CA) School District. Audition procedures are similar to those of the Honors Orchestra.

The major emphasis of these programs is to provide an experience in which outstanding music students can work and learn together, to perform more challenging music, and to be exposed to the expertise of many fine, nationally-acclaimed conductors.

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