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School to work to...great job prospects!

80,000 jobs awaiting automotive apprentices

By Rob Erb, Staff Writer

One of the primary roles of the Clark County School District is to prepare young men and women for the future. The district's Automotive Youth Apprenticeship Program is bringing the future a lot closer to many high school students.

Right now, the United States needs another 80,000 automotive technicians to keep up with the demand, according to Jerry Morlan, a specialist in occupational education and coordinator of the apprentice program. And 11 new dealerships will open in the next year, each needing automotive technicians.

Six new-car dealerships and two independent shops are now participating in the novel program, which helps students while they are in school and for two years after graduation. The program started last fall with 15 VoTech students.

"It's a natural extension [to our internship program] but it's different," Morlan explains. "Students are committed for four years — they begin in their junior year of high school. They spend two years working after school, assigned to a technician, and they alternate between class and work for about 10 weeks at a time."

They'll pick up your college tab

"After graduation, in the case of the new car dealerships, the students go to Weber State in Utah," Morlan says. "In the case of the independent dealers, the students go to the Community College of Southern Nevada."

Realizing they will have a more qualified employee when the students complete the apprenticeship program successfully, the dealerships pay for the college portion.

"Basically, it's an extension of our classrooms into the dealerships," Morlan says. "They have the equipment that we cannot afford and that gives the students a broader base of information."

He notes that the students do everything a technician does and, in the process, Morlan says, their grades have been improving.

"The kids must have a B average to remain in the program. It's amazing how fast the kids worked on their grades to bring them up to snuff," he adds.

Ryan Frei, a junior at VoTech, has been interested in cars since he was five. "My dad and I used to restore classic cars," he says.

Now, working alongside a technician allows Frei to learn better ways to handle problems instead of just reading the book. It also gives him the opportunity for hands-on training. While in the program, he has been able to work on overhauling transmissions, a task he hasn't seen yet at VoTech.

Opening automotive doors for women

Rachel Fonville, a junior, has always wanted to be a technician. She is being exposed to another side of auto mechanics, working in the parts department at Fairway Chevrolet.

Although she'd like to be working on engines with the technicians, she realizes she will have a better understanding of the whole picture by working in the parts department now.

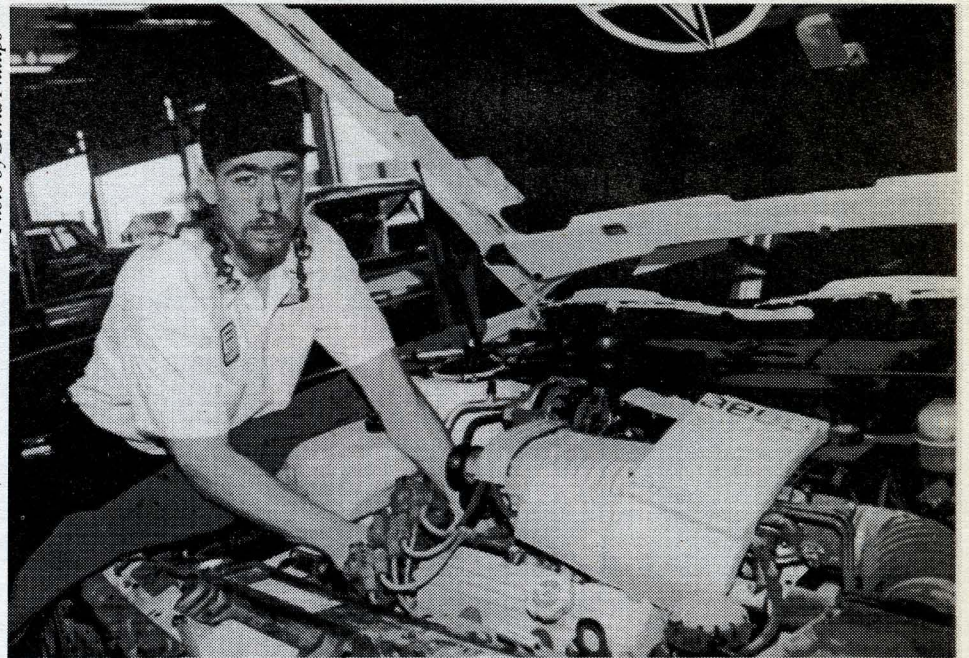
In the future, Fonville says, she may want to open her own auto shop.

Get your hands greasy -- it's educational!

Mike Jackson attends Weber State and is working at Fairway. He says college does not prepare students for what is happening in the workplace. "There is definitely a lot more hands-on here. We're turning out work for customers and it has to be top-end."

(See *Auto Tech Apprentices* on Page 30)

Photo by David Phillips



Revvng up his future. Eli Weiss, apprentice at Desert Buick, replaces a water pump.

High School Day

Drag-racing "festival" set for Speedway Park

Local high school drag racers are invited to compete May 12 in the "High School Rock 'n Race Happening" at the Las Vegas Speedway Park drag strip.

This event is part of the season-long Safe Streets Racing Series sponsored by Saturn of West Sahara and supported by the Metropolitan Police Department. The races will feature mostly the street cars kids drive to school. "Souped up" models are also welcome; drivers will be required to wear helmets. Basic safety equipment is required for all entrants.

Anyone interested in competing may call Speedway Park at 643-3333.

This high school event will feature friendly racing competition between high school students plus a *Principal Runoff*, with local high school administrators racing each other. This is a first for the Las Vegas area, but speedway drag racing for high school students has been presented for many years in other cities, such as Denver and Seattle.

"We know kids drag on the street," says David Juberg, one of the operators of the Las Vegas Speedway who organized the high school drag races. "Street racing is a major, long-time problem for Metro. This is why the National Hot Rod Association is trying to deal with the problem, to encourage kids to race on a track, not the street."

(See *High school drag racing*, page 30)

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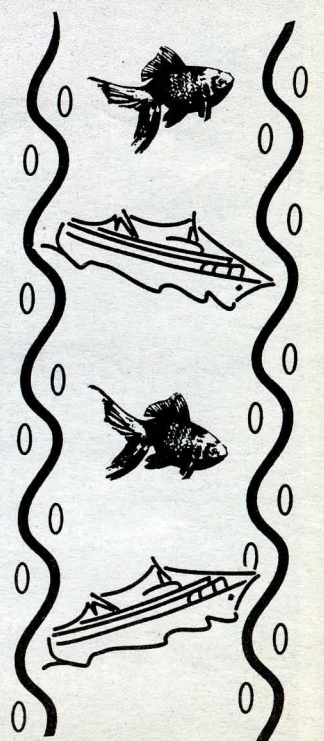
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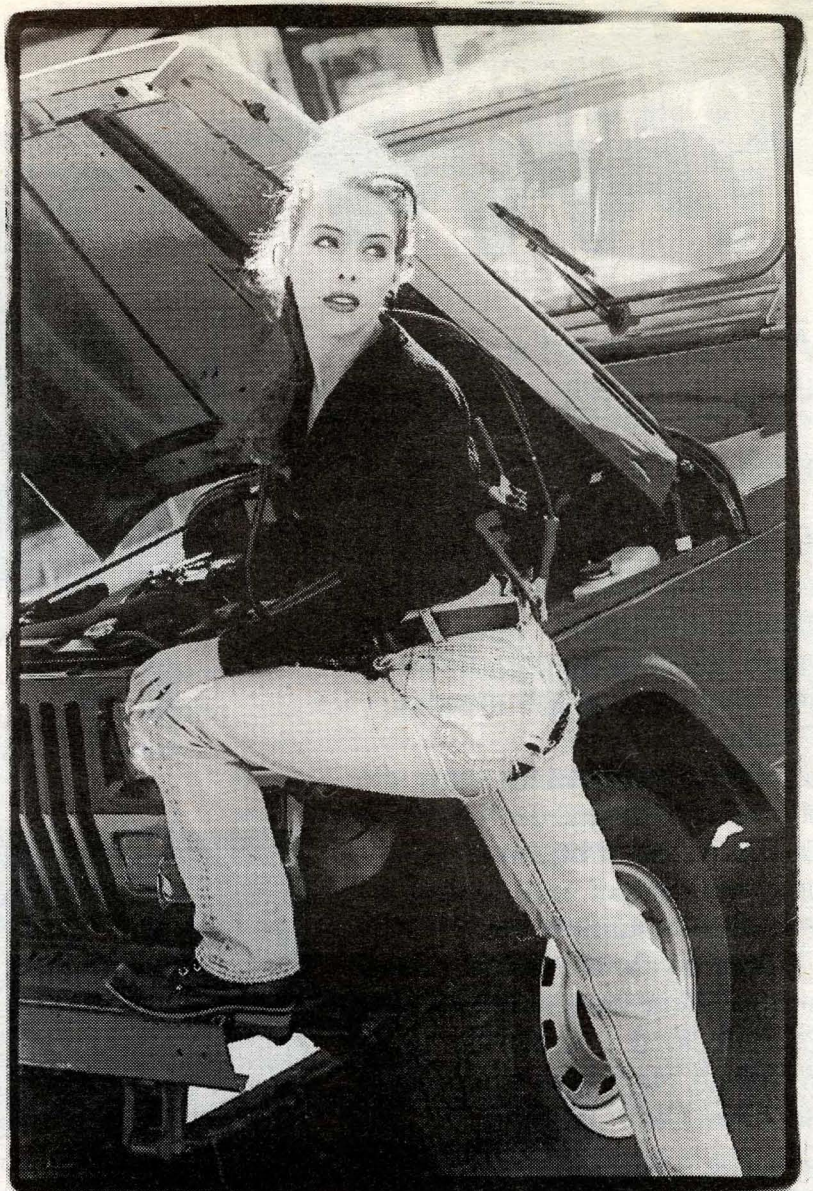
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Lianna Alvarez, Bonanza High School, wears a black jumper and skirt from Contempo. Knee-highs also from Contempo and black boots from Leeds. Alfonso Bernal of Horizon High School looks on. (Lianna is shown at right also.)

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Western grad's acting career: to be or not to be?

By Shannon Sandor

Chris Mayes graduated from Western in 1992. He played football and baseball but admired theatre. In his senior year, a friend urged him to try theatre. Within the first week, he had advanced to Theatre III.

Chris auditioned for show after show and was cast each time. In Chris's words, "I began to gain an understanding of what theatre is and what it meant to me."

After a year of leads in shows and technical work behind stage, Chris decided to further his career in college. He is now a Junior at Southern Utah University in Cedar City and is currently touring three major cities performing Macbeth at high schools. He returned home to Western recently and performed to a standing ovation.

This summer, Chris will participate in the Shakespearean Festival in Cedar City. Chris's original plan was to go to college, become a theatre teacher and a high school coach for baseball, but his passion for theatre will take him where he belongs. "Life is an ongoing search for the truth in oneself, but I know that with theatre on my side, it will be a most enjoyable and fulfilling journey," he says.

Break a leg Chris!



We boarded the KC-135 StratoTanker and took to the sky. Our mission was mid-air refueling. We soon observed four F-15 fighter aircraft alongside our wings, waiting to be refueled...then two F-4s needed refueling. Our three-hour mission ended with a smooth landing and a tour of another flightline building. Our memories of flying will never need refueling.

ROTC cadets have Fuel-ish adventure

(Reporters: Mauricia Casteneda and Chastity Gohr)

Ten Western High ROTC cadets recently were given the chance to experience the flight of our lives at Nellis Air Force Base.

Following lunch in the NAFB dining hall, we were escorted to the USAF weapons school briefing room to learn about the KC-135 (refueler), then to the flight line to meet the flight crew.



Chris Mayes

Physics and Six Phlags

Western's physics classes and FOPS (Friends of Physics Students) attended Physics Day at Six Flags (Phlags?) Magic Mountain recently. They applied what they learned in class to the real world, such as the acceleration of amusement park rides.

STUDENT PROFILE

Stacy boards the "A-train"

People think of the Three A's when they think of Stacy Buckway: Academics, Athletics and A lot of community service.

Stacy has been a Student Council cabinet member and a member of the girls' varsity softball team for four years. In fact, she has gone to Zone three times with the Lady Warriors and to State twice.

She took up tennis in her junior year, played with the varsity team and went to Zone this year.

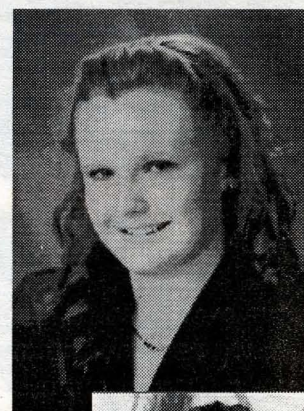
Stacy spent three years in the Western High Orchestra, playing the viola, receiving high ratings in music festivals.

But her most time-consuming involvement through high school has been Key Club International. Stacy has been president for two of these years and is given credit for increasing membership and expanding activities. She says she still needs to learn how to handle the stress of leadership.

Even ranked seventh out of 423 students, with a 3.83 GPA, and with all the above-mentioned activities, Stacy works part time and helps her father and her brother around the house.

She was nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award and she received a \$2,000 scholarship from the Nevada Gaming Foundation.

She plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno, majoring in mathematics and secondary education, with a minor in music education.



Buckway



Beckett

Sally Beckett is a gifted scholar and is in contention for valedictorian of her graduating class. She was captain of both the varsity tennis team and varsity soccer team and serves as secretary of her senior class. Sally plans to major in chemical engineering, and hopes to attend Northwestern University, Boston University, or Stanford.

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Bringing Honors to Wrestling

By Anna Blackburn



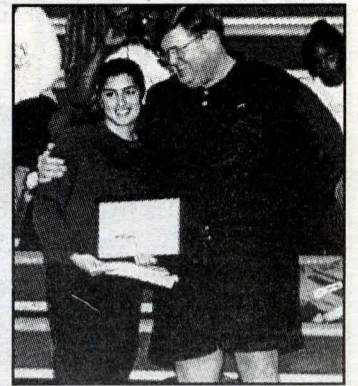
Rancho High School sent five wrestlers to State this year. Senior Toney Medina took his fourth straight State Championship. Sophomore Jesse Medina, at State for the second time, made his dream of State Champion come true. George Sillacy, a senior third-year wrestler, placed third. Mike Roof, a junior competing at State for the first time and Hector Mendez, a sophomore first-year wrestler, did not place.

Art, poetry, song, dance and bubbleology!

Rancho art classes and the Art Connection sponsored the second annual Fine Arts Week, March 27-April 5. A student art show in the library offered awards to three winners in each of 10 categories, plus Best in Show. A purchase prize went to one piece, which will become part of Rancho's permanent student art collection.

The drama department and dance class performed. The Creative Writing Club sponsored a poetry contest -- winning poems were read over the intercom all week. Design crafts and ceramics classes had a sale of wind chimes, pots, baskets and other finely crafted items.

And bubbleology? That's what students learned at Lied Discovery Museum on Brown Bag Day!



Women in sports

Raquel Gomez, was Rancho's nominee for Outstanding Female Athlete. Raquel, a three-sport athlete (volleyball, soccer, and softball) is shown here with Barry Gunderson, principal.

Take hold of Gold in Tae Kwon Do

By Nick Daniels

Jorge Pulido, a 14-year-old Rancho freshman, earned gold and bronze medals doing what he enjoys--Tae Kwon Do. Pulido competed in the 14th Nevada State Tae Kwon Do Championship and took home a gold medal in sparring and a bronze in forms, in the purple belt category. Six months ago, Pulido enrolled in Master Cabral's Tae Kwon Do school, registering to fight in Tae Kwon Do tourna-

ments in Nevada, as well as in Korea, the birthplace of Tae Kwon Do.

"It's a fun sport. It gives me something to do," says Pulido. "It gets you in physical shape and helps develop speed and strength. I try to avoid fights as much as possible. The use of Tae Kwon Do in the streets is prohibited and it gets you five to ten years if you can't prove self-defense. I am considering it as a career."

Inspiring future poet at Rancho

By Lucy Rodriguez

Rancho has its own published poet, Anastacia Lozano, whose poem *One day Daddy* was published in 1992 in The National Library of Poetry book "A View from the Edge." It tells a story of a father who forgives and adds much happiness to his daughter's life.

Anastacia...has written over 50 poems. One, *A Latin Queen*, is printed here. It portrays the life of a Hispanic woman who has been through hard times.

Poetry came naturally to Anastacia to express her views on love, religion and family. Her goal is to create poems that relate to other students' viewpoints. Anastacia hopes to go to Arizona State University and major in English, become an English teacher, and eventually go to night school to become a lawyer.

A Latin Queen

by Anastacia Lozano

The hair of royalty, eyes of quiet pain
This is a Latin Queen.

The look and maturity of someone
so much older
This is a Latin Queen.

A girl with no love, but
yet still keeps her head high
This is a Latin Queen

A young Latina that has
only seen horror, never
laughter.

A glowing face, eyes of quiet pain
and a high chin.
This is a Latin Queen.



Rancho's triannual review: school is "best kept secret"

By Holley Alford

Rancho High School recently underwent its triannual school review. According to Principle Gunderson, the consensus was that Rancho was outstanding. One reviewer left with the comment, "Rancho is the best kept secret in the district."

Rancho rolled out the "Green Carpet" for the visitors. Art classes decorated the library; culinary arts and food production classes prepared a gourmet breakfast and lunch for the guests; MCS Design Crafts made a beautiful centerpiece; under Mr. Nekova's direction, the orchestra played.

ROTC students made sure the visitors had places to park and escorted them throughout the campus. Students representing various groups gave speeches.

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Sexual harassment: banishing the myths

By Marie Jarvis

One day on the bus, a group of boys made explicit and derogatory sexual comments to a girl. The girl did not respond at first and it infuriated them. They drew close and began touching her hair and making threatening remarks. She felt threatened and violated by the actions of the boys and, what made it worse, people on the bus -- including the driver -- let it happen.

What is sexual harassment? Although one out of three women over the age of 18 say they have been sexually harassed, many people do not even know what it is.

Sexual harassment is deliberate and/or repeated sex-based behavior that is not welcome and not asked for. The example above is one form and it resulted in a hostile environment.

There are many myths surrounding the topic...one is that men are the only perpetrators and that women are the only victims. This is wrong. Women can harass men, men can harass women, men can harass men, and women can harass women.

Another myth: there is only one kind of sexual harassment. Physical harassment is unwelcome touching. Verbal, the most common, consists of derogatory sexual comments and slurs such as "Look at that butt!" A third type of sexual harassment is the display of offensive or pornographic cartoons or drawings.

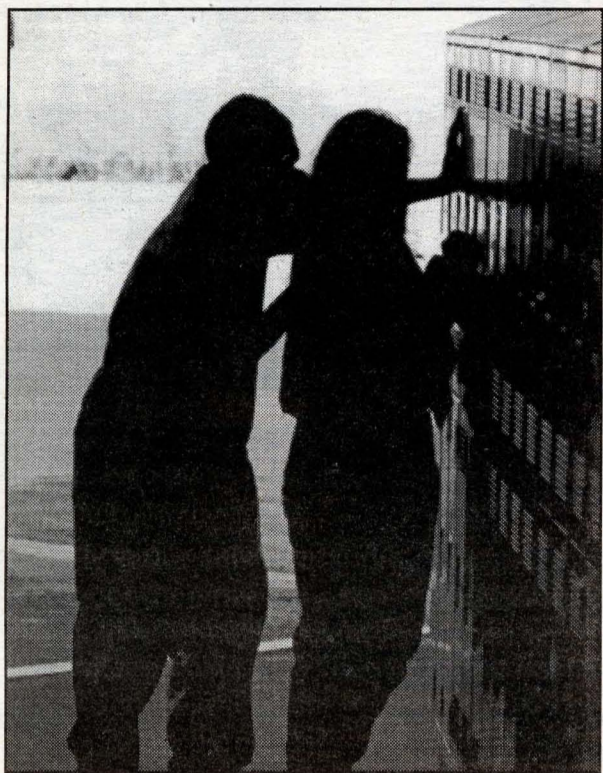
Another type is *quid pro quo*, or "you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours." For example, if a teacher or employer requests sexual favors in return for a good grade or promotion, this is *quid pro quo*.

If you feel you are being sexually harassed, first tell that person how uncomfortable his or her actions make you feel. Keep a written record of what was done and said, when and where. If the harassment continues, report it to an administrator or superior.

In the past, society condoned men harassing women. "Boys will be boys" is the attitude that allows this unacceptable behavior to continue. Also,

a lack of communication between the sexes is a problem (such as the "mixed messages" in the Mike Tyson rape case..."she went up to his room in the middle of the night -- what did she expect.")

No more myths, no more harassment!



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Land of Lamberghini and linguini:

Take a mini-tour through Italy

By Kate Martin

No official speed limit on their expressways and no legal drinking age for alcoholic beverages.

It is one of the most populated nations in Europe with 57.5 million soccer fanatics. It is home to the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church.

Of course, this is Italy -- and one of its cities, Milan, has made it a fashion center for world-famous designers.

In Italy, the father is the head of the household. He has great authority over his children and tends to keep his distance from them.

Italian men do not willingly participate in domestic chores such as cleaning the house and taking care of children. They tend to flaunt their masculinity.

By tradition, Italian men act as the protectors of females in the household. Many Italian men see women as *angelo del focolare*, or "angels of hearth." This means, the females are responsible for church, children and kitchen.

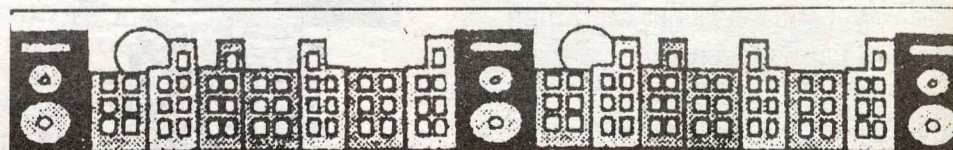
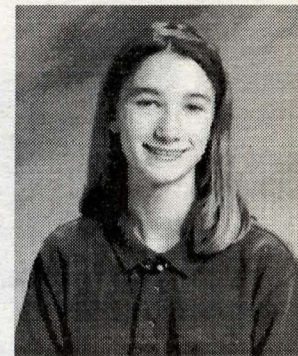
However, in the 1970s, Italy underwent a feminist revolution; now more and more women are working at jobs that were traditionally the domain of men.

Pasta, pizza and fish are some foods that are favorites of Italians. They also enjoy a local variety of ice cream known as gelato. But whatever the food, Italians like to eat well.

The *passeggiata*, or evening stroll, is one of Italy's most enduring leisure activities. Many Italians dislike jogging because they feel it is too physically strenuous.

Italy's form of government is a democracy divided into 15 regions that are further divided into 94 provinces. Each is governed by a local council.

Rome is very similar to New York except that the cost of living is higher. It is hard to find decent housing even if you can afford it. Apartments in Rome are extremely common, as in almost all other cities in Italy, because space is extremely limited.

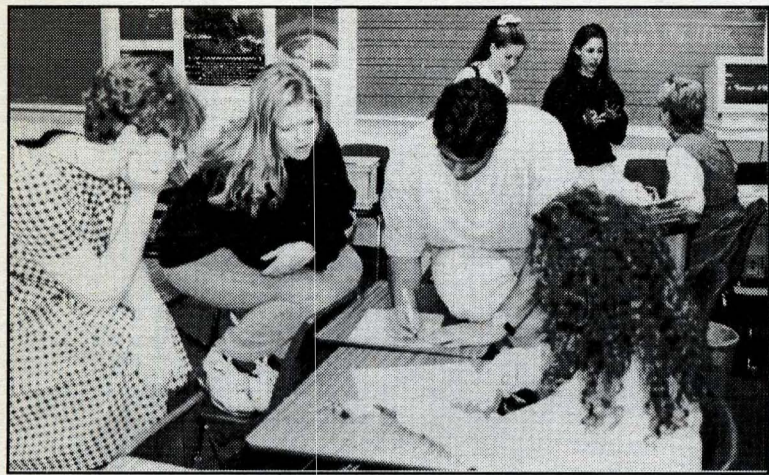


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Working session. Members of the Close Up Club meet to plan activities. Foreground, from left, are junior Kristen Edington, sophomore Daelyn Hunt, and juniors Chris McDonald and Laura Parmenter. Close Up is for students interested in the processes of government.

SOUNDING OFF

By Devon Jean

Various Artists- "Thuglife: Volume 1"

Made as a collaboration of rappers across the country, this tape is not your average "gangsta rap." With the use of "east side" as side A and "west side" as side B, famous solo acts such as 2 Pac, Nate Dogg, and 2 Short express their views of what they call "the thug life".

From the point of losing a friend to the everyday life of the ghetto, this tape takes you on a trip to the other side of the tracks that not all of us see or even know exist. And even though some may say that these artists use violent means to describe their lives, it can also be a form of expression that is in its own way "art."

Let us not forget the ever present issue of freedom of speech and if we try to take that privilege from others we are only taking it away from ourselves.

The Final Verdict:

Even though this type of music is in no way my "genre" of choice, there are some songs I could almost groove to. The ones that I couldn't just made the rest even better. Yet, as with most types of music you can't stand, there will always be those few songs that you go around humming for days.



That's the spirit! Varsity cheerleaders keep school spirits high at a Friday assembly.

FAKE 'N' BAKE TANS — A COOL WAY TO COLOR OR DETOUR TO SKIN CANCER?

By Robyn Portnoff

It's the start of a new season: summer. A time to break out the shorts and show off those legs. Which also means -- to tan or not to tan, that is the question.

There are several ways to get a tan for this summer. You can lie out in 120 degree weather and fry, you can have some hunk rub you down with a self-tanning cream, which leaves you with a fake orange look, or you could do it the easy way: indoors in a tanning salon.

The intended outcome is a crisp looking tan, without getting sweaty or hot. So why not fake-n-bake? These days more people are relying on tanning salons. So I asked myself: Why do people pay to be tan, when they can tan for free from Mother Nature? Is it safer than tanning outdoors? Is it going to burn an enormous hole in my pocket?

The truth is that it's faster and more efficient. The convenience is nice also. Every ten minutes in a tanning bed equals an hour in the sun! You can't beat it! But, if you are worried about burning a hole in your pocket, then this new-wave tanning idea might not be for you.

Junior Mary McMurrin admits that, "...it's addicting. Now that I've been doing it, I can't stop. People tell me how tan I look, but after looking at a tan body all the time, I just don't see it!"

But there are downfalls in this indoor tanning business. It has been proven to be a direct cause of cancer. So I ask, Why do people still do it?

Junior Dana Stewart, an intrepid tanner said, "After seeing the results of indoor tanning, it's hard for me to spend three hours in the sun, when I could just spend thirty minutes in a tanning bed."

Moose Biale disagrees. "I'm concerned with the reports about the long term effects of tanning beds. Even though I'm still young, I worry about the aging process and skin cancer."

It's up to you, whether or not you want to fry in the sun, or bake indoors...I hope you have the very best luck in getting your golden tan of your dreams.

Save your little corner of the world

By Benjamin Fields

SAVE THE PLANET! Sure, that's what everybody says, but most people don't know what to do. Some say, "It's too hard!" Or, "What's in it for me?" I can't stand the latter.

So with help from the book *50 Simple Things Kids Can Do To Save The Earth*, here is a smattering of what you can do.

1. When you come home with six-packs of soda, after you unhook the cans, snip the large plastic rings with scissors before tossing them. Even better, some plastic rings are recyclable in Las Vegas.

2. Like to bird watch? Build a small bird bath or a bird feeder for them. Give the birds a few days (word has to travel around, you know) and the birds will come! Keep the water in the bird bath at about two inches.

3. If you want to see hummingbirds, Set up a hummingbird feeder. There aren't very many hummingbirds out here, so if no birdy shows up, don't feel bad. What is funny is watching the other birds trying to get the liquids!

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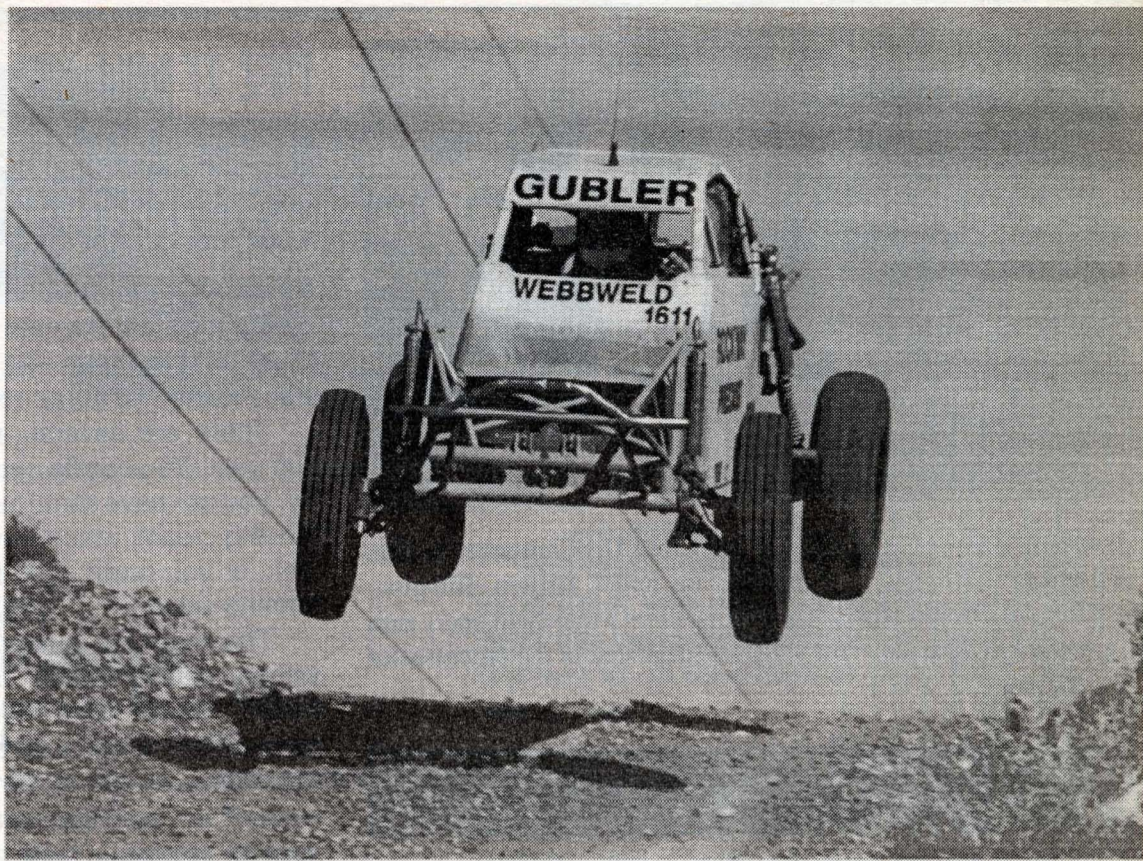
Food studies not just yumyums

A Food and Nutrition Science course will start next fall at C-M. It is made possible by a \$7,000 federal grant for the purchase of equipment.

Items on order include food dehydrators, microscopes and other lab equipment, even cookware of a variety of materials so students can learn about heat conduction.

The class will fulfill one of the science credits needed for graduation and, through weekly laboratory experiments, will provide an in-depth look at the body's use of nutrients. Classes will also learn about basic metabolism and food technology.

Students interested in going into the health professions should seriously consider taking this science course.



SNORE racing is no snooze.

Jeremy Gubler, a Cimarron-Memorial junior, has just been named 1994 Driver of the Year. This is amazing because Gubler started racing only last year with the Southern Nevada Off-road Racing Enthusiasts (SNORE). He's already stacked up many other racing honors in his brief 15 months with the sport -- including a First Place Overall in his very first race. He drives a Class 1600 dune buggy with VW parts and hopes to compete in out-of-state races in the future. Gubler concentrates on business courses in preparation for entering the family business. He'll do the same in college, he says.

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The Cimarron-Memorial Science Bowl Team will head for Washington, DC on April 27 to compete for national honors -- for the second consecutive year.

The top four teams will visit leading science research centers around the nation. The Science Bowl offers recognition to students who excel in math and science.

Below, from left, are Nick Taylor, team captain Itai Seggev, Alexa Marx, Rob Reid and Patrick Kano.

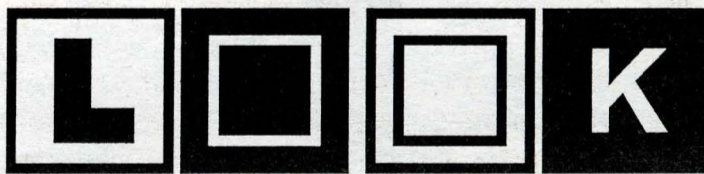
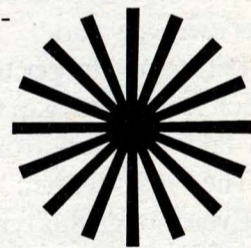


It's a snap!

Photography, as an art form, is a new class at Cimarron-Memorial. Black-and-white photography is offered to beginning students, and the program uses a darkroom and a classroom specifically built for this program.

Students are asked to provide their own cameras, but five cameras are available on loan. The school provides materials.

Photo techniques such as solarizing, hand coloring, sepia toning, xerox prints and collages, and dry mounting are included in the course. New students are invited to sign up for 1995-96.



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Pandelis selected to 'serve' in United States Senate

Bishop Gorman student Christopher Plato Pandelis is serving as a United States Senate page in Washington D.C. this spring semester. He will serve through mid-June. Christopher's sponsor is Senator Harry Reid.

Christopher is meeting some of our nation's most prominent leaders, and he is experiencing first hand the political debates of the United States Senate, often referred to as the "greatest deliberative body in the world." Daily he observes Senators as they discuss issues and enact laws that affect our lives.

He also has the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships with other pages from diverse educational and cultural backgrounds.

Pages play an important role in the day-to-day operation of the Senate. Their duties consist primarily of delivery of correspondence and legislative material within the Congressional Complex. Other duties include taking messages, preparing the Chamber for Senate sessions and carrying bills and amendments to the desk. A rotation system is practiced so that every page has the opportunity to experience the various areas of service.

The Senate's Page School System is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The curriculum consists of typical junior year courses required for high school graduation plus a Washington Seminar to assure each pupil's exposure to the unique educational and cultural opportunities in the nation's capital.

Chris says, "Watching government in action is awe inspiring. Listening to all the debate on the Balanced Budget Amendment and watching it voted down was especially interesting. I feel honored to be part of the legislative branch of our government."

Serving as a page in the Senate is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Christopher took the initiative, applied for the appointment, and was one of the 34 chosen.

Godspell: funny...interesting...beautiful

by Vanessa Cruz

Two thumbs up! Five stars! Excellent! If you didn't see Bishop Gorman's spring musical "Godspell", you missed out!

Godspell was a production about Christ. In this play, the characters are circus people with Christ as a sad clown. He tries to convince everyone that we should listen to each other and share our feelings instead of arguing and never getting anywhere.

Brian Dermody, who played John the Baptist, sang "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord." His acting was superb, but not real enough. John Miller, on the other hand, was a natural. He practically stole the show.

The sweet voice of Jaymie Profico filled the air when she sang "Bless the Lord". The audience sighed with pleasure when this up-and-coming actress/singer finished her song. Danielle Gheis sang "All Good Gifts" with her unique voice and she did an extremely terrific job.

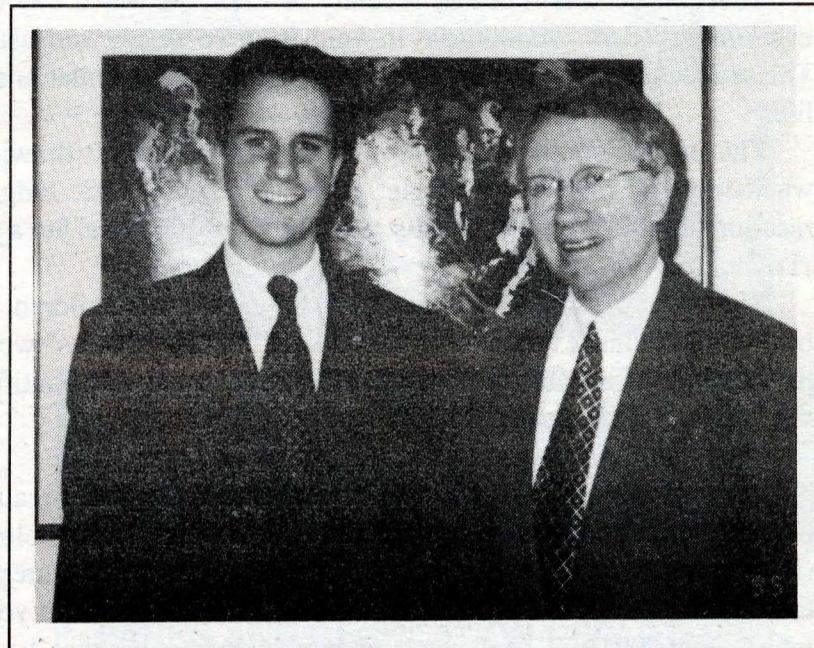
Brian Feeney, you've done it again! In "Bus Stop," you were excellent, but your singing needed some work. In this play, everything was wonderful--your singing, acting and dancing. And Michelle Bossy in "Bus Stop" -- I said your acting was boisterous and it overwhelmed the actors. It was true, but this time it was just right. Your singing amazed me and your acting has definitely improved.

Alex Ames was cute in her recorder solo and awesome in singing "Light of the World" with Candy Chrisman. Carmen Anderson did a great job singing "On the Willows." And Carmen, your acting was fantastic!

Susan Smith not only sang "Day By Day," she signed it. Her ability to sing, act, dance and use sign language is all that plus a bag of chips. Her signing really helped out a special person whom I brought to see the play.

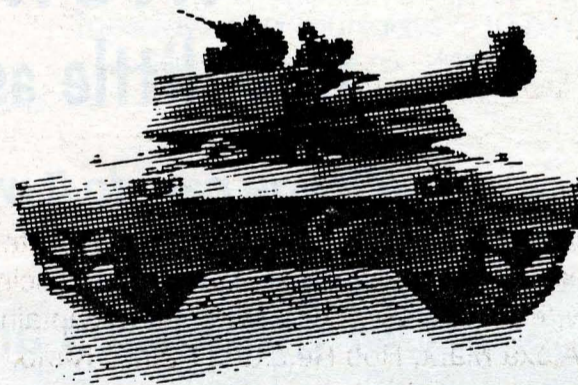
Throughout the production, there were acrobatic performances and even audience participation. The cast sang the encore of "Day by Day" with the help of the audience.

"Godspell" was truly a funny, interesting and beautiful performance.



Chris Pandelis with U.S. Senator Harry Reid

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The 'Fate Can' deals destiny

By Kelly Hess

"I do...at least, I think I do!"

That phrase was repeated recently at EHS. It was a day that almost everyone dreaded...wedding day in Anita Romero's crime and justice classes. This is a section that teaches family law, "the trials and tribulations of married life."

The project starts with THE FATE CAN! The first drawing decides whether you are married, single, divorced or widowed. Judging by the reaction of senior Angela Mendez, the Fate Can didn't deal her a good hand: "I'm not marrying HIM!"

The next dance with destiny consisted of drawing for children. There were boys, girls, twins, even triplets. For a week, proud "parents" were sporting their egg babies around campus. Angela did end up with a beautiful baby girl but, she says, "It's not his!"

What, infidelity even in mock marriages?

The marriage project can last up to three weeks. Students realize that fate can deal you some pretty rotten things -- you may lose your belongings in a fire, commit child abuse, get beaten by your spouse. But there are good things too. Children can be adopted, you may find a better job, and you can even inherit up to \$10,000. It depends on how lucky you are that day.

Students who take this class say that they have already learned a lot from what has happened so far, and the project is far from over.

"This has definitely been a learning experience for me," junior Connie Beaumont admits. That's Mrs. Romero's goal in this lesson.

As for Angela -- she's still married...unhappily. But who knows what's in store for her. Only time -- and that darn Fate Can -- will tell.

Fail/Safe warns seniors of borderline grades

By Juli-Anna Le Gro

For seniors, May is filled with excitement over graduation. Some, though, are worried that on May 5 they will receive the notice that says they are failing (or close to failing) one or more of their required classes. This process is called Fail/Safe...an "early warning system" so seniors have the opportunity to pass the class and graduate.

If there is no chance the senior will pass, there are other options to consider. One is credit by examination (\$80) which is offered in English, government and foreign languages. Another is Adult Education classes that can lead to a diploma. And there is Summer School (SEE STORY ON PAGE 27).

Some students choose to get the GED but Karen Williams, assistant principal, warns that the military and other agencies no longer accept the GED...only a high school diploma.

Pig-kissing raises money

By Jessica Peterson

The second annual DECA "Kiss the Pig Contest" was a great success.

Fifty faculty and staff members participated in the event. Altogether, they earned about \$200 for DECA. Richard McEnaney raised about \$70 and he says, "I enjoyed helping DECA, but I don't think I want to kiss the pig again."

The event was put on to help DECA students earn their way to the state and national competitions. (See the list of winners on page 28.) Each of the 20 students eligible to go to nationals must earn \$650.

The idea originated with A. J. Roberts, a DECA student last year. The pigs were donated by R.C. Farms.

DECA hopes to put on this event again next year. Advisor Karen Motola says, "We look forward to having the entire faculty participating in this worthwhile event."

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Japanese students hit the books full time!

By Richard Park

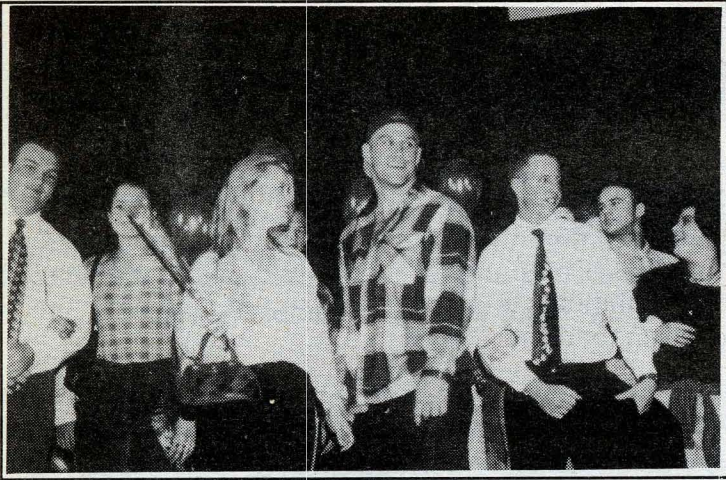
Japan. The country where roads are small, everything is crowded and almost everyone is a Buddhist. And for Chaparral High junior **Noriko Takaji**, it is home.

When Noriko came here, the first thing she noticed was that "everyone spoke English." Noriko is on the school tennis team and also played tennis in Japan. Her favorite food is hamburgers and her favorite class at Chaparral is choir. Noriko doesn't like heavy metal bands, but favors the music of the Swedish hit group *Ace of Base*.

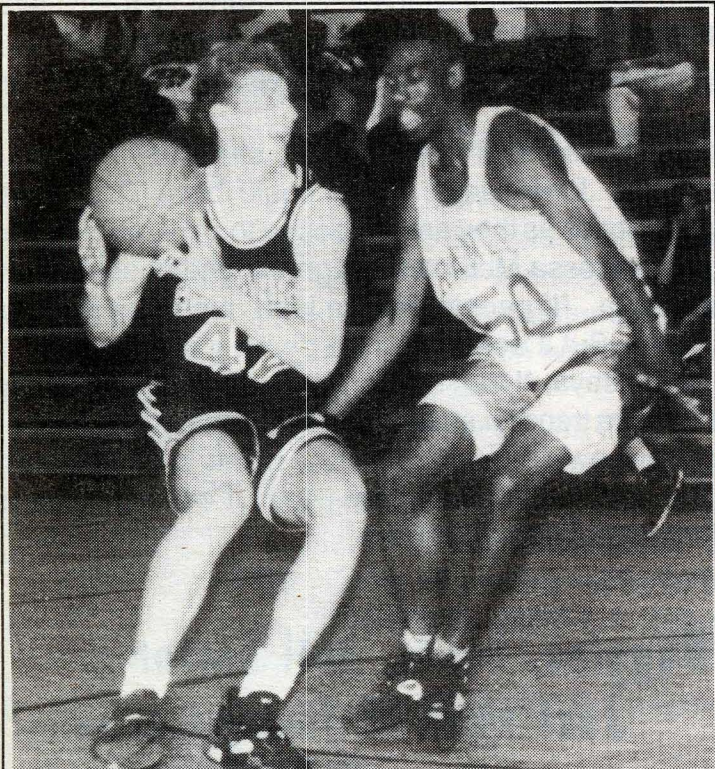
She would like to attend college here. Noriko wants to become an English teacher because her father is an English teacher.

There are many differences between our country and hers. Japanese students attend 240 days a year, 6 days a week, have few dropouts, and place heavy emphasis on getting good grades.

Perhaps by the time Noriko leaves she will have learned more than any textbook could teach her about America.



Guys for sale. Chaparral students recently held a Bachelor Auction to raise funds for the library. Shown here are some of the "choice items" up for bid. The big-ticket bachelor was Mike Short (center) who went for more than \$40. The library benefitted to the tune of \$362.

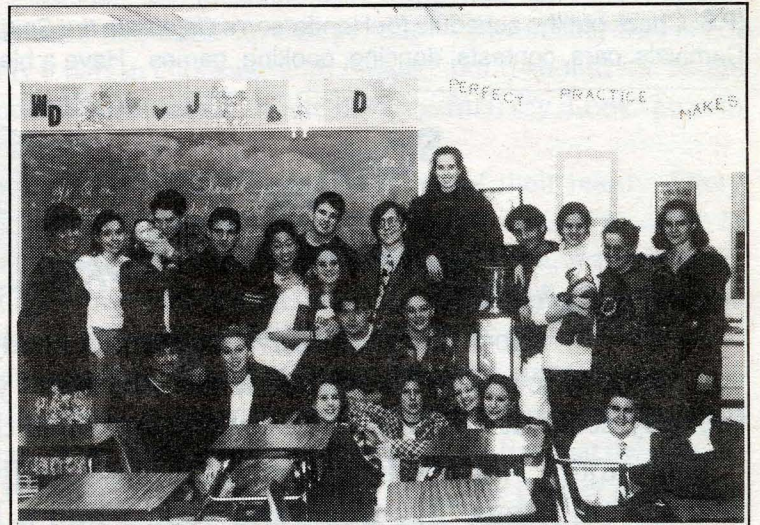


Close . The Varsity Basketball team lost the Zone tournament to Cheyenne by a mere three points. Here, Tony Celeste drives around an opponent in a game earlier in the season. Celeste, Antwone Washington and Mark Giles will return next year.



Heartbreaker. Women's Varsity Soccer went to the Southern Zone Championship match hungry for the number-one spot. But the "sudden death" challenge after a scoreless overtime period did the team in: they lost to Green Valley, 3-2. At left, the Cowgirls' Imelda Smith dribbles down the field. Overall, the team ended the season with a fine winning record of 16-1-3.

Small but mighty... They talked their way to the top



Mighty mites. Chaparral's forensics team -- one of the smallest in Clark County -- has triumphed in six of the nine tournaments they entered. While most forensics teams have 38-50 members, Chaparral has only 21. Besides speech and debate, members do research on literature for events such as Dramatic Interpretation. (Reporter: Richard Park)

Brady Bunch bunches of fun even if it is a cheesy oldie

By Jill Englund (Edited)

Right up there with my love for cheesy movies is my love for cheesy TV shows. You can imagine my delight when *The Brady Bunch Movie* came out.

I wasn't expecting cinematic greatness or anything...but because *The Brady Bunch* itself is such a bastion of pure '70s television excess and because I, too, am a victim of commercial brainwashing, I paid my \$6.75 and went.

It turned out to be halfway decent! The plot was that the Bradys were going to lose their home unless they raised \$20,000, much to the delight of their nasty neighbor who wanted to buy up the entire neighborhood to turn into condos. His plans are foiled when the Bradys win a talent competition (grand prize being, of course, \$20,000).

Aside from the uncanny resemblance of the actors to the originals...and the fact that I ordinarily can't stand Shelley Long (who played Carol Brady), the writing was decent...the acting was sound...I actually enjoyed the movie.

The film happily ventured into some unexplainable weirdness...it was enjoyable and even funny, which was a lot more than I expected.

And it was definitely cheesy.



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fee is \$70 and you'll learn Lifeguard Training, CPR for the Professional Rescuer and Community First Aid.

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS. If you are 17 or older and are a proficient swimmer, you can teach American Red Cross swim lessons. The next Water Safety Instructor class is May 1 through 22.

Classes meet Mondays through Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 5 to 9 p.m. The \$55 class fee includes books.

For more information, call the City of Henderson Parks and Recreation Department Aquatics division, 565-2123.

(P.S. Check out the schedule for Henderson's *Celebrate the Spirit* days on page 27. Carnivals, cars, contests, dancing, cooking, games. Have a blast!)

SCHOOL & SPORTS
Athletes balance



How do sport activities impact study habits? Are you too tired to get up for school? If this applies to you, you're not the only student at Basic High School that feels that way.

Sophomore Andrea Brandon, who plays volleyball, soccer, and softball, says "My freshman year, I had a lot of trouble keeping my grades up, but now I know that my school work comes first, and I'm doing much better."

Freshman Misty Nelson says that her parents influenced her to be involved in sports and stay in shape. Junior Nicole White says "My parents have mixed emotions. They don't like me being so tired and stressed, but they like how in-shape I am."

Junior Don Garlick and sophomore Lindy Buckles agree that it is hard to balance schoolwork with sports. They usually end up spending more time on sports. Garlick's parents think it has helped him strive to do better in his work and his self image, and they encourage him to participate in sport activities.

Many students still try to put forward their best efforts toward both school work and sports. With help from family members, the students hope to achieve in both areas.

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Blue hair or buzz cut... does it make a statement?



By Rikki Skadoski

When someone decides to make a change, it can come in many different forms...including hair style.

Most people make subtle changes, like getting a trim or a buzz or dying their hair. But lately, more and more people have gone all out with new hair styles.

Basic High students are a good example of the new rave over hair today. Some students have colored hair while others have shaved heads. The new styles are catching on fast, even with the school staff.

The main reason for a hair change varies. Regarding his purplish hair, freshman Josh Nelson says, "I did it because I was bored and my parents don't care."

Melanie Crandall, a freshman, says that she would never dye her hair because "my mom would kill me."

On the other hand, Basic's school banker, Stephanie Wurzer, says that she dyes her hair simply because she can. "My mom has a picture of me with all my different hair colors. I even dyed my hair blue for Homecoming."

Does Mrs. Wurzer set an example for Basic students? Special Education teacher Mike Jones says, "Staff could be a little more conservative with their styles as they are supposed to set examples for students." Sophomore Tressa McEwan disagrees; she doesn't think the staff sets an example. "If people like the idea, then they can go ahead and follow them. But it doesn't hurt to be your own person."

Susan Segal, dean, says, "I don't think adults who dye their hair different colors are setting a trend for students...it's the other way around."

Sophomore Tommy Lewis says, "If someone wants to do their hair weird, they have the right to look how they want...it doesn't distract students unless they want to be distracted."

**Baggies, boots, bell bottoms.
Just what IS fashion anyway?**

By Kelly Kotzian

Students at Basic High are concerned with their appearance. So what fashions are "in" at Basic?

Most stoners and skaters wear frayed, baggy pants or jeans, chain wallets, and just plain have a grunge look. You see a lot of alternative group T-shirts also.

Preppies wear fitted jeans and most wear their shirts tucked in. They go for the clean-cut conservative look.

Hippies wear long skirts with T-shirts [the girls do, anyway]; those who dress formally wear dresses, shirts, dress shoes and dress pants.

People who prefer Western styles wear cowboy boots, big buckles, colorful patterned shirts, and fitted jeans.

Then, there are the people who want to be individuals and wear whatever suits them.

Asked about the different styles, senior Yancy Kramer says, "You can be what you want...It individualizes people."

Junior Jennifer St. Clair contradicted: "There are a bunch of clones at our school. There aren't very many individuals. There is too much emphasis on 'being cool.'"

Most students think it's okay to be your own person. Freshman Melissa Hinkley says, "People wear their own thing and they try to be unique."

According to P.E. teacher Barbara Gillaspy, the styles that were in when she was in high school were bell bottoms, mini-skirts, hip huggers, pants with elephant legs and platform shoes.

Although these were the styles of the '60s and '70s, many -- such as platform shoes -- are coming back.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR OF CLASS!

Basic High yearbook one of nation's best

From a report by Steve Zyla

El Lobo, the Basic High School yearbook, was one of the finalists for the prestigious Pacemaker Award given to 30 high schools and five junior high schools throughout the country. In fact, *El Lobo* is the only finalist from Nevada. The award is given annually by the National Scholastic Press Association.

The winners were to be named during the High School Journalism Convention in San Diego, April 6-9. At the time of publication, final results were not available.

Last month, the University of Minnesota notified John Gilmour, *El Lobo* advisor,

The following letters are in response to an editorial in the March 14 Review-Journal, which advocated dropping the number of credits required for graduation to 20.

Dear CLASS! Editor,

As a student of Basic High School, I find it hard to understand why we should have to earn so many credits.

I am in school to become an animal doctor and it is hard to imagine having to pass Chemistry or Biology without failing once.

I am a good student, but what scares me is that if I do accidentally fall behind, I don't want to have to pay more money to go to summer school just to pass.

I would suggest that someone lower the credit requirements because, if they don't, so many students will be considered drop-outs or flunkies.

Although, I do believe that there should be at least 20 credits that you have to earn. If it's not high enough, some students would take advantage of that and just fail a class or two that was too hard.

*Kimberly Weloski, freshman
Basic High School*



Dear CLASS! Editor,

I'm an exchange student from Germany with a totally different school system. In my own country, school is a lot harder than in Nevada. I was an average "C" student [in Germany] and here I am, with some exception, an "A" student. So that means it's extremely easy for me without any work, compared to Germany.

I know I'm used to a hard school system...but [the RJ reported that] Nevada's students are failing with only 20 [required] credits, and in California, people pass. I think it shouldn't be too easy for young people these days!

In Germany, they say every second "idiot" gets a diploma from high school. They're going to make it harder to graduate in the next couple of years. I'm not going to be one of the students who have it harder then, and I'm glad.

But I wanted to express that graduating in the U.S. shouldn't be too easy, otherwise students won't do anything anymore and think they get a diploma for free without working for it.

I also want to mention that I'm not the kind of teenager (almost 18) who sits in front of the computer all the time and studies. No, maybe I'm one of the biggest partiers...

*Nadja Wagner, senior
Basic High School*



(Photos above by David Phillips)



Coke thinks Mangum is classic, too. Jeremy Mangum is a finalist in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program, vying for one of twenty \$20,000 scholarships, or one of 100 regional scholarships worth a total of \$100,000.

**Ulrich goes over the top...
in sports, school, service**

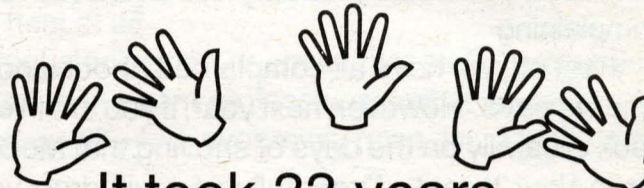
By Delinda Morse

Jennifer Ullrich has been named BHS top female athlete of the year. She plays volleyball, basketball and softball. At the same time, she is in the running for Valedictorian (with a 4.65 GPA), works on the yearbook, is active in Key Club and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Ullrich transferred to Basic from Green Valley High in her sophomore year.

"At first I was terrified to come to Basic, but once school got going it was fine," she says. "Now I love Basic. I had many wonderful experiences that I might have missed out on if I had not moved here."

Ullrich emphasizes how important activities in and out of school are. "Being involved gives me a glimpse of different things like competition, and satisfaction in sports, and writing in the yearbook."



**It took 33 years...
but we made it to State!**

By Jessica Paez

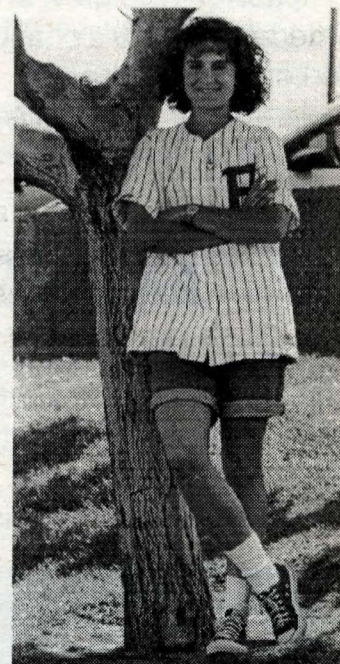
Give 'em a High Five! After 33 years, the Varsity Girls Basketball Team made it to State Finals -- not only by skill, but by lots of practice.

Co-captain Amanda Ruegge says she was "stoked." The team practiced at 5:30 every morning, an hour-and-a-half after school, and sometimes four hours on Saturday. They also spent a lot of time reviewing tapes.

Teachers, administrators and students shared the excitement of victory with the team.

"I think it's cool. Most of our teams haven't made it to State...so they deserve it because they're good," says sophomore Anthony Caracciolo.

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You can grow out of complaints and into college

By Katie Aldworth

If, through your high school career, every word you uttered was on record, you would probably find an excessive amount of time spent complaining.

First off, we have all complained about lunch and the amount of time we have. However, next year, if you are in college, you may look back dreamily on the days of shoving that McDonald's combo meal down your throat. Dreadfully you will drag yourself to the dining commons where lunch costs a hole in a card. Suddenly 30 seconds for fries will sound pretty good as some mysterious malnutritious slop is splashed onto your plate.

Don't forget about those 40 problems to look over for your Calculus quiz tomorrow and the three chapters to read for English 101. At that time you'll probably start thinking on those few teachers who made you work more diligently than the rest.

One complaint, common among high school students, is the lack of personal attention. But if you plan to attend a large college next year, you better start counting your blessings now for every glance of a professor in your direction. Next year, this is something you may be denied for months on end.

With all this to look forward to, college can seem like a pretty terrible experience. The words usually associated with college such as fear, anticipation, challenge and unknown probably don't help ease the image.

So why, you ask yourself, would you want to go to college? It is an opportunity to grow and learn beyond all previous expectations. College gives you a chance to make changes in your life, even a new start on a better one.

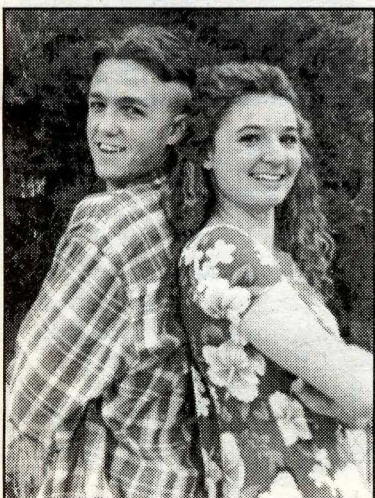
As you go out with fear and anticipation, savor these emotions and always have confidence in your future.

EAGLES OF THE MONTH

The Boulder City Eagle of the Month, Matt Chubb, helped give a "jump-start" to the dormant John Hansen Society political group. While being active in football and volleyball his junior year, Matt left sports in his senior year and portrayed "Ken" in *Rumors*. He was also chosen to compete in the All Star Game for Varsity Quiz. Matt

plans to attend the University of Southern California in the fall.

Heidi Harr, Lady Eagle of the Month, maintains a 4.0 GPA while she participates in Interact and National Honor Society. She is currently the president of Science Club, Ski Club, and Thespians. She performed in *Steel Magnolias* and the one-act plays her junior year, and *Rumors* and *Crimes of the Heart* in her senior year. Heidi directed a one-act play during her senior year as well.



MVP Swimmer signs with UC Berkeley

Katie Aldworth has been swimming competitively since the age of nine. As a young swimmer, Katie struggled with the stroke technique...It was not until the last couple of years that she started showing improvement while gradually building up to 21 hours of swimming per week.

Katie holds several meet records in the 17-18 age group. In high school swimming, Katie has been MVP since her sophomore year. Her goals for this season will be to take all school records in individual events and better her second place from State last year. Last fall, Katie signed a National Letter of Intent with UC Berkeley.

In college she hopes to excel to NCAA championships by her senior year.



"One More Night"

By Kara Pohe



The Lied Discovery Children's Museum will be the location for Boulder City High's Junior-Senior Prom, "One More Night," May 6. Students can experience wheelchair basketball, a musical walkway and whisper dishes. The dance will be from 7:00 to 10:00 and the royalty will be announced at 8:00. Sunday morning at 5:00 all seniors are invited to the Student Activity Center at BCHS, where the junior class will serve breakfast.



Prom Kings & Princes (Candidates)

Top Row (left to right)
Senior King candidates: Jake Hanson, Doug Banaszak, Kris Jensen and Ryan Dolan.

Bottom Row (left to right)
Junior Prince candidates: Pat Shea, Chris Porter, Trey Delap and John Easter

Prom Queens & Princesses (Candidates)

Clockwise from top left - Junior Princess Candidates: Kara Pohe, Jessica Brollick, Hermon Ghermay, Nichole Best and Amy Page.

Senior Queen Candidates: Virginia Hoekenga, Julie Moffett, Pania McMullan and Jeny Bania



"Crimes of the Heart" takes the stage

By Heidi Harr

Boulder City High School's spring production *Crimes of the Heart* will take place May 3, 4 and 5.

Three sisters, a nosy socialite cousin, an old lover and a lawyer find their places in this comedy about an unusual Mississippi town. Lanny, the oldest sister, is trying to remain happy without love or excitement. Meg returns from Hollywood, a failed singing star, to find that the youngest sister, Babe, has shot her husband, a powerful figure in town. The sisters recollect the past and contemplate the future. References to "mama... and that old cat she hung along with her" pop up from time to time, making everyone wonder exactly how sane this family is. This is definitely one play to catch.



Shanell Brewer, Las Vegas Academy of Performing Arts, goes shopping. Suit is *Requirements* from Mervins. Blouse is *Lucky Winner* from Clothestime. Shoes are *Sergio Zolcer* from Montgomery Ward. Hair and make-up by A. J. Will.

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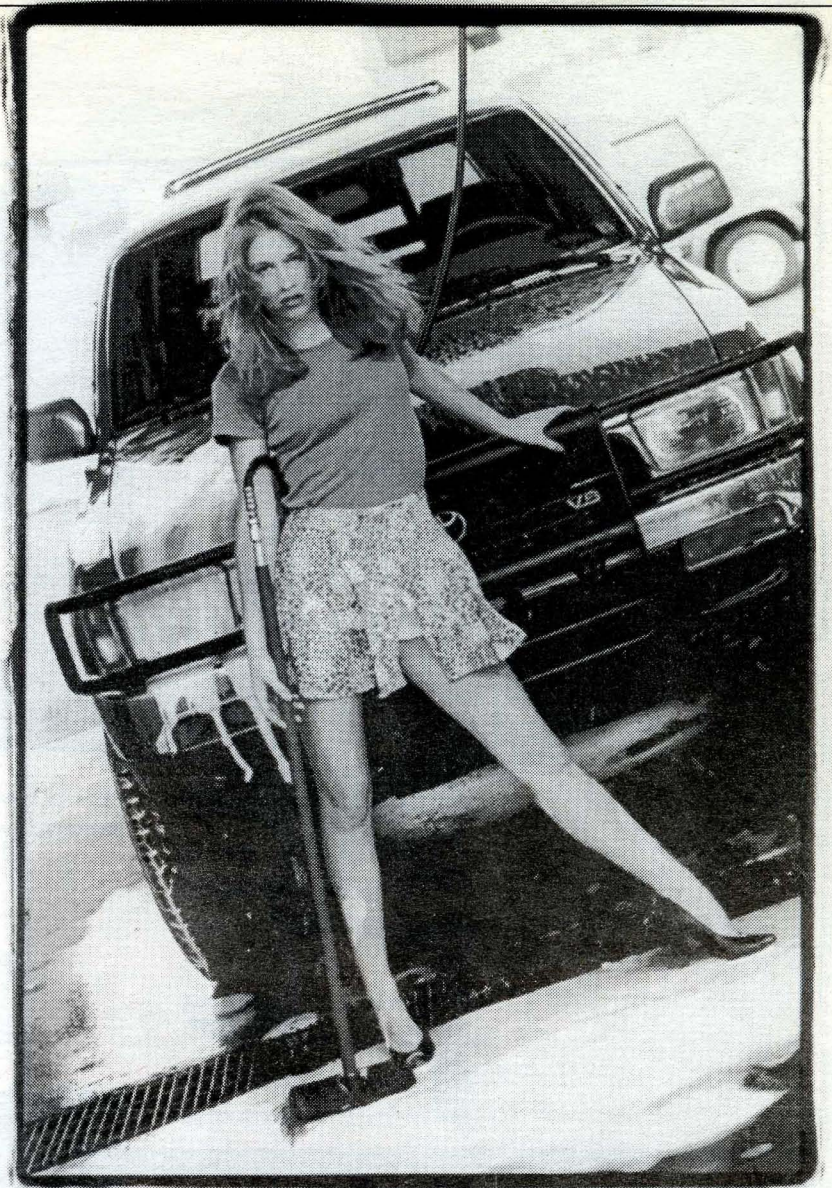
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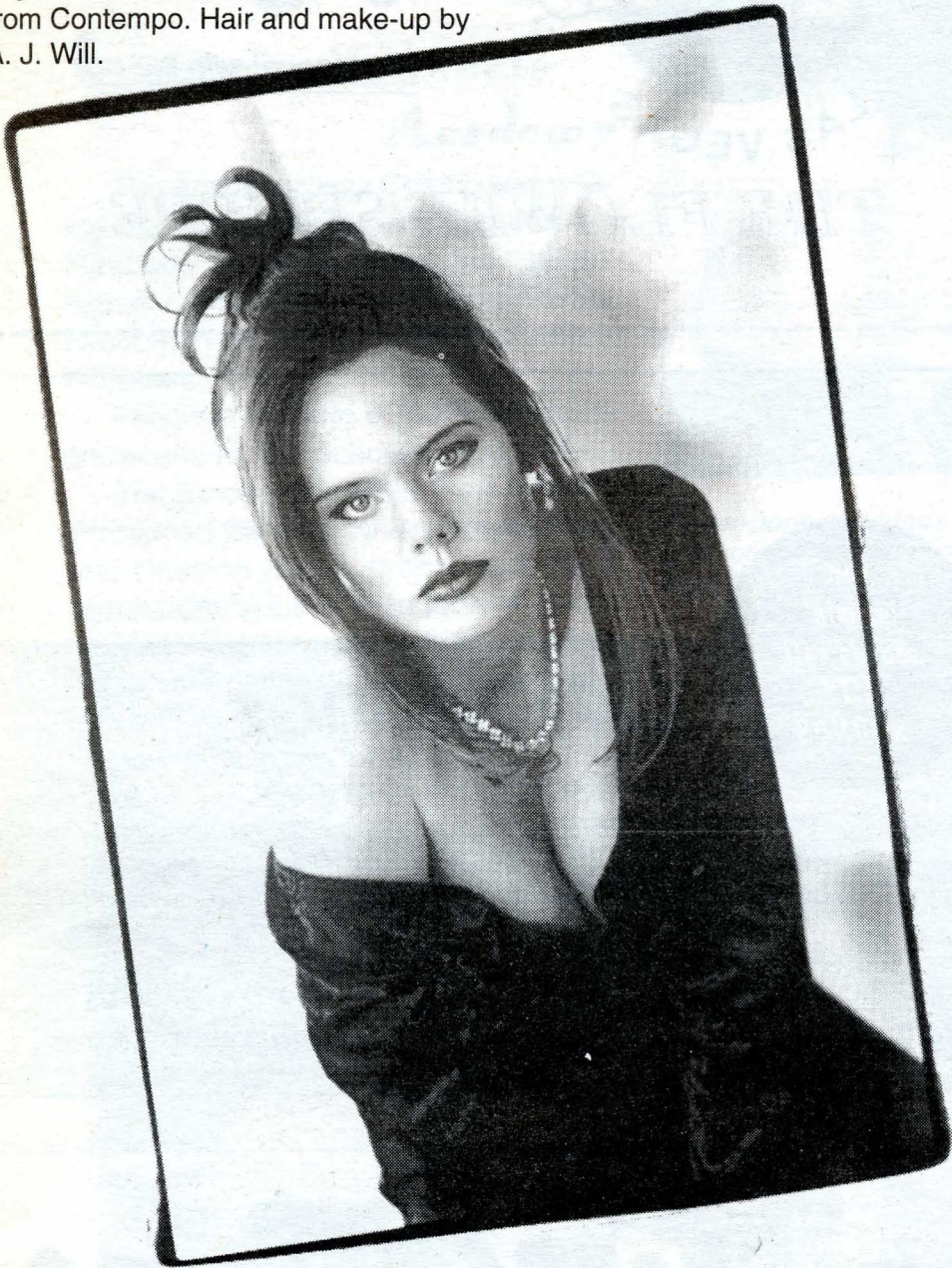
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Julie Harris, a sophomore at Clark High School, wears a flowered skirt from Contempo and an Anzani top.



Rebel Reynolds, a sophomore at Durango High School, wears a black velvet dress from Contempo. Hair and make-up by A. J. Will.



Heather Atwell, a sophomore at Bonanza High School, checks out the latest fashions while wearing a black satin/fur dress from Judy's. Thigh-highs from Contempo. Black patent leather shoes from Leeds and fur purse from Judy's. Glasses from the Dungeon. Hair and make-up by A. J. Will



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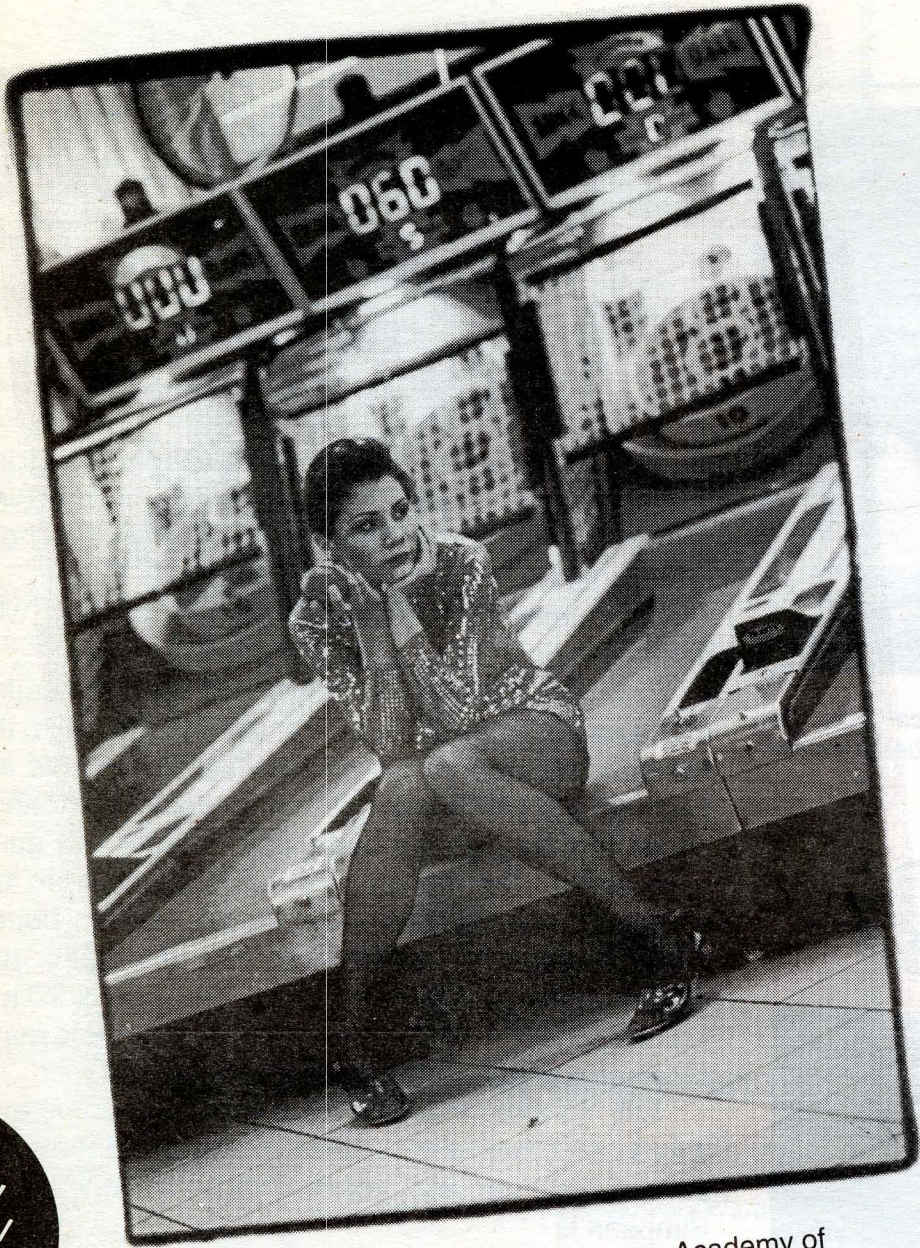
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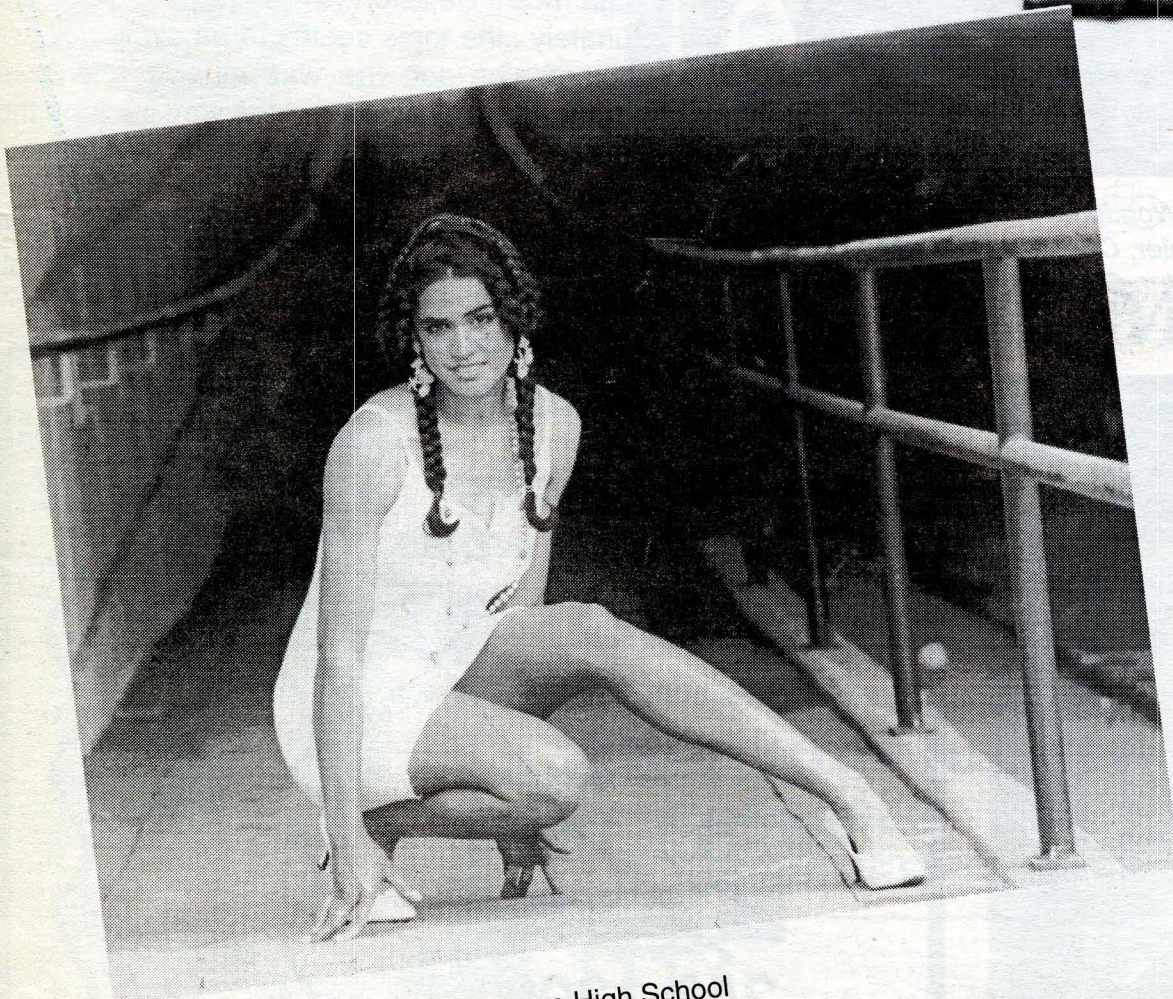
Kasey Wills, a freshman at the Las Vegas Academy of Performing Arts, wears a royal blue sequined dress and shoes from Neiman-Marcus. Hair and make-up by A.J. Will



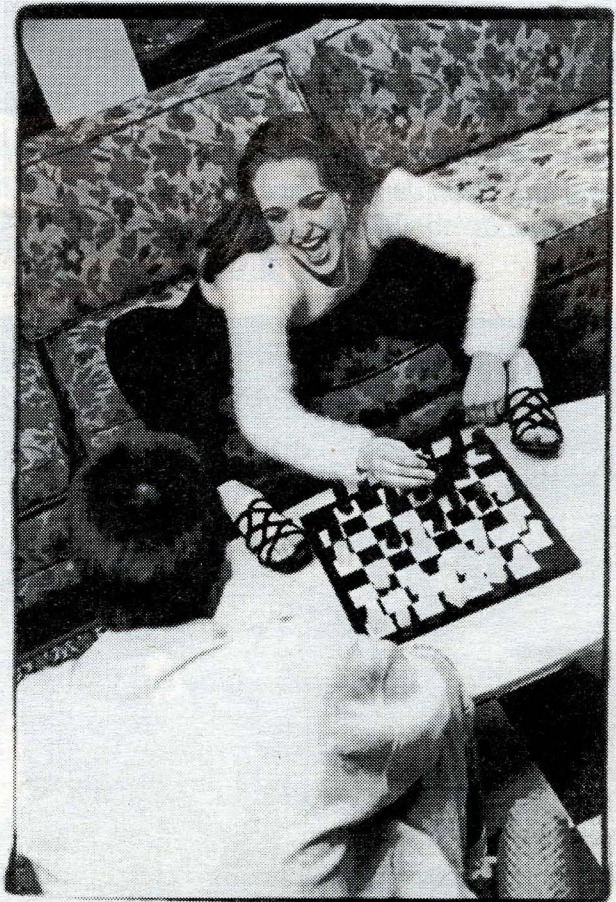
Amanda Baran, a freshman at Las Vegas Academy of Performing Arts, pauses between games of SkeeBall at the Forum Shops. She's wearing a *Hot Topic* blue sequined short jump-suit from Lip Service and clear plastic heels. Make-up and hair by A. J. Will.



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Sofia Wali, a junior at Cheyenne High School



Angela Edwards puts the winning move on her boyfriend, Heath Sachs, at the Attick. Angela, a sophomore at Durango High School, is wearing a white angora sweater from Contempo, black *Rampage* pants from Robinsons/May, and black velvet strap heels courtesy of the Attick.

Community meets Academy

The Academy Jazz Combo was wailing and mimes were hamming it up as hundreds of people piled their plates high at the buffet before moving into the auditorium for a great evening of entertainment.

This was *A Taste of the Academy*, a showcase for the school's programs.

The Emcee, comedian Pete Barbuti, introduced the acts, which included pop and classical music, drama such as a scene from "Alice in Wonderland" and a Shakespeare excerpt, a vocal ensemble, solos, and dance. The art department had a display of sculpture, painting and photography in the lobby.



Finger-poppin' sounds. The Vocal Music Department swung into a bouncy number that showcased their talent, "Trickle Trickle."

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Mad as a mad hatter. Above: In this scene from *Alice in Wonderland*, the student actors are (from left) Ryan Jancker face-down on table, Matt Gubler, Courtney Ulmer and David Katz. Below, demonstrating Japanese culture, are Christina Cabaal and Luke Rowley.



In My Opinion: A Student Editorial

O. J.: beyond innocent or guilty

Mike Slate, Las Vegas Academy

Picture this: you've just come home from a long day at school. You decide to unwind a little by watching some TV. You turn on the TV, eagerly awaiting your favorite show and what do you hear?

"We interrupt the regularly scheduled program with an update on the O.J. Simpson murder trial."

It seems you can't go anywhere without hearing O.J.'s name. He's everywhere: the TV, the radio, the newspapers, and yes, even the movies. People are beginning to get so annoyed with constantly hearing about him, they couldn't care less whether he's guilty or innocent. The fact that the trial is expected to last six more months doesn't make people feel any better.

...However, it's not his fault that this matter has gotten as far out of hand as it has. The man didn't just wake up one morning and say, "Today I'm gonna make a comeback by killing my wife."

Still, it's clear that he's more popular than he ever was as a football hero. Unless you've sustained some serious brain damage, you're going to know who O.J. Simpson is.

One afternoon on my bus, everyone was arguing whether we should listen to 98.5 or 103.5 on the radio. Our driver got so sick of hearing us, he simply turned the radio to the O.J. Simpson trial. After undergoing the torture of hearing that, we don't argue that much about what music we listen to now.

Fortunately...the topic seems to be dying down a little. Six months ago, he was all over the front pages...now you have to look all the way back on the third or fourth page to find anything about Simpson. Most of the time, anyway.

By the time the trial's over, no one is really going to care if he was innocent or guilty. Sadly, if he is innocent, he will never be able to live a normal life again.

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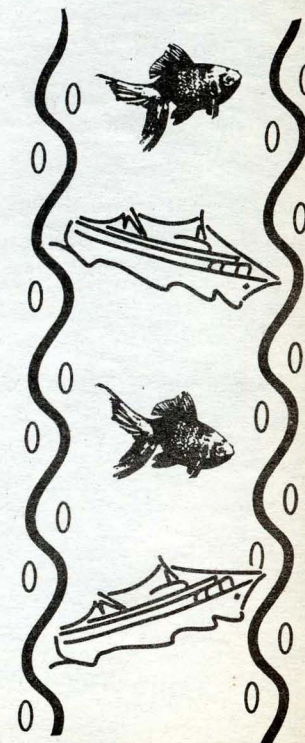
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'Man' not hilarious; it's a feel-good film

By Leah Lukes

Man of the House is the new Disney movie starring Chevy Chase and Jonathon Taylor Thomas from "Home Improvement."

The story revolves around the relationship of 11-year-old Ben (Thomas), and his would-be stepfather Jack, (Chase). Jack wants his relationship with Ben to work, and Ben just wants Jack to get lost.

As the story continues, Jack and Ben become closer. Ben accepts the fact that his mother, (played by Farrah Fawcett) is going to marry Jack, and they are going to be a family.

If you are looking for a movie that is as hilarious as Disney's Christmas comedy *The Santa Clause* or the slapstick comedy Chase is famous for, then this movie may be a little disappointing.

Yet, *Man of the House* is a good family movie. Even though isn't not as funny as the previews, you'll still come away with a good feeling. That's why I give this movie 3 out of 5 stars.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS NO GAME

By Amanda Shay

Attention Deficit Disorder, (ADD) is a disease in which a person has trouble paying attention for a long period of time.

To deal with an ADD student, teachers often have to teach them separately from other students. Sometimes, teacher may even have to alter their teaching styles to accommodate the attention span of an ADD student.

When teachers alter their teaching style, they may have to change subjects every ten or fifteen minutes in order to keep the ADD student's attention. Usually, this is not necessary because ADD students can take Ritalin, a prescription drug, to help increase their attention span.

However, Ritalin which was heralded as the wonder drug for ADD students, is now becoming an abused drug. Some ADD students are selling it to other students.

Ritalin can cause an increase in blood pressure and heart rate. If a student without ADD takes it, it can cause problems such as heart attacks and strokes.

Is that a piercing scream or a scream from piercing?

By Julie Ulanowski

Why do people pierce their bodies? And if there are dangers, why do people take those chances?

Many people at LVA have piercing somewhere on their bodies. The most popular spots for piercing include noses and eyebrows.

Many risks are being taken, but the biggest risk seems to be hitting a main nerve: paralysis or infection can result, or the pierced area may not heal properly or just may not heal at all.

"I didn't know anything about sterilization or any of that stuff, I just used dirty safety pins. But now I figured out from professionals what is sterile and what is not," says Jenn Neal, who has eyebrows, nose, lip, navel, and both nipples pierced.

The pain alone should stop people from piercing themselves.

"You only feel the first couple layers of skin, then there's not too much pain. It's not for alienation or rebellion, and the physical pain isn't something that you can't get over. The only part that sucks is when it's healing, and it gets all scabby. And yes, they do hurt," says Neal.

Venus Workhoven added that "It's not the pain, it's the way it looks after it's done. Don't do it just to look cool," says Workhoven, who has a nose ring.

If you plan to have piercing done, get it done professionally.

Obnoxious kids may be result of TV

By Leah Lukes

Television is an important tool of our society. It is used for entertainment, education, and communication.

Recently, many adults have been concerned about the effects of television on behavior. They believe the violent and sexual content is too much. Now, some teens may agree.

USA Today published an article about teens who feel that television influences their behavior. *Children Now*, an advocacy group, sponsored a poll of 750 kids ages 10-16. The survey showed that four out of five kids think that TV suggests that people are generally dishonest and children regularly talk back to their parents. Also, eight out of 10 think there is too much premarital sex, and three out of five say this is what prompts teens to begin sex early.

Another survey shows two out of three believe fellow teens are influenced by TV. The same percentage feel there are good role models for minorities on TV.

Is TV that bad? Some experts feel that TV is beginning to show more cultural diversity. It is also challenging many gender and racial stereotypes.

Foreign language fair showcases I.S. talent

By Ryan Hurt

The Foreign Language Fair will give foreign language classes throughout Clark County a chance to express their languages through the fine arts.

The fair, on April 29, will give International Studies students a vehicle by which to exhibit poetry, skits, knowledge, and songs in a foreign language.

The fair will open with a parade of international floats, created by students from LVA and other schools.

At the end of the parade, the royalty nominated by each participating school for King and Queen of the Fair, will be introduced. During the fair, two water jugs, each with a picture of a king and queen, will be placed in the cafeteria. To vote for your school's candidates, simply put pennies in the jugs. the candidate with the most pennies wins.

The fair attractions include game booths, foreign food booths, and live entertainment.

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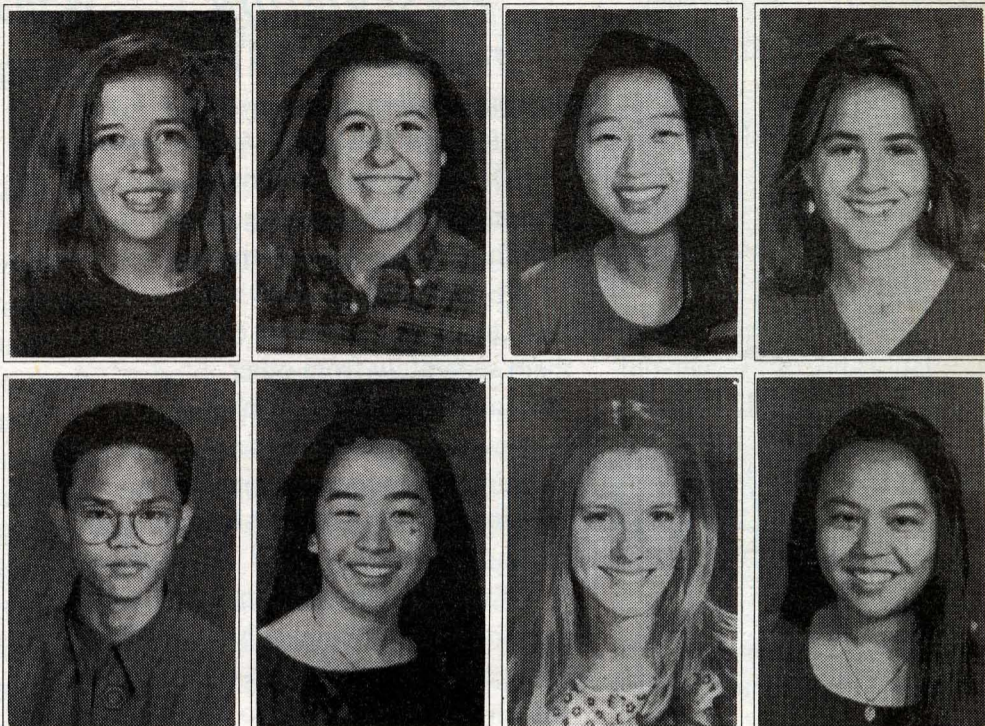
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Valedictorians named for first graduating class



By Rachael Fish

TOP ROW

(from left):
Hand, Kingman,
Lee, Lyles.

BOTTOM:

Chan, Ng,
Schmidt,
Guillermo

Seniors will soon be attending their graduation, a moment they have worked towards for 18-19 years. Eight Durango seniors have worked harder than most, and it is finally paying off.

Richard Chan, Melissa Hand, Camille Kingman, Joanna Lee, Melissa Lyles, Sylvia Ng, and Alison Schmidt have achieved the highest grade point average in their graduating class, giving them the honor of being Durango's first valedictorians. A weighted 4.7 GPA was attained by all seven students during their high school years.

Durango's single salutatorian, Jennifer Guillermo, received the second highest grade point in her class.

These students will be honored May 16, at 7 p.m. in the Durango Theater at the senior awards ceremony. They will then give a speech to the entire 1995 graduating class of Durango on June 1, at 5 p.m. during graduation.

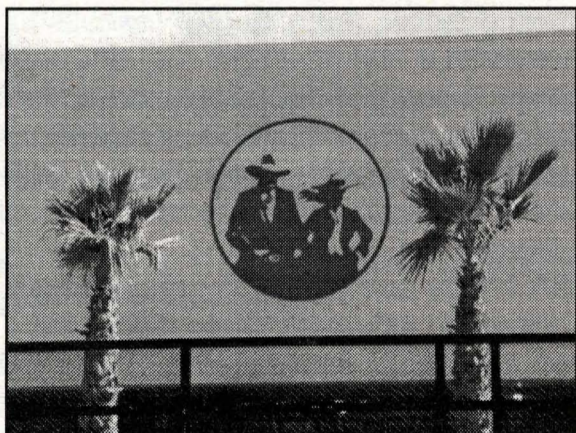
When asked if she had any advice for the students of Durango who hope to become valedictorians, Lee laughed and said, "Don't get a B."

Although Lee, Lyles, and Ng are not yet certain of their future, Hand plans to attend the University of Nevada Reno while Kingman and Schmidt plan to attend BYU.

According to Chan, his goal last year was to get a decent haircut, but this year he has higher hopes and is thinking, "Maybe Stanford." Chan also had some advice to give future valedictorians, "Play the system. If your *only* goal is to become valedictorian, don't take AP (Advanced Placement) classes."



Durango's new mascot can be seen from the courtyard above the gym and from the parking lot. (Amy Meyer Photo)



Thespians 'break a leg' at district Theater Festival

By Amanda Krueger

Durango High School's Theater Arts students have been acting up. For the first time, Colleen Brown's Theater Arts students were entered in the Clark County School District Theater Festival at Basic High School. Thirty-four students from Durango competed in the festival.

The categories that the students performed in were One Acts, Musical Theater, Woman's Monologue, Men's Characters, Women's Characters, Solo Pantomime, Serious Ensemble, Group Ensemble, Humorous Ensemble, Men's Monologue, and Group Pantomime.

The Theater Festival is not meant for competition against other schools or other students; mainly the students compete against themselves. Students are rated from superior through excellent and good, to average. Durango received all superior and excellent ratings.

"I was extremely pleased with our results. This is the first time Durango High competed in the Clark County School District Theater Festival. We made a very strong statement that our theater program may be young but it is strong," says Brown.

Brown feels since her students were given a chance to perform in the festival, they have gained respect from other schools. She also feels that the festival "was a valuable chance for the students to perform and be evaluated by professors from Arizona State University."

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District winners. Adaptive physical education bowlers include (front row, from left) Adam Rushforth, Ross Brandwein, Havander Davis and Chad Hujphrey. Back row: Matt Dunn, Joshua Hurt, Leo Quintana, Celeste Soto, Allana North, coach Mike O'Dea.

Students bowl 'em over at district tournament

Rachael Fish

The students in teacher Mike O'Dea's adaptive physical education class showed competitive spirit by winning the district-wide bowling tournament at Sam's Town Bowling Center earlier in the month.

The students practiced for a month with bowling pins and balls in order to be ready for this competition.

Durango competed against other Clark County special education classes. The students who represented Durango were Allana North, Ross Brandwein, Matt Dunn, Joshua Hurt, Chad Humphrey, Havander Davis, Leo Quintana, Donald Smith, Celeste Soto, and Jason Porter.

According to O'Dea, Dunn, who won a trophy for having the highest overall score at the competition, scored a 220 on the weekend following the tournament.

"It (winning) was nice, but being able to compete was the reward," said O'Dea.

*A commentary
by T.J. McMahon*

Just For Men

Hey, you guys out there! Is your woman obsessed with Brad Pitt? How can you know? Well, do you repeatedly get called "Brad" by your girlfriend? Are you left alone on Friday nights while your girlfriend watches videos of "Interview with a Vampire" over and over again? When you watch movies with your sweetheart, like "Police Academy (any of them)," "Teen Wolf," and Barney sing-along videos, does she keep saying, "Brad Pitt should be in these movies."

This is a new craze and it is not a pretty sight for the men of Durango. Women are obsessed with Brad Pitt. Who does this girly man think he is, riding in on his mighty horse and stealing the hearts of many women in movies such as, "Legends of the Fall" and "A River Runs Through It?" These are great movies, and don't get me wrong, he's a good actor, but he represents the man that many women will never have. He is sort of a false hope, he is their "perfect man" yet they do not know him.

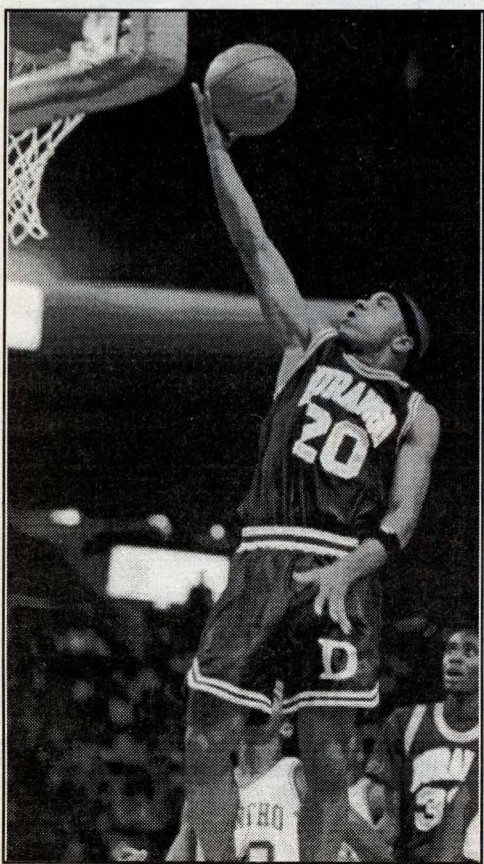
He could be a very obnoxious person. He could be a man no women would want if they get to know him, or he could be this great person on and off the screen. The point is, if people are asked, "What do you think of Brad Pitt?" Many girls would say, "He is sooooo.... fine."

Some people would say that looks are everything and you should ignore the other characteristics that make up that person — fortunately this is not true. Looks do play a part in choosing your "mate," but it should not be the only factor. Attitude and personality should have the final say. Looks go with time. Personality stays.

Pitt is merely a person of their dreams and not of their reality. Every person of every country has a dream...It could be the chance to come to America, to learn to read, to get a car, to get Brad Pitt. Whoa, wait a minute. Do you see anything wrong with this picture? I do. Brad is a false dream that will not come true for 128 million women. I think it is time for women to realize what a great selection they have here at Durango, in reality.

So women of Durango, get your guy while you can before you regret your choice of girly man. If the women of Durango would realize that they do not have to travel to Hollywood to find their "real man," the perfect man could be as close as the person sitting right next to them in English.

Durango surprises opponents, takes State championship



In only their second year of competition, the Durango Blazers won the Class AAA State Basketball Championship.

After defeating Southern Conference champion Green Valley in the semifinals, Durango raced ahead of Southern runner-up Rancho early and led most of the game...the Rams had beaten the Blazers twice this year. Two hundred Durango students, who had made the 440 mile trip, watched the team grab Durango's first basketball crown.

Junior center Ra'oof Sadat led the team with 27 points, while junior guards Kevon Jones had 23 and

Jared Call added 18 points. Head coach Alan La Rocque emphasized that the team and its fans were the key to the championship.

"They made it happen for themselves. They had heard so much about Green Valley and Rancho being number one that they decided they would prove everyone wrong. It was the greatest," La Rocque said.

Senior forward Ryan Tack emphasized that feeling. "I knew we could do it. I felt it in my heart."

Sadat, whose steady tournament point production paced Durango, said, "We jelled...We were like a family. We helped each other in every aspect of the game."

Kevon Jones sails past Rancho for the score that helped Durango to earn the State AAA championship
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Wheelchairs don't slow them down

By David Gallagher

With hundreds of GVHS students filling the narrow halls, traveling to and from periods, complaints can be heard: "People walk too slow...the halls are too crowded..."

But a few students who would seem to have a legitimate complaint take the crowded hallways in stride. These students at GVHS are physically disabled, forced to travel from class to class in wheelchairs. But who says that's going to slow them down?

These students travel the same hallways with the same goal -- to get an education and lifetime skills that will enable them to be successful in the world. The only difference is their disability...however, with positive attitudes, they deal with their problems and go on with their lives.

"I really don't mind having to ride around in my wheelchair, although there are times I wish I could walk," says freshman Ryan Tebbe, who has spina bifida and has been in a wheelchair all his life. "You just get used to it after a while."

"I have a problem opening doors, but everybody at the school seems to be nice and...will open the door for me," he explains.

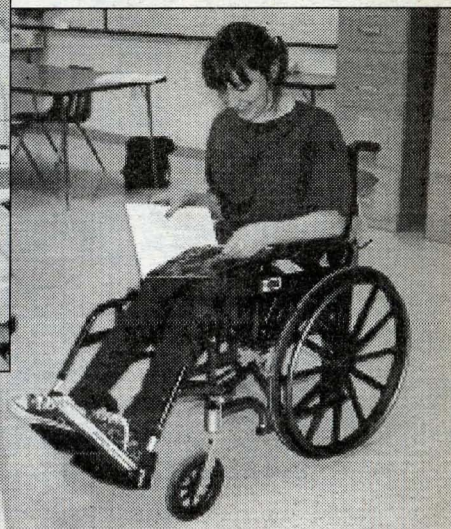
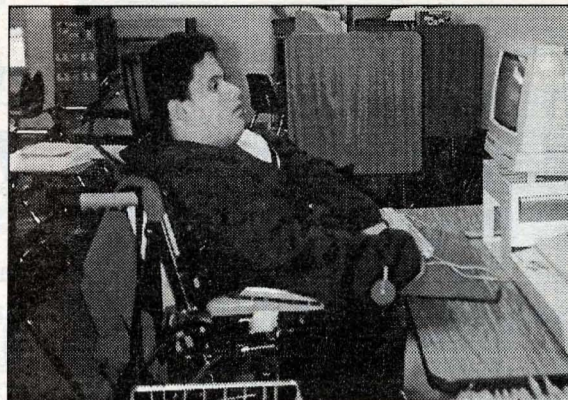
Since many of the physically handicapped students' classes are upstairs, they have a dilemma that others do not face -- wheeling themselves up the steep ramps. Since Ryan is the only student with an automatic chair, the others use pure arm strength to get themselves to class.

"Last year, I was unable to get myself up the ramp without help," says sophomore Dana Pardon, who has cerebral palsy. "But I worked really hard and now I can make it by myself. I like to do things on my own, but...it's nice when somebody helps me," she adds.

Dana believes that if other students understand her handicap, it will eliminate some of the [comments] they make about those with disabilities. "I tell everyone that I have cerebral palsy," Dana says. "I think if they know that, then they will understand better."

In general, however, being ridiculed is not a major concern of these students. "Everyone at this school is really nice...they seem to help me more than anything," comments Ryan.

Although the facilities at GVHS are great for the handicapped...some students in wheel chairs see their surroundings from a different perspective...often unable to see steps and areas where the sidewalk drops off. But for the most part, they are happy with the facilities, their opportunities and the students around them.



Dana Pardon and Ryan Tebbe -- determination on wheels.

Out of the books and into the chaos

By Paul Dodge

Imagine a classroom filled with 30 high school students, several teachers and parents, and 26 screaming, playing toddlers. It sounds like fun for some and sheer torture for others, but it was Renee Leonard's psychology class recently.

Leonard invited parents to bring their children, from newborn to five years, so that her four *Introduction to Psychology* and *AP Psychology* classes could observe their behavior and cognitive skills.

"The students were not only able to interact with the children, but they were able to observe differences in motor and social skills among various age groups," Leonard says.

The children were given toys and were allowed to play while GVHS students observed and took notes on their activities. The students also joined in the games to observe cooperative learning.

"We studied their social skills in relation to their age," Leonard says. "My students found out that the oldest child was not always the leader. Some kids were just naturally more aggressive than others."

GVHS student Amber Kennedy is shown here interacting with a toddler as part of a psychology project.



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Mentors care about troubled students

From a report by Andrew Hagopian

Through the Gator Mentor Program, Green Valley High School staff members are helping 22 students who need extra motivation to succeed in high school. Forty mentors are available this year.

Students recommended to the program meet with their mentors at least once a week. These staff members are not just monitors, but people who care about their students as individuals.

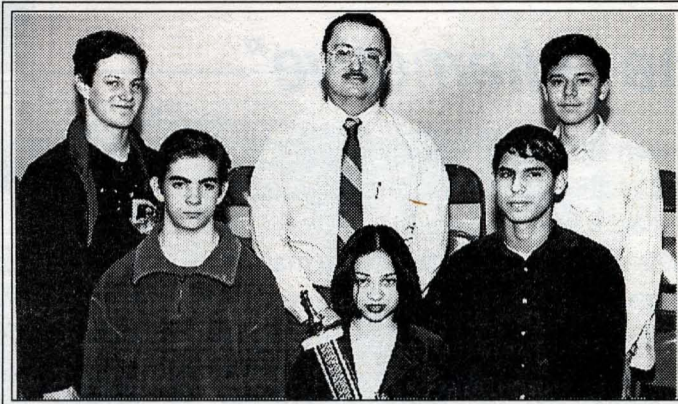
"Some kids just need someone to tell them they are doing a good job and encourage them to keep on doing it," says Janice Conner, dean of students.

She reports that the program has been successful. Twenty students participated during the first semester, and 16 of them stayed this semester.

"We have seen improvement in students and good support from parents," she says.

Chess Club strategy pays off

Practice after practice...checkmate after checkmate, the GVHS chess team earned the title of 1995 Chess Champions. Shown here are the champs. Back row, from left: Anthony Santo, club advisor Carl Luca, Jaime Aceves. Front: Keven Ure, Melody Miller, Wilfredo Escobar. Unavailable for the photo: team member Charles Slade. (Reporter: Greta Erbe)



GVHS captures Varsity Quiz title

Green Valley's Varsity Quiz team recently won the 1994-95 championship and a chance to compete against the champs from Orange County School District. Shown BELOW: Back row L-R, Ms. Taylor, Rex Newbould, Casey Cornwell, Troy Kessler, Patrick Preston, coach Craig Swallow. Front row, Hugh Riley, Cholyong Kim, Hillary Aisenstein, Alissa Galyean, Josh Pelttier, and Carroll Johnston, GVHS principal. Not available for the photo: Rob Handsfield.



Peer buddies help mentally challenged kids

The new Peer Buddy System offers Green Valley students a unique opportunity to develop new relationships...and quality interaction between the regular student body and the handicapped and mentally challenged students.

Michael Williams, a special education teacher for 23 years, started this program that will help his students intermingle outside the sheltered environment of their own classrooms and their homes.

His goal was "12 students to spend their lunch time with my students once or twice a week, socializing and being a proper role model." Williams says participating students will experience something that most of them have not even imagined.

"My students need to not only develop new friendships, but they need the opportunity to go up and down the halls and hear people call their names and say 'Hi, what's up?' Williams explains.

"A few of my students take weight training...and they love it when their fellow students come up and say 'Hey, you're pumpin' hard today.'"

All kids need to have contact with other kids, the teacher believes. "When regular students see these mentally challenged students, they shouldn't think, 'Oh, poor them!' and then just go on their way."

From a report by Kelly Clark

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The "Alternative"

By Jason Wilda

Music has changed drastically in the last few years and so have attitudes towards it. Now, it's not cool to like a band that's in mainstream and has too many fans. Selling millions of records is not considered much of an accomplishment anymore and anything new and unique is as good as gold.

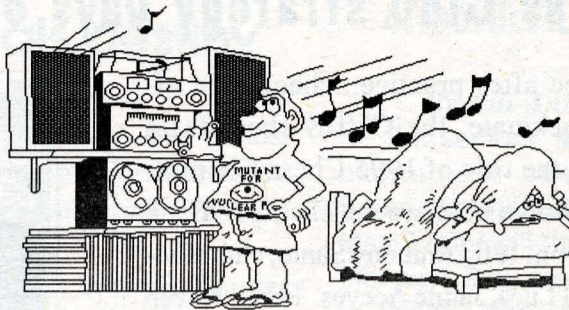
Many heroes from yesterday are being traded in for new skool punk, reggae, college radio rock, ska or just plain noise. One band that probably realizes this more than any other is *Pearl Jam*. With three full-length albums under their belt, and massive success, they now find themselves in limbo.

Pearl Jam exploded onto the scene in 1991 with the huge debut album, "Ten." With non-stop touring and excessive hype from their record label, they quickly became the hottest "alternative" act and alienated other bands. *Nirvana* front man, Kurt Cobain, often bad-mouthed the group for not earning their success and for getting too much credit for writing what he thought to be terrible music. Of course, "Ten" spawned three music videos for "Evenflow," "Alive" and "Jeremy," and they won the ears of millions.

Maybe it was Eddie Vedder who first realized that they should take a couple steps backwards. By the time the "Vs." album was released, you could definitely see a change in the singer's psyche. He began to take on the "You don't understand me. I don't want to be famous" mentality, whereas a year before, he was singing in front of thousands of people and seemed to be loving it.

Last April, in the middle of their tour, *Pearl Jam* attempted something never before tried. They broadcasted a live radio show from Atlanta across the country. It was one of their best performances I have ever heard... this was the high point of their career, so far.

The end of last summer was the beginning of the now—infamous Ticket Master incident. *Pearl Jam* sued Ticket Master for charging too much for concert tickets, and having a monopoly over the



smaller ticket distributors. After that, it seemed like they fell off the face of the earth. *Pearl Jam* hasn't toured since.

The gap between the Ticket Master incident and now wasn't altogether boring for them, though. In the midst of their tour, Kurt Cobain shot himself in the head.

This cut the tour short and made the band seriously reconsider their musical integrity.

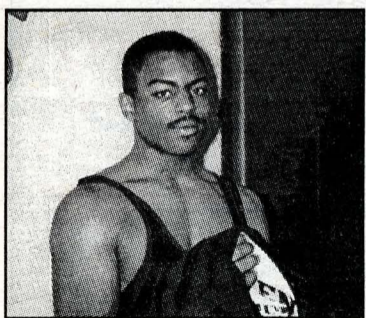
Mike McCready, guitarist, joined up with "Alice in Chains'" front man, Layne Staley, to form a side project called *Mad Season* to pass the time. When they finally decided it was time to get back to the studio, they made a lineup change. Soon after all the tracks for *Vitalogy* were finished, drummer Dave Abbruzesse was dismissed.

Pearl Jam representatives told the press that Dave left the band on his own terms, which was totally false. One of the smoothest drummers known to modern music was treated like a child by a band that was supposed to be all grown up by now.

"*Vitalogy*" just isn't as radio friendly as "Ten" and "Vs." There are moments on the album where you can tell the band is just trying to make artistic noise. "Bugs" is a perfect example of Eddie just goofing off for a few minutes. Again, the band will not make any videos and they did not heavily promote the new album, but then they didn't have to.

Jack Irons became the new *Pearl Jam* decided to break new barriers and take over the airwaves with "Air Pollution", three house of *Pearl Jam* playing D.J. Eddie Vedder talking on the phone, Christ Novocelic (from *Nirvana*) reading poetry and *Pearl Jam*, *Mudhoney*, *Soundgarden* and *Mad Season* playing live. I've got to say it was one of the most interesting things I've heard in a long time.

If music keeps going the way it is now, *Pearl Jam* may become too mainstream and be put to death. As a punk fan, himself, Vedder knows the consequences of becoming a rock hero. Maybe the record company made a mistake by hyping them too much too early. Maybe they were just too excited about themselves to care at the time. It doesn't really matter. What's in the past is in the past. They may have lost older fans who decided that they are too "trendy" but I'm sure there will always be a line to see *Pearl Jam*.



Tyrone Banks

Championship a cinch?

By Derrick Kelly

The most prestigious tournament in all of high school wrestling, The National Championships, was held last month in Pittsburgh. The nation's best wrestlers competed in this action-packed tournament for seniors who placed either first or second in their state

tournament. Representing Cheyenne was senior Tyrone Banks, a four year wrestler ranked number one in the Sunset division. He finished the season with an overall record of 33.3.

The tournament enabled Banks to show off his talents to college scouts for a chance to earn a scholarship to college.

Top "Honors" for Sprint/Centel contest

By Rose Oyamoto

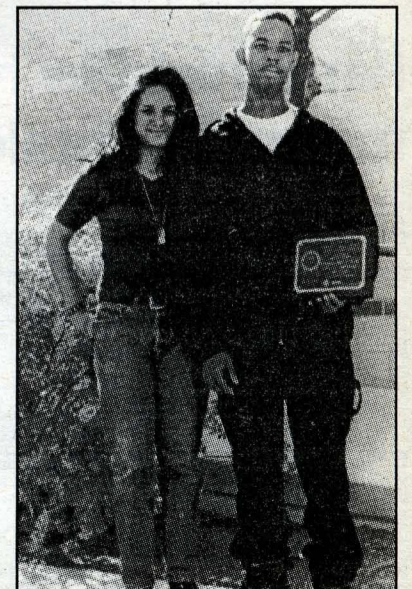
Two Cheyenne students have taken top honors in this year's Sprint/Centel Telephone phonebook cover contest. Junior Alisa Ochon won the Grand Prize and will have her artwork featured on the front of the July phone book. Jovhaan Guthrie, Senior, won Second Place in his division.

"Conversation every way...today, tomorrow, everyday" was this year's theme for the cover contest.

Alisa's picture depicted kids of diverse backgrounds working together for a healthy environment. This scene was enclosed in recycling arrows, with the theme written above it. Alisa won first place in her division for the second year in a row. Alisa was also awarded a \$250 U.S. Savings Bond, a plaque and a ribbon.

Jovhaan's second place picture depicted water flowing from a giant faucet into a great valley. For his efforts, Jovhaan received a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, a plaque and a ribbon.

Because Alisa won first prize, the school received a grant of \$1,500 to "purchase educational resources to benefit curriculum opportunities."





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Rape. Don't Ask Why

By Torvik

Maxine Lantz, a victim liason for Community Action Against Rape (CAAR), came to speak to the Teen Peer Program recently to educate us about rape/sexual assault, date rape, sexual abuse, and what we can do if we know someone that has been involved in any of the above.

One out of eight adult women are victims of forcible rape; 61% occurred before victims reached the age of 18; 29% when the victim was under the age of 11; the other 32% occurred between the ages of 11 and 17. Only 16% of rapes are ever reported to the police, states Rape in America At a Glance, April 23, 1992, and 85% of sexual assault victims know their offenders. Researchers say that date rape accounts for 50-70% of all reported rapes. The sad fact is that date rape victims are less likely to talk, says a pamphlet on date rape that is distributed by the Rape Crisis Center.

CAAR is an independent non-profit, sexual abuse prevention and crisis intervention center.

They have a 24-hour hotline with a device for the hearing impaired; they provide accompaniment to the hospital and assist with law enforcement, give support and information. CAAR is funded by grants and a fee added to marriage licenses. CAAR is an accredited United Way agency.

Some things to remember if someone comes to you and reports being raped. Always believe her. It is not likely someone would lie about sexual assault. Try to get the victim to the hospital. You can call the hospital before you go or call CAAR, and someone will be there to help the victim through it. Try to keep the victim from taking a shower before going to the hospital; evidence can be lost. The last thing is be a friend and try to help, but NEVER ask why it happened.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault, you can call CAAR's 24-hour hotline at 366-1640. If you would like to know more about the Rape Crisis Center or would like to volunteer your time, call 385-2153.

A Sunday in the Church of Bad Religion

By Alli Holtz

One of my all-time favorite bands, *Bad Religion*, recently played at the Huntridge Performing Arts Theatre. It was like a sardine can, with the show sold out. I barely got tickets to the show myself, but thanks to a group of scalpers, I managed to get in.

The show was kicked off by a band called *Bottom 12*. This punk, ska, funk band was definitely an awesome starter. They seemed to get everyone pumped up with their loud guitar and blaring trumpets. The lead singer seemed nothing less than crazy, but his antics were agreeable with the crowd. In my opinion, *Bottom 12* is an up and coming MTV star.

Next up, a band called *SNFU*. I don't know exactly how their sound would be classified, but it sure was loud! It was obvious this band had no talent, so they relied on their weirdness. Throughout their whole set, there was popcorn, whipped cream, and mouthwash thrown on the crowd.

The crowd was now becoming restless; a chant broke out, "We want *Bad Religion*!"

After about five minutes of chanting, the lights dimmed. A tall man, dressed all in black, walked up to the microphone followed by the rest of the band. Greg Graffin (the lead vocalist) welcomed everyone and *Bad Religion* jumped right into their set. The mosh pit was going nuts; even if you didn't want to become part of the ruckus, you couldn't help it.

Graffin has to be one of the raddest singers ever. You have to see *Bad Religion* to understand what a powerful band they are.

Sound Off!

You are invited to express your opinion to CLASS! Send your letter or article to us at the address on page 3. Include your name, school, grade, and your home phone number, please.

My point of view

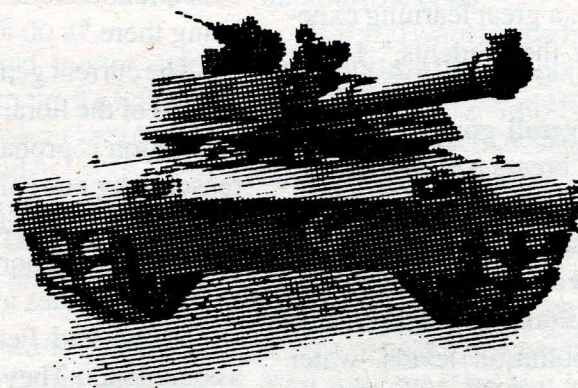
By Lakeeba Hunter

As a young Black woman, I find it hard to believe how uninvolved some of my sisters and brothers have become in Black History month. This is the one month we celebrate nationally. Being Black is every day of the year, and pride in who you are should occur every day as well. Some students seem to be threatened by others who participate in Black History month but others have no problem learning about their culture and achievements.

Joe Peters, a full-time Sunset student, represents those who found Black History month "just another month." However, Christina Booker, a concurrent student at Sunset High School, says, "Black History month is a time for...Black people to come together as a race instead of a family. I believe that one month will never be enough to cover our many years of struggle."

Ebony Chase, a concurrent student at Sunset High, believes, "The importance of Black History month is not stressed as it was in the 1970s and 1980s. Therefore, it is leaving our Black youth with no real knowledge of the struggles we, as a race, went through. In my heart I believe that Black America has it hard, and we make things worse by not taking advantage of education to strengthen our chances of success. Recognizing Black heritage is another tool of education."

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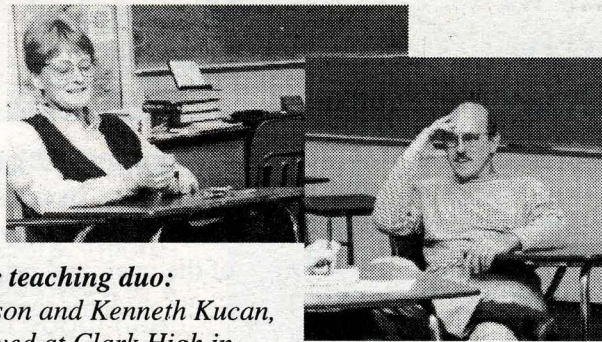
By Paul Moradkhan

Beth Isaacs, AMSAT biology teacher, has developed partnerships with the National Science Foundation, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, and NASA for a grant to bring a hands-on science program to Clark.

GLOBE (Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment) will join students, educators and scientists from around the world to study global environment. The three-year grant, at \$1,200-per-year, will develop a network linking the international environmental scientific community with pre-college students and their teachers around the world.

"Students will learn how to take and transmit measurements [of key importance] to scientists...a great learning experience for the students," Isaacs says.

The overall goal of the program is to create a higher degree of science and math literacy and a shared sense of the environment in which we live. GLOBE, at the moment, is taking measurements such as pollution levels, water levels and soil samples. These measurements are then sent through Internet to scientists and teachers worldwide.



Dynamic teaching duo: Jo Peterson and Kenneth Kucan, who arrived at Clark High in 1965 and 1968 respectively, have seen radical changes in students and school life over the years.

Were they the good ol' days?

Adapted from a feature by Durell DiLuzio

"Two policemen were walking through the halls with guns and night sticks...I was horrified," recalls Jo Peterson, English teacher for 30 years at Clark High. She was talking about the race-based riots of the 1960s and 1970s.

[Today, police practically live on campus and students almost feel safer with them here...before they were scared to see them.]

Peterson was joined by her colleague Kenneth Kucan as they compared education then and now.

"It's amazing the number of students who can't read and write and don't care," Kucan said. He talked about students who are in school just to warm a seat. "To be honest, I don't think the dropout rate is high enough.

"We take away from those who want to learn by trying to teach those who don't care," he adds. "Students who want the education make a worthwhile class. We should pay them for being there."

The current generation has grown up in front of the television instead of the library. Peterson says, "Growing up in the pre-TV generation is probably the best thing that happened to me. One reason why our children can't read...they don't have to!

"I envy my students...not because they have prettier skin...or can make it up more stairs... They are just starting out and have so many avenues available to them."

Kucan and Peterson are legendary for requiring on-time assignments. They say this teaches responsibility, a trait needed for whatever students do in the future.

Peterson notes, "The most valuable lesson a teacher can teach is...how to learn...to work through problems."

"We the People"

Clark earns chance for national honors -- but needs funds for Washington trip

Casey Bartolo, Reporter

Clark High School students have earned the right to compete against schools from all over the country in this year's national "We the People" Competition in Washington, DC, April 28 through May 2.

But \$12,000 stands between the 28 students in Nathaniel Morrell's fourth-hour government class and their trip to the nation's capital -- an average of \$400 per student. They are working hard to raise the funds.

"I'm eating a lot of muffins," says Principal Wayne Tanaka, referring to the baked goods the students are selling.

The class won the state competition in Reno last month. Each student gave a speech on a governmental subject such as affirmative action or First Amendment freedoms, then faced 20 judges in a question-answer period.

Does she or doesn't she live 2 lives?



(No, it just seems that way)

Adapted from a feature by Annemarie Clark

From early morning to midnight, school fills the life of Clark High School junior Tamara Greene, newly elected student body president for 1995-96. The total of all her activities could easily fill two normal lives.

Greene's typical day starts at 4 a.m., when she finishes her homework and prepares for a 6:20 early-bird magnet class. After school, she attends cheerleading practice for two hours, then goes to soccer practice or a game, later hopping into her cheerleading uniform for a varsity basketball game.

After all this, Greene heads to the gym to work out before finally returning home to do homework -- usually lasting past midnight.

She is involved in other activities, too: Key Club, Honor Society, S.T.A.T.U.S., Spanish Honors, Lettermen's Club and softball. She is a musician and until recently played flute in the school band.

"I feel like I'm here all the time," Greene says. "I can't remember having any free time."

Greene maintains a 4.0 GPA and says "No one is born smarter than another person; it's simply how hard you work...education depends on the individual; you can make it what you want it to be."

She jokes that she wants to be a Dallas Cowboy cheerleader or one of the American Gladiators. (Watch out, Zap and Ice!) But Greene is really hoping to be class valedictorian, then attend Harvard and become an obstetrician.

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Mayor's Street Dance

Friday (April 21) 8:15 - 12:15 pm, Atomic Street

After Miss Industrial Days is crowned, join her and the mayor for an evening of foot-stomping country fun, including free line dancing lessons and free snacks and soda.

Softball Tournament

Saturday and Sunday (April 22 & 23), Morrell and Wells Parks

21st annual Industrial Days Men's Softball Tournament. They're not on strike.

Chili Cook-Off and Car Show

Sunday (April 23) 10 am - 4 pm, Titanium Field, Water Street & Lake Mead Drive

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Basketball: Henderson Firefighters vs. The Harlem Clowns

Tuesday (April 25) 7 pm, Green Valley High School

Don't miss the hilarious on-court antics

Talent Contest

Thursday (April 27) 7 pm, LDS Church, 303 Cholla

Everyone invited to strut their stuff.

Mayor's Sock Hop

Friday (April 28) 8 pm - Midnight, Green Valley Athletic Club

Rock 'n' roll, a conga line, hula hoop contest, prizes, free snacks etc.

Industrial Days Parade- Special Guests THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS

Saturday (April 29) Noon, on Water Street starting at Ocean Ave.

Grab your lawn chairs and cooler and get there early to stake your claim.

Mayor's Barbecue

Saturday (April 29) Noon, Civic Center Plaza on Water Street

Everyone invited. Randy Andersen Band, games, raffles, free snacks.

NOTE:

Inland Empire Carnival will be at Titanium Field through April 30

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Secondary Summer School will run June 12-29 for the first session and July 10-28 for the second session.

Daytime classes are 7:30-11:40 am. Evening 4-8:10 pm.

You may take one class in each session for one-half credit. The cost is \$80 for one session or (*surprise!*) \$160 for two. Ask your school counselor to tell you the deadline to register.

Classes will be offered at ATTC, Basic, Bonanza, Cimarron-Memorial, Durango, Las Vegas, Rancho, Valley (day and evening) and the West Las Vegas Satellite.

And listen up: CCSD dress code will be enforced during Summer School and registration.

**It's alive!
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By Guadalupe Munoz

The only Horticulture program in Las Vegas is offered by the Area Technical Trade Center to high school juniors and seniors.

Classes have been busy seeding and transplanting for spring. You are invited to visit the ATTC greenhouse, where you will see more than 6,000 plants that will, eventually, be sold to local nurseries or planted at local schools. For example, students planted pansies at the Mabel Hoggard and the Madison Elementary schools as part of a grounds beautification program.

Students also learn about sprinkler systems, lawn care, and tree, plant and rose pruning. They study vegetable gardening, bulb gardens, bonsai, herb planters and landscape design.

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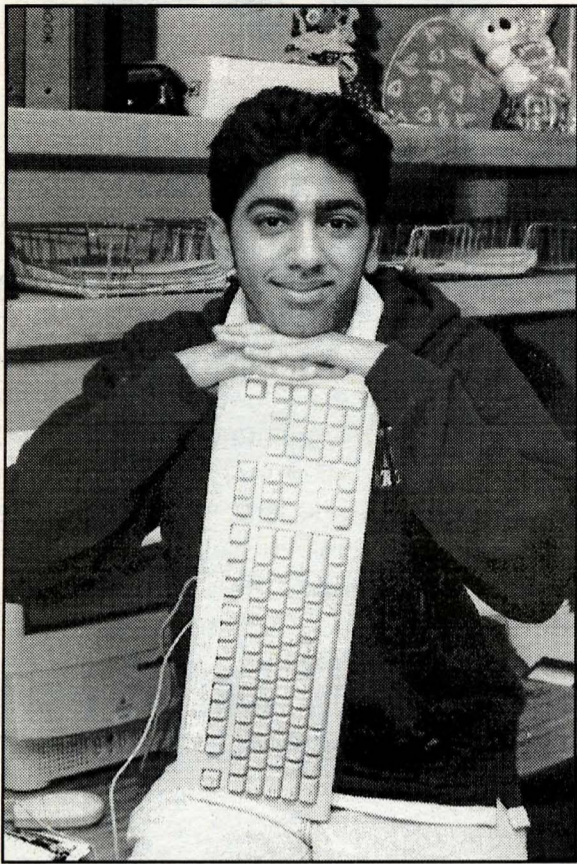
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STUDENT PROFILE

Cheeseburger shakes, big feet... what are magazines coming to?!

By Amar Pai, Senior, Western High School



Amar Pai's boring summer led to a wacko zine that has also been written up in *Las Vegas New Times*, a very hip newspaper-about-town. To ask about GTHC or send letters to the editor, write to Amar Pai at 6328 Carmen, LV 89108. He hopes you'll send a few bucks because he discovered his boring summer project costs a bunch.

Our office angel Marcia asked me to write about myself. "Aw, shucks," I replied, "I'm jus' an ordinary feller from Kansas. Them folks wouldn't wanna hear 'bout me." In any case...I'll tell ya'll a little bit about myself.

I was born in a lighthouse, my mother was the sea... wait, no, that's an old *They Might Be Giants* song. Actually I was born in Garden City, Kansas. I grew up speaking my parents' language, Konkani, and I didn't learn English 'til I was four or five.

As I made my way up through the fabulous (!) Clark County school system, two things became clear to me. First, I was pretty good at tests. You know, filling in bubbles, circling the correct answer, true/false, all of that absurd hoo-hah. And secondly, I was a pretty decent writer. Essays and stories and the like came to me fairly easily.

In a different society (e.g. one that emphasized the ability to toss concrete blocks around), my test-taking and writing skills would have proven useless. But in this Yankee-Doodle world, they paid off.

I began winning speech contests...My SAT scores and essays were good enough to get me a National Merit scholarship...More essay writing got me down to Boys' State, where I learned just how hellish dorms can be.

I tried to be a good kid socially. Mostly I got involved with groups such as Amnesty International, in a hopelessly idealistic attempt to rescue languishing political prisoners. After a while, I learned that you really can't save the world. I

decided to concentrate on helping people close to me...tutoring kids I knew who needed the help, which is what I still do today.

Through all of this, my life was pretty blah. Until I got involved with zines. Now listen up, all of you who have been scanning this...blather in hopes of finding news about Madonna and Judge Ito's secret fling. A zine is any small, self-produced publication that's put out as a labor of love. My little magazine, *Go to Cornell*, is a typical zine, in that it's very loony. I started it after getting rejected for a summer poetry workshop that was being held at Cornell during my junior year. We're up to issue #4 now, and...you can find advice on how to make a cheeseburger shake, an explanation of why life sucks (hint: it involves really big feet), an account of giving blood and (at no additional cost) one of the worst knock knock jokes ever.

We distribute our free rag in lots of places (e.g. record stores). I'm proud of *Go to Cornell* - it's a labor of love, and it means more to me than any prize or award ever could. And the reason all this should interest you is because there's nothing stopping you from putting out a zine too. All you have to do is slap down your thoughts onto paper, add a little bit of clip art, go make about 50 copies at your local copy shop, and you're ready to roll! ... it helps if you can write better than the average chimpanzee. So get going...pick up a copy of *Go to #4*...so you, too, can make cheeseburger shakes.

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VICA

(Approximately 200 of the 664 Clark County members of VICA competed in the State competition held recently in Reno. Only those winners from Clark County are listed below.)

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3rd: Clint Jaynes, SNVTC

BRICK MASONRY

1st: Nathan Davis, ATTC
3rd: Joseph Cerrone, SNVTC

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2nd: Rachel Enos, ATTC
3rd: Krista Ivie, ATTC

NAIL SCULPTURING

1st: Takela Bady, SNVTC
2nd: Alisha Harrison, SNVTC
3rd: Shelly Alexander, SNVTC

COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

2nd: Candice Fishburn, Eldorado

COSMETOLOGY

1st: Gabrielle Olson, SNVTC
2nd: Tamara Evans, SNVTC
3rd: Stephanie Schofield, SNVTC

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1st: Noah Abrahamson, ATTC
2nd: Gary Bechler, ATTC
3rd: Joseph O'Bremski, ATTC

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WELDING

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Clark County has 173 members. Those who qualified for national competition are Emily Tuttle and Courtney Marshall, Moapa Valley, and Brittney Cisneros, Cimarron-Memorial. A \$400 scholarship went to Tricia Marshall from Moapa Valley.

B&G Clubs name Alex Youth of the Year

Bonanza senior Abram Alex has been selected as the 1995 Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas. This is a national program designed to honor and challenge exceptional youths across the nation. He will now compete against other youth for the Nevada State title, then perhaps advance to regional honors and, ultimately, National Youth of the Year in September.

Abram has exemplified superior leadership skills, academic achievement and outstanding service to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas since he was eight. He has served as president of the Torch Club, he co-chaired the 1992 Western Leadership Forum, and he was an honorary spokesperson during last year's National Keystone Conference in Arlington, VA.

A fine student, former junior varsity football player and member of Omega Gents fraternity, Abram has participated in many community services including food drives, neighborhood clean-ups and children's events.

"I just want kids to believe in themselves, no matter how tough times get," he says. "Never give up."

Thespians go international

Bonanza's 18-member acting troupe will perform at the International Thespian Festival June 26 in Lincoln, NB. They will offer a one-hour production of Give and Take, a collection of folk tales from around the world.

A major fundraising effort has been launched to raise money to send the students to the Festival. According to Carol Lommen, Theatre Department chair, the trip will cost about \$22,000. (Reporter: Clayton Scrivner)

From street gang to ROTC leadership

By Kim Howey

Four years ago, Melissa Duarte went to bed at night wondering if she "would live or die the next day."

She thought a lot about her future, but her membership in a California gang clouded her view. At 12, a rival gang member stabbed her in the face, which left her permanently scarred. A year later she was hit in the leg with a piece of metal during a midnight gang fight in a park -- "the blacks against the Hispanics," she says.

Throughout Duarte's childhood, she lived in a crack house and, since her apartment was the first on the corner, "The gang members would throw open the door and just start shooting until they finally ran away."

She found herself one morning in a local hospital after attempting suicide because, Duarte says, "A painful death for me seemed better than continuing to live like that." After recovering, she and her cousin threw some clothes into their car and headed down I-15 with no money to their name.

Today, Duarte holds a rank of First Lieutenant in Bonanza's ROTC battalion and a position as Public Affairs and Recruiting Officer. She is the Unarmed Drill Team Commander and has attended the prestigious Leadership Camp for the past two years at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

"Leadership positions have added a different aspect and meaning to my life," she says.



Duarte joined ROTC because she "didn't want to join PE." Initially, she despised the class because "I wasn't used to listening or having people tell me what to do."

Eventually, she began to adhere to the loyalty and dedication that ROTC demanded. She had belonged to a gang for years and felt the void when she moved away. Now ROTC was another route she could take to belong to something.

In the meantime, Duarte was adopted by a family and, even though she expected a different life-style, she fit in. It was a difficult time for her emotionally, since her biological mother in California "didn't even care," she says. "She just sent the papers."

As an example of a youth who has turned her life around, she was invited to appear on the Montel Williams Show. She was slightly nervous, but for an hour before the show was taped, Williams talked to her personally about his similar life. He was an honor graduate from Annapolis and was highly decorated.

This is the role model Duarte would like to emulate.

Forensics: Bonanza Days again!

Once again, the State forensics title is Bonanza's...by the narrowest of margins: three points. After 11 straight years of possession of the State trophy, the team lost it last year. But the trophy is back and it's Bonanza Days again!

"I was very pleased with the victory," says Natalie Lindsay, forensics coach. "It was a tough year of competition and I was happy the squad could focus at State."

President Edwin Aralica adds, "Ever since we lost the title, my only goal has been to win it back." (Reporter: Paul Trimmer)

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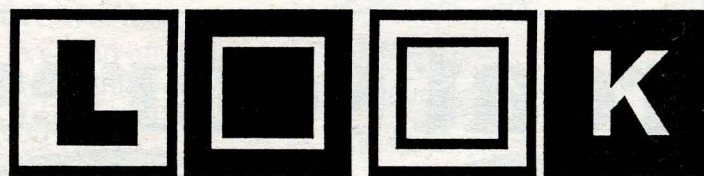


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Working for the future. Victor Favela (right), in training at Desert Buick, watches Mike Terhune do a front end alignment.
Photo by David Phillips

Auto Tech Apprentices have 80,000+ opportunities

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He adds that Tim, his assigned technician "is a great teacher and a fun guy to be around."

Other participants are Desert Buick, Desert GMC East, Pat Clark Pontiac, Cashman Cadillac, Gaudin Ford, Ted Weins Firestone, and Superior Tire and Auto.

Auto techs make big bucks

Students in the apprentice program earn \$5 an hour to begin with and, by the time they enter their fourth year, their pay has jumped to \$9 an hour. When they complete the program, they are making \$14.50 an hour — and this is just the tip of the iceberg for potential earnings in the automotive field.

An average technician earns between \$40,000 and \$65,000, Morlan says, and some make over \$100,000.

Service manager learned tech trade as apprentice

Jim Senger is in charge of the automotive technology apprentices at Desert Buick on West Sahara. Senger knows first-hand how valuable the program is because he, himself, learned his skills as an apprentice while in high school back in Illinois.

After his school-to-work apprenticeship in auto mechanics, he went to work for the dealer where he learned and stayed until his move to Las Vegas two years ago.

Victor Favela, a VoTech junior, is now an apprentice in Senger's shop. Desert Buick hired Eli Reis, who graduated from VoTech last year, as a fulltime transmission specialist. They plan to add even another apprentice soon.

"We create the type of people we want working for us," Senger says. "We're assured they have the basic skills and the ability to continue learning."

Senger says "We want to put our money into the young people growing up in the electronic age, because that's the direction cars are going. These kids are very employable."

High School Drag Racing set for May 12

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Drag-racing will be the focus, but other activities are planned, Juberg says: perhaps a boom box competition; a "beauty contest" to find the best-looking and the ugliest cars; even a burn-out contest to see who can spin smokin' tires for the longest distance.

Refreshments will be available (no alcohol!). The admission charge to get into the races is \$15, and just \$5 for spectators. The gates open at 3:00 p.m.; trial runs are set for 4:00-6:00; and the main competition will start at 7:00.

A security force will be on hand, according to Juberg, and it will be "beefed up" because the drag race organizers don't know what to expect in crowd size. "Based on the crowds other cities get for an event like this," he says, "we're planning for 125 to 150 cars...about five per high school."

Save 'em money and your parents will love you forever!

There may be a way to save yourself -- and your parents -- some bucks on car insurance. Some major insurance companies offer discounts under certain conditions that indicate you are a responsible driver...a safe bet NOT to have an accident.

First, you must respect your car: understand what sort of damage it can do to property...and to the cost of insurance. Understand that when you get traffic tickets, these are not "just tickets" -- they can do beastly things to the cost of your coverage.

Traditionally, students go onto the parents' policy at first. If you maintain a good driving record for three years, you may be able to get your own policy at a not-too-shocking rate. If you buy your own coverage now, or build up a lousy driving record, your rate will go outta sight!

Now about those discounts that some companies offer. (Remember, just because an insurance company does NOT give a discount, this doesn't mean their rates are higher -- rates are based on the driving records of their customers.)

Examples of discounts: if you are under 21, one company will give the policy-holder a 10-12 percent discount if you successfully complete a driver's education course. If you maintain at least a "B" average, they'll give another discount of from six to 25 percent. (Discounts vary depending on your age, gender, and whether you drive your car fulltime or part-time.)

Other companies offer an additional discount for intensive driver training in school. For example, the Clark County School District awards a "Behind the Wheel" certificate when you take one semester of driver training in the classroom, six hours in a simulator, and three hours behind the wheel of a real car. The three hours on the road will cost you \$75, but it can save you money in the long run.

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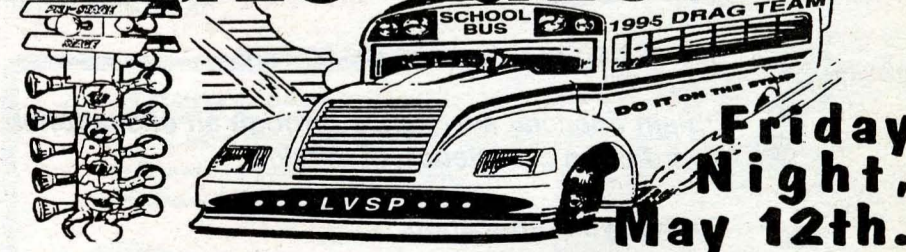
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THE LAST WORD

Remember being a freshman?

By Shellie W. Brattain
1994 Graduate of Western High



COLLEGE IS SCARY!!!! I know from experience. I mean, you're going to school with about 20,000 people you've never met before.

As an entering freshman, you'll be taking extremely difficult classes in a huge auditorium with about 300 others. You sit as close as you can, but the professor is still only an ant making chicken scratches on the chalkboard.

There is a great way to get out of that kind of situation: enroll in the UNLV Honors Program (HP).

No, I'm not the HP senior who has had four or five years to ponder how the Honors Program has helped or hurt me. I'm a second-semester freshman who has already benefitted from the HP. I know that sounds like the same load of bull you've heard everywhere else...but try it and see for yourself. (There's no commitment to buy, ever!)

Honors has several benefits that are apparent to even the most dense individual. It has taken away those huge, crowded freshman classes (i.e., English 101). HP classes are, ordinarily, small classes...average about 15-30 people...believe me, that's better than 300 any day. The [smaller] classes make it easier to learn and have fun at the same time.

The teachers voluntarily teach HP classes and are apt to be more involved and responsive to your needs as an individual -- more so than those who teach huge lecture classes.

Honors Program students also have the benefit of registering for classes at the same time as graduate students...this almost guarantees that you'll receive the classes you want.

HP students also have a cool place to hang out and discuss the philosophies of life or whatever in what we like to call Honors Central (Honors Lounge). And it's all ours!!!!

Being in the Honors Program might lower your all-too-precious grade point average in your freshman year (unless you're a genius). But, trust me, you'll learn so much more. Your interest will be piqued and your thirst for knowledge will be quenched. I know mine has.

[Minimum requirement for joining the Honors program: either be in the top 5% of your graduating class, or have an composite ACT score of at least 28 or a combined SAT score of at least 1200. An essay, letters of recommendation and transcripts will be required also.]

Student juggles life as bunny, clown, unicyclist, scholar

By Rob Erb, Staff Writer

Stilt-walker, balloon artist, Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and now a unicycle rider-to-be.

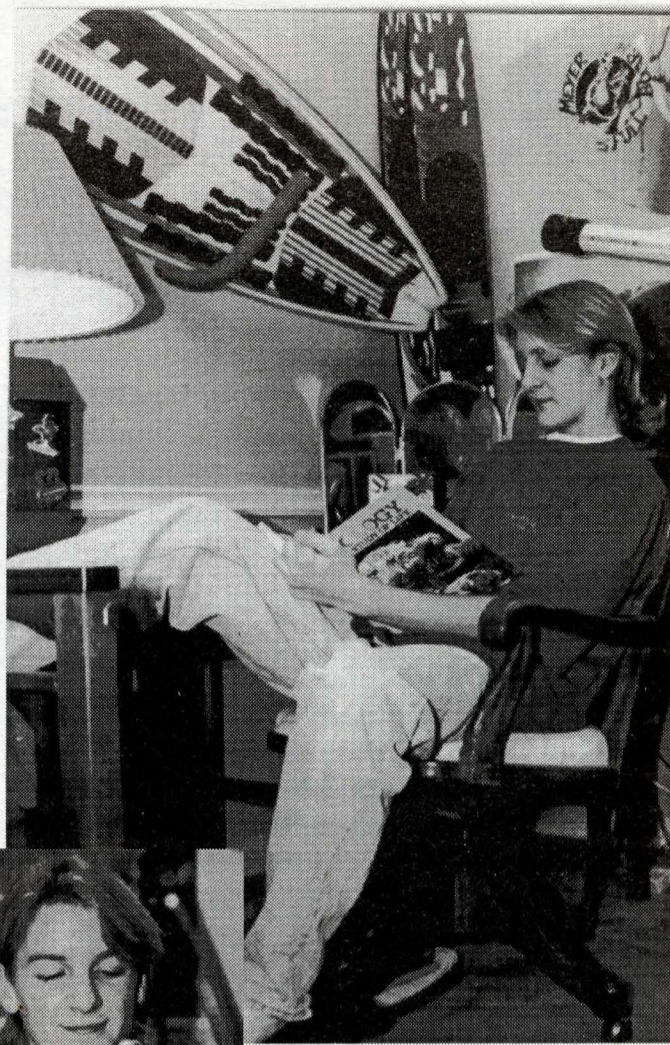
Silverado sophomore Rhett Marek has been all of the above — and he's also learning to juggle (objects as well as his hectic schedule).

Marek is in the Honor Society and is a member of the Helping You, Helping Me Club. He also spends two or three days a week at Weiner Elementary School, assisting in the classroom.

"I think it's fun and I guess the kids like it," he says. "They like having someone in addition to the teacher."

The children aren't the only ones who benefit from Marek's community service: In the process of his giving, Marek receives by feeling good about himself. "I see little kids at the grocery store and they say 'hi' to me, which is pretty cool," he says.

Marek began bringing joy to children's lives a few years ago by dressing up as the Easter Bunny in front of his dad's shop in the mall. This past December, he jollied the crowd as



Rhett and Farnsworth, his pet iguana, live in a room crammed with sufitboards, books, microscope, and other pieces of their full and colorful life.

Photos by David Phillips

Santa.

About being the Bunny: "I wanted to try it and I just thought I would give it a shot. No one knows who you are so you can do whatever you want," he says.

Marek is usually spontaneous as he feeds off the people wandering by. On weekends, he clowns around at the MGM Hotel, making balloon animals and flowers for more than six hours each day.

Marek is already planning for his future: he's looking into the Coast Guard.

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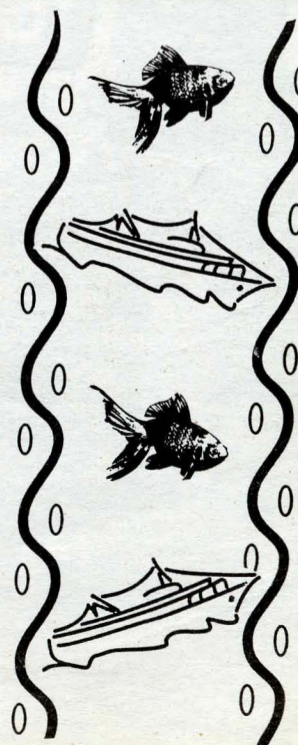
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